



# Media release

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## Community had say on how we play

New junior play equipment which was installed at Lake Jualbup on Friday 1 November has already proven to be a hit, with many children enjoying the play equipment every day since installation.

The new play equipment was specifically designed for use by children under five years of age and is located next to the play equipment that was installed for older children last year.

Mayor Henderson said: "The expanded play area is now a space that children of all ages will enjoy discovering. The new junior addition has been well received by the community, with the city receiving positive feedback from a number of playground users."

The installation of the equipment follows an extensive two-part consultation with the community that resulted in local residents and playground users choosing the final design.

Mayor Henderson said: "The city would like to thank everyone who submitted their feedback or voted for a design.

"This project was primarily driven by the community and the passion and enthusiasm from all those involved has resulted in the excellent outcome we see today."

During the first stage of consultation, the city collected feedback from local parents and playground users to identify which play elements were most important and what was required for parents to be able to effectively supervise their children.

Survey results showed the most popular play activities were sliding, swinging, climbing, hiding-in and balancing. This information was given to the play equipment supplier to guide development of two suitable playground proposals.



During the second stage of the consultation, the community were asked to vote on their favourite of the two proposals via the city's online community engagement platform [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/haveyoursay)

Over the three week voting period, there were a total of ninety-three votes, with the winning design capturing 57 per cent of these votes.

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### **Photo/Interview Opportunity**

Attached: Photo of new junior play equipment

### **Notes to Editor**

In early 2012, the old senior playground at Lake Jualbup was removed and replaced by a new and innovative playground. Although the old senior playground was designed for older children, it was being used by younger children under five years of age. Its removal created a gap for some parents, as it was no longer suitable for very young children.

Following a Council resolution on 24 July, 2012, Council resolved play equipment suitable for children less than five years of age would be reinstated at Lake Jualbup and local parents would be consulted in the selection of new equipment.

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