



**MIDCOAST**  
council

## **Tuncurry Water Playground**

**November 2020 – January 2021**

# **Engagement Outcomes Report**



## Introduction

This report provides a summary of community and stakeholder consultation that was undertaken between 11 November 2020 and 13 January 2021 to gain community feedback on the proposed Tuncurry Water Playground located within Vincent Fazio Park on Point Road Tuncurry.

This report is presented in six sections:

1. Introduction and background
2. What were people engaged on?
3. Who did we engage with?
4. How did people have their say?
5. What people said?
6. Next steps?

## Project background

On 27 March 2019 the Proposal to Repurpose Tuncurry Pool, Engagement Outcomes Report, was presented to Council. In June 2017 Council agreed to conduct a public consultation to investigate the option of repurposing the Tuncurry Pool to a water play area.

Following this, community engagement was undertaken between 9 July and 20 August 2017, at which time the proposal to repurpose the Tuncurry Pool was undertaken.

- Facilities nearby include Forster Ocean Baths, Tuncurry Rockpool, Little St Baths, and the Great Lakes Aquatic Centre providing both an alternate indoor and outdoor pool facility within a 2.3km distance.
- Council recently opened a water play space in Nabyac, which has been very popular and highlighted a need for one in Forster Tuncurry area.
- Pool was operating at a cost of \$70,000 annually.

The water playground model allows for children to play safely without the need for a parent/caregiver to enter the water and will be the first step in creating a state-of-the-art accessible regional water playground facility. The proximity to the skate park and plans to construct additional facilities within Vincent Fazio Park will create a desirable recreation precinct.

Tuncurry Memorial Hall which sits on the boundary of the water playground is supportive of the initiative and sees great opportunity for the hall to be better utilised by the development.

The Tuncurry Water Playground is proposed to be constructed on the current Tuncurry Pool site. With Vincent Fazio Park adjacent to a popular foreshore and boating destination for locals and visitors who come to swim, exercise, socialise or just sit and enjoy the view, the precinct has the potential to be a popular location.



# What were people engaged on?

## Purpose of Engagement

The overall purpose of the engagement with the community was:

- Seek ideas and feedback on key elements within the water playground to ensure the design is reflective of the community's needs and desires.
- Inform the community of the water playground and the overall concept plans for Vincent Fazio Park
- Seek feedback on how the existing and proposed facilities within Vincent Fazio Park connect and understand concerns or opportunities in the design of these facilities
- Ensure that we engage and seek feedback from a broad cross section of the community
- Educate the community on the decision-making process for the removal of the pool and ensure that all communication clearly sets expectations regarding the pool's removal and replacement with water playground
- Continue to build relationships and trust in Council's decision-making process
- To gain feedback from the community on the proposed scope of works, to ensure that the individual elements and design features meet the current and future needs of the community

## Objectives of engagement

To achieve this the engagement had the following objectives:

- Provide key stakeholders with the opportunity to provide comment on the elements of the proposed works and understand the potential impacts prior to the development of concept plans.
- Provide key stakeholders and community with detailed information on the proposed water playground, to help support participants to provide considered feedback.
- To educate the community and key stakeholders on the considerations given to the closure of the Tuncurry Pool and how the Tuncurry Water Playground fits in within the overall vision for Fazio Park.
- Ensure participants in the engagement feel their feedback is valued during this process and are informed of how their feedback will be used in the decision-making.
- To continue to build trust with our community and ensure that new and upgraded facilities and infrastructure deliver benefits by meeting the current and future needs of the community.

## Project Scope

- Total budget \$1.5 million (of which \$400k will come from the Federal Government)
- Next steps following closure of consultation
  - Report to Council
  - Undertake tender process
  - Agreement with suppliers/contractors

- Proposed build time of 18 weeks
- Proposed opening of facility October 2021 swimming season – if no delays
- Proposed facilities include:
  - Active waterplay equipment area
  - Splash pad area
  - BBQ shelter and table
  - Toilet/changeroom amenities
- Future works planned in Vincent Fazio Park, but not within this project also include children's bike safety track, parking, footpaths and road safety/connection to Lone Pine Park
- Focus on the space being accessible/inclusive, as well as ensuring the space is appealing to toddlers, tweens, teenagers and families
- Traffic awareness play space will be included if funding is available to expand on the recreation space
- The project will include the demolition of current pool followed by installation of water playground
- Assets from existing pool site with a usable life will be reused in other locations, where possible
- Potential to be a state-of-the-art regional facility for the MidCoast
- Currently the Tuncurry Pool is closed for half of the year (winter). The new water playground would be available to use all year round.

The conceptual plans developed for the purpose of the engagement were a guide for community to consider the potential options available when building the design of the water playground.

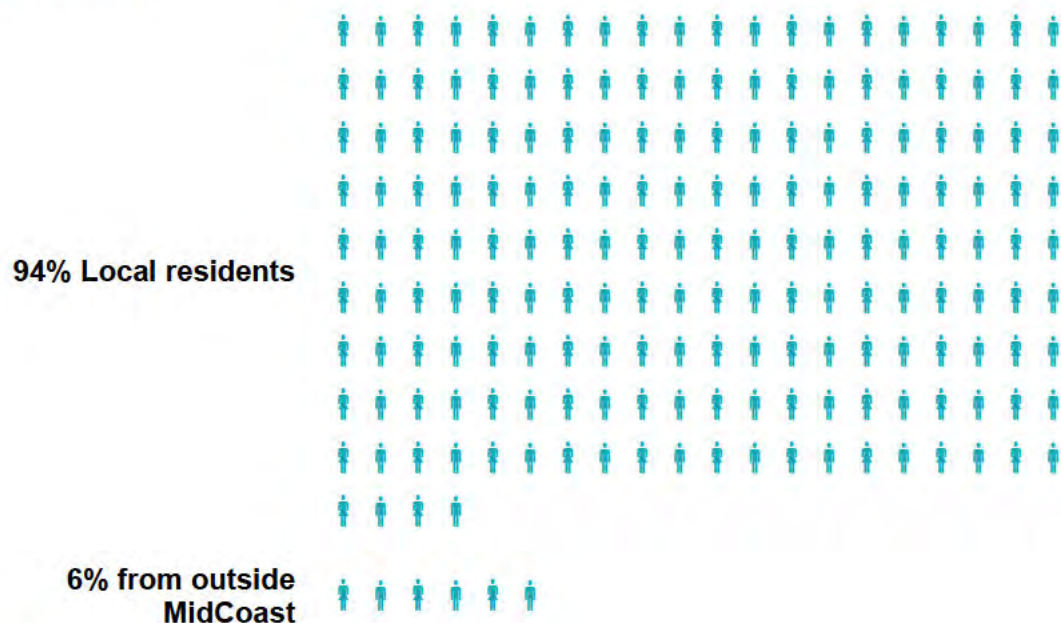
For the purpose of the engagement, the project was broken down into various elements that the community could make comment on. These elements included:

- Equipment – what would you most like to see
- Suitable for all abilities, accessible and inclusive
- Facilities
  - Shade or shelters
  - Barbecues
  - Trees
  - Picnic tables and seating
  - Waterside reclined chairs/seating
  - Option to make suggestion
- Operating hours
- Sentiment for the project
- Further comments

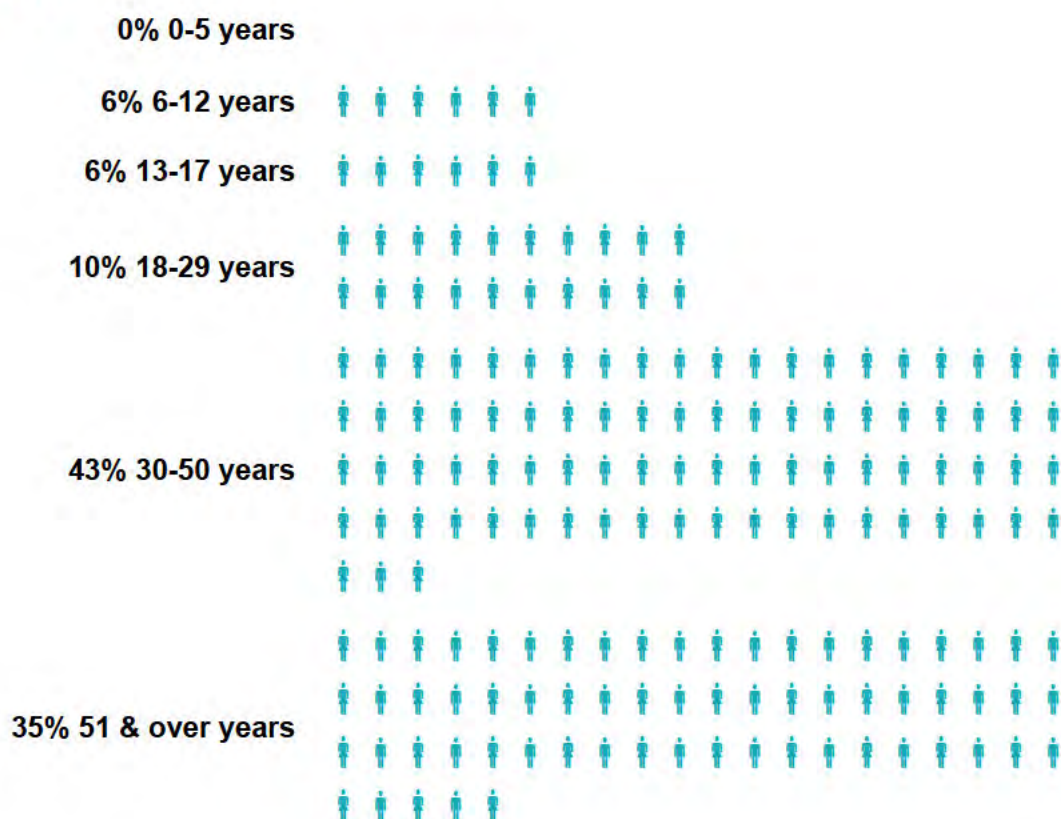
## Who did we engage with?

As a part of the consultation, we collected demographic information from the survey to understand who we engaged with.

### Location



### Age

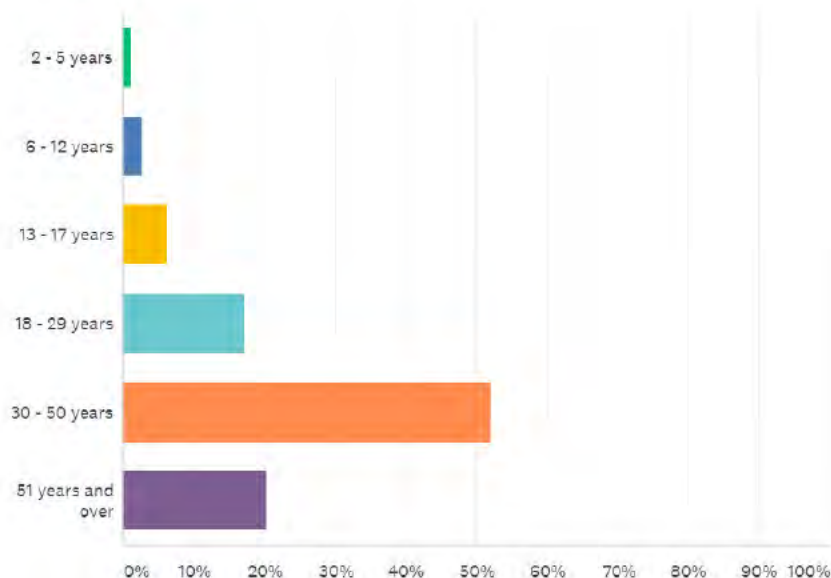




## Quick Poll demographic

251 people completed the quick poll. 131 of responses received were from people aged 30-50 and 51 responses from persons aged 51 years and over.

Answered: 251 Skipped: 0



From both the survey and quick poll results 30-50 year old were the most engaged in the consultation followed by 51 years and over.

## Key stakeholders

We contacted key stakeholders directly to ensure they were aware of the engagement, seek initial feedback and link in with opportunities to discuss the project and concepts further.

We conducted four focus groups and held two one on one meetings, one with over eight Occupational Therapist Specialists and the other with the Tuncurry Memorial Hall committee to discuss in detail the concept plans, precinct design and opportunities for the proposed water playground.

Key stakeholders included:

- Tuncurry Memorial Hall
- Skate park users
- People living with disability, carers and disability organisations
- Local businesses and residents
- Community groups
- Preschools, primary schools and high schools
- Families

## How did people have their say?

The range of engagement activities undertaken provided a variety of ways for the community to share their opinion and ideas and generate community conversations. By providing a range of face-to-face and online engagement opportunities we were able to get input from a broad cross section of the community, including key interest groups, stakeholders and hard to reach groups.

Face-to-face engagement	Online and electronic engagement	Communications
<b>6 from 8</b> pop-ups at various sites including markets (2 cancelled due to bad weather)  <b>4</b> focus groups with key stakeholders <b>2</b> one on one meeting with key stakeholders  <b>5</b> school visits <b>8</b> pre-school consultation kits <b>320</b> colouring in sheets submitted <b>635</b> voting cards <b>3</b> static displays	<b>267</b> participated in online survey <b>251</b> participated in quick poll  <b>1,370</b> visits to Have Your Say page on Council's website  <b>46,032</b> people reached on Tuncurry Water Playground Facebook posts  <b>7,262</b> engagements on Tuncurry Water Playground Facebook posts  <b>1,000+</b> emails sent from database	<b>250+</b> flyers hand delivered to local residents and stakeholders  <b>1,000+</b> emails sent  <b>6</b> stories covered in print, radio and/or television
		Submissions
		<b>2</b> submissions received

## Engagement activities

The following activities were used to seek input and build awareness of the community consultation on the proposed Tuncurry Water Playground between 11 November 2020 and 13 January 2021.

### Have your say page

The Have Your Say page provided an online hub to both share information, encourage participation in engagement activities and direct linkage to the online survey and quick poll.

Information included examples of water playground equipment, links to background information on the Tuncurry Pool, key dates, photo library, consultation kits and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's).

Over the period of the engagement, there were **1,370** visits to this page.



### Survey and quick poll

A survey was the primary tool for gathering feedback and aimed to seek comments on both the overall equipment features and precinct elements. The survey was available on the Have Your Say webpage, as well as in hard copy at the Forster Office.

267 people completed the survey online.

**Appendix 1** provides a copy of survey data.

In addition we created a quick poll for people to rank the equipment they would like to see at the water playground.

251 people completed the quick poll.

**Appendix 2** provides a copy of quick poll data.

### Q and A

The Question and Answer tool was available on our Have Your Say page and enabled people to seek information in relation to the Tuncurry Water Playground.

### Photo Library

Participants were invited to upload a photo of water playgrounds they have visited to provide examples of equipment and design to assist in the development of the Tuncurry Water Playground. These images were available on the project page during the consultation period.

A copy of these images is provided in **Appendix 3**.

### Onsite pop up

As a part of our face to face engagement we hosted 5 onsite pop ups and attendance at 1 local market. Two additional markets were booked which were cancelled due to COVID-19 and bad weather.

The pop ups were an opportunity to educate community on the project, gather feedback on the design elements and inform people of how to have their say.

These pop ups involved a display showing examples of equipment and iPads were available for participants to complete the poll or survey.

To encourage participation ice-blocks and water were available to participants along with giveaways including bouncing balls, playing cards and pencil packs. Over 100 people attended the pop ups.





## Disability Focus Groups



The consultation period provided an opportunity to hold four focus sessions with disability groups. These sessions were very well received and valuable information provided. The focus groups provided insight into the day to day struggles that people living with a disability and their carers face. These meetings enabled the sharing of information that can be used to design an inclusive and accessible water playground.

A summary of these sessions is provided in **Appendix 4**.

## One on one meetings with key stakeholders

To ensure we received feedback from those key stakeholders with a high interest in the project, we invited those groups to meet with us face to face to discuss the proposal and collect their feedback.

