

# MEDIA STATEMENT



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## **Children choose innovative playground equipment**

About 90 children, parents and grandparents have played a part in choosing the next generation of playground equipment in two Bunbury parks.

The City of Bunbury invited the local communities surrounding Bill Beaton Park in East Bunbury and Whiteman Park in Usher to vote for their preferred design across two days of public consultation last week.

The decision was in the hands of voters with the most popular option being earmarked for installation.

Manager Landscape and Open Space Kristy Tillett said by involving the community in the decision-making process, park users will gain a sense of ownership and pride in the new equipment.

“It was fantastic to see so many people involved in this process, it really shows how important these local parks are to children and their families,” Ms Tillett said.

“The playground equipment is starting to age, so it will be great to provide the kids with new facilities that they actually want to play on.”

The modern designs will move beyond slides and swings to include equipment that encourages children to use their imagination and make the most of their time outdoors.

The equipment is designed for kids of all ages ranging from toddlers to pre-teens.

The City hopes to install the new equipment within the next three months, depending on the availability of equipment.

The winning designs are available to view on the City of Bunbury website [www.bunbury.wa.gov.au](http://www.bunbury.wa.gov.au).

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said community consultation was an important tool to actively engage with residents and seek feedback on its projects.

“We will continue to talk to the community about a range of projects as they come up to empower the people to be involved in the decision-making process,” Mr Brennan said.

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