

Uraidla Park Play Space Community Engagement Outcomes Report

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1 INTRODUCTION

Members of the Uraidla community worked with council and landscape architects to co-design the Uraidla Park play space concept plan which was Stage 1 of the play space Consultation process. The concept plan showed the overall idea for the site including its potential uses and future play space area.

The consultation comprised an opportunity for the Community to provide feedback via hardcopy and online submission as well as providing submissions by email, letter, and phone contact. A copy of information provided on Council's Engagement Platform and submission form is available in Appendix A.

This report presents feedback received on the Stage 2 Consultation which was to collect feedback from the local and wider community regarding the concept plan from 28 January and 2 March 2025.

A total of 32 responses were received. This included 22 responses via online surveys, 5 direct emails (including 1 hardcopy survey), 1 phone call and 4 face to face conversations via door knocking in the local area. All feedback has been collated and will form part of the tender briefing pack to the playground designer and construction team. All email submissions are provided in Appendix B.

It is important to note that consultation processes often highlight a diverse range of thoughts and opinions that may conflict with one another.

Council staff have a responsibility to provide considered analysis of information received from consultation processes; coupled with an obligation to provide safe and well-designed play spaces for the community. Some ideas and concepts received in this consultation process may not be suitable for the Uraidla Park site and will therefore be omitted from the project scope.

Social media posts, email blasts and advertisements are provided in Appendix C.

2 SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

2.1 BACKGROUND

Through conversations with community group Imagine Uraidla, council staff in August 2024 invited the local community to join with them to create a 'Vision and Design Working Group'. The intent of the Group was to help council develop and shape a concept plan for the play space, and this plan would then be presented to the broader community for comment. The Group (made up of approximately 14 people, including kids, parents and grandparents) were invited to meet with Adelaide Hills Council staff and a landscape architect team for two x co-design workshops. During the first workshop, the Group discussed the importance of the site,

its identity, and aspirations. The landscape architect then developed three different play space concept plans, which the group provided feedback on during the second workshop.

Council rounded back to the Group in December 2024 for a third workshop and presented the final draft concept plan for another review. Final comments and tweaks were completed in mid- January and the concept plan was then released for wider community engagement on January 28 and closed 2 March 2025.

The concept plan showed the overall idea for the site including its potential uses and is conceptual vision rather than being too detailed. The concept plan can be flexible and subject to change depending on budgets, product availability and site constraints. The consultation provided the opportunity for the community to share their thoughts prior to any final decision being made in respect to the final design.

2.2 ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

As per above, staff worked closely with the Uraidla Vision and Design Working Group. We also endeavoured to reach AHC ratepayers, residents, businesses, schools, and child-based stakeholders especially those local to Uraidla and its surrounds. Staff also spoke with the Red Shed who share the site. Participants were able to engage via online or submit a hardcopy via mail, email, or phone.

A simple submission form was developed and provided online and in hardcopy format. It contained eight questions, including both closed and open style questions. Questions were designed to seek the level of support Participants had for the proposed concept plan and opportunity to raise any concerns or other feedback.

Anyone could participate in the consultation with submission forms and information made available online and in hard copy at our customer service centres and libraries at Gumeracha, Stirling, Woodside and Norton Summit.

A copy of information provided and the submission form is included in Appendix A.

2.3 DISTRIBUTION AND PROMOTION

The opportunity to provide feedback was promoted through several channels including:

- Notices posted on Council's website, EHQ and Hills Voice e-newsletter
- Courier Council Column on 5 February 2025
- Targeted emails to local stakeholders and community groups
- Targeted door knock to residents and local businesses
- Emails to EHQ registrants
- Emails to Hills Voice Registrants

- Posters, information sheets and hardcopy feedback forms available at libraries/customer service centres at Gumeracha, Norton Summit, Stirling, and Woodside.
- Information posters at Uraidla post office
- Social media promoting opportunity

Email and social media promotion statistics are presented below:

Media	Number of posts	Emails opened	Engagement (reaction, comment, share or opening link)
Facebook	3	n/a	17
Email Blast	2	2926	608

All email blasts, advertisements and posts are provided in full in Appendix C.

3 PARTICIPANTS

This section provides details about participation during the engagement period and demographic information about Respondents who completed a submission and/or provided an email.

Engaged Participants are considered to be those who were not only aware of and informed about the consultation process but who also chose to provide their feedback. The number of aware and informed people who chose not to provide feedback is presented within the table below:

Table 1 Aware, informed and engaged community

	Email	Social Media	EHQ Platform
Aware <i>Sighted information that the consultation was open</i>	2926	-	401
Informed <i>Accessed information via visiting multiple sites or downloading information</i>	608	17	259
Engaged <i>Provided feedback</i>	5 emails		22 surveys

An interesting note about the informed group of 259 people in the EHQ platform, is that 237 of them downloaded a document and 78 of them visited multiple pages within the engagement project page but only 22 decided to provide their feedback.

3.1 PARTICIPATION RATE

The following table displays the level of engaged participation who provided feedback.

Table 2 Level of Participation

Activity	Number Participating
Online submissions	22
Hardcopy submission form	1 (via email)
Written response –email, letter, submission	4
Face to face conversations with local residents via door knock	4
Phone calls received	1
TOTAL CONSULTATION PARTICIPATION	32

