

John Hotton Park Improvements

Thank you for providing your feedback on improvements between 15 July and 12 August 2024.

Sunshine Coast Council asked for community feedback on a draft landscape plan for John Hotton Park, including options for a new beach shelter. 148 responses were received, thank you for your feedback.

Here is what you told us



The community supports the improvements and protecting the environment.



The top three

priorities were playground improvements, additional tree planting, and a new beach shelter.



The community was equally divided on the beach shelter location, roughly

30% support for all three options.

Additional feedback on the draft plan

- The importance of protecting the dunes and turtle habitat was raised as a concern including turtle friendly night lighting. The park improvements will not cause damage to the dunes or light spill, the beach shelters have no night lighting and are sufficiently set back from the foredune. Based on community concern for turtles, we reviewed the recorded locations of nests over the past five years. Of the three beach accesses, most nests were recorded near Beach Access 229. Many respondents wanted a beach shelter with ocean views accessible to the elderly and people with disabilities.
- Bike parking facilities at the beach shelter was a popular suggestion.
- Possible additions to the park improvements included a half basketball court.
- Some respondents also wanted improved pedestrian access to the park across Oceanic Drive, notably upgrading the existing speed hump to a pedestrian crossing. This will require a separate traffic and civil design assessment.

Next step

Using this feedback, we have finalised the landscape plan and are pleased to present it back to our community. We will use this plan to bid for future funding, noting that none of the plan's elements are currently funded for implementation. Residents who have indicated they would like to remain involved will be updated via email and on Council's Have your Say website.



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