

Tweed Shire Regional Park Development Study

Project Outline

Play is an essential component in both the lives of children and adults. Play directly affects our physical, mental, emotional, and social well being. Through play, we are able to define who we are and who we want to be. We are able to improve our physical fitness, build skills, work on problem solving, practice communication, set goals, share expectations, understand roles, and develop friendships.

The purpose of the macro level study is to conduct a review of the potential to create a Regional Park within the Tweed Shire. A Regional Park that would be designed and developed for persons of all abilities.

By 2024 approximately 20% or 24,000 of the Tweed Shire population will be aged less than 14 years of age. A further 12,000 aged between 15 and 24 years.

While planning has been undertaken to identify future requirements for regional level sports and recreation facilities, to date little historical regional park planning has been undertaken.

The classification of a Regional Park is a park that serves or is significant to the Shire as a whole, visitors to the Tweed and potentially those from neighbouring local government areas.

Working in liaison with Council and stakeholders Leisure Futures developed a range of site potential locations, these locations took into consideration accesses, population distribution, facilities, area and Topography, landscaping, capital cost and economic benefit.

A playground that is accessible and allows for integration is a playground that when viewed in its entirety provides like opportunities for children of varying abilities. This does not mean that each and every feature of play event has to be usable by every individual. It means **like** experiences must be available. For instance, if a playground which offers play experiences such as swinging, sliding, and climbing, the same, or similar experiences should be provided for all. The opportunity to participate in each play activity provides a quality play experience for each child.



Stage Two Park Identification - Shortlisted Locations

