

Feedback Report: Argyle Reserve Playground

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Playground Redevelopment Program 2020-2025 outlines the playground priorities for the redevelopment of existing playgrounds during this five-year period (2020-2025) to meet the needs and where possible, the expectations of families in Monash and in accordance with the proposed scale outlined in the Monash's Playground & Playspaces Strategy (adopted February 2020).

The prioritisation of priorities is based on advice from the most recent independent safety and condition audit for all 136 Monash playgrounds.

These renewed and upgraded playgrounds will meet the current and future needs of the community and deliver on Council's commitment to deliver flexible, sustainable, accessible, and quality community playground facilities.

Council sought ideas and feedback from the local community for a new playground at Argyle Reserve, Hughesdale on 18 July 2023.

A concept plan will be prepared, and a second community consultation will occur with the report to follow. Construction of the site to be undertaken in 2024-25.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the playground engagement is to consult with Councillors and residents to seek their level of support and feedback for the proposed concept plan for Argyle Reserve playground.

Promote engagement opportunities to provide Have Your Say feedback during 16 June – 23 July 2023 via Information update/flyer to Councillors and local residents within 400 metre radius of the reserve via an information update flyer distributed on 12 June 2023, e-bulletin, online survey, Monash Facebook posts and an onsite consultation session with Council staff held at Argyle Reserve Playground on 18 July

Inform Councillors and the community of the concept design that will be prepared for the site via Shape Monash website – **Concept Design to be completed after Stage 2 community consultation.**

SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

Methods used	Stakeholders	Dates
e-bulletin	Councillors	9 June 2023
Shape Monash Survey – Have Your Say	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve. 39 responses received 1 responses received by email	16 June – 23 July 2023
Onsite community consultation	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve. 1 resident attended	18 July 2023

SUMMARY OF HAVE YOUR SAY ENGAGEMENT

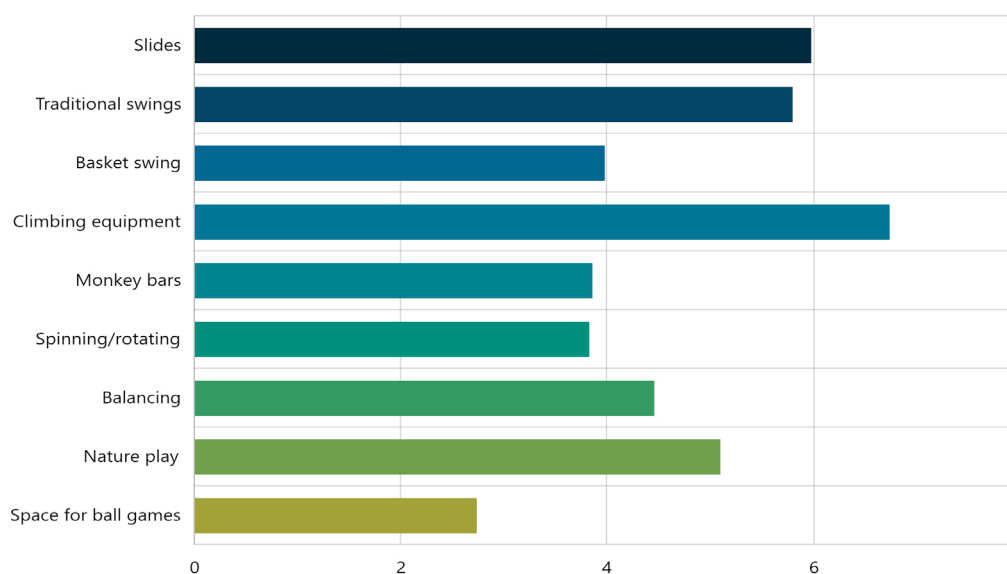
There were 39 respondents to the online survey. Of those that told us their gender 63% were women or girls and 12% were men or boys and 2% preferred not to say. Respondents were asked to list their age group, from those who completed this data, 38.5% were adults, 36% were pre-school or younger, 23% were primary school age and 2.5% were teenagers.

