

## Excerpts from Craigavon Park playground February 2016 consultation

Comments about how the playground could be improved.

No.	Feedback Response – ‘How do you think the playground could be improved?’
1.	<i>Sand and water play</i>
2.	<i>Water drinking/fountain. Water and sand play for children.</i>
3.	<i>Nothing it's pretty good</i>
4.	<i>Water play, shade areas, sand pit, drinking fountains for children and dogs.</i>
5.	<i>Water fountains in the playground.</i>
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. new park should have shade cloth</i></li> <li><i>2. a rope-climbing structure</i></li> <li><i>3. replace bark-covered ground with rubber</i></li> <li><i>4. more tunnels and climbing walls.</i></li> <li><i>5. remove the 4-way see-saw</i></li> </ul>
7.	<i>No Pine trees nearby, shade cover in parts, water play, sand Play, grass areas, soft fall not bark, made more like Waterview new park.</i>
8.	<i>More shade, it's all in direct sun, would love a sandpit and water area, plus fort or (in my 2 years olds eyes) an ice castle! She also requested music playing but think that's a tough one to follow up! Maybe a couple of drums or similar though? Play car.</i>
9.	<i>Add water feature.</i>
10.	<i>Water features!</i>
11.	<i>It is fine, don't spend money changing it. We could do with upgrades on Green Bay domain and rugby field playground on Portage road first.</i>
12.	<p><i>I think what you have on offer for the smaller children 0-2 is fantastic however for 2-5yr olds it isn't exciting enough.</i></p> <p><i>We live on Godey Road, very close to the park however we travel to Henderson where they have the big tunnel slides x2 and lots of sand and water play. That park is amazing!</i></p>
13.	<i>More shaded spaces in the playground please!</i>
14.	<i>With the addition of water and more challenges for the younger children. The older children could enjoy more complex climbing equipment. It would be good to see big tress around the park to provide shade. Maybe a cool tree house in the tree, wouldn't that be amazing!</i>
15.	<p><i>The playground in Craigavon Park is lovely for little children but it needs to cater more for older children, e.g. 6 year olds and upwards.</i></p> <p><i>It needs the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>A rope netting climbing frame.</i></li> <li><i>A climbing tower similar to the one at Rocket Park in Mt Albert.</i></li> <li><i>A higher slide.</i></li> <li><i>A good seesaw.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>The whole of Craigavon Park also needs more drainage.</i></p>
16.	<p><i>There is a lot of natural shade from trees but these changes with the direction of the sun over the day so there needs to be a permanent shade covering for some or all of the playground.</i></p> <p><i>It would be good to have more movable objects like the counting beads and steering wheels.</i></p>
17.	<i>Replacement of old equipment.</i>
18.	<i>My family enjoyed something for the bigger kids? Outside the small kid area.</i>
19.	<i>Adding and improving on the adult frames around the park that are in very poor condition would be good. The pull up bars are unusable and have been for years. Other adult exercise stations are made from materials not really fit for purpose. The park needs a tower/climbing/sliding construction similar to recent park developments in Parrs Park and other Henderson waterside developments with flying foxes. As the council decided to</i>