Two meetings were held. These groups included:

- Hunter New England Health, Occupational Therapist Specialists – Face to face
- Tuncurry Memorial Hall – Face to face

A summary of these conversations is provided in **Appendix 5**.

## School Visits

Widespread communication was made to preschools, primary and high schools along with before and after school and childcare facilities to invite the opportunity to participate in a presentation and/or activities. The following schools participated:

Tuncurry Public School (K-6)	Static display and voting boxes were erected at the school for one week
Great Lakes College (Years 7, 8, 9 and 10)	Static display and voting boxes were erected at the school for two weeks

Coolongolook Public School (K-6)	Participated in presentation, activities and voting
Nabiac Kids Shack (K-6) Vacation Care	Participated in presentation, activities and colouring-in voting activity
Kindilan Childcare	Participated in presentation and colouring-in voting activity
Blossoms Childcare Tuncurry	Colouring-in voting activity
Pokey Possum Childcare Forster	Colouring-in voting activity
Great Lakes Childcare Centre	Colouring-in voting activity
Little Pioneers	Colouring-in voting activity
Oak Seed Early Learning Centre Forster	Colouring-in voting activity
Giggles Child Care Centre Forster	Colouring-in voting activity
Dolphins Child Care Centre Tuncurry	Colouring-in voting activity





Onsite presentations provided the opportunity to educate students and community in relation to the Tuncurry Water Playground, answer questions and direct participants how to get involved. Voting for preferred water playground equipment was by participating in the following methods;

- Colouring-in voting activity, 320 completed
- Voting card into preferred equipment box, 635 votes

During the consultation period 320 children submitted a vote by colouring-in their preferred piece of equipment. These votes were received during pop-up events, school visits or selecting to have a colouring kit delivered to their school.

A copy of the colouring-in voting pages are provided in **Appendix 6**.



635 votes were submitted by schools through the use of a single card placed in the voting box labelled with their preferred waterplay equipment were as follows:

School	Splash Pad	Water course	Hoops	Giant Bucket	Water cannon	Slide
Tuncurry Public School	16	72	10	79	44	103
Great Lakes College	9	93	6	107	25	52
Coolongolook PS	0	5	0	8	5	1
Colouring-in voting totals (24 unknown)	19	56	37	53	55	76
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>232</b>

Our school visits enabled 931 children to have their say in relation to the Tuncurry Water Playground.



\*Images above taken from Nabiac Kids Shack – school visit to present and replicate water playground activities

### Submission

Participants were able to submit submissions. Submissions received are provided in **Appendix 7**.



## Communication and advertising

We utilised a number of communication channels to get the word out to the community. A summary of these activities is provided in the table below:

Communication method	Dates distributed	Reach
<b>Have your say</b> dot point in Advertisement	25 Nov, 2, 9, 16, 23 Dec 25 Nov, 2, 9, 16, 23 Dec 26 Nov, 3, 10, 17, 24 Dec 2, 9 Dec	Manning River Times Gloucester Advocate Great Lakes Advocate Manning River Times & Gloucester Advocate
Advertisement	3, 10 Dec	Great Lakes Advocate
Flyer to local residents and local businesses	9, 10 November	250+ flyers hand delivered
Email to previous engagement participants and stakeholders	11 November	1,000+ emails sent
Banner on MidCoast Council homepage and Have your Say page	11 November – 13 January	1,370 page views 1,125 unique page views
Media, radio and TV coverage	11 Nov – Help us plan the Tuncurry water playground 20 Nov – Send us your images for Tuncurry water playground 26 Nov – Help us make the water playground accessible 3 Dec – Schools: have your say on Tuncurry water playground 8 Jan - Last chance: have your say on Tuncurry water playground	3 newspaper articles – Great Lakes Advocate 26 Nov, The Forster Tuncurry 25 Nov & 9 Dec, Great Lakes Advocate online 13, 25, 30 Nov 1 radio story and interview – 2RE 11 January
Static display in the Forster Office	11 Nov – 24 Dec	44 days
Social media - Facebook	11, 23, 30 Nov 4, 5, 8 Dec 12 Jan 2021	7 separate posts 10,498 people reached; 2,109 engagements; 217 reactions; 65 comments and 50 shares

		<p>7,139 people reached; 1,393 engagements; 20 reactions; 58 comments and 8 shares</p> <p>2,577 people reaches; 135 engagements; 8 reactions; 3 comments</p> <p>6,235 people reached; 700 engagements; 20 reactions; 9 comments and 15 shares</p> <p>6,152 people reached; 777 engagements; 22 reactions; 29 comments and 14 shares</p> <p>6,982 people reached; 651 engagements; 22 reactions; 3 comments and 28 shares</p> <p>6,449 people reached; 1,497 engagements; 23 reactions; 65 comments and 11 shares</p>
News Wrap	<p>13 Nov</p> <p>20 Nov</p> <p>27 Nov</p> <p>4 Dec</p> <p>11 Dec</p> <p>18 Dec</p> <p>8 Jan</p>	<p>Making a splash in Tuncurry</p> <p>Share your splash park pics</p> <p>Focus on accessibility</p> <p>Schools: Have your say</p> <p>Schools: Have your say</p> <p>See us on Saturday</p> <p>Last days to have your say</p>

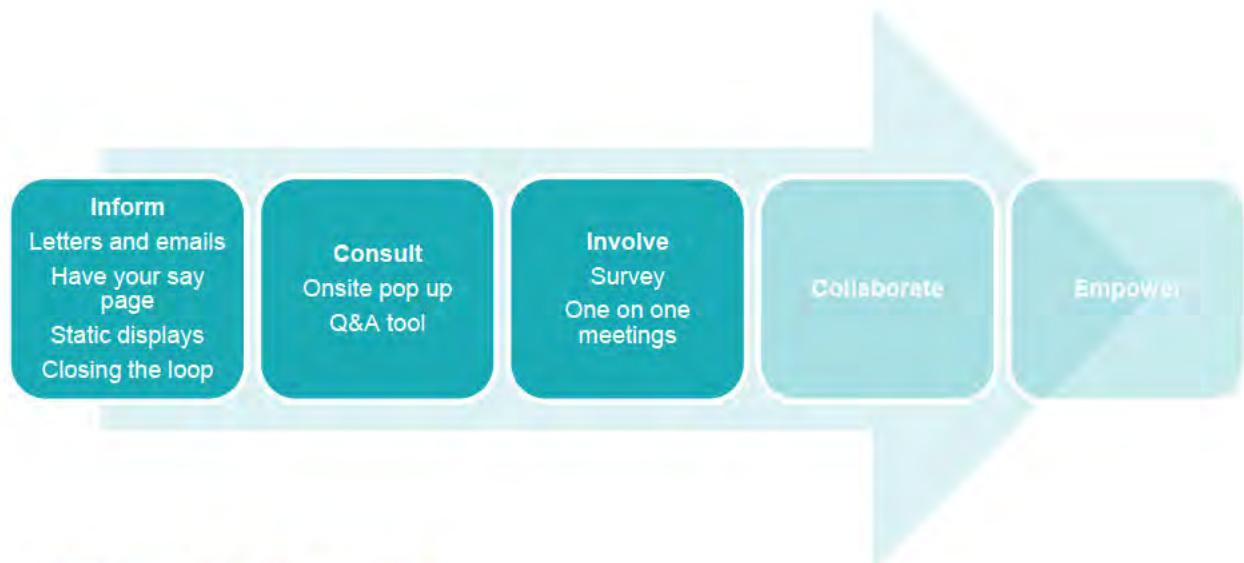
## Level of Engagement

As outlined in MidCoast Council's Community Engagement Policy we utilise the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) five-point framework for measuring the level of community engagement for each project.

Within this scale, this project achieved an Inform /Consult /Involve level of engagement. At this level our commitment to the community was to listen to and acknowledge the benefits and limitations of the proposed design and consider these in the development of the final design.



The diagram below shows the levels of engagement and the activities undertaken within each level.



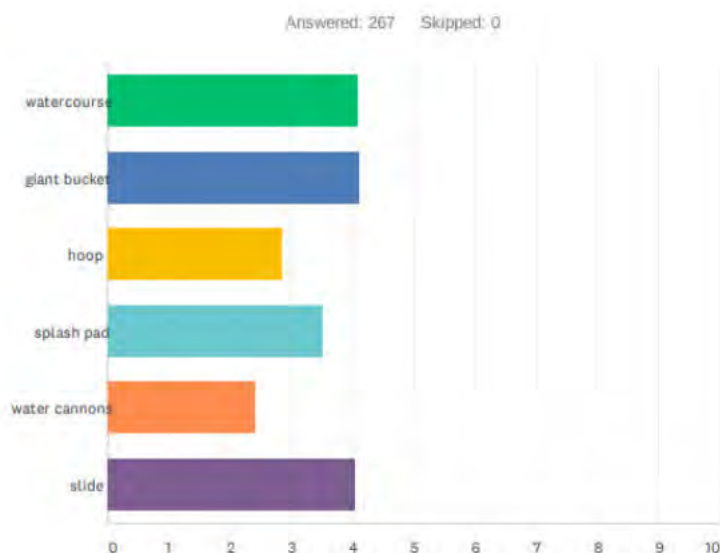
## What people said?

Participants in the engagement were asked to provide feedback on the various equipment options or provide suggestions. **267** surveys and **251** quick polls were submitted.

The following provides a summary of feedback provided through the various engagement methods, including the survey, pop-up events, one on one meetings and formal submissions.

### Survey Responses

#### Equipment



267 responses	Survey equipment preferred selection	%
81	Slide	30.34%
72	Watercourse	26.97%
72	Giant bucket	26.97%
28	Splash pad	10.49%
9	Hoop	3.37%
5	Water cannons	1.87%

## Other facilities

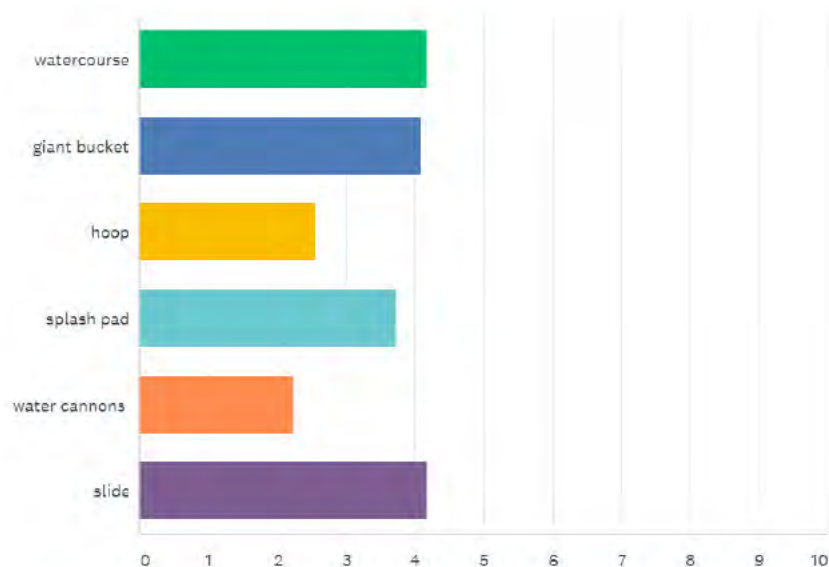


267 responses	Facilities selection	%
251	Shade or shelters	94.36%
187	Trees	70.30%
220	Picnic tables and seating	82.71%
170	Barbeques	63.91%
132	Waterside reclined chairs/seating	37.97%



## Quick Poll

Answered: 251 Skipped: 0



251 responses	Quick poll equipment preferred	%
75	Watercourse	29.88%
70	Slide	27.89%
63	Giant bucket	25.10%
33	Splash pad	13.15%
7	Hoop	2.79%
3	Water cannons	1.20%

## Disability inclusion and accessibility

One of the main focuses of the consultation was an opportunity for participants to provide feedback on what they saw as important elements to include in the water playground to ensure it is accessible and inclusive. 185 responses were received which we provide in **Appendix 8**.

From the responses received the following comments were recurring;

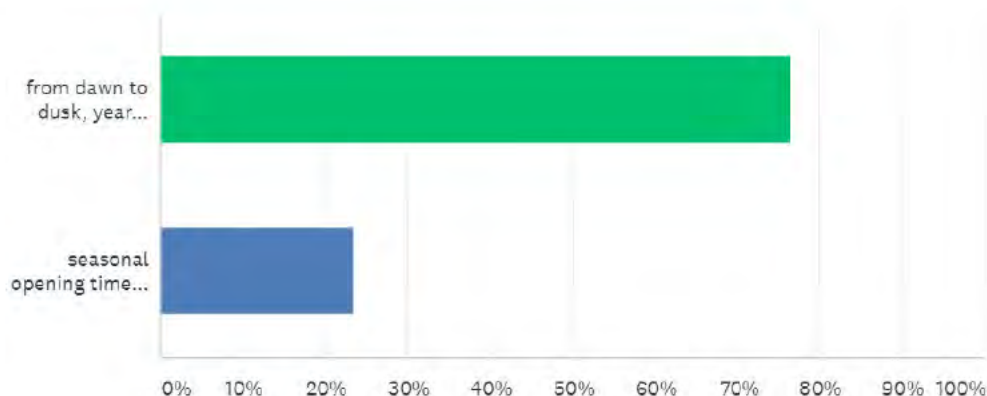
- Ramps, grab rails and smooth surfaces
- Level access, no steps
- Colour contrasts to delineate areas
- Disability change rooms with hoists
- Suitable parking for disability nearby
- Wheelchair access
- Visual cues

- Splash free zones
- Sensory areas
- Fencing
- Suitable age appropriate areas
- What is there for the elderly
- Retain a pool
- Build a sensory park, tactile wall for sensory play eg bike pedal to push water through
- Example water playgrounds
  - Cairns
  - Tamworth
  - Christchurch
  - Cobar
  - Speers Point

## Operating Hours

We told participants that the water playground would be open 365 days, with no entry fee and asked whether they had a preference on operating hours. 76.5% of participants preferred 'dawn til dusk' operating hours, with 23.5% preferring seasonal operating times.

Answered: 264 Skipped: 3



## Other suggestions

In the survey we asked participants to let us know if they would like another type of play equipment, 65 of the 190 responses suggested a pool. The following Word Cloud was created from the 190 responses;



safe include swimming pool local really needs elderly love see incorporate pool remain included  
pool stay swim great addition town happen don't whole slide love put space playground  
believe Tuncurry new 5 day swimming pool lot community everyone also  
residents water park older people parking love idea kids much needed  
think option families small use something great full area  
Lakes pool long will enough need play water shallow  
facility keep pool children Great idea see good idea one etc good  
move well prefer Please time people inclusion add excellent old access make Maybe  
Taree concept idea encourage feel great young going existing pool enjoy Wonderful idea  
tourists will fantastic ages Please include pool splash park toddlers

In the quick poll we asked participants to let us know if they would like another type of play equipment, 42 of the 93 responses suggested a pool. The following Word Cloud was created from the 93 responses;

kids baby good None Swimming pool park water  
splash pool water slides area swimming small shade great  
Toddler

All comments are provided in **Appendix 9**.

### Sentiment of participants for Tuncurry Water Playground

From the responses submitted, the overall sentiment from participants who completed the survey stated:

61.42%	Very excited and I am very keen to see the playground go ahead
22.10%	I think it will be good for our area
7.12%	I am strongly opposed to the playground
6.74%	I don't have strong feelings either way about the playground
2.62%	I don't like the idea of the playground

### Additional Comments

During the consultation the following comments were recorded from our pop-up events:

- Construct footpaths between caravan park up to Tuncurry
- Improve intersection at Point Road and Manning Street
- Concern limited parking

- Traffic is unmanaged currently without the increase of vehicles and pedestrians
- Not suitable to meet the needs of the elderly community
- Losing community facility, rockpool and main beach are not suitable
- Pedestrian access to be improved
- Bus linkage from Taree Street to the precinct to reduce traffic
- Improve pathways between Taree Street and precinct to encourage parking further away, link pathways to Lone Pine Park, pelican and boat ramp
- Promote the area with flyers, walking options, where to park and local food options
- Address parking issues
- Street vans and street food available
- Improve visitor information
- Replace pool
- Not suitable for elderly who are majority of population in the area
- Build a pool in the precinct
- Toddlers area

### Important Information

To ensure the facility is accessible and inclusive we draw your attention to the information provided in **Appendix 4** and **Appendix 8**. Feedback provided by disability organisations, people living with a disability and/or their carers and Occupation Therapists have all expressed an interest to work more closely with Council in the development of the Tuncurry Water Playground and Vincent Fazio Park precinct design. The project is an opportunity to provide a state-of-the-art facility that the entire community will be able to enjoy.