We asked two questions about the Argyle Reserve Playground

- Which play elements would work best?
- Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?

The following themes were categorised as to what residents would like to see within the reserve:

Which play elements would work Best?



Equipment Rating

Equipment	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Count	Score*	^Ave Rank
Climbing Equipment	25%	25%	12.50%	15.63%	6.25%	9.38%	6.25%	0%	0%	32	6.7	3.06
	8	8	4	5	2	3	2	0	0			
Slides	10%	20%	26.67%	20%	16.67%	0%	3.33%	3.33%	0%	30	6	3.43
	3	6	8	6	5	0	1	1	0			
Traditional Swings	25%	12.50%	6.25%	15.63%	12.50%	6.25%	9.38%	6.25%	6.24%	32	5.8	4.03
	8	4	2	5	4	2	3	2	2			
Nature Play	20%	6.67%	3.33%	20%	23.33%	6.67%	3.33%	13.33%	3.34%	30	5.1	4.4
	6	2	1	6	7	2	1	4	1			
Balancing	3.57%	10.71%	21.43%	21.43%	10.71%	7.14%	3.58%	14.29%	7.14%	28	4.5	4.75
	1	3	6	6	3	2	1	4	2			
Basket Swing	0%	10.34%	20.69%	3.45%	3.45%	27.59%	17.24%	6.90%	10.34%	29	4	5.48
	0	3	6	1	1	8	5	2	3			
Monkey Bars	6.67%	3.33%	6.67%	3.33%	16.67%	23.33%	20%	13.33%	6.67%	30	3.9	5.33
	2	1	2	1	5	7	6	4	2			
Spinning/rotating	11.11%	11.11%	7.41%	7.41%	7.41%	7.41%	22.22%	22.22%	3.70%	27	3.8	5.33
	3	3	2	2	2	2	6	6	1			
Space for Ball games	8%	12%	8%	0%	4%	8%	8%	8%	44%	25	2.7	6.4
	2	3	2	0	1	2	2	2	11			

*Score - Sum of the weight of each ranked position, multiplied by the response count for the position choice, divided by the total contributions. Weights are inverse to ranked positions.

^Avg Rank - Sum of the ranked position of the choice, multiplied by the response count for the position choice, divided by the total 'Count' of the choice.

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK OF THE MONASH SHAPE PAGE

Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?

We asked	You said	We did
Which Play elements would work best?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swings Elevated structures/Climbing equipment Native play Slides 	
Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try not to make every playground look so angular Fencing to keep the dogs away from children Security / safety from carpark (close proximity) Consider other council playgrounds for good comparisons Addition of Shade and picnic areas fitness equipment and teenage activities 	

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK FROM ONSITE CONSULTATION

<i>We asked</i>	<i>You said</i>	<i>We did</i>
Which Play elements would work best?		
Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider a fence to keep dogs out. 	

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK FROM RESIDENT EMAIL

<i>We asked</i>	<i>You said</i>	<i>We did</i>
Which Play elements would work best?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep the big rope swing More swings Fitness Equipment 	
Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?		

ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

Project Stage	Engagement Level & Objective	Stakeholders	Method	Who & Where	Key dates
Engagement	Consult	Councillors	e-Bulletin	Project team Communications Team	9 June 2023
Engagement – stage 1 Have Your Say	Consult	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve	Information update/flyer Website Online and hard copy survey	Project team Communications Team	16 June – 23 July 2023
Engagement – stage 1 Have your Say	Involve	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve	Onsite Community Consultation Session held at Playground	Project team Comms team	Tuesday 18 July
Engagement – stage 2 Concept Design	Consult	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve	Information update/flyer Website Online and hard copy survey	Project team Comms team	TBA
Inform of Construction Commencement	Involve	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve	Information update/flyer Website	Project team Comms team	TBC

PROMOTION AND NOTIFICATION

Have your Say – Flyer (distributed 12 June 2023) & Monash Facebook Post 12-23 July



We are building a new playspace in your neighbourhood

Argyle Reserve, Hughesdale

We are upgrading your local playspace at Argyle Reserve. Before we start designing the new playground, we want to hear from the people who use it.

