

Summary of Feedback – Draft Playspace Strategy

Number	Comments	Response
Submission 1. Sport and Recreation Victoria	Additional information on universal design and principals should be included in the Strategy and corrections to some wording on universal design were recommended.	Additional information provided and wording clarified.
Submission 2. Tuckey Track Friends Grp.	Impressed with the detail and overview of the Strategy and the Shire's assessment of future needs. Interested in prospect of an opportunity for further improvement for Sorrento.	Submission acknowledged. Consultation with community groups allows the Shire to identify particular needs of the community. Following the principles and priorities of the Playspace Strategy ensures the needs of the wider community and all townships are considered in the decision making process. Sorrento Park playspace to be upgraded in future as per Strategy priorities.
Submission 3. Recreation Consultant	'Fantastic Strategy'. Has read 16 Strategies and considers this the best as it has clear direction. Commented that he believes the Mornington Peninsula has become a leader in its future direction for playspaces.	Submission acknowledged. The Strategy was developed in-house after considerable research, benchmarking and consultation.
Submission 4. Shire Community Access Planner	Supports the direction of the Strategy in regards to teenage play and the better consideration for a universal approach to playspace implementation. Suggests the action in the Strategy to install signage to identify the location of playgrounds should include a universal sign for the benefit of people with a reading disability or are not proficient in English. Also suggest a way finding system incorporating Braille, tactile and international symbols to identify accessible elements.	Submission acknowledged. While not all playspaces can be fully accessible, including some inclusive play elements when renewing is essential to ensure all members of the community are catered for. Making the equipment accessible for both children with special needs and parents or grandparents with disabilities with seamless paths and accessible picnic tables is a key implementation action. The suggestion of a symbol on play signs will be considered, and a wayfinding system, while not practicable for all playspaces, could be incorporated in large scale renewal projects such as Regional classification playspaces which the Strategy has identified as including accessible items as a requirement.
Submission 5.	Supports the Strategy's focus on improved provision for teenagers. Suggests BMX pump tracks and facilities such as seats and picnic tables around playgrounds and skate parks	Including equipment for teenagers is a consideration when renewing and upgrading playspaces. Consultation with local teenagers and parents of young children ensures all age groups are catered for where possible. As a result of comments, seats and picnic tables have now been installed at Somerville Skate Park. Seats and other facilities to be improved at other skate parks as budget permits.
Submission 6.	Would like to see better infrastructure within playspaces such as safe surfaces, fences, toilets and picnic access, seats for parents and parks clean and well maintained. Better facilities at District and Regional parks like Sorrento and Rye. Does not like to use local park, Truemans Road due to dogs from off leash area running into playspace and needs updating and additional swing.	Officers will conduct an audit of all playspaces beside off leash dog parks to investigate issues. Children's safety must be the key driver when considering these spaces. Off leash dog areas have been installed near existing playgrounds and some revision is required. When renewing, upgrading and installing new playspaces, proximity to off leash dog parks will be evaluated.
Submission 7.	Noted that the Strategy is informative and thought the playground analysis and recommendations was clear and accurate. Agree with the term 'play value' and would like to see better equipment that holds the kids interest like climbing nets. Would also like more seats and shade sails.	Including equipment with better play value is a key consideration of the Strategy as well as providing seating when renewing, upgrading or installing new playspaces. Considering positions of new playspaces (shade) and planting mature trees for shade is more cost effective than installing shade sails.
Submission 8.	Pleased to see the playgrounds at Terrigal Reserve and Oakridge Reserve in Mornington have featured in the Strategy as high priorities for new playground equipment.	The playground at Terrigal Reserve is scheduled for renewal next financial year and Oakridge Reserve in 2015/16 due to age and condition.
Submission 9.	Would like to see fitness equipment and pre warm up bars near skate parks. Also more BMX and dirt jump tracks. Likes the Strategy's focus on play equipment for older kids at the moment there is only skate parks for teenagers. Likes the Mt Eliza skate park as it has lighting. Would like to see signs warning parents to take care of young children in skate parks.	Noted. Comments relate to the Skate & BMX Strategy implementation program.
Submission 10.	Supports the direction of the Strategy implanting more paths and seating. Very happy with the focus on natural play. Would like to see playgrounds like Bicentennial Park in Chelsea and the inclusion of rope basket swings, carousels and spider climbing nets. Would like better playgrounds in Somerville.	The upgrade and renewal requirements of Somerville have been addressed in the Strategy with six playspaces on the high priority list and three in the next five year implementation program.

