

# **Coogee Beach pontoons**

October 2018

Consultation Analysis

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## 1. Executive Summary

With summer almost on our doorstep, we are not only dusting off the City's swimming pontoons but refurbishing them. Currently housed in a boatyard at Woodman Point, the City is spending \$12,000 on the three pontoons and sought feedback on where they should be placed in the water at Coogee Beach in November, ready for swimmers to use.

The City sought feedback on a proposal to place one pontoon with slide within the Eco Shark Barrier, one with slide at the nearby Coogee Beach Jetty and one with a new deck and swim-up access platform near the Surf Club.

The survey outcome found that 60 people out of 120 wanted the two slide pontoons at Coogee Jetty and 58 wanted a slide pontoon at the surf club. A submission from the Surf Club supported retaining a slide pontoon at the surf club, for use by Nippers (young lifesavers) and to encourage people to swim between the flags.

## 2. Background

The City owns three pontoons, two with a slide and one without. They have proven a popular recreational feature for swimmers and have traditionally been placed near the eco-shark barrier and the surf club. A resident has asked the City to consider placing two pontoons with the slides near the jetty/shark barrier this season.

Last summer

Eco Shark Barrier	Coogee Beach Jetty	Surf Club
Pontoon with slide	Pontoon	Pontoon with slide

Proposal for this summer released for consultation

Eco Shark Barrier	Coogee Beach Jetty	Surf Club
Pontoon with slide	Pontoon with slide	Refurbished pontoon

Swimming pontoons have been a City-provided feature at Coogee Beach since about 2004. In 2016 a third pontoon was added to the "fleet" following the popularity of the Eco Shark Barrier area.

This summer, the pontoon in the Eco Shark Barrier will have improvements and extensions made to its hand rails to enable easier and safer climbing up from the water. This is in response to community feedback last summer.

Compared to last year, we're intending to swap over the two pontoons previously in front of the Surf Club and next to Coogee Beach Jetty. This means the pontoon with slide will be near the Coogee Beach Jetty, and the yellow steel pontoon without a slide will be in front of the Surf Club. The pontoon near the jetty is undergoing some minor decking repairs and will have its timber re-oiled and rejuvenated for the summer season.

### 3. Methodology

The City conducted an online survey, promoted via Facebook, an email newsletter and contact with the surf club.

Residents and beach users were invited to provide their feedback by 4pm Thursday October 18 by:

- Completing the survey
- Sending an email to [comment@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:comment@cockburn.wa.gov.au)
- Phoning the City with comment to 94113444

### 4. Engagement Strategy

Engagement summary	
<b>We asked where the pontoons should be placed this summer</b>	You said: “There definitely needs to be a pontoon with a slide at the surf club. That is the best beach ever.”
<b>Key points raised:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Safer to position the pontoon with slide at surf club near the flags to encourage people to swim between the flags</b></li><li>• <b>Possibility of pontoons being closer to the beach to allow younger swimmers and their parents access</b></li></ul>	“If the ladders are still to be used it would be very helpful to have the rungs deeper into the water.” “Kids can already jump off the jetty. Don't need encouragement of more kids in the water around there, potentially being jumped on as they come off the slide.” “Come down to nippers on a Sunday morning and see how much the kids use the slide and pontoon.”
	<b>You participated</b> <b>Online survey and emails: 120</b>
Next steps	
<b>We are now reviewing all community input.</b>	

## 5. Submissions

The City received 120 responses to the online survey, plus comment from the Surf Club.

### Comment from Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club



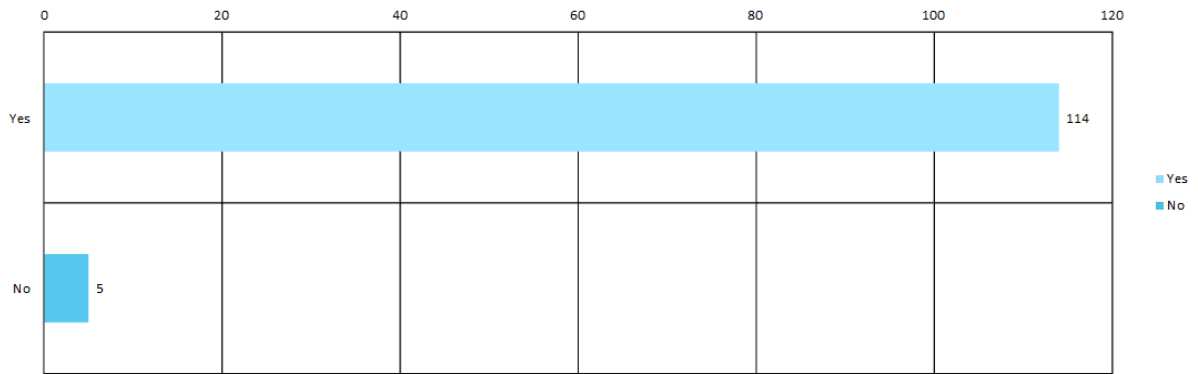
The club had no objection provided the same level of amenity is maintained (ie. pontoon with slide and stepped access). This is still our current position as it is a popular facility for both club members and beach users. I'm assuming this will be the position when re-installing this year. Many thanks for consulting the club on this proposal.

