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WEST COAST COUNCIL PLAYGROUND REDESIGNS: HEADLEY FAULL'S PARK & PLAZA QUEENSTON HOWARD'S PARK ZEEHAN FEEDBACK SUMMARY

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WEST COAST COUNCIL QUEENSTOWN – HEADLEY FAULL’S PARK AND PLAZA AND ZEEHAN – HOWARD’S PARK PLAYGROUND REDESIGN

REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY FEEDBACK AND COMMENTS

Following the release of the concept designs, an opportunity for the community to provide feedback was provided and is presented below in a summarized form.

The proposal was released for public comment for a period of 3 weeks, from 9 March to 31 March 2023. The comment period was advertised via social media, Council website, local radio and LinkedIn. Feedback was received via email and post to Council office.

There were twenty-three feedback submissions received in relation to the proposals.

ZEEHAN – HOWARD’S PARK PLAYGROUND REDESIGN

Name: Michael and Carly van der Zwet

We’re sorry we missed the meet and greet with the councillors on the week-end but we didn’t know it was on. Had we known we would have attended.

We are impressed with the designs for Howard’s Park! It looks amazing and Zeehan will benefit greatly by having a new park. We observe all the visitors who stop at the park on their way through the town. A beautiful park will complement the developments we are working on for our Zeehan properties.

We are members of Zeehan Thrives and we rely on this channel of communication. Is it possible for the West Coast Council to ensure all matters related to Zeehan are sent through Zeehan Thrives please?

Name: Samantha Farr

I think it's great you are doing upgrades on the play space/communal areas in our towns, just a specific suggestion for Zeehan.

I always loved that in our park we had the big timber ship that of course represented our old history and connection to Abel Tasman and his ship the Zeehan. Whilst I appreciate that the park is a local community space it is also a major spot for tourists. They often park up at the play park for a break and some food and use the parks facilities or stay longer if visiting the museum.

Would it possible to fit in on the Main Street side of the park a good quality, weather resistant info sign that explains our connection to Abel Tasman and his ship, which explains how we became one of the few "Z" towns in Australia.

I appreciate it offers nothing in respect of facilities for we who live here, but I think it would provide free added interest for our tourist visitors and show we have a pretty old 'colonial' history rather than being a little place that has seen better days (in tourists eyes). This sign may also be an opportunity to acknowledge country and the first people of the region.

Name: Khalia Warren

I just wanted to comment on the plan for Howard's Park, it looks like a great play area for older children 8+. I was wondering what equipment will be able to be used by younger children?

My son (16 months) loves going to the park but there's currently not a lot he can do and the new design doesn't look like it features anything that's accessible to toddlers.

I see there is a space for future development, it would be great if this area could perhaps cater for this age group. A sheltered play space for younger children would be great for the community.

General Comments: made to Mayor Shane Pitt by community members

1. Incorporate skate park as part of Pump track.
 2. Entry Artwork to stay also maybe have the children of the original people do some artwork to add to it.
 3. Active Zone to incorporate 2 court markings on the one area for netball and basketball with 2 hoops. Dual purpose hoops not a good option.
 4. Fencing is installed completely around park.
 5. Can the climbing area be relocated away from fence and toilet.
 6. Maybe instead of climbing wall could a large boulder with installed hand holds be a change that fits more around the West Coast image.
 7. Existing entrance can it be left as is but paint and install fencing behind the entry.
 8. More seating around active zones and park as a whole
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Name: Zeehan Thrives

Zeehan Thrives would like to provide the following with regard to feedback on the Howards Park Zeehan design.

Zeehan Thrives is very pleased with the designs developed for Howards Park. We feel that our past suggestions and feedback have been considered and incorporated into the design. We believe that there is a good balance between providing a space for local families and tourists. We particularly like the consideration that has been given to providing a space that suits and will accommodate our teenagers. The pump track will certainly complement our wonderful Silver City Trails. The only addition perhaps, which we suggested in a previous letter, was a concrete or better brick wall with lines and targets so it can be used for ball activities (handball, tennis, football, handball practice etc).

