

# MEDIA STATEMENT



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## **Children to help choose local playground equipment**

Children and their families are being invited to decide on the next generation of playground equipment in their neighbourhood with the City of Bunbury holding public consultation days at popular parks next week.

Bill Beaton Park in East Bunbury and Whiteman Park in Usher are due to have the playground equipment replaced and the City wants the local community to have its say on the designs.

Families are encouraged to come along to their local park and choose their preferred design, and the option with the most votes will then be installed.

Kristy Tillett, Manager Landscape and Open Space, said it was important for the residents surrounding these parks to have a say on what their children would play on.

“These parks are integral parts of the local community and we are very keen for surrounding residents to be included in the decision-making process,” Ms Tillett said.

“We will have two options at each park for people to choose from and we are really encouraging the kids to come down and place a sticker on their favourite design.”

The current playground equipment in Bill Beaton and Whiteman Parks are ageing and the City is keen to replace them with facilities that are more engaging.

“Modern parks are more than just slides and swings, we want to use equipment that encourages children to use their imagination and make the most of their time outdoors,” Ms Tillett said.

Residents will be able to have their say at Bill Beaton Park (Perkins Avenue, East Bunbury) on Wednesday, 8 June at 10am to 11am and also 4pm to 5pm.

Consultation will be held at Whiteman Park (Collinsville Way, Usher) on Thursday, 9 June at 10am to 11am and also 4pm to 5pm.

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