Submission 11.	Believes the Strategy is on the right track with identifying the need for better playgrounds and facilities. Would like more equipment for older children and teenagers like large slides.	A key initiative of the Strategy is for the better consideration for teenagers and providing appropriate play and facilities.
Submission 12.	Would like to see more picnic tables at parks and other facilities such as barbecues, taps and lights at skate parks	The Strategy identifies the need for improvement of facilities with an “all of park” approach. Installing paths, seating, provision for shade etc, makes playspaces more inviting for parents and carers who take children to the park.
Submission 13.	Believes better facilities would allow people to stay longer at the park ie; drinking taps, seats and equipment like monkey bars. Would like lighting at Somerville Skate Park.	The Strategy has identified the need for improvement of facilities to make visiting the park more inviting and comfortable for parents and carers, with an “all of park” approach. As a result of comments, seats and picnic tables have now been installed at Somerville Skate Park.
Submission 14.	Would like more consideration for teenage girls. Basket swings, hammocks, water taps and high forts to sit in and talk.	The need to better provide for teenage girls has been addressed in the Strategy and will be a consideration when designing some playspaces.
Submission 15.	Teenagers would like more facilities such as seats and play equipment to suit their age group.	The need to better provide for teenagers has been addressed in the Strategy and will be a consideration when designing some playspaces. As a result of comments, seats and picnic tables have now been installed at Somerville Skate Park.
Submission 16.	Would like to see more ‘stuff’ for teenagers. Shelters with seats, lighting, heaters and power points for recharging phones. There’s nowhere to go in winter.	The need to better provide for teenagers has been addressed in the Strategy and will be a consideration when designing some playspaces.
Submission 17.	Not supportive of Strategy. Believes the Strategy gives too much power to the community groups. Believes primary school playgrounds should be used instead of building public playgrounds. Would like Rye back beach to be placed higher on the priority list for a playground and Council should purchase land in Rye to enable a playground to be built. Opposed to listing a playground at SPA as a medium priority as it should wait until after it’s built to decide on its priority.	Consulting with community groups and local residents is an important part of the design and planning process when installing a playspace to ensure the needs of the primary users are met. The Strategy identifies the need for a playspace at Rye backbeach as one of the townships without public play provision.
Submission 18.	Interested in seeing more play for teenagers in Tyabb like a skate park and additional facilities ie seats, day bed, hammock.	The playground at Central Reserve in Tyabb has been identified at requiring an upgrade as a high priority with Rotaract Park and Bunguyan Reserve as a medium priority. Including equipment for teenagers will be a key consideration when renewing and upgrading these playspaces. Consultation with local teenagers and parents of young children will ensure all age groups are catered for.
Submission 19.	Supports the Strategies direction of equipment to suit a range of ages, seating for parents and trees for shade. Would like to see a playspace like Bicentennial Park in Chelsea with a good layout and a variety of equipment. Thinks swings slides and ball games area. Local playground at Kiandra Street, Mornington needs equipment for teenagers ie; basketball hoop and half court as there is nothing for teenagers and existing equipment is a ‘mix match odds and bits’	The Strategy has recognised the playground at Kiandra Street Mornington as requiring an upgrade as a high priority. Equipment for teenagers will be included with the high teenage demographic in this area. A basketball tower and half court has been also recommended for this playspace due to minimal play opportunities for teenagers in this catchment.
Submission 20.	Pleased with direction of Strategy especially putting play equipment suited to teenagers, shelter and shade. Likes climbing nets and basket net swing. Would like to see more basketball half courts. Stated that Mornington has many old playgrounds	Six playgrounds in Mornington have been identified in the Strategy are high priority for renewal with an additional six prioritised as medium. Two of the highest priority will renewed as part of the 5 year implementation program.
Submission 21.	Teenager said they need more things to do and more events. Would like more skate parks with seats and hammocks.	Including equipment for teenagers will be a key consideration when renewing and upgrading playspaces. Consultation with local teenagers and parents of young children will ensure all age groups are catered for where possible.
Submission 22.	Teenager likes to go to skate parks (Somerville) because everyone goes there. Would like a barbecue, tables, undercover shelter, lights at skate parks, powerpoints, and a dirt jump track.	Including equipment for teenagers will be a consideration when renewing and upgrading playspaces. Consultation with local teenagers and parents of young children will ensure all age groups are catered for where possible.
Submission 23.	Teenager would like to see improvements to Somerville. Loves the Balnarring skate park as it’s ‘hella fresh’. Improvements such as undercover area, barbecue and upgrade to the skate park.	Including equipment for teenagers will be a key consideration when renewing and upgrading playspaces in Somerville. Consultation with local teenagers and parents of young children will ensure all age groups are catered for where possible.

Submission 24.	Teenager would like more things to do. Perhaps a new skate park (anywhere) with seats.	Including equipment for teenagers will be a consideration when renewing and upgrading playspaces. Consultation with local teenagers and parents of young children will ensure all age groups are catered for where possible.
Submission 25.	Teenager would like more facilities for teenagers such as in ground trampolines, more and bigger skate parks, go kart track, barbecues, undercover, lights and power points.	Including equipment for teenagers will be a key consideration when renewing and upgrading playspaces in Somerville. Consultation with local teenagers and parents of young children will ensure all age groups are catered for where possible.
Submission 26.	Pleased to see the Strategy addresses the need for more things for teenagers. Basketball rings and climbing nets	Including equipment for teenagers will be a key consideration when renewing and upgrading playspaces.
Submission 27.	Safety in playgrounds from cars and dogs is a key issue and better equipment for pre school age children. Would like to see John Butler reserve in Mount Eliza provided with better facilities.	John Butler Reserve, Mount Eliza is marked as a high priority in the Strategy recommendations for new playspaces.
Submission 28.	Would like more multi age appropriate equipment that encourages cooperation in play – nature play, stepping stones, water/sand play and climbing structures. Would like John Butler reserve in Mount Eliza upgraded.	John Butler Reserve, Mount Eliza is marked as a high priority in the Strategy recommendations for new playspaces.
Submission 29.	Shire commended on detailed Strategy. Supportive of proposal of new playground installation in Clarendon Drive, Somerville.	Clarendon Drive, Somerville is marked as a high priority in the Strategy recommendations for new playspaces.
Submission 30.	Would like to see more engaging, fun and safe playgrounds in Mornington. Suggests we look at playgrounds outside the Shire before people take their children away from the Peninsula.	The need to provide playspaces with higher play value is documented and a key focus of the Strategy. The Strategy provides a priority list to identify the playspaces most in need of renewal or upgrade.