

PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT CONSULTATION RESULTS

The following document showcases the public consultation methods and results for Renmark Paringa Council's playground replacement project

METHODS

A number of methods were identified to best connect with members of the community



E-BLAST



**ONLINE
SURVEY**



FACE-TO-FACE



**SOCIAL
MEDIA**



**TRADITIONAL
MEDIA**

E-BLAST

Email sent to 1749 subscribers directing them to the online survey and website.



45.3%

Open rate

FACE-TO-FACE

The Renmark Public Library's Christmas School Holidays activity sessions were identified as a worthwhile opportunity to speak to local parents and children about the playground options.

A number of people spoken to had already completed the online survey, however there were many people spoken to who had not seen the project online. A lot of positive feedback was received, as well as additional feedback and suggestions.



ONLINE SURVEY

206 RESPONSES

Developed a quick, clear and concise online survey. Made it clear that the survey would not take long and made the options as clear as possible. Directed people to the survey via e-blast, website, social media and traditional media.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Council's strong social media following was utilised to encourage community members to register their opinion via the survey.

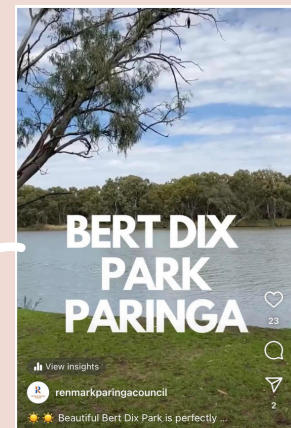
REEL

POST



**FACEBOOK AND
INSTAGRAM REACH 2K**

FACEBOOK REACH 2.1K



TRADITIONAL MEDIA

The Murray Pioneer and ABC Riverland gave coverage to Council's playground survey. Both outlets utilised information published online by Council. The Pioneer was supplied with a QR Code to include in their article. It was decided to utilise Council's organic reach rather than paying to advertise the survey to make the consultation process as cost effective as possible.