### What's next?

The engagement data contained in this report will be used to inform key staff, management and Councillors on the outcomes of the consultation for the proposed Tuncurry Water Playground. This feedback will be considered, along with other factors including time frames, budget, funding agreements and intended purpose of the space to develop a final design.

A copy of this report will be made publicly available on Council's website, as well as distributed to those participants who expressed an interest in being kept informed on the project.



## Appendices

**Appendix 1: Survey data**

**Appendix 2: Quick poll data**

**Appendix 3: Photos uploaded to webpage**

**Appendix 4: Focus group notes**

**Appendix 5: One on one meeting notes**

**Appendix 6: Colouring-in voting**

**Appendix 7: Submissions**

**Appendix 8: Disability accessibility and inclusion responses**

**Appendix 9: Comments**

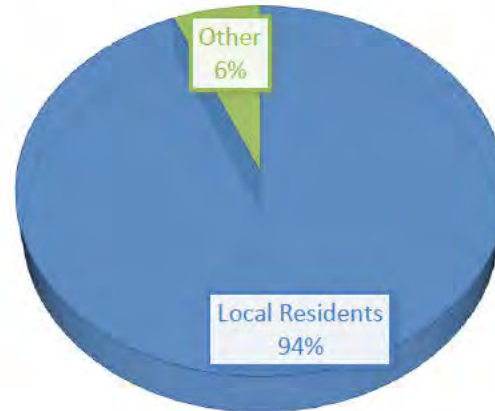
# Appendix 1

## Survey data



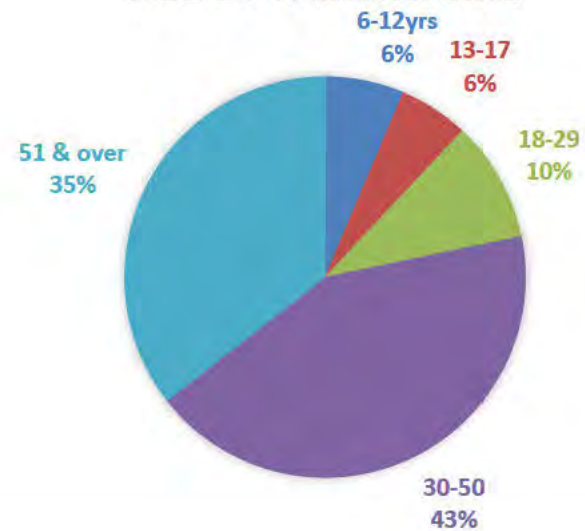
Local Residents	250
Other	17

## 267 SURVEY RESPONSES



AGE	
6-12yrs	17
13-17	15
18-29	26
30-50	114
51 & over	95
	267

## AGE OF PARTICIPANTS



# Appendix 2

## Quick poll data



What is your first name?	What is your last name?	What is your home postcode?	What is your age:	In the diagram above, six play items are selected. In the question below, please rank these items from the one you most want included in the Tuncurry playground (1), to the one you least want (6).					
Open-Ended Response	Open-Ended Response	Open-Ended Response	Response	watercourse	giant bucket	hoop	splash pad	water cannons	slide

██████	██████	2428	51 years and over	1	4	3	2	5	6
█	█	2430	30 - 50 years	2	4	5	3	6	1
████████	████████	2428	18 - 29 years	1	3	2	5	6	4
██████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	3	2	6	1	4	5
████	████████	2430	18 - 29 years	6	1	5	3	4	2
████	██████	2430	51 years and over	1	4	5	2	3	6
██████	████	2430	2 - 5 years	2	5	6	1	4	3
████	████████	2446	18 - 29 years	1	3	5	4	6	2
████	██████	2430	30 - 50 years	1	5	3	4	6	2
██████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	3	1	6	4	5	2
██████	██████	2430	30 - 50 years	4	3	6	5	2	1
████████	██████	2429	18 - 29 years	1	3	5	4	6	2
██████	██████	2430	30 - 50 years	4	1	6	2	5	3
██████	██████	2428	51 years and over	1	5	4	3	6	2
████████	██████	2420	51 years and over	1	3	2	5	4	6

████	████	2428	30 - 50 years	1	3	6	2	4	5
██████	████████	2430	30 - 50 years	2	5	4	1	6	3
████████	████████	2430	30 - 50 years	1	3	6	5	4	2
████	████████	2428	51 years and over	4	3	6	2	5	1
██████	██████	2426	51 years and over	1	4	6	3	5	2
██████	██████	2428	51 years and over	2	3	1	4	5	6
████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	4	6	3	2	5	1
██████	██████	2430	30 - 50 years	1	4	2	5	6	3
██████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	1	2	5	3	4	6
████	██████	2312	30 - 50 years	6	1	5	2	4	3

██████	████	2430	30 - 50 years	2	3	1	6	5	4
██████	██████	2430	30 - 50 years	1	2	4	3	6	5
████	██████	2430	18 - 29 years	1	5	6	3	4	2
████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	1	4	6	2	5	3
████	██████	2429	18 - 29 years	5	3	4	2	6	1
██████	██████	2430	30 - 50 years	4	1	5	2	6	3
████	██████	2428	51 years and over	1	2	6	4	3	5
██████	██████	2428	51 years and over	1	2	4	3	6	5
██████	██████	2428	18 - 29 years	6	1	4	2	5	3
████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	6	3	4	1	5	2
████	██████	2093	30 - 50 years	4	6	5	2	3	1
██████	██████	2440	30 - 50 years	2	4	6	3	5	1
██████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	6	2	5	4	3	1
████	██████████████	2428	30 - 50 years	6	5	2	1	4	3
██████	██████	2428	18 - 29 years	5	1	2	3	6	4
██████	██████	2430	18 - 29 years	2	1	4	5	6	3
██████	██████	2902	6 - 12 years	2	4	6	5	1	3
████	██████	2430	13 - 17 years	2	1	3	4	6	5
██████	██████████████	2428	30 - 50 years	2	6	3	5	4	1
████	██████	2423	51 years and over	2	6	5	3	4	1
██████	██████████████	2428	2 - 5 years	1	6	2	3	5	4
██████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	1	4	6	3	5	2
██	██	2428	18 - 29 years	4	5	6	2	3	1
██████	██████	2194	30 - 50 years	1	4	6	3	5	2
██████	██████	3123	51 years and over	3	4	6	5	2	1
████	██████	2428	51 years and over	1	2	3	4	5	6
████	██████	2428	51 years and over	1	2	3	4	5	6
████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	1	2	5	3	6	4
████	██████████████	2428	51 years and over	6	2	3	5	4	1
██████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	2	5	4	1	3	6
████	██████	2430	30 - 50 years	4	1	6	5	3	2
██████	██████	2430	30 - 50 years	2	6	5	3	4	1



████	████	2428	30 - 50 years	5	2	4	3	6	1
██	██	2428	51 years and over	1	4	6	2	5	3
████	██	2428	51 years and over	4	5	2	1	6	3
██	████	2428	30 - 50 years	3	5	2	6	4	1
██	██	2428	18 - 29 years	3	5	1	2	6	4
██	██	2430	30 - 50 years	6	5	4	1	3	2
████	██	2430	30 - 50 years	3	1	5	2	6	4
████	██	2430	13 - 17 years	2	4	3	5	1	6
████	██	2430	13 - 17 years	1	2	3	6	5	4
████	██	2430	13 - 17 years	1	2	4	6	5	3
████	██	2430	13 - 17 years	1	4	6	5	2	3
████	██	2430	13 - 17 years	2	1	6	4	5	3
████	██	2430	13 - 17 years	2	1	3	6	4	5
████	██	2430	13 - 17 years	1	4	5	2	6	3
████	██	2430	13 - 17 years	6	4	5	3	1	2
████	██	2430	13 - 17 years	5	2	6	4	3	1
████	██	2430	13 - 17 years	1	2	6	3	4	5
████	██	2430	13 - 17 years	1	4	3	2	6	5
██	████	2428	13 - 17 years	3	1	5	6	4	2
████	██	2428	51 years and over	1	6	5	2	4	3
██	██	2430	30 - 50 years	1	5	4	3	6	2
██	████	2285	51 years and over	1	2	6	3	4	5
██	██	2430	51 years and over	3	2	4	1	5	6
██	████	2430	30 - 50 years	4	1	5	2	6	3
██	██	2428	51 years and over	1	2	6	4	5	3
██	█	2428	30 - 50 years	1	4	3	2	5	6
█	██o	2312	30 - 50 years	3	1	5	4	6	2
████	██	2428	51 years and over	1	2	3	4	5	6
█	████	2430	30 - 50 years	3	1	6	4	5	2

█	█	2428	30 - 50 years	4	2	5	1	6	3
█	█	2428	51 years and over	3	1	5	2	6	4
█	█	2430	30 - 50 years	6	1	5	3	4	2
█	█	2430	51 years and over	6	2	5	3	4	1
█	█	2428	51 years and over	5	2	4	3	6	1
█	█	2428	18 - 29 years	5	1	6	2	3	4
█	█	2428	51 years and over	3	4	5	1	2	6
█	█	2428	18 - 29 years	1	2	4	3	6	5
█	█	2428	30 - 50 years	2	6	5	3	4	1
█	█	2430	30 - 50 years	1	2	6	4	5	3
█	█	2428	51 years and over	2	1	3	4	6	5
█	█	2428	51 years and over	1	5	3	2	4	6
█	█	2428	18 - 29 years	2	6	4	1	5	3
█	█	2429	18 - 29 years	6	1	3	4	2	5
█	█	2428	30 - 50 years	5	2	4	3	6	1
█	█	2428	30 - 50 years	1	6	5	3	4	2
█	█	2428	30 - 50 years	2	6	5	3	4	1
█	█	2428	51 years and over	4	3	2	5	6	1
█	█	2428	18 - 29 years	3	2	6	4	5	1
█	█	2312	30 - 50 years	2	1	5	4	6	3
█	█	2428	30 - 50 years	3	2	6	5	4	1
█	█	2428	30 - 50 years	3	2	5	4	6	1
█	█	2430	51 years and over	5	6	4	1	2	3
█	█	2428	30 - 50 years	3	2	4	5	6	1
█	█	2147	51 years and over	3	4	5	2	6	1
█	█	2430	30 - 50 years	6	1	5	3	4	2
█	█	2428	51 years and over	4	1	6	5	2	3
█	█	2428	18 - 29 years	4	2	5	3	6	1
█	█	2428	51 years and over	1	4	5	2	6	3



		2430	51 years and over	2	1	3	4	6	5
		2430	18 - 29 years	1	3	6	2	5	4
		2428	18 - 29 years	1	6	4	3	5	2
		2428	51 years and over	2	3	6	4	5	1
		2428	18 - 29 years	3	1	4	5	6	2
		2430	30 - 50 years	5	1	6	2	4	3
		2428	51 years and over	4	1	5	2	6	3
		2428	30 - 50 years	5	4	6	1	3	2
		2430	30 - 50 years	2	1	6	3	5	4
		2428	30 - 50 years	2	1	6	5	4	3
		2428	30 - 50 years	3	5	1	2	6	4
		2428	30 - 50 years	1	2	3	6	5	4
		2428	51 years and over	1	3	5	4	6	2
		2428	30 - 50 years	1	2	6	4	5	3
		2312	30 - 50 years	3	4	6	2	5	1
		2428	30 - 50 years	4	1	5	2	6	3
		2428	30 - 50 years	1	2	6	5	3	4
		2430	51 years and over	5	6	4	2	3	1
		2428	30 - 50 years	1	6	2	3	5	4
		2430	30 - 50 years	1	5	2	6	3	4
		2430	30 - 50 years	6	5	4	1	2	3
		2430	18 - 29 years	1	2	3	6	4	5
		2428	30 - 50 years	4	1	5	3	6	2
		2430	30 - 50 years	1	5	3	4	6	2
		2325	30 - 50 years	1	3	5	2	6	4
		2428	2 - 5 years	5	1	3	4	6	2
		2428	30 - 50 years	3	2	5	4	6	1
		2428	30 - 50 years	6	1	5	4	3	2
		2430	13 - 17 years	4	2	6	1	5	3
		2430	18 - 29 years	2	4	6	1	5	3
		2312	51 years and over	2	5	4	3	6	1

████████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	4	1	6	5	2	3
████	██████	2430	30 - 50 years	2	3	6	5	4	1
██████	████	2428	30 - 50 years	4	1	5	6	3	2
████	████████	2428	30 - 50 years	2	5	4	3	6	1
████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	5	2	6	1	3	4
████	██████	2428	51 years and over	2	3	6	4	5	1
████	████	2428	51 years and over	1	2	6	3	5	4
████	██████	2428	13 - 17 years	3	1	2	5	6	4
██████	██████	2429	30 - 50 years	2	5	3	4	6	1
████	██████	2428	18 - 29 years	1	4	6	2	5	3
████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	3	5	2	4	6	1
██████	████████	2430	18 - 29 years	2	3	5	6	4	1
████	██████	2428	18 - 29 years	1	2	3	4	5	6
████	██████	2428	51 years and over	5	1	6	3	4	2
██████	████████	2428	30 - 50 years	3	1	6	2	5	4
████	████████	2428	18 - 29 years	1	6	5	2	4	3
██████	-	2430	6 - 12 years	2	1	4	3	6	5
██████	██████	2430	30 - 50 years	3	2	5	1	6	4
████████	████nston	2428	18 - 29 years	4	2	5	3	6	1
████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	1	3	5	4	6	2
████	████████	2102	18 - 29 years	3	5	4	1	6	2
██████	████████	2428	30 - 50 years	5	1	4	3	6	2
████████	████	2428	30 - 50 years	2	1	5	4	6	3
████████	████	2428	30 - 50 years	1	6	3	2	5	4
████	██████	2428	18 - 29 years	3	1	4	5	6	2
██████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	3	2	6	4	5	1
████	████████	2430	30 - 50 years	1	2	4	6	3	5
██████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	1	2	3	5	6	4
████	████████	2428	6 - 12 years	2	1	5	4	6	3
██████	████	2428	30 - 50 years	4	1	6	3	5	2
██████	██████	2300	30 - 50 years	5	3	4	1	6	2
████	████████	2430	30 - 50 years	3	1	5	2	6	4
██████	██████	2428	30 - 50 years	2	6	4	1	5	3



		2440	13 - 17 years	1	2	3	5	6	4
		2428	30 - 50 years	1	4	6	2	5	3
		2428	30 - 50 years	2	3	5	1	6	4
		2428	18 - 29 years	6	4	2	3	5	1
		2428	30 - 50 years	6	5	4	3	2	1
		2428	51 years and over	1	2	3	5	6	4
		2430	30 - 50 years	1	3	5	6	4	2
		2428	18 - 29 years	4	1	3	2	5	6
		2428	30 - 50 years	3	2	5	4	6	1
		2428	30 - 50 years	1	4	6	3	5	2
		2428	30 - 50 years	4	2	5	6	3	1
		2428	30 - 50 years	2	4	5	6	3	1
		2430	30 - 50 years	5	1	4	3	6	2
		2428	30 - 50 years	2	4	5	1	6	3
		2428	30 - 50 years	3	1	6	5	2	4
		2428	30 - 50 years	1	3	6	2	4	5
		2428	30 - 50 years	3	5	4	2	6	1
		2430	30 - 50 years	6	1	4	2	5	3
		2428	30 - 50 years	2	1	5	3	4	6
		2428	30 - 50 years	6	1	4	3	5	2
		2428	30 - 50 years	1	4	5	6	3	2
		2430	30 - 50 years	2	5	4	3	6	1
		2430	30 - 50 years	3	1	5	6	4	2
		2430	18 - 29 years	1	6	3	2	4	5
		2428	51 years and over	2	6	3	1	4	5
		4570	30 - 50 years	6	2	4	5	3	1
		2428	30 - 50 years	3	2	5	4	6	1
		2428	6 - 12 years	5	4	6	1	3	2
		2420	51 years and over	1	4	2	3	5	6
		2430	18 - 29 years	5	2	4	6	3	1
		2428	18 - 29 years	5	1	4	6	3	2
		2428	30 - 50 years	1	4	6	2	5	3
		2430	18 - 29 years	3	1	4	2	6	5