As mentioned previously, our park is a focal point of our town, and it is therefore very important that it showcases our town in a positive light. We feel the design is modern and the structured designated spaces, which are placed around natural green spaces, are inviting and a great fix for our town.

We thank the West Coast Council for their work to date and for allowing Zeehan Thrives to provide feedback.

We look forward to seeing work commence, and of course, the end result.

QUEENSTOWN – HEADLEY FAULL'S PARK PLAYGROUND REDESIGN

Name: Krystal Hutchinson

I understand that nature play is an important and integral part of a child's development. I have below a list and images from other Councils around the state. I understand other Council's

budget is most likely larger than West Coast Council's. I strongly believe we could incorporate some of the ideas listed below into the current plan.

A great park, will be beneficial for locals, tourists and may even encourage/assist young families looking to relocate to the West Coast for work opportunities. A new park will need to be inclusive, interactive, promote an active lifestyle and hopefully increase revenue in the area.

1. Baby Play

Inspired by the Tasmanian Velvet Worm, a creature native to Tasmania and with populations in Kingborough. The decorative shade structure over this relaxing area is inspired by a Rock Daisy and casts intriguing shadows over the space.

Play Elements: The baby play area offers babies and their carers a safe and soft place to sit, feed, lie, roll, crawl and explore. It also offers carers the ability to supervise older children in the adjacent play areas.

2. Toddler Play

Inspired by the Chaostola Skipper Butterfly, the Toddler Play area connects to the Baby Play area by an arbour tunnel, representing a chrysalis. An Agency of Sculpture custom-designed water course allows exploratory water play, whilst a potion-making bench encourages imaginative play.

Play Element: Water course, sandpits, swings, potion-making bench, bouncing bee, timber caterpillar and skipper butterfly sculpture.

3. Rock Pool Water Play

Designed to evoke the nature of rock pools, the water play area draws on the 'floatiness' of the Weedy Sea Dragon and the changing nature of its habitat dependant on tide and weather. A sculptural sea urchin climbing structure by Agency of Sculpture, provides a beautiful focal element to the space offering a distinctly different play experience.

Play Elements: Water play, sea urchin climbing/cubby.

4. Sand Play Area

Inspired by the Thylacine, the tragedy of losing a species has been incorporated into the sand play area with fossilised bones to discover buried under the sand. These "bones" were created by local artist, Gerhard Mausz. The forms of the nearby rock pools will continue into this space with the added bonus of a beautiful timber sand play table made by local artist Roland Gabatel

Play Elements: Fossil dig, sand play table, sand play toys.

5. Slides & Seesaws

Nestled amongst a forest of she-oaks a little army of she-oak skinks scatter and run in the form of seesaws, slides, and log balancing beams. Inspired by the She-Oak Skink, the smooth bodies of these creatures translate into the smooth slide surfaces designed for universal enjoyment. There are also two skinks lounging in this area crafted by local artist, Roland Gabatel.

Play Elements: All abilities slide, tunnel slide, multi-person slide, timber seesaws.

6. Spinning & Sensory Garden

The spots of the spotted tail quoll give inspiration to the spinning play zone, circles of movement and giddiness designed to simulate the senses and provide universal play for all. This zone is located near the Sensory Garden and the musical instruments nestled in the garden.

Play Elements: Spinning wok, Dutch disc, rotofun, basket swing, mini-trampoline, wheelchair carousel, musical play elements.

7. Rope Forest

With a tail for balancing and gripping, the Tasmanian Bettong inspired the rope course area, a forest of poles set amidst a forest of trees, strung with ropes and obstacles to challenge and elevate above the ground.

Play Elements: Rope course and elevated cubby.

8. Wedge-tail Eagle Nest

The majestic Wedge Tailed Eagle comes home to rest in a giant nest made from logs and boulders that perches above the parkland. A giant bird's nest swing occupies the nest and creates the feeling of flying over the parkland.

