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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**Notice is hereby given of the Meeting of the  
Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee  
to be held in the Council Chamber, First Floor,  
Civic Theatre, 88 Tay Street, Invercargill on  
Tuesday 11 February 2025 at 2.00 pm**

Cr D J Ludlow (Chair)  
Mayor W S Clark  
Cr R I D Bond  
Cr P M Boyle  
Cr S J Broad  
Cr T Campbell  
Cr A H Crackett  
Cr G M Dermody  
Cr P W Kett  
Cr I R Pottinger  
Cr L F Soper  
Cr B R Stewart  
Rev E Cook – Māngai – Waihōpai  
Mrs P Coote – Kaikaunihera Māori – Awarua

MICHAEL DAY  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

# Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee - Public

11 February 2025 02:00 PM

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1. Apologies	
2. Declaration of Interest	
a. Members are reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.	
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**Public Excluded Session**

Moved , seconded that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- a) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee Meeting held on 10 December 2024
- b) Art Sector Opportunities and Working Group Update

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
a) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee Meeting held on 10 December 2024	<b>Section 7(2)(i)</b> Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	<b>Section 48(1)(a)</b> That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7
b) Art Sector Opportunities and Working Group Update	<b>Section 7(2)(h)</b> Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	<b>Section 48(1)(a)</b> That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY WELLBEING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FIRST FLOOR, CIVIC THEATRE, 88 TAY STREET, INVERCARGILL ON TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2024 AT 3.00 PM**

**Present:** Cr D J Ludlow (Chair)  
Mayor W S Clark  
Cr R I D Bond  
Cr P M Boyle  
Cr S J Broad  
Cr T Campbell  
Cr A H Crackett  
Cr G M Dermody  
Cr I R Pottinger  
Cr L F Soper  
Cr B R Stewart  
Mrs P Coote – Kaikaunihera Māori – Awarua

**In Attendance:** Mr M Day – Chief Executive  
Mrs T Hurst – Group Manager – Community Engagement and Corporate Services  
Mr R Capil – Group Manager – Community Spaces and Places  
Mr J Shaw – Group Manager - Consenting and Environment  
Mr M Morris – Manager – Governance and Legal  
Ms R Suter – Manager – Strategy and Policy  
Ms D Carson – Community Activator  
Ms L Knight – Manager – Strategic Communications  
Ms K Braithwaite – Digital and Communications Advisor  
Mrs L Cook – Executive Support

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## 1. Apologies

Cr Kett, Rev Cook

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Stewart and **RESOLVED** that the apologies be accepted.

## 2. Declaration of Interest

Nil.

## 3. Public Forum

Nil.

**4. Minutes of the Southland Regional Heritage Committee Meeting held on Friday 25 October 2024**

A5598491

Moved Cr Stewart, seconded Cr Ludlow and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Southland Regional Heritage Committee Meeting held on Friday 25 October 2024 be received.

**5. Minutes of the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12 November 2024**

A5625852

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Crackett that the Minutes of the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12 November 2024 be confirmed.

There was an amendment to the minutes noted, on page four, paragraph three, to replace the word "leaving" to "having" to make the sentence make sense.

The motion now put was **RESOLVED**.

**6. Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Fund Appointments Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 13 November 2024**

A5634449

Moved Cr Boyle, seconded Cr Bond and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Fund Appointments Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 13 November 2024 be received.

**7. Minutes of the Creative Communities Scheme Invercargill Fund Appointments Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21 November 2024**

A5648973

Moved Cr Bond, seconded Cr Ludlow (Proforma) and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Creative Communities Scheme Invercargill Fund Appointments Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21 November 2024 be received.

**8. Minutes of the Creative Communities Scheme Invercargill Fund Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21 November 2024**

A5649656

Moved Cr Boyle, seconded Cr Ludlow and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Creative Communities Scheme Invercargill Fund Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21 November 2024 be received.

**9. Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee Meeting held on Thursday 28 November 2024**

A5655441

Moved Cr Boyle, seconded Cr Dermody and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee Meeting held on Thursday 28 November 2024 be received.

**10. Minutes of the Extraordinary Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee Meeting held on Tuesday 3 December 2024**

A5664739

Moved Cr Boyle, seconded Cr Crackett and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee Meeting held on Tuesday 3 December 2024 be received.

**11. Minutes of the District Licensing Committee - October 2024**

A5620302

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Bond and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the District Licensing Committee - October 2024 be received.

**12. Minutes of the District Licensing Committee - November 2024**

A5665920

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Bond and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the District Licensing Committee - November 2024 be received.

**13. Notice of Motion**

The Notice of Motion from Cr Pottinger was around the consent granted to PowerNet by Council for the 21-metre tall 66KV power poles and transmission lines along Findlay Road. The District Plan zones Findlay Road as residential zone 1. There would be six pylons located in this residential one zoning. The consent granted was given with no or limited notification. For non-notification to occur it meant the effects of the power poles and transmission lines were deemed minor. Council officers would have followed policies of the District Plan, it was the belief that the District Plan had failed to protect the residents in residential zone 1. As an alternative these could be run underground as displayed elsewhere around the country. It would be expensive but would have protected amenities value and would give long term maintenance benefits.

It was noted the intent of the Notice of Motion was not to overturn the decision Council officers had made. The District Plan policies had failed to protect residential zone 1 properties.

It was noted there had been thought towards the National Policy Statement when putting the Notice of Motion forward.

It was noted the activity required PowerNet to get a consent, and it raised the question of where in the District Plan could Council have protected the residents. It was confirmed that set at a national level and there was a hierarchy challenge around the National Policy Statement.

The decision to allow over grounding on Findlay Road was at the discretion of Council officers and that could have required for it to be undergrounded according to the District Plan, only on Findlay Road.

It was noted that the residents came to Council to ask for help, Council received the handout, the lack of consultation raised concerns on why consent was given to put them above ground, although under the Electricity Act 1992 it could be done. It was asked what could have been done better to support residents in zone 1 in future.

A query was raised around how can measure the achievement of the Notice of Motion. Council asked officers when the review of the District Plan was set to take place, It was confirmed there was scope for some work in regards to housing and there was potential to adjust the scope to look at this issue.

It was noted the way the Notice of Motion was written there may be a financial implication as it was a formal request to review the District Plan this would change the current work plan.

It was noted it was an open-ended Notice of Motion in terms of timeframe.

Note: Mrs Pania Coote left the meeting at 3.20pm.

It was noted around the economic impact on the entity applying and residential property involved can't come into consideration through the Resource Management Act application process.

It was noted it would be sensible to look at it as part of an upcoming review that is already happening rather than a separate process.

It was noted the appeal rights only apply to the parties of the applicants.

It was noted it could never be 100 percent of the cable goes underground as different environments give limitations.

Note: Ms Pania Coote re-joined the meeting at 3.26pm.

It was noted that a formal review was note needed and that could slot into another review and it was about protecting residents in the future.

Moved Cr Pottinger, seconded Cr Bond and **RESOLVED** that the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee:

1. Receives the Notice of Motion.

Cr Boyle, Ludlow and Soper abstained from voting.

#### 14. City Centre Activation Plan – Update Report

A5648105

Mrs Karen Witham from Great South and Mr Rex Capil presented the report.

Mrs Witham highlighted that the plan was set but they were always open for change. The Christmas Esk Street market was an example where there had been a change and this event was put together at short notice and had been successful.

It was noted that retailer's engagement was increasing and there was a need for Great South to get out more and drive the opportunity for participation.

There were discussions around the advantages and disadvantages of events being held on Esk versus Don Street. It was noted that it was around being fair to retailers, street sizing, safety and the cost of traffic management.

A query around these events aligning with other strategies or events, and how connected was the strategy to people in the wider city. Mrs Witham noted that was looking into these opportunities. Whilst the activations were a priority for now, it was noted that leaning into it, where possible there were new opportunities being created.

Note: Mrs Pania Coote left the meeting at 3.40pm.

It was noted that Buskers on Esk would move into being held during Music Month.

It was noted with respect to Christmas next year and not having lights and were encouraging retailers to decorate their stores with the idea of judging or voting to take place. It was confirmed this was encouraged this year as a starting point.

Moved Cr Dermody, seconded Cr Crackett and **RESOLVED** that the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee:

1. Receives the report "City Centre Activation Plan – Update Report".

#### 15. 2024 Youth Council End of Year Report

A5651191

Mr Liam Calder, Ms Saranya Sarisa, spoke to the Youth Council report.

There were 26 youth Councillors for the year of 2024, with 6 returning from the previous year. They had fortnightly formal and informal meetings.

Highlights from the year included the block takeover, umbrella market, volunteering, ANZAC dawn service, Council Workshops and Community engagement.

It was noted that as a first year Council helping out with events and interacting with the community was enjoyable and helped build understanding.

It was noted that Liam had been with the Youth Council since 2021, he was a quiet in the beginning but gaining the knowledge has helped to grow his voice.



It was noted that a delegation from Kumagaya were coming to the city in February 2025 and would be interested in having the Youth Council involved in that visit.

It was noted that having fewer formal meetings allowed the ability to break down the barriers.

It was noted the applicant numbers for 2025 were high and the roll over was around eight Youth Councillors from a mixed variety of schools participating.

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Crackett and **RESOLVED** that the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee:

1. Receives the report "2024 Youth Council End of Year Report".
2. Receives the report from the Youth Council (A5650797).

## **16. Proposal to Revoke Reserve Status – Awarua Bay Road Reserves for the Purpose of Disposal**

A5613122

Ms Cassandra Horton spoke to the report.

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Campbell and **RESOLVED** that the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee:

1. Receives the report "Proposal to Revoke Reserve Status – Awarua Bay Road Reserves for the purpose of disposal".

### **Recommend to Council:**

2. To endorse proceeding with requesting approval from the Commissioner to remove the reserve status of Section 1 DP 591351 and Section 2 DP 591351 of Awarua Bay Road Reserves through the Reserves Act 1977 requirements.

## **17. Art Sector Opportunities and Working Group Update**

A5658988

Mr Rex Capil spoke to the report.

It was noted that had been building on earlier strategy reports and engaging with the Arts community. There was a comfort level from the Arts community that were moving in the right direction. There was a real sense of shared goals and visions with them, and it was pleasing to see a collaborative approach.

Work group reflections included engagement, opportunities, collaboration, positive process and progress.

A query was raised around funding and how to link back to the strategy. Operationally were looking at a sustainable approach, and it was important to get the foundations right before proceeding. This would be part of the 2027 Long-term Plan conversation.

It was noted around the group working quietly and in a structured manner, and there was a need for political support prior to the election.

Moved Cr Dermody, seconded Cr Bond and **RESOLVED** that the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee:

1. Receives the 'Art Sector Opportunities and Working Group Update' report.

## 18. Public Excluded Session

Moved Lesley, seconded Cr Dermody and **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- a) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Southland Regional Heritage Committee Meeting held on 25 October 2024
- b) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee Meeting held on 12 November 2024
- c) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Community Wellbeing Fund Appointments Committee Meeting held on 13 November 2024
- d) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Creative Communities Scheme Invercargill Fund Appointments Committee Meeting held on 21 November 2024
- e) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Creative Communities Scheme Invercargill Fund Committee Meeting held on 21 November 2024
- f) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee Meeting held on 28 November 2024
- g) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Extraordinary Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee Meeting held on 3 December 2024

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|  | negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)  |  |
| b) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee Meeting held on 15 October 2024                          | <b>Section 7(2)(i)</b><br>Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)   | <b>Section 48(1)(a)</b><br>That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7 |
| c) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Community Wellbeing Fund Appointments Committee Meeting held on 13 November 2024                      | <b>Section 7(2)(a)</b><br>Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons<br><br><b>Section 7(2)(i)</b><br>Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) | <b>Section 48(1)(a)</b><br>That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7 |
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| f) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee Meeting held on 28 November 2024              | <b>Section 7(2)(i)</b><br>Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) | <b>Section 48(1)(a)</b><br>That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7 |
| g) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Extraordinary Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee Meeting held on 3 December 2024 | <b>Section 7(2)(i)</b><br>Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) | <b>Section 48(1)(a)</b><br>That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7 |

Note: Cr Pottinger left the meeting at 4.17pm.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 4.32 pm.

## MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE – DECEMBER 2024 AND JANUARY 2025 MEETINGS

**Present:** Cr Darren Ludlow  
Ms Catherine Howard

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### **1. Manager - New Certificate - Approved by DLC Chair Cr Ludlow**

- 1.1 **INVDLC 233/2024** - Approved 12 December 2024
- 1.2 **INVDLC 228/2024** - Approved 12 December 2024
- 1.3 **INVDLC 215/2024** - Approved 19 December 2024
- 1.4 **INVDLC 247/2024** - Approved 19 December 2024
- 1.5 **INVDLC 241/2024** - Approved 19 December 2024
- 1.6 **INVDLC 249/2024** - Approved 19 December 2024
- 1.7 **INVDLC 225/2024** - Approved 19 December 2024
- 1.8 **INVDLC 2025/251/2024** - Approved 08 January 2025
- 1.9 **INVDLC 2025/224/2024** - Approved 08 January 2025
- 1.10 **INVDLC 2025/236/2024** - Approved 08 January 2025
- 1.11 **INVDLC 2025/253/2024** - Approved 08 January 2025
- 1.12 **INVDLC 2025/157/2024** - Approved 23 January 2025
- 1.13 **INVDLC2025/111/2024** - Approved 23 January 2025
- 1.14 **INVDLC2025/222/2024** - Approved 23 January 2025
- 1.15 **INVDLC 2025/267/2024** - Approved 30 January 2025
- 1.16 **INVDLC 2025/7** - Approved 30 January 2025
- 1.17 **INVDLC 2025/8** - Approved 30 January 2025
- 1.18 **INVDLC 2025/10** - Approved 30 January 2025
- 1.19 **INVDLC 2025/263/2024** - Approved 30 January 2025
- 1.20 **INVDLC 2025/9** - Approved 30 January 2025

**2. Manager – Renewal of Certificate - Approved by DLC Chair Cr Ludlow**

- 2.1 INVDLC 2024/217/2017 - Approved 12 December 2024
- 2.2 INVDLC 2024/279/2023 - Approved 12 December 2024
- 2.3 INVDLC 2024/280/2023 - Approved 12 December 2024
- 2.4 INVDLC 2024/161/2020 - Approved 12 December 2024
- 2.5 INVDLC 2024/275/2015 - Approved 12 December 2024
- 2.6 INVDLC 2024/171/2023 - Approved 19 December 2024
- 2.7 INVDLC 2024/281/2023 - Approved 19 December 2024
- 2.8 INVDLC 2024/8/2015 - Approved 19 December 2024
- 2.9 INVDLC 2024/181/2020 - Approved 19 December 2024
- 2.10 INVDLC 2024/263/2023 - Approved 19 December 2024
- 2.11 INVDLC 2024/166/2020 - Approved 19 December 2024
- 2.12 INVDLC 245/2024 - Approved 19 December 2024
- 2.13 INVDLC 2024/211/2023 - Approved 19 December 2024
- 2.14 INVDLC 2025/184/2020 - Approved 08 January 2025
- 2.15 INVDLC 2025/145/2017 - Approved 08 January 2025
- 2.16 INVDLC 2025/283/2023 - Approved 08 January 2025
- 2.17 INVDLC2025/276/2015 - Approved 17 January 2025
- 2.18 INVDLC2025/169/2020 - Approved 23 January 2025
- 2.19 INVDLC 2025/268/2023 - Approved 23 January 2025
- 2.20 INVDLC 2025/290/2015 - Approved 23 January 2025
- 2.21 INVDLC 2025/7/2016 - Approved 30 January 2025
- 2.22 INVDLC 2025/2/2018 - Approved 30 January 2025
- 2.23 INVDLC 2025/12/2019 - Approved 30 January 2025
- 2.24 INVDLC 2025/252/2017 - Approved 30 January 2025
- 2.25 INVDLC 2025/222/2015 - Approved 30 January 2025

**2.26 INVDLC 2025/222/2015** - Approved 30 January 2025

**2.7 INVDLC 2025/54/2018** - Approved 30 January 2025

### **3. Special Licences - Approved by DLC Chair Cr Ludlow**

**3.1 Southland Racing Club – Ascot Park Christmas at the Races on 14 December 2024** - Approved 04 December 2024

**3.2 Club Southland 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday events on 18 January 2025 and 1 February 2025** - Approved 19 December 2024

**3.3 Southland Motorcycle Club – Burt Munro Challenge 2025 Event 5 – 9 February 2025** - Approved 08 January 2025

**3.4 Southland Rodeo 2025 on 8 February 2025** - Approved 08 January 2025

**3.5 Bluff Rugby Football Club – 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Event on 25 January 2025** - Approved 08 January 2025

**3.5 The Church 1914 – Birthday Lunch on 25 January 2025 and Rio Tinto VIP Dinner on 29 January 2025** - Approved 08 January 2025

**3.7 Attic Arts Centre – Art Exhibitions for 2025 Season** - Approved 17 January 2025

**3.8 Softball Southland – Special Licence for NZ National Evergreens Men’s Tournament on 28 February and 1 March 2025** - Approved 23 January 2025

**3.9 Squash City – 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Event on 8 February 2025** - Approved 23 January 2025

**3.10 Highlander Rugby Club Limited Partnership – Highlanders vs Crusaders Pre-Season Game on 6 Feb 2025** - Approved 30 January 2025

**3.11 Collegiate Rugby Football Club – Southern Grilles & Gasoline Car Show 2025 on 1 February 2-25** - Approved 30 January 2025

### **4. Licence Renewal - Approved by DLC Chair Cr Ludlow**

**4.1 Otepunui Community Hub – Renewal of Club Licence** - Approved 04 December 2024

**4.2 EUNA Limited – Renewal of On-Licence** – Approved 08 January 2025

**4.3 Hayz @ The Anchorage – Renewal of On- Licence** - Approved 08 January 2025

**4.4 Invercargill Golf Club – Renewal of Club Licence** - Approved 08 January 2025

**4.5 Greenacres Country Club – Renewal of Club Licence** – Approved 17 January 2025

**4.6 Invercargill Contract Bridge Club – Renewal of Club Licence – Licensed hours have been reduced to 40 per week** - Approved 17 January 2025

- 4.7 **Elegance at 148 on Ellis – Renewal of On Licence** - Approved 23 January 2025
- 4.8 **Buster Crabb – Renewal of On-Licence** – Approved 30 January 2025
- 4.9 **Waverly Bowling Club – Renewal of Club Licence** - Approved 30 January 2025
- 4.10 **Star Rugby Football Club – Renewal of Club Licence** - Approved 30 January 2025
- 4.11 **Otatara Bowling Club – Renewal of Club Licence** - Approved 30 January 2025

## 5. Licence New

- 5.1 **Thai Thai Restaurant – New On-Licence** – Approved 04 December 2024
- 5.2 **Mo: Mo Ghar – New – On-Licence** - Approved 04 December 2024
- 5.3 **Korean Bob Limited – On – Licence** - Approved 19 December 2024
- 5.4 **Gadoochi Brewing Limited – Off Licence** - Approved 19 December 2024

## 6. Temporary Authority

- 6.1 **Wayfarer Invercargill – INV DLC 231/2024** – Approved 04 December 2024

## 7. Other Business

### 04 December 2024

- Discussion Gadoochi Brewing Limited – Public Hearing set for 18 December 2024 at 9am.

### 12 December 2024

- Discussion Gadoochi Brewing Limited – Public Hearing set for 18 December 2024 at 9am.
- Discussion room set up for Hearing.
- Late Application for The Church accepted.

### 19 December 2024

- Amendment to Special Licence SPL/119/2024 for Ascot Park Racecourse Consortium granted.
- Discussion Public Hearing. All agreed and signed by the Chairperson. Decision released today.
- New Licence Inspector, Sarah Nicol, will start 20 Jan 2025.



**17 January 2025**

- Request for information received from ARLA for Gadoochi Brewing LTD appeal.
- Discussion Bluff Distillery.
- Meet the Inspector on 23 January 2025.

**23 January 2025**

- Amendment to issued Managers Certificate 73/CERT/147/2022 approved 23 January 2025.
- Copy of Thekken Distillery application requested by Ward Adams Bryan Lamb.
- Introduction – New Licence Inspector to DLC Chairperson.
- Discussion IWI Representatives and DLC Hearings.

**30 January 2025**

- Burt Munro Challenge 2025 next week 6-8 February 2025.
- Pre -event meeting with George Begg Festival organisers.

## APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR 2025 ILT LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAMME

<b>To:</b>	Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday 11 February 2025
<b>From:</b>	Stephen Cook - Manager - Aquatic Services
<b>Approved:</b>	Rex Capil - Group Manager - Community Spaces and Places
<b>Approved Date:</b>	Tuesday 4 February 2025
<b>Open Agenda:</b>	Yes
<b>Public Excluded Agenda:</b>	No

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### Purpose and Summary

This partnership between the Invercargill Licensing Trust (ILT), ICC and the team at Splash Palace has been incredibly successful and has enabled 12,248 children to engage in swimming and water safety programmes at Splash Palace since 2007.

In order to continue this successful partnership a Council resolution is required in order to apply to the ILT and ILT Foundation for funding towards the 2025 ILT Learn to Swim programme at Splash Palace.

### Recommendations

That the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee:

1. Receives the report "Application for Grant Funding for 2025 ILT Learn to Swim Programme".
2. Resolve that the Aquatic Services Manager is delegated authority to apply to the Invercargill Licensing Trust and ILT Foundation for grant funding of \$196,822.70 for the 2025 ILT Learn to Swim programme at Splash Palace.

### Background

Learning to swim is a vital life skill not only for our Tamariki but for everyone. New Zealand is unique where we have readily available access to waterways and beaches for recreational swimming.

Council and the ILT and ILT Foundation have successfully collaborated on the funding and development of the ILT learn to swim programme at Splash Palace since 2007, benefiting approximately 12,248 children.

This programme is hugely important to the community and benefits our youth in so many ways. The skills children learn include improving water confidence, breathing and swimming techniques and swim survival techniques. All these contribute to teaching them how to be safe in and around water, and not only equipping them with skills to swim but also developing self-confidence and self-esteem, and for many children is the highlight of their week.

Council is incredibly proud and grateful to the ILT and ILT Foundation's continued support of this programme.

## Financial

Last financial year a total of \$182,500 was granted to Council for the 2024 programme, providing swimming lessons to primary school children in the ILT Invercargill area; a total of 30,399 lessons were undertaken by 3,039 children at 29 schools.

For the 2025 year, a total of \$196,822.70 grant funding will be applied for which will enable 4,054 children to take part in 10 lessons per year. This funding will cover the following schools within the Invercargill City boundary:

Ascot Primary	Southland Adventist Christian School
Aurora College	Southland Boys High
Bluff Primary	Southland Girls High
Donovan Primary	St Johns Girls School
Fernworth Primary	St Joseph's School
James Hargest College	St Patrick's School
Makarewa Primary	St Teresa's School Bluff
Middle School	St Theresa's School
Myross Bush	Te Wharekura O Arowhenua
New River Primary	Tisbury School
Newfield Park	Verdon College
Otatara Primary	Waihopai School
Ruru School	Waverley Park School
Sacred Heart	Windsor North School
Salford School	

## Community Views

The ILT School Learn to Swim Programme has important benefits for the community. Teaching our Tamariki water safety skills and essential swimming techniques assists with building water confidence and awareness which enables them to be safe in and around water. For some, this will be the only learn-to-swim classes that they will be able to access.

## **Implications and Risks**

### **Strategic Consistency**

This is a programme which aligns with the vision to create our city with heart through supporting a vital wellbeing activity for the community.

Invercargill City Council's contribution to this programme is in the form of a subsidised entry for each child. For 2025 the value of the subsidy is \$158,121.60.

### **Financial Implications**

This programme would not present any financial implications to Council if funding was approved for the 2025 year. However, if funding was not approved, then Council would need to make a decision on whether they wanted to continue the programme or not. If Council wanted to continue the programme this would come as an unbudgeted expense.

### **Legal Implications**

This activity does not, in itself, present any legal implications so long as Council resolve to make this application to the Trust and Foundation and uses them in accordance with the grant.

### **Climate Change**

The specific climate change impact on this activity will be through carbon emissions from buses transporting children to and from Splash Palace.

### **Risk**

There is a low risk of the ILT not being able to fund the programme and if this was to happen, it would present a high risk to Council as a decision would need to be made whether they wanted to continue the programme by supporting the increased costs or not.

## **Next Steps**

If the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee resolves to delegate authority to the Aquatic Services Manager, applications will be lodged with the ILT and ILT Foundation for funding of the 2025 ILT Learn to Swim Programme at Splash Palace.

# URBAN PLAY OPTIONS FOR ANNUAL PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION

**To:** Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 11 February 2025

**From:** Dr Damien Puddle – Local Play Advocate

**Approved:** Rex Capil - Group Manager - Community Spaces and Places

**Approved Date:** Friday 10 January 2025

**Open Agenda:** Yes

**Public Excluded Agenda:** No

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## Purpose and Summary

The purpose of this report is to Inform the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee on Urban Play Programme progress completed to date, present the two options for public consultation and seek approval for public consultation on the options as part of the Annual Plan consultation.

## Recommendations

That the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee:

1. Receive the report titled "Urban Play Options for Annual Plan Public Consultation".

### Recommend to Council:

2. The preferred option:

**Option 1 – City Centre Programme** - \$4.956 million from LTP over four years (plus \$1.5 million external funding)

- a. 66 Dee Street was presented as a site option for the play hub.

**OR**

**Option 2 – Distributed Programme** - \$4.956 million over four years (with options to seek external funding dependent on the project).

3. Approve staff conducting public engagement for the Urban Play Programme options as part of the Annual Plan consultation between 17 March – 17 April 2025.

## Background

Invercargill City Council first included the City Centre Urban Play Programme as the 'City Centre Masterplan Urban Play 2023 – 2026' in the 2021-2031 Long-term Plan and subsequently within the 2024-2034 Long-term Plan from 2024/25 to 2027/28.

The programme directly delivers on the City Centre Master Plan's vision of a vibrant, family-friendly city centre. The project is based on the Master Plan's guiding principle of "Urban Play to Make You Stay".

