



# The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP

## Member for Vacluse



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### **\$192,000 NSW GOVERNMENT UPGRADE FOR TRUMPER PARK**

Member for Vacluse Gabrielle Upton MP today announced that new and improved pedestrian and cycling pathways are coming to Trumper Park in Paddington, thanks to a \$192,000 NSW Government grant.

Ms Upton said the funding will improve accessibility through new pathways and ramps as part of the NSW Government's Metropolitan Green Space Program (MGP) and will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Woollahra Municipal Council.

"Trumper Park was originally built on reclaimed swamp, and over the years it has become a valued part of our community, not just because it's a green, open and quiet space but also because it's also a place for runners, walkers, cyclists, sports training and tennis players. By upgrading the pathways, most importantly, we will better protect its natural beauty," Ms Upton said.

"The grant will fund the replacement of aging pathways and stairs so that people with prams, mobility scooters, walking frames and bikes can easily travel to - and through - the Park."

Woollahra Mayor, Susan Wynne said, "We are thrilled to receive funding from the NSW Government for new, more accessible pedestrian and cycling pathways through one of our most popular parks.

"There has been a dramatic increase in public use of our open spaces in the last 18 months and the funding will help us to meet the growing needs of our community and encourage even more people to enjoy the benefits of being outdoors."

Minister for Planning and Public Space Rob Stokes said the project was one of 13 selected under the current round of the program worth \$4 million.

"This is the longest running open space grants program in NSW, having started in 1983, with more than \$45 million provided for around 600 projects," he said.

As part of the initiative, Councils are required to plant at least one tree for every \$2,500 received.

The MGP is aligned with the Premier's Priority – Greening our City – requiring one million trees to be planted across Greater Sydney by mid-2022.

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