### Survey responses (some respondents did not answer both questions)

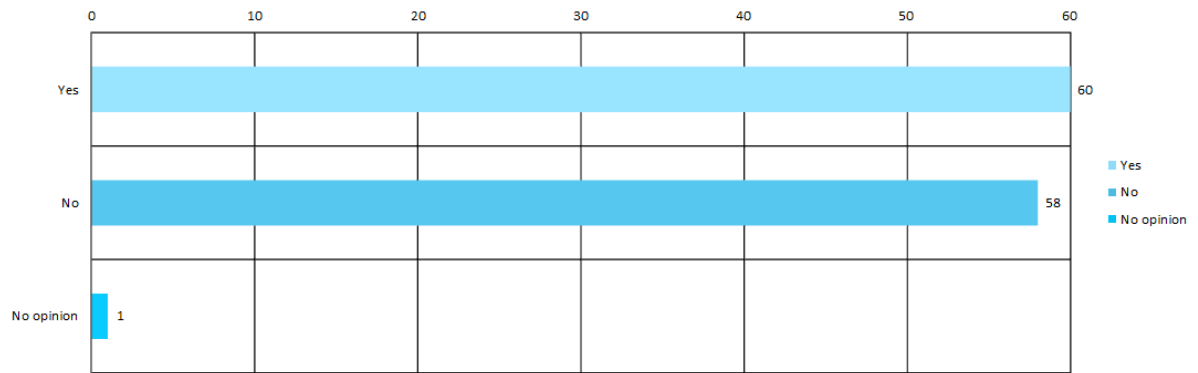
#### Highlights

TOTAL VISITS	MAX VISITORS PER DAY	NEW REGISTRATIONS
734	432	78
ENGAGED VISITORS	INFORMED VISITORS	AWARE VISITORS
120	428	683

4. I am supportive of the City upgrading the swimming pontoons?



5. I support the proposed places for the three pontoons this Summer



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Yes	60
No	58
No opinion	1

Please provide any comments here about the pontoons for this Summer

1	Please put the pontoon with the slide at the surf club. Spread them out, not both near the jetty/barrier end.
2	They are vital for our community of children in particular as well as all our visitors. They offer some challenge and encourage exercise and fun. I believe they improve all swimming skills and make our safe beaches more interesting.
3	The possibility of the pontoons being closer to the beach, to allow younger swimmers and their parents to access the pontoons. Previously, the pontoons have been quite a distance from the shore, which prevented the use of younger swimmers, therefore, over run by teenagers. I appreciate that depth could possible be an issue.
4	One of the pontoons with a slide should be placed at the surf club. A lot of young children attend the club and the slide would be better used at this location. The pontoon with a slide located at the shark barrier offers the opportunity for use by all at the northern end of the beach.
7	I fully support the pontoons but not being a strong swimmer I find them too far out. I realise they have to have some depth beneath them but why so far from the shore? Could the one in the 'shark net' be nearer the shore?
8	One with the slide to the surf club please.
9	Instead of having two pontoons at Coogee Beach it would be great to have one of them near the Woodman Point jetty, for the benefit of the many people who frequent that end of the beach.
10	Grandkids love them
11	Thank you for survey asking
12	The cost of maintenance is surprising/disappointing. How about sharing them around the other beaches of Cockburn
13	If the ladders are still to be used it would be very helpful to have the rungs deeper into the water
14	Ideally the pontoon at the Surf Club should be one with a slide (as it was last year). Other than that, the three locations are fine.
15	Thanks for doing the upgrade work. Always happy that there is one pontoon inside the shark-safe zone.