A feasibility report from RSL Consultancy with urban design input from Isthmus was developed in 2023 to support council decision-making for the 2023-24 LTP. Although the budget was confirmed, Councillors requested staff present delivery options.

The subsequent work undertaken to develop delivery options has identified two main options for delivery of the programme:

**Option 1 – Full Programme**, \$4.956 million from LTP over four years (plus \$1.5 million external funding)

b. 66 Dee Street was presented as a site option for the play hub.

**Option 2 – Distributed Programme**, \$4.956 million over four years (with options to seek external funding dependent on the project).

The delivery of the City Centre Urban Play Programme could be achieved at various scales with or without external funding. Full benefit realisation may be impacted at lower scales or in the absence of external funding but any option would align with the direction of the draft Play Strategy 2025.

This report provides more detail on the two primary options (see Attachment 1 for example images) and seeks Council recommendation as to the preferred option for consultation.

## Issues and Options

### Options

#### **Option 1 – City Centre Programme\***

#### **Components:**

- a. **Play Hub:** A vibrant, centrally-located play site designed to be a key attraction in the city. The preference is for an innovative playable and multifunctional space that caters to various age groups and abilities to serve as a focal point for community gatherings, events, and daily recreation, encouraging extended visits to the city centre.
  - i. **Site Analysis:** A high-level analysis of 16 sites within the city centre green belt (Leven St to Queens Drive, Gala Street to Otepunu Gardens) has confirmed that no site is

perfect, each with various benefits, opportunities, consequences, and complexities. The analysis has identified the following preferred site:

- **66 Dee Street:** This site has been vacant for the last 10 years since being purchased by council. The original intent for this site was to support potential library archive expansion requirements. It is a centrally located, council-owned site with strong connections to city rejuvenation works and key attractions like Don and Esk Streets, Wachner Place, and the library. While the site's 618m<sup>2</sup> footprint is smaller than the RSL feasibility report's recommended 2500m<sup>2</sup> for a play hub, some small additional space connecting to and behind the library could be utilised. It offers good wind shelter and the potential for weather-proof play through partial covering, though it receives limited sunlight. Safety concerns exist with the adjacent Hubbers Emporium wall, currently propped with supports. Despite these challenges, its proximity to the library, public toilets, and potential for future activation of Pork Pie Lane make it a valuable location for consideration.
  
- b. **Play Trail:** A creatively designed pathway of playable assets to connect the main play hub to other areas of the city centre and encourage exploration of the inner city. Preference for the inclusion of smaller play installations, interactive art pieces, and engaging streetscape elements to provide fun experiences and improve pedestrian connectivity and wayfinding throughout the city centre.
  
- c. **Play Activations:** The inclusion of dynamic, temporary installations and activities to maintain awareness, keep the city centre's play offering fresh and engaging, and allow for seasonal themes, community-led initiatives, and the testing of new play concepts. This component provides flexibility to adapt to changing community needs and preferences over time.

### **Option 2 – Distributed Programme**

Urban Play has been a priority for the city centre as a component of the City Centre Master Plan. An alternative for Urban Play is being recommended if the original priority set for the City Centre has lowered and reduced investment is required to activate play to the desired levels within the City Centre.

There are other locations across Invercargill and Bluff which are worth capitalising on and have the potential to attract resources for better activation and the enjoyment of locals and tourists alike.

#### **Components:**

- **Bluff:** Several opportunities are present within the Bluff Township, which will continue to enable the expansion of play provision. An assessment of safer swimming opportunities is detailed within the 2024-34 Long-term Plan and a refresh of the primary playground on Onslow Street can also be considered with the potential of lifting it to a Destination Play Space status.
  
- **South Invercargill:** Elizabeth Park has been highlighted in the 2024-34 Long-term Plan as an area with potential and work is being undertaken to redesign the space to maximise activation and broaden the overall opportunities present on this reserve. Other reserves

have ageing play equipment and the manner in which these reserves align with the draft Play Strategy 2025 can be influenced by increased investment.

- **City Centre:** A scaled-down version of Option 1. Delivery of this version may necessarily prioritise the play hub, with less focus on the play trail and play activations, and utilise a placemaking approach.
- **North Invercargill:** Attempts to find ways to improve the play quality and contemporary play expectations that the community has for Queens Park are ongoing. A future Queens Park master plan will benefit from investment to deliver these identified needs. Also, the play provision for reserves in North Invercargill will benefit from having increased investment levels, e.g., Donovan Park.

### Analysis

#### Option 1 – City Centre Programme

The City Centre Programme is a multifaceted initiative designed to be the next layer of the ongoing rejuvenation of Invercargill's city centre by transforming it into a vibrant, playful, and welcoming urban environment. This project is deeply aligned with the Invercargill City Council's vision of "He Ngākau Aroha – Our City with Heart" and is a direct output from the City Centre Master Plan guiding principle "Ngā mahi tākaro pārekareka mot e katoa - Urban play to make you stay".

The programme seeks to reimagine the city centre as a destination that not only serves practical purposes but also invites exploration, interaction, and enjoyment. By integrating play in a variety of forms into the urban fabric, the project aims to create a unique identity for Invercargill, prioritising the well-being and engagement of its community, not least because it creates a dynamic and lively city core that caters to residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.

The project team that supported the development of the feasibility report and recommended the components of the full programme (see Options section below) included representatives from Invercargill City Council, Youth Council, Active Southland, and the Southland Business Chamber, with additional contributions from organisations like Sport NZ, Invercargill Central, and ILT (Invercargill Licensing Trust).

Cost Impact Timeline					
	2024/25 (\$000)	2025/26 (\$000)*	2026/27 (\$000)	2027/28 (\$000)	Total (\$000)
<b>Capex Impact</b>	155	1,605	1,526	1,375	4,956

#### \*Annual Plan spending



### **Option 2 – Distributed Programme**

This option distributes the budget across multiple areas and projects across Invercargill and Bluff to capitalise on alternative opportunities. Delivery of the budget in this way would help fill gaps in play provision whilst also prioritising investment in quality play opportunities which is an ongoing community request.

This option will involve a scaled-down version of Option 1 to grow the limited play options currently available in the city centre. It will also action any ideas coming from projects like the Elizabeth Park redesign and safe swimming project in Bluff which both have LTP funding in 2024/25 for planning but require resource for implementation. Finally, Queen's Park, despite it being Invercargill's premiere park, feedback is suggesting it may not provide the level of contemporary play people expect, and this distributed programme would enable this to be addressed.

### **Play Strategy**

Both options align with the vision and outcomes of the draft Play Strategy.

The Play Strategy's vision "Invercargill is a city where play excites and connects everyone" supports both Option 1 – City Centre Programme and Option 2 - Distributed Programme by embodying its core principles of creating inclusive, innovative, and transformative play experiences across Invercargill.

For Option 1 the strategy directly aligns with the vision by reimagining the city centre as a vibrant, playful destination. The strategy's focus on integrating play into urban environments, beyond traditional playgrounds, perfectly matches the programme's goal of creating a unique, engaging city core that caters to all ages and abilities. The comprehensive approach of weaving play opportunities into daily life is precisely what the City Centre Programme aims to achieve.

For Option 2 the strategy's vision is equally supported, by distributing resources across multiple areas and projects in Invercargill and Bluff, this option achieves the strategy's outcomes of creating inclusive play opportunities, filling gaps in play provision, and prioritising quality play experiences. The strategy's holistic view of play as fundamental to community well-being is reflected in this approach, which seeks to enhance play options in various locations to ensure city-wide improvement of play opportunities.

Additional information about the Play Strategy is included with the concurrent report being presented - Draft Play Strategy 2025.

### **Significance**

\$4.956 million is allocated within the 2024-2034 Long-term plan for delivery of the urban play project; however, Council has not yet consulted on the options. This \$4.956 million capital funding is a portion of the total \$836.2 million (0.6%) capital programme of works, detailed within the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for all of ICC. The project is core to the Council's strategy to create Our City with Heart and a significant level of funding is attached to it. The issue is of medium significance. Community interest in the project is high and consultation on the proposed options as part of the Annual Plan is recommended.

## **Community Views**

There is support from recent community feedback for the type of content suggested for both options, but community feedback is necessary to make a decision to adopt Option 2. Although Option 2 has the same level of budget, it is a different scope for play in the Invercargill and Bluff.

### ***Option 1 - Full Programme***

The majority of public feedback for the 2021-2031 Long-term Plan was in favour of funding urban play in the city centre to provide fun opportunities for all ages (prioritising children) and make it a more attractive place to visit for locals and visitors alike. There is overwhelming support from the business community. Feedback included suggestions for a destination play space and integration with the arts. Further, on the streetscape rejuvenation works, the feedback identified room to make Esk Street more pedestrian friendly, the importance of a central meeting space, and green areas.

General feedback during the 2024-2034 LTP process showed widespread support for increased play opportunities, vibrant family-friendly spaces, and initiatives that contribute to community well-being and economic vitality. Organisations and community members explicitly endorsed the urban play project, highlighting its potential to transform Invercargill's city centre into a more engaging and dynamic space for residents and visitors alike. The majority of feedback supported the project's continuation as an essential component of a vibrant, family-friendly, and economically thriving city centre.

Engagement for the Play Strategy reinforced the community's desire for playful, inclusive, and innovative spaces that meet the needs of multiple age groups and enhance the vibrancy of the city centre. Feedback reflected a vision for the city centre as a destination that supports social connection, aligns with local businesses and provides opportunities for both structured and spontaneous play in a modern, welcoming environment.

### ***Option 2 – Distributed Programme***

The community will be provided with the opportunity to submit on the distributed version of the urban play programme. A range of views have been shared during consultation on the last two long-term plans and the draft Play Strategy that supports this general position.

Feedback during the 2021-31 Long-term Plan included suggestions on dispersed play options, with the community showing interest in play opportunities that extend beyond the city centre and are distributed throughout the district.

General feedback during the 2024-2034 LTP process showed widespread support for increased play opportunities, vibrant family-friendly spaces, and initiatives that contribute to community well-being and economic vitality. The feedback highlighted a desire for distributed, varied, and innovative play opportunities that extend beyond a single destination play space, with an emphasis on creating engaging recreational experiences across different areas of the district. The feedback included specific references to upgrades, additions, or new play opportunities in Bluff, Elizabeth Park, and Queen's Park.

Pre-draft community engagement for the development of the first draft of the Play Strategy identified strong support for play across the district. Community engagement feedback included requests for improved parks in Bluff, upgraded facilities at Elizabeth Park, and

modernised, inclusive features at Queens Park. Feedback emphasised the need for better accessibility, imaginative play spaces, and attractions for all ages and abilities.

## Implications and Risks

### Strategic Consistency

#### Option 1

Community Outcomes	Support Mechanisms
One Community – Our youth, older people, different neighbourhood and communities' basic needs are met, and they feel valued and proud to live here.	Option 1 has an intergenerational play focus to support diverse ages, abilities, and backgrounds, making the city centre a place where everyone feels valued and connected.
A vibrant, safe city centre which meets our people's diverse cultural needs.	The programme contributes to city centre revitalisation through playful, engaging, and culturally relevant spaces that attract residents and visitors, enhancing vibrancy and safety through increased activity.
A future-focused economy delivered through innovation and partnership and supported by appropriate infrastructure.	By integrating play through innovative urban design and partnering with local businesses and organisations, the programme supports economic growth and positions Invercargill as a forward-thinking destination.
A healthy, resilient environment where the city is well positioned to navigate climate change.	Sustainable design and integration of green infrastructure as play elements could contribute to a city centre that is adaptable to climate change and environmentally responsible.

#### Option 2

Community Outcomes	Support Mechanisms
One Community – Our youth, older people, different neighbourhood and communities' basic needs are met, and they feel valued and proud to live here.	Option 2 supports equitable access to play by distributing opportunities across the district, ensuring multiple neighbourhoods and communities feel included and valued.
A vibrant, safe city centre which meets our people's diverse cultural needs.	A scaled-down city centre play hub adds some vibrancy and safety while complementing additional play upgrades that enhance the broader district's family-friendly appeal.
A future-focused economy delivered through innovation and partnership and supported by appropriate infrastructure.	Distributed play investments aim to stimulate local economies throughout the district by increasing visitation and engagement across multiple locations.
A healthy, resilient environment where the city is well positioned to navigate climate change.	Diverse play improvements across the district can promote sustainable land use.

## **Financial Implications**

### **Option 1 - Full Programme**

The programme is scalable, meaning that while the total project cost of \$6.5 million is desirable to maximise benefit realisation, the project will be delivered within the \$4.956 million budget if external funding of \$1.5 million (\$500k for each financial year from 2025-26 to 2027-28) is not secured. This ensures the programme can proceed without reliance on external funding, reducing delivery risks.

The allocated programme budget allocated from the 2024-2034 Long-term Plan is 100% Capital. Should a need for an Operating resource arise during the delivery of the Urban Play Project, new funding may be sourced through annual planning process or alternatively transfer a portion of the project capital to operating.

### **Option 2 – Distributed Programme**

The budget for Option 2 is the same as what has been provided for within the 2024-34 Long-term Plan for Option 1 (i.e. \$4.956 million).

External funding of \$1.5 million is not a specific requirement for this option, however, external funding could be sought on a case-by-case basis for individual projects.

## **Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications for either option. Council will need to follow the formal decision-making framework to ensure that the decision made meets the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020 decision-making sections to ensure any decision made meets all legal requirements.

## **Climate Change**

Either option's delivery will consider sustainable land use, procurement, and material usage, in line with the council's climate change commitments.

**Risk**

	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Council Appetite</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>	<b>Risk Rating</b>	<b>Council Risk</b>	
	<b>Budget Overruns</b>	The project could exceed its allocated budget, impacting the Council's financial resilience	Possible - Large projects often face cost escalations	Minor - Budget overruns could delay implementation or reduce the project's scope, affecting community outcomes	Financial	Medium	Approved indicative and detailed business cases to reduce chance of scope and budget creep	Low - Financial oversight will reduce but not fully eliminate this risk	R00803 - Achieving Financial Resilience
	<b>External Funding Not Received</b>	Applications for external funding could be unsuccessful	Possible – High-profile opportunities but within a constrained funding environment	Minor – Benefit realisation may be impacted by lack of external funding	Financial	Low	Development of a funding plan and project budgeting based on \$4.956 million, with options presented should external funding be achieved	Low – Strong funding pitch will increase funding chances and planning based on the lower budget reduces delivery risk	R00803 - Achieving Financial Resilience
	<b>Community Resistance to Change</b>	Resistance to changes in the city layout or play elements could lead to public dissatisfaction or complaints	Possible - Play initiatives often face varying community perspectives	Minor - Delays or adjustments due to community opposition could affect timelines or project scope	Reputation	Low	Regular communication with the public and effected businesses during project development and implementation	Low - Effective engagement will prevent significant resistance	R00190 - Failure to Disseminate Strategies to the Community Effectively
	<b>Underutilisation of Play Spaces</b>	If the play areas do not meet community needs or are not well-promoted, we may see limited use, undermining their value	Possible - Dependant on the alignment of design with community preference	Minor - Underutilisation could lead to reputational damage and wasted resources	Reputation	Low	Community given the opportunity to be involved with the development of designs	Low - Community-driven design efforts can reduce risk	R00191 - Failure to Establish and Maintain Relationships with Key Stakeholders
	<b>Safety Concerns with New Play Areas</b>	Poor design, maintenance, or oversight could lead to safety issues, such as injuries or accessibility challenges	Possible - Adherence to safety standards significantly mitigates this risk	Minor - Safety incidents could cause minor harm to users	Health, Safety & Wellbeing	Low	Adherence to NZS 5828 for playground elements and ISO 4980 for informal and non-traditional play elements	Low - Safety-focused practices will minimise the risk of incidents	R00762 - Health, Safety & Wellbeing of Staff and Public

### **Next Steps**

1. Consultation on the options will occur between 17 March 2025 and 17 April 2025.
2. Analysis of submissions associated with the Urban Play Project will be completed as part of the Annual Plan consultation process.
3. Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee paper to be presented in June 2025 for the Committee to recommend to Council the preferred option.

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Urban Play Annual Plan Options Slide Deck (A5717800)

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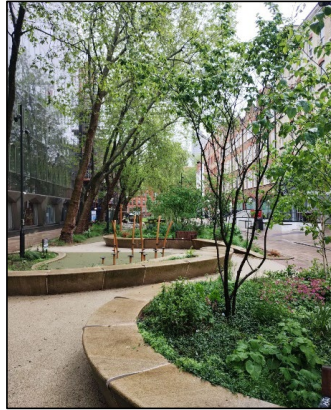
# Urban Play

# Option 1 – Full Programme

- Preferred Option
- \$4.956 million from LTP (and an additional \$1.5 million in external funding)
- 2024/25 – 2027/28
- Includes three components:
  - A ‘destination’ style play hub
  - A play trail
  - Play activations



# Option 1 – Play Hub



# Play Hub – Potential Site

## Example Site – 66 Dee Street



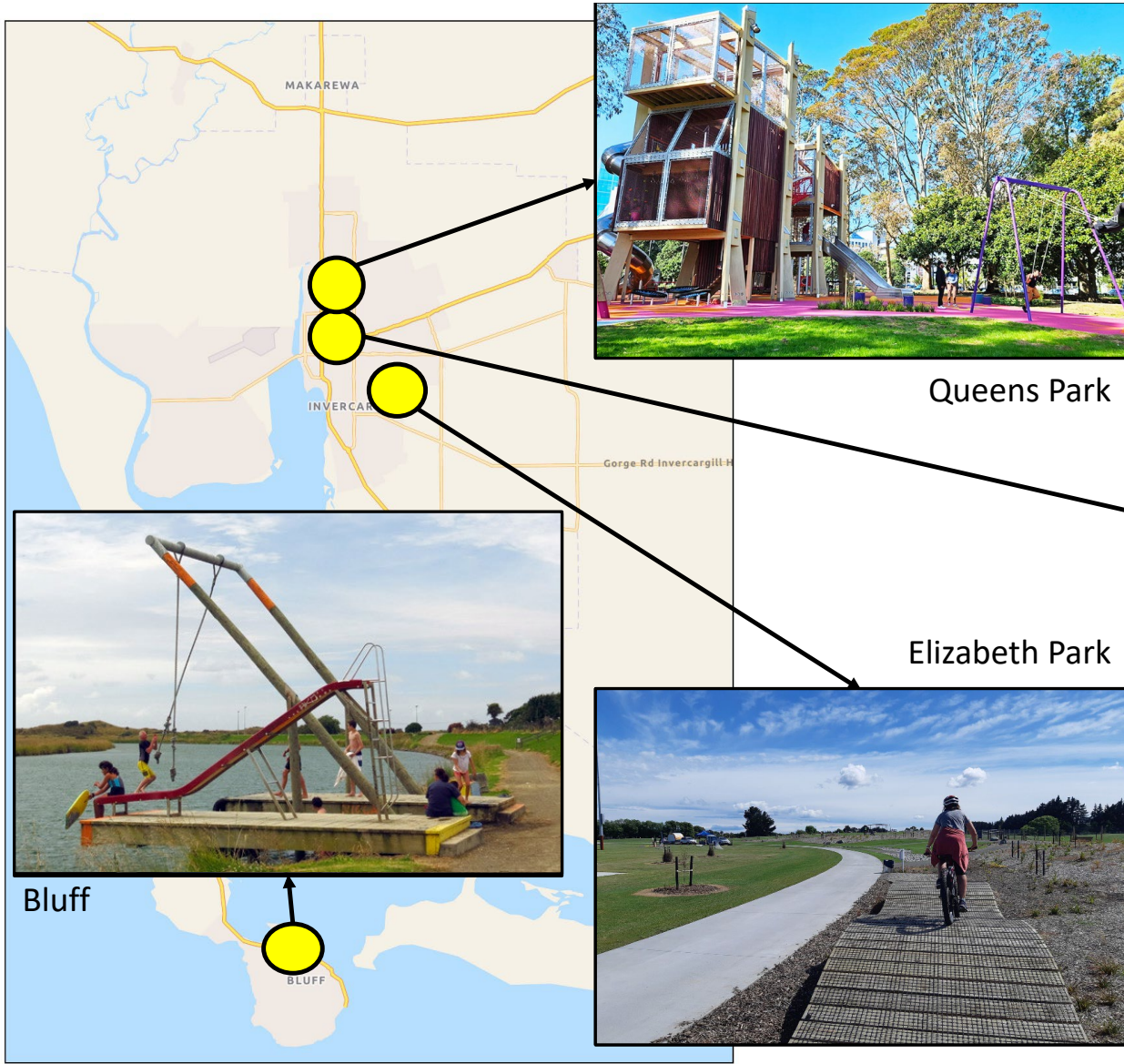
- 618m<sup>2</sup> footprint
- ICC owned
- Close to rejuvenated area and library
- Limited sunlight but sheltered from the wind
- Safety concerns with adjacent building
- Original purchased for library archive expansion

# Option 1 – Play Trail



# Option 1 – Play Activations





Queens Park



Bluff



Elizabeth Park

# Option 2

**Distributed Funding, \$4.956 million**

- Unlock play investment district-wide
- Fill gaps in play provision
- Action unfunded LTP priorities



City Centre

## DRAFT PLAY STRATEGY 2025

<b>To:</b>	Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday 11 February 2025
<b>From:</b>	Dr Damien Puddle - Local Play Advocate
<b>Approved:</b>	Rex Capil - Group Manager - Community Spaces and Places
<b>Approved Date:</b>	Friday 10 January 2025
<b>Open Agenda:</b>	Yes
<b>Public Excluded Agenda:</b>	No

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### Purpose and Summary

The purpose of this report is to report back to the Committee on the pre-draft engagement undertaken between June and August 2024 and to provide the completed draft of the Play Strategy.

The report also requests the Committee recommend to Council to endorse public consultation and targeted engagement on the draft of the Play Strategy.

### Recommendations

That the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee:

1. Receives the report titled "Draft Play Strategy 2025".
2. Receives all submissions and summary of submissions collected during the pre-draft engagement process (Attachment 1).

#### Recommend to Council:

3. That Council endorses the draft Play Strategy (Attachment 2) be available for public to comment concurrent with the Annual Plan consultation in 17 March 2025 – 17 April 2025.

### Background

At the 23 January 2024 Community Wellbeing Committee, the Committee members were informed that the Local Play Advocate had been appointed and that development of the Play Strategy would commence.

An information report to the 14 May 2024 Community Wellbeing Committee that identified the commencement of the pre-draft engagement process for the Play Strategy.

Public engagement occurred from 22 June to 10 August 2024 and councillors participated in discussions, provided insights, and received preliminary key themes from the engagement process at a workshop on 6 August 2024.

Councillors were introduced to the proposed vision and outcomes as a side element of the Urban Play Programme discussions at the Annual Plan workshop on 10 December 2024.

## **Issues and Options**

### **Analysis**

The intent of the Play Strategy is to take the place of the 2014 Playground Strategy, expand the understanding and scope of play beyond playgrounds into open spaces and urban design, and adopt a council-wide approach to supporting play outcomes.

The Play Strategy establishes a 30-year vision for the delivery of play throughout the district. While prioritising children and physical play, it supports all forms of play and for all ages (excluding formal court and field sports, and associated facilities).

The Play Strategy presents a framework with a clear vision:

*Invercargill is a city where play excites and connects everyone.*

This vision is supported by a purpose statement that positions the Council to harness play's transformative power in creating a thriving, healthy, and resilient community. The strategy is structured around four interconnected strategic outcomes, inclusive play opportunities, innovative play integration, community partnership, and financially sustainable solutions - all working together to create lasting positive change in how play is experienced throughout the city.

The Play Strategy recognises that play is not merely about providing recreational facilities, but is fundamental to human development, community well-being, and the city's future vitality. While traditional playground development focuses solely on dedicated play equipment, this strategy takes a more holistic view, understanding that there is a much broader 'menu' of play offerings. These should be integrated throughout the urban environment where appropriate, particularly to address concerning trends in physical activity levels and diminishing independent outdoor play among young people. This comprehensive approach aims to weave play opportunities into the fabric of daily life - from neighbourhood streets to the city centre - while building stronger community connections and addressing broader urban challenges.

### **Significance**

The decision to provide the draft Play Strategy for public comment during the Annual Plan consultation is advised as a medium impact/outcome for the following reasons, per the criteria within the Significance and Engagement Policy:

- **Importance to Council** – The Play Strategy provides benefits that will positively impact the city's social, cultural, economic, and environmental well-being.
- **Community interest** – Community interest in play is high, as evidenced by feedback during community engagement and the 2024-34 Long-term Plan.
- **Inconsistency with existing policy and strategy** – The Play Strategy itself is consistent with existing policy and strategy. However, ways of delivering on the Play Strategy outcomes could include concepts that would currently be in conflict with the Roding and Traffic Bylaw 2022 and Footpath Management Policy 2022 that inadvertently vary from the City Centre Masterplan and Urban Play Programme's goals by limiting recreational activities in city spaces. These policies primarily focus on movement and transportation, which doesn't fully align with the programme and Play Strategy's aim of creating playful urban environments.
- **The impact on Council's capability and capacity** – There will be no impact on the objectives set out in the financial strategy, ten-year plan and Annual Plan.
- **Cost to Council and impact on funders, including ratepayers** – There are no direct implications.

## Options

The following options apply to the draft Play Strategy:

1. **Provide the draft Play Strategy alongside the Urban Play Programme as part of the Annual Plan public consultation** – this would result in further public feedback and also include stakeholder, Council staff and councillor workshops before progressing to council deliberations and request for adoption.
2. **Stop or pause here** – this means the Play Strategy will not be developed. Council will need to continue with an out-of-date and not fit for purpose Playground Strategy, no mechanism for implementing community play feedback beyond playgrounds, and no guiding strategy to support the delivery of the Urban Play Programme from the 2024-34 Long-term Plan Road Map.

## Community Views

Community engagement for the development of the first draft of the Play Strategy has been completed.

