



All-Abilities Swing Upgrade, Clontarf

Engagement Summary

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Leading the way in inclusive play

We are considering options to install a new all-abilities swing to replace the current Liberty Swing in Pelican Park, Clontarf.

The Liberty Swing in Pelican Park, Clontarf has been providing high-value recreational play for people with severe and profound disabilities for decades.

Due to its age and deterioration, we are proposing to replace the Liberty Swing with a more accessible and inclusive swing in a new location - Crockatt Park, Woody Point.

When the Liberty Swing was installed, it was at the forefront of accessible play equipment. Since then, there have been significant advancements in the design of accessible and inclusive playground equipment that give people with disability the opportunity to play alongside other playground users.

We proposed the We-Go-Swing which allows users to roll up the ramp onto the large entry eliminating the need to transfer from a mobility device and enjoy the swinging experience. There is plenty of space for users to swing with others.



An example of the proposed We-Go-Swing (images sourced from www.playlsi.com)

Engagement snapshot

Between 12 September to 10 October 2024, we invited feedback on the proposed swing alternative and new location from current Liberty Swing users, their friends, families and support workers, and organisations advocating for people with disability. During the consultation period, we had:



372 webpage visitors



13 survey contributions from directly impacted stakeholders

The focus of this engagement was to hear directly from immediately impacted stakeholders and those who have either made use of the current swing or their carers/ support workers. Generally, we heard:



Positive feedback about the proposal and anecdotes about the important play value a piece of equipment like this provides for a community.



Considerations about the proposed new location to ensure the placement of the new swing has enhanced accessibility for users.

How we engaged

We know from [Moreton Says](#) that our communities value inclusive facilities and diversity. We want to continue creating fully accessible spaces for play and recreation.

Working in collaboration with Council's dedicated Access and Inclusion team, we designed an inclusive opportunity to hear from groups and individuals with first-hand experience with the current Liberty Swing. The purpose of this engagement was to:

- understand if the proposed We-Go-Swing would have the same level of play value that's loved by current Liberty Swing users
- understand whether the change of location would have more positive or negative benefits for users.

Due to time constraints, we prioritised a digital engagement opportunity, focussing on ensuring those directly affected by the potential outcome were aware of the opportunity to have their say.

We ran an online survey through our dedicated Your Say Moreton Bay platform. The survey was open for four weeks from 12 September to 10 October 2024. We encouraged participation using community outreach, a social media campaign and other tools outlined below.

Community outreach

The engagement was targeted to those who would be directly affected by the upgrade. We identified 19 support providers and schools on the Redcliffe Peninsula. We emailed and hand delivered flyers to each service so they were aware and encouraged them to share the consultation with their clients. We also offered to provide one-on-one support to complete the survey to anyone who required it.

Social media

Alongside community outreach, we ran a paid social media campaign targeting only residents from the Redcliffe Peninsula. The post was shared widely into various groups and received lots of positive commentary.



2,239 clicks on the post linking to the webpage for more information



37 comments and 184 reactions (likes) to the post

"Plenty of people with disability do enjoy having the same thrills afforded to the able. My (now adult) daughter loves the experience of a liberty swing in her wheelchair."

Facebook comment

Other tools and tactics

As well as the above-mentioned tools used to encourage participation in the consultation, we also:

- placed physical signage with a QR code linking to the survey in both Pelican Park (near the current location of the Liberty Swing) and Crockatt Park (the proposed new location of the We-Go-Swing)
- launched a dedicated project webpage on Council's Your Say Moreton Bay (YSMB) website
- placed an article in the YSMB newsletter reaching more than 4,000 community members
- used existing relationships with community groups and professional networks including QLD Disability Network, Carers QLD and dedicated not-for-profit organisations like Touched by Olivia to spread the word.

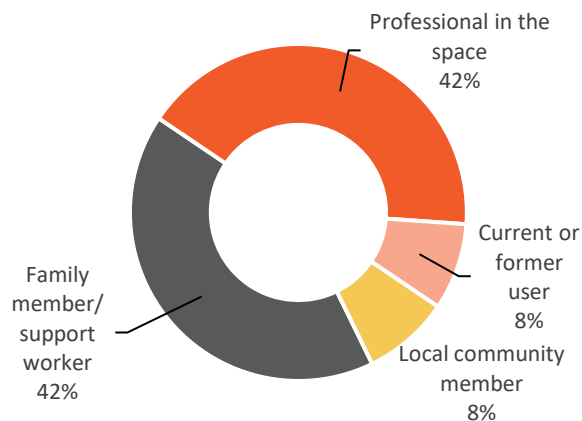


Signage at the current Liberty Swing location in Pelican Park, Clontarf

What we heard

This report summarises the findings from the online survey as well as other anecdotal feedback received both online and face-to-face during community outreach.