		2430	18 - 29 years	2	3	5	1	4	6
		2430	18 - 29 years	3	6	1	2	5	4
		2428	30 - 50 years	2	4	5	1	6	3
		2428	51 years and over	2	4	6	3	5	1
		2428	30 - 50 years	5	1	2	3	6	4
		2428	30 - 50 years	4	1	5	6	3	2
		2428	30 - 50 years	4	3	5	2	6	1
		2428	30 - 50 years	4	2	5	3	6	1
		2430	30 - 50 years	2	3	6	4	5	1
		2430	6 - 12 years	6	2	1	4	3	5
		2428	18 - 29 years	6	3	4	2	5	1
		2428	18 - 29 years	4	2	6	1	5	3
		2428	30 - 50 years	3	2	4	5	6	1
		2422	30 - 50 years	3	2	5	1	6	4
		2428	6 - 12 years	6	1	5	3	4	2
		2430	30 - 50 years	3	2	4	5	6	1
		2430	30 - 50 years	3	2	4	5	6	1
		2428	18 - 29 years	6	3	4	1	5	2
		2428	30 - 50 years	5	6	4	1	3	2
		2430	51 years and over	2	1	4	3	6	5
		2430	30 - 50 years	2	5	3	4	6	1
		2430	18 - 29 years	5	1	4	6	3	2
		2430	30 - 50 years	6	4	1	2	5	3
		2428	30 - 50 years	5	2	6	3	4	1
		2428	51 years and over	2	1	6	3	5	4
		2430	6 - 12 years	1	2	3	4	6	5
		2428	18 - 29 years	2	3	6	4	5	1
		2428	30 - 50 years	1	3	4	5	6	2
		2428	30 - 50 years	5	2	4	3	6	1
		2428	18 - 29 years	3	2	6	4	5	1
		2428	30 - 50 years	3	1	2	4	6	5
		2428	30 - 50 years	3	4	6	5	2	1
		2428	51 years and over	4	2	5	3	6	1



[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2171	30 - 50 years	1	3	2	4	5	6
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2428	30 - 50 years	2	6	4	3	5	1
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2428	51 years and over	3	4	6	5	2	1
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2428	30 - 50 years	4	2	6	3	5	1
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2428	51 years and over	1	5	3	2	6	4
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2428	51 years and over	2	4	3	1	5	6

Please let us know if you would like another type of play equipment:	Would you like us to keep you updated on this project:		Your contact email address is:
	Yes	No	Open-Ended Response
Perhaps more natural surrounds like Steel Park near the cooks river. Lots of shade is a must for small children.	Yes		
A baby splash section would be great.		No	
Pool		No	
a small pool would be fantastic. And more shade sails.	Yes		
more water slides	Yes		
		No	
		No	
Swings		No	
		No	
		No	
	Yes		
Disability friendly equipment and access		No	
Toddler splash pool	Yes		
pool	Yes		
	Yes		
There are alot of young babies and toddlers in the area, I feel it's very crowded and not accomodating to small kids, it's all very crammed into the space, a free flowing design would be better. The south port water park on the Gold Coast is the best I've EVER seen. It should be looked at during your design process. There are	Yes		
N-a		No	
	Yes		
I think it all sounds great	Yes		
		No	
Somewhere for swimming. Something for older people to enjoy.	Yes		
A wading pool or swimming pool	Yes		
Pool		No	
Selection good	Yes		
None I can think of, a good variety is already listed.	Yes		

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

████████████████████

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

No

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

No

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

No

No

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

No

\_\_\_\_\_

No

No

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

No

\_\_\_\_\_

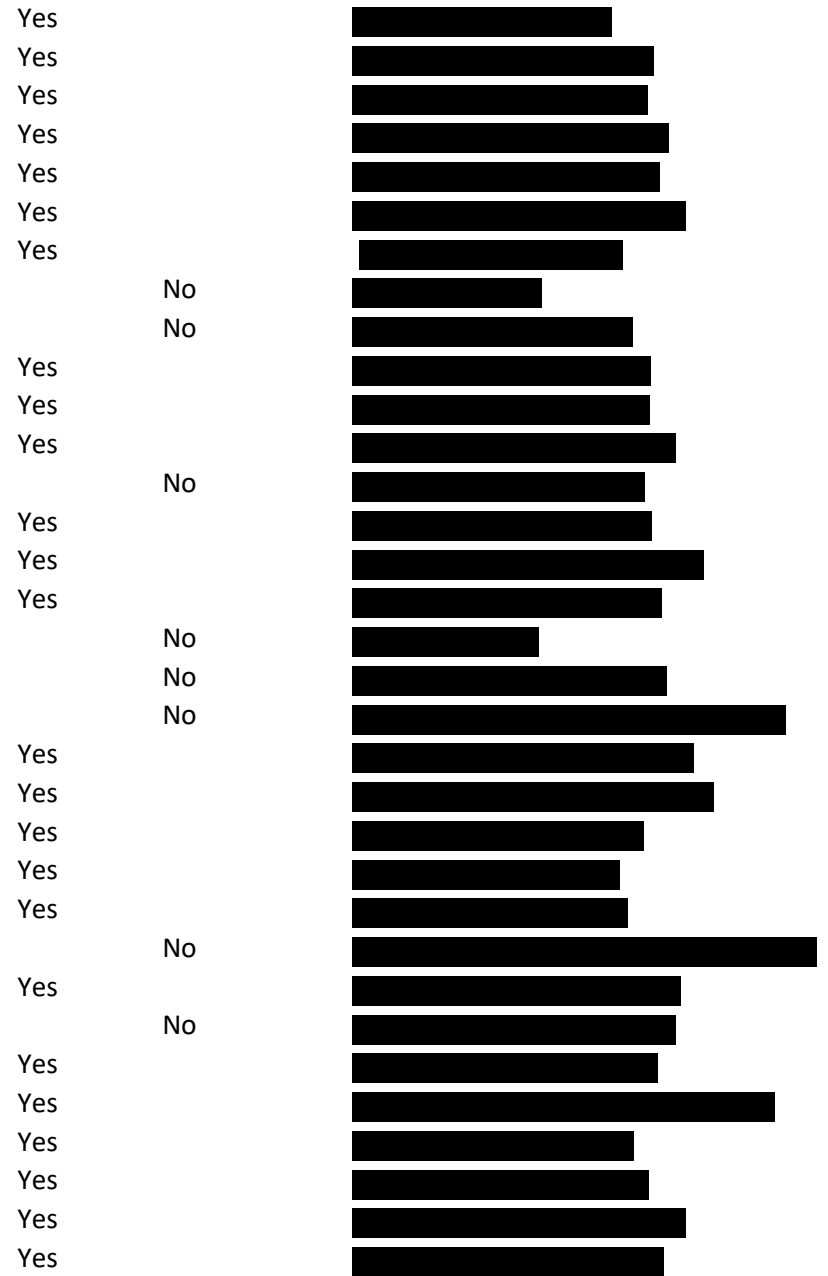


Looks great.	Yes		
Wheelchair water swings	Yes		
Moulded seats so people can sit with their grandkids and still get wet. Disability access definitely. Picnic area including bbq area. An accessible swimming pool definitely.	Yes		
Big slides		No	
Babies and toddlers playground (like blackhead)	Yes		
Toddler pool	Yes		
		No	
Giant water slide		No	
Rock climbing/bouldering wall over water		No	
		No	
Water slide and a pool		No	
Hot tub		No	
Cafe with hot food		No	
Eye friendly water		No	
		No	
		No	
Giant Slides		No	
Body Dryer		No	
Giant Log Ride		No	
		No	
small pool to the side (maybe for kids)		No	
Pool	Yes		
	Yes		
None		No	
		No	
Wading pool	Yes		
	Yes		
Water spouts that are button activated, they squirt up from the ground at intervals		No	
	Yes		
keep the existing pool or build a new one the same to continue providing a place for the disabled and elderly to swim safely.. not everyone can use the beach or lake	Yes		
Maybe more shaded areas giving people the option to spread out.	Yes		

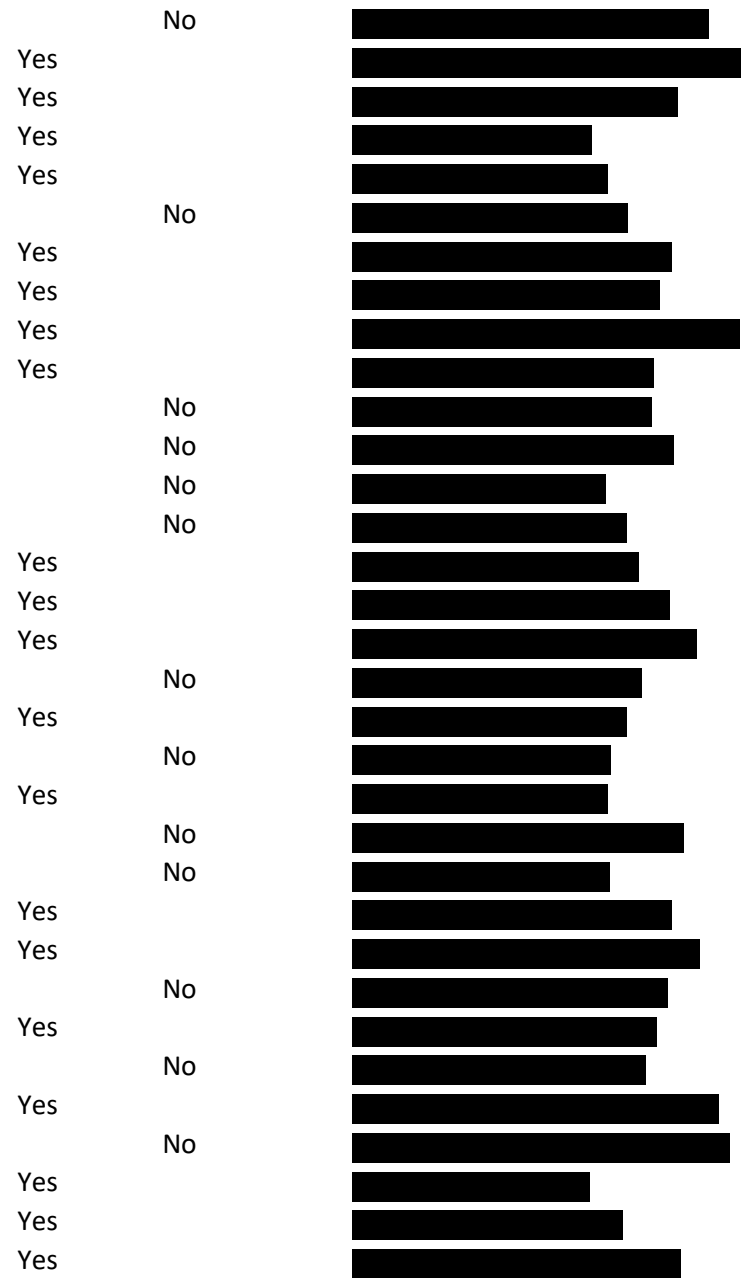
A 50-meter swimming pool	Yes		
The pool at Homebush Aquatic Centre has a great pool that whisks swimmers along in a current of water. My family have had hours of fun in this. (Like a whirl pool)	Yes		
Sprinklers from the ground that ensure the kids are continually being wet	Yes		
Circular net hammock-style swings.	Yes		
Swimming pool		No	
A pool! How can this all be properly done without a pool to replace the closed facility?	Yes		
Swimming pool	Yes		
A small pool.	Yes		
Shallow pool	Yes		
		No	
would like to keep the pool open for swimmers and learn to swim	Yes		
	Yes		
	Yes		
		No	
The Pirate Ship (Imagination Play) would make the water park a great destination attraction....along with all the other pirate theme equipment	Yes		
Small pool. Shade	Yes		
none	Yes		
Na	Yes		
Sunshade and bbq areas bubblers sanitizer station	Yes		
Pool		No	
Spray fountains, walk through spray arches,		No	
A beach style sloping access for aqua wheelchairs please & maybe some hand rails?	Yes		
		No	
	Yes		
more than one big slide	Yes		
	Yes		
		No	
No	Yes		

A Pool to swim safely in	Yes		
A shallow pool or pond area for toddlers splash pool	Yes		
		No	
	Yes		
no		No	
No		No	
	Yes		
Would be good if there was an area ONLY for toddlers (age limit apply) My concern is they'll get knocked over and put off by older kids	Yes		
Pool		No	
Looks fantastic!	Yes		
Yes	Yes		
Splash pool. Sound activated ground water jets	Yes		
More water area for family groups	Yes		
No		No	
Pool	Yes		
Paddling pool	Yes		
Badly needs a pool.	Yes		
Some safe area for mums with babies	Yes		
		No	
Music		No	
	Yes		
Put this in Taree this should not be at forster Taree has absolutely nothing and a crap park which i have 5 children an non like going there its crap		No	
	Yes		
	Yes		
	Yes		
	Yes		
	Yes		
	Yes		
		No	
		No	
	Yes		





	No	
Yes		
Yes		
	No	
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
	No	
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
	No	
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
Yes		
	No	
	No	
Yes		
Yes		





Yes

[REDACTED]

Yes

[REDACTED]

Yes

[REDACTED]

Yes

[REDACTED]

Yes

[REDACTED]

Yes

[REDACTED]

## Appendix 3

### Photos uploaded to webpage







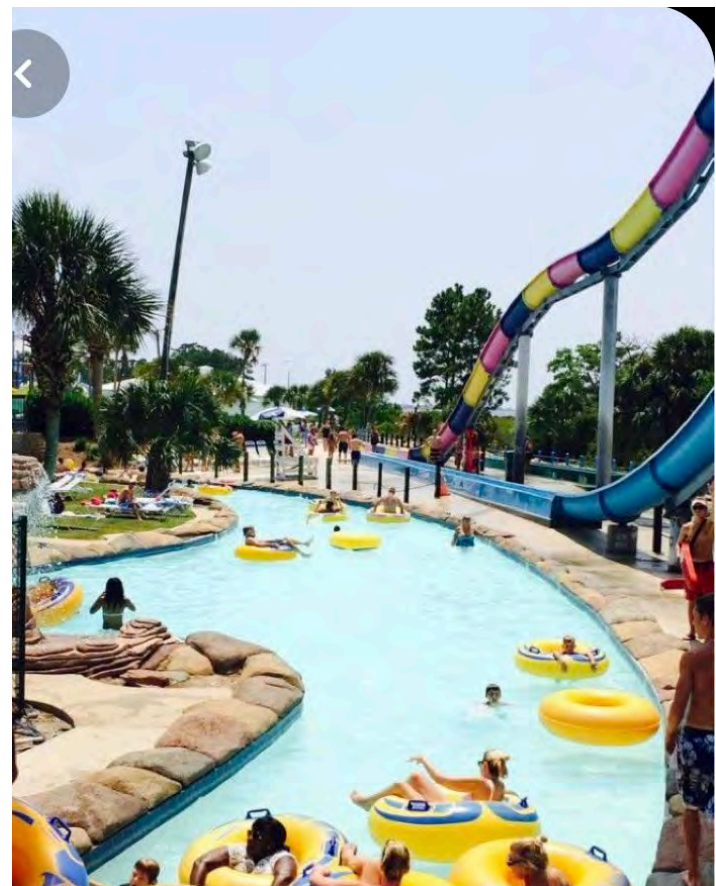
This is not only a playground, it is a pleasure for the eyes! The main motive for the design was to create a water playground within the landscape. The shape of the field is like a swimming pool — even the bottom color is blue — surrounded by wooden benches. Within the playground are aquatic toys and flower fountains that spray water. This is the perfect playground for children, especially on hot summer days. At night, LED bulbs create a beautiful new atmosphere.