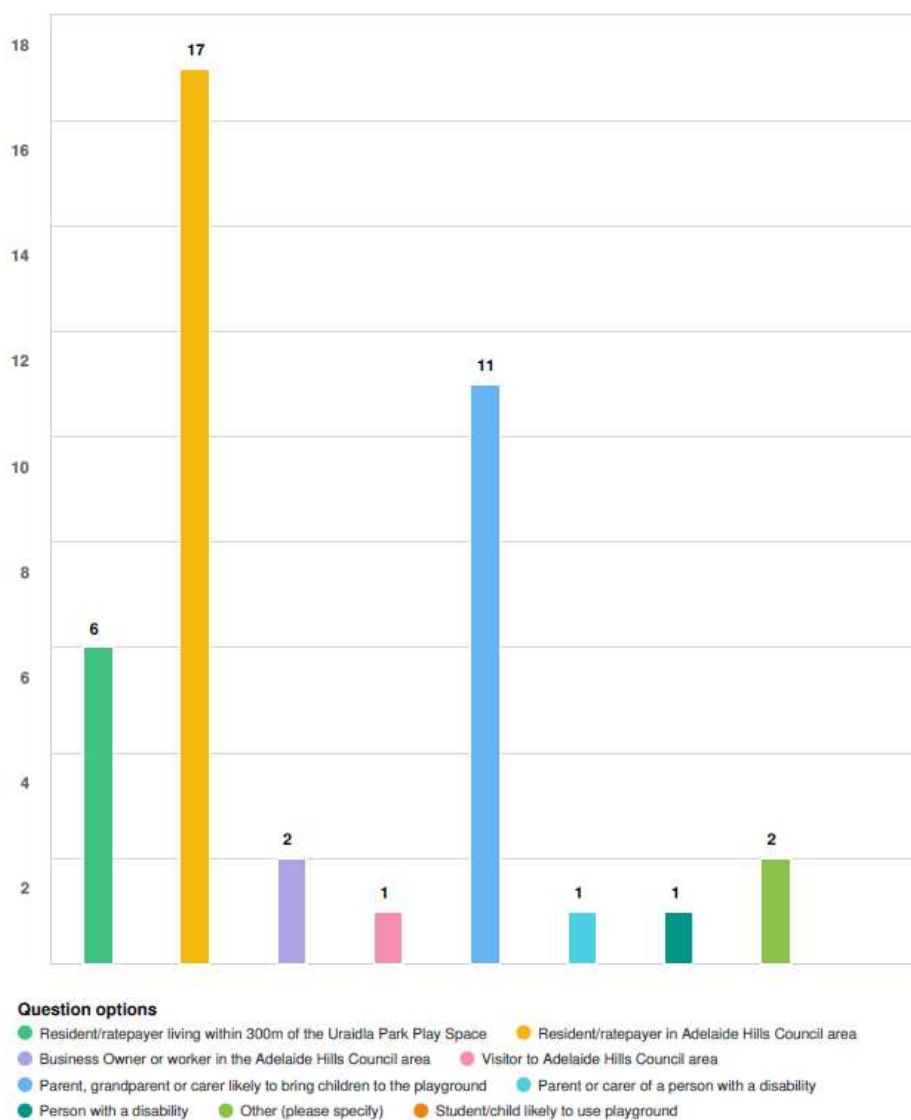
3.2 PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS

Demographic data was collected from Respondents on the Suburb/township in which they lived, their age range and what their connection was to the hills.

Respondents Connection to the Hills

Respondents were asked what their connection was to the Uraidla Park play space. This was a mandatory question with 22 submission responses, with participants being able to tick more than one box. As seen below almost all Respondents were residents or ratepayers of the Adelaide Hills Council area (there was only one visitor to the Adelaide Hills Council area).

Chart 2 Respondents connection to the Uraidla Park play space



Respondents Suburb

Respondents were asked if they could provide the suburb/township in which they resided. This was a mandatory question with 22 submission responses.

SUBURB	No. of Respondents
SUMMERTOWN, SA	8
URAILDA, SA	7
BRIDGEWATER, SA	2
BASKET RANGE, SA	2
PICCADILLY, SA	1
CRAFERS, SA	1
UPPER STURT, SA	1

4 ONLINE SUBMISSION FEEDBACK

22 online submission responses were received as part of this consultation. Analysis of questions is provided below.

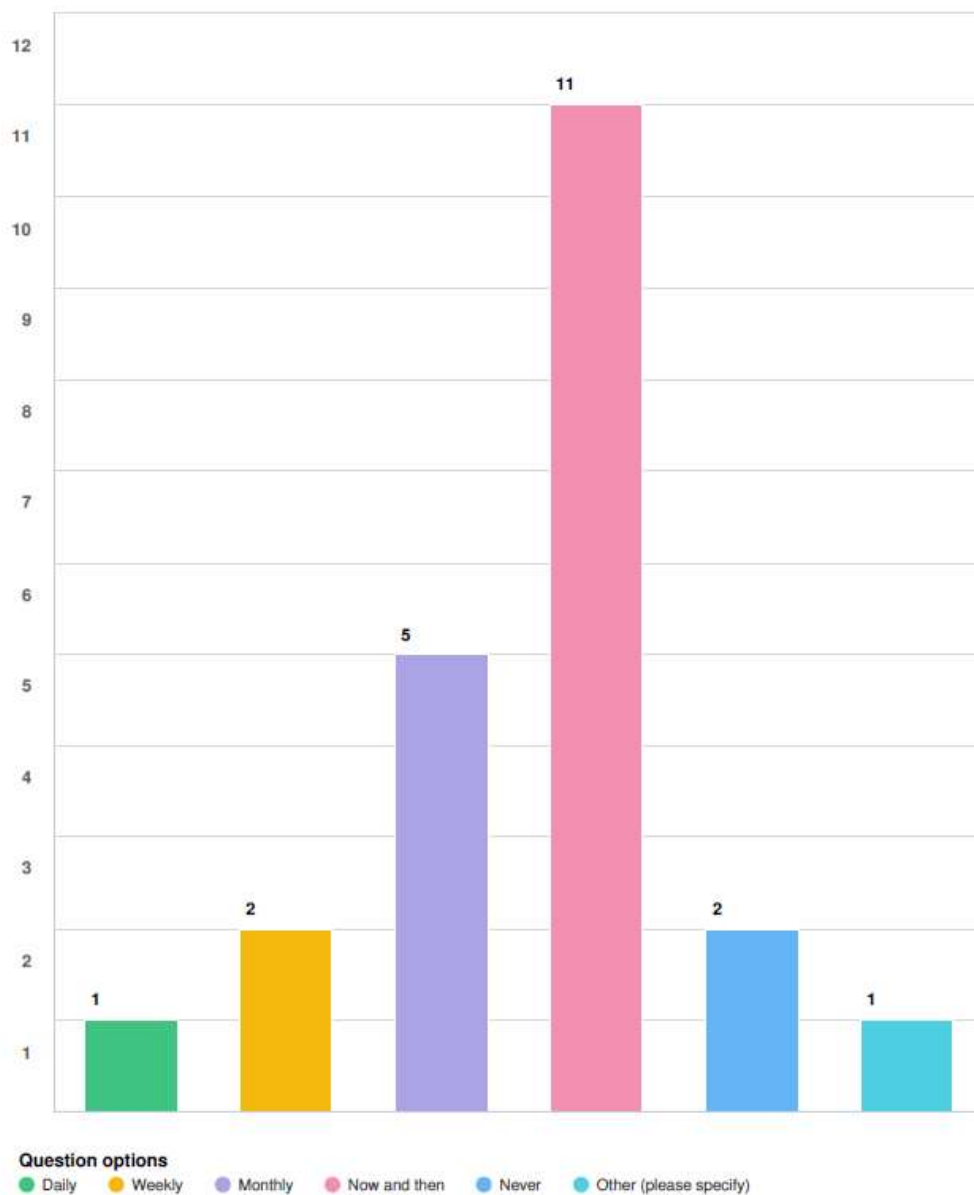
4.1 WHO LOOKED AT THE DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN

Respondents were asked 'Have you had a look at the draft concept plan for Uraidla Park including the play space?'. This was a mandatory question with 22 respondents. The below chart tells us 16 of the 22 respondents looked at the draft concept plan in detail.



