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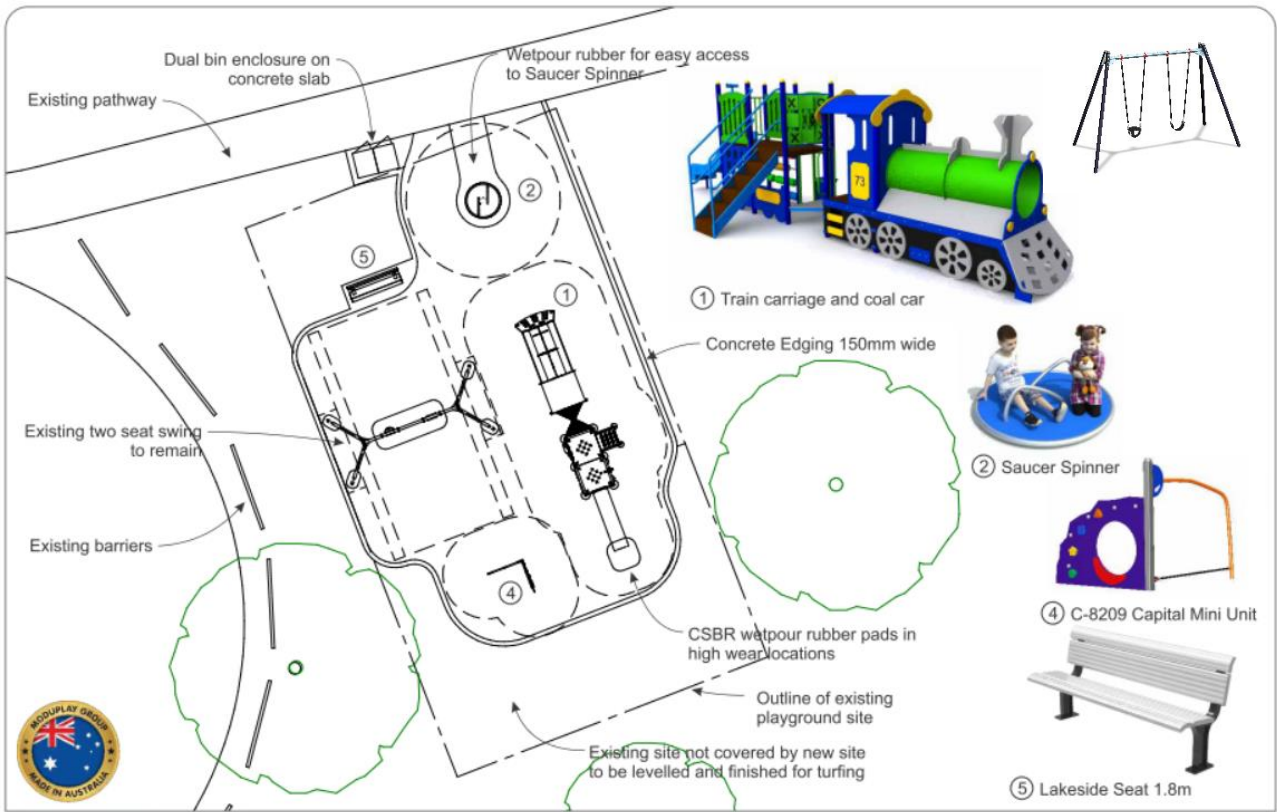
Consultation Summary

Rotary Oval Playground:

