

ANZAC Park all-abilities playground



FAQs

What is an all-abilities playground?

We are building a park for everyone. The all-inclusive playground can be accessed by a range of age groups and abilities. Destination “accessible” playgrounds are designed to offer the largest range of activities and amenities, in a custom-designed setting, for people of all ages and abilities.

Who else is involved in the playground?

The Fairy Godmothers approached Council with a proposal to establish an all-abilities playground. The Fairy Godmothers is a registered not-for-profit organisation on North-West Tasmania. Their mission is to assist the Tasmanian community and families who have children with disabilities, special needs and medical conditions who require equipment, resources, financial assistance and medical attention.

Why do we need another playground?

We want to create a safe, fun and vibrant space that caters for all and meets changing community expectations for outdoor play areas. Not all existing playgrounds are accessible to everyone.

Where will it be built?

ANZAC Park, which is the parkland area behind the Somerset Surf Club near the mouth of the Cam River at Somerset Beach.

When will construction start?

October 2021 and it is anticipated to be completed by February 2022.

How much open space will remain?

The concept plan gives a good visualisation of the overall allocation for the playground and open space.

Will the design impact the Coastal Pathway route?

No. The Coastal Pathway and the playground designs will be complementary.

What will happen to groups and organisations who have used the park for events?

ANZAC Park has been used for an annual circus event and for the Rotary Club of Somerset’s Family Fun Day (formerly Foreshore Fiesta). The circus organisers will be required to find an alternative venue (Council has several other locations suitable for large events), while there is enough open space for the Family Fun Day to occur adjacent to the new playground.

Are there drainage issues where the playground is going to be built? If so, how will these issues be addressed?

Drainage of the playground will be included in the scope of the project.



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What measures does Council have in place for erosion mitigation and impacts of sea-level rise?

These matters are currently being reviewed by an independent coastal engineering firm and their report and recommendations will be considered by Council.

Does Council plan to make Bells Parade a one-way street?

A plan of this nature is not currently adopted by Council.

Is there a plan to include additional car parking for the playground?

Formalisation of parking spaces is currently occurring, additional spaces will be subject to review.

Will Council consider placing line markings on the existing surf club car parking?

Consideration could be given to these works if the community saw this as a priority.

What will happen to the BBQ shelter?

Council is working with other stakeholders to replace the existing infrastructure within the new playground design.

Will the Somerset War Memorial and Cenotaph be impacted by the playground?

No. The existing structures will remain and consideration will be given to possible improvements of each area.

Does the playground include toilets?

The new design includes Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)-compliant amenities.

Will the playground be fenced?

Yes.

Does Council have a traffic management plan for the area to manage increased vehicle activity?

A traffic management plan will be included in the scope of the project.

To learn more about the project and to leave feedback, please go to www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/projects/anzac-park/



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