

Mapua Reserve Playground Upgrade

Draft Playground Plan sent by Glen Thorn on about 10th December and posted on Facebook



Facebook post about 11 December

A whole year has past since MDCA held a brainstorming session to discover the communities wish list for the playground upgrade. The unfortunate fires earlier in the year meant this project got shelved while TDC staff attended to the fire and its aftermath. Thankfully, this project is now back on track with the attached draft plan open for your comments.

To explain as briefly as possible, the idea within the plan is to move the Great Taste Cycle path along the the boundary fence of the Mapua Hall carpark to create a separation and minimise cycle traffic from the playground area while opening up the opportunity to increase the size of the playground itself.

The intention is to replace all the grassed area with a suitable playground surface (small grassed areas are expensive for TDC to maintain) and enable more area for playground equipment as well as tables and seats.

The pink area near the tennis courts will be wheel chair friendly, both in the type of surface and the equipment installed. This surfaced will include a design from a local Mapua Maori Artist.

We would appreciate your feedback on the design whether it is supportive or not so.

If you are having trouble viewing the plan and would like a PDF file so you can see it more clearly on your computer screen please make your request by emailing info@ourmapua.org

Email from Marion to Glen Thorn:

At MDCA's meeting last night a suggestion was put forward asking whether it would be a possibility for

the old playground equipment that is to be decommissioned from the Mapua Reserve Playground could be donated to a local school if the school would like to receive it.

MDCA are willing to follow this up with the school if it is a possibility.

Can you please get back to me by the end of this week so I can make contact with the school prior to them finishing for the year.

Email from Glen to Marion

Excellent thank you for putting this out

This request is not straight forward given the age of the equipment and the fact that the school must follow all rules and regulations relating to playgrounds also. I believe we have had an offer from some locals to take it away. The odd time we have been paid if it is going to private location and other times as long as people cover the cost of the removal we are very happy. But we don't allow schools or playgroups etc to take old equipment as it could put them in a position of non compliance

Happy to talk this through further and see what we can do. I certainly don't want it dumped and sometimes we keep equipment stored at Rabbit Island as replacement parts for other old playgrounds around the district.

Marion to compile comments on playground draft plan and send them through to Glen Thorn.