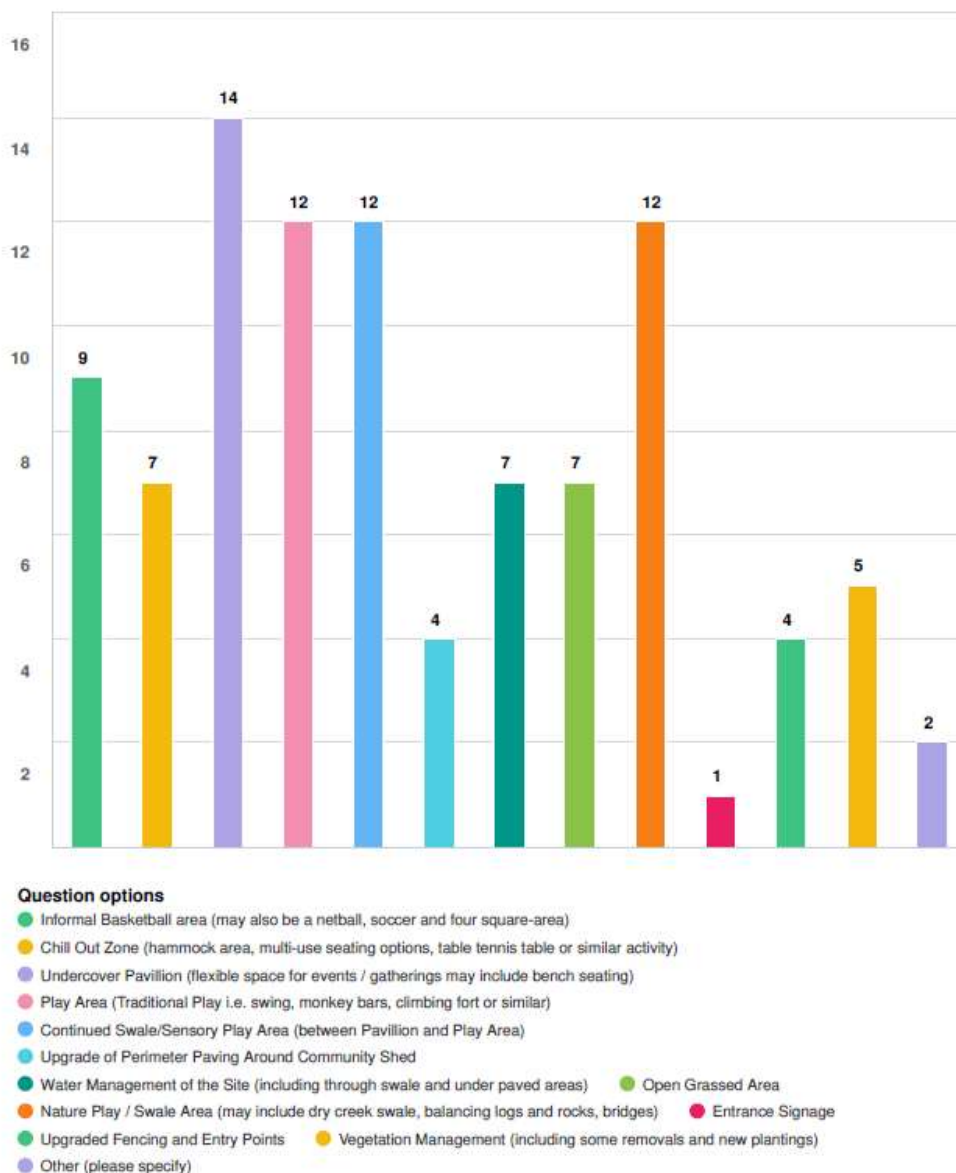
4.2 CURRENT VISITATION RATES AT THE URAIDLA PARK PLAY SPACE?

Respondents were asked 'Currently, how often do you visit the Uraidla Park play space?'. This was a mandatory question with 22 respondents. As presented below the most highly selected option that was provided was 'now and then' with 50% (n=11) of Respondents selecting this option. The second most selected option was 'monthly' with 22.73% (n=5) of Respondents selecting this option. The 'other' Respondent noted they only use the toilets occasionally.



4.3 PLAY SPACE ELEMENTS RESPONDENTS ARE MOST EXCITED ABOUT?

Respondents were asked 'What parts of the play space elements of the concept plan are you most excited about?'. As presented below the most highly selected option that was provided was the undercover pavilion (n=14). Equal second was Respondents (n=12) selecting the play area (traditional play), the swale/sensory area and nature play area.



4.4 CONCERNS WITH THE CONCEPT PLAN

Respondents were asked 'Is there anything that concerns you with the concept plan, including the play space aspects of the plan?'. This was an optional question, with 19 Respondents providing their thoughts, and 3 Respondents skipped the question. Below is a summary of the verbatim responses received.

Note: all comments have been quoted verbatim, however to retain anonymity of respondents, any identifying characteristics have been removed.

Comments
Soccer goals would be great, there are few places with goals available locally. Soccer is very popular to the school.
Removing trees
Failing a nod to active transport, the design and thinking behind it looks good.
Honestly I'm really impressed overall. My main concern is that the 'traditional' play area will be of low quality and not fit in with the natural nature based feel of the rest of the park. So many playground now are plastic and garish colours, never wood or natural materials and colours...
Concerned about the safety with lack of fencing along the south / Greenhill road boundary.
I don't think having preteens/teens hanging out in the very same space as kids on swings is clever. No teens want to hang around kids and little kids get easily overwhelmed by big kids. It will only lead to kids equipment being used by preteens/teens and kids won't have a chance to use it.
No - looks like a good design.
Maintenance of turf. Love the idea of a great green space.
The trees lining the western border would benefit in having the canopy raised. As an alternative to removing the 8 trees as indicated on the plan, if the canopy was raised from these trees plus the border trees behind the toilet block, we feel that it would open up the whole of this area and still allow for the views over the orchard. This alternative may be more cost effective as the whole of the trees would not need to be removed.