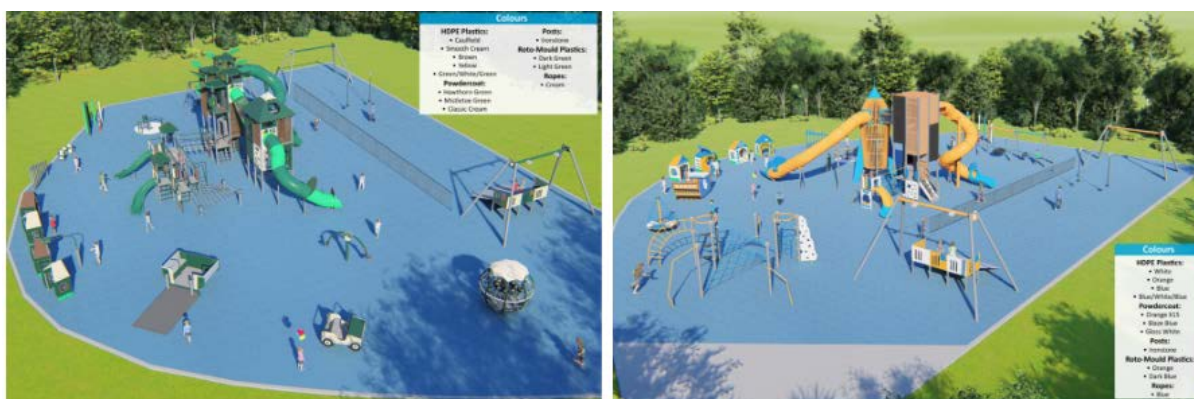
Play Elements: Tripod/Birds Nest Swing, logs, and boulder hop.

9. Youth Area

The Tasmanian Long Eared Bat was the perfect inspiration for the most requested play item for the parkland—the flying fox. A double flying fox designed by Agency of Sculpture spans outwards after launching from the back of a giant sculptural bat. Sculpted insects sit atop the poles at the opposite end. Nearby, the youth area utilises the old Kingston High School sports court as place for skating, handball and half-court basketball and netball.

Play Elements: Dual flying fox, basketball and netball half-court, handball wall and swings.

Images: *(Glenorchy City Council: Benjafield Playspace Renewal)*



Name: Chris Wilson

It is my understanding that this park is named in honour of a former Queenstowner and councillor who arrived here from Adelaide in the early 1900s. If that is correct, it is important to correctly spell his name and also give a bit of information about him and his contribution to Queenstown's early development. The name is HEDLEY FAULL - not Headly Faulls.

Oh, and I want to say I'm loving the plans for the children's play area with rocks, climbing logs and flying fox etc. Great ideas!

Name: Christine Gray

Thank you to the Mayor, Councillors, and staff (Skye Thompson) who attended the recent public site visits (18 March) to hear feedback from the community regarding the recently advertised plans to redevelop the above two public spaces in Queenstown. We appreciate the opportunity to engage with Councillors and Council staff.

We feel that our feedback was listened to and noted by Councillors and staff and are making this submission to further document our feedback. We also appreciate the respect shown when our 11 year old daughter explained her thoughts on the redevelopment.

Headley Faull Playground

No. 9 on site plan: *"natural grass oval with additional sub-surface drainage to prevent sogginess during rainy periods"*.

We understand the desire for open green spaces however even with good drainage this is at a high risk of becoming a mud pit. If this space is an attempt to provide area for ball use (i.e. football, cricket, frisbee) what is the risk mitigation around children running onto the road when the ball, frisbee etc gets kicked/thrown out of the area?

No. 14 on site plan: *"bitumen basketball/netball shooting space with painted line marking and full-size dual sport hoop and 3-point line"*.

We would like clarification on how a dual sport hoop works as from our limited investigations they usually require manually switching the hoop around from basketball to netball which would be inconvenient and require Council staff to attend the site.

We feel a better option would be to have two separate rings – one for netball and one for basketball, perhaps located at either side/end of the bitumen area. Line marking for a netball goal circle could also be done. It is common practice for shared line marking on playing surfaces (different colours).

No. 24 on site plan: *"in-ground trampoline/bouncer in poured rubber softfall surround"*.

With the large volume of rain experienced in Queenstown, how will you account for drainage? Will parents be unhappy with children getting wet from using this equipment (like they do when the slide is wet)? When visiting similar spaces at other playgrounds it's also noted that waste/rubbish accumulates under the trampoline/bouncer – what is Council's plan around this as it will require additional Council staff time for cleaning?