Engagement was incorporated into the He Waka Tuia PLAY Exhibition, delivered via workshops with key stakeholders (including two unique sessions at the PLAY Exhibition with Ruru School and the Georgetown Scouts), the Youth Council, Council staff, Elected Members, discussions with children and parents at ILT Kidzone Festival, submission boxes at the library, Te Hīnaki - Civic Building, and Kidzone, and via Let's Talk and social media.

Close to 400 pieces of commentary were received, including 30 formal submissions.

All pieces of commentary were collated, summarised, and analysed.



## Feedback Summary

Invercargill's residents express a deep appreciation for their existing infrastructure and assets related to play, including the diverse offerings of Queens Park, comprehensive community facilities such as the Library and Splash Palace, accessible outdoor spaces, and vibrant community groups that foster social connections. However, there is a strong desire for enhancements, including modern and inclusive play spaces, the need for indoor and weather-protected facilities, and for nature play opportunities, such as those with open-ended play materials (e.g., sand, sticks, rocks, etc.).

Residents envision a city rich in artistic and cultural expression, where public spaces inspire creativity and engagement. Amid these aspirations, the community grapples with questions about balancing safety with the freedom to have adventures, exploring cost-effective solutions for play development, enhancing collaboration and engagement with the community (especially young people) in planning processes, and expanding innovative urban design to further encourage play and social interaction. Together, these themes reflect a holistic vision for an inclusive, playful Invercargill that nurtures connections and enriches the lives of all its residents.

## Implications and Risks

### Strategic Consistency

Community Outcomes	How the Play Strategy will support
One Community – Our youth, older people, different neighbourhood and communities' basic needs are met, and they feel valued and proud to live here.	The Play Strategy identifies play as a key mechanism for social connection, supporting youth, older people, and diverse communities to feel valued and proud to live here. Through inclusive design, intergenerational interactions, and shared spaces, the strategy fosters stronger community bonds and unity.
A vibrant, safe city centre which meets our people's diverse cultural needs.	The strategy highlights the integration of play and cultural elements into urban design to create a vibrant, safe city centre that reflects our diverse cultural needs. It provides guidance for incorporating Māori cultural narratives and tāonga tākaro into public spaces, transforming streetscapes into engaging, interactive environments.
A future focused economy delivered through innovation and partnership and supported by appropriate infrastructure.	The Play Strategy supports a future-focused economy by positioning play as a tool for innovation, partnership, and adaptable infrastructure. By fostering creativity and community development, it helps attract residents, build skills, and align with the city's economic aspirations.
A healthy, resilient environment where the city is well positioned to navigate climate change.	The strategy promotes a healthy, resilient environment through nature-based play and sustainable urban design. It encourages environmental interaction, physical activity, and adaptable spaces that prepare the city to navigate climate change while enhancing community well-being.

### **Financial Implications**

The strategy sets the direction for future budget allocations rather than specifically requesting or requiring additional budget. No dedicated funding for the implementation of the Play Strategy is therefore proposed, although there is funding allocated to specific related projects including the Urban Play Programme, Bluff Safe Swimming, and Elizabeth Park Landscape work. The strategy will help guide future parks renewals programmes linked to play assets.

### **Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications for public engagement on the draft Play Strategy. Council will need to follow the formal decision-making framework to ensure that the decision made meets the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020 decision-making sections to ensure any decision made meets all legal requirements.

### **Climate Change**

There are no climate change implications for public engagement on the draft Play Strategy.

**Risk**

	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Council Appetite</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>	<b>Risk Rating</b>	<b>Council Risk</b>
	<b>Raising Community Expectations</b> The new approach to play creates unrealistic expectations from the community.	Possible – <i>The strategy aims to inspire the community, which may result in expectations beyond what is intended.</i>	Minor – <i>Misalignment between expectations and delivery may cause dissatisfaction but is unlikely to have significant long-term impacts.</i>	Reputational	Low	The Play Strategy indicates that sustainability is an integral outcome and expectations can be further management through engagement on specific projects.	Low	R00190 - Failure to Disseminate Strategies to the Community Effectively
	<b>Cost Implications</b> Implementing the strategy impacts Council's financial resilience.	Possible – <i>The strategy sets the direction for any budget rather than calling specifically for additional budget.</i>	Minor – <i>Any financial impact is expected to be manageable within existing budgets and planning processes.</i>	Financial	Medium	The Play Strategy sets a 30-year vision period to spread out delivery whilst also combining aspiration with financial sustainability.	Low	R00803 - Achieving Financial Resilience

## **Next Steps**

Play Strategy consultation and targeted engagement to be included as part of Annual Plan consultation and reported back to the Committee for approval in June 2025.

## **Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Play Strategy 2024 Submissions – Redacted and PDF (A5721921)

Attachment 2 – 2025 01 14 Play Strategy Draft (A5729319)

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Submiss	Submission Type	Full Name	Address	Organisation	I love	I Wish	I Wonder	What else would you like to tell us about the Play Strategy?	Officer Response (If required)	Notes
1	HWT Form	Alisa Cole	9812	N/A	Street scaping on Esk. nature play space (Queens Park).	Nature play in the open, off path trail - beside the path for balance bikes, run and jump, music - drum boxes, xylophone	Blank	More free play opportunity	Nature play opportunities will be a consideration for future playground (re)developments and activations of unactivated spaces. 'Play on the way' concepts will be a component of the City Centre Urban Play Programme.	
2	Let's Talk Submission	Alexis Roscoe	9812	N/A	The outdoor play spaces that are low cost in southland	There were low cost options for indoor play for kids. We have a few awesome play spaces like chipmunks and the tramp park, but these get quite expensive.	If the play space in the mall could be updated to make it more usable. Currently the LEGO in the space is dirty and a choking hazard and the the colouring pens are always left with the lids off. An actual indoor playground would be fab for parents and kids.	Blank	Invercargill Central is not under ICC control, but we continue to pass on feedback regarding their indoor play space when it is received. Indoor or covered play space will be considered as part of the City Centre Urban Play Programme.	
3	Let's Talk Submission	Jade	Blank	N/A	That there are so many parks and native bushes. There is an abundance of places for families to explore outdoors.	There were more toddler-friendly playgrounds/areas. Swing bridges, ladders and rock climbing just aren't suitable for 0-2's and they get bored of swings. Also, better use of Sandy Point. It is such a beautiful place that just isn't being put to good use. There is so much space for a whole family-friendly adventure playground, as well as large-scale flying fox. Indoor spaces are much needed too.	If you listened to the people instead of going ahead with what you think is best. Invercargill is such a family-oriented place and I love that about it — we have so many community events and groups, but we need better spaces for our children. I appreciate the fence being put around Russel Square, that was great thinking and makes me actually want to use that playground now. Please think more about the younger children too (0-2).	I hope the people's voices are heard! Thank you	Development and utilisation of Sandy Point will be addressed via the Sandy Point Master and Management Plan. Indoor or covered play space will be considered as part of the City Centre Urban Play Programme. ICC always engages with the community before making decisions and community co-design will be a proposed outcome within the draft strategy.	
4	Let's Talk Submission	Amy Mullen	9810	N/A	Queens park and playgrounds are great.	We need covered spaces with picnic tables for kids and parents to eat and relax near the playgrounds on days when weather is unpredictable.	Could we build a covered space with 4-6 picnic tables between the main queens park playground and the cafe? People would flock there with preschoolers, homeschoolers, ECE and birthday parties etc.	We miss the old museum that was a large kid friendly space to explore on wet days.	The museum project is progressing as per the LTP timeline. There is a future Queen's Park Master Plan that will address future changes to the park.	
5	Let's Talk Submission	Rebecca	9810	N/A	Queens Park. Lots of different playground activities/areas	There were an upgrade of some playgrounds, especially the smaller suburban ones. The equipment is very old and not particularly inviting for children. It would also be great if some indoor or undercover playgrounds could be built as it's often raining, or the equipment is wet from previous rain.	If there could be a large adventure destination playground built somewhere? Eg similar to Hanley's Farm or Queenstown Bay playground. Where the playground is built in and around trees/natural landscape. Some flying foxes would also be great.	Would love to see revamp of existing playgrounds and integration of trees/natural landscape into them.	ICC has a playground renewal programme that replaces approx. 3 playground assets a year based on asset condition and safety. The Play Strategy will attempt to find ways to address play value. A destination playground will be considered as part of the City Centre Urban Play Programme.	
6	Let's Talk Forum	BlackForest			I love our library. It's such a welcoming and warm space. I love that they have additional activities and sometimes have toys, Lego or similar out for children to play with.	We desperately need indoor play spaces. I'd love to see even more play opportunities at the library (as well as a café) so that it could become a one stop destination.	I wonder if we'd see more engagement and support for families (if there were more indoor spaces for connection) so that fewer people experienced loneliness or related struggles, especially in winter.	From Anna: The only way I could do that was if you had to do a lot more work and then you would be done by yourself so you would be fine.		

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7	Let's Talk Forum	Donna123			I agree about the Library it's a great space and they always have some great free events for all ages. We frequently go here. I also love that it is so spacious and the kids area is separate from the adults so if kids are being a bit loud it's not disturbing others.	More indoor spaces to play for children especially seeing as the mall one is almost non-existent now all the activities are gone (lego, coloring in, dice, chalk all gone). Or sheltered outdoor spaces so kids can run around on a standard Invercargill day. A swimming pool designed for little kids. Splash palace is for older kids and they rough play and knock my toddler over and it's very overwhelming. Plus my 7 year old finds it boring with nothing to play with in the water and the waves never happen (weekly after lesson swim). We go to Gore for fun because they have fun things and a pool designed for little kids and it's safer and more enjoyable. Also splash palace carpark is so dangerous cars drive across the walkway without looking.				
8	Let's Talk Forum	Inversmum					A nature based playground. There is a new one along the Queenstown waterfront that is a good example, made of natural materials. Daytime indoor rollerskating set up. We love some of the activities put together by the library and He Waka Tuia, and hope the new built museum will do the same. Perhaps more planned weekend activities could happen in the park that are tailored to different age groups e.g. orienteering or treasure hunts.			
9	Let's Talk Forum	Grace				Modern open ended play. Think water, sand, stones. Avalon Park in Lower Hutt, Margaret Mahy in Christchurch, Handley Farm in Queenstown. There is a small one down at Elizabeth Park but it is not very central. The nature playground is great but far removed from the central playground. When was the last investment in any play equipment in Queens Park?				
10	Let's Talk Forum	Deborah				An ice skating ring would be fun in Invercargill.				
11	Let's Talk Forum	Jo				More indoor play spaces that don't cost the earth. During winter it's hard to find indoor places for children to play				
12	Let's Talk Forum	muggles moo				I'd love to see a play space like the one at Caroline Bay. It is such an amazing space, would be great to see something similar developed at Queens Park				
13	Let's Talk Forum	Tania				I wish there was a safe crossing for pedestrians and cyclists on all roads around the Rugby Park roundabout. There's nothing been done to improve safety for kids, elderly that are out walking or cycling to get across this high speed area. Cuts the town in two, and improvements would allow safe access to other parks on the other side of the road. I wish the council would put solid pathways around playing fields (Turnbull Thompson park), through Elizabeth Park (loop tracks), to create multi-dimensional spaces in all weathers for walkers, caregivers with prams, kids on scooters, walkers, bikers, skate boarders. Then the spaces can link up in all weathers. See Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington open spaces for examples...				

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14	Let's Talk Forum	Sarahm				Another pool other than splash palace as it's way too over crowded at times, and/or a sensory day every week, where everything is quiet so kids who have sensory needs can enjoy themselves and learn to swim/play without all the extra stimuli and people. Add another room or two for clip n climb for teens and more advanced climbers so they too can enjoy the challenge or so those who are already getting well confident at the current walls can have other options but also means a few more climbers can be booked in instead of only a handful at a time.				
15	Youth Council Workshop	Youth Council Member			I love how many play places there are in Invercargill.	I wish we had standing swings, or big swings near our hills or on top of them to get a view and encourage people to be more outdoors.	I wonder if Invercargill would be able to have swan boats, cute trams, and zorbs.			
16	Youth Council Workshop	Youth Council Member			I love being able to only walk a couple of blocks and find a playground!!	I wish we had a Timezone and go karts.	I wonder if there could be an ice-skating rink again.			
17	Youth Council Workshop	Youth Council Member			I love the stumpery.	I wish we had built-in benches and stairs around the hood area.	I wonder about future infrastructure plans for Invercargill.			
18	Youth Council Workshop	Youth Council Member			I love the big flying fox and slide at the massive park with that castle (I don't know the name), Elizabeth Park.	I wish we could have a pedestrian only street like Cuba Street in Wellington with some interactive art.	I wonder if we could have a bike track with lights, stop signs, give ways, that was open to the public. It would be a great way to learn the road rules.			
19	Youth Council Workshop	Youth Council Member			I love the different art and murals in the city, and all of the different things in Queens Park	I wish we had more benches and picnic tables in urban areas like near Kmart.	I wonder how we can communicate that people can take part in play elements, i.e., can I walk on this? Am I allowed to interact with this?			
20	Youth Council Workshop	Youth Council Member			I love the BBQ set-up at Russell Square.	I wish we had cultural places – something like Chinatown.	I wonder if members of the public, and the younger generation could help to design something unique for Invercargill. E.g., I know what I want it to look like, but could it come to life?			
21	Youth Council Workshop	Youth Council Member			I love the swinging rope at Ascot School. Would've been cool if there were more.	I wish we had a water park with water slide and fun moving water features.	I wonder if it's possible to create a space in Invercargill specifically for rangatahi (12-24 yrs).			
22	Youth Council Workshop	Youth Council Member			I love enclosed spaces to hang out and meet people. Nice for having lunch in CBD.	I wish there was an arcade or more interactive spaces to go with friends.	I wonder if we could have more adult playgrounds with flying foxes, big climbing structures.			
23	Youth Council Workshop	Youth Council Member			I love murals around the city.	I wish we had more LEGO in committee meetings. I wish for a moveable playground with monkey bars, spinning features, sensory play. Something that can be seen driving down the road. Take it on tour "oooo, ahhhh, that's so cool!". For places like Gala Street Reserve and green spaces. Idea came from the Active Southland pump track.	I wonder if we could have more places functioning at night like the container park in Las Vegas (without the alcohol of course).			
24	Youth Council Workshop	Youth Council Member			I love getting burned on metal slides.	I wish we had more metal slides and speaking dishes things (like in Dunedin). I wish we had a pump track (not just for 5-year-olds) and/or mountain bike jumps.	I wonder if there could be places for rangatahi that are free to enter where they can just hang out. Couches, tables, etc. I've found that it can be hard for my friends and I to find a free place to go inside and hang out when the weather isn't good (common occurrence in Invers).			
25	Youth Council Workshop	Youth Council Member			I love Invercargill Musical Theatre Company (for both youth and adults). I love Invercargill Repertory (youth and adults).	I wish we had a flying fox in Queens Park. I wish for community stages/areas to hangout/act/rehearse in.	I wonder if Invercargill could have a continuous carnival/fair.			

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26	Youth Council Workshop	Youth Council Member			I love the Esk Street and mall city block development as a hangout area.	I wish we had a maze, one that was scary and dark and you work in teams or by yourself to escape.	I wonder if Invercargill could have a fear factory/horror house.			
27	Youth Council Workshop	Youth Council Member			I love the mouse wheel at Queens Park.	I wish the stumpery was decorated to bring it back to life again. I wish for more water play, like at Margaref Mahey Park in Christchurch (and good weather).	I wonder why we not have public WIFI in the CBD, park & high foot traffic areas to encourage people to stay out longer. Helps families stay in contact.			
28	Youth Council Workshop	Youth Council Member			I love our city history.	I wish for new, clean, looked after public toilets.	I wonder if we could have astronomy things in the city, e.g., an observatory in a park or somewhere (probably not, trees will block the sky).			
29	Youth Council Workshop	Youth Council Member			I love simple playground equipment like swings and roundabouts, etc.!	I wish for musical instruments in parks or other areas (built-in), made of wood, plastic, metal. E.g., drums, xylophone.	I wonder if we can add things for teens at parks (not just for kids).			
30	Youth Council Workshop	Youth Council Member			I love the workout equipment at Queen's Park on the path to the gazebo.	I wish that there was some sort of parkour playground.	I wonder if we could have a Puzzle World like in Wanaka. I wonder if we could have a merry-go-round at Queen's Park.			
31	Let's Talk Submission	Ella Manaena	9822		Queens park is a great space for tamariki in Southland, Andersons park is also a great space.	I would love to see some more play equipment in the parks around Southland for preschool aged children. Climbing structures for children aged 1-5, a bike/scooter park similar to the one at dinosaur park in Dunedin. Interactive play or treasure hunt like set ups in and around bushwalking tracks.	Children will be able to grow their imagination and spend more time outside. When there are structures in place to encourage children to push themselves they and we realise they are capable of a lot more than people think.	Mostly I think we need more play spaces targeted to preschool aged children. While we enjoy the spaces we currently have, we have found other city's to have a lot more around for younger children.	<i>The Play Strategy will aim to address more inclusive play experiences, including age, but can only address the Invercargill District and not the rest of Southland.</i>	
32	Let's Talk Forum	Daven				Designated big dog and small dog areas at the fenced dog park. The park already has 2 seperate fenced areas, so all that would be required is signage. A small change that seems like a no brainer, and would lead to more people feeling comfortable utilising the space for play and socialising.				
33	HWT PLAY Launch	Parent				I wish Esk St would be closed for more and safer play. I wish the councillors had listened to us on Wachner Place. As adults, we forget how important play actually is, but we can't ignore it.				
34	HWT PLAY Launch	Parent				The city feels sport heavy, I wish for more art and creative play opportunities, and more warm, indoor options.				
35	HWT PLAY Launch	Parent			I love the Invercargill Central play space; it is a life saver and the reason we go shopping there. We'd be gutted if it became retail space.	I wish our playgrounds would be updated with the times.	I wonder if we can be proactive, not just reactive regarding our playground renewals?			
36	HWT PLAY Launch	Parent			We love Queens Park - great biking run ups	I wish for outdoor musical instruments, a rain sound thing				
37	HWT PLAY Launch	Parent			We love the number of parks, the PLAY exhibition at He Waka Tuia.	I wish there was more play opportunities that cater to adults because kids also feed off our play energy.		There is a lack of youth provision		
38	HWT PLAY Launch	Parent			I love anytime there are fairy door hunts.	I wish there were permanent fairy doors at Anderson Park.				
39	HWT PLAY Launch	Parent			We love having play opportunities in close proximity	I wish there was more play opportunities catering to 2-5 year olds. Something like a permanent PLAY exhibition like at He Waka Tuia.				



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40	HWT PLAY Launch	Parent				I wish for more loose parts so children can self-construct their play.				
41	HWT PLAY Launch	Parent			Queens Park and the water play = the play jewel in the city.	I wish the He Waka Tuia PLAY exhibition was permanent. I wish Esk St. was closed to traffic. Even if only weekend closures were possible, it would make it so much better and attractive to visit. I wish for a play trail through the city, like a scavenger hunt that has a scheme/buy-in from all of the shops and it could change from season to season so it never gets old.	I wonder if the playgrounds could be designed. There's no flow between the play opportunities that guide you from place to place, they're just plonked in the parks.	Our playgrounds are and look dated. The cafe's are hidden under cover and don't spill out into the public spaces like they do overseas. This creates great atmosphere to add play to and easier to observe/supervise children.		
42	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member			I love Surrey Park because there is a long slide and a big tower.			A playful city should have: A waterpark		
43	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member			I love the Queens park, the mouse wheel (once it was broken and I was sad because I wanted to go on it), also the water play gadgets.		I wonder if the play equipment could be bigger because I loved climbing but it was a bit easy to get to the top.	A playful city should have: A Driving City (somewhere mums and dads can go to drive around, at normal speed but to see cool stuff)		
44	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member			I love the Gallery because there is my favourite stuff. I even love the blue squares in the foyer because I love floor is lava!	I wish I could be allowed to do handstands inside. I wish for the gallery squares in the foyer to lead outside onto the footpath		A playful city should have: Random fun wall stuff		
45	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member			I love the skatepark because I can take my scooter there.	I wish there were some bigger ramps at the skatepark.		A playful city should have: A Skateboard that can be used anywhere not just in the skatepark		
46	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member			I love the mall because we get fluffies		I wonder if there could be magnets that we could play with on the wall at the PLAY exhibition.	A playful city should have: A Slide, a swing.		
47	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member				I wish for bumper cars all over the city with an app to buy access to them.	I wonder if there could be a rainbow that stayed forever in the town.	A playful city should have: A rainbow at the top of a hill.		
48	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member				I wish for a maze with an x marks the spot.	I wonder if there could be magic everywhere in New Zealand and Bluff.	A playful city should have: Monkey Bars.		
49	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member				I wish for rainbow water coming out of the taps and in the pool and to drink at home and school and parks.		A playful city should have: A Pool with rainbow water.		
50	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member				I wish there could be houses with slides into Splash Palace. I wish there were ziplines to go anywhere you want. I wish racism wasn't a thing.		A playful city should have: A waterslide that ends in the beach water (with heaters).		
51	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member			I love Elizabeth Park – I love the slide and the flying fox and something else.	I wish for more rubbish bins so there's no rubbish in the park/playground.	I wonder why people make it parks messy with rubbish.	A playful city should have: A Spider Web Shooter for villains.		
52	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member				I wish I could have a horse/pony.		A playful city should have: An Iron Man Blaster for villains.		
53	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member				I wish there was dinosaurs and toy sharks.		A playful city should have: A baby area at a big playground.		
54	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member				I wish for more crossings.		A playful city should have: A special Car.		
55	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member			I love the water fountain.	I wish that there were more swimming pools. I wish that barbies were real. I wish that we have a maze. I wish super powers were real.		A playful city should have: A colourful working fire hydrant for kids to play with.		
56	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member			I love the parks in town and everywhere.			A playful city should have: A coin-operated plane, outside near the pool.		
57	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member			I love Queens Park.			A playful city should have: Lots of colourful flags.		

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58	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member			I love Queens Park because it is a peaceful and playful place.		A playful city should have: Tire swings in trees at playgrounds. A play house on a hill.		
59	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member				I wish for a kids shop where everything is free.	A playful city should have: Electric scooters.		
60	Scouts HWT Engagement	Scout Member				I wish dogs were allowed in the shop.	A playful city should have: A helicopter that kids can fly.		
61	Scouts HWT Engagement	Parent					At there musuem in Dunedin there was this interactive digital video exhibition that was really cool. Growing up in Invercargill there used to be a youth hang out space with pool tables. What happened to that?		
62	Facebook Post	Catherin e Mcfadzie			I love the Oamaru bike/scooter park	A bike/scooter park in town. More balance type equipment.	<b>From Rachel Wallace:</b> There is a cool bike/scooter park on the foreshore in Oamaru fool		
63	Facebook Post	Katrina Selbie				Agree about the bike / scooter park (the one in Dunedin is an awesome space).			
64	Facebook Post	Rachel Wallace				An adults outdoor exercise area. Yes we have few pieces but need to check out the one at the beach in Nelson!	<b>From Maricel Fogarty:</b> There's a fitness track at Queens Park and nobody uses it. I suppose if's Winter maybe in warmer days people are going to make use of it again.		
65	Facebook Post	Stacey Tempelm				An adults only Chipmunks lol (5 likes).	<b>From Ian Davidson:</b> It's called the pub.		
66	Facebook Post	Leeana Mariano Kautah				Indoor kids playground or a new fun park (1 like).			
67	Facebook Post	Hannah Crawford				Christchurch have a massive Lego set up in the library. It would be awesome to see something like that here for something to do on a rainy day. (2 likes).	<b>From Lauren Brown:</b> there is a Lego area in our library. (1 like).		
68	Facebook Post	Gaynor Harris				A playground for older children in Queens Park like the one at Waihopai school would be awsome (3 likes).	<b>From Liz Frisken:</b> should put the playground near the toilet on the track from Herbert st. There was a temporary one ages ago.		
69	Facebook Post	Renee Buddle				Open ended play space, with opportunities to make music, create and be with nature (4 likes).			
70	Facebook Post	Stacey Poutasi				Maybe put equipment like swings, back in the disestablished playgrounds so kids can walk to play. (5 likes).			
71	Facebook Post	Britt-Amber Barris				ICC stick to the basics aye. (1 like)  Slick to the basics icc. Kids have parents to take care of them.	<b>From John Heslin:</b> yes how about fixing potholes etc and upgrading water infrastructure Stop wasting ratepayers hard earned \$\$\$\$\$ on vanity projects. <b>From Britt-Amber Barris:</b> more like hand shakes with mates. <b>From John Heslin:</b> and spending time moaning crying about others they want fired because they upset them. (Yes ██████ still has issues from his ██████ it seems but demanding he resigns is a joke) <b>From Britt-Amber Barris:</b> dont like the guy personally but yes the ██████ and ██████ are wrong in what their doing.		

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72	Facebook Post	Jade Duley-Priest			Adventure playground in sandy point with a huge flying fox. So much can be done out there to make use of the amazing space. <b>(11 likes)</b>		<b>From Graeme Price:</b> Absolutely. Wasted resource at the moment. Natural habitat. No need for fancy rubber mats etc. Glorious nature as God planned it. And while we are creating safe environments we could look at some for our aged community. (1 like)		
63	Facebook Post	Mel Webb			An undercover play area definitely! Somewhere kids can play outdoors even when the weather is bad <b>(7 likes)</b>		<b>From Jane Naylor:</b> I do believe this was a suggestion for the mall but wasn't listen too. Written down in a submission. It would seem the if the submission was ticked YES, but there were conditions the conditions were not considered. <b>From Chloe Goble:</b> no way they made the right call by not having it in the mall. Imagine the noise ! It would disrupt all the businesses in there all day long. <b>From Margaret Dynes:</b> If anyone had thought of children, play and under cover, it would have been a Lego and Barbie area or similar puzzle area in Invercargill Central, the newly created Mall.		
74	Facebook Post	Krissy Tuwairua			Invercargill once had the largest ice skating rink in the southern hemisphere, it was a beauty and kept the youth busy ice racing plus playing ice hockey 🏒 and figure skating. Sadly it disappeared, it also had fantastic food .Some say it was in the wrong location, well nowadays they wouldn't say that if only it could return <b>(3 likes)</b>  How about some huge water proof umbrella type things over all seating areas along esk st or remove the unused wet seating for parking at westpac and remove the shrubs there for parking too so people ease the long ques at atm machines. just thinking about parents and children here plus very elderly.  Fundraising events for the building of the new museum.		<b>From Vana Davis:</b> Yes we need an ice skating rink again...what a fabulous idea !! (1 like) <b>From Steve James Davies:</b> you have to get folks off there ☺ bloody phone first. Adults also <b>From Barbara Evans:</b> myself and my brothers and sisters went to the ice-skating ring and roller skating ring . But I think it was too expensive to keep the ice frozen etc. But not sure. With families struggling we need something that s only going to cost a few dollars entry especially if you have a number of kids.  <b>From Debby Nicol:</b> no way!!! We pay enough in rates now without paying more... USE FARMERS would be a lot better.		
75	Facebook Post	Jo Rhodes			I love the mobile pump track that is moving around the town its lots of fun. Would be awesome to have a big playground like christchurch/timaru and queenstown they have cool stuff even adults can be involved in. I thought that portable ice rink we had a few years ago was awesome as well. Would be great to see that come back. A swing bridge or treetop adventure or even an obstacle course <b>(3 likes)</b>				
76	Facebook Post	Bon Ian			A Kelly slater wave pool. Queens park surf ranch.				

