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Pedal power



Students and teachers from Tongala and St Patrick's primary schools took part in the national Ride 2 School Day event last week. Accompanied by police, students rode bikes and scooters to school. Pictured is Evie Duca getting a helping hand from Tongala Primary School principal Rob Hogan. Story, more Jemma Jones photos, page 4.

Plans for park

BY BREE LAMBERT

The Jaycee Park draft plans will be released for public viewing following a 5-4 vote at a recent Campaspe Shire Council meeting.

The Jaycee Park project stems from the Kyabram Place-Based Plan, a community-focused plan to guide the Kyabram Development Committee in achieving the community's vision for the town.

The plans have not been released for public comment since initial engagement in July 2025 when residents were encouraged to have their say in shaping the future of the precinct.

Council director communities Jo Bradshaw said during the consultation period, council received 581 survey responses, engaged with 40 people at pop-up sessions and held seven stakeholder meetings.

Community feedback

from initial engagement revealed concerns about functionality, ageing infrastructure and the spread of buildings and fences making the area difficult to navigate and monitor.

Put forward by Cr Jessica Mitchell, the proposed motion up for discussion resolved to place the Jaycee Park Draft Plan on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days, undertake consultation and receive a progress report outlining

reasons for delays, impacts, timeline and risks.

Speaking on behalf of the Kyabram Development Committee at the March 17 meeting, secretary Renee Pichler supported the motion, urging councillors to release the draft plan to the public, given that the consultation phase had been completed.

"The residents of Kyabram deserve the opportunity to review the outcome of the public

consultation undertaken for the redevelopment of Jaycee Park," she said.

Ms Pichler said Kyabram residents deserved to be informed of the reasons behind the delays and the "apparent" shift in direction from a "regional park", as outlined in the Kyabram Place-Based Plan, to a "district-level park".

A question was then posed to Ms Pichler by Cr Paul Jarman surrounding the expectation of timeline

regarding the plans.

Ms Pichler said the development committee was supposed to review the draft plans in October, with the plans to be released now for public comment, as per the original timeline.

The discussion then turned to the councillors, with the motion to approve the plans moved by Cr Mitchell, and seconded by Cr Adrian Weston.

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