



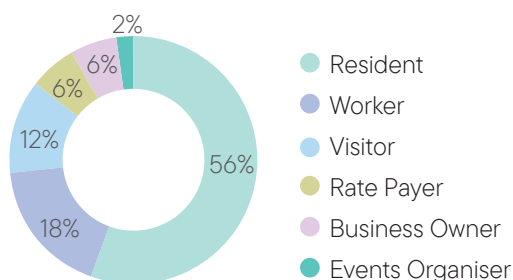
Russell Square Revitalisation

October 2023 Survey Results

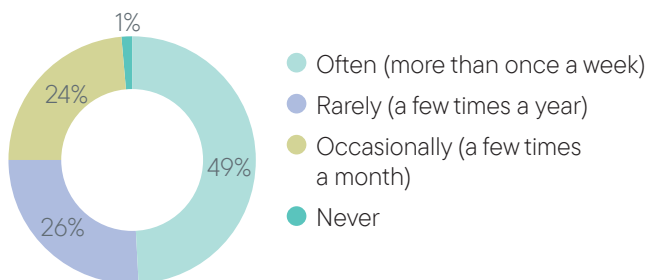
An online survey was launched on 26 September 2023 and made available via the City's online platform, Engage Perth, until 18 October 2023 to capture community feedback about how people currently use the park and their aspirations to help shape the future of the space.

A total number of **322** survey responses were received. The Engage Perth platform captured a total of **677** visits. The results will inform early stages of planning and guide the future masterplan for Russell Square.

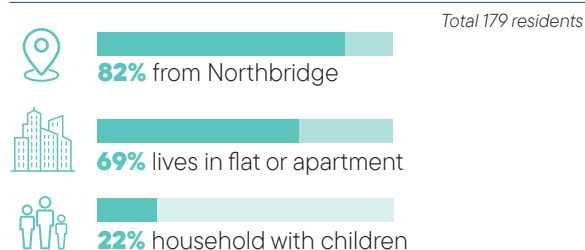
Who did we hear from



How often do people visit Russell Square



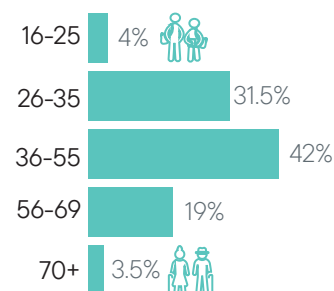
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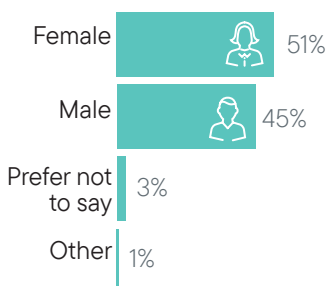
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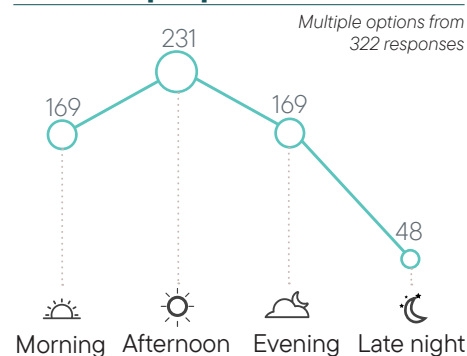
Age breakdown



Gender



When do people visit



What did we hear

TOP

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features people value most in the park currently:

- 1 Mature trees & shade
- 2 Open lawn areas
- 3 Clear sight lines, legible pathways & neighbourhood connections
- 4 Seating & accessibility
- 5 Traditional park design & quadrant layout, central pathways

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priorities for future planning:

- 1 Open lawn areas & seating for passive recreation
- 2 Enhancing perceptions of safety
- 3 Enhancing the streets surrounding & improving connections to the surrounding neighborhood
- 4 Continue events, festivals & markets
- 5 Social meeting place, bbq & picnic facilities

Key issues and feedback

1 Safety when using the park

Safety is often an issue and a deterrent for me to visit

Poor lighting in the evening

The park has a lot dark areas and the rotunda attracts intimidating gatherings. As a female I would never cross the park during the night.

62 comments received mentioned safety.
56% of the unsafe comments were from female.
40% of the unsafe comments were about congregation of anti-social behavior in the rotunda.

2 Poor quality and lack of amenity

The rotunda is poorly maintained. Fountains haven't flowed for years. Play equipment is limited and looking very sad...

It lacks decent facilities for children and zero exercise place for adults.

No tables for picnics

Underutilised space... sad and unkempt.

Facilities to encourage food truck/ coffee vans, etc with a variety of shaded seating options

...should include public art & cultural heritage interpretations

41 comments received mentioned lack of maintenance and facilities for kids and families.

3 Monofunctional space and lack of activation

Only go for Fringe - nothing else to attract us there

... would like regular Farmers Market

A youth precinct or skatable area with basketball courts would be a great attraction

21 comments received mentioned lack of appeal and activation outside of events (Fringe).