No
There may not be enough space/things to keep older kids occupied
Will there be sufficient shade? If there isn't, the space will not get used, shade sails would be very encouraging.
There is no need for nature play. This already exists within a few hundreds metres of this area. There are existing bike jumps that are currently being used by the community. Will these be maintained or reinstated elsewhere? The chill out area is a great idea for teens. However, it is wet for 6 months of the year and partial cover is required. I assume there will be waste management and water supply (I couldn't locate it in the plan) The priority has been placed on toddler aged children and the informal basketball area is very small (not even big enough for 3 on 3 game). The fact is that URAIDLA and summer town already have facilities for the toddler age group and nothing for tween-teen. Suggest the layout is revised to provide larger basketball space or consultation with URAIDLA master plan to ensure a more appropriate solution exists for this age group.
the current play area is in direct sun so is too hot in any warm day over 25. the play area needs some sort of shade and it needs swings and climbing and slide etc. the multi purpose play equipment in Alec Johnson Park in Hanhdorf is excellent and something similar would be good. I couldn't make the designing session but I feel the priority should be the play areas over green space (its kids that will use it the most).. there is an oval and show grounds over the road with plenty of green space!!
The proposed "tree fence" instead of safety fencing on the south along Greenhill Road. It is a very busy road. There is a Family Day Care Business with 4 educators with up to 20 preschool children and some school age in school holidays meet for playtime and activities including lunchtime and special events. They attend Tregarthen Reserve which works well. We hope to use Uraidla when upgrade is complete. We need to risk assess all playgrounds and safety is paramount for our children. I do understand that it is not mandatory for all play spaces to be fenced but not all playgrounds have a very busy road aligning with the play space. There are also visiting people on weekend from the metropolitan areas and need to have a safe place for their children. Also kindergarten groups may like to use it as well. Please see the following: Safety Issues of a Playground and Recreation Area near a Busy Main Road Traffic Hazards: Proximity to Traffic: The close distance to a busy main road increases the risk of accidents involving vehicles as well as the car park. Noise Pollution: Loud traffic may distract children and caregivers, leading to accidents or an inability to hear safety warnings. Pedestrian Safety: Crossing

Streets: Children may need to cross roads to access the playground, creating risks from speeding cars and inattentive drivers. Visibility Issues: Limited Sight Lines: Tall trees, visibility for drivers, making it hard for them to see children entering the road. Running Towards the Road: Children may inadvertently run toward the road while playing, especially if they are excited about bright colours and exciting playground activities i.e. chasing a ball or ballon's can divert children's attention of the road. Child Supervision Challenges: Distant Supervision: Caregivers may struggle to monitor children effectively if they are at the furthest playground area. Recommendations for Enhancing Safety Barriers and Fencing: Install strong fencing or barriers between the playground and the road to prevent children from accessing the street. Regular Maintenance: Ensure that playground equipment and surrounding areas are well-kept to prevent accidents. Community Engagement: Partner with local organizations and the community to raise awareness of playground safety and traffic issues. By acknowledging these safety issues and implementing safety measures, we can help ensure a safer environment for children to play and enjoy recreation near a busy roads.

My 10 year old wants to make sure that there is still going to be traditional playground equipment available! and not just nature play as she also likes the kind of offering Uraidla PS has with a bit of both on offer. My teenager will be pleased that there will be a 'hang out' zone, but totally displeased there won't be a bike jumps park! if there was somewhere in Uraidla that could support a really decent bike park like the Stirling Jump Park, but with a separate area to support younger/less able kids too, that would be awesome!

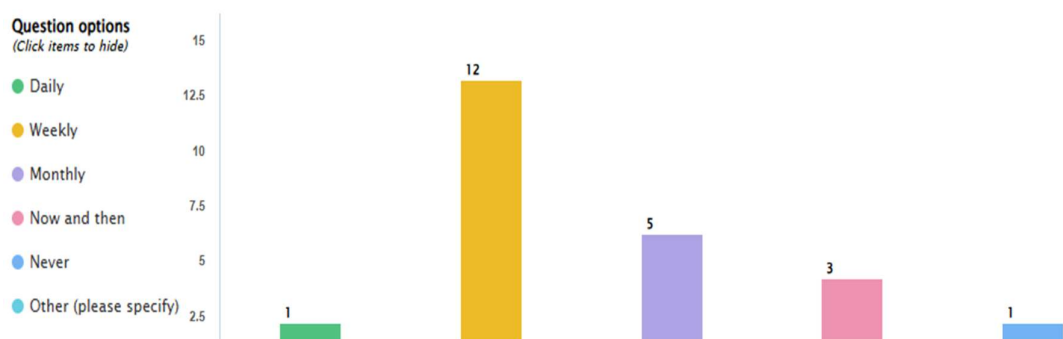
With the intention of having a play space for pre-school kids it is critical that there is secure fencing along the southern side (Greenhill Road) of the playground.

The apparent lack of shade over play areas

Shade

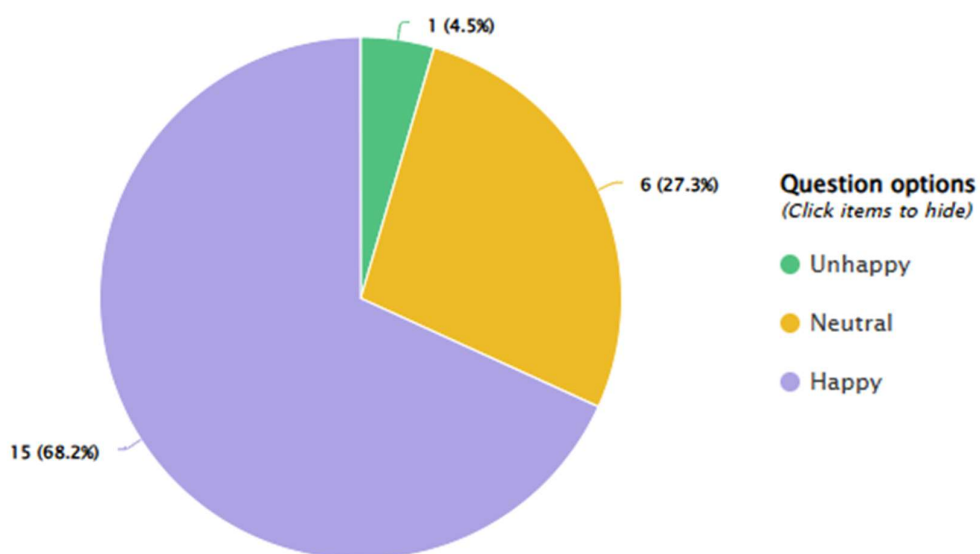
4.5 LIKELY VISITATION RATES ONCE THE URAIDLA PARK PLAY SPACE IS DEVELOPED

Respondents were asked 'How often are you likely to visit the Uraidla Park play space once it is developed?'. This was a mandatory question with 54.55% (n=12) of Respondents selecting 'weekly', followed by 22.73% (n=5) selecting 'monthly', and so on. These results highlight that based on the previous question around how often respondents currently visit the play space, that the proposed upgrade would increase visitation and to the site.



4.6 OVERALL FEELING OF THE URAIDLA PARK PLAY SPACE CONCEPT DESIGN

This graph illustrates the majority of the 22 respondents reported feeling overall happy with the concept design.



4.7 RESPONDENTS FINAL COMMENTS

Respondents were provided the opportunity to share any final comments they had regarding the play space. This question was optional, with 13 Respondents providing final comments (see below), and 9 Respondents skipped the question.

Note: all comments have been quoted verbatim, however to retain anonymity of respondents, any identifying characteristics have been removed.