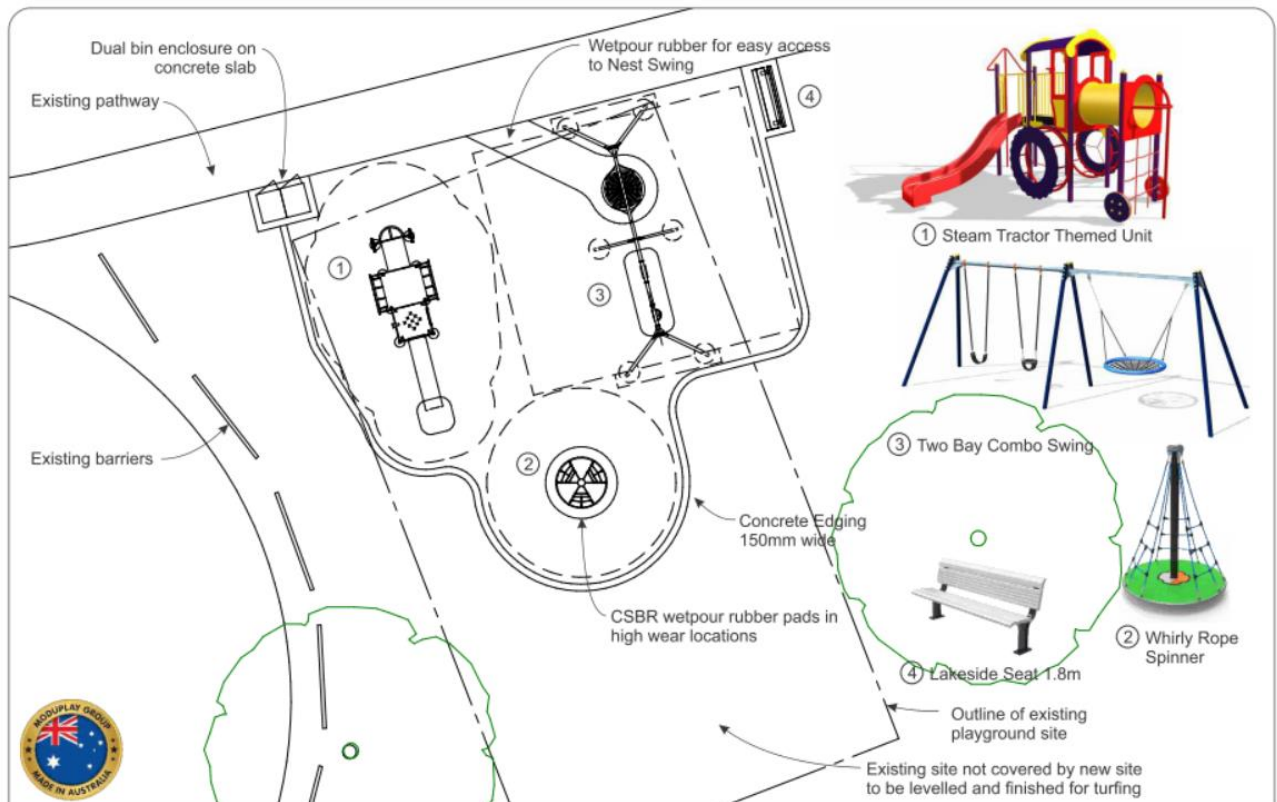
Concept Designs

July 2018

Concept Design A



Concept Design B



Summary

The Rotary Oval Playground Concept Designs were released for consultation online via the Snowy Monaro Regional Council Your Say website on 18 June 2018 and participation closed on 5 July 2018.

- 79 visitors attended the Rotary Oval Playground Your Say site during this period.
- 74 submissions were made to the survey which allowed a vote for a preferred Concept Design Option A or B, plus general comments on the Concept Designs put forward.

In addition to the online platform, representatives from Snowy Monaro Regional Council attended St Patrick’s Parish School and Cooma Public School on Monday 2 July 2018. A presentation was made highlighting the different features of each playground and both concept designs were explained regarding project inclusions and exclusions.

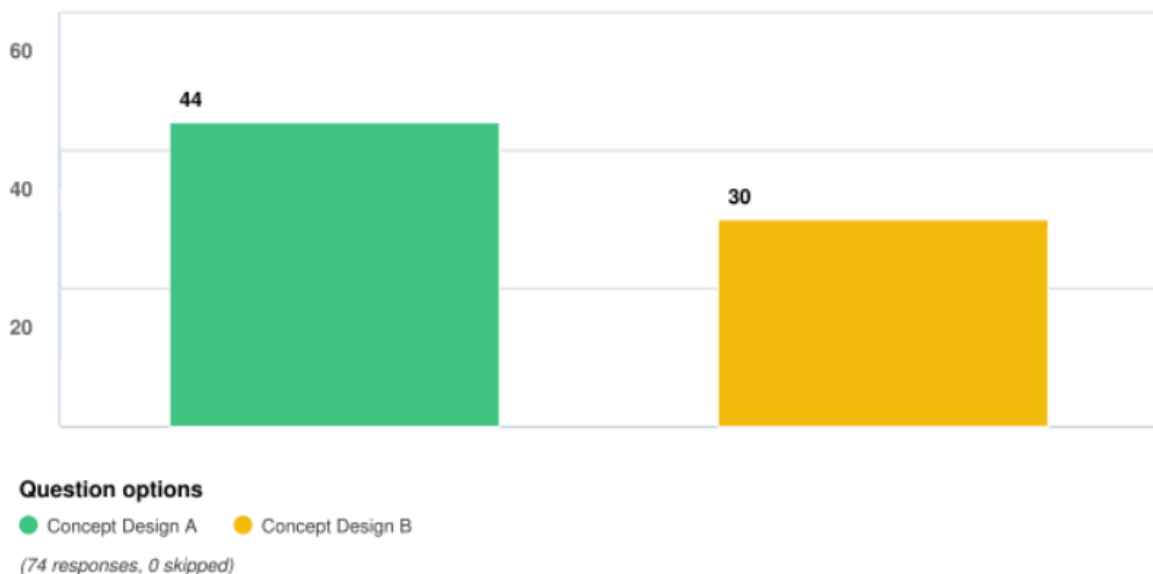
Following the presentation, everyone was issued a survey form and asked to vote on their preferred playground design.