<b>16</b>	Love the idea of a swim up platform at the Surf Club pontoon! Great idea.
<b>17</b>	I think the surf club needs a pontoon with a slide. Having two slides at one end of the beach send pointless
<b>18</b>	Surf club pontoon should have a slide. Don't need two at the Jetty.
<b>19</b>	The pontoon with a slide is popular in front of the surf club
<b>20</b>	The pontoon with slide is better at the surf club
<b>21</b>	All good from me
<b>22</b>	The pontoon with the slide would be better placed in front of the surf club
<b>23</b>	The pontoon with the slide is currently optimally placed because hundreds of Coogee Beach Surf Club Nippers use it throughout the summer. Members of the public who wish to use the slide have the option of choosing which beach to patronise. Nippers don't have that option.
<b>24</b>	Suggest one of the pontoons with the slide is near Coogee Surf Lifesaving Club. Would allow the kids some extra fun using the slide after nippers.
<b>25</b>	Put the two slides in the shark net and the surf club. Leave the no-slide one at the Jetty. Kids can already jump off the jetty, don't need encouragement of more kids in the water around there, potentially being jumped on as they come off the slide. Having a slide near the surf club encourages families to use that patrolled beach instead of the unpatrolled jetty area.
<b>26</b>	I think there needs to be one with a slide near the surf club. Don't think it's necessary for two slides close to the jetty.
<b>27</b>	There should be a pontoon with slide out front of the Surf Club. There is two main reasons for this: 1) Surf Club provides comprehensive beach safety programs and is where the Red/Yellow flags are located. The City should be promoting this location so people can swim in a safe environment and within the flags. 2) There are over 600 children who participate in Nipper activities at the club and the slide on pontoon is a valuable asset for reward for those kids who have increased their skills to a level that they can head out to it. Even the 5-year-olds work their way up to the pontoon for a reward of going down the slide.
<b>28</b>	Pontoon with slide at the surf club. Coogee beach has the jetty for kids to jump off



<b>29</b>	Should be cleaned up during the winter, so they are ready for summer, safe and supervised by Coogee SLSC? Well signed on what you can and can't do off the pontoons?
<b>30</b>	A pontoon with a slide should be kept outside the surf club. The surf club's main patrol tent is directly in front the pontoon and crowds should not be drawn away from that area for safety purposes.
<b>31</b>	There definitely needs to be a pontoon with a slide at the surf club. That is the best beach ever
<b>32</b>	Why should the surf club pontoon no longer have a slide. The people who patrol our beaches often have their kids at the surf club and are being supervised by others while they play on the slide while their parents are patrolling or parents sit on the beach when other siblings are on patrol. Come down to nippers on a sunday morning and see how much the kids use the slide and pontoon.
<b>33</b>	Would like to see the pontoon with the slide in front of the surf club.
<b>34</b>	Great idea – Jellyfish (stingers) the only issues sometimes.
<b>35</b>	Happy with proposed locations, especially in EcoShark Barrier area
<b>36</b>	Pontoon with slide should be outside surfclub to encourage beach goers to swim inside the flags. If pontoon with slide is already in inside shark barrier it doesn't seem right that another one with slide is put at jetty. Space them out a bit - if jetty goers want to use slide then they would have option to go either to eco barrier or surfclub.
<b>37</b>	Why have two slide pontoons down at Coogee jetty area. With the surf club there are a lot of people who go to that area of the beach and kids who want to play on slides. Let's divide up the fun a little.
<b>38</b>	As a volunteer lifesaver at Coogee I would be very disappointed not to have the slide in front of the surf club. It's a great way to relax after or before patrol! It is also the safest place to have the slide.
<b>39</b>	Definitely need pontoon with slide at the Surf Club
<b>40</b>	We'd love to see the slide stay at Coogee beach surf club.
<b>41</b>	Same positions as last year with a slide pontoon at coogee slsc and in the shark net and a level pontoon at the jetty
<b>42</b>	One of the pontoons with slide should be at Poore Grove site. Not both at the

