



SNOWY MONARO
REGIONAL COUNCIL
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Consultation Summary

Cooma Centennial Park Playground:

Concept Design

August 2018

Concept Designs



Summary

The Cooma Centennial Park Playground Concept Designs were released for consultation online via the Snowy Monaro Regional Council Your Say website on 30 July 2018 and participation closed on 16 August 2018.

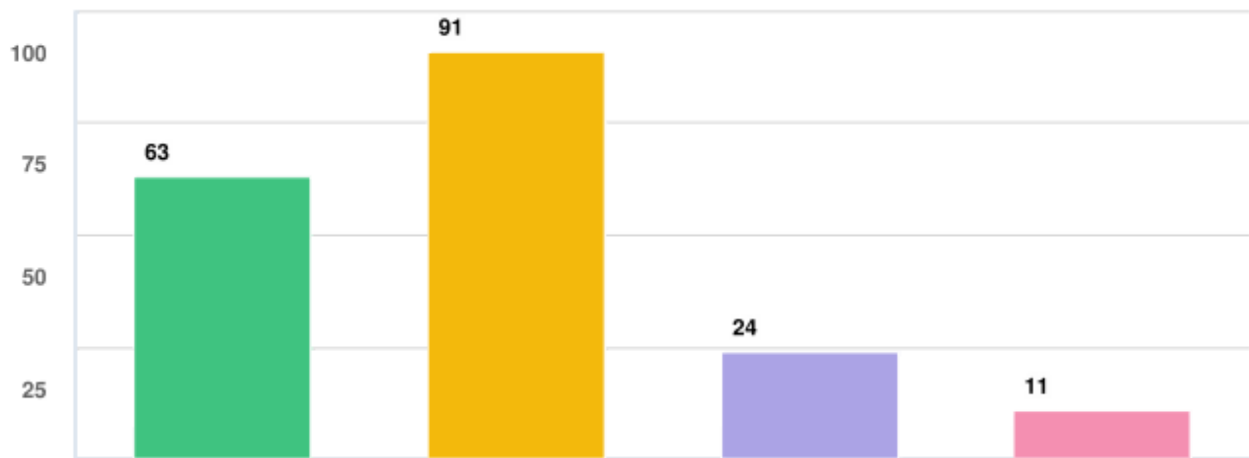
- 534 visitors attended the Cooma Centennial Park Playground Your Say site during this period.
- 189 submissions were made to the survey which allowed a say on the Concept Designs put forward.

Survey

The Survey tool which was included as part of online consultation was completed by a relatively small number of visitors to the Your Say website, totalling 35% (189 of the 534 visitors).

The initial question targeted a response to measure a first impression, overall satisfaction rate of respondents towards the Cooma Centennial Park Playground Concept Design. The result was very pleasing with more than three quarters supporting a positive response.

What is your overall satisfaction of the Cooma Centennial Park Playground Design?



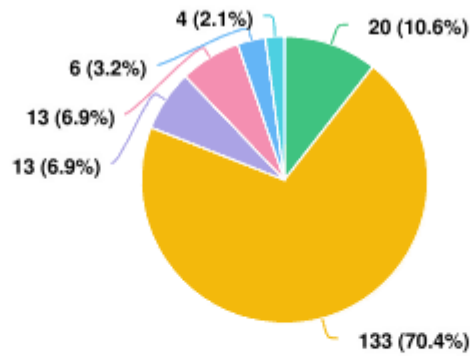
Question options

● Extremely Satisfied
 ● Satisfied
 ● Unsatisfied
 ● Extremely Unsatisfied

(189 responses, 0 skipped)

A combined 81% of responses indicated a Satisfied and Extremely Satisfied impression of the Concept Design. The remaining 19% of responses indicated a combined Unsatisfied and Extremely Unsatisfied first impression.

Of the 35% of visitors who completed the online survey, 70% answered that they were a parent of someone who would use the playground (133 out of the 189 submissions). See summary below.

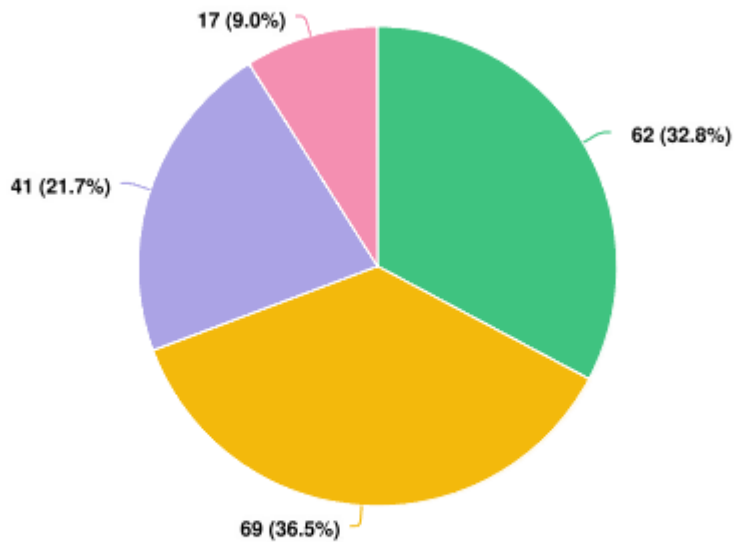


Question options

- 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

(189 responses, 0 skipped)

Visits to the playground returned some mixed results. However, the majority of responses support the understanding that Cooma Centennial Park Playground is a destination playground and used frequently by those who visit. As illustrated in the following graph, 69% of responses can be seen to attend the playground on a regular basis.



Question options

- Many times during the week
- At least once per week
- A couple of times per month
- A couple of times per year

(189 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:

Do you have any comments regarding the design of this playground?

Various positive feedback was received and included comments such as:

- 'I love the slides and the swing'
- 'The playground looks great and I am very happy to see there is a play space for toddlers'
- 'I think it looks great! Great design!'
- 'Fantastic initiative by council! The parents of this region are very thankful for some more options for kids to play and learn motor skills in. Well done and keep it up!!!'
- 'It looks fabulous... can't wait to see my grandchildren enjoying it'

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
Playground Fencing	The playground will incorporate fencing as protection from Massie Street, Bombala Street and a public car park. For additional information, please read Councils Fact Sheet: https://yoursaysnowymonaro.com.au/36532/documents/85320
	The number one hazard control is the importance of parental/carer supervision at all times. For additional information please read Councils Risk Assessment: https://yoursaysnowymonaro.com.au/36532/documents/85319
Certified Soft Fall	SMRC maintain a strong commitment to safety and have selected a combination of Certified Playground Mulch and Certified Rubber.
	For additional information, please read Councils Fact Sheet: https://yoursaysnowymonaro.com.au/36532/documents/85322
Shading	There is insufficient funding within the current project scope to incorporate shading within the playground design.
	Natural shade can be sought from existing trees within close proximity of the playground location.
	For additional information, please read Councils Fact Sheet: https://yoursaysnowymonaro.com.au/36532/documents/85321
Extra Swings	Council can confirm the existing swings (2 x strap seats) within the playground will be retained in the new design to fill the vacant space alongside the 'Lofty Castle' Skytower.
Drink Fountain	SMRC have provided a filtered drinking water station within the Centennial Park precinct, adjacent to the Cooma Visitors Centre.

Conclusion

Following the very positive response from Community satisfaction, Snowy Monaro Regional Council (SMRC) are excited to announce project approval for this design to proceed to manufacture.



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

September to October 2018

Manufacturing of Playground Equipment

October to November 2018

Site Works

December 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.