Comments
Why is this being built in Uraidla? This should be built in Bridgewater
In general, we need to factor active transport into our lives more and more. Up until now, this has been difficult in the hills due to the terrain and distances between towns but E-Bikes make negotiating these hurdles possible - as long as it is SAFE. The planet cannot sustain a landcruiser, Ram or Cybertruck per person, we don't have the materials nor is it a sensible use of space. While these mechanical beasts have their uses within the semi rural region we live in, commuting up and down to Adelaide and dropping kids off at kindy and school is not one of them. By factoring in new ways to get around and between our communities with modern active transport options we can bolster the efficiency, economy, sustainability and health of our communities.
This looks really promising, well done to all involved. I think the focus on natural feel and natural elements will be so successful.
Great to see a wide range of ages and needs have been considered.
Great work so far - looking forward to seeing implemented!
We have lodged a tree request enquiry (enquiry number 14629) for the trees on the western border requesting the canopy to be raised.
No

It would be helpful to make sure that there is plenty of space for teens to relax and enjoy the space given the limited public transport to the area meaning that they need to be able to be kept occupied and happy locally

a BBQ would be good there is nothing in the area

It is difficult to ascertain how much playground equipment is going to be erected for preschoolers.

I think the tween hangout area will be under-utilised and the traditional play equipment and basketball court area could be expanded.

After discussion with the groups of attendees there was concern raised about the lack of shade. An example of a recently up graded play space in the Adelaide Hills where there is a complete absence of shading rendering both play equipment and seating unusable.

I love this plan, I'm really excited about the nature and water and sensory play elements as well as the play equipment - I have a one year old and I think we'll use it all the time. Thank you!!

5 EMAIL AND WRITTEN FEEDBACK

Five participants provided a response by email. One of these included a hardcopy feedback form. All emails are provided in full in Appendix B.

The main themes included:

- Concern over lack of fencing along Greenhill Rd
- Questioning tree removal
- Request for inclusive play equipment
- Request for a specific playground equipment
- Request for shade over play equipment
- Council to support community-led efforts for the components of the design

These themes are similar to above (4.7). Themes are captured below, and council have provided a response. Please see table below.

Concern theme	Council response
For the play space to be accessible and provide something for all ages	Given the budget, land size/terrain and classification of this space (this is a 'local' play space) council will continue to work with the landscape architects and contractors to strive for the best outcome, including acknowledging the 'vision and design working groups' concept and feedback. We strive to provide a range of play opportunities across the Adelaide Hills for all ages, interests and abilities. While we can consider the inclusive of inclusive play equipment at this site, a truly accessible play space offers opportunities for children to play and interact together through the space and this can best be achieved at a regional/destination scale play space where there is adequate space and the supporting amenities to achieve this.
Additional shade over the play area	- Council will continue to investigate options for shade over this area, but the budget is limited and this may not be achievable - This play space is classified as 'local'. A 'local' play space in the Adelaide Hills Council is: - An area intended for local play, often equipment based - Visited by people who live nearby, sometimes by foot, for a short period of time.
Questioning tree removal	- A strong theme in the co-design community workshops was commentary around how dark/damp the Park is, and that it would be ideal to open the site up by removing trees and allow more sunlight. - Removing trees along the north of the site will achieve this.

	• There are other large established trees at this park that the community can use for shade
Fencing along Greenhill Rd due to safety concerns	• Council will continue to investigate options for fencing at this site, considering underground services, terrain and budget. • Our Sport and Recreation Strategy (page 24) refers to fencing being provided only where absolutely necessary.
Bike track inclusion	• There was much discussion around the need and want for a bike track in this community. However, after designs and high level costings were obtained and shared with the Working Group, for many reasons it was decided that this site was not the appropriate space for such an asset. • Council is happy to continue to work with stakeholders on exploring a more suitable space. Noting council does not currently have funding allocated for this project.
Support from council for community lead projects	• Council is committed to supporting the community if they wish to contribute to this project (as noted on the concept plan). • Council must ensure works are done safely and meet Australian Standards, and are happy to work with community members through the process. • Council invites anyone interested to get in contact by 30 June 2025.

6 PHONE CALLS AND DOOR KNOCK

Staff visited Uraidla on Thursday 13 February with the intention of rounding back to the immediate neighbours of the play space with the concept plan, as well as leaving copies of the concept plan at the local post office/Uraidla Pantry.

The neighbour's council staff spoke with were overall supportive of the concept plan, with one neighbour requesting some tree trimming along the shared fence line. The local post

office/Uraidla Pantry was happy for posters of the concept plan to be left on the front counter, as well pinned on the noticeboard for people to review/take a copy.

Staff received one phone call from a stakeholder, and it was mainly concerning the need for shade in the play space.

7 CONCLUSION

Council endeavoured to reach all stakeholders and promote the opportunity to provide feedback on the concept plan.

A total of 32 responses were received. This included 22 responses via online surveys, 5 direct emails (including 1 hardcopy survey), 1 phone call and 4 face to face conversations via door knocking in the local area.

Acknowledging there are differing opinions, the feedback received during this period highlights there is general support to move forward with the concept plan. In particular, responses tell us that once the space is upgraded the visitation/utilisation of the site will increase. Respondents were most excited about the undercover pavilion, followed by the swale/sensory play area, and the traditional play equipment.

Council invites anyone wishing to get involved in any community projects in this space to get in contact by June 30 2025.

In broad terms the next steps will be:

- Council will work with internal departments and the landscape architect to finalise the concept plan, taking into consideration the feedback the community has provided, and balancing what is achievable within the project constraints
- The landscape architect will develop a more detailed design, so council can go out to tender for the play space construction
- The final design will be posted on the EHQ page for the community to view
- Construction of the play space upgrade is planned for the next financial year (2025/2026)

This report will be shared with the wider community and anyone who participated in the consultation via Councils Engagement Platform. Anyone interested in the project is encouraged to monitor the Engagement HQ page for updates: engage.ahc.sa.gov.au

APPENDIX A – INFORMATION PROVIDED AND SUBMISSION FORM

EHQ Site Information



Uraidla Park Play Space Upgrade



Home / Uraidla Park Play Space Upgrade

Uraidla Park Play Space Upgrade



Thank you to those who participated in our Stage 2 Consultation process and provided feedback on the Concept Plan. Stay tuned for the results soon!

The Uraidla Park play space was identified for an upgrade in Council's 2024/25 Annual Business Plan process with a total budget of \$220,000. A portion of the budget will need to cover design, demolition, site preparation and landscaping. The remaining costs will be used on the play space elements (for example equipment, seating etc).

This play space is classified as a 'local' Play Space which in the Adelaide Hills Council is:

- An area intended for local play, often equipment based
- Visited by people who live nearby, sometimes by foot, for a short period of time
- Features: picnic area, sculptures, playground, information signage

Not included in the project is associated infrastructure such as lighting, bbqs, public toilets, parking, and shade sails.

Read the [Play Space Fact Sheet](#) for more details.