- Years K-6 students and teachers participated from St Patrick’s Parish School
- Years 3-6 students and teachers participated from Cooma Public School
- A total of 289 students and teachers participated

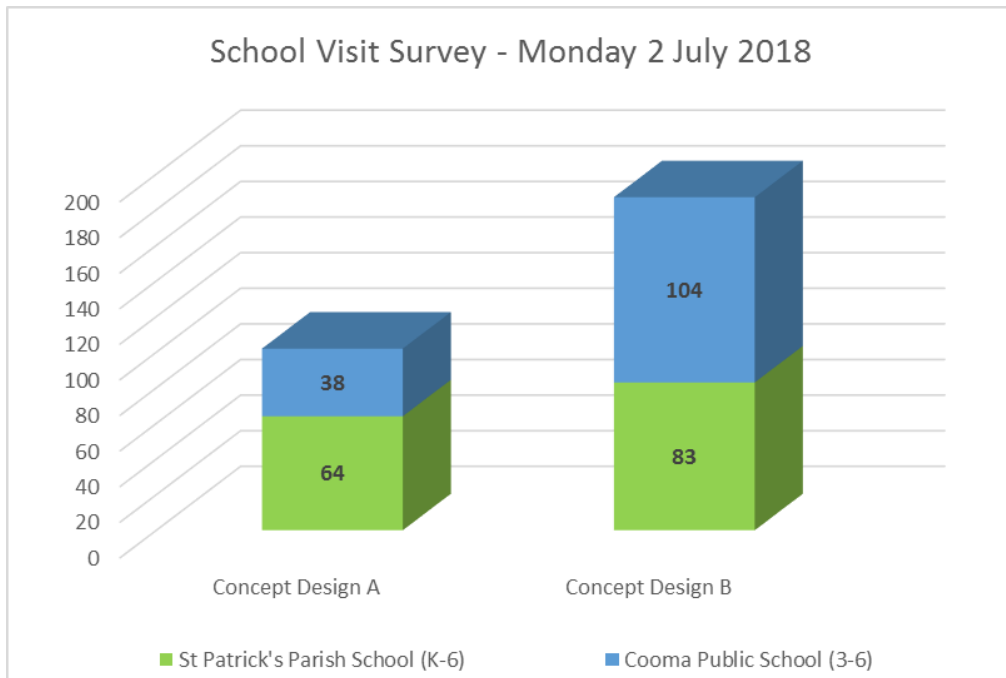
Survey

The Survey tool which was included as part of online consultation was completed by a very high number of visitors to the Your Say website, totalling 94%.

The main question targeted a response to determine the preferred Rotary Oval Playground Concept Design. Results indicated a greater support towards Concept Design A, as confirmed below.



In contrast to the online platform, the survey results recorded from St Patrick’s Parish School and Cooma Public School were in favour of Concept Design B.

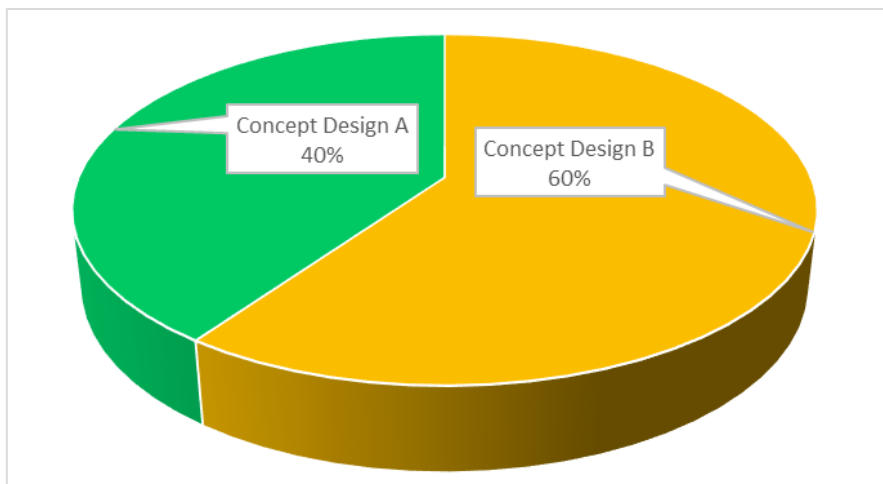


Combining the online consultation with the school visits, 60% of survey participants indicated option B as their preferred choice. However, the comments received during consultation supported a request regarding certain playground equipment pieces to be switched.