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77	Facebook Post	Courtney MacDonald				Indoor playground. Come on!!! Our weather is crap 90% of the time and sorry not sorry but chipmunks is not it. <b>(29 likes)</b>		<p><b>From Lauren Brown:</b> Couldn't agree more. A place that is clean, has quiet spaces for children who find sensory overload difficult, and has a cafe area that has some healthier options available</p> <p><b>From Krissy Tuwairua:</b> we have awesome nights for drive in movies have been fun</p> <p><b>From Tiffany McCallum:</b> yes to this!!!</p> <p><b>From Lulu Armstrong:</b> agree 100%</p> <p><b>From Bryan McInerney:</b> I agree. Something that doesn't rely on us purchasing food but that kids can play in for a gold coin donation or free. McDonalds and other places are too expensive</p> <p><b>From Jill Harpur:</b> and that has enough seating for the adult/s that comes with the child</p> <p><b>From Chris Marc Cunbitt:</b> agreed, take a space the size of the warehouse, take the chipmunks concept, jack that up on steroids x 100, bouncy castles, tumbling areas, quiet sensory rooms, interactive play rooms, indoor tag zone, Cafe, areas for all ages.</p> <p><b>From Courtney MacDonald:</b> im meaning a free indoor playground. Like all our outdoor</p>	
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78	Facebook Post	Grace Zyskowski					<p>Have you been to Margaret Mahy park in Christchurch? How about Hanleys Farm Park in Queenstown? Queens Park is seriously lacking. Half that playground was played on by the parents of the children there. <b>(24 likes)</b></p> <p><b>From Kahlia Summers Duncan:</b> agreed! Those 2 parks are amazing and encourage parents to join in with play. Our parks are seriously lacking! God even Gore has a cooler playground than we do!</p> <p><b>From Megan Findlater:</b> or Caroline Bay in Timaru. Such awesome play spaces</p> <p><b>From Lulu Armstrong:</b> Agree 100% Grandparents of those children more like lol. Yes, Caroline Bay is super cool</p> <p><b>From Nelly Hyman:</b> provide you own childrens playground in your yard where YOU spend time with the ones you love. Be an adult and take responsibility for providing for YOUR children.</p> <p><b>From Grace Zyskowski:</b> how do you feel about the city council spending YOUR rates on playgrounds?? If they are bothering to ask the ratepayers thoughts there's nothing wrong with answering. Personally I'd love to never take the kinds to a playground and take a rates rebate but that doesn't seem to be an option.</p> <p><b>From Ziviana Taylor-Keen:</b> WHAT A COMMENT</p> <p><b>From Kimberley Reynolds:</b> and even their parents parents</p> <p><b>From Nelly Hyman:</b> Reading through more comments, I sit in wonder how many people are so naive to the fact that council debt is ever increasing. And that means higher rates. With the cost of living, for many, is rising, people need to tighten belts and realise one needs to live within their means.</p>		
79	Facebook Post	Kendrah Mcleod			Diverse play resources so EVERYONE can play... Those include challenges.... Sensory swings and items eg sensory room, accessible play equipment.... Trees to climb, tree houses, logs to walk over etc <b>(15 likes)</b>				

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80	Facebook Post	Viv Moore			An indoors bike/skate park which is segmented off for different age groups and skill levels and is policed for bullying. <b>(2 likes)</b> A wee train taking kids and parents right around the park would be cool in the hotter months. Proceeds could go to kids Can or similar.		<b>From Cullum Clark:</b> they have one at ymca already I believe <b>From Candy Pubben:</b> all costs money		
81	Facebook Post	Chris Axbey			An indoor Ice Skating Rink. Randomly placed swings.....throughout Parks.		<b>From Rianara Kaletoh:</b> that would be cool (ice skating) <b>From Jonathan Christie:</b> MORE OF THIS!!!! (swings in trees)		
82	Facebook Post	Vanessa Howden			Agree on a ice skating rink, a mini golf also would be awesome, bike/scooter park		<b>From Sharlea Day:</b> jump n fun have mini golf opening in the holidays <b>From Vanessa:</b> oh awesome thanks,look forward too that		
83	Let's Talk Forum	Vanessa Howden		We absolutely love Queens Park	but feel most equipment is very dated and could do with a bit of a lift, I would love to see mini golf, and ice skating rink and a bike park or place to ride scooters and a place to learn the road rules safely. Kid's get board and that's when I feel young crime picks up so even a program for Kid's to teach them something regarding nature and animals you could do a feeding thing at Queens Park have children involved.				
84	Facebook Post	Debbie Penisula			Walking tracks. Add onto parks with upgraded playgrounds. Indoor activities.. it rains a lot. lol There use to be a roller skating rink indoors with a food cafe, great place for young people rather than on the streets.		<b>From Melanie Jne Munro Thurlow:</b> yes for roller rink		
85	Facebook Post	Robin Bennet			Plant More Trees ...				
86	Facebook Post	Acacia Cooper			Something more along the lines of what Dolamore park has to offer. An adult playground/course would be fun too				
87	Facebook Post	Paul Skerrett			Bring back the umbrella. Is the council ashamed of our heritage?		1.5 meters about ground needs a harness. <b>From Stefanie Coulter:</b> it got moved to a better spot <b>From Paul Skerrett:</b> where only dogs and seagulls can see it		
88	Facebook Post	Duanette Ineson					<a href="https://kidzania.com/">https://kidzania.com/</a> Amazing for life skills, fun, wet days, all ages.		
89	Facebook Post	Lisa G Harris			A vintage themed park where you can ride a steam train like in Chch. Ferrymead. Ice skating				
90	Facebook Post	Bruce Clay			A scooter friendly pump track that winds around under the trees in the park beside the skate park on Elles Rd.				

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91	Let's Talk Submission	Kynan	9812		Parkour. I've been doing parkour 10 years now and it's fully helped me improve physically, mentally. And emotionally. I tend to train in areas around town centre. And parks and schools etc	Invercargill had places more fit to practise parkour as there is barely anywhere to really hone in on the sport and test your capabilities without running into issues with trespassing or locals who don't understand what we are doing and trying to have fun and push our limits. And kicking us off locations.	More focus on the niche sports as well and sports that don't necessarily focus on being the best and more focused on overcoming and building both physical and mental while still having fun.		<i>The City Centre Urban Play Programme will consider ways to address alternative play opportunities within urban design / streetscape rejuvenation. The Play Strategy will also aim to address more community partnership to identify what other activities are of interest to the community. The Elizabeth Park Master Plan may identify parkour as a suitable activity for the future of the park.</i>	
92	Facebook Post	Steve James				Fix the roads before this.				
93	Facebook Post	Graham Madoc				Boxing lessons.				
94	Facebook Post	Ete Sapini				Mini golf please.				
95	Let's Talk Submission	Hannah			Queenspark.	I would be keen to see more indoor activities for kids & adults. Things like indoor mini golf, Timezone etc would be fun.			<i>The City Centre Urban Play Programme will consider ways to address the desire for indoor play. Minigolf has recently opened in the city. An arcade was previously considered for Invercargill Central but the vendor did not pursue the opportunity.</i>	
96	Facebook Post	Kodi Goodma				Rec centre in bluff.				
97	Facebook Post	David Williamson						A lot of comments and suggestions here. Ratepayers will be crying....  <b>From Ruth Polson:</b> Rural children playing in and around the garden and farm have plenty of opportunities that doesn't cost anything. Building tree houses, climbing trees, damming creeks. Making homes in bushes, jumping off fallen logs. Creeping thru long grass. Digging tunnels to China. <b>From Kimberley Reynolds:</b> It's ok, they always just bin our suggestions anyway.		
98	Facebook Post	Hannah Beer				Definitely more indoor activities would be amazing, particularly for winter time.		<b>From Krissy Tuwaiua:</b> yes an entertainment centre for showcasing talents and entry to raise funds for all that's lacking here in Invercargill. Koha and more fundraising events to pay for ie a new indoor ice skating rink etc with fun for all ages, it certainly would pay for itself in the long run		
99	Facebook Post	Hammer Smith				The rates not going up again by some horrendous amount. How about you stop spending/wasting money so your rates don't keep going up at an extortionate rate every year???				

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100	Facebook Post	Adam Wilson				Need more suburb playgrounds like the Crawford Street Reserve. These are also great for parents to meet other parents.			<p><b>From Kathy Fraser:</b> just about each suburb has a playground.</p> <p><b>From Adam Wilson:</b> my point is they all need to be as good as the ones in Glengary.</p>		
101	Facebook Post	Ruth Polson				Children on NZ beaches are building incredible little dwellings out of large pieces of driftwood by using their imaginations. It's free, environmentally sustainable, and initiated and implemented solely by children. Could this beach-play idea, be transported and made available to urban play grounds. For inside creativity, Lego is magnificent, a new toy every day.			<p>As children in a rural sole charge NZ school during the 1950's, our school play equipment consisted of 4 things. A thick one rope, a ball, blackboard chalk, and our imaginations. Nothing we did would pass safety standards today, in fact it would probably make the National News. We processed the data using our five senses, hearing, seeing, touching, tasting, and smelling. We'd test the data learnt and re testing the information, storing away or discarding it, replacing one idea with another until satisfied, burning up calories as we played. We climbed trees as high as 2 stories, swinging out on long ropes before dropping onto the rock hard ground, knowing how to do this safely, riding horses with no helmets safely, building sleds and carts from what was lying around, with not an adult in sight....we had the freedom and trust to achieve this.</p> <p>....it's about sending children outside, and creating things inside, Lego is magnificent .... a new toy every day...learning the same way but in a modern environment.</p>		
102	Facebook Post	Alan Starrat				Trees like this need to be saved as is.					
103	Let's Talk Forum	Marcus Macann				Riding a pushbike is a favourite activity. By the estuary, by the rivers, Queen's park etc. How about paving some of the estuary walkway? ( It's perfectly okay for mountain bikes and walking. Just asking).					
104	Let's Talk Forum	Gwh1987				Larger, modernised children's play areas. Having moved back from Perth recently Invercargill playgrounds are old and boring. Play areas walkable in all/most suburban residential areas.					
105	Facebook Post	Anne Nicholas				Playgrounds that children that are in wheelchairs can use too.					
106	Facebook Post	Paula Bull				Basketball/netball hoops.					
107	Facebook Post	Andrea Arango				It's Invercargill, so 3 important tips: Indoor, Indoor, Indoor.					
108	Facebook Post	Joseph Ball				The parks we have are swamps 🌿 maybe drainage so the kids can play at the ones we already have. Possibly a big ask but toilets and drinking fountains 🚰					



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109	Facebook Post	Kimberly Reynolds						Is this like the time we all discussed closing off Esk st to cars and 95% of people said "close it of" so the icc listened to the 5% and kept it open? I feel like these posts are just a tick box- "Consult public about what they would like" <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Thank you, we will take your suggestions in to consideration." Suggestions <input type="checkbox"/>		
110	Facebook Post	Nelly Hymen						You are there to provide essential services...NOTHING ELSE.		
111	Facebook Post	Melanie Jane Munro				Roller rink & ice skating rink, we have nothing like that for our city and smaller towns have these. Ridiculous				
112	Facebook Post	Fiona Eadie				Covered playgrounds would be amazing to use in all weather		<b>From Lizzie Moore:</b> great idea!! I second this		
113	Facebook Post	Dave Dick						Why does play require shaping? I thought play was about spontaneity? At least it was for me. You know... lets do this or lets try this. You don't even need play equipment if you have trees, places to hide or throw a ball. It actually sounds very Orwellian.		
114	Facebook Post	Jacqui Lindsay				A playground with toilets bbq areas gardens something for everyone have you seen the parks in Oz Wellington etc one stop shops for all.				
115	Facebook Post	Kate McIlwrick				A skate park and pump track that is not next to a busy road and a train track!!!				
116	Facebook Post	Scott Henderson				Maybe we could replace the road cone at Kildare playground with something better... Tagged Invercargill City Council		<b>From Viv Moore:</b> So that's where road cones come from! <b>From Scott Henderson:</b> feel free to come and get it if you need one! <b>From Carp Carps:</b> another road cone and a bar-bingo the kids have a limbo bar		
117	Let's Talk Submission	William Ferris	9810		Queens Park, something for everyone, dog friendly.	Un-used spaces, simple swings etc on land like the West Otepunu plains. New trees in that particular area are needed too, away from the road, even the dog struggles walking west on windy days now the old trees are gone. I think more set and forget playground equipment in existing parks is a long-term cost effective way to get more people out using what we already have. The Balclutha playground is a great example.	Bringing it to the suburbs for everyone to enjoy. Not everyone can get to Queenspark.		Swings were added to trees in parks as a response to Play Strategy engagement feedback during Play Week. The trees along the Otepunu west of Elles Road have been removed to comply with the Environmental Southland Flood Control and Drainage Management Bylaw 2020. The Play Strategy will address play provision beyond existing parks and areas that have traditionally had higher investment.	
118	Let's Talk Forum	M.K				A roller skating rink would be great! Indoor of course. Also, a toddler play time at the stadium, similar to what they do in chch. Simply put out the soft play equipment in a wee course on a court and charge \$3 for parents to use with their Littles.				

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119	Let's Talk Forum	Anna				Support and funding for city centre businesses to have play spaces available to make them more inviting for family and kids. Ice skating rink would be mint Indoor play options for free.				
120	Facebook Post	Sandra Nicholson				More natural playgrounds, like the one one the Kelvin Str side of Queens Park.				
121	Facebook Post	Katie Oliver			I LOVE all the parks we have... there are so many and well maintained. We are also spoilt by the number of playgrounds so we don't need anymore...	I would love to see nature parks. Playgrounds made out of wood tree trunks, piles of stones and gravel and sand so that children can build and engineer and feel the earth. We don't need more plastic and rubber playgrounds... they are closed skill, reduces movement and the way they can be used... an area with planks of wood and ropes all open ended play that invites cooperation, construction, communication with others. Imagine pockets of natural play around the cbd., bring the forest and the sand and the dirt and the trees to climb into the cbd				
122	Facebook Post	Shane Epiha				Toilets at Russell Square as I've seen people an myself take kids to the trees to use the toilet as the ones in south city are to far for kids to hold on as they are to busy playing its only when they can't hold anymore the trees come in handy but we do need toilets an Russell Square				
123	Facebook Post	Robert Mason						Well you did spend alot of time and money removing alot of the small playgrounds around the city now you want to add more council logic right there		
124	Facebook Post	Jennifer Thom				Organized help in queens Park, and compost and mulch, from helpers. As households we waste too much.				
125	Facebook Post	Vanessa Savage				We need more indoor/sheltered activities. Maybe do some research on what activies the colder European countries have for 'winter' entertainment and play. The Margaret Mahy playground in Chch is really great, but it's only really utilized in the summer months. Here in the South, summer is a small part of our year, we need more winter/ cold based activities.				
126	Facebook Post	Elese Nicole				Tree top walk!				
127	Library Form	Aaron Kerr	9810		Queens Park. Enjoyable for kids and adults.	A play space in central city would attract families and adults to town (e.g. Margaret Mahy in Christchurch, or St Clair in Dunedin - playground by cafés).	Do we measure usage of playgrounds? To assess if they are serving purpose?			
128	Let's Talk Forum	K.M.				I wish Invercargill was able to upgrade the play area in queenspark to something similar to Margaret Mahy in Christchurch. It is an amazing play space for children and adults. I feel like I just stand around watching the kids play at Queenspark. I would love to feel more involved and excited by the equipment		<b>From Tam Bell:</b> Absolutely agree! It's very dated. Especially the queen of hearts play area		
129	Kidzone Form	Benji Biswas	9812		Art Centre/museum (kids friendly)	Family/kids friendly Friday night activities (indoor/outdoor).				
130	Kidzone Form	M. Disna Upendra de Costa	9810		Queens Park.	Any play area that can include Invercargill Central is better.				

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131	Kidzone	Bianca Abbs		Queens Park, Chelmsford St Park, Pine Crescent.	Destination playground and more unique flavour/design per individual playground. Food forests	Could we have something like Timaru's Caroline Bay development.			
132	Kidzone	Charith		Chipmunks and splash palace. We enjoyed them a lot recently with our two kids. It's great to have those places to visit for a rest for all of us.	To have some place to time with different age kids in the same place. It means something sunny, eating and playing all together in the same place.				
134	Kidzone	Blank			More swinging/hanging/climbing frames and monkey bars.				
135	Kidzone	Jade			I wish to see more of a water park for when summer time is here. It'll give the kids something to do because everyone loves water parks.				
136	Kidzone	Hannah			I wish there was more opportunities for adults/kids to have fun like a waterpark or obstacles.				
137	Kidzone	Jordyn			Food stores: Dunkin Donuts, Krispy Kream, Carles Jr. Activities: TimeZone, theme parks Shops: Sephora, Ulta, Lui Vutton, gucci, Target, dollar tree, Walmart.				
138	Kidzone	Blank		Queens Park, clip and climb, and Jump n Fun.	More monkey bars, more tunnels				
139	Kidzone	Nochelle		Love Queens Park, there is always more than enough space for everyone to enjoy!!!	It is Southland and we need way more indoor things. Ice skating ring (like gore)?				
140	Kidzone	Janet		Queens Park playground. Love the colours, degrees of difficulty, water. Such a happy space.					
141	Kidzone	Blank		Queens Park. How lucky are we to have it!?	Indoor play spaces - small kids playground in the mall				
142	Kidzone	Paula		The mall and stuff.					
143	Kidzone	Kobi-Rose		Queens Park water play, museum, animals	More monkey bars, tunnels, slides				
144	Kidzone	Jay			I wish we had TimeZone				
145	Kidzone	Blank			Indoor playground at the mall, and a TimeZone for older kids.				
146	Kidzone	Blank		Queens Park. Kidzone. Good variety.	More playspaces that are appropriate for weather. Indoor playground.				
147	Kidzone	Blank			Covered indoor playground				
148	Kidzone	Sabrina		I love playgrounds and kids' spaces. I love the importance you give to childhood.	I wish Invercargill had an ice skating place for having some fun				
149	Kidzone	Blank			More outdoor play areas in centre of town near mall/city block e.g. the gardens by Otepunui area				
150	Kidzone	Dad and son		Lazer tag, Queens Park	We had the same street realm stuff as they do in the new George St development in Dunedin.				
151	Kidzone	Mum			Timezone in the mall. Bring back Wallace town mini golf for \$5. \$60 at for the family at Jump n Fun is too much! Love something like the Wanganui nurse rhyme themed playground. Keen for Queens Park guided/activated animal stuff.	if something could be done at Anderson Park. Nothing has changed since I was a kid.			
152	Kidzone	Grandma		Queens Park water play + animals are our highlight when we come down and visit.					
153	Kidzone	Mum		Kidzone. We travel and stay a few nights because it is just so good, with lots of variety.					
154	Kidzone	Boy			Jump n Fun but way bigger. Ninja Warrior course. Water park.				

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155	Kidzone	Mum and daughter			The mousewheel at Queens Park is the favourite piece of play equipment there	Swings, big ones please.			
156	Kidzone	Dad				An event like Wyndham's road closure family event they had before Christmas. Loved the Christchurch science museum stuff as a kid, keen for more of that for my kids here.			
157	Kidzone	Mum				My son is autistic and just loves climbing, ground is lava, parkour. Would love to see more of those opportunities to further his skills because he's done everything there is to do.			
158	Kidzone	Uni student				I'm an occupational therapist and more accessible play stuff would be great.			
159	Kidzone	Mum			Love Kidzone because there is something for everyone.	Wish Tiny Town at Kidzone was exclusive to under 9s (older kids are too rough).			
160	Kidzone	Mum					We're visiting from Oamaru, how do we find out whats on?	I'm a teacher and would recommend making use of more loose parts if you can find a way to do that in public places.	
161	Facebook Post	Gwen Poole			Invercargill is an amazing place to live. It has every sport you can name and more, beautiful parks and gardens. Well worth a visit.			<b>From Val Hogan:</b> I agree with u invercargill is lovely place especially queens park I love it go there fir a walk every day.	
162	Facebook Post	Brett Hinz				A bike park in town with a pump track, skills areas and progressive jumps and drops.			
163	Facebook Post	Billy Cooper				Elizabeth park could do with an upgrade. That area has so much potential as an awesome play area. Even a giant slide down the slope could be a start.			
164	Let's Talk Forum	Tam Bell			We love the library, it's got bathroom and change facilities for the littles, there's always some little challenge or the librarians giving their top picks. Also love the drop in sessions that they run. I'd be happy to see more drop in activities.	Shelter and toilets for Elizabeth Park and an update to the equipment. We really need more shelter and bathrooms in our parks and play grounds. I wish we had more spaces for in the winter. The pods at the stadium are a good idea something like that. I wish Russell square had a toilet and change facilities. Having no toilet really sucks.			
165	Facebook Post	Barrie Mailman			Queens park is brilliant, Invercargills best kept secret.				
166	Stakeholder Workshop	Megan Dawson	Active Southland / Healthy Families		South Alive - playful, free (important because families can't afford extras). He Waka Tuia PLAY exhibition, always something for tamariki. ILT Stadium - play wall, clip n climb, play pods, bounce house, activations.	ICC Elected Members understood play and valued it for our community. Play was distributed over all suburbs, equally, equality, pump tracks, playgrounds, play trail. Pockets of play everywhere - street CBD alleyways, colourful, vibrant, playful. Giant sandpits with water play. Rangatahi were included/accepted and there were spaces for them. Everything linked together to get the city playfully connected - play trail. Council weren't so concerned about risk.	I wonder what play would look like on every street. I wonder what free activations would look like in high deprivation suburbs. Community ownership of parks/reserves - easy bookings, community knows how to book etc., not so legal/PC.		