Instead of the bouncer can consideration be given to installation of an all-abilities piece of equipment?

No. 27 on site plan: *"double flying fox"*.

We would imagine adults will use the flying fox - what is the proposed weight rating and was it Council's plan around minimising risk associated with those outside the maximum weight rating using the equipment? The regular upkeep (i.e. maintenance and tensioning) would require a qualified person and if people outside the weight rating are using the flying fox this type of maintenance would occur regularly. Does Council have a plan for future budget allocation for Council resources to ensure the equipment is maintained to the appropriate standard? What material will be used for the impact surface underneath?

No. 30 on site plan: *"stainless steel slide and timber ladder slide"*.

The consensus from those at the site meeting was that a stainless-steel slide doesn't seem practical or safe as it would pose burn risk in hot weather.

Signage: the redevelopment is a prime opportunity to install modern interpretation within the facility that details the history of the site (the storytelling perspective that connects people to

place), as well as information relating to equipment, safety etc. A school was once located on the site and the area is named after Hedley Faull, a previous warden of Queenstown.

Existing equipment: noting that some of the equipment is still in good, functioning condition is there potential for this to be relocated to another location, such as the Lake Burbury or Macquarie Heads Camping Grounds to be used by the increasing volume of visitors that now use these facilities?

Name: Fox

This is really awesome and very encouraging.

I do assume that the Mt Owen MTB Trail map will remain or a new one conforming to the new design but may I suggest it is also an opportunity, as we don't have a unique entry arch announcing the Mt Owen Trails at the shuttle uplift.

Name: Ebony Chisar

- A. Would it not cost more to rip up and more the concrete slab for the basketball?
 - B. By moving the slab, the balls are closer to being able to go on the road.
 - C. On a really hot day kids can get burnt on the soft fall rubber.
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Name: Mary-Ellen Gilleece

As a early years professional working, living and raising my own family in Queenstown it is important that council consider my thoughts for the new park. I think it is amazing that planning has begun on area that gets used so much, but why do we have to get rid of what is there?

There is nothing wrong with the equipment, yes it's not up to date and fancy like the big cities but it provides lots of opportunities that the new park plan doesn't give. Climbing, balancing, supporting your own weight are key development areas from 0-5 years. Which are all supported with old equipment for a wide range of age groups.

I believe moving forward yes we need upgrades but leave what we have and add to it. Have you been to the park with your kids and it's full of teenagers? It's not a nice experience, add more up the back on the grass area so there is separation, add more under cover areas but leave what we have.

Leave the donated benches, trees, gazebos but think how we can improve. Add a fence to keep our children safe, add large climbing opportunities, ADD is key not take away and replace.

Name: Ralph Wildenauer

While the concept looks good, the removal of the existing play equipment leaves very little for the younger children to entertain themselves. These pieces of equipment are very popular, and the redevelopment of the park should include these. Also, the removal of the newly erected and rarely used bike wash facility again show wasted ratepayers funds at the hands of the council. I could also not see the BBQ's which are often used by tourists.

Name: Dianne Shepherdson

1. The pergola in the playground is very sturdy and suited to this area.
 2. The children and youth both utilise the swings, one set of swings might not be enough.
 3. Will the flying fox hold older children as they would utilise this play area.
 4. New recycled seating under pergola with seating and tables.
 5. More seating throughout the playground areas for parents and grandparents to sit and watch the children closely and not from a distance. Seating around the oval, near the basketball court, near the swings etc.
 6. BBQ looks in good order, do they need replacing?
 7. Bins to be provided throughout the play area.
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Name: Dianne Powell

On reading the plans for Headley Faulds Park my thoughts are:

- The barbecue could stay where it is to save some money
 - Great that it is being fenced
 - Flying fox fantastic
 - Green space could be more useful
 - The slide picture at the Zeehan Park would be fantastic at Queenstown
 - The toilets are in need of a revamp. They need to be cleaned properly extensively and the floors need to be resealed to get rid of the terrible smells. Also a children only toilet could be useful.
 - No Dogs allowed needs to stay
 - Trampolines fantastic
 - Maybe the bike wash station could have a clear back instead of the boards just a bit extra safety for children going to toilet
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Name: Craig Clarke

I am keen to see this town transformed into an attraction for tourists and even better place to live, or even move to. I had a few ideas about the Headley Faull's park and plaza upgrades. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the meetings held on the 18th. In the Headley Faull's Park I was hoping the slide could be upgraded to a bigger, higher one?

