

Consultation Update

Consultation with the Mosgiel community has been underway since August 2005 and the many ideas and suggestions, which have been contributed by the community, have added real weight into the final plan. The Dunedin City Council has heard from children as young as three and at the other end of the spectrum an octogenarian has contributed a maturer view to the process, reflecting a spirit for the play space to be about community, social interaction and opportunities for all.

Money for such development has been made available through the Council's Playground Priority Plan budget and the FINAL DRAFT PLAN (directly below) sets out how the playground and design might fit within the Dunedin City Council budget. The second plan (MCPT Plan at the bottom of the page), shows the newly formed Mosgiel Community Playground Trust (MCPT) vision to add value to the Council plans.

MOSGIEL MEMORIAL GARDENS PLAYGROUND – FINAL DRAFT PLAN



Final chance to have your say

Submissions on the above Final Draft Plan for the Mosgiel Memorial Gardens Playground close on **Friday 14 January 2006**.

You can register your comments by: Email: playgrounds@dcc.govt.nz, Phone: Lauren Jarvie on 477 4000

or Write to: Lauren Jarvie, PO Box 5045, Dunedin

Following this closing submission period we will put together the final plan in February 2006 with work tendered in March.

Comments on final plan

Submissions received strongly suggest that the people of Mosgiel:

- Support of the destination park location of the Mosgiel Memorial Gardens
- The equipment choice was well received. We are awaiting an engineers report to confirm the suitability of the fort structure.
- Layout of space and landscaping was generally supported with changes to the path creating a wider space for the U5 area to enable us to move it closer to the centre, and to the more challenging equipment
- The Sandpit was very popular choice for the juniors for the number of play challenges it offers. There were a couple of questions around maintenance. We have consulted and researched the sand option and believe a daily maintenance regime, along with a suitable fencing system, will help us to keep it clean.
- The Supernova (spinning option) has been selected as it offers not only a moving, spinning, challenge but has been requested by the 8-12 year olds as their choice for a place to socialise
- There has been so much enthusiasm for the Space Net offering a real play challenge and a point of difference for Mosgiel. The Mosgiel Community Playgrounds Trust (see details below) has indicated that it would like to fundraise for a large and small combination net as its first priority. We have set aside enough money out of this project for a small Space Net and will put it towards the combination. However, if no further funding becomes available we will still be able to install a small Space Net, which is 5.8m high.
- Post and chain fencing will possibly be used in the future to secure the site but is not part of this project

MOSGIEL COMMUNITY PLAYGROUNDS TRUST (MCPT) FUTURE FUNDING OPTIONS

The MCPT is made up of Mosgiel residents who are keen to make Mosgiel a Play Destination

The trust are currently working alongside the Mosgiel Memorial Gardens Playground development and have set some goals to help make this play space EXTRAORDINARY!

Take a look at the diagram to the left and you will see the plan in 3 phases. The plan includes:

- A huge double net with a big net (7.8m high!) joined to a small net
- A Super Five swing set, where swingers swing towards each other
- An extra tunnel slide for side-by-side slide races
- Octagonal picnic tables with covered barbecues
- Extending and enhancing planned equipment and sculptures
- Action and reaction water features for interactive fun

With these goals there is the potential to really benefit the whole community by:

- Drawing more people to the area and more money spent at local businesses
- A safe play area for everyone from infants and teenagers to the elderly
- An outdoor social hub for the community as a picnic area with barbecues and shelters
- Enhancing and opening up the existing Gardens area
- An opportunity for the greater Dunedin area to get some of the world's most up-to-date playground equipment, including the renowned Space Net

The plan is to apply to funding organisations to seek sponsorship to help achieve this vision. "We are encouraging the local community to get behind the project to ensure our goals will be achieved" says MCPT Chairman, Geoff Woodcock

If you'd like to join the effort, jump on in!

Contact the Mosgiel Community Playgrounds Trust at mosgielplaygrounds@light.net.nz or call Teresa on 489 6100