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167	Stakeholder Workshop	Wendy Findlay	Active Southland / Healthy Families	Close to everything. Flood bank walkways. Tuna Tuna pump track. Kidzone. Surf to City opportunities. Disc Golf at Queens Park (agree - free, accessible, outside). Organisations such as South Alive and Great South that create opportunities.	Invested in our green spaces and playgrounds in south Invercargill more. Kids were enabled to create their own bike tracks in our green spaces in the city (good example in Whyndham). We incorporated more inclusive play equipment in our playgrounds. We measured success/playground development based on people's actual experience.	I wonder if playgrounds could be designed not just for kids I wonder if our focus and investment moved to support play in our city, understand value proposition of play for high reach. (Agree) If we invested in more safer active transport routes to CBD and around our spaces (Agree) What would happen if our CBD was more colourful and fun? What would happen if it was easier for people to busk, hold events in the CBD? Might require no traffic			
168	Stakeholder Workshop	Chris Knight	Active Southland / IAM	That we have scope to do better. The number of green spaces available (agree).	Accessible parks and trails, e.g. accessible mountbike/handbike track at Sandy Point. More inclusive and accessible equipment.				
169	Stakeholder Workshop	Becs Amundson	Arts Murihiku / Connected Murihiku	Spaces and variety of spaces - so much potential. Growing collaboration across organisations including council to create stuff. Activator roles who make things happen. The arts in Southland. The invitation to play in Esk and Don Sts. Can do approach to making things happen	People in activation roles were valued more. People stopped focusing on the weather. Arts sector could be more connected to council/city activities and community level. We had more streets activated through urban design like Esk and Don Sts.	How we get people playing in the streets (e.g. tennis as a kid). Make sure we don't just react to the loud voices. How we make our communities safer for kids to roam again (x3 agree). How the arts can be supported through this work and would love to support that. How can we activate more people?			
170	Stakeholder Workshop	Peta Kuresa	Miharo	The library and its kids space and internet access. The arts exhibitions and Murihiku Polyfest. All our free stuff (places, events, activities) that create accessibility. Outdoor basketball courts, rugby footy fields. Variety of activities	Local artist were included in early stages of designing spaces (Agree). Culture and heritage was celebrated outside of 'Language Weeks'.	How do we support play initiatives that are already happening? What does collaboration look like? How every community will be informed about new play opportunities? (agree)			
171	Stakeholder Workshop	Katie Greene	He Waka Tuia	Swimming pool and hydrosides. Safe clean parks (agree). The play space at Invercargill Central.	Bus that goes to Riverton. More free activities. More colour and vibrancy. Get the Belinda train running! Trips around Southland/Otago. Free indoor communal spaces in town for teenagers.	Cut off traffic on Esk Street and add basketball court Adults playgrounds - why are we encouraged to stop as adults? Community arts space in Wachner Place.			
172	Stakeholder Workshop	Hita	Number 10	Our food resources - the bush, rivers/lakes, ocean. Proximity to water/mahinga kai - rivers, lakes, ocean.	Our green spaces were used more. Spaces or parks had a cultural flavour.	If local iwi have had a vote or are even interested (agree).			
173	Stakeholder Workshop	Jude Crump	Number 10	Freedom and expression. Green spaces and nature. Quality and sensitivity invested into spaces.	For a youth centric hangout space in the inner city. That south Invercargill was better catered for. We asked rangatahi what they want and don't think that youth council is representative of all rangatahi.	If we can have a staffed youth space in the inner city			

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174	Stakeholder Workshop	Julz Orr	South Alive	Russell Square. Kidzone. The Estuary. Kew Bush. Basketball courts. He Waka Tuia PLAY Exhibition. Playgrounds. Free events. Dog park.	Sculptures / play installations. Audio storytelling linked to imaginative play. Sensory and inclusive play areas. Pop ups brought to neighbourhood parks. Tuatara trail equivalent in South Invercargill - a wayfinding adventure. Kingswell Creek - flying fox, track signage. Nature play and developed area in Elizabeth Park. Augmented reality play in neighbourhoods to promote imaginative play.	More toilets supporting play areas in South Invercargill Could council have a lens to support neighbourhood play as transport is a barrier (agree) If welcoming signage was possible, inviting to play, discover, etc. Invercargill climate, shade and sheltered play! Instructions, friendly and user friendly booking form for community parks, easily accessible. Opportunities for wonder, tadpoles, curiosity, ponds			
175	Stakeholder Workshop	Judy Cook	Plunket	I love the footprints to follow down Esk St. The pump track being at different sites.	Nature play area at Queen's Park had creativity spaces for under 5s.	I wonder how we juggle safety/comfort needs of under 5s (e.g. fencing) but communicate availability and be welcoming? I wonder how draw attention/investment into play under 5 yrs. I wonder how we draw attention to play value to external decision makers (e.g. developers, shareholders).			
176	Stakeholder Workshop	Gavin Evans	LUG South	I love how community groups are learning to play well together.	I wish we had a free space available for indoor play activities all year round.	I wonder how we get around health and safety. I wonder how we connect the generations I wonder how we use the elements and natural resources more (e.g. leaf piles)			
177	Stakeholder Workshop	Zoe Tully	Halberg	The number of natural play spaces right in town.	That young people with disabilities were able to easily access play without this needing to be an organised event. Accessible outdoor equipment to be able to be borrowed through the council (e.g. outdoor trail rider). For more play/active rec opportunities for rangatahi. Young people with disabilities to all have play equipment at school that is design for their use.	Festival Day - activities at a venue, good change for engagement, build community.			
178	Stakeholder Workshop	Belinda	Invercargill Central	Sandy Point and its walking tracks (agree).	We could replicate the walking trails the Active Southland introduced through the workplace challenge.	I wonder if we could have interactive art installations that encourage all ages to stop and play.			
179	Stakeholder Workshop	Tina	ILT Foundation	Veldrome - indoor walking. Range of pay vs free activities (agree). Variety of play available for all people. Proximity of native walks.	Inclusive and accessible play. Easily accessible transport for play outside neighbourhood.				
180	Stakeholder Workshop	Kathy Obers	CCS Disability Action		I wish we could have the freebie bus back in town with the same route we had before.	Thought given to appropriate surfaces in areas. Suitable for wheelchairs, mobility devices, pams etc. (agree) I wonder could we have ramps to enable wheelchairs to go onto Orefi Beach (Masterton have this) Accessibility, inclusive, like Magical Bridge Playground in Hamilton. I wonder if the councillors could test a wheelchair to see what life is like.			
181	Stakeholder Workshop	Dianne Williams	Community			I wonder how we (funders, council) can maximise our play investment.			

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182	Facebook Post	Candy Pubben						Why not go around the schools and ask the children explain what you are thinking about maybe let them draw up plans, a permanent pump track like Otatarā has, St Patrick's school has just done 1		
183	Let's Talk Submission	Aston Lang			Queuespark in general.	Pedestrianized roads in the CBD and Cycle and walking paths away from roads.	Pedestrianized zones and food options.	Community Bike Trails: Create safe, designated biking routes that don't run next to or on the side of roads. This will make biking around the neighborhood more enjoyable and safer for everyone. Urban Nature Explorations: Designate areas within the city for urban gardening, tree climbing, and bush exploration. It's a great way to connect with nature without leaving the city. Public Game Areas: Set up spaces with giant board games like chess or checkers, hopscotch, and four square. These classic games can bring people of all ages together for spontaneous fun. Water Play Areas: Install interactive water features in public parks, such as splash pads and fountains. Perfect for cooling off and enjoying playful water activities. Nighttime Play Zones: Create illuminated play areas with glow-in-the-dark equipment and safe lighting. This will encourage play after dark and make our city vibrant at night. Pedestrianized Roads in the CBD: Turn some roads into pedestrian-only zones. These areas can be perfect for cafes, outdoor games, art installations, and pop-up events.	<i>The City Centre Urban Play Programme will consider ways to address play features within the city centre catchment via urban design / streetscape rejuvenation - including pop-ups, art, games, lighting, etc.. This will also be a proposed outcome in the Play Strategy. Any increased pedestrianisation is something that would be addressed through future City Centre Master Plan work. National government funding has reduced significantly for cycle lane improvements and this is not something the Play Strategy can directly address.</i>	

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185	Let's Talk Forum	Anna				I wish there was a candy bus that you could eat in and ride in it omg it will be soooooooooooooo much fun and a buncy house made of candy that you can lick.				
186	Facebook Post	Richard Ranui				Paddling dingys in queens Park.				
187	Facebook Post	Otilia James				Half pipe (skate ramps) at every park!				
188	Facebook Post	Pam Wilson							<a href="https://www.melbourneplaygrounds.com.au/royal-park-nature...">https://www.melbourneplaygrounds.com.au/royal-park-nature...</a> There are some fantastic elements in this playground	
189	Facebook Post	Troy Bricknell				How about Fix The ██████ Roads?				
190	Facebook Post	Michelle Robinson							What's missing is parents watching out for the children	
191	Facebook Post	Michael Oliver							You don't listen to the people that pay your wages.	
192	Facebook Post	Bruce Clay				A scooter friendly pump track that winds around under the trees in the park beside the skate park on Fives Rd.			From Candy Pubben: and a toilet	
193	Facebook Post	Simon Edwards				Skateboarding workshops.				
194	Facebook Post	Kaleb Chalmers				A arcade or timezone something fun for the kids on holidays and the big kids aka adults.				
195	Facebook Post	Nicole Teresa				Outdoor challenge course. Kids construction zone.				
196	Facebook Post	Ric Piper				I've asked this before and everyone thinks is a good idea but please build a really cool large hedge maze, either in Queens Park or Anderson Park. I'll put Invercargill on the map and help tourism but be so much fun for people. Could even have something cool or exciting at the middle when you get there.				



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197	Facebook Post	John Taylor						Follow the Link this is what we should be doing: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/PFNwZealand?_cft__[0]=AZU8ktZcdAo1Zy44LWb7q-f12clmNEJWUXW8DTcZo1SZSiqjUK4_1WhHGQWdCwtJY31diKbkEBQMCYcVl6KaVFW7pGdzWY1HD5yNSpEKktqY-kfIZjFv6GwLwCvI23UetM-FBHILNGDSENBjWdWtCfC2QlZjR2WqQ-Zk9QivyPPkypJIsZM6poeBedFrPDI&amp;_ftn__=R]-R">https://www.facebook.com/PFNwZealand?_cft__[0]=AZU8ktZcdAo1Zy44LWb7q-f12clmNEJWUXW8DTcZo1SZSiqjUK4_1WhHGQWdCwtJY31diKbkEBQMCYcVl6KaVFW7pGdzWY1HD5yNSpEKktqY-kfIZjFv6GwLwCvI23UetM-FBHILNGDSENBjWdWtCfC2QlZjR2WqQ-Zk9QivyPPkypJIsZM6poeBedFrPDI&amp;_ftn__=R]-R</a>		
198	Kidzone Form	Jason Turner-Soper	9871	Queens park, various play equipment. Tidy, clean, and safe.	Upgraded play equipment, roofed indoor/outdoor play area for Southland conditions.	Partial roofed area, steel pole, half clear half coloursteel, 200m2 area with upgrade playground.	"I know we've come a long way... but tell me where do the children play"			
199	Kidzone	Jason Turner-Soper			I wish there was an indoor playground, Southland is wet and rainy. A roofed park in Queens Park would be great.					
200	Kidzone	Belinda		Queens park, pump track in Otatara. We love being outdoors and both places are so beautiful.	Community play, picnic areas, outdoor festival and concerts.	Sort the museum asap for indoor winter activities. Keep it free or koha only.				
201	Kidzone	Arlene		Estuary boardwalk/walkway. Out in front of Appleby.	Mowing grass -south side. Better care of weeds/long grass by the Bluff Highway, south side entry to Invercargill.					
202	Kidzone	James		Queens Park. Beautiful.	Tracks by the hospital in the bush. Good for mountainbking, hills and jumps.					
203	Kidzone	Blank		He Waka Tuia, Art Attic, Arts Murihiku	Acoustic grand piano, tuned and in good condition.					
204	Kidzone	Alicia Taylor		I love the digi drop-in at the library.						
205	Kidzone	Georgina		Splash Palace						
206	Kidzone	Zaharah		Properly controlling the library robots at Kidzone.						
207	Kidzone	Blank		The free programmes for children and teens at the library are excellent.						
208	Kidzone	Blank		He Waka Tuia						
209	Kidzone	James		Splash Palace - the hydroslides and the pools.						
210	Kidzone	Blank			This city needs a Time Zone for our children. Somewhere for them to go rather than walking the streets and causing trouble in our new beautiful mall.					
211	Kidzone	Blank			Indoor (winter) play space for kids.					
212	Kidzone	Blank			More rubbish bins all over south side and near parks. Rubbish dropped as no bins for public to put in.					
213	Kidzone	Blank			Bins near dairys. Lots of rubbish within 200m of dairys.					
214	Kidzone	A.W.			An ice skating rink. A pump track at the north end of town. An arcade hall like TimeZone.					
215	Kidzone	David			Safe kids play area in Wachner Place.					
216	Kidzone	Orian			Another indoor play centre in the old farmer building for when its wet.					
217	Kidzone	Kascell			I wish we had a TimeZone or arcade.					

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218	Kidzone	Blank					There should be more shade over the playground at Anderson Park. Also, take a look at the Kids Hub in Gore and get some ideas for new equipment in Queens Park. Said with love.		
219	Kidzone	Johnny					Bring gaming room back.		
220	Let's Talk Submission	Tiwa Pene	9810	Southland Multicultural Trust	Invercargill has some of the best free parks and recreation areas in New Zealand, the highlight being Queens Park. When it is too cold outside, the Library, Splash Palace, ILT stadium, and many of the sporting clubs and facilities are world class and always worth going to. The fact that many of these places are free and they are available to use all year round makes the city one of the best for children and their families.	The Southland Multicultural Trust have many clients which have disabled children - many of the places cater for children with disabilities but not all of them. Also, teen-focused spaces would also be really helpful: currently the skate park and basketball courts are the main places for teens but a dedicated or temporary digital gaming zone would probably help - I'd talk to James from Your Corps about that. Oddly enough, we don't have a mini putt golf course - though I have been told that Jump & Fun are installing one. I can understand why they don't have one at Queens Park as it might get damaged.	Probably indoor interactive play installations or even a cultural playground celebrating Maori - it could be as simple as a posterboard with rules for games on a grassy area.	I missed out on the last meeting and don't know what happened with the Play Strategy	<i>The Play Strategy will aim to address inclusive play opportunities for both those with disabilities and those seeking more adventurous options, as well as stronger cultural narratives. The City Centre Urban Play Programme will consider indoor/covered play space.</i>
221	Let's Talk Forum	Laura W			I love the number of playgrounds and the quality of Queens Park in particular. Between that and the accessibility of the neighbourhood playgrounds there is a lot around to do.	I wish there were more trees, picnic tables and seats in the neighbourhood playgrounds. Dome Street/Wye Street playground is very exposed and I've seen parents have to erect makeshift shades for their babies while their older kids play, and parents having to sit on the equipment or ground - which can be not great if you're old or have a bad back etc. Thinking not only about play but also about where people sit, rest, eat, poop etc would also be good. I also wish we had a second library in South City, as our central library is amazing but it would be great to have one closer. I also hope our new museum will have an indoor play space and cafe.	There are so many interesting things to do, like going to Bluff to watch the ships come in, birdwatching at the estuary boardwalk, the parks and libraries, the beaches and walkways etc - not all of them have much information available about them though, and I'd love to have more online information about the shipwrecks etc and parking accessibility to get to those places, as well as for them to be identifiable on Google Maps. A local adventure guide would be cool.		
222	Let's Talk Forum	Charley			We love to go Queens Park as it's close to town and have many play options.	I wish we can have more play section to add to parks, and more chairs for parents to sit, and if there will be more baby change room will be great, or we can have shade for some parts to keep play sets from wet.	Make a bigger climbing project to the playground so kids can have more playing during school holiday. Set up more tables and chairs for family.		
223	Facebook Post	Darren Payn						You can put lipstick on a pig but it's still a pig right? not bluff tho, bluffs sweet, just inverts is ugghh as.  This is just for Invercargill... try razing it to the ground, that might make it more bearable	
224	Facebook Post	Caine Aati						Give them some golf clubs 🏌️ Gets them outdoors and they can learn a lot about themselves and for life.	
225	Instagram	Rosa Flor (poppin_animation)				A multi-court, to play football handball basketball and or tennis.			

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226	Let's Talk Submission	Te Rourou One Aotearoa Foundation	9812	Te Rourou One Aotearoa Foundation	Queens Park - multi use spaces and all in one place to explore Basketball courts/hoops are always a great place to be	Spaces and places for rangatahi - we have a heavy tamariki focus which is great but more spaces that work for our rangatahi and asking them what they want/need in a space ie free wifi, different types of seating, Interactive features and fun. Play beyond spaces....	If we really explored what youth and young adults want to see and we all (funders, ICC, Great South etc etc) worked together to achieve goals. How can we make existing spaces accessible to all? what are the transport barriers that exist? How do we make exiting/new resources all weather ie skatepark.	Great initiative. Huge potential to have great impact.	The Play Strategy will aim to address play opportunities that support youth interests including stronger partnership opportunities to co-create spaces. The City Centre Urban Play Programme will consider indoor/covered play space and interactive features in the city centre.
227	Let's Talk Submission	Hannah Lawson	9810		Queen's Park in general is a fantastic play space for all members of the community to enjoy. There is a great mixture of things to occupy children and adults, from the playground to the paths and tracks. It is very well maintained by the council.	Invercargill desperately needs to keep up with other cities across NZ (and internationally) in terms of modern play spaces for children. We need a destination playground like CPlay in Caroline Bay (Timaru), or Margaret Mahy in Christchurch CBD. Dunedin City Council is currently in the process of developing several of these destination playgrounds for its residents. These playgrounds bring people of different age groups together and are also inclusive of children with physical and intellectual disabilities (something that is lacking in our current traditional playgrounds that are scattered across the city). This would ideally be situated somewhere close to the city but with preferably with good parking accessibility. It could replace some of the current playground in central Queens Park, or possibly be situated out on the Gala St Reserve or Otakoro Park. It could even be located in South Invercargill, there are plenty of green open spaces that could accommodate a destination playground. Additional funding to support the council and ratepayers in this endeavour could be sought from community groups and grants, fundraising, corporate sponsorships etc.	A destination playground that connects families with nature and their surroundings and is inclusive of all ages/stages/ethnicities/abilities is what the council should be focussing on. The initial cost to set up would be large, but the benefit that it would provide to the community would be priceless i.e. look at how popular Margaret Mahy is to the local community as well as visitors. Even though it was established in 2015, it is just as popular and attractive today. It also supports small local businesses (i.e. food trucks) and brings people into the city which is beneficial for local businesses.		The City Centre Urban Play Programme will aim to address the desire for a destination play space in the city centre, however, a Margaret Mahy size footprint and budget is not achievable.
228	Let's Talk Submission	Hine Harris	9810		We enjoy all playgrounds on offer in our city. Soft grounds, water and sun shade opportunities and parking and accessibility. Queens Park - water and cafe Andersons Park - bush track, toilets and soft ground, parking.	A full water experience for kids, soft flooring and variety fo babies and older kids. Think of some of the free playgrounds they have along the Gold Coast - sun shade and cafe opportunities for coffee for adults and toilets etc. Central - or using some of the already available grass areas up and down central Invercargill.	Outside entertainment areas that are used more for alfresco entertainment. Wind and Weather protected - coffee and toilets.	Think of free recreation and leisure sites for families to congregate and picnic. Bike parks safety Water parks and adventure.	Splash Palace and the Queen's Park water play area are our primary water play features. The ICC Environmental Health Bylaw has recently been open for submissions so the public can share feedback on where they would like vendors to be able to operate. Shade sails are a very expensive asset for play spaces. Attention will be given to the possibility for covered play opportunities as part of the City Centre Urban Play Programme.
229	Let's Talk Forum	M Cochran			Queens park, it has a lot of potential too.	We need better playgrounds at the park. So many cities have updated and modern playgrounds and our park is outdated. Id love to see a Margaret Mahy vibe play area. Or even multiple areas.			
230	Let's Talk Forum	Emma			We love Queens Park and the library. The library has such great events and activities and it's a hit with the kids every visit.	An updated playground at Queens Park would be great. It's a bit dated and doesn't compare to the likes of Margaret Mahy. The park is a great place to explore with kids and a modern playground would be a real attraction.			

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231	Let's Talk Forum	Tim				I wish that there were more surprises in and around the city. Cues to activate my imagination and inspire me. The South Sea Spray art is a good start. I would love to think that the alley ways we have led to adventure. I wish our local hospitality environment could be supported to be more playful, innovative and inspirational in its approach for the residents and visitors alike. I wish that there were more art in the public eye, built into our infrastructure to provoke thinking and a playful mindset. I wish our parks and reserves didn't stop at the edge of the grass but the concept of them flowed through our city.				
232	Let's Talk Forum	C Sloan				We definitely need a larger outdoor play area. Queens Park is great but we need something on a larger scale, look at Margaret Mahy Park, something similar to that. An indoor play area would be fantastic as well, ideally with a cafe. Also rejuvenating what we already have would be great for the neighborhoods, some of these are really shoddy.				
233	Let's Talk Forum	AR				A play space such as Margaret Mahy or the new playground in Timaru. Queens Park is a great area but some of the play equipment is average - most notably the 'see saw' that is so stiff and heavy that even I as a grown adult have to stand on it and takes all my effort to make the thing go up and down for my child on the other end. Also the 'little kids' play area at the edge near the bench, the ladder isn't age appropriate for the littlies to even get up onto the play deck to access the little slide. A wheels appropriate play space would also be great. The Otatara pump track is great but something more central in the park would be great since so many parents and kids bike/scooter around the park				
234	Let's Talk Forum	Todd B				A top end pump track made of asphalt, that has flow and works for skateboards, scooters and bikes that is central to town (See McGazzaland in Wakefield, Nelson). This could easily be done at the Waikiwi jumps and create a facility that uses the whole space. Having moved to Invercargill 2 years ago, it amazes me that there is only one skatepark in town. A mini ramp area and road skills riding section for bikes would be great too - look at the example in St Kilda in Dunedin.				
235	Let's Talk Forum	Chris				More wet weather play areas, something decent in the city centre/mall would be great like a McDonald's play area or just General activities for kids on a rainy day.				
236	Facebook Post	Adrian Blondell								I imagine there's 120,000 health and safety criteria which will have to be satisfied before even considering allowing anyone to climb a tree.....
237	Facebook Post	Robyn Newell								Wonderful..xx

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238	Facebook Post	Joe Wheeler				Roof and Weather/Rain shelter over the Skate Park to make it a Year round Recreational area. It's more popular than you think.		Stop wasting money on Fluoridation of Our Water. It doesn't help the Cohort of society its supposed to. Just brush your teeth.		
239	HWT InFORMal				Rock climbing, zip line swings.	Bluff had a confidence course to challenge our abilities.	If we could have rock climbing in Bluff.			
240	HWT InFORMal				Ice cream, lego.	More toys, more drawing.				
241	HWT InFORMal				Queen's Park.					
242	HWT InFORMal				My dad and my cat	To have a unicorn.	What is for tea.			
243	HWT InFORMal				Christmas lights. Splash Palace.	A butterfly zoo. A crafting area.	To have pillow chairs/beanbags.			
244	HWT InFORMal				Your Corps gaming, Roller skating at Bluff Town Hall	There were more cool kids places in Bluff. A Jump n Fun, abseiling area, more shops and cafes.	If a gondola would work in Bluff??			
245	HWT InFORMal				Playing.					
246	HWT InFORMal				Queens park. Interactive play areas. YMCA Southland. The stadium - so versatile.	Accessibility for everyone! For an adult/child playground. Designated parking for vans access.	Why don't we have skating facilities?			
247	HWT InFORMal					Horses and animals.	Trampoline.			
248	HWT InFORMal				Jump n Fun.	A dinosaur park.	We could have real dionsaurs.			
249	HWT InFORMal				My sister. Gymnastics. Jiu-jitsu.	In Bluff too. Colourful cars and paintings. For a zip line down Dee Street. Slides. A free bungee jump off a building. A flying kiwi. Hover boards.	If we could have pianos on the street.			
250	HWT InFORMal				Ice cream.	For a puppy.	If we can have a new playground.			
251	HWT InFORMal				Running around every day. Playdough, the strings, building.	I could play with building.				
252	HWT InFORMal				Library.	There was a children's playground like Christchurch's Margaret Mahy one. A rollercoaster in the city.				
253	HWT InFORMal				Tractors.	For a big tractor to play on.				
254	HWT InFORMal				Playing on the slide and swings.	There was a trampoline and a big high statue.				
255	HWT InFORMal				Lucy.	I had powers.	Why the sky is blue.			
256	HWT InFORMal				Queens Park.	The road with the mall was for people only.	Why can't Countdown have one name.			
257	HWT InFORMal					We could fly. That we can be anything you want.	Why every adult is weird.			
258	HWT InFORMal				Queens Park, Jump n Fun, school, Splash Palace, Chipmunks, Clip n Climb.	We have a bungee jump, zip line through the mall or all over Bluff.	If we can have a gondalla down Bluff high way and its free.			
259	HWT InFORMal				My family.	There were more food places in Bluff.	Could we have a luge in Bluff?			
260	HWT InFORMal				All weather options, pump tracks, family events, play activations.	More would happen in Bluff.	Why we don't have more exciting interactive options like SDC.			
261	HWT InFORMal				My mum. I love playing here.					
262	HWT InFORMal				Drawing on paper.	More places to draw. More places to play with my friends.				
263	HWT InFORMal				Parks. Big lego.	Castle. Rollercoaster.	If we could build an amusement park.			
264	HWT InFORMal				Drawing.					
265	HWT InFORMal				Cats.	I was a cat.	What being a cat is like!			

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266	HWT InFORMal				Shooting with my toy gun.				
267	HWT Form	Alana Dixon	9810		He Waka Tuia. Fantastic team who think of tamariki. Queens Park and Anderson Park.	So many underutilised spaces i.e. Sandy Point. I'd love to see updated/modern/safe place areas (please make water play @ QP safe!!) like Magarate Mahy in Christchurch. Please develop great spaces in South Invercargill and Bluff. These areas are point of our community too!	Encourage imagination, creative play, and being in natural environments.	Disappointed to see criticism of staff working in this space. You represent ALL city residents. Making Invercargill more appealing to young children enriches life for existing residents and attracts new people to our city.	
268	HWT Form	Julie Maree Forde			Queens Park in the summer time you can play in the water play.	More cafes with playgrounds because you can play with soeyoune you know, like a friend.	More indoor interactive activities for kids.		
269	HWT Form	Todd Brodie	9810		Indoor resources like ILT stadium and the pool.	Redevelopment of the play spaces in Queens Park. Include a pump track, skate park, refreshed playground all more central and family friendly.	Look to the future - too many old people want Invers to stay as it was because it was good when they were kids. We don't want to look to the future often enough!	Be bold and make big decisions.	
270	HWT Form	B. Weatherley						Play is learning. Develop laws regarding internet access and speeds (stop using internet speeds as a disciplinary tool). Improve security/privacy over technology. Create laws that cross over from the real world to technology. Review technology culture. Review the harm technology causes. Create social support for children who need it in and out of schools. Greater focus on sciences and research and development (pass laws that match the environment). Improve access to the outdoors with a focus on key environmental areas. These approaches will help with housing and putting food on the table. And could place greater focus on positive environmental outcomes for our children.	
271	Let's Talk Submission	Brian Robert Nicholson	9810		Queens Park (children's playground). Well thought out. Well placed.	More children's playgrounds, different types of play equipment.	Totally different styles of play spaces around Invercargill.		<i>Invercargill already has one of (if not) the most playgrounds per capita in the country. It is not financially possible to create many new playgrounds with current budgets, but different types of play will be addressed through the Play Strategy and City Centre Urban Play Programme.</i>
272	Let's Talk Forum	Hannah				I wish there were more play spaces. Timaru playground (Caroline Bay) and the Margaret Mahy Playground CHCH are so well designed and thought-out spaces. A lot of our playgrounds are outdated and unkept (when was the last time Sandy Point was painted or cleaned!!!) Regenerating neighbourhood playgrounds is also a big must. A lot of our community don't always have access to the bigger play spaces. In a day and age when technology consumes so much of our children's lives we need to make the playgrounds and fun and exciting as possible.			