Maybe a small bike track for the little kids and there isn't as many things in the new version for kids say 1-5 age range like there is now, i.e. the climbing things. Also, any chance this old play equipment could be re located to the football ground between clubrooms and grand stand? This would be excellent for the kids during football and also for the kids that come with the packed rec from caravans these past few summers has shown. Yes, I understand it would need to be fenced and that's all a cost etc but it would be nice.

Name: Geraldene Halton

Following, is my feedback on the proposed plans for the Queenstown Park area. The Headley Faulds area has always been, primarily, a children's / Family area, and in its present state, it's a dual area, sharing the area with the mountain bike groups.

I don't have small children at home ATM, however, I take my grandchildren there when they come to visit.

My concerns now & into the future:

With the Bike washing station in its present position, there is no clear vision to the public toilets. When a child wants to use the toilet, all children in my care have to stop what they're doing & come with me to insure the safety of the child using the bathroom, perhaps the backing wall could be removed, if it hasn't already been done.

There is also the problem of sharp rocks finding their way onto the children's play area, both the soft fall & the plastic turf areas, I hope when the park is updated, a suitable surface is installed instead of sharp rocks.

The basketball / netball area is a great idea, however, as there's a difference in height with the rings, a dual colour coded area with separate rings, on opposite sides, would be more appropriate to cater for both netball & basketball.

It was suggested at the meeting to allow dogs on leads in the park, for hygiene concerns, under no circumstances should dogs be allowed in the park.

I'm concerned about installing a metal slide, metal gets far too hot on a sunny day, perhaps a different surface could be considered.

The present climbing area in the park has children of all ages having fun, could some of this equipment be repurposed & integrated into the new plans as there doesn't seem to be enough to climb on & over, particularly for the preschool children.

The park proposal also has far too many trees, they would be acceptable around the perimeter, particularly near the (2) adjoining buildings to shield them from park noise. Perhaps within the park they could be restricted to small shrubs, keeping in mind, the council workforce will have to maintain all plantings.

In summary, my concerns:

- Safety of children using the bathroom
- Remove the sharp rocks in the bike & play area
- Dual purpose ball area
- Under no circumstances should dogs be allowed in the park
- A metal slide would be far too hot a surface, (I have memories of my own childhood)
- Not enough for pre-school children to climb on & over
- Far too many trees for council to maintain

QUEENSTOWN - PLAZA REDESIGN - ORR & MCNAMARA STREET

Name: Dianne Shepherdson

The Orr and McNamara Street is definitely a priority for Queenstown as there is no shade area for hot weather or cold raining days for tourists or residence to sit and enjoy the shops and the views...suggestion a solid pergola or gazebo like the one in the playground in this area would be perfect The pergola/gazebo would be for all weather types and big so most of the area is covered with shade.

2. Raised garden beds in bright colours surrounding this area filled with either native shrubs to Queenstown or seaside daisies look after themselves. The beds to be painted with bright colours from the local artists.

3. Definitely no lawn, no room for such a small area and not practical.

4. Utilise what's already there with the paving and seating...just an upgrade to the seating and more tables attached to the seating for adults and children to sit there to eat which is what the area is used for. The seating is recycled plastic product so just needs an upgrade and a few more extra table and seats.

5. Bins.

6. Armel Walk Memorial Plaza Information bay to be kept but shade area to be extended or consideration of consulting with Lions to place in a difference area ie near Tracks so more space for redevelopment of this area.

7. The mural probably represents history of Queenstown so to be left.

8. Well established Silver Birch trees spread over 2 corners of this small area would look appealing and a Japanese maple in the other as indicated on plan, they grow well in Queenstown.

