



A new and improved Seafront Oval ... above is the draft layout of what Seafront Oval could look like if new plans are approved.

Overhauling the oval

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Hervey Bay's Seafront Oval is already a popular gathering place but the Fraser Coast Regional Council has put plans in place that it hopes will make the oval even more appealing.

"We are hoping to dress the oval up and make it even more attractive for families and visitors," Fraser Coast councillor Les MuckKan said.

The improvements will be put in place across the road from the planned water park.

Seafront gathering place up for re-vamp

"We have put \$500,000 into the planning of the park," Mr MuckKan said.

"It will go towards building an all-abilities playground, an extra amenities block, two bus stops, re-routing the cycleway, upgrading the Butchulla monument, improved pedestrian access and a roundabout at the Taylor Street and Esplanade junction," he said.

"It is a great park for families - that's what it has been and will

be in the future."

Developing three major spaces for events is also part of the planned upgrade and extension.

A draft layout of what the redeveloped oval could look like has been put together using ideas from community consultation workshops held last November.

Two meetings will be held on July 29 to discuss the planned upgrade and the council invites members of the public to come

and comment on the extension of Seafront Oval.

"We are hoping to develop the park in consultation with local residents," Mr MuckKan said.

The first meeting will be held at the Memorial Hall in Main Street, Pialba, from 1.30 to 3.30pm. The second will be in the community hall at the Arts and Crafts Village on the corner of Bideford and Colyton Streets, Torquay, from 6pm to 8pm.