

**WHITES CREEK VALLEY PARK PLAYGROUND UPGRADE
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY
MAY 2017**



How You Responded:

We heard from you through various sources including:

- 5 local residents during the public meeting in the park on 6th May
- 4 online survey forms

Detailed responses were received which showed the playground is important as an open space, but is currently old and dated. The responses included a range of suggestions and priorities for the upgrade as summarised below.

What you liked about the park

Respondents are happy about the playground, the open fields surrounding it and adjacent bushland forming a backdrop. The existing play equipment is much loved by the residents and should be retained or improved. The synthetic grass softfall should also be retained as the residents in preference to mulch softfall.

What changes you would like to see

The existing cubby house is much loved by the residents however part of it is damaged and needs refurbishment. This was followed by. Next come having nature-based play and inclusive play elements.

Suggestions for changes within the park and comments included:

- The existing cubby house is much loved by the residents however it needs refurbishment.
- Request for more challenging play equipment for 8 years and older
- Provide nature-based play and inclusive play elements
- Linking the play area to the bush care area adjacent to the creek.
- Have a variety of play equipment suitable for different age groups
- Trampoline, monkey bars, flying fox and water play
- Replace the big slide
- Include more seating and tables for parents
- Accessibility to the playground is important.
- Carparking is an issue for people with disabilities accessing on the weekends when there is soccer on.
- Bins near the playground are smelly and requires more servicing
- Slow down the cars as they approach the park from Hutchinson Street
- Enclose the playground or design so as to keep the children safe from the road
- Provide white picket fence around the playground and white park furniture
- Include a scooter/bike track around the outside

How we responded

We reviewed and considered all responses and suggestions received and looked to address them where possible. The Concept for the upgrade of the playground was developed which aimed to provide an accessible entries from the road and a linking path around the southern end of the playground. New play equipment incorporating a number of the elements that the community asked for:

- Refurbished cubbyhouse unit
- Senior unit with rope play and slide to replace the old slide and spider web play
- New swings including an inclusive nest swing
- 2 new rockers to replace the old damaged rockers
- New inclusive platform see-saw
- New timber nature play
- New synthetic turf to replace the existing
- New bench seats and picnic table set
- New Trees
- New planting between playground and road
- New drinking fountain
- New accessible path linking to the road

Due to a variety of constraints including budget, safety, maintenance and limited park space we were not able to provide everything the community asked for. The following elements were not able to be incorporated.

- Trampoline
- A scooter/bike track around the outside
- White picket fence around the playground and white park furniture
- Linking the play area to the bush care area adjacent to the creek
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Council will look at improving the following:

- More servicing of the bins
- Slowing down the cars as they approach the park from Hutchinson Street

Construction of the new playground is expected to be completed in December 2017. We hope you enjoy your new playground.