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Key Dates

More..

Photos of Current Playground

Stage 1: Planning (Now Complete)

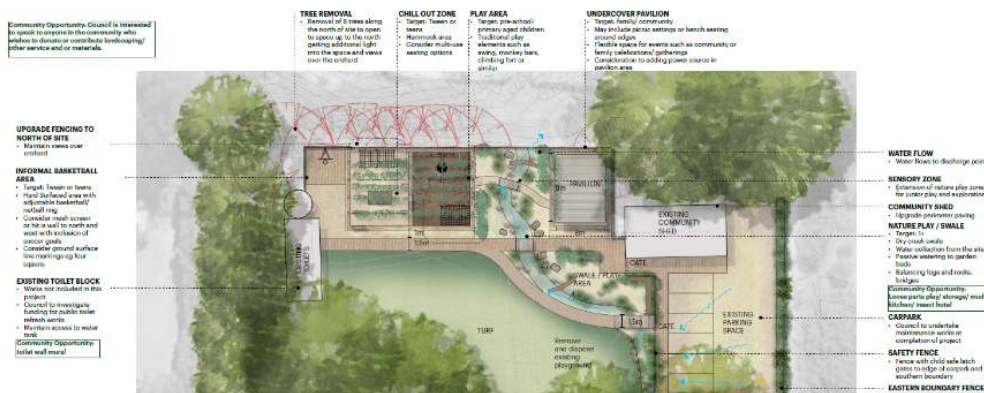
In September 2024 we ran 2 x co-design workshops at the Uraidla Hotel. These workshops involved local community members who were passionate about the play space, discussing the importance of the site, its identity, and aspirations with a landscape architect and council staff. The landscape architect then developed 3 play space design options, which the group provided feedback on. The landscape architect took these comments on board, and developed a final draft concept plan.

Council rounded back to this group in December 2024 with this final draft concept plan for another review. Final comments and tweaks were completed in mid- January and the Concept Plan is now ready for wider community engagement.

Stage 2: Community Engagement on Concept Plan

The concept plan shows the overall idea for the site including its potential uses and is conceptual vision rather than being too detailed. The concept plan can be flexible and subject to change depending on budgets, product availability, site constraints and other factors.

We are now consulting on the concept plan and would love to hear thoughts and feedback from the wider community. This will assist in the preparation of a final detailed design and construction of the play space.



Document Library

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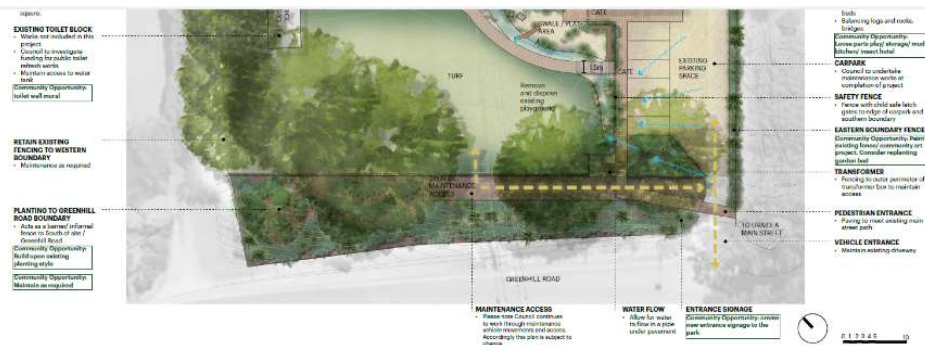
 A3 Poster - Uraidla Park Play Space (4.18 MB) (pdf)

 Hardcopy Information Sheet - Uraidla Park Play Space (195 KB) (pdf)

 Hardcopy Feedback Form Uraidla Park Play Space (126 KB) (pdf)

 Play Spaces Fact Sheet (213 KB) (pdf)

FAQ



You can share your thoughts on the concept plan by:

1. Preferably using the online feedback form below.
2. Sending an email to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
3. Writing a letter to Community Engagement Coordinator 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling SA 5152
4. Collect a hardcopy information sheet and feedback form from any Council Service Centre or Library at Stirling, Gumeracha Norton Summit or Woodside during [opening hours](#).

Consultation closes **5pm, Sunday 2 March 2025** (extended from Tuesday 25 February).

Stage 2 Concept Plan Feedback Form

Feedback Form

! CLOSED: This survey has concluded.

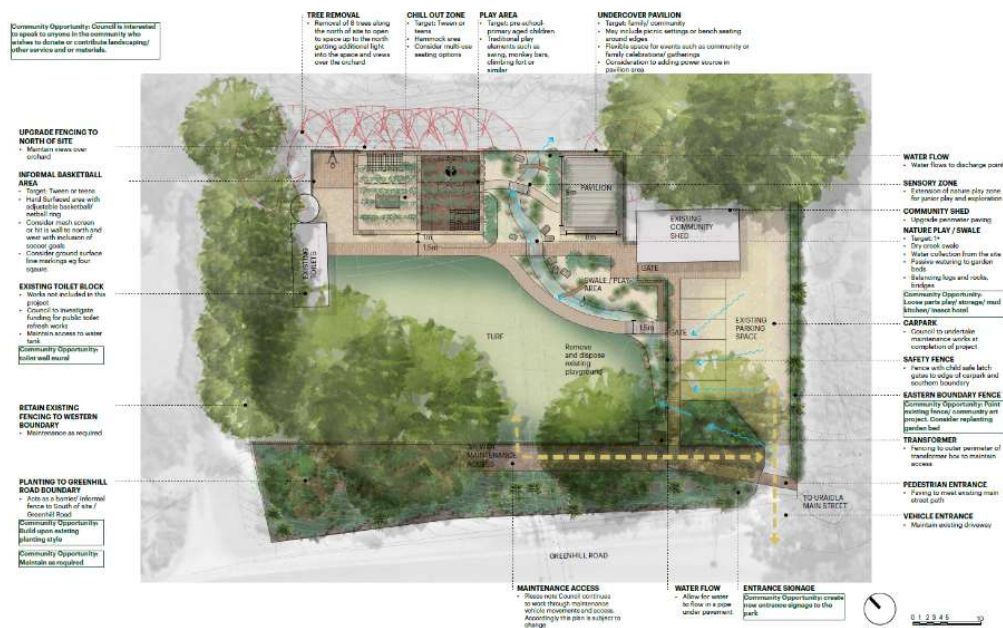
FAQ

- ? Do I have to register to be part of the workshops?
- ? Do I have to attend both Vision and Design working group workshops?
- ? What's included in the upgrade?
- ? What's not included in the upgrade?
- ? Will there be an opportunity to talk to someone in person?
- ? What's the budget for the project?
- ? Who should share their ideas and thoughts?
- ? How can I provide my feedback/input?
- ? When will construction start?
- ? How long will it take to construct the play space?