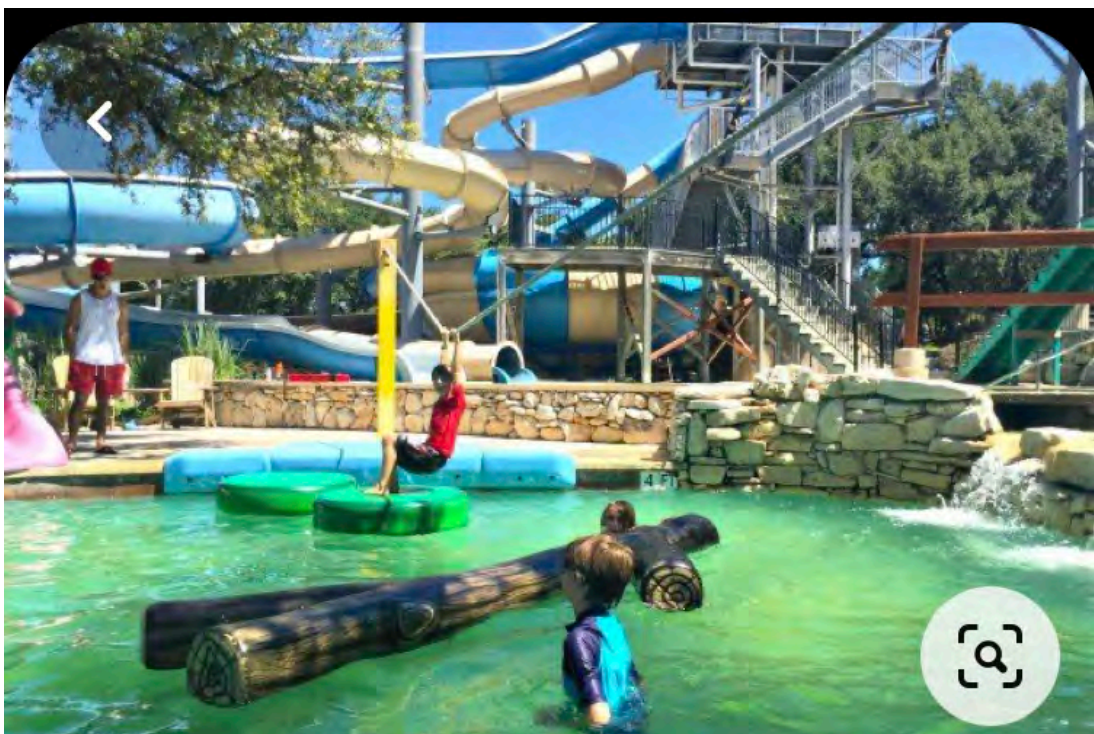
Water Playground, Tychy, Poland. Photo credit: Tomasz Zakrzewski / [archifolio.pl](http://archifolio.pl)







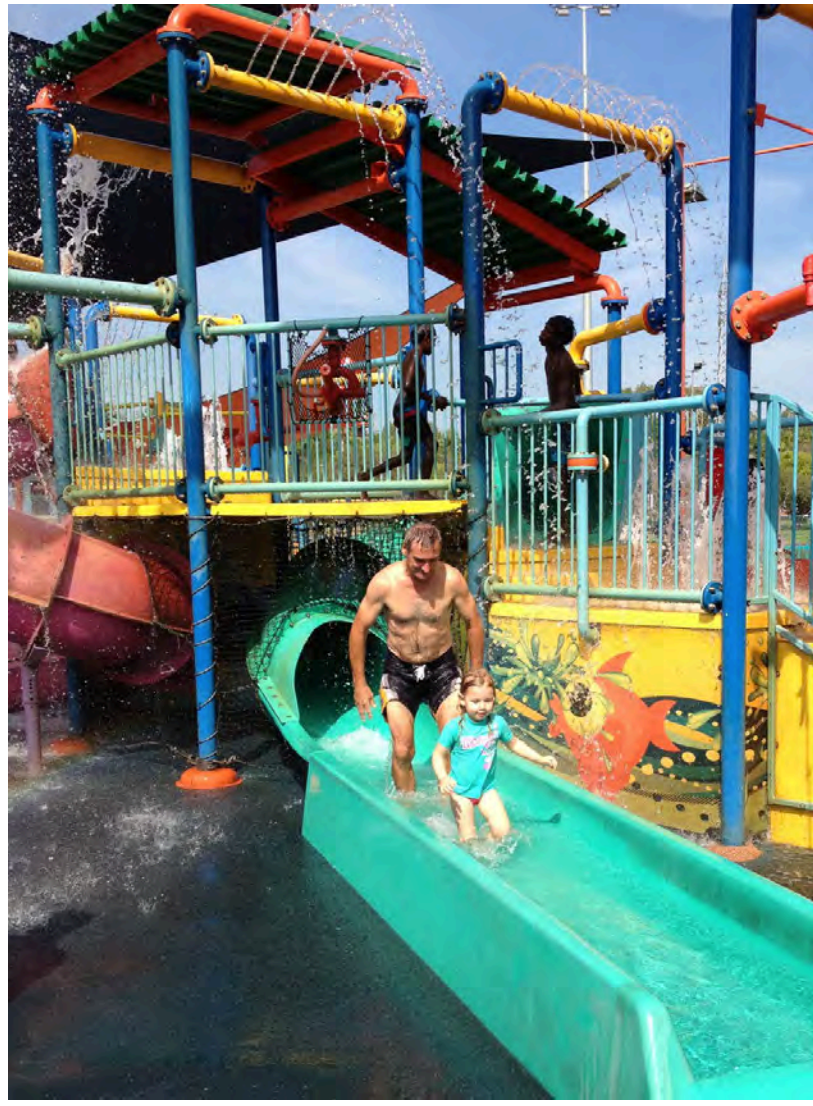




















## Appendix 4

# Focus group notes



# Accessibility & Inclusivity Focus Group Sessions

The accessibility and inclusivity sessions were offered to persons living with a disability, carers and disability organisations to provide an opportunity to focus on creating a water playground that encompasses the needs of our community.

During these sessions topics discussed where:

- Water playground equipment
- Toilet facilities
- Water playground design
- Recreation precinct design

## Session 1 9 December 2020

Attended by: Matt Zarb, carer of own child living with disability and representative of  
Dundaloo Support Services  
Pam Kingston – Dundaloo Support Services

## Session 2 9 December 2020

Attended by: Amanda, Darcy and Sigourney – Valley Industries

## Session 3 14 December 2020

Attended by: Glenyss and Laura – Early Connections  
Bob – Flourish

## Session 4 14 December 2020

Attended by: Kishna - Dundaloo Support Services  
Leslie - The Great Lakes Carers Action Network and Dundaloo Support  
Services  
Belinda – Samaritans and carer of her own two childing living with disability  
Jody Morris – Guide Dogs NSW

## Water Playground

### Slide

Smaller wide slide that an adult would be able to go down with the child.

### Splash pad area

Splash pads need to be separate from the big buckets so that little kids or other kids/people that may be overwhelmed easily can use it and play in the water without being in the chaos.

### Water Cannons

Varying ways to activate equipment will help people with motor skills and teach them the mechanics – push, pull, twist as not all persons have the strength to pull a trigger and manoeuvre equipment.

Suggestion of a foot activated trigger in addition to hand operated.

### Bucket

Clearly identify under and around the bucket that this is a wet, loud area with markings on the ground.

## Considerations for persons living with a disability

### Signage

- Use both images and words on all signage that is suitable for all ages
- Quieter zones and direct people to an area that may be a gentler entry rather than walking directly into an area of loud sound and chaos.
- Providing a space that has quieter areas with pathways that lead away or to the crowded louder areas

### Walking areas and pathways

- Different coloured zones for different meanings eg. wet, dry, loud, quiet
- Wide concrete paths from the carpark to the park
- Soft fall material
- Create paths using colours with activities eg. hopscotch for those not engaging in waterplay
- Wheelchair access to a slide or one that is on ground level that is on side of mound and naturally falls to a lower level

**Vision Impairment**, a push button may not be enough to activate areas and trigger activity for a person with vision impairment. Consideration for auditory queues such as:

- Countdown
- Traffic lights
- For people with low vision – using colour purposefully rather than just random colours – indication of where you are based on the colour of the ground – having something of the ground to alert you that you are approaching a seat or a slide or something that your cane will hit before you yourself hits it
- Using texture on the ground to indicate to people with low vision that they are in a 'danger zone' - do they have it in soft fall – audible things and visual things for deaf and blind to queue them
- Have an audio signal to show that something is about to turn on
- Wind dials throughout the park

## Suggested equipment and areas

**Misting area** with very gentle spray suitable for persons in wheelchairs or those who do not want to be completely wet but can still enjoy the sensation of water and interactive play.

**Dish/Liberty Swing** for all abilities. The swing can be calming and also means more than one person can be on at one time, if low enough to the ground then anyone could access it, move from their chair to the swing and could also have misting abilities.

### Low sensory / Quiet zone

- Softer and more gentle water space
- People can get a water response without it being too aggressive
- Can be a soft entry for people to be exposed to water play
- The sensory items in the soft space could echo the larger play area but just on a gentler scale
- Interactive play equipment
- Area of the playground where water can be played with in a low sensory environment
- Allows participants to explore in a safe way at their baseline
- This will suit young kids and adults
- Breakout zones for carers, participants, family and persons in general that still has things to do in that area eg. noughts and crosses in Forster Main Street or a little car track painted on the ground, interactive equipment in garden beds, on retaining walls etc

### Wheelchair

- The provision of air-powered and water-resistant wheelchairs to be hired by people or stored and accessed by MLAK key (not all persons have access to this type of chair which will prevent them from using the facility)
- Token for wheelchair usage with a bond or rent the wheelchairs out like airport trolleys can be accessed

## Fencing

- Maybe have a barrier to the skatepark to prevent people running over to it – this could be in the form of Art. Russell Saunders creates amazing screens and wooden carvings that could be used – similar to out the front of Centrelink in Taree – could also be a climbing area/barrier
- Areas that are fenced provide greater opportunity for more families to attend that have persons that flee or are very fast.
- Having fully enclosed fencing enables carers to ensure safety of participants and family members when they may be assisting other persons with disability
- Shrubs and seating could be used as a barrier
- Along Recreation Lane would need some fencing
- Shrubs and seating to create a barrier between the skate park

## Toilet facilities

- Somewhere to sit nearby outside while persons change
- Personal care room for people with disability that will include everything they need:
  - adult change table
  - ceiling hoist
  - sanitary bins
  - toilet
  - shower + soap dispenser
  - access with MLAK key

- Wider toilets than what is built at the Bullring, these are very narrow and not easily used when assisting persons with disability
- Good lighting - you need lots of light in the amenities
- Toilets that have washbasin inside the cubicle
- Size of amenities block; if they are too busy it might be very overwhelming for some kids
- Preference for unisex facilities
- Hand dryers should not be right at the door, can trigger people if set off
- Showers would benefit from being wide enough to fit two adults or multiple kids
- Toilets do not necessarily need to be disabled but need to be

## Precinct

- Where the amenities are currently planned is too far away from the rest of the precinct, this is a huge trek back to the toilets and could be the difference between a participant having an accident
- Toilets are too far for people with children or persons with disability
- Toilets need to be more centralised or another one toilet available
- Need for two toilet blocks or a more centralised block
- Need a second amenities; one with change room over near the water playground and a toilet block in another area
- Safety for an amenities block straight off or near a carpark with no fence is questionable, are people going to feel safe using it
- Amenities flooring could be different colour to indicate slower zone
- Talk to OT about **zones of regulation** to assist with zoning areas to link emotion zones in with the zones of play eg. Alert program (about body regulation, how fast is your engine running, red is really fast, green is just right zone)
- The noise of the amenities block can be pretty overwhelming for kids with sensory processing – design of the materials could reduce the noise
- Change room stalls that you can close the door and bench for personal items, if some kids have PIC feeding or colostomy bags etc their carers might want somewhere private
- Consider storage area, lockers for equipment needs for people that really can't get wet ie splints
- Seating near the facilities so people can sit and put their splints etc on
- Wide entry
- Polished metal that looks like a mirror
- The current design means you need to walk via the waterpark to use the toilets, you may not want to be near this area or potentially get wet
- Main change sheds and toilets go near the picnic area – and leave a small one where near water playground.
- Separate toilet block to avoid people using change rooms
- Companion cards, subsidy program, investigate them covering the usage cost of the wheelchairs
- Vending machines
- The shade around tables and BBQs need to have a wide enough circumference that it will cover people in wheelchairs who are sitting at the tables eg One Mile is a good model for the size of roofing required
- Bike safety track needs to be wide enough for wheelchairs
- Bubblers to be provided

## Road Access

- Access on to Manning Street from Point Road will be difficult and cause bank ups
- Limited parking in Taree Street which is already used by residents
- Better design for intersection of Point Road and Manning Street to avoid congestion



- Slow down of traffic from Lone Pine Park and boat ramp, dangerous area for pedestrians

## General feedback

- This waterpark will be a place for people to have fun but also do therapy
- Enjoyable for families and less anxiety than visiting the pool
- Opportunity for people in wheelchairs to enjoy water play
- How do we stop people from vandalising? Suggested very public signs indicating surveillance
- 'It is going to be so valued by the community'
- 'As a support worker, it is hard to find fun and safe activities to do with participants'
- Going to be good for early intervention and a safe supportive environment to have good experiences with things such as noise and water
- Having the facility open will make it easier for people to enter wherever they like
- Security – make sure it is monitored
- It will put us on the map for people who want to go on holiday with family member with different needs
- Pedestrian connectivity to Lone Pine and back to Tuncurry – if the road is raised to tell the cars to slow down, if the road and the path are the same height it can be very dangerous for people with low vision or blind – so it is better to change the texture – as long as there is a row of tactile markers before the road so people don't walk out onto the road
- Tamworth is a great example of an inclusive water playground
- Barbecue areas will allow groups to spend the day there and go in off peak times to avoid crowds
- Great precinct idea if you get the design right

## Appendix 5

### One on one meeting notes

Key stakeholder meeting held at Tuncurry Memorial Hall with hall committee on 16 December 2020.

Persons in attendance:

Daniel Aldridge, Koran North representing Midcoast Council

Beryl, Nyaree, Ann, George, Liz and Peter representing hall committee

## Notes

### Building

- Water issue/drainage
- Hidden undercover areas that create area for vandalism
- Current amenities block is too close to hall and people can climb across
- Suggest solar panels that can be erected on hall roof
- Supper room possibly turned into a coffee shop
- Open hall for parties/events in precinct
- Beautify the hall, spruce up

### Perimeter around hall

- Prefer area to be open and spacious
- Open space at rear of the building (for future development of hall)
- Retain footpath down side of hall between hall and current pool
- Sewerage works
  - Issues/blockages
  - Connect pipework to front of street
  - Consult with the hall when doing the sewer
  - Connect to mains supply

### Parking

Need to retain parking spaces for the hall and regular users of hall

Fully accessible toilet

- Hoist
- Storage for a beach wheelchair for use
- Adult change table

### During construction

Ensure easy access and provide advanced notice for demolition works. Keep informed of construction stages.

### General comments

Support hall to seek grant funding for painting. Building on Crown Land, not community hall. Reschedule a meeting when concept precinct plans are updated.



