

Pelican Park Upgrade: Concept Options

Engagement Summary

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Between 18 May and 16 June 2023, Central Coast Council sought community feedback on the Pelican Park Upgrade: Concept Options.

Since 2020, there has been extensive engagement to collect feedback regarding the future of Pelican Park. We invited the community to view the 3 concept designs to help us determine what best represents a park for current and future generations.

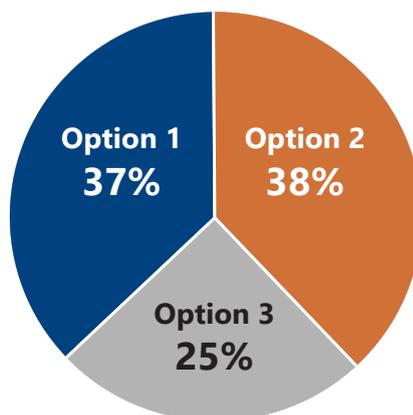
The purpose of engagement was to:

- Inform the community around the history of the project and about the proposed upgrades to Pelican Park
- Seek feedback on the proposed concept options with the ability to vote
- Understand community preferences for the proposed concept options
- Gather local knowledge around additional elements the community would like to see in the concepts and eventual design phase

Engagement Results

A total of 516 votes were received during the consultation period through Council's community engagement platform, Your Voice Our Coast.

37% of participants preferred **Option 1: Nature Play**, 38% preferred **Option 2: Pirate-Themed Play** while **Option 3: Traditional Play** was well below the other two options at 25%. The graphic can be seen to the right:



How you connected



1,436 visits to the Your Voice Our Coast website



The concept plan was downloaded **186 times**



20,238 people reached and **109** interactions, comments and shares on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.



More than **15,000** stakeholders were kept up-to-date through e-news.



A total of **516** online submission forms received

You said:

Nature preservation

"The retention of existing vegetation is absolutely essential. If possible, I would like to see the addition of more vegetation"

"I cannot comprehend the removal of an existing tree. With all the new trees we are planting, surely the concept can be worked around beautiful trees that have grown over the decades. Also, especially with climate change as it is, surely this needs to be thought through more by designers. I know many of my friends and family would feel the same way"

"Nature play has been shown to be beneficial to children and I also know that Council has become even more aware of the importance of 'greening' for environmental reasons including temperature control so I'm sure both Council and residents would not want the tree removed. Thank you for asking for feedback."

New variety of parks

"Woy Woy needs a fresh new concept. The existing design is 25 years old. The 'Nature' concept will look stunning, as it does on the Gosford waterfront and further afield around Sydney Harbour and Barangaroo. Not only will this natural playsafe area entice and stimulate children in an environmentally-friendly play space, but the new design will freshen our tourist-attracting pelican feeding drawcard at Fisherman's Wharf. It's a no-brainer! Well done for your provision of a fresh new addition to a tired space. We're looking forward to the opening and the addition of something 'different' to our beautiful area and its new (not old) landmark."

"Something different to what is already on offer at the new Bayview playground would be great."

"We need parks with more variety for kids. We need to give kids a place to play and there is hardly any on the coast."

Fencing/supervision

"As long as the fences are fixed so the gates close properly."

"With proximity to water and road, maintenance of fencing is a high priority."

"Not sure if this includes the fencing but that is also important for safety as park is close to water & roads."

"It is imperative that the playground remains fenced. There are very few fully fenced playgrounds on the coast."

Hybrid design

"The nature play is the best option as it can absorb current issue with roots etc. Even though it's nature play it would still need a nautical/pirate theme. Also having a nature play area would balance out the poor plastic one in the park in front of the pub and the proposed larger one at Lions Park."

"I suggest option 1 with existing pirate play theme. Why is this not offered. The Nature Play could be pirate themed."

"Nature based play but with a decent amount of play equipment."

What's next?

The results from this consultation will directly inform the park design. Given the final submission numbers indicate only a one percent difference between Nature Play and Pirate-Themed Play and the written submissions further solidify the community's preference of certain elements from both concept designs, the final design will incorporate a hybrid of both concepts.

The final design is expected to be exhibited for public consultation in November 2023. Following this, the project will enter the construction phase which is planned for completion by the end of June 2024.

We will inform the community and all relevant stakeholders and participants of the finalised plans in the coming months.

Find out more and stay up to date at yourvoiceourcoast.com
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