



GREAT OCEAN ROAD
COAST & PARKS AUTHORITY

ANGLESEA FAMILY CARAVAN PARK PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

WHAT WE HEARD REPORT



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and respect the separate and distinct Eastern Maar and Wadawurrung Peoples as the Traditional Owners of the Great Ocean Road's land, waters, seas and skies and recognise their cultural knowledge that has led to sustainable practices and has cared for Country over tens of thousands of years.

We honour Elders past and present and express gratitude for their sharing of wisdom that has ensured the continuation of culture and traditional practices.

We are committed to genuinely partner and build meaningful relationships that reflect self-determination and enable us to work together with our Traditional Owners and Aboriginal communities to support the protection of Country, the maintenance of spiritual and cultural practices, and together deliver on their broader aspirations in the 21st century and beyond.



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This project is
on Wadawurrung
Country.

We work closely with the Wadawurrung
Traditional Owners Aboriginal
Corporation to conserve and protect
Cultural values along the coast at
Anglesea.

INTRODUCTION

OUR COMMITMENT TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY

The Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (the Authority) is immensely privileged to be tasked with protecting and enhancing the Great Ocean Road's coast and parks on behalf of the community.

Our commitment is to listen, engage, respect, and echo the views of our community and stakeholders in all we undertake, following our [Community Engagement Strategy](#).

We are committed to being transparent and open with our communities and building and deepening relationships grounded in reciprocity and trust. Through various channels, mediums, and engagement spaces, we will invite feedback, robust discussion, and reflection to strengthen our connections and common purpose.

PROJECT OUTLINE

The Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (the Authority) manages several caravan parks which span from Torquay to Princetown. These parks generate the majority of our revenue which we then reinvest back into the Great Ocean Road coast and parks to ensure this special part of Victoria can be enjoyed now and for generations to come. This includes improved environmental, conservation and visitor services right along the coastline, including the new playground at Anglesea Family Caravan Park.

A new playground will be built at the Anglesea Family Caravan Park, the playground will replace the existing old playground next to the toddler room and camp kitchen.

The intent of the new playground is to provide an exciting and interactive space for children aged three and above to play, explore and engage with the local coastal environment of Anglesea.



HOW WE ENGAGED

In order to design a playground that best meets the needs of those who visit the Anglesea Family Caravan Park, we ran an engagement process for four weeks in October 2023. Through an online survey on our [Have Your Say Website](#) we asked casual campers and annual permit holders what playground equipment they would like to see included in the new playground.

The chance to have your say was advertised to campers through an email to annual permit holders and casual campers who stayed with us at the end of 2023. Signage and flyers were also displayed around the caravan park detailing the project, as well as a social media post on the Anglesea Family Caravan Park Facebook page.

The feedback we received throughout this engagement period has informed the design of the new playground and has also increased our understanding of what campers want to see in future playground builds.



ANGELSEA CAMPERS

We are upgrading our playground!

We love that so many families create lifelong memories in the Anglesea Family Caravan Park and want to make sure that continues.

The playground next to the toddler room and camp kitchen will undergo an upgrade, introducing some inclusive play elements, new play equipment and a coastal theme.

We want you to tell us what your little ones would love most in the new design. Scan the QR code below to visit our Have Your Say page between now and 19 November and share your vision for the area.

The existing playground will be removed and upgrade works will commence at the beginning of February 2024 and be completed before Easter.

By staying in our caravan parks, you help us reinvest in the coast and parks along the Great Ocean Road and fund vital upgrades such as these.





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On-site signage and flyer at Anglesea Family Caravan Park



Anglesea Family Caravan Park

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We are upgrading our playground!

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A new playground for Anglesea Caravan Park



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7 comments

Facebook social post on the Anglesea Family Caravan Park Facebook page

HOW WE ENGAGED...



296
Caravan Park annual permit holders contacted



38
online surveys submitted



1
on-site meeting with Caravan Park staff



1185
Caravan Park summer 23/24 casual campers contacted



285
Have Your Say website visits



1,606
people reached through social posts



ANGLESEA CARAVAN PARK

Great Ocean Road Coast & Parks Authority

WHAT WE HEARD

KEY POINTS RAISED AND OUR RESPONSE

Survey respondents were asked a series of questions about what they would like to see in the new playground, including integration of a coastal theme, name ideas for the playground and all-abilities inclusive elements. We received many great ideas on the types of equipment and play elements that caravan park users would like included, as detailed below.

Cultural Storytelling

You wanted to see Wadawurrung Culture celebrated in the playground, through a name for the playground and themes within. We are working with the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation to infuse Wadawurrung Culture into our playground design. Our goal is to not just create a space for play, but a living canvas that tells the stories of Kuarka Dorla (Anglesea) and the Wadawurrung people. From the name of the playground to the themes woven throughout, each piece of equipment will represent Wadawurrung Culture. Through this immersive experience, children and all visitors will have the opportunity to engage with and learn from the narratives of the Wadawurrung people, fostering a deeper appreciation and understanding of their culture and Country.

