Playspace consultation: Wallarah Point Peace Park

Engagement Summary

Between 6 October and 25 October Council sought community input on the upgrade to the Wallarah Point Peace Park playspace due to the current equipment reaching the end of its functional life; and what's more exciting is that Council will be upgrading the playspace from its current local level play facility to a district level playspace! The community were invited to complete a survey and to participate in an online forum with three topics. The questions asked in both options were designed to assist Council plan playspaces in a way that reflects the values and preferences of our community.

Engagement Results

The community provided feedback on this exciting project.

Common themes across the feedback provided in the online forum indicated that:

- play equipment suitable for all ages is important
- an educational component to the park would be an excellent addition
- visibility through the park and lighting is important, for both passive surveillance and improved public amenity
- seating and or tables are an important consideration
- fencing around the playspace would make it more attractive for families due to proximity to water and main road
- a water bubbler for use as a water refill station would be an asset to the playspace

Survey results revealed that:

- 75% of participants visit mid-morning (9am-11am) and afternoon (2pm-5pm)
- 61% of participants visit the playspace 1-6 times per week
- most users of the playspace are under 9 years of age
- the top two priorities for visiting the playspace is to play with children (82%) and meet with friends (6%)
- majority of survey respondents would prefer an interactive playspace (39%), followed by a themed playspace (28%)
- swings (63%), slide (76%), bike track (57%) and flying fox (44%) were considered 'very important' options for the playspace according to survey respondents
- shelter or shade (84%), fencing (77%), toilets (80%) and bins (85%) were considered 'very important' items for inclusion at the playspace
- the majority of survey respondents indicated that open space to play (81%) should be the only additional recreational or fitness space considered for inclusion near the playspace.

What's next?

Further analysis of the feedback received during the playspace consultation is currently being undertaken. These results will then be used to inform the development of concept plans for the new district level playspace for Wallarah Point Peace Park.

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