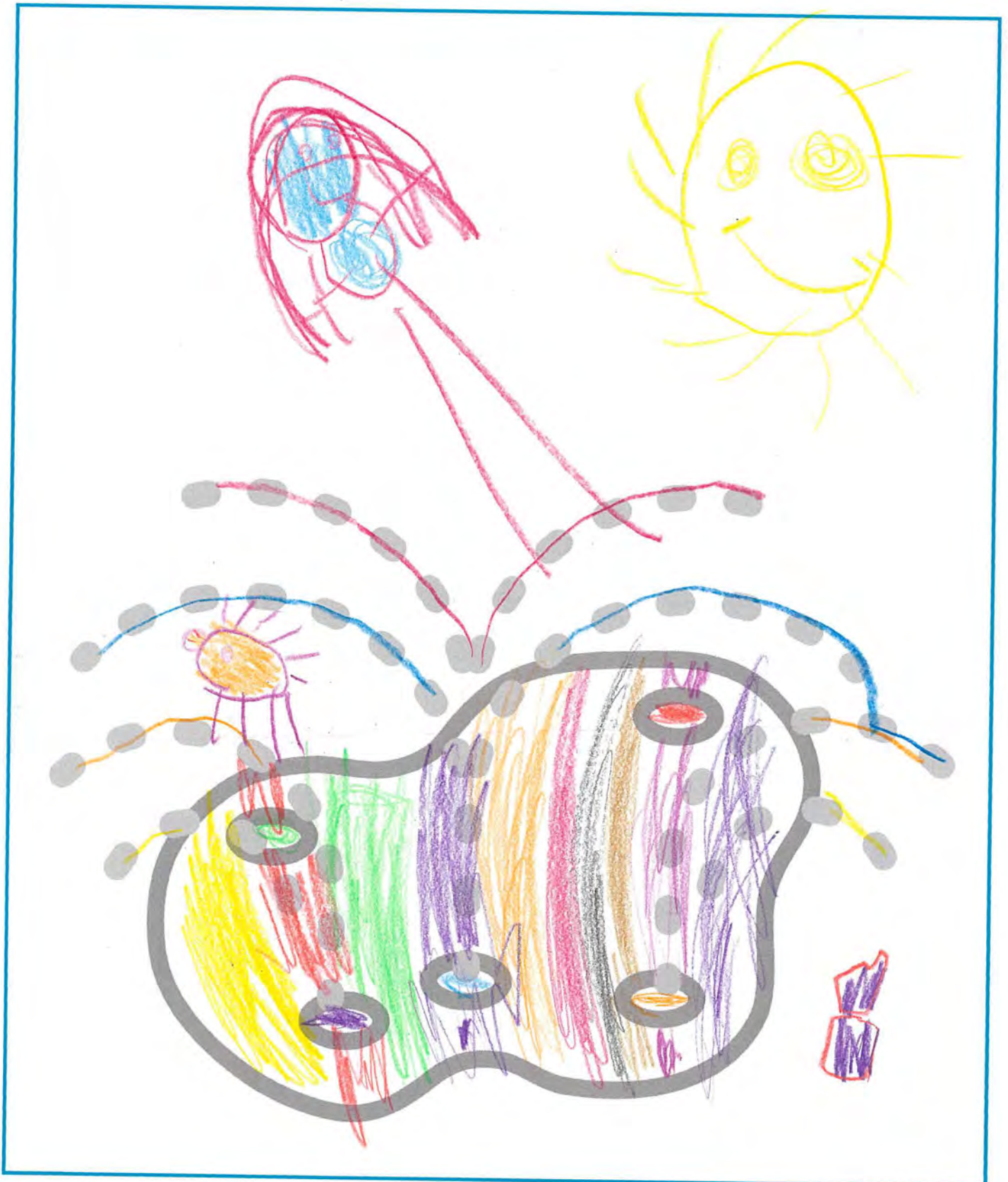
# Appendix 6

## Colouring-in voting

Over 300 colouring-in voting pages were submitted. One copy of each of the waterplay equipment is provided on the following pages.

My name is:

Ivie



tuncurry  
WATER PLAYGROUND

[midcoast.nsw.gov.au/waterpark](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/waterpark)



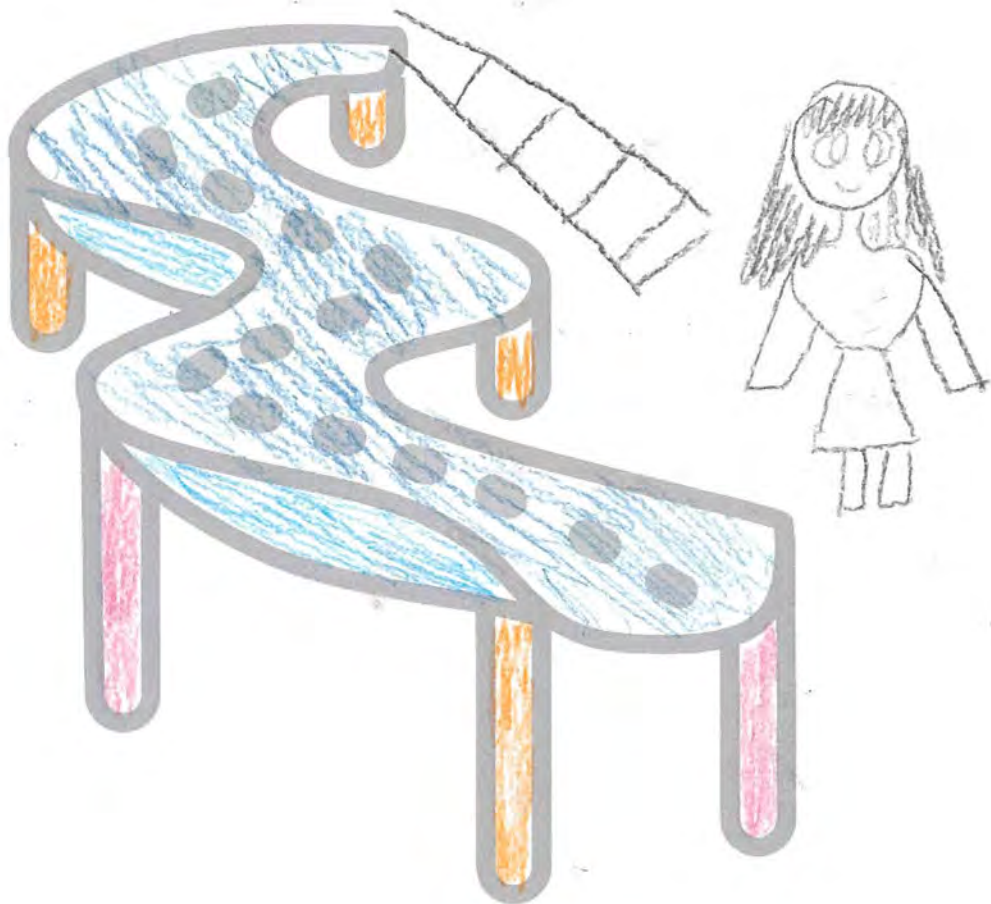
SCAN ME

My name is:





My name is: *Maria*



My name is: *Kirsty-lee*







**MIDCOAST**  
council

My name is: *MyeSha*



**tuncurry**  
WATER PLAYGROUND

[midcoast.nsw.gov.au/waterpark](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/waterpark)



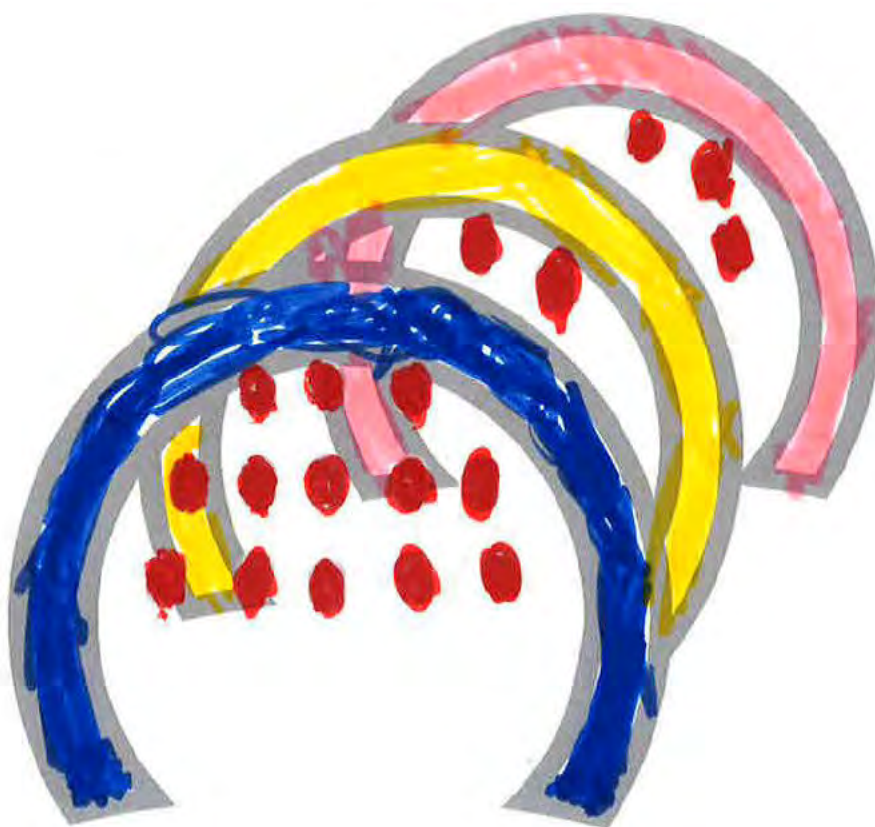
SCAN ME





**MIDCOAST**  
council

My name is: *Shelby*



**tuncurry**  
WATER PLAYGROUND

[midcoast.nsw.gov.au/waterpark](https://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/waterpark)



SCAN ME

# Appendix 7

## Submissions

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: ECM - tasks - FW: Complaint or Feedback Form Submission  
**Date:** Thursday, 18 February 2021 4:11:27 PM

---

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 18 October 2020 5:28 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: ECM - tasks - FW: Complaint or Feedback Form Submission

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

I have attached a few photos of the water park and outdoor pool at Warringah Aquatic Centre on Sydney's northern beaches. As I explained this is where I have been working as a swim teacher for a long time and they installed this facility a few years back. There was a wading pool in this area originally.

It is well patronised as it has picnic areas as well as the 25m outdoor pool. This is the only one I can think of on the northern beaches.

If you would like to contact the facility manager, her name is [REDACTED], I am sure that she would be happy to chat to you on what they did ect.

I look forward to hearing from you when the community consultation process will commence.

All the best

[REDACTED]

On Fri, Sep 25, 2020 at 4:16 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

Sorry for the delay in responding.



The water playground is a component of a larger project for Fazio Park. Other elements will include new amenities, a children's traffic awareness course, BBQ's and picnic tables.

Community engagement will commence in November.

Kind regards,


[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[MCC Website](#)



[REDACTED]

[www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au) or follow us 



---

**From:** OpenForms [<mailto:noreply@openforms.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, 21 August 2020 11:55 AM  
**To:** MidCoast Council  
**Subject:** Complaint or Feedback Form Submission

















## Complaint or Feedback Form Submission

Question	Response
Feedback type	Feedback
Details	
Please give the details of your complaint or feedback (maximum length 3000 characters).	I wish to make a submission regarding the re-development of the Tuncurry Pool. It would be a great asset to the broader community and to tourist who visit the area that the pool be updated, the splash pad attached the pool area, and then have an overall masterplan to create a recreation precinct linking all the elements from the playground area, skate park, bike path links, pool and splash pad including BBQ's picnic shelters ect. This area is in need of an update and all these elements must be considered. There are many senior residents who use the pool facility as they can't afford the Aquatic Centre or they have no means of transport to get there. Many young families enjoy using the pool as it is a safe space for the children to learn to swim and water safety. I would like to be informed on when the community consultation will commence so that the whole community is informed and involved with such a project. It is important to cater for all and give Tuncurry a great recreation facility for the future.
You can attach relevant documents or photos below:	
Outcome sought	
What do you want to happen for your complaint to be resolved? (maximum length	I would like to be informed when the consultation process will happen and if there is a focus group to assist staff I would like to be involved with this group. I have many years of working in local government in the recreation area and also as swim teacher/trainer and volunteer organisation focused on swimming and water safety for disadvantaged and CALD communities. An initial phone call to confirm that this request/feedback has been

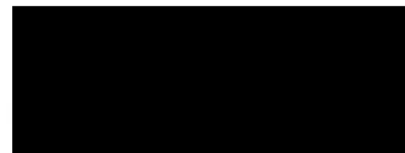
3000 characters).	received would be much appreciated and the contact for the project.
Your details	
Your name	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]
Contact telephone number(s)	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
Privacy notice	
Privacy notice acknowledgement	I acknowledge the Privacy Notice outlined above

--

[REDACTED]



Midcoast Council  
Breeze Parade  
Forster NSW 2428



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

To Whom it may concern

**Re: Tuncurry Community Pool and New Tuncurry Water Playground**

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a [REDACTED] I have been using the Tuncurry pool for many years firstly as a child when visiting my Grandparents and now as an adult and permanent Tuncurry resident.

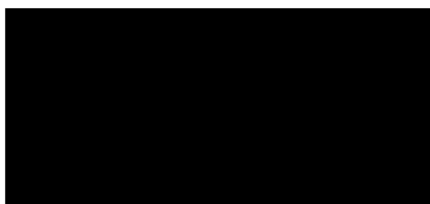
My disability includes mobility and strength problems which requires me to do regular physio with support from my therapist and Midcoast Assist support workers and I use the Tuncurry pool for this therapy.

As a Disability Support pensioner, I find the \$6.50 entry fee to the YMCA indoor pool in Forster an expense that I can't always afford as would many other pensioners. Transport to Forster is not always available to me so access to the Forster Bullring or indoor pool for me is mostly limited.

**I would very much like to see the existing pool upgraded to meet current safety and operational standards with ramps and handles for improved disabled access as part of the new water park, or a new pool built. I would also hope that plenty of shaded seating areas could be provided.**

I hope my suggestions will be considered and a free community pool will be part of councils plans for the new Tuncurry water playground. I would also appreciate a written response to the above address.

Yours sincerely



## Appendix 8

# Disability accessibility and inclusion responses

**Q. Please comment if you have ideas on how we can ensure the water playground is suitable for all abilities, and is an accessible and inclusive facility?**

The pool that is already there should be upgraded and included in the plan for local residents

Paid employees to maintain. Paid employees to monitor water play. Paid Security Company when park is closed to ensure no damage / vandalism / disrespect

You need some type of access for children in wheel chairs to get between each item and ramp into the new deep pool . This entire new facility should be designed with disability children in mind first because other able bodied children will fit around them , BUT please give us back a deep pool and hopefully bigger because all ages use it and the water park I feel will be a 5 min wonder until the novelty wears off and how many times is it going to be vandalized? If your being real about the issues

Ramps into water

To be inclusive for older people there should be a small pool as the one you have already closed. Why didn't you leave it for summer as you have not started yet???

Different areas for different ages e.g. 2-6 years in one area and 7upwards in another area

Easy single level access and ramps

To be inclusive there should be a small Pool for older residents to enjoy a deeper water pool area and where young children can do more than run in and out of water. This was the ideal area at the pool you have closed already leaving local residents no close pool facility

I would love to see the pool remain as well.

One side small slide for younger age group, Notice: play at your own risk, parents to keep an eye on small children specially when older groups are around...etc

What about elderly residents

It should be in Taree not as Taree is much further from the ocean and hotter in summer. Taree residents have nothing.

What about elderly residents

Maybe a quiet calm zone. Also bbq area to take toddlers through to elderly. Close, close close to be able to supervise children. No bushes/ trees to limited vision!

Children having fun is great for everyone, give the oldies a seat and boom



Fully fenced perimeter. This is to allow for a safe environment for all abilities play. This is something often over looked in our local parks. Especially in a road side and lakeside location a fence would allow excitable children a safer playing location. Children with many disabilities can lack understanding in regards to personal safety.