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	Let's Talk Submission	Kathy Obers	9810	CCS Disability Action	Queens Park - from my childhood in the sixties onwards. The many areas to explore with many features still within, like the children's playground that has expanded but still can be added to, to ensure it is more accessible for disabled people, community members who have mobility issues, wheelchairs mobility aids etc. (Senior citizens and young families using prams etc ). The many bronze sculptures tell a story and many feature in photoshoots over the years providing memories of fun-times at the park. Really all our green spaces in the city provide opportunities for play, Anderson Park has a great grassy area where families have played games such as cricket, football, tossing whizz-bees and of course we find a bushwalk and little Whare behind the grand house.	The Freebie bus came back into town where it did a circuit around our city streets providing a great service for everyone wanting to shop etc, within the central city. Biggest fun I remember was taking the Playcentre Children around the town and having them identify different shops and familiar signs. Stopping at the museum for a visit and then hopping back on the bus for lunch at MacDonalds and then into the library before finding a shop for an ice-cream where they could sit on a bench seat outside and watch the world go by, (, this was on Kelvin Street.) We need to remember our Cycle Park down in Onslow Street, a popular fenced in space that has a roading structure to teach children road safety as they cycle or walk around this special play area. Would be cool to explore the set-up of another bike challenge where children can cycle over different surfaces and go up and down ramps and low bridges,	Can our play areas become more accessible and inclusive over time where everyone can be involved within play activities within our city. Appropriate surfaces that everyone can move over and around and have available seating at appropriate heights where one and all can sit and observe, I am thinking about grandparents here as well as the members of our community who need a break for moving around. These areas could be in our green spaces or our city streets, and it would be lovely to see painted bugs etc on our footpaths where one can follow a trail for even go on a hunt to find different creatures.	I have many more thoughts to share but I will finish with this following statement. TAKE OUR MEMORIES FROM THE PAST AND INTRODUCE THEM INTO TODAY'S WORLD WHERE EVERYONE CAN HAVE FUN AND PLAY.	Recent equipment replaced has already provided better equipment for children with disabilities to engage with and the Play Strategy seeks to directly address the interest in more inclusive play equipment and spaces moving forward. The Elizabeth Park Master Plan will consider additional wheel play opportunities to collocate with existing bike tracks.
274	Let's Talk Forum	Marcus					What happened to all the Play strategy and activations our local champions such as Cathy, Jared and Jay did across the city a few years. Have they been asked for any input? Surely they must have some great insights.		
275	Facebook Post	Evelyn Mary			The skate park in Bluff could do with some cover and wind protection and night lights  Hot pools in Bluff like the Chch council has put in New Brighton. Perfect for locals, for tourists, for people finishing the TA trail, for trampers coming off Rakiura, a place to meet & relax for community, a source of employment & health and wellbeing. <a href="https://www.hepunataimoana.co.nz/?utm_source=google...">https://www.hepunataimoana.co.nz/?utm_source=google...</a>		<b>From Britt-Amber Barris:</b> lets wrap the kids in cotton wool  <b>From Britt-Amber Barris:</b> are you for real...we cant even afford to keep our pool open all year.  <b>From Evelyn Mary:</b> yes I am for real. Tourism generates income and employment and brings people to the area which can have a flow on effect for other services and businesses. Stay the same and you will stay the same.		
276	Facebook Post	Colleen Buchanan						Do the rate payers need something else to pay for especially now the museum has had a huge blowout even before it started.	
277	Facebook Post	Chris Axbey				Randomly placed Swings suitable for all ages. (NOTE: Repeat)			

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278	Facebook Post	Tom Morton						<p>Large amount of social housing like Palmerston North so children feel secure at home                  4 homes in Invercargill                  Over 85 homes in one site in Palmerston North 🤔                  Oh could build vanity projects which help big businesses</p> <p><b>From Bardley Cairns:</b> stacking people on top of each other doesn't feel like the innovative solution you think it is 🤔 More regulations for landlords and rentals, to discourage hoarding homes and artificially raising the house prices. When the landlords are pressured, they will weigh the value and sell, as it's more headache than other investment avenues. They are the reason why people struggle to buy their home. Used to be able to buy a home on a single income, now that is a dream for most families.</p> <p><b>From Tom Morton:</b> New Zealand isn't a Pavlova 1/4 acre society anymore. It is ok if that's what some people in Otatara wish cool But more solutions and verity is needed. Would love a flat 6 story apartment block over looking estuary facing sandy point on the bluff road. Views would be awesome. Why build factories there. It is gorgeous.</p> <p><b>From Krissy Tuwaiua:</b> yes get those poor fams out of the dog boxes over the road from the cemetery 🙏 needed for the homeless being wript off in dog motels with no toilet ,kitchen sink etc trying to pay horrific rent 😞</p> <p><b>From Tom Morton:</b> been there few times spoken to some. Yes the</p>		
279	Facebook Post	Judy Hayward						<p>I feel I have submitted suggestions over the last few years. What has happened to previous survey ideas?</p>		



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280	Facebook Post	Donna Grace Fata				For goodness sake stop hand feeding people who should be able to sort their own 'entertainment', with our, the rate payers money!		<p><b>From Tom Morton:</b> 20-30 years ago. Closed lots of kids parks. Friend took me around showing me many. Even social housing pay rates and cost of building If council built what southland housing forum (council / chamber of commerce forum) They would be flush with extra rates No they spend money on non profit vanity projects</p> <p><b>From Andrew Norwood:</b> So what if the closed parks? Modern-day kids don't go to parks.... Parks don't have video games and Tik Tok.....</p> <p><b>From Adam Wilson:</b> so you've never ever used public spaces for entertainment? I want my rates spent on this kind of stuff.</p> <p><b>From Steve James Davies:</b> what about council roading, Water, Sewage. More important than your playground</p> <p><b>From Adam Wilson:</b> council already funds those things</p> <p><b>From Steve James Davies:</b> good old whataboutism. They are not mutually exclusive so the question is nonsensical.</p> <p><b>From Seb Uglav:</b> It matters to young people to have things tailored to their needs, and where they can also meet each other and socialise in a safe way. Treat young people as unimportant and they can feel alienated and that does have social repercussions. I personally believe that spending a bit to help keep young people gainfully amused is not wasted money but an investment in the wellbeing of young people.</p> <p><b>From Andrew Norwood:</b> It is a complete waste of money: Modern-day kids wouldn't be seen dead in a community centre...</p> <p><b>From Seb Uglav:</b> I wasn't suggesting a community centre, more like a place where they can</p>		
281	Facebook Post	David Rasmusse n-Ward				Block of Esk street by the mall and create interactive areas similar to Cuba street in Wellington				
282	Facebook Post	Liz Frisken				Fix the duck pond and winter gardens at Queens Park.				
283	Facebook Post	Vee Rod				More toilets around cbd. It's insane the lack of loos.				

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284	Let's Talk Submission	Ariki Schaumkell	9812		Love Queenspark, love that it has something for everyone. Love summers smelling the roses & walking or scootering with my family then having a coffee. Amazing place when friends & family visit. I think ILT Stadium does a great job being inclusive & holding great events such as Matariki & sporting events. There should be more trade events since Southland has sooo many Trades on offer here.	I wish there was an indoor play area for my two sons (young teenagers). A big warehouse situation with a basketball court, skateboarding or scootering area. Maybe a big walking area around the perimeter for parents to walk around. The weather is cold here for a number of months so this would be a great opportunity. Needs to be bright, colourful, engaging & sensory. The grounds should be that spongy grass to be safe for the young ones. I think it could be a green clean space. Needs natural lighting so it could be utilised in summer perhaps. It needs to be free aswell. I think it could be in or around Queenspark. It could have light shows & events so I'm thinking it should be big.	We could do something like my idea above in the vacant H&Js building or vacant shops in town around the mall but link it up so parents can shop while Dads & kids are in the play area. It could have pop up coffee & ice cream container shops. I think we should have bikes at Queenspark that people can hire to leisurely hire & bike around. Old people can't walk far around that place. Tourist can use the bikes to see the whole park & soon the museum.	Nothing more. I am from Auckland but have live & work in Invercargill. I moved here with my partner & 3 children & love it here. City & Rural life here & so many clubs & sports great family vibe. Thanks for reading my thoughts, will be happy to discuss any of my ideas but don't want to put it to the mayor or councillors.	<i>The City Centre Urban Play Programme will consider opportunities for indoor or covered play in the city centre as well as a play trail for linking play features and other city centre opportunities together. The future Queen's Park Master Plan will create opportunity for public feedback on specific features or partnerships with vendors desired in the park.</i>
285	Let's Talk Submission	David Meades			I love rates being used on core infrastructure and essential services, not superfluous and unnecessary projects.	I wish council would focus on core infrastructure and essential services, not superfluous, expensive, and unnecessary projects.	I wonder if this is the most important thing council should be focussing on and spending ratepayers money on, especially considering the massive budget blowout on the museum.	Invercargill already has plenty of parks, playgrounds, and reserves, which ratepayers are already paying to be kept and maintained, why must they be given another burden to bear regarding "play"?	<i>The Play Strategy is not an additional burden on rate payers. Rather it is a strategic approach for play that includes how best to look after the existing play spaces while considering how play outcomes can be met through existing funded projects. The Play Strategy will also aim to specifically consider financial sustainability and ways to achieve high play value at lower costs.</i>
286	Let's Talk Forum	Scott				I wish you'd put another piece of equipment back in at Kildare playground. You took out the whirly gig that my 3 year old loved and installed a road cone in its place. (REPEAT from FB post)			
287	Let's Talk Forum	Bec				I wish there was more spaces for under 5s especially under cover. We find queens park is great but a lot of it catered to bigger kids. A big bike park open to the public would be cool too. Especially with some picnic spots or BBQs available to use.			
288	Let's Talk Forum	Hannah				I wish there were more sheltered play areas to use on wet or cold days. Water play area on esk st or in a playground with taps and pipes and channels and something to make a dam. A permanent music/sound exploration station, pipes and bells and drums.			
289	Facebook Post	Debby Nicol				Donovan Park in in a disgusting state since this new council took over...where there use to be places for kids to run among the trees and play hide n seek, is now waist high grass and at Bainfield road where the new water pipes were laid is flooded to hell...!! Water bubbling all the time...water I presume we pay rates for???? Anyhoo ...please clean it up to what it was before. a nice place for families			
290	Facebook Post	Patrick Kro				Mow the lawns & install more BBQs. Incentives to a willing arcade vendor.			

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291	Facebook Post	Damien Bye							<p>You are only asking us so you can say you have asked the public and are taking our concerns and ideas into account.                  You do and are going to do what you want anyway....                  It's only all about tourism and money to you ICC and how much for a new museum?!!</p>		
292	Facebook Post	Tom Chell				Forget the museum, Luge track down sea side of Bluff hill down to Ocean beach follow the old water line, would bring in millions.					
293	Facebook Post	Reina M Robinson				<p>Where is the money coming from?                  Here's an idea, all future projects are to be built within budget, or the contractor will be liable for the excess, more than 3 blowouts and the councillors must resign, due to incompetence .                  Imagine us ratepayers can keep our homes, because the council haven't taxed us so high, we can't afford our rates.</p>			<p><b>From Morris Lindsay:</b> Well said Reina. I agree with you 100%   <b>From Lila Brown:</b> The Councillors are not our representatives. We are our own people. We can get on with everything that needs to be done without idiot, puppets controlling us</p>		
294	Facebook Post	Norma Milne							<p>Do we have the money for this?                  Better off putting it towards the museum.   <b>From Julian Smith:</b> The cost of that is rising all the time. So much for "planning &amp; models"</p>		
295	Facebook Post	Henare Baker							<p>How about actually listening to the people that pay the rates and give us a bloody break. WE are not your bank, YOU are ment to be our representatives , start behaving like it</p>		
296	Facebook Post	Kurt Rohloff							<p>As of 2020/21, Invercargill is somewhere in the vicinity of \$58m+ in debt. And they still plan on borrowing for Three Waters. So seriously. How many generations are you planning on putting into debt. Our great grandchildren children?   <b>From Linda McDonald:</b> The way the world is heading, they'll default and we'll probably lose our homes as they're used as collateral apparently. I/we did not consent! And as for Three Waters, I thought that was dead in the water!</p>		

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297	Facebook Post	Seb Uglav				<p>After the Chch eqs when they asked the community for suggestions one of the biggest from young people was a skateboard park. Which was one of the first things built. Can always ask young people what it is they would like. A maze can be fun, with challenges and clues maybe? The skateboard park could have an ice cream truck too or hot dog truck, and it could be next to a retirement centre. Older people love watching younger people, and it makes it safer for them too.</p>		<p><b>From Debby Nicol:</b> the last thing I'd want to hear all day in my old age is the sound of skateboards !! I spoke to 3 young people about that one day...they want a place to skid their cars...yeah nah</p> <p><b>From Seb Uglav:</b> what age were they? Also if that is what they really want, then maybe something could be organised with the local car/motorbike race circuit for a once a month open day for lads and lasses to see the cars, try on the safety gear, learn safety tips, get to go around the race course with a driver, and maybe in a car with a trainer with over-ride controls get to try driving the cars in a safe open space. They could maybe put on pizza or burgers and chips too. Basically a place for lads in particular to burn off some hormones and young people to meet each other and hang out. Perhaps they could organise an odd dance at the venue as well. Just a thought</p> <p><b>From Debby Nicol:</b> once a month wouldn't be enough for these kids... they're out on public streets just about every night making unbearable noises... A club sounds ideal but that's not what they want...was tried but at Otatara..too far for them... as soon as you put them altogether anywhere it becomes illegal as it's</p>		
298	Facebook Post	Stefan Cooper						<p>They built a specialised building to house all the museum artefacts, so there is no hurry to build a museum that's going to go over budget, the ex Farmers building makes so much sense and it brings people and tourism back into the CBD where it's needed.</p> <p><b>From Henare Baker:</b> old farmers building or the old h and j smith's building would be a great space for a museum lots of parking and a huge space</p> <p><b>From Debby Nicol:</b> hnjs was found to be needing earthquake work I think....to anyone on the street it would be thousands but to a council it would take millions...go figure 🤔👎</p> <p><b>From Dave Moore:</b> needs earthquake strengthening is just code for money laundering, many of these old buildings have withstood significant earthquakes with zero damage yet the new buildings fail miserably, look what has happened in Wellington</p>		

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							<p>has happened in Hemington numerous buildings didn't even last ten years yet the ones over 80 years old are still fully intact then they say they need to strengthen them and remove most of their character and charm, it's a massive farce and I've been in the building industry my whole life</p> <p><b>From John Heslin:</b> been saying for months the council must Lease the old farmers building.Spend \$1 mil decorating it and open the museum there. Saving ratepayers over \$80mil</p> <p><b>From Debby Nicol:</b> 100% right!!! Using farmers old building is a no-brainer...and as a result the ratepayers could be spared another horrendous rise in rates. Use the newly cleared space of the old museum to rebuild a new tennis courts, etc for ratepayers to use...Stop the ridiculous plan of making a loop for buses at the end of Esk and use the money to build some homes that are needed and would bring income to the council ..c'mon guys</p> <p><b>From Morris Lindsey:</b> As would the H&amp;J Smith building. Save the City at least \$80m</p>		
299	Facebook Post	Rianara Kaletoh			There should be something for kids because there's nothing for kids to do apart from boring cold old parks maybe like and update of parks something fun and big.		I notice no one takes there kids to these old boring parks it's so boring and needs updating no point having these old parks all scattered every where if we not using them		
300	Facebook Post	Allison Booth			Toilets at Russell Square?				

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301	Facebook Post	Heather Simpson							Safe, warm places to sleep for the homeless  <b>From Seb Uglav:</b> One can put up tents or little cubicles which would be dry and comparatively warm, but the difficulty sometimes is safety for those people. Perhaps with a security pair on patrol. Sometimes though it works better for some of them to be tucked away in various places like a shed not being used, or a room in a building that has no particular use? needs to also have at least toilet facilities and preferably a laundry shed or a 2x weekly visiting one in a truck eg the Orange Sky which I think has showers too. why do you think it is such a hard place? I mean what are the obstacles or things that make it more difficult?  <b>From Heather Simpson:</b> the weather for one! No free camping spots to put a tent anywhere near town.		
302	HWT InFORMal	Blank				More whanau events so families can connect - concerts in the park, markets, street fairs/buskers.					
303	HWT InFORMal	Blank				I wish there was a covered area for play for our children so it was easier to go out on wet days. Also Esk Street to not have vehicles as it is a great area for children to explore but with vehicles it does make it unsafe.					
304	HWT InFORMal	Alex				Outdoor sensory play. Fenced and shaded playgrounds.					
305	HWT InFORMal	Nicci				More creative art! Us big kids love it too!					
306	HWT InFORMal	Arthur				Could Queens Park playground have a stone play area like Elizabeth Park playground?					
307	HWT InFORMal	Rebecca Sell		Motivational Therapy		More play and sensory options for the elderly with dementia. To promote community and play all into one.					
308	HWT InFORMal	Jiwon				If we can have a play exhibiton each month.					
309	HWT InFORMal	Rildia Love				More expressive art activities. Me and my bestie love coming and playing at He Waka Tuia! The world lacks adult activities.					
310	HWT InFORMal	Blank			He Waka Tuia. Arts Murihiku.	He Waka Tuia had more exhibitions.	If we could have more activities at He Waka Tuia.				
311	HWT InFORMal	Pedro				Balazes.					
312	HWT InFORMal	Blank			Making a new start and trying something new.	The world had peace!	If people are going onto mars?				
313	HWT InFORMal	Blank			Horses.	Unicorns were real.	How many stars are in the universe?				

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314	Facebook Post	Morris Lindsay						And feedback suggests now that the H&J iconic building should be our new museum and saving ratepayers \$80 million. Hey, its in the CBD, heaps of parking, easy walk from hotels, and so much space inside. A refurbish inside is all that is needed, the cafe is already there, office and storage space abundant, its own loading bay. Room for an art gallery as well. Its what is inside this heritage building that is important right? Not the exterior or award winning design! Do your job Council! Consider the cost to ratepayers and our children in the future!!!  <b>From Bernette Hogan:</b> exactly, a green approved Museum will not draw people. Use what we've already got.		
315	Councillor Workshop	Councillor 1		Beach, dog park, Queens Park.	Safe spaces close to home.	How do other strategic aims support this work? E.g., transport. What the public's preference is between distributed vs destination (personally feel that destination creates more opportunities for social connection as it allows greater #s to play together).				
316	Councillor Workshop	Councillor 2		Parks, walks – Sandy Point, Cycle ways.	Create safe zones (adults knowing children have security playing).	How do we make play more accessible, equitable for the disabled? How do we encourage play in non-traditional spaces?				
317	Councillor Workshop	Councillor 3		I love being able to access the beaches and foreshore areas in Bluff as well as Bluff Hill to explore, build huts, and forage kai.	Create circumstances where parents feel comfortable for kids to have unsupervised play. I wish for more community voice and forward thinking. More creative expression shown in our infrastructure, i.e., seating, bins, fences, paths, beach access, viewing platforms and more interactive educational options that teach us about our local wildlife and surroundings.	I wonder what more youth input or voice from parents or young children would look like. I wonder how mindful we are of how much play has changed due to the increase in populations and regulations that we have become more of a deterring society, i.e., more traffic has reduced neighbourhood street play, less native bush and pond access, more spaces where we are moving youth on from, steadily confining people to their homes or the odd well-equipped playground if they can access it.				
318	Councillor Workshop	Councillor 4		Love water play and fountains at QP.	A larger park in Bluff. Interactive play for range of ages.	Adult play. What else (innocent adult fun) works elsewhere?				
319	Councillor Workshop	Councillor 5		The pocket park and netball area in South City.	Central-city play spaces/hubs. Free WiFi/Gaming. Another disc golf in South City / Elizabeth Park.					
320	Councillor Workshop	Councillor 6		Queens Park play area, including the disc golf and exercise machines.	Margaret Mahy-like central city place space to cater for multiple ages.	Add and increase to Queens Park. Play trail - museum, CBD, Queens Park.				
321	Councillor Workshop	Councillor 7		South Alive play area, court, and activities, etc.	Margaret Mahy type playground. Central or destination (e.g., Elizabeth Park)	Expensive vs inexpensive solutions.				
322	Councillor Workshop	Councillor 8		Flying fox, forts, height	More communal IT opportunities. Height and foam party. Non standard play. Under cover indoor opportunities. Lego room, intergenerational opportunities, pass play, e.g., streetscapes.	Could we be more innovative in how we our reserve spaces are enabling play, e.g., more disc golf. Any groups finding it difficult to find space to self-deliver their play. A better relationship with SIT (i.e., their sport department).				
323	Councillor Workshop	Councillor 9		Sandy point, fresh air and open areas.	We had the money to execute the strategy.	Whose responsibility play is.				
324	Councillor Workshop	Councillor 10		Love the variety of equipment in the small spaces available in Bluff.	More spaces for free play. Inexpensive play (e.g., hopscotch, skipping/Dutch rope).					

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325	Councillor Workshop	Councillor 11			Lots of reserves with active play equipment, Elizabeth Park – all opportunities for activity.	More adults could play/have more opportunities and areas/spaces to play. Play activations, e.g., using walls as screen for games, e.g., space invaders in Christchurch				
326										
327	Let's Talk Forum	Bob212			Love Queens Park the most, great variety of activities and things to see and do. Splash palace is a great venue. Also Russel square. The one decent playground in Bluff is well looked after.	I'd like to see more/ better toilet facilities at the playgrounds and other public spaces. Kids are urinating in bushes because of a lack of facilities. It's part of being a kid but doesn't need to happen in such an open area. Love to see covered areas for play. The weather in Southland is terrible sometimes. Either wind breaks or rain cover.				
328	Facebook Post	Barry Mailman						Children playing safely in the streets is a big sign of a healthy happy and safe society		
329	Let's Talk Submission	Baldur Cottle	9010		The idea of exploring new places.	There were more diverse and spaced placed through the city to recreate in a fun and unique way, all different experiences.	If we put in drinking fountains, that used non-flouridated water and were able to fill waterbottles, would we see a rise in creative thinking and imaginations. While we are at it it would likely reduce waste. This is a great idea. Less rubbish bins, more drinking fountain a, more imaginative play. Actually just don't flouridate drinking water period.	More spaces to hang out with animals and play, or more dog off lead areas that aren't fenced paddocks that are basically dogfighting rings with minimal provision.	<i>The Play Strategy will aim to include more diverse play opportunities throughout the city. The City Centre Urban Play Programme is a specific opportunity to achieve this. The scope of the Play Strategy does not include water flouridation or the play needs of animals.</i>	
330	Instagram	mikeeg3				Opermananetly close Esk St & have outdoor games, entertainment, etc. Demolish H&Js, create a green space, add food trucks, bars, bike parking, etc. So many options. (6 likes)				
331	Instagram	asappray				an arcade (1 like)				
332	Instagram	69insideofme				an arcade, what are teens supposed to do down here? (1 like)				
333	Facebook Post	Dania Jane			Plunket! Gated, and appropriate for the age they are.			<b>From Janine Eyles:</b> thanks for the idea! Not one I've ever thought of 😊 <b>From Dania Jane:</b> Toddler age is hard especially allowing them freedom to independently play safely. Plunket play area is great <b>From Kimberly McClenaghan:</b> I always forget about this one!	From International Play Day post.	
334	Facebook Post	Brian Dunckley			Invercargill has great spaces like this and many more for non playground play with kids. The beach. Sandy point. Get out and about. Walk around the trees etc. Great work by staff.					From International Play Day post.
335	Facebook Post	Sarah Hazlett			Anderson Park and Russell Square are our faves.					From International Play Day post.
336	Facebook Post	Jacinda Matthews					Any chance we might get a functioning free bike park for the wee ones to learn to ride bikes etc? Elizabeth park has alot of space!	<b>From Janine Murray:</b> Gore has one if your ever up that way <b>From Jacinda Matthews:</b> yes I see that. So if gore has one being a small centre surely we can organise one	From International Play Day post.	
337	Facebook Post	Kelly Blomfield			Newbie Street playground is great, lots of space. Elizabeth park is also great, it has a lot of options and the kids dont get bored.					From International Play Day post.



