

Revised plans Edenhope Playspaces - Summary report

There was not a great deal of responses (7 people completed this survey), though it was noted in an email from Toni Domaschenz on behalf of the community group the Voice and Vision of Edenhope that the information on the plans and survey was not easy to find on our website. On 20/10 the comms team did promote the webpage and information to the main page of the website and increased the social media posts surrounding it and also added additional tag words to assist in webpage searches.

This may be why there was a low response rate.

Out of the people that did respond, there was a preference of 3 to 2 for the position of the play equipment at Henley Park and the comments for Lions park were a mix that included the request for a full size basketball court, that we need to identify the assessable areas, that the plans are lovely and that feedback has been taken on board, and that we should be mindful of what tree species we use. There was a question about why the toilet block is a distance from small children play equipment. Specific feedback noted on next page.

The general Henley park feedback was that it was a great plan, that there should be a shade over the play equipment, that the current space is already great and just needs more play equipment and that the play equipment in option 2 is too far away from the foreshore.

We asked what priority of implementation the community wanted for all 4 play areas and the preferences are listed below in this report.

Further details for each question are listed below.

Summary of Survey Questions and Responses

Henley Park Plan option 1 or 2

There were 5 responses to this question, with 3 in support for the play equipment being closer to the foreshore, and 2 who preferred the play equipment closer to the existing shelter.

Comments for Henley Park

- Shade over play equipment
- Already a great space just needs more play equipment near toilets.
- Great plan. A park my friends and family visit daily. Love the planning.
- Do not like the play equipment position in option 2. Takes up space for Henley and is too far away from the foreshore

How will these plans impact the future of Lion's Park

This question had 6 responses and the consensus by 50% of these was that Lions Park will become a destination in town. Also highlighted was that it will be more accessible, and it will bring more out of town tourists to Edenhope.

Comments for Lions Park

- Just be mindful of how many trees and the species of trees
- Could toilet block be more near play area where small children will play?
- Why such a mean basketball court? You will get wear all around. A full court is much more practical. The play opportunities accessible to people in wheelchairs and mobility devices need to be identified - are there any? And a social space with shelter and tables close to the centre of equipment for people of all ages and abilities to belong
- Well done you've taken all the feedback and have presented something the community has asked for.
- Lovely space and position for locals and visitors. Love the plan

Priority of implementation

- Henley Park – 5 responses to this question with Play equipment ranked at most important, social gathering in the median and then the climbing net as least important
- Apex Park – 5 responses to this question with the social gathering areas and the pergola and paving ranked as most important, followed equally by the trees/garden beds and the sculptural art.
- Anne Park – there were 5 responses to this question, rank most important to least important were play equipment, then nature play area, then the social gathering areas.
- Lions Park - there were 6 responses to this question. The highest ranked for priority was the toilet block and parking, followed by the Play equipment. Least important was the Extended skate park.

Other Feedback

The community Group Voice and Vision of Edenhope submitted collated feedback via email and this feedback is an attachment to this report.

A summary of this feedback is:

They would like to see the plan specify disabled parking sports and accessible walkways for those in the community with mobility issues and prams and consider shade and tree configurations to ensure reasonable shade in play areas.

That lions park is the top priority due to high volume or current users and the option to attract more users.

Feedback for Lions Park

Highest priority an installation of a public accessible toilet facility.

There are 20 points of feedback around specific design features such as additional bench seats, pathway connections, the re-addition of a climbing cube, the safety of the skate park area, more undercover areas, the moving of the toilet block, adding shade sails and upgrading pathways.

This feedback has been broken into 4 quadrants and details attached to this report.

Feedback for Henley Park

Preference is option 2. Consider further planting as this may obstruct lake views and general visibility. The power supply may need to be moved if going with option 2.

There are 18 suggestions which include to remove long vehicle parking, add parking near sound shell, add in additional shade structures, add table settings, make the junior area a rectangle fence, add in disability accessible seating, add in a sandy beach area.

This feedback in detail is attached to this report.

Feedback for Anne St Park

The priority for Anne St park should be upgrading the swings and cleaning off existing features. They do not support the removal of the exercise equipment.

Consider working with Landcare groups/Wimmera CMA to attract funding to implement the nature playspace aspect at Anne Street (also nature aspects at Lions Park – for the frogs and north side habitat).

Feedback for Apex Park

They do not support the removal of the existing play equipment. And would like to see the retaining of the apex sign and the jinker moved to the back of the park, and the addition of the bird sculpture. They would like the focus to remain on the history of the park as an old school site.

The Vision and Voice of Edenhope group also suggested 5 points of change that they would like made straight away, without the need to wait for grants or funding.

These suggestions include:

- Prepare a sandy beach area at Henley park now, ready for summer
- Lions park – remove unsafe pine tree
- Remove and trim shrubbery
- Reconsider rose planting and consider relocating roses to near hospital rather than at the park which could be high risk and low benefit.

The feedback in its entirety for Vision and Voice of Edenhope is attached to this report.