	north end
<b>43</b>	Please leave at least one with a slide near the surf club
<b>44</b>	Please leave the pontoon with slide at the Surf Club
<b>45</b>	I love the pontoons
<b>46</b>	Keep a pontoon with a slide at the surf club
<b>47</b>	Expect council to get environmental report re disruptions to local environment prior to starting reovations aiming to minimise effects to local environment
<b>48</b>	The kids really enjoy them and they add interest to the beach area.
<b>49</b>	great for the community
<b>50</b>	One pontoon with a slide at each beach would be fair. My children always use the slide at surf club. Please put one there this summer!
<b>51</b>	There should be a slide on the pontoon near the surf club like previous years. There are 100's of nippers (our future life savers) that spend their weekends learning skills and having a slide on that pontoon gives our nippers some extra fun after a hard session training.
<b>52</b>	Must have slide - one in front of SLSC
<b>53</b>	Please ensure one is in the shark net at Coogee.
<b>54</b>	I think it would be safer to have the pontoon with the slide in front of the club house as could be closer watched by patrolling surf lifesavers.
<b>55</b>	Please keep the Pontoon with slide at the Surf Club, it is used every Sunday for the surf club and when we go down to the beach outside of surf club we always swim to the pontoon and slide off the slide - would not be the same without a slide at the Surf Club beach.
<b>56</b>	The pontoon with slide outside the surf club should remain as that is within the swim flags and observation by surf club. It also makes more sense than having to with slides so close together up at the Coogee jetty end.
<b>57</b>	One of the pontoons with the slide should b placed at the front of the Surf club. It will get more use there by all the Nippers and is directly in front of the main patrol area.
<b>58</b>	Always a joy watching the kids and some grown ups playing on the pontoons.

	Brings back memories of my childhood
59	Would prefer a pontoon with slide at the surf life savers beach. Especially seeing as Coogee has two pontoons.
60	Pontoon is perfect located within the shark net encloser
61	This is a great facility for families to utilize in summer
62	Please have pontoon with slide at surf club, doesn't make sense having two with slides at the Coogee Jetty end. They have a jetty to jump off the surf club need something. Thanks
63	We really enjoy the pontoon with the slide, and hope to get a slide-pontoon at Coogee again this summer
64	We life the pontoons.
65	The slide is great, please give us the slide!
66	It is ridiculous that both pontoons with slides are proposed to be situated within 150m of each other either side of the Coogee jetty whilst a basic platform is positioned by the surf club 750m away. People at the jetty have the option of jumping off the jetty in addition to the platforms, so a pontoon with a slide should be positioned by the surf club.
67	My children love the pontoons and use them several times a week.
68	I would like the previous pontoon locations to remain the same so that the pontoon outside the surf club can have a slide. Our family are members of Coogee Beach SLSC and love the pontoon slide during summer!
69	Pontoon outside surf club needs a slide! Kids at surf club use it as training. The swimming up platform is fantastic too - is there anyway you could add another slide so all three have them? Please? Thankyou.
70	We love the pontoon with slide
71	The pontoon at the Coogee Beach Surf Club needs to have a slide attached to it, every Sunday we have hundreds of "nippers" using the beach and love the slide it is an important part of our little beach to have our slide for the summer
72	I would like to see the pontoon with the slide in front of the surf club. You should press the slides out more.
73	Provide fabulous fun for the community

<b>74</b>	The pontoon in front of the surf club should have a slide
<b>75</b>	The surf club should have the pontoon with the slide. It is. A very popular beach with young children and with the surf club right in front so can be properly supervised during times of most use.
<b>76</b>	I am a member of cockburn masters swim club and swim at the beach 3 times per week. As a rate payer i support my funds going to making our beach great.
<b>77</b>	I may not live in the area however my family is a member of the Coogee Beach Surf Club and use this pontoon every week during the season. Considering how many children are part of the surf club and use the slide weekly it is disappointing to hear it will be moved out of the area. My youngest was working towards building confidence to go down that slide and would try every week - he is only 5. Now it will no longer be there for him this year and all the other kids who use it which is such a disappointment.
<b>78</b>	It encourages the kids to come to the beach
<b>79</b>	Slide in front of surf club please
<b>80</b>	A pontoon with a slide should be placed in front of the surf club. This area is fully patrolled but is also a lot safer when patrols aren't on due to the large number of surf club members training and being around the club. Therefore it makes sense from a safety perspective. Also our kids at the club are the future of patrolling on your beach they deserve to have a much fun as possible after they complete training !
<b>81</b>	I feel it would be better to place a slide one down by the surf club as the current plan has two slides close together and there are a lot of surf club children who would use the slide.
<b>82</b>	A pontoon with a slide must be located at the Coogee Beach Surf Club due to the large numbers of younger swimmers at that location. Locating one at the Coogee Beach Jetty doesn't make any sense due to the attraction of the jetty for jumping off by teens - who would not use the slide to the same extent as the younger swimmers. Without a good reason, and preferably a good business case, which can be shared with the public then leave the pontoons as they have been rather than arbitrarily changing the locations.
<b>83</b>	Please place one with a slide in front of the surf club, otherwise there are two with slides very close together in the nets and at the jetty and nothing further down. Maybe put the one without a slide next to the jetty as the bigger kids mainly play off the jetty anyway and smaller kids in the shark net.