Stage 2 Concept Plan Feedback Form

Community Engagement on the Uraidla Park Play Space Concept Plan

Members of the Uraidla local Community worked with Council and landscape architects to design the Uraidla Park and play space concept plan. The concept plan shows the overall idea for the site including its potential uses and potential future play space areas. There is flexibility in some elements of the plan where some features may be subject to change. Your feedback will help to inform a final detailed design for the site.



❓ What happens to the existing equipment?

Life Cycle

 Stage 1 - Vision and Design Stages

Two co-design workshops were run with Council and the community in September. Everyone was invited to attend.

Workshop details were:

1: Tuesday 3 Sept 5.30pm at the Uraidla
Hotel (Hills Hoist Room)

2: Tuesday 24 Sept 5.30pm at the Uraidla
Hotel (Hills Hoist Room)

A third workshop was also held on Monday 2 December 6pm at the Uraidla Hotel (upstairs room), where the group provided feedback on refining the draft concept plan.

Stage 2 - Draft Concept Plan Open for Feedback

The Draft Concept Plan will be presented to the wider community for Feedback in January 2025.

Stage 3 - Final Draft Concept Plan Being Developed

Information Sheet

Uraidla Park Play Space Concept Plan Share Your Thoughts Now



We are now undertaking our Stage 2 Consultation for the Uraidla Park Play Space Upgrade. A concept Plan created with the local community is now available for review and feedback!

Members of the Uraidla local Community worked with Council and landscape architects to design the Uraidla Park play space concept plan. The plan shows the overall idea for the site including its potential uses and future play space areas. There is flexibility in some elements of the plan where some features may be subject to change.

Your feedback will help to inform a final detailed design for the site.

The full concept plan is available online at engage.ahc.sa.gov.au, via the below QR code or in hardcopy at our Libraries and Service Centres.

Consultation closes 4pm, Tuesday 25 February 2025.



08 8408 0400
mail@ahc.sa.gov.au
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Share your thoughts on the concept plan by:

- Preferably using the online feedback form at engage.ahc.sa.gov.au or via the QR code.
- Sending an email to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
- Writing a letter to Community Engagement Coordinator 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling SA 5152
- Collect a hardcopy feedback form from any AHC Library or Customer Service Centre and submit via any of the ways listed above or by handing into our Council Service Centre or Library at:
 - Coventry Library, 63 Mt Barker Rd, Stirling
 - Woodside Service Centre
26 Onkaparinga Valley Road, Woodside
 - Gumeracha Civic Centre,
45 Albert Street, Gumeracha

If you require any further information, please contact our Sports and Recreation Team on 8408 0400 or email engage@ahc.sa.gov.au.

**Adelaide Hills Council
Communications, Engagement and Events
Team**

APPENDIX B – EMAILS AND WRITTEN FEEDBACK

Copy of email submissions:

Hi there,

Thank you for sending this through. I have a few comments to make.

1. Do we really have to lose eight trays? SunSmart Issues are big with children so wouldn't the shade be a good thing to keep?
2. It would be great if there was a wheelchair access swing. That's a ring with netting in it that anyone can use.
3. The little roundabout play equipment kids love! Is it possible to squeeze one in?

Thanks for your time.

Hi I hope you include a dog poo bag dispenser

Thanks

I have attached a photo of the recent playground built at the Lobethal Bushland Park.

A significant amount of money has been spent setting up quite remarkable playground equipment.

Unfortunately when we visited the site it was not possible to use this equipment because, with no shade over it, all of the equipment was too hot to use. The maximum temperature for that day was 27degrees.

The swings were black rubber too hot to sit on .

The slide of the slippery dip was so hot that standing 2m in front of it the radiant heat from the surface was extreme.

The soft bitumen/rubber fall surface was too hot to walk on without shoes

There were a number of other families present but no one was using the playground equipment.

We left disappointed that we could not use this amazing playground and hope that shade is an essential part of any playground design.

Summer and the associated school holidays mean that significant use of playgrounds occur during this time. It would be unfortunate if equipment could not be used because shade was not considered as essential component during the concept stage of the proposed Uraidla playground. I understand that the existing playground at this location does not have shade facilities but the design of this was done many years ago and we are now more aware of the hazards of sun exposure.

I encourage you to view the photos, which came from this sites web page and not make the same mistake as Lobethal

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Uraidla Playspace design.

Imagine Uraidla would like to congratulate you and the team on the consultation workshops. They were accessible, welcoming, and productive—a fantastic opportunity for community input. We truly appreciate the effort that went into them.

From our perspective, community sentiment toward the proposed design has been largely positive. You've successfully incorporated key user groups while making the most of the available budget and space—no small feat! Well done. However, some community members have expressed concerns about the lack of safety fencing along the Greenhill Road side.

Additionally, Imagine Uraidla would like a written commitment from Council to support community-led efforts for the components of the design currently marked as "community opportunity." We're excited about the chance to take ownership of these elements, but their success depends on AHC's assistance with necessary approvals.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be involved in this project. We're grateful for the upcoming playground upgrade.

Email submission 5

Uraidla Park Play Space Concept Plan Submission Form



This feedback form is also available online at
engage.ahc.sa.gov.au or scan the QR code

Please submit your feedback by 4pm, Tuesday 25 February 2025

Please provide your details below:

Name

Suburb

Email (preferred)/phone number

If you provide your email address above, we will keep you in the loop with the outcomes of the consultation.

1. **Are you:** (please select all that apply):

- ☐ Resident/ratepayer living within 300m of the Uraidla Park play space
- ☐ Resident/ratepayer in Adelaide Hills Council area
- ☐ Business Owner or worker in the Adelaide Hills Council area
- ☐ Visitor to Adelaide Hills Council area
- ☐ Student/child likely to use playground
- ☐ Parent, grandparent or carer likely to bring children to the playground
- ☐ Parent or carer of a person with a disability
- ☐ Person with a disability
- ☐ Other (please specify)

2. **Currently, how often do you visit the Uraidla park play space?**

- ☒ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Now and then
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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3. Have you had a look at the draft concept plan for Uraidia Park including the Play Space?
(Please select from only one option below)

- ☐ Yes, in detail
- ☒ Yes, a quick look
- ☐ No

4. What parts of the play space elements of the concept plan are you most excited about?

- ☒ Informal Basketball area (may also be a netball, soccer and four-square area)
- ☐ Chill Out Zone (hammock area, multi-use seating options, table tennis table or similar activity)
- ☐ Undercover Pavillion (flexible space for events / gatherings may include bench seating)
- ☒ Play Area (Traditional Play i.e. swing, monkey bars, climbing fort or similar)
- ☐ Continued Swale/Sensory Play Area (between Pavillion and Play Area)
- ☐ Upgrade of Perimeter Paving Around Community Shed
- ☐ Water Management of the Site (including through swale and under paved areas)
- ☐ Open Grassed Area
- ☐ Nature Play / Swale Area (may include dry creek swale, balancing logs and rocks, bridges)
- ☐ Entrance Signage
- ☒ Upgraded Fencing and Entry Points
- ☐ Vegetation Management (including some removals and new plantings)
- ☐ Other (please specify) Fencing for toddlers please. Very important as it's such a busy road

Aspects listed on the plan and not above are outside the scope of the play space upgrade. These aspects of the concept plan will be driven by Council or the community as future projects.

