

Woy Woy Waterfront Masterplan

Engagement Summary

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Between 2 June and 3 July 2022 Central Coast Council sought community feedback on the draft Woy Woy Waterfront Masterplan.

The draft Masterplan was developed using feedback received during the 2019 Let's Talk Woy Woy campaign. It provides an overall vision for the open space along the waterfront and provides a conceptual layout to guide future growth and development. The site that is currently home to the much-loved Pelican Park Playspace was included as part of the Masterplan.

We invited the community to have their say on an interactive version of the concept plans as well as to attend both face-to-face and virtual drop-in sessions.

Engagement Results

The community were encouraged to provide feedback on all five precincts outlined in the plan. 331 comments were placed on the interactive concept plans with 389 thumbs up and 116 thumbs down reactions applied.

Common themes identified in the comments included:

- opportunities, suggestions and considerations for the Pelican Park site
- request to amplify the heritage value along the waterfront, particularly along Brick Wharf Road
- opportunities and maintenance requests for Memorial Park
- retention of key green and recreation space at Lions Park
- consideration of traffic and parking improvements within the area to better support the upgraded waterfront and amplify its use.

How you connected



2,757 visits to the Your Voice Our Coast website



More than 84,000 social media users reached generating 433 likes, comments and shares



11,834 stakeholders were kept up-to-date through e-news



331 pins dropped on the interactive map generating 815 reactions



110 people attended the Let's Talk Woy Woy event



124 feedback forms completed



16 people registered to participate in virtual information sessions.



A total of 455 comments were received

You said...

Please remove the tired old play equipment, stop doing patch fixes, replace with revitalised space, more innovative/interactive infrastructure, historical panels/info / play pieces for kids. The quicker the foreshore area is upgraded the better - like the new wharf area. please encourage community activities like busking, art classes, yoga, foreshore markets etc. here.

I'd like to see Pelican Park retained. It provides a safe family area where families can have a picnic or have takeaway fish and chips. There are public toilets. At 3pm there is the Pelican talk. It attracts local families as well as families who arrive by train and want a nice venue overlooking the water and picnic.

This children's play area has been used for years the best part as a parent the kids could go and play come back and eat then go back and play, the new play area (Anderson Park) is smaller and not enough seating area for families so not good enough.

I've lived here my whole life and honestly, I'm all for upgrading the waterfront, but I understand why people would be upset to lose the playground outside Fisherman's Wharf. It makes no difference to me whether it stays or goes but putting a performance stage in its place seems like an odd decision. It's not a particularly large area so I can't see there being much space for a crowd. What I don't like is that the stage would be going where the giant tree is, so I'm against the idea of having that cut down.

We strongly believe that the Pelican Park childrens fenced playground should be retained at its present location complete with child proof safety fencing and gates. This playground is used extensively and continuously. The present location allows parents to watch and/or supervise the children while enjoying the benefits of the fishermans wharf seafood outlet and surrounding waterfront area. Moving the play area away from this location unnecessarily removes the children and their parents from the convenience and ambience of the present location. The present location of the fenced playground works so well, there is nothing to be gained by relocation. If the playground requires some maintenance and attention, then upgrade it at the present location. Retain the shade trees over the playground, and if necessary, provide soft cover over the exposed tree roots.

The plan is for most areas a good and nice plan. To make the walk safer, I suggest having the new boardwalk only for walkers and keeping the old footpath for bikes etc as it can be very crowded on the weekends with dogs and prams. Make The Boulevard one way for traffic and angle parking at one side only. Too dangerous in two ways. Can't see traffic coming from around the corner. Heritage signs along the way. The Rubbish bins, who nice they look, need to go to a not so in the front of the view spot. Heritage place boards along the walkway and at the ferry platform. keep Pelican Park and just refurbish and redesign. No stage. Too small an area. Woy Woy oval could be used for that. it is already in levels and would attract people to the township itself. Most importantly, prepare for a better connection to township.

I strongly urge the Central Coast Council planners to modify the proposed changes to Lions Park by leaving intact the grassed and tree filled areas of the park as they are. This area currently provides a wonderfully green space for strollers along the paths and people who merely wish to ground themselves on the grass as they admire the views to the waterfront. I see no reason to destroy what is there; just maintain the space regularly.

What's next?

Further analysis of the feedback received during the consultation is currently being undertaken. These results will be used to further refine and enhance the Woy Woy Waterfront Masterplan.

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