<b>84</b>	Fantastic!! Great work
<b>85</b>	Surf club needs the slide pontoon
<b>86</b>	Place a pontoon with a slide by Surf Club as the children enjoy the thrill. Surf Patrols monitor the area around the pontoon. It's been a long tradition for young Nippers to swim out too and a good tool to build their confidence in the water
<b>87</b>	I would like to see the pontoon with slide placed at the Surf club.
<b>88</b>	Would like the pontoon in front of the surf club to have a slide
<b>89</b>	Please put the pontoon with a slide in front of the lifesavers club
<b>90</b>	Leave pontoons in their original places. We are active members of the surf club and enjoy the pontoon with the slide. Why would you put two pontoons with slides in the same area.? Share the fun.!!
<b>91</b>	It would be appreciated if a pontoon with a slide could remain at the surf club. The nippers and their families get a great deal of enjoyment from being able to use the slide after each nippers session.
<b>92</b>	Love them. Great fun to have a slide or jump after our club swim
<b>93</b>	Love to see so many kids and adults enjoying themselves ☐
<b>94</b>	Placing two pontoons with slides at the jetty area detracts from the SLSAWA policy of swim between the flags for water safety
<b>95</b>	Be great if there was a pontoon and steps for beach access for mcgaggert cove beach
<b>96</b>	All should have a slide, I'd like a slide at the Surf Club please.
<b>97</b>	From nippers to adults the slide has been an important fun addition to not just the surf club but the public. It is also where the Surf Lifesaving patrol flags are located so it would be good to see swimmers encouraged to swim between the flags as this is the safest part of any beach.
<b>98</b>	I believe a pontoon fitted with a slide should remain in the vicinity of the surf club
<b>99</b>	I think that all pontoons need an adult slide option. One on south Fremantle beach would also be nice!
<b>100</b>	The Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving club should have a pontoon for the children

	to use throughout summer. It is the main surveyed flagged area of the beach and should have entertainment for kids
Looking forward to the 2019/20 Summer, comment on where or what you would like the City to provide in relation to swimming pontoons - different venues, etc	
1	I would like to see a more boat shape pontoon be deployed near the Cockburn Power Boat Association entrance gate on the west side of the groyne as there are many people swimming in that corner (with their dogs often) and there are good toilets etc. already there. This area may be beyond the City's control.
2	At the moment, the position would be deemed sensible. It would be worth presenting the question again at the end of the 2019 season.
3	I suppose where they are seem to keep most happy. Keeping the slide pontoon in the anti shark pond is a good idea .
4	Options both north and south of Coogee
5	Rubbish bins closer to the beach.
6	Ideally the pontoon at the Surf Club should be one with a slide (as it was last year). Other than that, the 3 locations are fine but for future planning would be ideal to add a 4th adjacent to the Woodman Point Jetty, another popular part of the beach frequented by families with kids.
7	The pontoon with a slide is popular in front of the surf club
8	Maybe next year have one with a slide down at surf club
9	The pontoon with the slide would be better placed in front of the surf club
10	Couldn't the other pontoon have a slide attached to it as well, then neither beach would miss out.
11	The three spots you have identified are popular locations for the young and old to enjoy the beach.
12	Put the two slides in the shark net and the surf club. Leave the no- slide one at the Jetty. Kids can already jump off the jetty, don't need encouragement of more kids in the water around there, potentially being jumped on as they come off the slide. Having a slide near the surf club encourages families to use that patrolled beach instead of the unpatrolled jetty area.
13	Personally, there should be more than 1 located in front of the surf club and there should be larger ones placed in the ocean.
14	Yes they could be moved around from year to year, as long as safety isn't