Bigger slides

Wheelchair accessible playground with a chair available for use.

A swimming pool (like the one which was there)for the older generation and teenagers

The younger children's section completely seperated from older children's area

Additions of a pool

Taking away the existing pool makes this not suitable for all abilities as it is not including the older people that use the pool for the exercise and recreation

Pool with hoist. Tables with roll on side access for wheelchairs

Can adults elderly use it?

Install a giant swing for children in wheelchairs with carer-controlled water 'jets'; hand railings and pavement with 'readable' bumps for visually impaired; a quieter space with a fountain in the middle and seating around it; and a flying fox on the opposite side to the quiet area.

A pool for all ages

Frequent toilet cleaning

Nil

Flat level surfaces with shade!

Have areas that are quieter or naturally would have less people in there, as some children with special needs will need a space to be able to calm

Older residents and disabled residents need to be considered. Older residents are the majority of ratepayers.

Please include smaller slides for toddlers as well as larger slides both opened and closed for older kids

Consult with some experts in this field to make sure all people with all accessibility challenges can be catered for. One level, smooth underfoot/underwheel and wheelchair accessible tables and viewing areas

Look at models such as 'boundless' in the ACT. You shouldn't need to start from scratch.

No stairs

No stairs

playground should be on a raised platform with ramp access.

Pool

Yes

Still a pool for bombs

Make skatepark smooth

ok

Include a deep water area or pool otherwise it is not inclusive as the council makes out

A swimming pool should remain as it is used by residents & holiday makers of all ages. From parents teaching their children to swim up to the elderly having exercise classes to residents as myself taking our grandchildren to have an afternoon swim. It is a must that a pool be included

Soft flooring

Mobility access for wheel chairs (Children and adults, supported seating required for people with limited movement, areas for quiet and multi-sensory play.

Wheelchair accessibility to access hoops, water cannons, splash pad, pool for swimmers/ community access

Fencing around the playground, meaning families do not have to worry if children abscond

Use of good contrast colours to delineate areas. Use of tactile ground surface indicators to mark hazards and locations. Use of sensory elements including sound and smells. Use of landscaping to section off different areas. Pedestrian connectivity is very important for people who do not drive .. linking from bus stops and local streets in Tuncurry to reduce reliance on driving to the location.

Unsure at this time

Nearby parking with smooth surface. Activities for little children as well as adults. Open every day and free to use. Soft matting under feet

Contact local occupational therapists and physiotherapists as they would have a good range of ideas on what the people they support need.

Soft flooring

Ample disability parking

Safe for kids by making it so adults seating are placed to make it easier to watch their kids while they can to relax and enjoy watching their kids have fun

I don't have any I think it perfect

A baby part

No steps, ramps according guidelines

No steps, parking etc

Please see butchers paper

Disability change rooms. Ceiling hoist, textures and sensory items

Refer to planning

Non slip, Colour coded (Wet area, dry area), Rubber soft flooring, Wheel chair accessible to all areas, disabled bathrooms. Quieter space with softer water play for sensory needs for young ASD participants.

Use visual and sensory prompts to indicate different spaces and to communicate and enhance experiences of that zone. Have defined spaces and paths to spaces. Ensure quiet spaces are available that echo the immediate and broader environments. Soft ground material, no ledges or drops

Pool essential for all age groups. Learn to swim, elderly and disabled.

Ramp and water wheelchair that goes through the water

Pool facility

Designed for all ages andD abilities

Keep the pool

Parking close by



While the concept is good I feel that not enough consideration has been given to the seniors in the area. There is a large percentage of the population in this area who cannot or do not want to use the beaches and this removes the pool for them. This pool is used as a rehab pool along with children learning to swim and also after school children. It is important to have facilities for all generations and abilities. Some health conditions exclude people from using sea pools and walking on sand is also an issue for some. This pool has been so handy for so many locals.

Talk to people living with disability.

No steps rails where necessary

Quiet zone

Allow wheelchairs to also use easily

Ramps, pool

A wade pool for elderly

CCTV, disability slide,

Ramps to access equipment

Ramps

Disability access, Something for teenagers

Beach wheelchair

Quieter area without too much water

Smooth ground

I don't really know

Join pool and kids area Resurface skatepark

No

I do not

Seated areas in the water zone for adults to sit in while watching children

The splash pad needs to have paths that are wheelchair wide and non slip surfaces. Maybe ramps through the water course

Have wheelchair access to suitable playground areas

Eye friendly water

A kinda big slide so old kids can have fun as well cause there is nothing to do for teenagers in this town

Great for able bodied kids, but those with a disability will miss out or find it difficult. So it isn't an accessible or inclusive facility

Have an area for younger/crawling children separate from the bigger kids area. Big kids will run around and toddlers become speed bumps.

This is only for family so everyone that don't have children will be excluded we need a pool for the 50s and over so they can exercise because the aquatic centre is too expensive and the surf is too dangerous

Disabled access. Pool

If u must build it build it near not instead of the existing pool.

Needs to include a pool for older kids as well.

Nothing it sounds good as it is

Put in a fenced off pool, you only have this park designed for young kids, what about the older ones that are too big for a splash pool? How can a family have a day out if not all the kids can enjoy?

Car parking space

Ramps, non slip surfaces, grab rails

Lifeguard on duty to monitor people

Reasonable admission price

A larger slide like the blue one in picture will give older siblings and the more adventurous something a little more exciting to enjoy. The younger and less able look like they have multiple areas they will enjoy/have access too.

Disability ramp

A permanent facility manager onsite. Banning troublemakers.

Not suitable for the elderly!

That it receives regular ongoing maintenance.

Have a look at Townsville and Cairns

Disability access/wheelchair access to be considered please

Flat ground

Where the old brass plaque going to mounted, I suggest to be mounted to the side of Tuncurry Hall.

Yes I want to be included in suggestions please

Definitely need a perimeter fence to make sure kids don't walk into the road. Bubblers / drink refill and shade both over the water and for parent seating are also definitely.

Wheelchair access with ramps

Bad idea beside the skate park. Unsupervised teenagers. Cameras will be needed. Vandalism etc noise for existing residents.

I like the idea of Tamworth's water park in particular for the kids of between 0-3, on top of your existing ideas. As a parent having a place where you can let your young 0-3 child roam and enjoy the water without there being a danger of deep water. The park in central Tamworth has a water fountain/park that feeds a section of concrete with channels that allow water to flow, my young ones just explored and played in the inch high water it made it relaxing event as a parent without the need to feel obliged to monitor non stop compared to a pool etc. I could honestly say it would be a fantastic side of things for parents alone at home with young children to get out of the house every day to spend some energy and relax with a coffee

My son is disabled and smooth cement paths with some grab rails and ramps

Beach entry for disabled access - as pictured above.

Be wonderful to have facilities for the disabled

Have a variety of objects for different abilities for example some low jumping equipment for those unable to climb and pull themselves up easily. Have appropriate fencing or enclosed areas for children that need to be closely supervised or kept safe.

Provide space between each activity type to allow wheelchair access. Some seating at the edge of the ground sprays that will get the spray occasionally so as to encourage those less confident to engage in waterplay.

CCTV cameras linked back to Forster police station. Heated water in winter. Some handrails at water egress points

A sandy beach entry with gradual depth would allow all ages and abilities



Possibly include sensory play for kids with autism.

Taree needs this no wonder there is crime going up Taree gets nothing for Kids and the new park needs to be knocked down and re built with stuff kids enjoy the old park got packed this one doesn't its pathetic

I'm not qualified to answer this, I recommend surveying families with disabled children and/or care persons specifically and asking what they want. But I would think that having quiet sections and noisy sections separated by space would be great. Eg. watercourse well away from water cannons and giant bucket would be good.

Extensive shade. Plenty of seating. Include a pool with ramps. Fencing near traffic. Security CCTV cameras. Employ lifeguards in peak season.

Ramps for kids who can't climb stairs safely or are needing assistance. Lowered items for short kids

Keep the pool for families of mixed age range just fence it off for safety

Include a pool so it's inclusive to everyone- lots of shade- safety cameras - keep it clean & maintained

If you include tactile markers on the ground, make sure to consult with people with low vision or blindness on how best to do this :)

Range of water experiences for children with little experience in the water to more confident children. That way kids of all ages and abilities can play.

Area to be fenced in for small children. There are no fenced in play areas in Forster Tuncurry

Maybe have a separate bit for 0-3 year olds. Smaller slide etc

Keep the pool too

There must be a shallow pool as a minimum included

Water play that is shallow and calm, as well as areas with more exciting play. The areas should be on opposite sides so that children who prefer calm are not scared by those who are more boisterous.

Waterproof wheel chair for disabled/limited mobilityActivities spread out so not all in a small section

.

Flat surface

Non slip

Visuals for non verbal childrenSplash free Zone/low level water features

Fencing around the area for kids that like to run.

To make sure it has flat access has ramps and hand rails where needed.

It needs a long slide with twists and turns for older kids

You need to have a safe swimming area for kids as tuncurry does not have one once you remove the pool.

Have an occupational therapist review the plans and make recommendations

Maybe take some ideas from water parks in other areas....Our parks and facilities here in general are terrible. Nothing has changed since I was a child. There are far more families here now. Let's start to cater for them

Being a water area you will need lots of bench seats in the shade so families can sit and watch

Queensland have excellent water parks.....well designed and accessible and inclusive eg Ripley/ Springfield

Somehow incorporate more car parking in the area.

Aquatic disabled access and equipment.

Please consider a way to have a separate button to turn on the giant bucket, as this can be a major sensory issue and many children are scared of the noise it makes as it tips and they aren't able to enjoy the waterpark as a result. Also for younger children (toddlers etc) there needs to be a section that has smaller and easier to manage water features. In regards to accessibility, just ensure that it's as level as possible (obviously the water has to drain) and has at least 2 footpaths that directly enter the water facility for wheelchairs etc

Have areas dedicated to different age groups so bigger kids dont hurt younger children

An actual swimming pool. this was built by the community and is always well used. I really would like to see the actual survey as I feel your results are not at all accurate . 81 % of who??? we need somewhere safe for the aged and the disabled and the young. so many children have learnt to swim here. the elderly use it for safe exercise and a large proportion of the town cannot afford \$7 each visit to take a child under 4 to the aquatic center let alone \$5.50 for each child over 4 . this is not good for our town at all. The community raised the funds for this pool how dare the council now destroy it .

"Family" toilets or changerooms.

Try and keep it flat as possible for wheelchair access. It looks pretty accessible as is.

Water course with ramped access could be good for children in wheelchairs. Spaces for children to play on their own (near other children) can be useful for children with sensory or behavioural issues. Change areas which are accessible and available for parents with prams is essential.

I think having space for parents to sit will be good. And making it fenced off so parents know the kids are safe

Shaded areas suitable for mums and bubs. A baby splash area possibly under shade too

Flat areas. Secured seats. Wheelchair swing.

Ensure baby play area for babies and toddlers. Baby change tables for changing rooms and toddler toilets.

A pool for the elderly and young to actually have a safe place to swim and for hydrothermal accessibility for our aging population.

Fun slogans written around the place, wheelchair access and disabled access close to facility, hand rails

We really need to keep the pool. As someone who used it regularly I haven't been able to do any exercise since it closed. I can't use the ocean ones due to allergies.

Need a swimming pool also. This will suit all users

Add a little place for kids to swim

Keep the existing pool and add the splash park in. It should be about keeping the locals happy!! Make it like Nabiac pool, it's ridiculous to see how something like this is going to keep our children safe!

Ramps up to the lower levels. Nappy change facilities in the toilet

Obviously it needs to have full disability access however given the aged demographic of Tuncurry where I live there needs to be the inclusion of a swimming pool. A water park is great for the young tourists visiting us and is a welcome addition to what should be a community pool.

include a swimming pool

Ensure the existing pool is included in the plan

Have a pool that all ages can use not just small children

Should be accessible to all

put an Adult pool in for us Adults .Why would you take it away from us locals?



A pool is a must for a water park! Many people young and elderly could use the pool for rehabilitation and exercise after injuries or surgery. I cant imagine our older folks doing their rehab in a splash pool. I know there is a pool at the YMCA where you have to book and pay for a lane which MAY be available at the time you need. The Private Hospital's Hydro Pool in Forster is impossible to book as there is a waiting list. Many locals and visitors used the old pool its something that is greatly missed. Even though we have beautiful beaches and lakes to swim not every one enjoys swimming in salt water or water that is heated . Swimming lessons were held in the old pool as well, you cant teach swimming and water safety to kids in 20cm of water.

Add pool

Include a pool, just like Nabiac

How about a pool as well

A pool included

By retaining a small pool so that everyone can enjoy. Water park is a good idea but it does not cater for the whole community. It will be nice for up to primary school aged children but excludes the wider community which there are many many older residents who regularly were using the pool for their exercise needs.

The items listed are for very young children which is good, but maybe look at items or activities that are suitable for older children (10-13 yr olds).

# Appendix 9

## Comments

## Quick Poll Comments

Perhaps more natural surrounds like Steel Park near the cooks river. Lots of shade is a must for small children.

A baby splash section would be great.

Pool

a small pool would be fantastic. And more shade sails.

more water slides

Swings

Disability friendly equipment and access

Toddler splash pool

pool

There are alot of young babies and toddlers in the area, I feel it's very crowded and not accommodating to small kids, it's all very crammed into the space, a free flowing design would be better. The south port water park on the Gold Coast is the best I've EVER seen. It should be looked at during your design process. There are lots of shaded, areas and small spaces for families to sit.

N-a

I think it all sounds great

Somewhere for swimming. Something for older people to enjoy.

A wading pool or swimming pool

Pool

Selection good

None I can think of, a good variety is already listed.

A Mist course to suit any age and abilities.

Would be better in taree. Beaches are right there

Wade pool

Somewhere for baby's to play

Wheel chair accessible play equipment

Swimming pool

No

A whale that can you can sit on with water occasionally spurting out of the blowhole

More than 1 slide



Lots of cannons
Pool
Maybe more shade for the little ones
Swimming pool
No
I Am totally against removing the pool !! I think it is disgraceful!!
A section for swimming and exercising in approx 1 .2 meters deep
Pool
More shade cloths would be helpful if there's enough budget.
No
Looks great.
Wheelchair water swings
Moulded seats so people can sit with their grandkids and still get wet. Disability access definitely. Picnic area including bbq area. An accessible swimming pool definitely.
Big slides
Babies and toddlers playground (like blackhead)
Toddler pool
Giant water slide. Rock climbing/bouldering wall over water
Water slide and a pool
Hot tub - Cafe with hot food
Eye friendly water
Giant Slides - Body Dryer
Giant Log Ride
small pool to the side (maybe for kids)
Pool
None
Wading pool
Water spouts that are button activated, they squirt up from the ground at intervals
keep the existing pool or build a new one the same to continue providing a place for the disabled and elderly to swim safely.. not everyone can use the beach or lake pools.
Maybe more shaded areas giving people the option to spread out.

A 50-meter swimming pool
The pool at Homebush Aquatic Centre has a great pool that whisks swimmers along in a current of water. My family have had hours of fun in this. (Like a whirl pool)
Sprinklers from the ground that ensure the kids are continually being wet
Circular net hammock-style swings.
Swimming pool
A pool! How can this all be properly done without a pool to replace the closed facility?
Swimming pool
A small pool.
Shallow pool
would like to keep the pool open for swimmers and learn to swim
The Pirate Ship (Imagination Play) would make the water park a great destination attraction....along with all the other pirate theme equipment
Small pool. Shade
none
Na
Sunshade and bbq areas bubblers sanitizer station
Pool
Spray fountains, walk through spray arches,
A beach style sloping access for aqua wheelchairs please & maybe some hand rails?
more than one big slide
No
A Pool to swim safely in
A shallow pool or pond area for toddlers
splash pool
no
No
Would be good if there was an area ONLY for toddlers (age limit apply). My concern is they'll get knocked over and put off by older kids
Pool
Looks fantastic!
Yes
Splash pool. Sound activated ground water jets

[illegible]



## Survey Comments

This is a great opportunity to bring paid employment to our town, if this is considered and plan appropriately.. Kiosk, lifeguards, security, maintenance, landscaping etc etc.