9. More lighting throughout the shrubs or plants and on the pergola. Security lighting would also be beneficial in this area.

10. Introduce bright colours in this small area would be appealing and the local artist could benefit by their art around the raised garden beds. As previously mentioned.

11. Since Queenstown has an abundance of water, something simple in the middle of the pergola/gazebo ...a water feature.

12. A tall slag sculpture next to the tree in the corner.

13. Arches in both the entrances to the shade area.

14. A hedge along the front on both sides of Orr Street, seaside daisies are very hardy and look after themselves and grow well here.

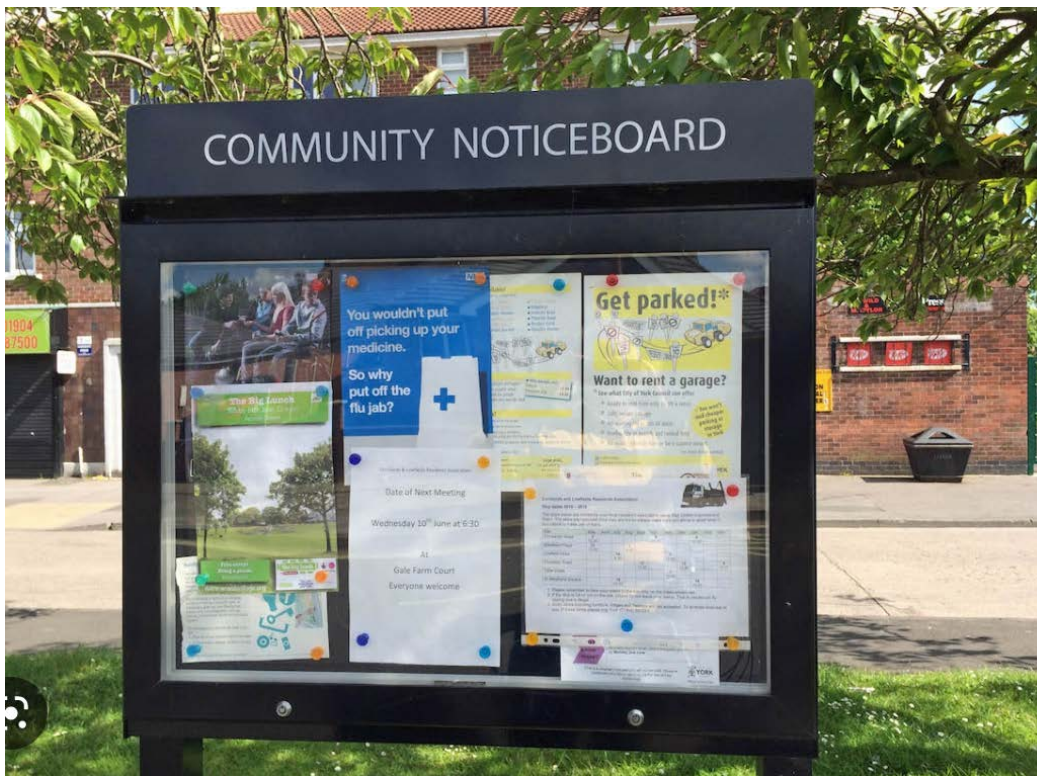
15. Gallipoli rosemary is a good bush to introduce as hedging and can be used for Anzac Day and Remembrance Day memorials.

Name: Ralph Wildenauer

All looks nice in a climate of ample sunshine which we do not have. There needs to be some shelter from the rain.

Name: Joy Chappell

As a local multi-business tourism operator, I would like to see some locked, weatherproof information panels at the plaza. Similar to this...



I would suggest there be enough space for the following categories;

- Community organisations and info eg. clubs, schools, NFP's, waste management, dump points, pool, etc
- Emergency info; Hospital, police, SES etc
- Local businesses outside of obvious tourism eg, supermarkets, fuel, car repairs, general shopping
- Tourism businesses, eg. accommodation, tours, galleries, museums, restaurants, cafe's etc
- What's on; events, festivals, footy games, golf tournaments, movies, concerts etc.
- Local advertisements for items for sale etc, such as you see in shop windows in town.