While Option B was determined the majority, a range of factors in conjunction with the request for certain playground equipment pieces contributed to selecting the final Concept Design. In no particular order, the following have been considered in deciding the approved design:

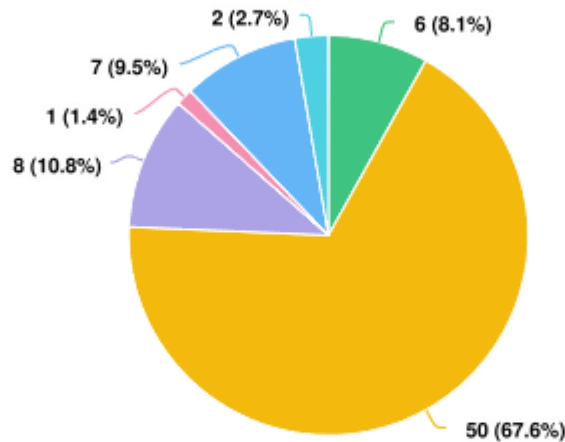
- Accessibility of certain equipment pieces within each concept design
- Playground strategy to incorporate varying ability playgrounds in different areas
- Participation rate of online consultation heavily weighted
- Alignment to the history of current playground theme
- Target age group of each school visit conducted

The combined results from online via Your Say plus the school visits are summarised below:



Of the 94% who completed the online survey, 68% answered that they were a parent of someone who would use the playground (50 out of the 74 submissions). See summary graph below.

Which of the following would best describe you?



Question options

- Someone who will use the playground
- Parent of someone who will use the playground
- Grandparent of someone who will use the playground
- Other Family member of someone who will use the playground
- Friend of someone who will use the playground
- None of the above

(74 responses, 0 skipped)

The final question within the Survey was open ended and welcomed feedback and comments from those who participated. The question asked was:

Is there anything else that you feel should be considered in the design of this playground?

Various positive feedback was received and included actual comments such as:

- Thank you for doing all these new playgrounds. It is something that is really needed for the young kids in Cooma. It is really fantastic!!! Thank you again and keep up the great work.
- Please pick A as little children will be able to access the slide on their own via the stairs!
- A mixture of both a and b, keep the train but use the equipment from b

In addition to the positive comments, there were also suggestions surrounding certain elements of the designs.

The submissions made have been themed and summarised below. Snowy Monaro Regional Council have offered a response alongside.

Community Response	Snowy Monaro Regional Council Response
Shading should be considered over the equipment and/or seating areas	There is insufficient funding within the current project scope to incorporate shading over the entire playground or seating areas.
	Future funding opportunity to incorporate at playground location
Chip Bark vs Soft Fall	SMRC maintain a strong commitment to safety and while soft fall is the preferred option under play equipment the cost associated with doing the entire playground is not viable to this project. There are certain elements within the design which has Soft Fall included in high traffic / wearing locations.
	The contractor has nominated Certified Rubber Soft Fall as three times the cost to that of Certified Playground Mulch. Unfortunately if we were to proceed with Rubber Soft Fall everywhere, the remaining budget for playground design would be very minimal.
Playground Fencing	No fencing has been incorporated into the approved design for Rotary Oval Playground.
	SMRC will however be undertaking a risk assessment prior to playground completion to determine if a full or partial enclosure is required. The outcomes of this assessment will be communicated to the public following its completion.
Think about children with physical disabilities	The proposed playground concepts have made a consideration for accessibility and inclusive elements within each design.
	A diverse range of play experiences appropriate to all age groups, abilities and skills for each playground across the region are being incorporated into the program of playground projects.

Conclusion

Snowy Monaro Regional Council are excited to announce project approval for Concept Design A to proceed to manufacture.

Items to consider include the Capital Mini Unit from Concept design B was replaced with the Whirly Rope Spinner from Concept Design B from the original designs.

Please see the following 3D images confirming an artistic view of the final design for the Rotary Oval Playground.



Coinciding with the release of this information, we are now working with the contractor who are committed to the following schedule of works:

July to August 2018

Manufacturing of Playground Equipment

August to September 2018

Site Works

October 2018

Playground Complete - Open Day

Snowy Monaro Regional Council hope you follow the progress of this exciting project and encourage you to check back on the Your Say website to see progress information and photos as the project builds momentum towards being delivered later this year.

Also being added and updated regularly to the Your Say website are other related playground projects as part of this program of works. We hope you remain engaged and continue to provide valuable contributions to each playground project.