

The **Bathurst Child and Family Network (BCFN)** is a not-for-profit proactive network of cross-sector agencies that include members from a wide range of services, organisations, education and early childhood services. The network aims to improve outcomes and opportunities for children and promote the value of the early years, children, young people, families and carers within the wider community. We believe that “it takes a village to raise a child” and we must all play a part. Our vision is for all children and families to be happy, healthy, and safe and thrive in Bathurst. We have a genuine desire to provide opportunities for children, young people and families to be heard and taken seriously in a child-safe, child-friendly community.

Community survey results ‘How would you like to play?’ signs

1. **Where did you see the sign?** Unveiling held on Thurs 7th Sept 2017
- The Adventure Playground (**12 surveys completed – see results below**)
 - Macquarie River Bicentennial Park (Peace Park)

2. What do you like about the sign?

- It is wonderful for our children with non-verbal communication needs.
- The colour scheme, easily understood.
- Clear graphics & good explanations. It’s a good reinforcement for our schools Key Word sign practice.
- Write explanation; easy to read; at a location of entrance yet sun protected therefore easy to see/read.
- It allows for inclusion, understanding and equality in the community.
- Looks great!
- Bright, colourful, easy to read and understand.
- Informative to the public that don’t sign.
- Very user friendly, informative, good selection of key signs.
- Clear and effective; great!
- Promotes interaction with children with communication difficulties.
- A very simple, yet appropriate sign to help make the community aware of Auslan.

3. What did you learn from the sign?

- How to communicate with all children.
- Verbal commands are not everything.
- Many new ways to communicate.
- New sign language.
- Good for people with disabilities.
- How to sign!
- Mostly relative to the park.
- A couple of new signs.
- Sign language.
- I already knew the signs, but am excited that the park is becoming communication accessible.
- How easy it is to learn signing.

4. How useful are the signs?

- Very, absolutely wonderful for our community.
- Very good (2 comments).
- Excellent.
- Very e.g. toileting etc. important and also ways to have fun.
- Highly.
- Very.
- How else would I know how to sign.
- Very useful.
- 10/10
- The proof will be in watching children interact. The sign is clear and will be easy to use.
- The sign is excellent & promotes community awareness.

5. Do you have any other comments?

- A brilliant resource for our community – thank you 😊
- There should be more around.
- Encouraging seeing communication encouraged from an inclusive perspective.
- Great addition to our community.
- Should have them in more parks.
- A great initiative.
- Wonderful to see diversity for communication being catered for in the community. Great work! 😊
- “I love you guys” refers to BCFN
- Congratulations on a very important project.
- Wonderful initiative by all involved.

Thank you for your feedback 😊