

Proposed Waterpark Sun Protection: Consultation with neighbours

The Hobsonville Point Residents Society Inc (HPRSI) is considering options for providing sun protection for our most vulnerable residents - babies and small children.

As a resident of the surrounding properties we would like to keep you informed, and invite you to a meeting to discuss the options and be a part of the final result.

The date of the meeting is 3pm Sunday 9th September, in the De Havilland Room at The Headquarters on Buckley Road (down by the Sunderland Lounge).

In the following pages you will see an overview and visuals of the proposed options. Option One is a large, strong umbrella set-up, as used at the Hobsonville Point Early Learning Centre. These umbrellas can be folded down and stored away during the colder months. Option Two is more expensive and requires building consents. It would be a more permanent structure.

We believe that this upgrade will be of benefit to the community, and directly benefit the surrounding properties as a selling feature for families with children. However, it is important for householders who look directly into the park to have a say on the look of whatever shade option may be erected.

Note that as the waterpark is council-owned it is necessary to get Auckland Councils permission to erect shade protection. The HPRS committee has yet to decide on approving and financing the project. The meeting next Sunday is about canvassing your support for the options pictured below. Only once a design decision has been made can the project be taken to the next stage.

If you are unable to attend but would like to comment please email hobsonvillepoint@crockers.co.nz with the subject header "Waterpark"

Regards,
HPRS Committee
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Proposal: Sun Protection for the Water Park

Background

We have a fantastic space that was designed to benefit the community – especially children and families. The problem is that it's so exposed! There is no natural shade (trees) and it's all out in the open. On hot days (when you most want to use it) your little ones will burn quickly and trying re-apply sun-block when they are using water is a logistical nightmare. This space would be safer if there was shade.

Ironically there is a shaded area for the parents. Not the little ones out in the sun.

Why we need this

1. We know that getting a sunburn early in life is a high risk factor for developing skin cancer later in life. Small children are particularly susceptible to burning. If you have a small child you'll know the dilemma parents face when taking them to play at a water park and then trying to drag them away after 20 minutes due to sun exposure. It's just too hard – so you don't go.
2. New Zealand has THE HIGHEST SKIN CANCER RATES IN THE WORLD. It would be irresponsible not to create safe spaces for children to play.
3. Better engagement from the community to use the space.

The options

We have consulted with 2 firms on what they would recommend for the space, taking into considerations what options would need consents, and would have an impact on the existing elements. These firms were selected based on previous work in similar spaces and reputation.

Option 1:

Supplier: Proformance Shades

Profile: they have provided shade sails for the Hobsonville Point Early learning centre and come recommended.

Given the overall intention with the area, the best way to cover it would be 2 x 6m umbrellas supplied and fitted onto bolt down pedestals. The pedestals are basically lockers that the umbrellas fold back into.

This way they can be stored away when not in use (colder months) and they will have a long life of 10+ years before requiring any cover replacements.

Fabric: Planosol - loads of colours to choose from. Slate grey might be a good choice as its not bright and is a colour used in the surrounding properties.

Storage box: Coloursteel in "Graphite" to match the metal work of the benches at the park.



The cabinets that hold the umbrellas would be situated on the concrete near the bench seats (see diagram) along the northern edge of the waterpark. When extended they would shade the full area, allowing for the sun's position in relation to the waterpark.

The installer recommends 2 x 6m umbrellas over the shade sail option for the following reasons:

Umbrellas:

- Waterproof
- No consent needed
- Rotates around 360 degrees
- Longer life span than shade sails.
- Can be used only when it's needed.
- Much darker shade than shade cloth
- These won't need any of the existing concrete to be lifted or re done.
- They are the only lockable shade on the market. Important for such a public area.

Shade sails:

- Can require consent for larger shades.
- Cost wise is likely to be only a small amount more than the umbrellas.
- Can be bigger than an umbrella, but is not waterproof or as dark of a shade.
- These require no operation as they are up all the time, this is helpful operation wise, but decreases life span given it's out there in storms too.

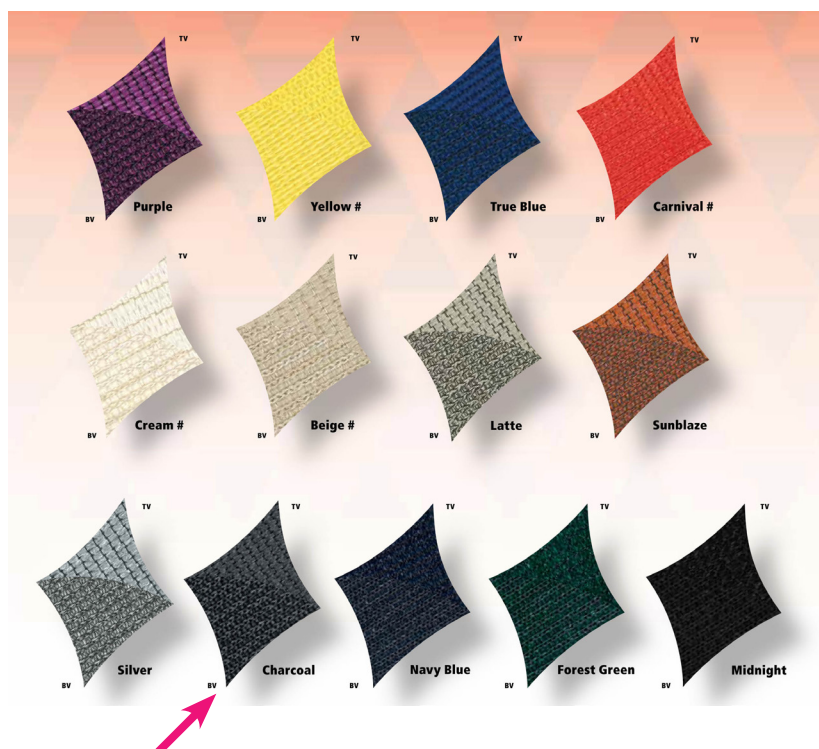
Option 2:

Supplier: Cool Awnings

Profile: They have done a lot of schools and public spaces.

Fixed Sails attached to Galvanised steel posts (that would need to penetrate the concrete). They would be up all year. As it is a fixed structure it would need consent and permits etc so there could be additional costs to get that through council.

Fabric: Cool awnings use Extrablock HVG Fabric in a choice of 15 colours. Charcoal seems like the best fit with the surrounding colour palette.



OPTION 1 VISUAL BEFORE



AFTER - INDICATIVE VISUAL



LEFT: Fabric swatches

RIGHT: Colour options for the storage cabinet - shown next to the metalwork of the bench seats to colour match. Best colour is Graphite, Greywhacke is also a close match.



OPTION 2 VISUAL