Earth elements/coastal theme

You told us that you'd like to see rock formations incorporated into the play equipment, as well as coastal plants, natural materials, and plenty of shade. We intend to integrate a coastal theme for the playground, inspired by the Anglesea landscapes as well as celebrating Wadawurrung Country throughout the playground design. This will see earth elements incorporated, including the use of timber and local natural materials. The colour scheme and design will be in-line with the coastal theme, encouraging creativity and imaginative play.

"Using the cliff edges and rock formations that are so famous with the Anglesea coast from Point Addis to Point Roadknight."

Scenario Play Elements

We heard that you wanted to see scenario play in the final design, including play unit shopfronts in the form of a mini café or cubby house design. We will be including scenario play elements that relate to the coast, to spark imagination and tie in with the coastal theme of the playground and the surrounding Anglesea seascape.

"Indigenous significance of the area."

"A local indigenous name that represents the purpose of the playground."

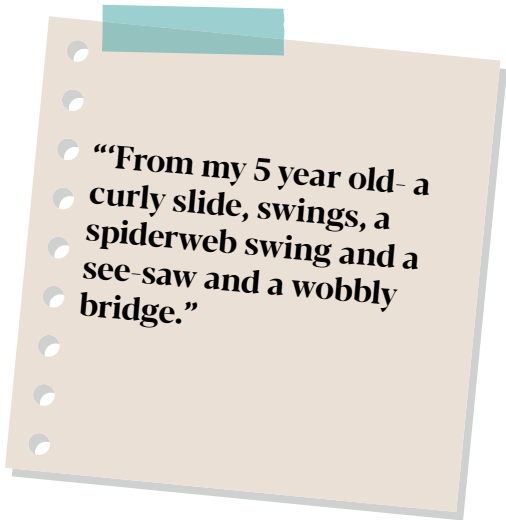
"More outdoor showers and washing up places."



Examples of 'Scenario Play' elements extracted from the playground final design.

Swings

We heard recommendations for a ‘spiderweb swing’ and regular swings. A netted spiderweb swing will be incorporated into the design of the playground to promote social interaction and cooperative play. Netted swings provide a unique sensory experience and are designed with safety in mind, featuring durable materials.



“From my 5 year old- a curly slide, swings, a spiderweb swing and a see-saw and a wobbly bridge.”

Climbing and Balancing Elements

Climbing and balancing equipment such as monkey bars, a climbing wall and a wobble bridge were popular amongst respondents. The playground design will include monkey bars and balancing elements such as a surfboard and animal-themed rockers on springs. A balancing course will also be incorporated using natural materials as well as an Accessible Spinner for everyone to enjoy, including the Twista for spinning, the Surfboard Rocker for rocking, and classic swings.



“Balancing beams, logs, stepping stones or ropes.”



“Children love climbing, sliding and swinging, so play equipment with these aspects in mind.”



“Our girls love swings and things that spin.”

Slide

We heard that campers wanted to see a curling tunnel slide, with some recommendations for an open-air slide. The playground design will include a play tower with slides and climbing areas for fun and adventure, while little ones will love climbing on the small timber bungalow.



“Young kids need a swing, slide and roundabout of some description.”



“Tall swirly slide (no lid, open air).”

Water Play Elements and Sand Pit

Respondents told us that it would be good to see water play elements and a sand pit or sand flooring in the new playground, including rock pools, slides, and water play stations. These elements have not been included in the final design. We appreciate that water and sand play add a positive sensory and imaginative aspect to the playground, however, we encourage guests to utilise the nearby water and sand activities and experiences that the Anglesea Family Caravan Park and coastal surrounds have to offer.

Flying Fox

We heard that a flying fox should be included in the playground design, to cater for an older age group and as a sensory activity. This will not be included in the final design, due to the small space of the playground and the need to utilise space for other play elements and equipment more suited to the target age range of three and up. There are other playgrounds within the caravan park which provide equipment more suited to older ages.

Inclusive Elements

Respondents told us that rubber flooring was important for accessibility. We aspire to create a beach environment where all members of our community can feel welcome and have the opportunity to enjoy the sun, sand, and sea. The playground will have some all-inclusive play elements integrated throughout. Rubber flooring is included in the final design, providing an accessible path through the playground. You also told us that you want to see a swing that caters for varying abilities. An all-abilities swing has been included in the swing area of the playground.

We also had suggestions for a wheelchair-accessible carousel, which is included in the final design as an all-inclusive carousel at ground level.

“Incorporate a swing that caters for children of all abilities.”

“PVC rubber flooring for safety to make it wheelchair and pram friendly.”

“The carousel is all inclusive as it has a seat on it & can be installed level with the ground.”



Example of wheelchair-accessible carousel inclusive play element extracted from the playground final design.

NEXT STEPS

We have listened to this feedback and worked closely with manufacturer Moduplay Group to create a dynamic and inclusive play environment.

We are working with Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation to integrate cultural education elements throughout the playground that tells a story of Wadawurrung culture in the Anglesea coastal space.

Temporary fencing will be installed in late November 2024 in preparation for the works, which are due to be complete before Christmas 2024.

GET IN TOUCH

If you have further questions about the project, please visit the [Have Your Say](#) webpage.

The project team can be contacted at: haveyoursay@GreatOceanRoadAuthority.vic.gov.au.