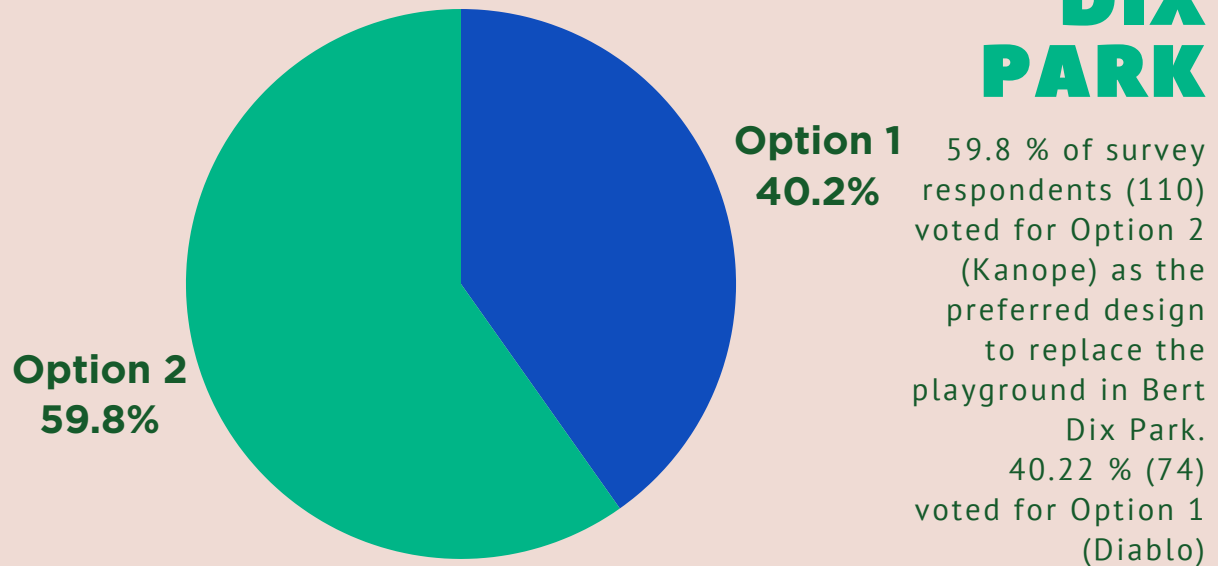


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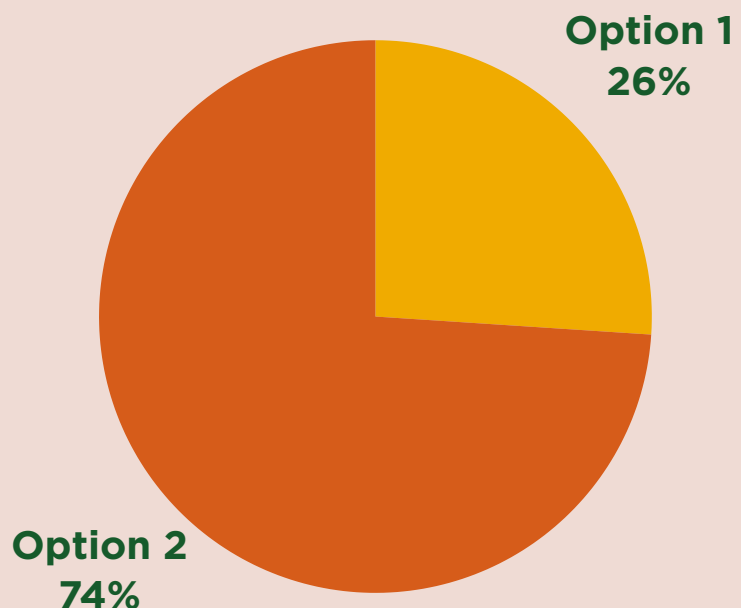
SURVEY RESULTS

BERT DIX PARK



SS ELLEN PARK

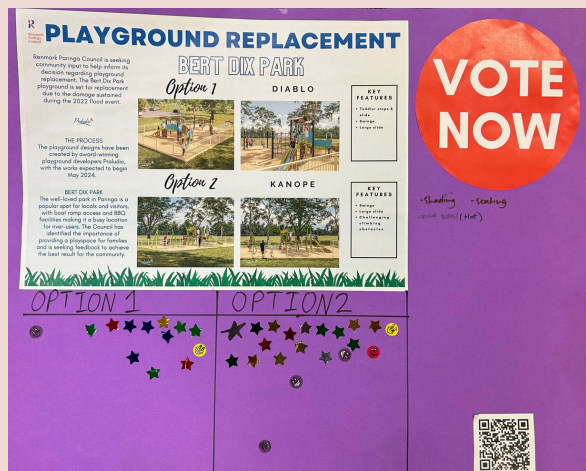
73.96% of survey respondents (142) voted for Option 2 (Adventure) as the preferred design to replace the playground in SS Ellen Park.
26.04% (50) voted for Option 1 (Cubby House)



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FACE-TO-FACE RESULTS

Council staff attended the library during school holiday activity sessions to speak to community members, answer questions, showcase the designs and register votes.



BERT DIX PARK
OPTION 1 - 13 VOTES
OPTION 2 - 20 VOTES

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
SHADE NEEDED
SEATING NEEDED
CONCERNS OVER THE METAL SLIDES OVERHEATING

SS ELLEN PARK
OPTION 1 - 19 VOTES
OPTION 2 - 9 VOTES

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
SHADE NEEDED
SEATING NEEDED
CONCERNS OVER DISABILITY INCLUSION AND LACK OF ACCESSIBLE OPTIONS



Communications and Engagement Officer Jane Kuerschner and Project Officer Jorja Henwood attended the Renmark Public Library for three mornings to speak to parents and children about the playground designs

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ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK

Feedback from Mission Australia Community Engagement Facilitator Brendan Markwick

I was wondering if Council had looked at making either playground more accessible for those with mobility issues? Or if they would like to discuss what that might look like?

I've listed a few ideas below but there are other options out there as well:

Wider gates to the playground; Accessible paths to play equipment; Raised play equipment; Accessible equipment; Carousel that allows a wheelchair user to use it; Swing that allows someone to lay in it. Different textures, like Wood, Metal, Plastic or Rope.

Feedback

No shade and both need seating inside the fence; Needs more gym equipment; None of the options include things for children with varying abilities/disability. Some children with varying abilities/disabilities like to play in an area, but also feel safe being away from other children. It would be good if somehow these children could be considered in the design;

Something similar to the playground beside the library on James Avenue would be great and to see Bert Dix Park also have a disability swing would be great;

I hope the Lions Memorial benches (and tables) will still be there at Bert Dix Park

Community member feedback

Suggested using soft fall in order for prams and wheelchairs to access. Bark chips are not user friendly, and not inviting to a family with a child in a wheel chair. They would more than likely avoid it. Playgrounds should be inclusive for all, allowing them to be part of the play, albeit not able to access everything for practical and safety reasons; not sitting on the sidelines watching.

The rubber soft fall-is hot in summer and if used would need to be under shade(currently this space at the library playground in in full sun) and not inviting for a child with a disability or any child.

Suggested using different textures for children with vision impairment and sensory needs, such as a sensory garden.

Having paths meandering throughout the playground would make accessibility possible for all children, parents and anyone with mobility challenges, young or old.

Suggested having an Auslan board for non-verbal and ASD children.

Suggested consulting with physios and OTs as to the types of equipment that could be incorporated into playgrounds, including the types of motor skills they would encourage.

Suggested getting more feedback from children.

**Community member also provided links to resources about inclusive playgrounds and nature play*