

WHAT WE HEARD REPORT

WARATAH PARK – HILL TOP

The Waratah Park Playspace is located on Rosina Street, Hill Top and has been closed due to safety issues with the play equipment.

There has been a delay in the replacement of the Waratah Playspace equipment, in part, due to alternative proposals that have been put forward for the Hill Top area.

Council proposed the funding for Waratah Playspace be redirected to the Railway Park which provides a larger, centralised location for the children's play area in the village. This would also support the heritage loop line railway upgrade project.

Community Feedback was from the 16th May until the 9th June.

WHO WE ENGAGED

The consultation targeted Wingecarribee residents and was promoted via numerous channels including the Your Say Wingecarribee website, Council's eNewsletter and mail outs to nearby neighbours.

WHAT WE HEARD

We would like to thank those who provided feedback on the proposed design for the Waratah Playspace. Overall, there was 60% positive response from the community for the proposal to remove the Waratah Park Playspace and redirect the funding to enhance the village play area at the Railway Park. However, it has been noted the community wish to have some equipment, seating areas at waratah park to accommodate local schools and halls.



Other community members have expressed concerns in regard to the proposed funding at the Village play area for the following reasons:

- Safety concerns in relation to the rail proximity
- Funding has already been provided to the Village Park and upgrades will be utilized at Waratah Playspace
- Time constraints on design and implementation

60% of community members said Yes to remove the Waratah Park Playspace and redirect the funding to enhance the Village Play Area at the Railway Park. Comments from the community

- *'Putting a good play ground in will draw people in and pay for its self if there are premises close by to rent out'*
- *'Money has already been paid towards the village play area park. Money should instead be used to redo Warratah park'*
- *'A quiet place to sit and meet with friends (Waratah Park)'*
- *'There should be some minimal items, like a rope swing or similar there (Waratah Park) and some seating for parents waiting for schoolchildren'*
- *'The playspace would reduce the public open space available for community and civic activities and require significant investment to ensure children do not have free and ready access to the railway line and dangerous unmaintained vegetated area to the north of the open space'*
- *'As a small pleasant park (Waratah Park) with some seating for parents who are waiting for their kids who come home by bus'*
- *'We have been without a playground here in Hill Top for two years'*



WHATS NEXT?

Thank you once again to all the community members who provided us with valuable feedback. After careful consideration the Council has decided to remove the Waratah Park Playspace and redirect the funding to enhance the village play area by creating additional play area for different age group at the Railway park. Further information will be provided once a design is ready for community feedback.

Updates will continue to be provided, If you have any questions about this project or would like to be kept updated on its progress, please email engagement@wsc.nsw.gov.au

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