

CAMERON PARK PLAYGROUND FENCE

May 2023



Community Engagement Summary

In 2021 Councillors resolved to allocate \$72,500 to the Cameron Park playground for a suitable fence, following Community Consultation.

The consultation sought to understand the Wellington’s community feelings towards to the installation of a fence around the play space.

We worked closely with surrounding residents and the broader community of the Local Government area and asked the community for their feedback through a survey to ensure we meet the needs of the local community.

A survey was developed and placed on Public Exhibition for 28 days. The period for feedback has closed, we had an amazing response and want to thank everyone for their valuable insights. A summary of the data and feedback is summarised below.



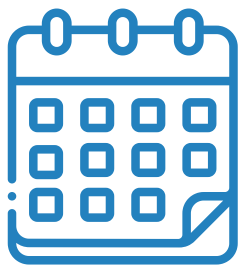
How we reached you



28 Days of engagement



146 survey completed



28 March - 20 April 2023



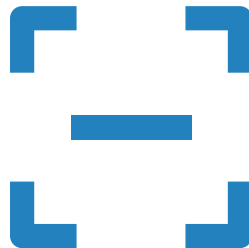
26,600 advertisements in circulation

- 600 Wellington District Leader
- 13,000 Photo News



Digital Engagement

- **618** visit to the website page
- **19,700+** social media reach
- **1,446+** social media engagement



8 QR scans to survey



What we learnt



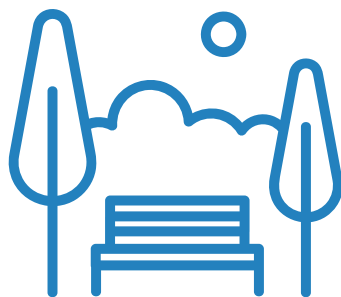
83.5% of participants identified they would like to see a fence installed.



93% of participants live within the Dubbo Local Government Area.



41% of participants indicated they live in the direct vicinity of the playground in Wellington.



78% of participants indicated they used the playground frequently. This strong response indicates that the playground has a high visitation rate in its current form.

85% of participants indicated they spend 30 minutes or more when visiting the playground.



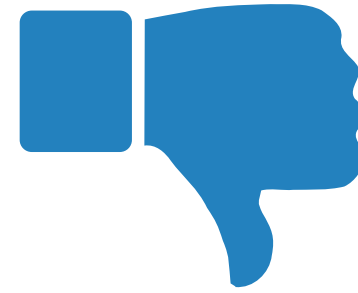
7.5% of participants identified as having mobility and access issues.

What we heard



37.8% provided support for the fence due to the proximity of the highway

15% provided support for the fence due to the proximity of the Bell River to the playground



6.5% believed a fence should not be installed

“Will help bigger families wanting to head out for the day, adds extra security to those children with additional needs”

“I think it is really important to secure the playground with a fence. One time I was there with my toddler and an aggressive Dog came running in and tried to attack him. This is one example.”

“Wellington has enough fences, bars and areas that promote an image of fear and crime. Cameron park is a shining light in a street off closed businesses and dilapidated shopfronts. As a society we need to encourage and promote a culture of taking care of our dependents and work towards reducing the reliance of systems and processes to protect those around us.”

“As a Family Day Care Educator we cannot attend community events held in the park due to no fencing, being so close to the river and also the highway. It is considered too risky”

“Yes! Being right next to a highway I believe it’s a requirement! My toddler is quick! And with the proximity of the playground to the physical highway being so close it will drastically minimise risk”

“As it is on the main highway, a fence would make it much safer and we would be able to meet our friends there more often. It is such a lovely park but due to it being too easy for our toddlers to run out of the park, we tend to avoid using it”

“We visit Cameron park every fortnight or so, & a fence would be of great use. With a toddler & a baby it would let us have some peace of mind that small children wouldn't be able to run near traffic seeing as the park is so close to a main road.”

Outcomes and next steps

Taking into consideration all of the feedback and strong support for the fence, Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 25 May 2023 determined that a fence will be installed around Cameron Park playground as part of the 2023/2024 budget and Operational Plan.

The fencing proposed during the consultation is similar to the fencing at the Victoria Park Playground Dubbo.

The fence will be added into the 2023/2024 Budget and Operational Plan with works to be undertaken during the financial year.

We thank you for your contribution.