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338	Facebook Post	Jackie Nelson			Anderson Park						From International Play Day post.
339	Facebook Post	Ross McKenzie								Great to have a playground but what about Andersons Park the house? Any chance it might be used again after such expensive work strengthening it, but what now? An Art Gallery again?  <b>From ICC:</b> Hey Ross, the House is being utilised again with a range of events and happenings. These are managed by the Anderson Park Trust and you can follow them here: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/.../The.../100082578654711/">https://www.facebook.com/.../The.../100082578654711/</a> <b>From Ross McKenzie:</b> Thanks for the update but we could utilize the wall space a little better and get it back to what it originally was ...an Art Gallery.	From International Play Day post.
340	Facebook Post	Martha McSorley								They are all fantastic - but there is a real need for shelter from the sun in the summer months - Anderson's Park in particular.  <b>From Donna Sologar:</b> so hot in summer there!	From International Play Day post.
341	Let's Talk Submission	Mary O'Brien	9010		We are very pleased that the Council is developing a Play Strategy and that the Council has a Play Advocate to provide expert advice re play etc. both of these will contribute to better quality play and improved liveability in Invercargill.	That all people can access a stimulating and accessible play space within 10 -15 minutes walk from their home or public transport and people of all ages can accompany children to play spaces.	How accessibility will be addressed?	The play grounds/green spaces are vital for community wellbeing and all should be retained.	<i>Invercargill has one of (if not) the highest playground per capita in the country. Play value will attempt to be addressed through the Play Strategy, including more inclusive equipment and designs.</i>		
342	Let's Talk Submission	Jo Hutton	9810		Of course, our favourite play space is ILT Stadium Southland, and we love to think of our Stadium as the 'indoor jewel in Invercargill's crown'! We pride ourselves on offering a safe, versatile and welcoming environment that caters to a wide range of physical activities and sports, regardless of weather conditions. Our community appreciates well-maintained facilities including our court spaces, velodrome walking track, friendly staff, and the variety of programmes we offer including Adventure Park featuring Bounce House, Clip n Climb and Multiwall – all of which encourage social interaction and physical wellbeing.	The Stadium is extremely busy during peak times and events, our annual visitor numbers are over 350,000. While we do have visitors during off-peak hours, there is an opportunity to welcome more by developing relations with groups and organisations across our community. We would welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the Play Advocate on building relationships with these groups and on delivering opportunities identified in the Play Strategy.	We wonder what could be achieved if we establish more relationships partnerships with community organisations. This is a piece of work that we will look to undertake ourselves but wish to expedite if there are opportunities identified in the Play Strategy work. By enhancing our off-peak offerings, we believe that ILT Stadium Southland can significantly contribute to a more playful, healthy, and engaged community.	ILT Stadium Southland is multi-purpose venue that brings our community together by providing a diverse range of recreational, entertainment and cultural opportunities. We fully support Invercargill City Council's initiative to broaden the concept of Play across various spaces and demographics. Our submission focuses on enhancing the utilisation of ILT Stadium Southland, particularly during off-peak hours, to benefit members of our community who are free during traditional work hours.	<i>The Play Strategy will aim to include more community partnership opportunities to support outcomes beyond council-controlled facilities.</i>		

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343	Ruru School	SIT Students			The mall. Jump n Fun and lazer tag. Teviot St Reserve. Visiting parks and playgrounds. Going to the stadium and walking around the veledrome. Going to Splash Palace. Fixed tiles in the pool. Bush walks.	More swings. Interactive things at playgrounds - musical, hop scotch, etc. Sand pit. Adult/young adult equipment (e.g. larger slides or swings). Covered areas. A lazy river. Bike tracks/jumps. Permanent pump track. Interactive screens.			
344	Ruru School	Ruru Staff			Queens Park. Andersons Park. Russell Square. Otatara Playground. Thompsons Bush. Gore Kids Hub. Play area in the mall. Stadium. New accessible playground in Lumsden - such a common place to stop. Swings - there are often only two swings even though they're really popular. Trampolines and spinners - though limited access for wheelchairs. Disc golf at Queens Park.	More covered spaces!! More fully fenced spaces!! Interactive water wall. Bike parks. Giant seesaw - multipurpose equipment (e.g. turn and walk up it). Loaner sensory bags families can borrow when visiting businesses or spaces - filled with different sensory toys, weighted blankets, ear defenders, etc. Random hopscotch on footpaths. Giant draughts, chess, snakes & ladders. Library holiday programmes. Giant mazes. Massive tree trunks carved into different things to climb, etc. Four square. Junk playground with loose parts. Science room like at Dunedin Museum. More sensory musical equipment.			
345	Ruru School	Senior Girls			The mall. We love playgrounds. The shops. Queens Park, Anderson Park, Russell Square, Sandy Point. Spinning wheels - sitting/spinning/chatting. Swings. We like to have a place to sit/chat with friends. Using climbing equipment. Slides.	We would like to see lots of communication boards around town, especially in play spaces for our friends who should have access to communication all the time. Carrying an ipad and playing can be tricky!!! A space at the mall or inner city for teens to socialise and particiation in sensory, hands on, fun confidence building activities or workshops. A place to go and do hands on activities (e.g. nails, hair, makeup, crafting, drawing, painting, arts spaces), somewhere musical - make, play, listen to music, sing, dance. Playgrounds: Musical equipment like Queenstown or Gore Kids Hub. Giant seesaw. A quiet/sensory zone for teens at the mall. Rubbish bins at all playgrounds so they are cleaner and more enjoyable. e.g. at the end of Kereru St in Waikiwi (Waikiwi Domain). Quiet hang out space with benches at the mall. More colourful playgrounds. Big tunnel slides at playgrounds. More swings at playgrounds. Outside barbeques at playgrounds.			
346	Ruru School	HWT Engagement Session			Love nature and anything tactile (sand, pebbles, water, swlime, flowers, etc.) - anything they can smell, touch, taste, hear. Russell Square because it's fenced. Low sensory times at events/activities are good, but not always available or at a suitable time. Merrygorounds.	Bilingual communication boards for specific activities/zones rather than a single core board. There is value in these being in locations outside playgrounds as well (pools, museums, library, walks/tramps that lots of families love to do). More indoor/covered opportunities. Would love a play tour! Some kind of map of all the options. Designed play spaces that provide variety, are spread out, with different sensory zones (regulating spaces, stimulating spaces, safe spaces, relaxing spaces, etc.). Equipment and design that enable vestibular activation, e.g., spinning and rolling. Windchimes		Parents don't know what they can do at most school spaces. Play interests are very common across children but the importance of play experience or a play tpye for some children is even more important (e.g., rolling is fun vs rolling is necessary for regulation)	

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347	Instagram	nook_dreaming				It would be really magical to open up the windows of the castles in Queens Park. My dad said it was so great as a child. Roller City in the 80's in Invercargill was fantastic for confidence, balance, and coordination. Something like that again would be amazing. A fairy forest work in Queens Park amongst the pines with tiny door would be fun. Great for a geocaching route for children, with clues behind fairy doors in trees.				
348	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s				Please could we have a big rollercoaster at my home for free, and can it be 100 metres tall. And a big trampoline so then I can jump off a tree at my home.				
349	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s			My favourite play space is at Queens Park	I wish for two hamster wheels out of Anderson's Park.	I wonder if we could make a humongous swimming pool please and I want it at the mall.			
350	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s				I want a pool. By the park and it has a slip n slide with a [unknown]. I want a fungi at every park so we can [unknown].				
351	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s				Please can you make a game place at Queens Park. Can you please put lots of games too and can you also give us an ice skating rink. Can you make it so the people who run the shop put the people's names on their skates?				
352	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s				I would love a gaming room in the mall and it would hve a confetti grenade. I wish we could have some more playgrounds so people can have fun.	I wonder if you can build a statue.			
353	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s			Jump n Fun is my favourite place because it has a humongous foam pit that you can jump in to and trampolines that you can also jump on.	I want the humongous sandpit (or swimming pool?) for the big shopping mall and it has big water slides.				
354	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s			I like Chipmunks because it has guns and balls and drinks and yoghurt.	I want the Chipmunks to be beside my house.				
355	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s			My favourite play space is Chipmunks and clip n climb.	I want to see me climb and other people climb too. And I wish I could climb like them. I really want a clip and climb at my house.				
356	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s			My favourite thing to do is go to Jump n Fun so I can do laser tag with my Dad and Mum.	I would like a hydroslide in the school pool.				
357	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s				I would like a Pokemon playground at Queens Park and I would play Pokemon. It would have [unknown].				
358	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s				I want a gaming room in the mall because we will get to play video games all day long.				
359	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s				I want a park with monkey bars, flying fox, ice skating room, because I can play on it.				
360	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s			I like Queens Park because I love the hamster wheel. It's fun because it's almost faster than the flying fox. I love when you spin.		I wonder how the builders make it spin.			
361	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s				I want a gaming room in the big mall and it would be right next to the go kart session.				

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362	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s			My favourite place to play is a soccer field because I can play with my borthers and I could make a soccer sign with glitter.	I want a soccer sign near Canada please.			
363	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s				I want a new motocross race at the paddock on Oreti Road with big jumps.			
364	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s				Can we have real lightsabers so we can battle? I wish we could have a Splash Palace so I could go down the hydroslide in the mall in Invercargill.	I wonder if we can change Splash Palace so we remove the pool except the hydro slides because I love them so much. I like to go fast.		
365	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s			My favourite play space is Queens Park because it has a really big slide and its playground has a flying fox.				
366	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s			I love Jump n Fun.	I want lots of trampolines stacked on top of each other on top of the trampolines there. Will there be an ice skating and waterside for falling down it and a hot air balloon.			
367	School	Otatara School Yr 1s and 2s			Jump n Fun is my favourite play space.	Lightsabers with swords on top of them at Queens Park.			
368	Staff				Destination play.	For more open minds. More money was used for embedding play into Invercargill to make families want to move here.	Could we encourage behaviour change through resourcing/access?		
369	Staff				Events.	Budgets were not "assigned" and we had a play budget in each project.	Could funding pathways be more accessible for inexperienced groups?		
370	Staff				Clean attractive spaces to enjoy.	More edible plants in play spaces and community spaces.	How do we normalise/encourage more active transport with play components?		
371	Staff				Facilities and amenities that support caregivers to stay in play spaces longer.	We could use Antenno to inform people about play opportunities.	If event funding could require legacy components that provide play opportunities long after the event.		
372	Staff				External relationships, working towards common goals.	We had simplistic funding access. That play was everywhere, in the streets, CBD, carparks, more colourful.	Could we have an always open "ideas tank" that could feed play ideas into it?		
373	Staff				Working with partners for promotion/sharing ideas for future play opportunities.	We had a beach related play space, natural dynamic, water, safe sand. There were basketball hoops in neighbourhood streets, tyre swings in street trees.	If there could be more toilets and drinking fountains provided to support families staying and playing longer.		
374	Staff				Seeing happy families outside on the weekends.	For a fully accessible play space including nature components. There were treasure hunts.	About permanent play-enabled streets as a play interventions.		
375	Staff				Community ownership/pride.	For more sustained investment in mountain biking in Bluff as a destination.	Could we make a mud slide somewhere?		
376	Staff				Key play champions.	Budgets matched people's needs. Southland stories were incorporated into more projects.	Could there be a combined city-wide play brand		
377	Staff				Fun social media about boring things.	For colourful crossings, we made more colour everywhere (documents, on streets, crossings).			
378	Staff				Queens Park! (water, space, trees, animals, playground, disc golf and it's all free)	We had streets for people in CBD with arts, culture, and play.			
379	Staff				Amazing race in Queens Park	For nature play in streets like Esk St			
380	Staff				Public flying fox	There was an arcade. There was a colour run (not just in/by the schools)			
381	Staff				Splash Palace	For a ninja course at Splash Palace.			

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382	Let's Talk Submission	Kathlene Smith	9871		The fences going up around the playgrounds with more playgrounds requiring this. The clean toilets that aren't self cleaning toilets, the many walks and vast spaces.	For safe waters and water access for toddlers and kids to play in safely. To have creeks etc areas which are child play safe incorporated with the play areas. I want to see more areas where children can build forts safety without rubbish needles and bottles in the brush. Garden and sandpit spaces for children to play in safely without the fear of glass, needles and shit. For the water play area in the queen's Park playground be enclosed only accessible through a locked fence.	If you could build an enclosed complex that is locked after hours to prevent strife which caters for different ages in different areas so bigger kids don't intimidate the littler kids and someone to monitor anti social behaviours so disrespectful and/or unsupervised children are "moved on" to make the play area safer.	Good idea if it's safe for all	<i>CC staff regularly check parks and collect rubbish as well as respond to specific requests for service. Natural loose parts play opportunities have been added to nature play areas during Play Week to support this type of play. Upgrades to the Queen's Park water play area can be considered as part of the future Queen's Park Master Plan.</i>	
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## Executive Summary



**Invercargill City Council is embarking on an ambitious journey to transform our entire district – from Makarewa to Bluff and Kennington to Ōtātara – into a vibrant, citywide playground by 2055.**

This Play Strategy sets forth our vision to weave play into the fabric of everyday life, creating a more joyful, connected, and resilient community where play opportunities extend far beyond traditional playgrounds.

This transformation comes at a crucial time. Urbanisation, safety concerns, and changing lifestyles are reducing quality play experiences worldwide, even in Southland. Yet play remains vital for human development and community well-being – it is a fundamental right, essential for physical, cognitive, and social growth. Through freely chosen, intrinsically motivated, and often unstructured activities, play provides the foundation for lifelong learning and community connection.

While Invercargill, has long invested in parks, green spaces, and traditional community playgrounds, this strategy marks a shift towards a more intentional, citywide approach. Our vision aligns with national recognition of play as essential for well-being and social cohesion, encouraging local government to integrate more accessible and diverse play opportunities into broader urban planning. The strategy's purpose is to harness the power of play to shape an inclusive and dynamic district while driving internal changes that enable us to meet the strategy outcomes, enhancing the lives of all residents.

To achieve this, the strategy is structured around four outcomes focused on the key themes from the community engagement process. These themes ranged from inclusivity and accessibility, improved quality and innovative urban integration, sustainable and cost-effective solutions, and strong community partnerships that foster ownership and pride in Invercargill's play environments. Success will be measured through a robust framework of indicators, ensuring accountability and continuous improvement as we implement this transformative vision.

This journey requires collaboration between council, community groups, and residents. Together, we will create spaces that spark joy, encourage exploration, and strengthen our community bonds. The ideas, involvement, and enthusiasm of our community are essential to making Invercargill a true playground for all ages.



# Play Strategy On a Page



## Vision

**“Invercargill is a city where play excites and connects everyone.”**

## Purpose Statement

**“This strategy guides Invercargill City Council to harness the transformative power of play, enabling initiatives and partnerships that enrich our spaces and engage people of all ages in creating a thriving, healthy, joyful, and resilient community.”**

## Strategic Outcomes

### 1. Inclusive Play Opportunities

Play experiences are accessible and engaging for people of all ages and abilities. Our spaces foster social interaction, creativity, and physical activity.

### 2. Innovative Play Integration

Play is seamlessly integrated into public spaces throughout Invercargill. This encourages spontaneous play and enhances the vibrancy of our city.

### 3. Community Partnership and Ownership

Invercargill's play opportunities are co-created through partnerships with children, youth, the wider community, and key organisations. This embeds a shared sense of ownership and pride in our play environments.

### 4. Affordable, Sustainable, and Flexible Solutions

Investment in our play environments appropriately balances cost-effectiveness, quality, and affordability for users. Invercargill's play opportunities are adaptable to changing community needs.





# What is Play?

“ Remember the pure joy of climbing trees, the thrill of jumping rocks in a riverbed, visiting your favourite playground with the family, or the satisfaction of exploring your neighbourhood on your bicycle with your mates? These moments of play shape us in ways we carry throughout our lives. They’re more than just cherished memories – they’re the building blocks of who we become. ”

In this strategy, we define play as Sport NZ does:<sup>1</sup>

**Those precious moments of freedom where we choose what to do simply because it’s fun.**

It can include children making obstacle courses on the sidewalk, teenagers hanging out and dancing in the square, adults engaging with some interactive art, or seniors gathering for chess in the park. They’re spontaneous, self-directed activities driven by our excitement and creativity, often with friends, and can look different as we grow up—sometimes it’s spontaneous and wild, other times it’s more organised or competitive.

We believe that play is for everyone and therefore has many forms. We are committed to ensuring opportunities meet this broad understanding, however, we also prioritise children and physical play because children have less agency to play independently like adults do, and physical play provides the most widespread benefits.





## Strategic Scope

This Play Strategy updates and replaces the 2014 Playground Strategy, expanding its focus beyond traditional playgrounds to encompass a broader range of council teams and assets, including land, facilities, and documents that contribute to creating a playful city.

The strategy provides a high-level framework to guide play opportunities across the Invercargill district, promoting inclusive, creative play for all ages and abilities. While formal field and court sports and their facilities are addressed under the Active Southland Regional Spaces and Places Strategy (to which ICC subscribes), this strategy focuses on informal play opportunities.

Creating a truly playful city requires active collaboration across our entire community.

Council commits to working alongside schools, businesses, community groups, and mana whenua to maximise play opportunities throughout Invercargill. Through guidance, support, and partnership, we will help unlock the play potential of spaces beyond council control. This collaborative approach recognises that some of our city's play opportunities exist in places we don't manage directly – from school playgrounds to private facilities, shopping centres, and community spaces. By fostering these partnerships and supporting community-led initiatives, we can create a richer tapestry of play opportunities that extends far beyond council-managed spaces and truly embraces our whole city.



## Strategy Development Process

To ensure our Play Strategy is comprehensive, balanced, and achievable, we have aligned it with the diverse needs of our community and the council's ability to deliver on the strategic outcomes, grounding it in both evidence and lived experiences, as well as national and local guidance. Strategy development involved:

- Review of academic research on play (e.g., benefits of play, consequences of lack of play, ideal play conditions, etc.)
- Analysis of industry reports and local government play policies
- Investigating council strategies and community feedback.

Our engagement process included collaboration with:

- Council staff
- Elected members
- Youth Council
- Partner organisations
- And a wide range of community voices, from children to parents.

The pre-draft engagement period ran from June 22nd to July 28th 2024, coinciding and in partnership with He Waka Tuia and their 3rd annual PLAY Exhibition. He Waka Tuia extended the PLAY Exhibition, and so the Play Strategy engagement was extended to August 10th. Across all of our pre-draft engagement methods, we asked the following questions about play in Invercargill:

### • What do you love about our existing play opportunities?

- E.g., What's your favourite play space/opportunity in the city? What do you love about it? What do you think we do well?

### • What play opportunities do you wish for?

- E.g., What's missing or what would you like to see more of? What do you want to see or experience, where would you want it and why?

### • What about play are you wondering about?

- E.g., What could be possible if we made a change, big or small, about our approach to play, or looked at using our existing resources differently?

Close to 400 pieces of commentary were received across the various methods. This information was analysed to determine the key themes and develop the completed first draft Play Strategy. See Appendix A for more detail.



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## Introduction

### Why Play and Why Now?

**Play is not just a leisure activity but our species key learning mechanism<sup>2</sup> and is foundational to creating vibrant, healthy communities.**

While play may seem spontaneous, its value is profound, contributing not only to personal development but also to the collective well-being of communities. Its role in fostering creativity, resilience, and connection is vital to the future of Invercargill. Here we examine the key drivers pushing us to act now, the evidence-based benefits that play delivers, and the unique opportunities we have to enhance play across the district.

### Drivers

**Life in Invercargill is changing and several critical factors are driving the need for a strategic approach to play in our city:**

- In Southland, only 23% of young people aged 5–17 years meet the physical activity guidelines of being active for at least 60 minutes per day (12 to 14-year-olds were least likely to meet these guidelines at 14%, while 5 to 7-year-olds were most likely to at 42%).
- Play is recognised internationally as a fundamental human right for children, yet research shows concerning trends in insufficient investment and inadequate protective measures for play opportunities.<sup>3,4</sup>
- Today's children have significantly fewer opportunities for quality independent outdoor play than previous generations.<sup>5</sup> In Southland, only 34% of young people were involved in general outdoor play in the last week and 32% on playgrounds or games with friends.
- Multiple factors are restricting play opportunities:
  - Increased urbanisation and housing density, and loss of open community spaces.<sup>6,7</sup>
  - Traffic safety concerns and crime fears leading to restrictions on young people.<sup>8</sup>
  - Decline in outdoor play and increased sedentary activities,<sup>9</sup> including screen time and digital technology, impacts physical activity,<sup>10</sup> though gaming also provides valuable social connections.<sup>11</sup>
  - Over-supervision and over-scheduling lead to increased anxiety, depression, and reduced physical and social activity.<sup>12</sup>
- Growing regulations and risk aversion have led to play spaces prioritising compliance over developmental needs.<sup>13</sup>
- Insufficient attention to children's needs in planning and policy-making is contributing to constrained opportunities for spontaneous and creative play.<sup>14</sup>



## Benefits

**Play is like a treasure chest filled with surprises - we engage with it on our terms, driven by joy rather than external goals. While the act itself is spontaneous and fun, research demonstrates its profound impact on individual and community well-being:**

- Play is integral to children's well-being, supports well-being throughout life, and significantly contributes to family and community well-being.<sup>15</sup>
- Local government plays a pivotal role in providing high-quality play opportunities that are essential to social, economic, cultural, and environmental well-being.<sup>16</sup>
- Every \$1 spent on physical activity in New Zealand (including play) yields a \$2.12 return in well-being benefits.<sup>17</sup>
- Play is crucial for children's physical, cognitive, and social development,<sup>18</sup> enhancing:
  - Motor skills and physical health.<sup>19</sup>
  - Brain development and problem-solving capabilities.<sup>20</sup>
  - Academic readiness through improved concentration and motivation.<sup>21</sup>
  - Cooperation, conflict resolution, and empathy.<sup>22</sup>
  - Emotional resilience and stress management.<sup>23</sup>
- Play delivers broader societal benefits:
  - Develops critical future workforce skills, boosting productivity and innovation capacity.<sup>24</sup>
  - Soft skills become increasingly crucial for economic success as technology reshapes the job market.<sup>25</sup>
  - Fosters environmental appreciation, crucial for addressing future climate challenges.<sup>26</sup>
  - Strengthens social connections across generations.<sup>27</sup>
- The absence of play can lead to:
  - Social isolation and impaired social skills.<sup>28</sup>
  - Reduced physical competency.<sup>29</sup>
  - Cognitive deficits.<sup>30</sup>
  - Inactivity and associated health issues.<sup>31</sup>



## Opportunities

**Invercargill has important opportunities to enhance play across our city, building on our existing strengths while embracing innovative approaches:**

- Involve children, youth, and the broader community in co-creating play spaces as it helps rebuild vital neighbourhood connections.<sup>33,34</sup>
- Create environments that support independent play<sup>35</sup> by integrating play opportunities throughout the city,<sup>36</sup> in all environments, from neighbourhood streets to community facilities.<sup>37</sup>
- Designing safe routes for independent mobility,<sup>38,39</sup> while addressing safety and accessibility challenges<sup>40</sup> to build stronger community relationships and expanded social networks.<sup>41</sup>
- Allow young people to directly influence policy and design decisions to create spaces that meet their real needs rather than just perceived ones.<sup>42</sup>
- Use nature-based approaches to encourage lifelong active lifestyles and improve health outcomes.<sup>43,44</sup>
- Incorporate accessible design alongside adventurous elements to create inclusive spaces that build confidence while supporting diverse needs and abilities.<sup>45,46</sup>
- Apply creative design solutions and artistic elements to help reimagine streetscapes and the city centre, to reverse the decline in outdoor play and increased sedentary activities.<sup>47</sup>
- Strategic placement of play opportunities to address contemporary challenges like children's declining roaming range while supporting community safety through increased activity and natural surveillance.<sup>48</sup>

By taking action now to enhance play opportunities across Invercargill, we can create a more vibrant, inclusive, and playful district that supports the well-being of all residents while addressing current and future urban challenges. This strategy provides a framework for achieving this vision through evidence-based approaches and community-led solutions.





## Local Context

**Invercargill holds one of the highest parks and playgrounds per capita ratios in the country, with Invercargill City Council managing over 3000 hectares of green space across 166 reserves.**

This includes 88 diverse play spaces ranging from playgrounds to bike and skate parks. Queens Park is a community favourite, celebrated for its beautiful gardens, animal reserve, and variety of play opportunities. Invercargill's educational institutions play a crucial role in outdoor play provision, with 30 schools and numerous early childhood centres offering playgrounds used by over 10,000 children. Many schools allow community access after hours, expanding play options.

The city's indoor play landscape features several key venues that provide weather-protected options, crucial given Southland's climate. Facilities such as Splash Palace, the library, and ILT Stadium Southland contribute to year-round, varied play opportunities. These spaces host events, programmes, and activities that promote active and imaginative play for different age groups. The new Invercargill Central Mall has enhanced indoor play opportunities with its pop-up play space, though community feedback indicates an appetite for even more weather-protected play options.

Public and private partnerships further enrich the play environment through popular events like the ILT Kidzone Festival and PLAY exhibition at He Waka Tuia. Other non-profit organisations, community groups, and private enterprises provide a mix of free or low-cost activities to pay-to-play experiences in indoor activity centres and themed play areas. These initiatives contribute to Invercargill's strong sense of community, though residents see the potential for even more vibrant community-led activities and events that cater to diverse interests and age groups.

The 2021 Southland Play Report highlighted Invercargill's strengths, including community ties and abundant playgrounds, while noting the need for improvements such as better quality play equipment, improved traffic safety, mobility, and accessibility, and expanded natural and inclusive play. Recommendations also pointed to the value of co-designing play spaces with the community and adapting to local weather. The city's heritage as a family-friendly destination aligns with the community's desire for playful urban spaces that celebrate art, culture, and heritage.

Recent urban developments, like the city centre revitalisation, have inspired hopes for more creative public spaces. The community envisions streetscapes that invite spontaneous play and social interactions, reinforcing Invercargill's identity as a city committed to play, creativity, and connection.





# Invercargill Area Play Map



- Neighbourhood Playgrounds
- Parks and Reserves
- Walkways

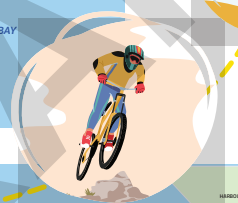
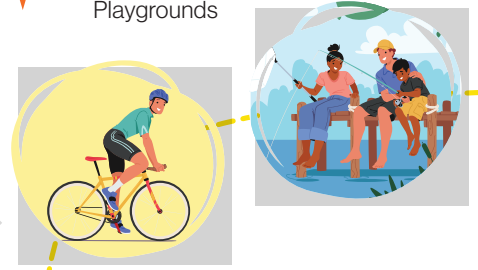
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# Otatara/Sandy Point/Bluff Area Play Maps



## Otatara

- Key**
- Parks and Reserves
  - Walking tracks
  - Forest/Bush
  - Neighbourhood Playgrounds



## Bluff

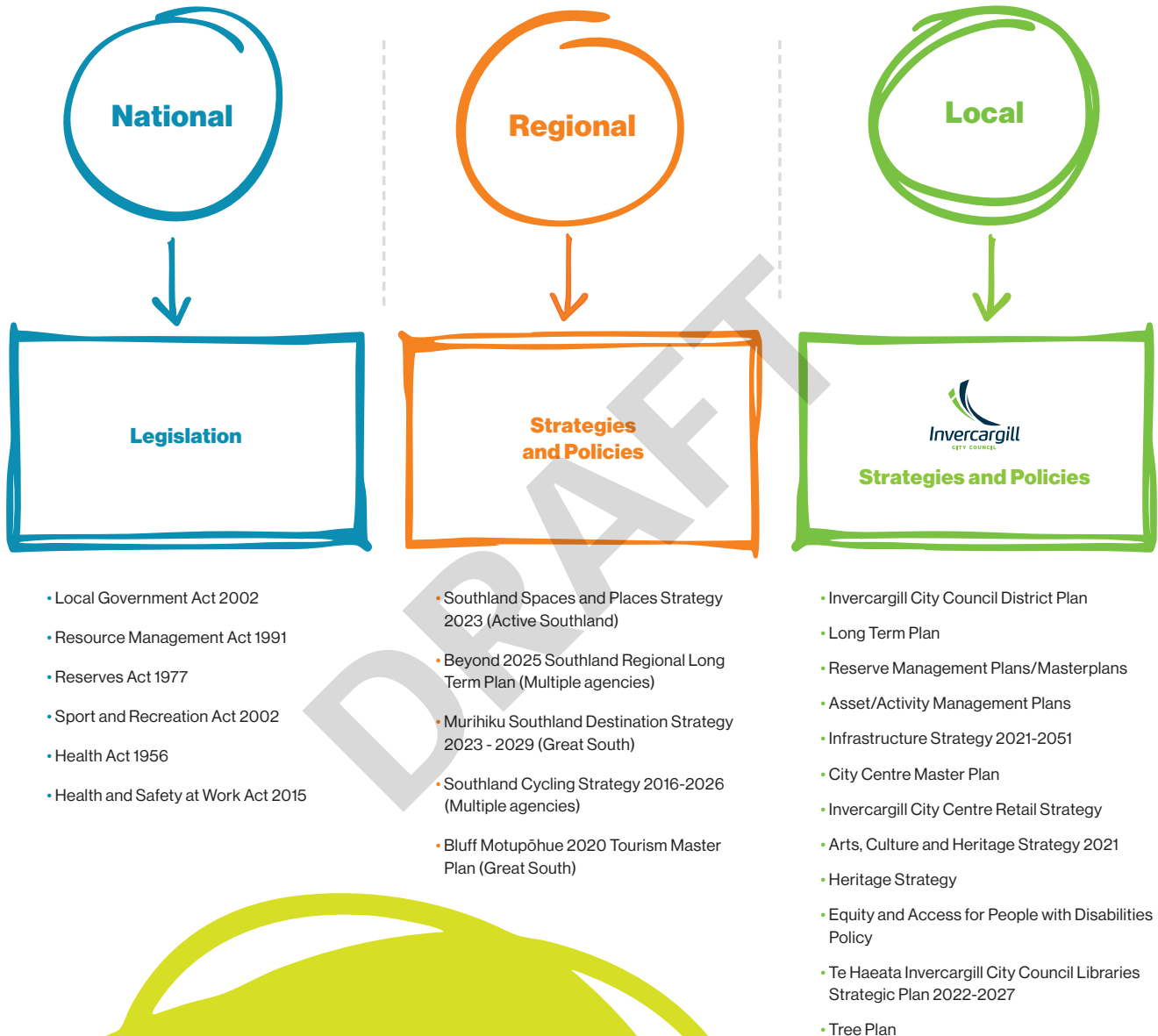
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  - Neighbourhood Playgrounds



## Strategic Context

The Play Strategy is situated within and aligned to a framework of national legislation, regional and local strategies, plans and guidance documents.

