

Glenwood Playground

FAQs

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Why is Council building a new Playground in Glenwood?

After completing the Glenwood Community Space Master Plan this year, Council considered the community's priorities, one of which was a new playground. The playground then was considered during the 2024/2025 budget process and was allocated funding for this financial year to be designed and built by the end of June 2025.

When will the playground be built?

Upon the completion of the current community engagement process Council will consider community feedback and make a decision regarding the final design on the playground. A tender process will be conducted later this year with construction to occur in the first 6 months of 2025 and be completed by the end of the financial year.

What is the purpose of this round of community consultation?

In January 2024 Council endorsed the Glenwood Community Space Master Plan. At this meeting Council resolved to undertake further consultation with families, youth and family based community groups in relation to more detailed concept planning of the playground.

Why is there no fence included in the design?

Under current Australian standards for playgrounds fencing is not required and only included when extremely necessary. Additionally, any money spent on fencing for the Glenwood Playground would be subtracted from the overall budget which would mean less money for playground equipment and amenities.

Play Australia and local government authorities generally do not support the provision of fencing around playgrounds, as fences can separate children from adults within a play area – i.e parents relax and can be less attentive which can increase the risk of injury. Fencing, can also inhibit open space play and restrict learning, development and play opportunities.

Council believes in designing exciting play spaces that promote cohesive use by children and their families, with no barriers to separation or supervision, unless necessary.

Will the Glenwood War Memorial be affected?

No the War Memorial will not be affected in any way – the design of the playground has taken the location of the War Memorial into consideration and will not impede access or impact it in any way. The start of the playground is approximately 10m from the memorial. Vegetation has also been added to the design to provide a small barrier from the playground to the memorial.

Will the new playground include shade and seating?

Yes there will be a shade and seating area as well as the sandstone retaining wall which will be designed to double as extra seating if needed.

What type of play surface will be provided?

The play surface will be sand under the play elements.

How many designs has Council prepared for the consultation process?

Council has drafted three playground designs from the Glenwood Community's feedback last year. Council is now inviting the community to provide their feedback on the designs and potential elements & features for the new playground.

- Design 1 – Two Play Areas – Senior Area (7-12 years) and Junior Area (Under 6 years)
Towers, Swings, etc – in age appropriate areas
- Design 2 – One Play Area – Multipurpose Half Court and Large Play Tower
- Design 3 – One Play Area – Zip line and Large Play Tower

How big will the playground be?

The playground will be between 300m²-500m² depending on the final elements chosen.

Will the community have a say on the elements to be installed in the new playground?

Yes! As part of this consultation process children, families and the Glenwood Community can have a say on the elements to be included in the design.

However, the elements shown in the designs and on the project page are indicative only – they are a proposed style of element/ equipment. The final pieces may be different depending on availability and where the items are sourced from under tender arrangements. Additionally, final elements will be decided after the most popular Draft Design.

What age group will the playground cater to?

The playground will cater for toddlers to 12/13 years of age.

Who do I contact?

Should residents and property owners wish to discuss the project with Council staff please contact:

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