Instead of seeing this go ahead in Tuncurry where they're in the coast and the beach is accessible to most residents as well as the public pool and plenty of parks. This would be more beneficial to Wingham where there is nothing but the old swimming pool or outdated parks for our kids. Why are we missing out?

I would like to see our pool restored and a good water park added for all residents and tourists. Our rate payers and residents should be listened to first and a pool and water park serves all in the community and I think if you can't afford both then restore the pool for all people and children because it was well used by babies, toddlers, mothers, grandparents, skate park kids and everyone in between plus tourists for a safe place to swim with children. Look at the crowds at the beach and pools, ocean and lake, can't move and a lot of people prefer a pool where they can see the bottom and look where the children are in seconds unlike beach and lake, to many crappy days at beach and lake.

This would be a great asset for local families and a great activity/attraction for tourists with young families.

Needs to have full time patrols and security

It will bring too much traffic and noise to the area

I would like the playground incorporated with the pool as like Nabiac which is very successful.

Will there also be a much needed pool?

I feel it will make the area much too noisy with too much traffic as I live in units next to the park

Integrate swimming pool or don't begin construction & perhaps get that barricaded area at Rockpool sorted, it is a disgrace to be left this long without being attended to

Great addition to the area

Please keep the pool as well. There is so much land around the area and the pool is great for all ages.

This will be an awesome asset to the town/community and for tourism industries.. It will be great for all the young generation to have something to do, giving them a break from the technology... Will be a popular place for all the parents specially birthday parties (booking a must), still be aware that is a public place to share...

You are taking away a swimming facility and only catering for children and young families. What about the elderly. Not equitable

Put it in Taree.

You are taking away a swimming facility and only catering for children and young families. What about the elderly. Not equitable

Please consider the price for single parent family with multiple kids

Please do this!

Tuncurry pool to stay or new one incorporated

Make the skatepark bigger, no one ever went pro water sliding.

Only thing is think this needs to be in Taree. Taree has no water parks, where out there at Tuncurry and Forster they already have beaches. Move it to Taree, or make one in Taree, when there isn't enough good parks in Taree, it really benefits a lot of families

A larger waterslide for older children/teen-agers would be a great inclusion.

I believe you need a swimming pool as well for the older generation. This town is full of elderly people and they also need to enjoy themselves in the water. A lot struggle with the beach, rock pool, bull ring as they need a flat service when doing there exercise or just cooling off. I can't understand why you cannot leave the old pool there and give it a makeover. There is enough land there to incorporate the water park and the pool. Please consider the Pool when making your decision. Thank you
I think the playground is excellent however it only caters for young kids/families. Please include a pool at future stages for full inclusion of the community
Replace the existing pool and incorporate into the waterpark
Keep a small pool
It is not fair there are activities for children and I pay rates and am allergic to saltwater and have health conditions and this saves health services if I can use the pool this is disgraceful now have to travel to Nabitac and this is why I bought here so I could use it and don't have money to attend PCYC.
Please ensure enough space for prams and associated carry bags (and wheelchairs) plus easy access through gates and along footpaths. Lots of seating, water drinking fountains/taps, and much consideration of the increased vehicle parking pressure, pedestrian foot traffic, and passing vehicular movements.
Should of kept the pool
Allow overnight camper parking
Will be great for families
I'd love for this idea to come to more rural areas that don't have any good play time like wingham. Wingham have nothing and this would be great for all and bring people and money into the town it's a good town with LOW crime and vandalism!
no further comments
Please include the pool.
Please cater to all age groups. Toddlers to teenagers
Great, we definitely need more family facilities and playgrounds.
Great for young people who live in the area and also for tourists
My concern relate to supervision of the facility and the use thereof. Will there be a protection fence surrounding the facility?
I like the pool but this will be good
Yes
H
As long as a pool it's good
yes
Would be a great addition to the pool. But definitely a great loss to the majority of the local and seasonal visitors
Once again I must insist that the pool is included
Would be good to be similar to Nabitac with pool remaining as well as water park for increased community access for general health and wellbeing for all ages/ abilities
N/A
Designing an inclusive space that can be used by dress of ability ...being mindful of people living with low vision and blindness to be able to access readily

Is long overdue for the manning/Great Lakes area. Will provide an area for families to gather as has been shown in the Lake Macquarie and Tamworth parks.
A pool would be great too
Great idea Maybe add an ice cream shop as well
It will be wonderful.
Something to do in winter too
Hope it goes good
Wonderful idea
Needs to be maintained regularly
See butchers paper
Nil
I think the whole concept is fantastic and I applaud Council for all they are doing to make this happen, it will be great for community health and well being , WELL DONE
Reflect the local area in its design, water, lakes, beaches, green spaces, bush land, sea breeze and colours
Great for locals and tourism
Excited as long as a swimming pool for older people is built and prefer connected to young people
Would love to see the pool remain
Having a pool facility also
Parking and some supervision
Don't need it unless it is an add on to the existing pool
Include swimming pool
Great to be using additional space but consideration for older people has not been included. Also parking will become an issue.
I have great concerns for what car parking will be available. And security after hours for the area.
It's not a must but we need to repair aged existing facilities first as a priority
Great that it's accessible. Quiet zone would be ideal for people with disability
As long as the area is accessible for elderly so they can swim and enjoy also.
A wade pool for elderly
Get rid of that old pool
Very excited, every one would love this
Great new place to have fun at
Fix skatepark
I would love to see something similar to Townsville esplanade water facilities
I'm very excited
Thank you
Pool with a slide
pool with a slide
Pool and slide into pool

Going to be great for the community
It is good
I would like you to incorporate an outdoor swimming pool. If not here, somewhere in Tuncurry.
I love the idea of the water playground but have heard the pool will be taken out. Many people feel the pool should stay. It will likely get used much more once the water park is there.
N/A
Add a pool later on
its a good idea i think you should still have a pool for the older generation
I saw some people would like to turn the playground at Tuncurry Beach into your proposed water park. I do feel that putting a waterpark in that area would be more practical for the users of this type of waterpark.
Abolishing the pool will put a lot of the older people and those with disabilities at a disadvantage, they go there on a regular basis as they cannot access the Rock pool due to the ramp being inaccessible, walking on the sand is not an option for some as they are not as sure footed as they used to be, especially if they are on crutches, wheelchair bound, or use a cane. Though the splash park is a good idea, the pool has been a god send for those that don't drive and have to use a mobility scooter to get there, the pool has been used frequently by those with disabilities because it is easy to access. As for using the YMCA pool, appointments will have to be made for those that need to do water rehab and the cost to get them there and back, plus the admission to the pool is an option they can't afford. There are many people in Tuncurry who will be disadvantaged by the loss of the pool and linking it with the splash park would benefit everybody instead of catering to one particular age group. The elderly and disabled people, especially if they are children children, are being left out with the removal of it. I would like to see that the council can be fair and combine both. If not, leave the pool where it is and move the splash park elsewhere. I hope parking has been configured into this plan as it's going to be a problem in peak season and the traffic going and coming off the bridge etc to get to it will be a monumental headache. It's bad enough now.
Put the water play objects on a timer. If no one is using the facility it turns itself off after x minutes. Turn the facility off in winter. If the water is not heated it's just too cold.
I fear it will cause future lawsuits for the council with children getting hurt and children unsupervised and miniature turf wars between school children and parents bringing alcohol into the area being drunk and not supervising the children
Nervous about unsupervised "riff raff" as a mother of teenage boys, I don't encourage them to go to the skate park (they actually don't like to) because there is often (not always) smoking, fights, swearing. My concern is this environment will spill over to the water park if it isn't closely monitored, especially if it is free
It's pathetic to take away a valuable resource for teaching kids to swim and elderly exercise and its free, to build a childish water park that will mostly only benefit children under 6
It needs a pool included, for older kids, elderly and disabled
I have no other ideas
Just keep in mind children and families, not just young kids. It is the teenagers that differ in this town when it comes to doing things. Please think of them as well.
A much needed attraction for the area
A 25 metre pool would be advantageous to the wide elderly community in the Great Lakes area when our surf pools are too rough. The pool would also be used as a means of rehabilitation after surgery & etc.
Tuncurry should have a 50-meter swimming pool included in this design.
About time the area had something like this



A swimming pool is still a very useful amenity, to include if possible.
I know there has been a lot of community anger over the closure of the pool, but I think this will be fantastic for the area, for locals and visitors. I wish it was there when my children were younger! I have 7/9 year olds. It would be fantastic if there was a decent sized slide for the older/larger children to use. It will also keep the younger ones safe as they won't be on the small slide/s. I run family day care and struggle to find anywhere to go on excursions in the area as all have no fencing and/or toilets available. Fencing would be amazing! It would also keep little ones out that aren't meant to be in the area.
I think the splash park is a good idea. But i think it should be an addition to the pool that is already there
I believe a pool to replace the closed facility would be preferred. The water park should be in conjunction with it.
I don't have strong feelings about the water part per se however I do have strong feelings about including a pool for all to enjoy!
this will be good for tuncurry
I feel that the money would have been better spent on a new playground and amenities at the Rockpool.
i would like to see the pool remain
Fantastic facility for locals and visitors to enjoy all year round!
Please consider sticking to a theme for the playground, ocean creatures, pirates or something similar . It creates a great aesthetic - & definitely some robust climbable trees for the children.
none
Should of kept the pool you imbeciles
We want a swimming pool.
I'd like to be considered if you have a public members committees I'm an Aged Care & NDIS service provider & will be using this wonderful facility most days for my clients
This will be absolutely fantastic! Please make sure there is ample shade both over the water equipment as well as extra trees etc so you can have a picnic in shade
Very excited - please ensure lots of shade
The ferals from the skate park will ruin it for sure. Vandalism and swearing etc. not very family friendly. Supervision will be needed to make it a safe place for families. Fix the original pool. Maintenance could have saved it.
Please make the entry price affordable for families
I love the idea of the Tuncurry waterpark and its arrival and can honestly say I would be there at least an hour a day with kids at home for them to burn some energy and have some time to relax and have the kids enjoy some time outside. As mentioned before I like the idea of Tamworth's Waterpark particularly for those aged between zero and three allowing them a zone to play around in Shallow water without the risk of deep water.
This is fabulous for families as facilities have been lacking over the years
Wonderful idea. We will visit from Taree often!
Lots of parking spaces please. Also, I think it's a wonderful idea. Tuncurry really needs a lift. Even though we had the makeover, I feel we needed more to bring in the visitors and have something for our own community
I love love this idea! Fantastic, something for all our families and grandchildren and an amazing addition to our town.
I feel this will be an amazing addition to our area and a great resource for families and children. It would also be great to see some additional playground equipment as an extension of the Water playground.

I believe it has the potential to attract more families to holiday in our area and local families will benefit from an amazing outdoor play space that parents, grandparents and all adults can enjoy together.
Lighting in the park and parking areas is a must
Great concept. Get it happening
Let's get going!
Great idea very much needed for the community and visitors - don't listen to all the whingers about closing the pool there are plenty of other swimming options but nothing else like this !
Pathetic forster has water Taree needs this we have nothing how about think off other towns this council really needs new people
I wonder if it could have a winter and a summer option. Summer being full features and winter just having the slides without water and the watercourse running.
Needs to include a swimming pool!!
Would prefer to see a heated pool or a pool. It will be sadly missed by all
This would be an excellent facility for the whole area and encourage families from the wider area to come to Tuncurry
Still need a pool & a lot more shade
I think this is an awesome idea!
Please fence in!
Want our pool too my 8 year old is very upset
The pool should be upgraded with the addition of a toddler shallow area and add some splash play items with shade. The area needs a safe swimming area for all ages. Then it will be INCLUSIVE!
None
Perhaps we could have life guards or security on site to keep everyone safe and not too wild or loud
Well thought out amenities (gender neutral) and state of the art facilities to decrease germs
Best idea ever
It would be awesome if you could add a pool or a shallow splash pool
It needs to be maintained and cleaned daily. I've seen some public ones that are not and look trashed. If there are too many large trees the leaves are always around. Also provide plenty of bins. A food/drink facility would be great there too.
I think we need one in Taree to bring people back to the manning
Needs a proper pool
I think if you keep a pool even if it's smaller then it will be much better for the area. People need a safe spot for their kids to swim in Tuncurry (the beach isn't safe enough)
It is very much needed and would be a great asset to the area
Great idea.
Safety is a crucial consideration
Baby change table please
Can't wait, great decision by all involved.
After seeing what other regional areas have to offer, I would be very excited to see the Barrington Coast stepping into this style of playground and believe it will be a fantastic asset for our region.

Its going to be a nightmare for locals to access in peak holiday periods due to all the travellers who flock to forster tuncurry especially at christmas. Possibly look at opening a second elsewhere or moving its location to somewhere more suited like taree, cundletown wingham etc
see my above answer and actually take the entire population's ideas about this pool into account. I do not believe at all that 81 % want it. I would like to see the survey done because I and many others are against it . Does this council actually listen to the ratepayers ????
Cant wait for this. We love similar water parks when we go travelling they are great for kids and families
Water pipes (cut in half) on a wall are fun for kids to put water in and watch it flow down.
A pool to cool off would be a great addition!
Looks great
Excellent idea to draw visitors to the local area. Check the Gold Coast rockpool play area for ideas. <a href="https://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/mobile/thegoldcoast/broadwater-parklands-24656.html">https://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/mobile/thegoldcoast/broadwater-parklands-24656.html</a>
I'd love to see a baby friendly area but also a pool for swimming too
This project will be an awesome spot for local and holiday kids
It should be fenced to insure children dont run on the road
It will be fantastic for the community in general!
The present pool should be upgraded for all to use. Additional water play facilities would encourage all ages to use the facility.
Again we really need the pool. As a disabled pensioner I can't afford to use the aquatic centre and allergies stop me from using the ocean ones. Forster has a largely aging population and I feel they are being forgotten about.
Please include a pool to swim in as well as the playground
The pool should stay! The splash park would be put next to the pool so you have an option of swimming on a hot day.
Apart from play ground for kids..is there going to be a swimming pool for older population
I'm not opposed to the idea of a splash park but I don't see the need to get rid of the pool, it seems absurd to not be able to have both.
Maybe a shallow pool could be included?
Obviously it needs to have full disability access however given the aged demographic of Tuncurry where I live there needs to be the inclusion of a swimming pool. A water park is great for the young tourists visiting us and is a welcome addition to what should be a community pool.
include a swimming pool
Needs to include activity are for toddlers/little ones. Keep the existing pool for all to use. Not sure the area will be sufficient in size for safe use especially during warmer months and this could lead to misuse/bullying of users by other users. Needs supervision insitu
My children and now 9 and 11 and we are long term locals 30+years and have been using the pool since I was a kid. My children use it every day when it's open after school and on weekends it's always full of people of all ages!!
I think the pool should have stayed aswell and more thought into caffee and food outlets
put in an adult pool.Who is the idiot that thinks one is not needed?
I feel very strongly about the removal of the pool, this should not happen.
To include all people with abilities, disabilities the old the young the locals and visitors you must include a pool area.
Not great for adults
Area must include a pool . It is not to be an area for kids only
I think the older people would appreciate a swimming pool as they are losing one that they use

I am very concerned about the skatepark next to this facility. My children around 10years have been offered drugs and cigarettes on multiple occasions, seen fights and one including a knife. There needs to be patrols of these facilities and maybe a fence between the two. Also I live across the road and car parking is a concern as I am required to park outside my unit.
As stated above, it is important to look at the whole of the community and include water access to all. The water park is a great idea but does not go far enough we need a small pool for everyone to enjoy. Please add this to the concept plans.
Add security cameras to the area.
This area could be ok but I feel the residents and local who used the pool area in the past have been greatly overlooked. The area is a huge safety issue with traffic follow around the boat ramp which already causes safety issues and unless fixed any added construction will add to a congestion and poor road conditions especially in the tourist periods