

Playspace Consultation (Phase Two): Green Point Sun Valley Park Redevelopment (regional playspace)

Engagement summary

Between 27 February and 11 March 2020 Council undertook phase two community consultation for the revitalisation of Sun Valley Reserve, Green Point with the redevelopment of the playspace and adjacent recreation zones.

The community were invited to view, like or dislike and comment on the concept designs that were developed following phase one community consultation.

Engagement results

Central Coast residents provided feedback on each of the elements (swinging, sliding, bike track etc.) included in the concept design for the Sun Valley Park Regional Playspace.

1244 thumbs up and **111** thumbs down reactions were placed on the concept design. **152** comments were placed on the concept design. We have addressed the common themes that were identified in the comments below.

What's happening with the trees?

Both Council and the community value the green space at Sun Valley Park. There are over 100 trees within the reserve and one of the project aims has been to retain the large majority of the trees for their environmental value, natural habitat, amenity, character and shade provision. At this stage it is estimated that a small number, less than 10, will need to be removed due to poor quality, safety or construction reasons. Additional planting and landscaping works will be included as part of the project to ensure any tree removal is offset by additional planting.

Will there be enough parking?

The parking concept design has 30 spaces plus two disabled parking spaces and a bus bay for drop off



1,400

visits to
Your Voice
Our Coast
website



MORE THAN
26,109

social media users
reached generating **241**
likes, comments & shares

99

comments via
the interactive
map generating
793 likes and **59**
dislikes



53

comments via
the online form
generating **451**
likes and **52**
dislikes

and pick up. The playspace entrances on Dalgerty Crescent and Highland Road are also connected to the surrounding streets via pathways to encourage local residents to walk to the reserve. The concept design works to balance the provision and retention of greenspace for the community whilst providing sufficient parking for the number of visitors to the site. Council will undertake a further study of the carpark capacity once the facility opens to determine if additional parking options are required.

Can you include a skatepark in the design and extend the bike path?

The provision of skateparks is guided by the draft Central Coast Council Skatepark Strategy which will be on public exhibition in 2020. Whilst Sun Valley Park has not been determined as a location for a future skatepark, skateparks are located in neighbouring suburbs of Kincumber, Kincumber South and East Gosford. Due to the size of the site the bike path on the concept design cannot be extended further. It is however anticipated that children will also have the ability to ride scooters around the hard surface areas within the playspace.

What are you doing about drainage at the site?

The design will include subsurface drainage that will drain excess water from the site. The concept design also includes filling and piping the swale which runs north-south down the western side of the site. This will open the area, improve site lines and create more usable space within the reserve.

Can you include a café or food outlet in the design?

Council supports the existing local businesses as the facility is located in close proximity to Green Point Shopping Centre which has a number of food options for visitors wishing to take a picnic to the park. Barbeques and a water refill station are also included in the

playspace design. Unfortunately, the site does not have the available space or project budget for the inclusion of a café building.

What are you doing about the dog off-leash area?

Dogs are not allowed within a 10m boundary of playspaces. As such dogs will not be permitted within the playspace perimeter fence. Dog walkers will still be able to use the appropriate dog exercise areas of the park outside of the playground fencing. Council will also be undertaking a review of the Dogs In Open Space Strategy throughout 2020, which will guide the provision of dog off-leash exercise areas within the LGA.

What is happening with the graffiti wall?

The graffiti wall is being demolished as part of the basketball court upgrade as the facility has reached end of life. A new graffiti wall will not be included within the playspace due to conflicting user needs with multiple user groups regularly visiting the site.

What's next?

Council will now use the information provided to refine the concept design and develop a detailed design ready for construction in August 2020.

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