

Port Denison Foreshore Playspace & Pavilion

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the community being asked for feedback again?

The Shire of Irwin is seeking updated community input to ensure the final design reflects current needs, preferences, and priorities before construction begins. This collaborative approach supports a transparent and inclusive design process, with a strong focus on incorporating the perspectives of locals and stakeholders.

Are we continuing to follow the 2021 Master Plan, which was shaped through community consultation?

The masterplan has certainly provided us a blueprint for the recent detail concept design for the playspace and pavilion. The Shire provided copies of masterplans, community consultation summaries and feedback to GHD Design who used the information to inform the current design.

The 2021 Foreshore Masterplan includes a pontoon and jetty. Will they be delivered as part of the Playspace & Pavilion project?

The pontoon and jetty proposed within the Foreshore Masterplan will not form part of this project. These elements may be explored by the Shire as part of future upgrades and additions.

How will you stop erosion of the foreshore?

A seawall will be constructed along the foreshore to prevent erosion. The Shire has engaged coastal engineer (MP Rogers) to prepare a design.

When will the new Playspace & Pavilion be constructed?

Construction commences mid-2026.

Are the existing shelter sheds and toilets being kept?

The existing shelter sheds have served the community well but are deteriorating. They will be demolished and replaced with a new pavilion. It is intended that some of the timber from the shelter shed will re-used as furniture or decorative panels to the new pavilion.

The toilet and ablution building will also be demolished and replaced with a new structure integrated within the pavilion. The toilets will include male, female and ambulant facilities.

They will be replaced with improved facilities that are better suited to the foreshore site and the social needs of both locals and tourists.

Will the existing car parking and road safety be improved as part of the project?

During recent design workshops with Council, it was discussed at length the existing car parking layout adjacent the existing shelter sheds and pedestrian safety within the immediate area. GHD are currently reviewing current parking layout and the provision of safe pedestrian crossings and pathways to complement the foreshore upgrades.

These upgrades will be designed to ensure safe and inclusive movement for people of all ages and abilities. The parking and pedestrian crossings will be delivered concurrently by the Shire.

How will the project be funded?

\$1.5 million in funding has been secured from the Government's Growing Regions Program and an additional \$1.5 million from Lotterywest. The Shire has also pledged \$1.5 million to implement the key features of the 'foreshore core precinct'.

Will the project provide economic stimulus to Port Denison?

We expect the project to support local employment during construction and encourage increased visitation to Port Denison. Once complete, the Playspace & Pavilion will serve as a key attraction, showcasing the town's natural beauty and foreshore location. By creating a welcoming and vibrant community space, the project aims to encourage both residents and tourists to spend more time in the area and engage with its unique cultural and historical character.
