

# Playspace consultation: Empire Bay

## Engagement Summary

Between 2 October and 23 October 2019, Central Coast Council sought community feedback on the upgrade of the current playspace at Shelly Beach Road, Empire Bay, to a new, inclusive and engaging district-level playspace with features suitable for older children (aged 8 years +) and youth.

The community were invited to complete a survey. The questions asked were designed to assist Council plan the redevelopment in a way that reflects the values and preferences of our community. Additionally, a community design workshop was held at the current playspace on Shelly Beach Road, Empire Bay, on 15 October.

## Engagement Results

The community provided feedback on this exciting project.

Survey results revealed that:

- **74%** of participants visit mid-morning (9am-11am) and afternoon (2pm-5pm)
- **76%** of participants visit the playspace 1-6 times per week
- most users of the playspace are under 9 years of age
- the top two priorities for visiting the playspace is to play with children (**73%**) and enjoy the peace and quiet (**8%**)
- majority of survey respondents would prefer an interactive playspace (**40%**), followed by a traditional playspace (**19%**)
- Bike track (**44%**), slide (**43%**), swings (**38%**) and flying fox (**33%**) were considered 'very important' options for the playspace according to survey respondents
- Bins (**70%**), toilets (**62%**), shelter/shade (**62%**) and a water re-fill station (**57%**) were considered 'very important' items for inclusion at the playspace
- The majority of survey respondents indicated that open space to play (**67%**), basketball / netball / handball court (**53%**), BMX / pump track (**50%**), parkour (**43%**) and outdoor fitness equipment (**43%**) were the most popular choices for additional recreational or fitness spaces considered for inclusion near the playspace

## What's next?

Further analysis of the feedback received during the playspace consultation is currently being undertaken. These results will then be used to inform the development of concept plans for the new district playspace.

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**249**

Visits to Your Voice Our Coast website



**MORE THAN**  
**9,154**

Social Media users reached  
Generating **78** likes, comments & shares



**35**

Adults and kids attended a face-to-face community design workshop



**142**  
Surveys completed

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