	<i>remove a number of mature trees from the park it would be good to see developments that served the community in the park and catered for those who do not take dogs there. Unfortunately any new development would have to be fully fenced as dog owners often let their pets off-leash near the play area and this is a potential hazard to children who the dogs do not know.</i>
20	<i>Updating the play equipment. Providing some creative play aspects e.g. sand and water. Providing for a variety of ages e.g. swings that are suitable for very young children upwards. Providing as much shade as possible.</i>
21.	<i>It's actually pretty good as it is.</i>
22.	<i>More exciting play e.g. water, flying foxes</i>
23.	<i>More seating for adults within the gated area, bark surface is ok but not comfortable on bare feet. More shade.</i>
24.	<i>More shade over the playground area, particularly the slide areas. Any upgrade to equipment would be good. Areas to 'hide' like a cubby house or area under the playground. Signs so people don't bring dogs in.</i>
25.	<i>Climbing wall/adventure/obstacles (playground at Island View reserve in Whangamata is a great example). Long high slide. Water play. Flying fox. Huts to climb in, through. Drinking tap, rubbish bin in play area would be practical.</i>
26.	<i>Check out the amazing new playground structure at hamilton lake. Green plastic and timber area with water play too. Put that in and everyone will be happy.</i>
27.	<i>Definitely needs some shade, either sail or tree planting. Some form of climbing structure to challenge children. Separate areas for younger and older children.</i>
28.	<i>Shade would be really beneficial. Picnic tables inside the playground. Some water play and sand play. Tunnels and hills. A little bike track.</i>
29.	<i>Would be nice to have an additional area for biking/scootering - have a good size circuit like the one at Onepeto domain with some interesting bumps. Would want it to be fairly open so children could be easily supervised. Eg a parent could sit in the shade.</i>
30.	<i>Equipment is faded and old looking, needs a 'spruce up'. A sunshade over entire playground would be good to protect children from the harsh sun.</i>
31.	<i>The spinning device could be moved to a more central location as it is in the small kids area but used more by older kids. A seesaw would be great.</i>
32.	<i>Adults swings.</i>
33.	<i>Natural water feature, little interactive waterway. Shade. Ground on different levels with tunnels through slides down. Flying fox. Extra big challenging area for older kids. More of a flow all over playground rather than swings in one area, climbing in another. Natural equipment, rocks to climb on, logs to walk over, with things that move, pulleys etc. Big buckets on chains can be too heavy for younger ones to lift.</i>
34.	<i>Water play like Potters Park for the 100's of local kids, and making it an accessible playground for disabled parents and kids to enjoy so proper ground surface not bark.</i>
35.	<i>Water play - a paddling pool! A bigger slide. A climbing wall with a slide down. A tunnel.</i>
36.	<i>Climbing frame/jungle gym.</i>
37.	<i>A small covered area where you could take shelter if it suddenly showers. This happens often. Keep the shade provided by the trees and perhaps add even more shade with sails. Add some interactive areas like the water feature at Parrs Park. Better path connections to car park.</i>
38.	<i>More challenging g climbing for older kids. This doesn't need to be "250k on a Web. Just more options &amp; higher climbing. I think you should make a wilderness playground like the excellent one in Copenhagen - we visited this last year &amp; it was awesome even up to teenagers, mounds of dirt, lots of rocks, fences to climb on, big trees included in climbing structures. I.e. use the natural environment rather than an ugly expensive artificial waste of \$\$\$ like parrsome park. Oh and good toilets with soap please.</i>
39.	<i>Bring back the rocktopus!! My kids loved it. Why was it taken away? THAT was our favourite item. Also put in a big log swing like at Titirangi Beach playground.</i>
40.	<i>We aren't keen on the bark floor. We would love some waterplay. Please can there be some shade. So hard in the height of summer.</i>
41.	<i>It desperately needs shade cover. The playground itself gets dangerously hot to touch</i>

	<i>and can't be used for months over summer.</i>
42.	<i>A safe connection with the skate park is needed. It's dangerous that there is no pedestrian crossing between the two playgrounds. And there's no off street parking at the skate park - skate parks are now used by very young children.</i>
43.	<i>Some covered area would be great for the kids and ensuring the gates close securely.</i>
44.	<i>More shade, more trees to climb as part of the playground, flying fox.</i>
45.	<i>Activities for the older children (6+). Lots of climbing, tunnels, slides. Activities suitable for all age groups. My children age from 1 year to 8 years, and it suits the 3 year old best in its current form. More more more swings please. Shade, desperate need for it.</i>
46.	<i>Some water play, fountains, etc.</i>
47.	<i>Add more activities e.g. sand and water to play with also include an area for younger ones scooters/skates/skateboards - the skate park across the road is great but it causes interruption to play taking the older grandchild there when the younger wants to play in the playground. More climbing stuff that allows children to explore my youngest grandchild loves the tight rope area of the bigger playground - they love balancing and climbing things.</i>
48.	<i>More seats for adults. More shade. Some of the equipment looks old and tired. A proper sea saw might be nice, but not like that odd roundabout see saw that they have at Barons Green Park.</i>
49.	<i>Definitely would love to see the playground developed further to include more activities for toddlers as in the week it tends to be the most common age group and the space becomes crowded. Incorporation of more wood instead of heavy metals. Some water activities like at the new Waterview park, or even like those at Potters Park for hot days. A flying fox might be fun with the space in the park.</i>
50.	<i>I'd like to see the fence stay, some shade and more tables and chairs for picnics and parents.</i>
51.	<i>Provision of drinking fountain (multi spout for dogs too). See-saw. Upgrade drainage channel along footpath, currently open culvert and trip hazard. Upgrade fitness stations within the park. Recent tree planting was undertaken in open grass space and this now restricts the use of this area.</i>
52.	<i>Provide challenging climbing items for older kids, a flying fox or large slide. Water play, mud slides and water. More items for older children</i>
53.	<i>More shade, it still gets really hot during the day, even with trees it is still very sunny. Water fountain nearby, shady picnic benches. I actually think that the park is excellent so don't change too much. Shade and maybe a water fountain nearby is all I would say.</i>
54.	<i>Change woodchip surface as it hides broken glass, bottle tops/sharps.</i>
55.	<i>Exercise equipment, rugby club running and lots of running, would get well used Sand play, senior items, more shade.</i>
56.	<i>Addition of senior play items.</i>
57.	<i>More shade and water fountain.</i>
58.	<i>Flooring could be improved, maybe something softer.</i>
59.	<i>More shade. More challenge for seniors. Keep 6 swings, or more (need 4 junior swings).</i>
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61.	<i>I am afraid that if anything big is 'built' there it will change this status. My younger six years old daughter said she liked the playground the way it is.</i>