Of the 13 survey respondents who participated in the online survey, 42% identified as a family member or support worker of a person who uses the swing and 42% worked in a professional position interested in accessible playground access. One respondent was a current or former user themselves.



Breakdown of who responded to the online survey

For the purposes of consolidating this report, the feedback received via the survey was segmented into three key themes:

- play value for users
- changing location
- keyless access.

Play value for users

If delivered, the proposed We-Go-Swing would be the first of its kind installed in a public park in Queensland. We wanted to know if the play experience with a We-Go-Swing would replicate or enhance the experience users have with the current Liberty Swing.

Respondents agreed the play experience offered by the We-Go-Swing would be better for users. The current Liberty Swing only allows one user to swing at a time whereas the We-Go-Swing's ability to swing with others was liked by 62% of respondents.

“Great to be able to use the swing while the rest of the family are using the same area and we can be on the swing with our family member.”

Survey respondent, Redcliffe

The We-Go-Swing's greater accessibility was also liked by 23% of respondents. There was also a general desire for more all-abilities play equipment across the Redcliffe Peninsula.

“(It is) accessible to more families, addresses the need for greater accessibility across the region and the more modern equipment is far more user friendly.”

Survey respondent, Newport

Change in location

Council officers thoroughly reviewed potential locations for the new swing and found positioning at Crockatt Park, Woody Point would make the play equipment even more accessible for users.

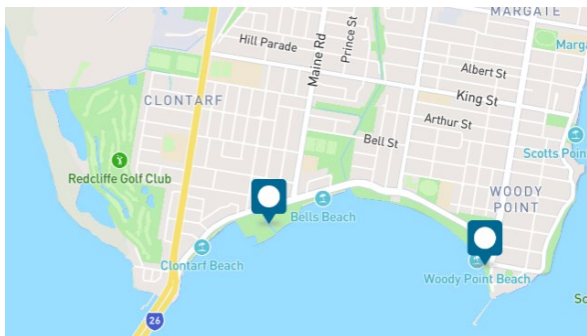
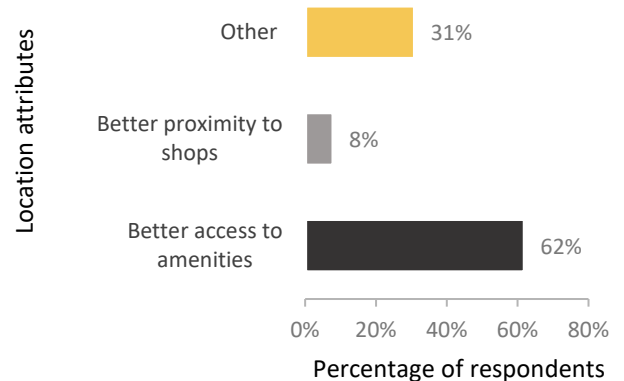


Diagram of distance between the current and proposed location of the We-Go-Swing (Pelican Park on left, Crockatt Park on right)

When asked what respondents liked/ didn't like about the proposed location, 62% of survey respondents said they liked that it would have better access to amenities (toilets, picnic tables, etc.).

Feedback on new location



Of the 31% of respondents who chose 'other' when asked about what they liked about the proposed new location, one identified that the new location also had better proximity to Woody Point Special School.

When asked what they didn't like about the proposed location, many respondents had concerns about the traffic congestion already experienced in the vicinity of Crockatt Park.

“This space is congested already. The inconvenience of whether an appropriate car park can be found for those wanting to use the swing. There will be the need for additional disability car spaces as you will be attracting more users who require such into this space.”

Survey respondent

Alongside the positive feedback from the survey and Facebook, there was some Facebook commentary that raised concerns about the busyness of the new location and parking considerations given Crockatt Park is already well-used by both locals and tourists.

“The park (Crockatt Park) is extremely busy. This will add more people, vehicles and congestion in an already busy space.”

Social media comment

Keyless access

The current Liberty Swing requires users to purchase their own or borrow a Master Locksmiths Access Key (MLAK) from Council customer service centres. The key is only available during business hours, 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Many survey respondents commented on how restrictive this was and how removing the need for the MLAK would make the new swing easier to access and enhance useability.

“It will be great for users not to need a key to utilise the equipment and will address the issue of exclusion by allowing others to 'swing alongside'.”

Survey respondent



*Another example of the proposed We-Go- Swing
(image sourced from www.playlsi.com)*

Next steps

Thank you to everyone who contributed during the consultation period. Your feedback has given us important insights that will help make the most of this piece of play equipment. You also provided insights into what is needed to enhance accessible play more generally in City of Moreton Bay.

We will now consider feedback alongside best practice design principles, site constraints, project budget and market quotes to determine if the proposal can be delivered and the timeframe in which this could occur. Any updates, plans and other opportunities for input will be provided on the Your Say Moreton Bay platform. Visit: <https://yoursay.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/all-abilities-swing-upgrade-clontarf>.