It is therefore an integral part of a wider vision for community well-being, sustainable development, and quality of life in Invercargill and the broader Southland region. By considering this diverse range of strategic documents, the Play Strategy aims to create synergies and contribute to a cohesive approach to urban planning, recreation, and community development.



**This comprehensive strategic framework provides the foundation for Invercargill’s Play Strategy, ensuring its alignment with broader community goals and regulatory requirements.**

# The Play Strategy



**This section sets out our roadmap for transforming Invercargill through play. It includes:**

Our **Vision**, which paints a picture of Invercargill's future – what our city looks and feels like when play is woven into its very fabric by 2055. It describes the vibrant, connected community we aspire to create.

The **Purpose Statement** explains why this strategy exists and how Invercargill City Council will implement strategic internal changes to guide decisions, enhance collaboration, and empower our community to embrace play in all its forms, while also outlining the internal commitments needed to achieve these outcomes.

Our **Strategic Outcomes** define the specific, measurable changes we'll make to bring this vision to life. These are our markers of success – the concrete ways we'll know we're creating a more playful city. They speak to the key themes from our community engagement process and seek to capitalise on the opportunities available. They are heavily interconnected and should not be read or considered in isolation.

## Vision

**Invercargill is a city where play excites and connects everyone.**

When we've achieved the vision, Invercargill pulses with playful energy as spaces come alive throughout the day and seasons. Our city's places flex naturally between activities, supporting diverse ways of playing, gathering, and connecting. These dynamic environments invite discovery and interaction, enriching daily life with opportunities for spontaneous play and shared experiences.

Building on our city's rich foundations – from our cherished gathering places to our distinctive streets and neighbourhoods – Invercargill draws people seeking a vibrant, balanced life in a city that prioritises joy and connection. As a city dedicated to the wellbeing of children, youth, and families, we create spaces where people thrive:

Children explore confidently through play-rich neighbourhoods, while youth feel welcome to claim spaces that spark their creativity and energy. Active streets and inviting spaces encourage everyone to linger and connect, ensuring our older residents remain engaged in community life through playful encounters and shared moments of joy. Our community embraces play as essential to city life, understanding its power beyond traditional playgrounds. This playful spirit strengthens 'He Ngākau Aroha – Our City with Heart', driving economic vitality, attracting new residents, and fostering innovation. Through play, Invercargill builds not just a healthier, more connected community, but a more prosperous and liveable city that adapts and thrives.

**“Invercargill is a city where play excites and connects everyone”**





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## Purpose Statement

**This strategy guides Invercargill City Council to harness the transformative power of play, enabling initiatives and partnerships that enrich our spaces and engage people of all ages in creating a thriving, healthy, joyful, and resilient community.**

Invercargill City Council is committed to embedding play as a core value throughout our community, recognising that realising this vision requires strategic internal changes and enhanced coordination across departments. By adopting procedural and policy adjustments, we aim to take play beyond traditional playgrounds, advocating that it be woven into all public spaces. This will make play a seamless and sustainable part of urban life, balancing new opportunities with the ongoing support of our current assets and programmes.

This strategy exists to leverage the power of play in advancing multiple city outcomes, from health and wellbeing to community resilience and urban vibrancy. It aligns with our city’s trajectory toward an inclusive, playful Invercargill and responds to our community’s call for more diverse, accessible play opportunities.

To achieve the outcomes outlined in this strategy, we commit to the following internal initiatives:

- **Expanding Policy and Permissions to Support Play Beyond Parks:**

We will update policies to encourage playful uses across various public spaces, ensuring that permissions support playful environments in public squares and green corridors.

- **Enhanced Cross-Departmental Collaboration for Integrated Play Solutions:**

We will foster ongoing collaboration across departments to embed play opportunities in all relevant council projects, creating a holistic approach that expands our play vision into diverse community settings.

- **Strengthening and Innovating Play Assets to Meet Diverse Needs:**

We commit to maintaining and improving existing play infrastructure while implementing innovative, adaptable solutions that provide flexible play options in spaces lacking formal equipment.

- **Data-Driven Decision-Making for Asset Renewal and Development:**

Data will inform decision-making, allowing us to prioritise resources based on usage patterns and community needs, leading to responsive investments that enhance impact.

- **Transparent Community Engagement, Even When Challenging:**

We pledge to communicate openly with the community about difficult decisions affecting play spaces, ensuring we explore alternatives and maintain active play throughout Invercargill.

Through these internal mechanisms, Invercargill City Council will strengthen its commitment to delivering the outcomes of the Play Strategy. This dual focus on enhancing existing assets and embracing new opportunities enables us to support play in every aspect of city life, making Invercargill a district where play excites, connects, and builds community resilience.



## Strategic Outcomes

**Our Play Strategy for Invercargill presents four interconnected outcomes that will guide the development of play in our city.**

Through inclusive play opportunities, innovative integration of play throughout our spaces, strong community partnerships, and sustainable solutions, we aim to create a more playful, vibrant, and connected community.

The following outcomes provide a framework for transforming Invercargill's play spaces to better serve current and future generations.

### Outcome 1. Inclusive Play Opportunities

**Play experiences are accessible and engaging for people of all ages and abilities. Our spaces foster social interaction, creativity, and physical activity.**

Play experiences in Invercargill should welcome and engage people of all ages and abilities, creating environments that foster connection and growth for everyone.

Our approach focuses on developing spaces that balance safety with freedom in play, incorporating accessible design features alongside adventurous elements that build confidence and social skills. Weather-responsive elements ensure year-round accessibility, recognising Invercargill's unique climate challenges while supporting continuous engagement with play spaces.

By designing inclusive environments, we create opportunities for diverse groups to interact, learn from each other, and build lasting connections. These spaces encourage multi-generational play, supporting both structured and spontaneous activities that bring people together. Our inclusive approach extends beyond physical accessibility to consider social, cultural, and emotional aspects of play, ensuring everyone feels welcome and valued in our play spaces.



**Best practice example:** Sensory Dome climbing structure at Hamilton Zoo, designed for sensory interaction and children with different abilities to play together (image by Georgina Hailwood).



**Best practice example:** Intergenerational park 'Rocks on Wheels' in Melbourne, Australia, designed to provide adventurous opportunities for all ages (design and image by Mike Hewson).

#### Success looks like:

- Welcoming and accessible environments that preserve adventurous play opportunities.
- Inclusive design features that accommodate diverse needs while promoting exploration.
- Versatile spaces that engage multiple age groups simultaneously.
- Evidence of diverse community groups actively using and enjoying play spaces.
- Weather-conducive areas that enable year-round play accessibility.
- Observable social interaction and relationship-building across different user groups.

#### You said:

“I wish there were more play opportunities that cater to adults because kids also feed off our play energy.”

“I wish young people with disabilities were able to easily access play without this needing to be an organised event.”

“I wish the council would put solid pathways around playing fields... to create multi-dimensional spaces in all weathers for walkers, caregivers with prams, kids on scooters, walkers, bikers, skateboarders.”

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## Outcome 2. Innovative Play Integration

**Play is seamlessly integrated into public spaces throughout Invercargill. This encourages spontaneous play and enhances the vibrancy of our city.**

Our vision transforms Invercargill's public spaces into vibrant, interactive environments that encourage spontaneous play and social connection across all ages. By weaving play opportunities throughout our city, we create a more engaging and dynamic urban environment that reflects our community's identity and aspirations. This integration of play extends beyond traditional playground spaces to encompass our streets, alleyways, and urban infrastructure.

A key aspect of this integration is the meaningful incorporation of Māori history and tāonga tākaro, enriching our play environments with cultural significance and educational value. Through creative design solutions and artistic elements, we reimagine our streetscapes and urban centre while preserving and enhancing valued accessible outdoor spaces.

Digital innovations enhance the playability of our public spaces creating additional layers of engagement and interaction in our public spaces.



**Best practice example:**  
Playable and functional art in the form of the 'Long Modified Bench' at Waitematā Green, Auckland (design and image by Jeppe Hein).



**Best practice example:**  
Māori taniwha embedded into skatepark design in Whakatāne (new artwork by Te Marunui Hotene, image by Troy Baker)

### Success looks like:

- Visible increase in spontaneous play and social interactions throughout public spaces.
- Higher foot traffic and positive community feedback in pedestrianised streets and interactive zones.
- Creative elements and play successfully integrated into urban infrastructure and streetscape design.
- Meaningful integration of Māori history and tāonga tākaro in play space design.
- Digital innovations effectively enhance physical play experiences and engagement.
- Increased independent mobility and environmental navigation, particularly for young people.

### You said:

“Turn some roads into pedestrian-only zones and create interactive areas similar to Cuba Street in Wellington. These areas can be perfect for cafes, outdoor games, art installations, and pop-up events.”

“I wish culture and heritage were celebrated outside of ‘Language Weeks’.”

“I wish there were more surprises in and around the city. Cues to activate my imagination and inspire me . . . I would love to think that the alleyways we have led to adventure . . . I wish there were more artworks in the public eye, built into our infrastructure to provoke thinking and a playful mindset.”

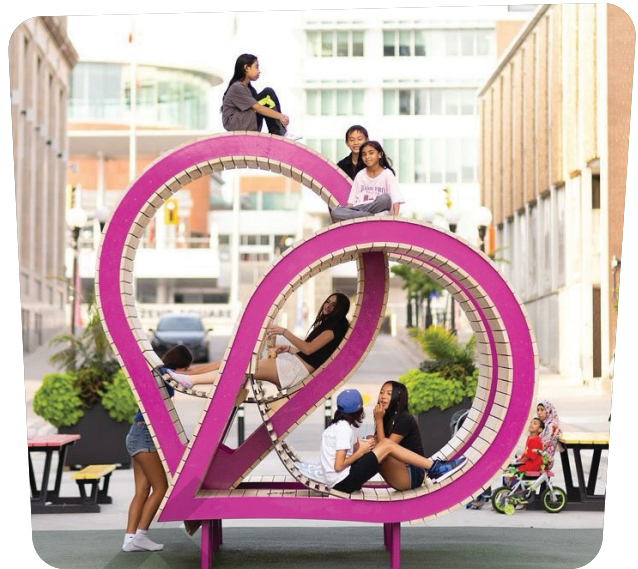


## Outcome 3. Community Partnership and Ownership

**Invercargill’s play opportunities are co-created through partnerships with children, youth, the wider community, and key organisations. This embeds a shared sense of ownership and pride in our play environments.**

Strong community partnerships are fundamental to creating meaningful play opportunities that truly serve our community’s needs. By actively involving children, youth, and the broader community in co-creating play spaces, we ensure these environments reflect real needs and desires rather than just perceived ones. This collaborative approach strengthens neighbourhood connections and builds a sense of shared responsibility for our play environments.

Our partnership model emphasises ongoing dialogue and active participation in both planning and implementation phases. This includes regular opportunities for community input, youth-led initiatives, and partnerships with local organisations. When communities are deeply involved in creating their play spaces, they develop a stronger sense of ownership and pride, leading to better maintenance, more frequent use, and more vibrant community.



**Best practice example:**  
‘Deconstructed Heart’, a playable hang out space designed in partnership with teenage girls in Kitchener, Canada (design and image by Earthscape Play).



**Best practice example:**  
Community-led placemaking intervention part of the Seattle Design Festival in Washington, USA (image by Trevor Dykstra).

### Success looks like:

- Diverse voices, especially young people, actively shape play space design and decision-making.
- Regular community workshops and feedback sessions generate innovative play solutions.
- Local organisations and community groups lead play initiatives in their neighbourhoods.
- Play spaces reflect local heritage and cultural stories through community input.
- Feedback shows strong community pride and ownership in play spaces.
- Increased independent use of play spaces by children and youth.
- Strong partnerships between council, schools, and community organisations.
- Regular evaluation shows play spaces meeting real community needs.

### You said:



“What if we really explored what youth and young adults want to see and we all (funders, ICC, Great South, Active Southland, etc.) worked together to achieve those goals?”

“I’d like to be involved in designing the kind of play my friends and I would enjoy.”

“I wonder if we could have an always open ‘ideas tank’ that could feed play ideas into it?”





## Outcome 4. Affordable, Sustainable, and Flexible Solutions

**Investment in our play environments appropriately balances cost-effectiveness, quality, and affordability for users. Invercargill’s play opportunities are adaptable to changing community needs.**

Our approach to play investment strategically balances community aspirations with fiscal responsibility. We recognise that high-quality play experiences come in many forms - from signature destination playgrounds that serve the wider community to neighbourhood spaces rich in natural elements that spark creativity and open-ended exploration. This diversity allows us to create engaging play opportunities while maintaining long-term sustainability.

By prioritising adaptable, flexible designs, we can maximise play value while ensuring responsible use of resources. Natural materials and loose parts offer sustainable, low-maintenance alternatives that often provide richer play experiences than traditional equipment. At the same time, we will strategically invest in modern play elements where they add significant value to our play network. This balanced approach supports environmental and financial sustainability while creating a mix of high-quality play spaces and opportunities that can grow and evolve with our community’s changing needs.



**Best practice example:**  
Living igloo / willow play huts grown at Ahimate Reserve, Palmerston North (image by Manumea Durie).

### Success looks like:

- Strategic development of diverse play opportunities, from destination playgrounds to neighbourhood natural play spaces.
- Play spaces demonstrate high play value through both natural elements and carefully selected modern equipment.
- New play concepts are tested and evaluated to ensure they meet community needs and provide lasting value.
- Investment decisions are data-driven and respond to documented community use patterns and preferences.
- Play spaces show environmental and financial sustainability while maintaining high-quality play experiences.



**Best practice example:**  
Temporary junk playground in Groningen, The Netherlands (photographer unknown).

### You said:

“Invercargill desperately needs to keep up with other cities across NZ (and internationally) in terms of modern play spaces for children. We need a destination playground.”

“Why does play require shaping? I thought play was about spontaneity . . . You don’t even need play equipment if you have trees, places to hide or throw a ball”

“I would love to see nature parks. Playgrounds made out of wood tree trunks, piles of stones and gravel and sand so that children can build and engineer and feel the earth . . . an area with planks of wood and ropes, all open-ended play that invites cooperation, construction, communication with others.”

## Next Steps



**The development of the Play Strategy has already influenced our processes, resulting in new play opportunities being integrated into our current initiatives. Looking ahead, we are committed to aligning all applicable 2024-2034 Long-term Plan projects with the Strategy to ensure that play elements enhance both current and future developments throughout Invercargill.**

Of particular relevance at this time are the City Centre Urban Play Programme, the Bluff Safe Swimming project, work achieved against the Donovan Park and Sandy Point Master Plans, and the future Elizabeth Park and Queen's Park Master Plans.

A comprehensive Implementation Plan will be created to outline the specific actions and operational work needed to achieve our strategic goals. This plan will include indicators and measures to assess the success of our initiatives and support continuous improvement. To facilitate these changes, we will review and refine our internal processes, implementing necessary adjustments that promote a culture of play throughout the council. This includes addressing change management components to ensure that our teams are equipped and motivated to embrace these new approaches. Examples of this work includes the development of our investment framework to support better play equity in places like Bluff and suburbs in the south of Invercargill, and improved categorisation of our play offerings to account for all forms of play including destination play spaces, neighbourhood playgrounds, natural play areas, partnership situations, play trails, and moveable play assets.

By embedding play into the fabric of our community, we will enhance well-being, foster connections, and ensure that Invercargill meets the diverse play needs of all its residents.



## Appendix: Community Engagement Key Themes

### What we love about what we've got...

#### 1. Queens Park:

Queens Park stands out as a cherished asset, widely appreciated for its diverse offerings. The community values its beautiful gardens, the animal reserve, and the variety of play spaces it provides, including the water play area and disc golf. The park's ability to cater to different age groups and interests makes it a popular destination for families and individuals alike. Its well-maintained grounds and regular upgrades are noted and appreciated by residents.

“ Queen’s Park in general is a fantastic play space for all members of the community to enjoy. There is a great mixture of things to occupy children and adults, from the playground to the paths and tracks. It is very well maintained by the council. ”

“ We love the library. It’s got bathroom and change facilities for the littles, there’s always some little challenge or the librarians giving their top picks. Also love the drop-in sessions that they run. ”

#### 2. Comprehensive Community Facilities:

Invercargill's range of community facilities is highly valued. The library, with its resources and programmes, is seen as a vital hub for learning and community engagement. Splash Palace is praised for its aquatic facilities, catering to both recreational swimmers and those who just want to play. The stadium complex is appreciated for hosting various events and activities, including its informal play resources. The new Invercargill Central Mall with its pop-up play space has also received early praise. These facilities, along with others, are recognised for providing diverse, year-round opportunities for recreation, education, and community gathering, regardless of weather conditions.



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### What we love about what we've got...

#### 3. Accessible Outdoor and Natural Spaces:

Residents of Invercargill highly value the city's abundance of accessible local playgrounds, parks, and natural spaces, including the skatepark and pump track, which provide diverse, low-cost play opportunities that are usually close to home. The city's green spaces, including parks, reserves, and the beach, are appreciated not only for their proximity but also for their natural beauty and diverse landscapes. These outdoor areas encourage regular outdoor activity and offer peaceful environments for relaxation, play, and a connection with nature. The community's appreciation of these assets underscores the importance of preserving and enhancing them, ensuring that all residents can continue to enjoy their aesthetic and recreational benefits.

**“ I love being able to access the beaches and foreshore areas in Bluff as well as Bluff Hill to explore, build huts, and forage kai. ”**

**“ Invercargill is such a family-oriented place and I love that about it – we have so many community events and groups, but we need better spaces for our children. ”**

#### 4. Vibrant Community Groups and Events:

Invercargill's strong sense of community is reflected in the appreciation for local groups and events. Residents value the variety of community-led organisations and activities that cater to diverse interests and age groups. These groups and events play a crucial role in promoting play by providing informal and structured opportunities for social interaction, creative expression, and physical activity. Regular events, festivals, and markets are celebrated not only for bringing people together and fostering social connections but also for enhancing play value by offering diverse and engaging environments where children and adults can explore, learn, and have fun. These community initiatives are seen as vital in creating a sense of belonging, enriching the social fabric of Invercargill, and supporting a playful, active lifestyle for all ages.

## What we wish we had more of...

### 1. Nature and Loose Parts Play:

There's a strong desire for more natural and open-ended play opportunities. Many respondents are calling for playgrounds that incorporate natural elements such as trees, sand, water, and stones, as well as spaces for self-constructed play using loose parts like sticks or other found items. They envision play spaces that foster creativity, cooperation, and exploration, reflecting a preference for more organic and adaptable play environments. These areas could also incorporate artistic elements like sculptures or themed play areas that blend with the natural setting, stimulating both creativity and engagement with nature.

“ More open-ended play. Think water, sand, stones. More natural playgrounds, like the one at Queens Park ”

“ I wonder if the playgrounds could be designed. There's no flow between the play opportunities that guide you from place to place, they're just plonked in the parks. ”

### 2. Modern and Inclusive Play Spaces:

There is a strong desire to upgrade and modernise existing play areas to meet contemporary standards and trends. These requests are to go beyond simply placing equipment in parks; they call for thoughtful, well-designed play spaces that integrate into their surroundings and serve multiple functions. Residents are advocating for the development of larger, destination playgrounds with modern, versatile structures catering to all ages and abilities, from toddlers to adults, fostering intergenerational opportunities. There is also a call for more inclusive designs that address diverse needs, such as accessible equipment, communication boards, and sensory play areas for children with disabilities. In addition, the community has highlighted the need for supporting amenities like toilets, shade, drinking fountains, and seating to enhance comfort and convenience. Emphasis is placed on creating high-quality play spaces that serve as central attractions, providing engaging environments where both children and adults, regardless of their abilities, can enjoy and participate in play, fostering a sense of community, ensuring equitable access for everyone, and enticing visitors.



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### What we wish we had more of...

#### 3. Indoor and Weather-Protected Play Areas:

Many comments emphasise the need for more indoor or weather-protected play facilities. Given the region's frequent adverse weather, there's a push for covered playgrounds, indoor play spaces, and activities that can be enjoyed regardless of weather conditions. This includes suggestions for covered picnic areas, all-weather resources, and repurposing unused buildings for indoor play areas. The desire for indoor options during winter is particularly emphasised and ensuring these facilities are free or affordable is also a recurring theme. Further activation of Invercargill Central (the mall) is requested, including maintaining and improving the existing pop-up play space and providing for youth by attracting a vendor for an arcade. These indoor spaces could also serve as venues for community events, markets, and cultural activities, creating vibrant hubs that blend play, art, and community interaction.

**“ We need more indoor/ sheltered activities. Maybe do some research on what activities the colder European countries have for ‘winter’ entertainment and play. ”**

**“ I wonder if we could have interactive art installations that encourage all ages to stop and play. ”**

#### 4. Community and Artistic Enhancements:

People are expressing a strong desire to see Invercargill's public spaces transformed into vibrant areas that celebrate art, creativity, and culture. There is a call for more artistic and imaginative elements throughout the city, such as colourful street art, interactive sculptures, musical installations, and themed play areas that reflect local heritage and cultural stories. Residents envision a city that is visually stimulating and full of life, where public spaces serve multiple purposes and engage the senses. They hope to see local artists play a key role in this transformation, contributing to the city's unique identity and fostering a deeper sense of community ownership. In other words, create a cityscape where art and play are incorporated into everything, enhancing cultural richness and providing spaces where all residents can connect, relax, play, and be inspired.

## What we've been wondering about...

### 1. Balancing Safety with Freedom in Play:

The community is curious about how to create play environments that balance safety with the freedom to explore and be adventurous. There is a recognition of the need for safe, accessible spaces for younger children and those with higher needs (e.g., fencing), but also a concern that overly restrictive attitudes to safety have also limited creativity and more adventurous play, especially for the city's youth. Residents are wondering how spaces might be both secure and stimulating at the same time or whether it is possible to have a greater spectrum of self-directed opportunities that support diverse needs in some areas while encouraging resilience in others.

**“ My son is autistic and just loves climbing, the ground is lava, parkour. Would love to see more of those opportunities to further his skills because he's done everything there is to do. ”**

**“ It matters to young people to have things tailored to their needs, and where they can also meet each other and socialise safely. Treat young people as unimportant and they can feel alienated and that does have social repercussions. I believe that spending a bit to help keep young people gainfully amused is not wasted money but an investment in the well-being of young people. ”**

### 2. Exploring Cost-Effective Play Solutions:

With concerns about the financial implications of any large-scale play developments alongside other important city projects, residents are questioning how play can be expanded or improved without imposing a heavy financial burden on ratepayers. The community is open to exploring creative and cost-effective solutions that maintain a high play value while keeping costs manageable. They recognise that this requires creativity, innovation, and potentially new ways of delivering play experiences.





**What we've been wondering about...**

**3. Enhancing Community Collaboration and Engagement:**

There is a strong sense among residents that community collaboration could be improved, particularly in involving young people, schools, and various community organisations in the planning and design of play opportunities. People are asking how the council might better engage and partner with the community to ensure diverse perspectives are considered and play environments reflect the needs and values of all residents. Simplifying council processes would significantly enhance this effort, making it easier for community members to contribute ideas and deliver play initiatives. This would foster a sense of shared ownership over these spaces and ensure that the play environments are truly representative of and responsive to the community's needs.

**“ Spaces and places for rangatahi - we have a heavy tamariki focus which is great but more spaces that work for our rangatahi and asking them what they want/need in a space. ”**

**“ I wonder if we can close Esk St. to traffic. Even if only weekend closures were possible, it would make it so much better and attractive to visit. ”**

**4. Expanding Play Through Innovative Urban Design:**

Following the positive response to the city centre redevelopment on Esk and Don Streets, residents are curious about how Invercargill can continue to innovate its urban design to further encourage play and social interaction. They are wondering if more areas in the city could be redesigned or even pedestrianised to promote spontaneous play, turning ordinary spaces into playful environments. There is interest in how streetscapes could be reimagined to include interactive installations or elements that invite exploration and engagement. People are asking how the city might build on the successes of its recent projects to create a more playful and connected urban centre, where community life is enlivened through thoughtful design that prioritises both functionality and enjoyment.



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