CONSULTATION SUMMARY

CITY OF CHARLES STURT



PROJECT: Caddy Reserve Playground Renewal

DATE: 15-09-2026

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KEY THEMES AND QUESTIONS FROM THE PLAYGROUND'S COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Please note: playgrounds cannot realistically include every requested feature due to budget, site size, safety standards, and maintenance requirements.
Therefore the final design seeks to balance community feedback with these practical considerations while delivering the greatest overall benefit to the community.

Question/Theme	Included?	CCS Response
Fencing	Included	The upgraded playground now includes new fencing along the road side of the playground, which will link into the existing residential fencing. While fencing is typically outside the scope of a playground renewal project and is often funded through a separate budget, it has been incorporated in response to strong community feedback. The inclusion of fencing also reflects the playground's new location closer to a busy road, providing an additional safety measure for children. The playground has been relocated to improve visibility, passive surveillance and overall awareness of the reserve, as the existing playground is currently tucked away at the rear of the site.
Wooden structure over plastic	-	The new play equipment uses a natural colour palette of greens, browns and beige to reflect the requested golf and nature themes. While timber was considered, high-quality recycled plastic and steel components provide greater durability, longevity and lower ongoing maintenance requirements. Unlike timber, plastic will not rot, warp, crack, splinter or be affected by termites, making it a more sustainable long-term investment. Many modern playground plastics are also recyclable at the end of their service life. Natural play opportunities have been incorporated through balancing logs, boulders, log steppers and additional tree and shrub planting to retain a strong connection to nature.
Loop path / Accessible pathways	Included	A new accessible path has been incorporated, which connects to and loops around the new playground from the existing footpath along the verge. The path provides access around the main play structure and swings while also connecting to the nature play and golf putting area, improving accessibility and circulation throughout the playground. A loop path to the whole reserve is out of scope.
Opportunities for nature play	Included	The design incorporates a range of nature-play experiences to encourage imaginative, sensory, and unstructured play. Features include natural boulders, balancing logs, and log steppers. Additional tree and shrub planting has also been included to enhance the natural character of the playground and provide opportunities for children to interact with natural materials and landscapes.
Nature or golf theme	Included	The final design combines both requested themes. The golf theme is reflected through decorative play panels, the colour palette of the main play structure and a dedicated putting area. Nature has been incorporated through natural colours, boulders, balancing logs, log steppers and additional tree and shrub planting to create a more natural play experience.
Climbing elements	Included	The play structure includes a variety of climbing opportunities to suit different abilities, including multiple climbing walls and other challenging climbing features that encourage strength, coordination and confidence.
Obstacle courses	Included	A nature play obstacle course has been included using balancing logs, log steppers and boulders. Additional obstacle-style play is incorporated within the main play structure through elements such as monkey bars, a net bridge and disc crossings, providing a range of physical challenges.
Slides	Included	The playground includes two slides within the main play structure—a larger single slide and a smaller double slide suitable for younger children. While taller slides were requested, the playground's proximity to neighbouring residential properties limited the overall structure height to minimise overlooking and maintain privacy for adjacent residents.

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Swings	Included	The playground includes both a junior swing and a standard strap swing, providing play opportunities for a range of ages and abilities.
Shade / Tree planting	Included	A shade sail or shade structure is outside the scope of this playground renewal project. As the reserve is classified as a Neighbourhood playground, it is generally not of a size or classification that would typically warrant the installation of a shade structure. To increase natural shade over time, approximately 40 new trees will be planted throughout the playground and wider reserve. These additional trees will enhance comfort for visitors while also improving the landscape, biodiversity and overall amenity of the reserve.
Seating	Included	Additional seating has been incorporated within the playground to improve comfort for carers and visitors. Following the playground relocation, the existing stone wall will also provide informal seating while maintaining good views of the play space.
Diverse play opportunities	Included	The playground has been designed to provide a diverse range of play experiences. Features include a golf putting area, flying fox, swings, multiple slides, monkey bars, climbing elements, nature play, interactive play panels and a themed "Pro Golf Shop" play space. Together, these elements encourage imaginative, physical, social and sensory play for a broad range of users.
Exercise equipment	Included	Dedicated outdoor fitness equipment is outside the scope of this playground renewal project. However, several play elements, including monkey bars and a turnover bar, can also be used for strength and fitness activities by older children and community members.
Community garden	Not Included	A community garden is outside the scope and available budget for this playground renewal project. The project has focused on upgrading the playground and associated play opportunities within the available funding.
How do you make a playground suitable for a range of ages?	-	The playground has been designed to cater for a broad range of ages within the available project budget. Community feedback helped prioritise the most requested play elements. The main play structure includes areas suitable for both younger and older children, with easier access and smaller slides for younger users, alongside more challenging climbing activities and larger play elements for older children. A combination of junior and standard swings, nature play and open-ended play opportunities further supports a wide range of ages, abilities and play styles.
Food allergies? Could a sign go up about not eating on the playground?	Not Included	While food allergies are an important consideration, signage relating to eating is outside the scope of this playground renewal project. Visitors are encouraged to supervise children and manage food consumption based on their individual needs and circumstances.
Playgrounds get cleaned?	-	Playgrounds are designed and constructed using durable, weather-resistant materials that require minimal routine cleaning. Natural rainfall typically removes dust and light debris, while Council undertakes regular inspections and maintenance to ensure the playground remains safe and in good condition. Additional cleaning is generally undertaken only when required, such as following vandalism, spills or other specific maintenance issues.