

Title	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT ON GLEN HUON PLAYGROUND RENEWAL
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Reporting Brief	The Director Community Services presenting a report from the Community Engagement Officer on the Community Engagement Summary Report on the Glen Huon Playground Renewal
Attachments	A. Summary of Engagement - Glen Huon Playground B. Original Proposed Design - Glen Huon Playground C. Alternative Proposed Design - Glen Huon Playground

Background

1. It has been identified that the Glen Huon Playground located on the Glen Huon Road, Glen Huon requires the upgrade of play equipment due to age, wear and tear and in order to continue to meet Australian Standards.
2. Consideration has been given to proposed designs including the age of children in the area, the natural surrounds of the area, the community's desire to keep the tyre carousel and the allocated budget from the Asset Renewal Budget 2020/2021.
3. The proposed design offers replacement of equipment with more opportunities for play and interaction. It also offers the community a modern version of the tyre carousel.
4. Concerns have been raised by community members regarding fencing of the area to prevent children accessing Glen Huon Road. The fence options and these concerns were addressed as part of this consultation.
5. Community Engagement was undertaken at the at Consult level between 25 February 2021 and 21 March 2021.
6. Following the Community Engagement period, the feedback received was compiled into the Summary of Engagement Report which is included as Attachment A to the Reports. The feedback has been reviewed and considered by Council Officers responsible for the project.
7. The purpose of this report is to represent to Council the summary of the feedback received and determine the next course of action.

Council Policy

8. The Council at its September 2018 Ordinary meeting adopted a Communication and Engagement Policy and Community Engagement Framework.

Legislative Requirements

9. There are no specific legislative requirements relevant to playgrounds.

Risk Implications

10. Community members and key stakeholders have volunteered considerable time to consider the project and provide feedback. It is acknowledged that due to opposing and diverse community views, there will be some community members who will disagree with the final outcomes.
11. Council must ensure that all playground equipment located within its parks and reserves continues to meet the appropriate Australian Standards.
12. The Council's Communication and Engagement Policy ensures the final recommendations will consider the feedback received, the common themes raised, broad community benefit, access and best practice design standards. The rationale for those recommendations will be shared with the community at an Inform level.

Engagement

13. Engagement was undertaken at Consult Level in accordance with the Council's Community Engagement Framework. The techniques included are outlined in the below table and detailed further in the Summary of Community Engagement Report included as Attachment A to this report.

Engagement Technique	Date	Reach
Huon Valley Council Website – Community Engagement 'Have Your Say' page	25 February 2021 – 21 March 2021	1,072 page views
Survey Monkey – Huon Valley Council	26 February 2021 – 21 March 2021	101 online surveys completed.
On-site meeting	13 March 2021	12 hard copy surveys completed
Glen Huon School	16 March 2021	22 hard copy surveys completed
Facebook	25 February 2021 – 21 March 2021	8,742 people reached 1,317 engaged with the posts
Council eNewsletter	26 February 2021 – 21 March 2021	579 subscribers who received the eNewsletter weekly

Engagement Technique	Date	Reach
Community Noticeboards	26 February 2021 – 21 March 2021	15 noticeboards

Human Resource and Financial Implications

14. This project has several funding sources which are listed below:
 - 2020/2021 Asset Renewal Budget allocation of \$70,000
 - Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program \$10,000
 - Department of Communities (2021 election commitment) \$30,000
15. In addition, the Glen Huon Hall Management Committee have committed up to \$15,000 funding for the boundary fence, if there is a shortfall in the allocated budget.

Discussion

16. As outlined in the Summary Report, community engagement at the Consult level was conducted for a three week period.
17. Community members were invited to share their thoughts of the proposed design and what other elements they would like to see in the area in the future. The feedback forms also provided community members with an opportunity to be kept 'up-to-date' on this project by including their email address.
18. A total of 135 responses to the request for feedback were received via the online and hard copy survey. Copies of each of the responses received are included in Attachment A.
19. The following key themes were noted throughout this consultation:
 - A design that was suitable for a range of ages from toddlers to young teenagers
 - A desire to have a more natural (timber) design
 - The desire to retain the tyre carousel
 - Inclusion of swings suitable for all ages
 - Need for a boundary fence
20. Careful consideration has been given by the project team with regard to the responses to question 4 in relation to the proposed designs and the fencing locations:
 - The community desire for all the playground equipment to be placed in area 1
 - The new design for the playground which includes the carousel would have a larger fallout zone which would encroach on the bike track and seating. It would therefore not be possible to erect a playground fence around area 1.
 - A park boundary fence will provide safety for all users including children and parents and community events such as Carols in the Park
 - As a solution to the above the project team recommend that all playground equipment be placed in area 1 and that a park boundary fence be installed.

Conclusion

21. Following a review of the comments and suggestions made, Council Officers revisited the design and have amended the design to something aligned to that described in the feedback received.
22. Council has been successful in securing funding for the replacement of the playground equipment and the installation of fencing to meet the communities' desires.
23. It will be recommended that the Community Engagement Summary Report be received and noted, that based on the feedback and suggestions received, the renewal of the playground will be undertaken in accordance with the budget allocation and that fencing be installed.

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RESOLVED

CR PRINCE

CR CAMPBELL

That:

- a) **The Report on the Community Engagement Summary Report on Glen Huon Playground, Glen Huon Road, Glen Huon be received and noted.**
- b) **Renewal of the Glen Huon Playground in accordance with the 2020/2021 Asset Renewal budget allocation for Playgrounds be completed.**
- c) **All playground equipment be placed inside a new park boundary fence funded by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and the Glen Huon Hall Management Committee**

Councillors Enders, Doyle, Gibson, Campbell, Prince, Lovell and O'May voted for the motion and no Councillors voted against the motion.