	compromised?
<b>15</b>	Two pontoons in front of the surf club
<b>16</b>	Pontoon with slide at surf club beach
<b>17</b>	More beach attractions for kids please. We need to build Coogee big like Hillarys. It would do so well
<b>18</b>	All three pontoons should have a slide
<b>19</b>	Would like to see the pontoon with the slide in front of the surf club.
<b>20</b>	Inflatable water slides/park. Possibly outside operator, similar to what has been at Rottneest and Mandurah
<b>21</b>	Wooden beach cabanas like there used to be for people to sit under
<b>22</b>	Pontoon with slide in front of surf club please!
<b>23</b>	Happy with the locations, just require one with slide or other fun equipment at the surf club location.
<b>24</b>	Stand up paddleboard hire and lessons
<b>25</b>	Would be great to see some blow up fun slides etc at Coogee
<b>26</b>	The surf club pontoon is well utilised throughout the summer and the slide greatly enjoyed by many kids. The jetty pontoon is the least utilised pontoon on the coast. It does not make sense to place a popular slide pontoon at the jetty.
<b>27</b>	More shark proof fencing for all beaches currently used
<b>28</b>	Please make sure a pontoon with a slide is located near the surf club again.
<b>29</b>	Two pontoons required -- one in sharknet please, both with slides
<b>30</b>	Would like the pontoon with slide in front of the surf club. Or both pontoons to have slides.
<b>31</b>	I like where they usually are
<b>32</b>	Keep the slide pontoon at the Surf Club please
<b>33</b>	Pontoon with slide in the shark net. Pontoon without slide near Coogee jetty. Pontoon with slide outside the Coogee surf club.
<b>34</b>	Pontoons with slides at the Eco Shark Barrier and the Surf Club please

<b>35</b>	Pontoon with slide at Coogee surf life savers please.
<b>36</b>	Coogee hotel to have a child friendly area, eg toys or somewhere kids can run around outside
<b>37</b>	Pontoon with slide at surfclub please we always use this beach as have toddlers and my bigger girls love the pontoon with slide. Thanks
<b>38</b>	Slide on al pontoons- rhe alide is by far the only reason most use the pontoon, so would be good to see a slide on them all
<b>39</b>	Surf club, swimming net and jetty
<b>40</b>	I would like the pontoon outside the surf club to be one with a slide please. The pontoons in the shark net and near the jetty are close enough that swimmers can choose and use either quite easily. It makes more sense to have one with a slide outside the surf club, and one with and one without a slide up the jetty/shark net end.
<b>41</b>	Please keep the slide at the surf club
<b>42</b>	We do most our swimming at Coogee and there are greet facilities there.
<b>43</b>	Provide as many as possible.
<b>44</b>	Surf club pontoon to have a slide
<b>45</b>	The Coogee SLS club has been a fantastic addition to the Cockburn community. WhenI bought land in this area 27 years ago, the salesman said this area will be like Hillarys marina. Well it's finally getting there
<b>46</b>	It's pretty simple. Just add a slide to the pontoon or don't swap it with the original one. So much money wasted on decision making when a slide surely couldn't cost that much to add.
<b>47</b>	They are in the right spots already
<b>48</b>	Swimming pontoons should be barnacle free with good grips on the steps. A pontoon with a slide should be anchored in front of the surf club
<b>49</b>	Please put a slide at the surf life club!! My kids and their friends love it and we are local to that beach!!
<b>50</b>	Concerts
<b>51</b>	Slide at surf club
<b>52</b>	The pontoons are a very important activity for kids in the ocean. It builds confidence and water skills in a controlled way. Surf life Savers patrol the one up by them and a



	slide is a fantastic thrill for the kids to enjoy.
<b>53</b>	I would like to see the pontoon with a slide placed at the Coogee Surf Club.
<b>54</b>	Would like the pontoon in front of the surf club to have a slide
<b>55</b>	Slides on all three pontoons would be fantastic!! Otherwise retaining the same locations as last summer would be appreciated.
<b>56</b>	Where they are going to be positioned is great!
<b>57</b>	Put one of the slides at the surf club
<b>58</b>	McTaggart beach
<b>59</b>	All should have a slide. I'd like a slide at the Surf Club please.
<b>60</b>	I believe a pontoon fitted with a slide should remain in the vicinity of the surf club
<b>61</b>	One on south Fremantle beach or a slide at Bicton Pools would be nice. It would be great if more ocean swimming pools were available similar to the ones you find in Sydney NSW
<b>62</b>	Pontoon in front of CBSLSC for swimmers

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