Given that most visitors walk past the Plaza it would be the perfect spot to display all the information they may need. It would also be a point for locals who are not on social media, to find out what's happening in Queenstown.

I'm sure most businesses would be happy to pay a small fee to the council to display their information. It would need to be neat and tidy so I would suggest each position be the same size eg A4 or A5.

It would also negate the need for everyone in town to put their notices in shop windows, allowing the businesses to have clean windows and not have to bother putting up and taking down notices constantly.

Suggestions to make it work better;

- Each private notice should be A3 or A4 size only.
- Each participant must agree to keep their information up to date.
- Any new or replacement notices should be dropped into either WCC or a central point in Orr St. (Perhaps there could be a locked box, like a post box, where notices could be left in Orr St?)
- Notices would only need changing once a week at a specified time e.g. 11am Monday morning so new notices should be at the drop off point by 10am.

- Notices could have a date stamp for automatic removal. E.g. an event notice that is scheduled for a certain date should be removed the next changeover date after the event is held.
- The removal date could be on a small sticker in the same corner of each notice to make it quicker and easier for the person doing the changeover to locate obsolete notices.
- Perhaps a local NFP organisation could be paid a fee to maintain the notices, eg, Vinnies, Lions Club etc.

Regarding the rest of the design ideas for the Plaza;

Given our climate there needs to be shelter from the frequent rain and also the sunlight which is known to burn much quicker in Tasmania.

I'm pleased to see the intention of improving the site, adding some greenery and generally making it more attractive and user friendly.

Name: Dianne Powell

The Plaza – doesn't need a lot: clean, paint, add another table and chairs and cover for them. No grass or trees as the space is not big enough and we have too much rain.

Name: Craig Clarke

The plaza: on the small grass area I think it would be nice to have a town centre piece, statue or water fountain, maybe something that represents Queenstown. Something tourists will take photos of and this town will be remembered for (yes once again money is needed, maybe open it up to the public for donations, or a small fund-raiser), get The Unconformity involved in creating a centre piece.

These are just some ideas and thoughts I had on the new developments. They will be how the place will look for the foreseeable future. I hope we spend a little extra and make this town a great place to live and even better place to visit.

Name: Christine Gray

Armel Wall Plaza

It was explained during the site visit that redevelopment of the plaza would only occur if there was surplus budget from the playground redevelopment however, we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and think it was good that Council is taking this opportunity to have plans drawn up for the space for when budget is available.

Mural and Signage: the redevelopment is a prime opportunity to install modern interpretation within the facility that details the history of the site, who Armel Wall was etc (the storytelling perspective that connects people to place). We believe it is vital that the existing mural remain on site, with the additional of interpretation signage explaining the people and purpose behind it.

It's noted that the corner area (McNamara back corner) has already received a small redevelopment with removal of garden beds and installation of a new fence. It seems a waste of community money to then see this removed and raised corten steel planters installed. It was suggested at the site visit that this area could have bike racks and signage promoting the MTB trails installed instead of planters.

Likewise, the removal of existing pavers that are still in good condition to install trees, garden beds and grass that, if not regularly maintained, will end up being a cost burden to Council (and the community), and an eyesore.

There is also a need for undercover seating that protects people from the rain and the sun.

We note the installation of a lot of trees and shrubs at both sites. Whilst this looks aesthetically pleasing the hazards that eventually develop from these will require Council budget and staff resources. Perhaps it would be a better use of the project budget to minimise cost associated with purchase and installation of trees/shrubs and use the funds towards equipment and infrastructure (e.g. drainage, signage) within both sites. If trees are to be installed, a detailed investigation should be undertaken to ensure the correct trees are purchased to ensure damage from roots, branches etc doesn't occur.

Name: Geraldene Halton

The plaza area only needs slight changes, it's important to keep both wall murals, perhaps the painted mural could be treated in some way to protect it from vandals.

The area also needs some covered seating to protect those using the area from the sun, either with a roof or sailcloth.

When putting greenery in the area, it's important to remember, there was greenery there before & how it lasted.

It's just a small area, it certainly doesn't need a grassed area.

In summary,

- Leave it as it is, with shaded seating & protect the murals.