5. Is there anything that concerns you with the concept plan, including the play space aspects of the plan?

6. How often are you likely to visit the Uraldia Park play space once it is developed?

- ☒ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Now and then
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

7. What is your overall feeling of the Uraldia Park play space?

(Please select from only one option below)



Unhappy



Neutral



Happy

8. If there is any final feedback you would like to share, please provide it below:

Thank you for providing your feedback

Your feedback will be considered by the project team. We will keep you informed of the outcome via your email address, or you can register via our Community Engagement Hub at: engage.ahc.sa.gov.au.

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APPENDIX C – E-BLASTS, ADVERTISEMENTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Example of invitation sent to targeted stakeholders to be involved in the Uraidla play space vision and design working group



Community Consultation

Uraidla Park Play Space

You've been identified as a stakeholder for the Uraidla Park Play Space Upgrade!

We would like to invite you to be part of the Vision and Design Working Group to start the conversation regarding the upgrade of this Space.

We are looking for community members to be part of a Vision and Design working group to help develop and shape a concept plan for the play space. This plan will then be presented to the broader community for comment. This is a great opportunity for direct involvement in the design of the new space!

What do we need from you?

Ideally, we envisage this working group to meet twice and will work with a designer to help sketch ideas and concepts to inform the draft concept plan. Wider community consultation will occur on this plan seeking feedback.

Workshop 1.
DATE: 3 September 2024, 5:30 at the Uraidla Hotel (Hills Hoist Room).
AIM: To work with a designer to discuss the importance of the site, its identity, aspirations and be involved in developing sketches.

Workshop 2.
DATE: Late September/Early October (time and place TBC).
AIM: To provide feedback on a designer's visioning package and help to narrow down the preferred concept plan.

If this sounds like you, then please register by using the QR code or check out our website.



Alternatively, you could wait to see the vision your community comes up with and provide your feedback during the broader community engagement period (dates to be confirmed). Please visit our website and visit engage.ahc.sa.gov.au to keep up to date with this project.

If you want to chat about this further, please reach out to me, Stacey Dutton, on 8408 0417 or email sdutton@ahc.sa.gov.au. Love to hear from you!

Engagement HQ newsletter statistics for Uraidla play space stage 2

Consultation Open Today - Uraidla Park Play Space Upgrade - Stage 2 Concept Plan

From: Community Engagement Hub
 Reply to: engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
 To: [2208 recipients](#)
 Subject: Consultation Open Today - Uraidla Park Play Space Upgrade - Stage 2 Concept Plan



Uraidla Park Play Space Upgrade



Dear AHC Engagement Subscriber,

The Uraidla Park play space was identified for an upgrade in Council's 2024/25 Annual Business Plan process.

Stage 1:

Council recently completed Stage 1 of the consultation which included delivering two co-design workshops at the Uraidla Hotel starting in September last year. These workshops involved local community members who were passionate about the play space, discussing the importance of the site, its identity, and aspirations with a landscape architect and council staff. The landscape architect then developed 3 play space design options, which the group provided feedback on. The landscape architect took these comments on board and developed a final draft concept plan.

Council rounded back to this group in December 2024 with this final draft concept plan for another review. Final comments and tweaks were recently completed and now the Concept Plan is ready to receive feedback from the wider community.

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Hills Voice e-news statistics for Uraidla play space stage 2

Latest News



Have your say on the Uraidla Park Play Space Concept Plan

We are now consulting on the concept plans for upgrading the Uraidla Play Space.

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New Communications Boards erected in Sherry Park Mylor and Protea Reserve Crafers

We'd love your feedback!

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Hills Voice February 2025

Sent on 3 Feb 2025 from Adelaide Hills Council <AHCCommunicationsEngagementEvents@ahc.sa.gov.au> to 4,133 subscribers across [4 lists](#)

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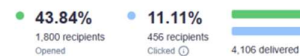
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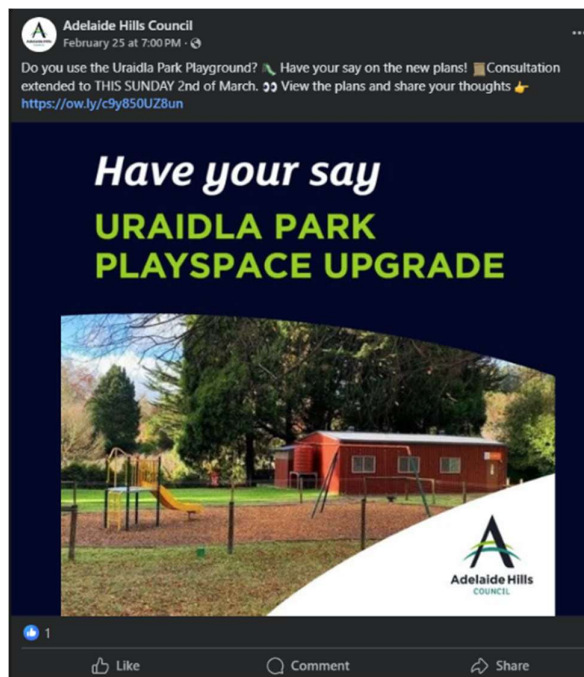
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Courier Column Uraidla Play Space Stage 2



Hills Voice headlines

Discover, Play, Pathway!
Walk, ride, or run. It's all about fun! As part of Adelaide Fringe Festival, explore the Amy Gillett Bikeway from Oakbank to Mount Torrens and enjoy food, music, art and performances along the way! There will be a market at Mount Torrens and the opportunity for children to touch a truck! This is a free event on Sunday 2 March 2025.
For more information visit: ahc.sa.gov.au

Citizen of the Year award recipients
Congratulations to Des Chabrel of Oakbank who has been awarded the 2025 Adelaide Hills Citizen of the Year. The Community Event of the Year award went to the Adelaide Hills Garden Affair. Congratulations to all who were recognised as part of the Citizen of the Year awards program.
To view all of the Citizen of the Year award recipients, visit: ahc.sa.gov.au.

Share your thoughts on the Uraidla Park Play Space Upgrade
Members of the Uraidla Community worked with Council and landscape architects to design the Uraidla Park and play space concept plan. The concept plan shows the overall idea for the site including its potential uses and potential future play space areas.
Take a look and share your thoughts, visit: engage.ahc.sa.gov.au.

Community Grant recipients