ACT GOVERNMENT

Introduce activities for the Citizens day
Play Spaces in the ACT
Purpose

Tasks for today

1. Decide why play spaces are important
2. Decide your criteria for allocating $ (today and into the future)
3. Recommend how we should engage with the community
4. Agree on categories (buckets) for spending and allocate $1.9m to those categories
Background information
Canberra’s playgrounds

We have a lot of playgrounds

A large proportion of playground may not provide quality play opportunities

They are safe but expensive to replace

Budget is limited
Some key evidence
We have a lot of playgrounds in the ACT

The average number of playgrounds across Australia is 10 playgrounds per 10,000 people

2017 Yardstick benchmarked provision indicator across local governments:

22% more

Both benchmarking reports are through the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia
Example: Kambah (Established in 1974)

4th most popular playground in Canberra

The ACT was administered by the federal government until 1989
Example: Moncrieff (Established in 2014)

6th most popular playground in Canberra

Quantity: provision of playgrounds per 1000 children under 15
Many playgrounds are outdated

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- 0-5 years: 12%
- 5-15 years: 33%
- 15+ years: 56%

Playground Age

ACT Government Benchmark Median
Forecast quality

Year 10 projected Modernisation Score. Target is >75% less than 15 years

Benchmark = 74%

10 year forecast = 66%

Difference = -8%
Satisfaction with the quality of play spaces in the ACT

A large majority of residents would prefer quality over quantity

18% want more infrastructure but with reduced quality standard and a lower standard of servicing.

82% want less infrastructure across the suburb but of a higher quality and of higher standard of service.

Would you prefer to have a number of small playgrounds in your suburb or fewer but higher quality playgrounds in your suburb?

- Fewer but higher quality playgrounds in my suburb: 84%
- A number of small playgrounds in my suburb: 16%

Canberra Destination Playgrounds Study 2018
We have an efficient service program

Efficiency of inspection and maintenance program

15% more efficient

Cost: Maintenance and operational cost per playground

ACT Government: $2,394
Median: $2,773
Customer satisfaction with the provision and maintenance of playgrounds

Overall Satisfaction Level

Year


84% 86% 89% 85% 92% 89% 88% 86%
## New playground costs

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<td>Central Community playground (55)</td>
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2018 data summary

- Forecast Quality: 8% less over 10 years
- Current Quality: 29% less
- Quantity: 22% more
- Maintenance cost: 15% more efficient
- Maintenance satisfaction: 84% satisfaction
- Quality satisfaction: Preference for fewer but higher quantity playgrounds
Limited quality playgrounds are causing community concern.

The main causes are:
- High cost to build playgrounds to the current design standard
- The total number of playgrounds
- Budget is limited
Evidence - community input

Letters to the Minister
Chief Minister Talkback
Community consultation
Access Canberra requests
Petitions
Surveys and reports
How does TCCS prioritise?

Community requests + Annual Level 3 Audit results → Budget allocation?

NO Manage Risk

YES Consult, design Construct
Limitations

× Does not allow for wider ‘play space’ service gaps such as different age cohorts, accessibility, play diversity

× Does not consider limitations with supporting facilities such as seating, pathways, shade

× Does not consider equity across Canberra

× Does not target suburbs in most need of better recreational, health and social outcomes
Forum tasks for today

1. Describe why play spaces are important
2. Develop community criteria for play spaces
3. Decide how TCCS should engage with the community on play space decision making
4. Allocate up to $1.9 million on play spaces
Forum Task 2: Develop community criteria

You have already made progress on this

Apply these to decision making later today
Forum Task 2: Develop community criteria

- Your criteria will reflect the views of the wider community
- We have heard community views through
  - Better Suburbs Survey 2017
  - The Canberra Destinations Play Study (City Renewal Authority) 2018
  - The Better Suburbs Forum discussions
- Later today you will hear about
  - Four community petition groups
  - Submissions to the Play Spaces Forum
Forum Task 2: Develop community criteria

PLAY Study – over 1000 respondents
- People want fewer but better playgrounds
- Inequity between old and new suburbs
- More age diversity
- More shade, more fences
- More risky play
- More nature play

Better Suburbs Survey
- Parks and amenities is a top 5 feature

Better Suburbs Forum so far
- More nature play
- More offerings for wider age ranges
- Less local play spaces and increased quality in larger play spaces
- More play spaces co-located with shops, ovals and other facilities
- More fenced play spaces
- Play spaces that cater to the ageing population
- Community and business partnerships
Forum Task 3: How TCCS should engage with the community

–Tell us how we should work with the community to make future decisions about play spaces

_Hold that thought!_
Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

• Allocate $1.9m to play spaces
• Use your criteria to make your decision
• TCCS has suggested four buckets. Are they appropriate?
• Allocate $ to the buckets
• Work after the forum – some of you may agree to be part of panels to finalise decisions such as the locations of spending for each bucket.
Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

TCCS suggested buckets
1. New nature play spaces
2. Whole of suburb play reviews
3. Amenity upgrades
4. Refresh existing play spaces

I will explain the rationale behind these buckets, then it will be up to you as a group to decide
Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 1: New nature play spaces

Cost: $175,000 per play space

TCCS suggestion: 4 @ $700,000
Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 1: New nature play spaces

Strong community support

High value play

Lower construction cost

Complements existing types of play spaces
Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 1: New nature play spaces

There is a wall display of all the district play spaces in the room today
Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 2: Whole of suburb play reviews

Cost: $75,000 per suburb

TCCS suggestion: 5 @ $375,000
Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 2: Whole of suburb play reviews

Forum panel would select suburbs based on the agreed criteria

TCCS would engage the local community based on your suggestions on how we should engage

Seek budget funding based on engagement outcomes
Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 2: Whole of suburb play reviews

How would this bucket address community concerns and best practice?

There is a wall display in the room with some example Suburbs
Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 3: Amenity upgrades for play spaces

TCCS suggestion: $325,000

Some estimated costs

- Shade Sails: $12,000 - $26,000 depending on size
- Picnic Tables: $1,600 - $2,000
- Park Benches: $1,600 - $4,500
- Shelter 4m x 4m: $12,000
- Drinking Fountains/bubblers: $18,000
- BBQ Double hot plate: $15,000
- Toilets: $180,000 - $220,000
- Landscaping Shrub beds: $88 m2
- Paths: $180m2
- Bike Track Learn to ride: $260,000 +
- Bike Rack Metal Loop: $900
- Fitness Stations 6 items: $30,000 - $55,000
- 3 in 1 courts: $140,000 (Basketball, Soccer, netball same as CRIPS)
- Basketball court: $50,000- $75,000
- Badminton/volleyball (CRIP): $6,000
Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 3: Amenity upgrades for play spaces

e.g. Shade sails, paths, landscaping, furniture

Informed by public submissions

Decision making led by a panel from the Forum

Improve experience for children and adults
Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 4: Refresh existing play spaces

Cost: $30,000 per play space (approximately)

TCCS suggestion: 16 @ $500,000
Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 4: Refresh existing play spaces

- Extend life by 5+ years
- Improve function and aesthetics
- Prevents greater costs in the medium term

Canberra Destination Playgrounds Study 2018
Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 4: Refresh existing play spaces

Wellington Street, Ngunnawal before and after
Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 4: Refresh existing play spaces

Were Street, Calwell before and after