

Wye River Playground Renewal

Wye River – Jamieson Track Fire Public Land Recovery

Concept Plan Exhibit

The City of Melbourne Design Studio team have designed a new playground for Wye River.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Otway Coast Committee (OCC) and Colac Otway Shire are working with City of Melbourne Design Studio team to design an updated playground for the benefit of the whole community. The design respects the character of the existing playground, encourages different types of play and meets the project's budget, timeframe and future uses.

Why is the playground being replaced?

Colac Otway Shire regularly conducts safety audits on all public playgrounds, and has identified issues with the current play equipment that need to be addressed. As part of the fire recovery the playground was identified as a space that could be improved to benefit the community's physical and social wellbeing and be an attraction for tourists.

How has the Wye River community contributed to the design?

DELWP held a playground design community workshop on 29 May 2016 with the City of Melbourne designers to understand how the community uses the space and how the design could complement the location and future needs. Local children, with the help of Roy Moriarty, provided input by submitting worksheets on their favourite things to do in the playground. Open houses in March, April and June also allowed for community input.

Who is the playground designed for?

The play equipment and landscape design is suitable for children aged 2 to 12 years, with the sandpit allowing for toddlers to play. The loop track provides a space for local children to learn to bike ride in a safe and flat space and provides wheelchair access within the playground, and the climbing piece (8) and lawn

mounds provide a gathering place for teenagers in the evenings.

Who will build the new playground?

Tenders will be sought in August to award a contract. Works are expected to be completed by 1 December.

Will any of the site materials be reused?

The shelter materials will be assessed for possible reuse. The future concept plan identifies that the shelter could be relocated to where the new picnic tables will be located. The paving will be kept and form part of the sandpit boundary. The logs in the concept plan will be sourced from trees provided by Grocon, having been deemed hazardous and removed during the fire clean-up.

Where have the barbecues gone?

The community identified at the design workshop that the barbecues along the foreshore were used predominantly by the community and tourists.

Will there be any shade?

The design incorporates low-maintenance local indigenous tree species throughout the space to provide shade and for nature play.

Can events still be held on the grass area?

The playground footprint has not changed. Events on the grass area can still be booked through the OCC.

Is the deck proposal part of the playground project?

The proposed deck shown on the plans is a project by the Wye River General Store. The design of the playground provides a strong connection to the deck. The General Store is responsible for seeking all approvals including consent under the *Coastal Management Act 1995* from DELWP. If you have any comments on this proposal please email Brydie Payten at info@thewyegeneral.com