Is there something you especially want to see changed or retained? Is there something about the site that might be significant for the theme or look of the new design?

Visit our engagement platform Shape Monash for more information, to answer some questions, give your ideas or even submit your own design.

How to participate

- Visit Shape Monash or scan the QR code: shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playspace-2024-25
- Chat with Council officers on-site at Argyle Reserve on Tuesday 18 July, 4pm - 4.30pm
- Request a printed copy of the survey to be mailed to you by contacting the Recreation team
- Consultation closes Sunday 23 July 2023.

We especially welcome the views of any children or young people in your household.

Need to get in touch?

If you have any questions, please contact us:

- By emailing recreation@monash.vic.gov.au
- By calling the Recreation team on 9518 3555.



We look forward to hearing your ideas and thank you for your feedback. Together we can create a wonderful space.

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Thank you to all the community members who have donned their puffer jackets to attend the on-site pop-ups for our 2024/25 playspace upgrades!

Our 2024/25 playspace upgrade consultations are closing this week. Please make sure to submit your feedback by Sunday 23 July.

<https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playspace-2024-25>

🔥 Princes Highway Reserve, Oakleigh East
🌱 Westbrook Reserve, Chadstone
🌳 Mulgrave Reserve, Wheelers Hill
💠 Argyle Reserve, Hughesdale
🍎 Orchard Street Reserve, Glen Waverley



Appendix 1: Full summary of Have Your Say stakeholder responses

2. Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?	
Long Text Skipped: 14 Answered: 25 (64.1%)	
Featured Contributions	
Suitable for slightly older kids (7+) Basketball half court and ring Rope course Flying Fox Lots of plants Contribution 25 of 25 23 July 2023	
My 2 kids really want a basketball ring (I do too) & preferably a one-third or half court space. There is a wide range of ages that use this space, toddler to teenager. My upper primary-aged kids have grown out of the current play equipment Contribution 24 of 25 22 July 2023	
Consider a fence to keep dogs out! [transcribed from hard copy survey, MP] Contribution 23 of 25 20 July 2023	
Try not to make every playground look so angular. Everything in your examples were square structures with slides, nets, or swings coming off it. If your not sure what I mean, have a look at a few of the Glen Eira council playgrounds. There is a significant difference between the two council playgrounds, and unfortunately Glen Eira council does it better pretty much every time. I understand that Monash possibly can't afford to do the same on every park, but at least see if you can make a few good parks, even if some of the smaller ones are more simple. Contribution 22 of 25 19 July 2023	
Rock climbing wall and basketball hoop Contribution 21 of 25 15 July 2023	
I've lived in the area for a very long time and this playground has always been very basis. There are a lot of children that visit as it is close to a McDonalds, Primary school, kindergarten and also soccer oval is used most days with parents bringing along other children as well that aren't participating in the soccer or kids waiting for their game. It needs to be a lot bigger and have more equipment for kids of all ages. Often there are teenagers hanging out there and creating a kind of 'bullying vibe' for younger kids. Contribution 20 of 25 12 July 2023	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be extremely beneficial to have shaded areas over the playground as at the moment it is fully exposed with no sun protection (especially important during the warmer months). • A play area with a softer floor (for example cork) would be great rather than just complete tan bark. • It would be great to expand the current space out to where the drinking tap is behind the football goal and add multiples and variety of equipment to suit all ages Contribution 19 of 25 10 July 2023	
I really think we can make this a pretty spot with nice natural plants and landscape for kids to enjoy. More climbing with tiered levels. Contribution 18 of 25 10 July 2023	
Fencing to keep the dogs away from children. Water play should be considered as there is nothing like it in the area Contribution 17 of 25 10 July 2023	
Incorporate indigenous plants that support native wildlife and lizard log habitat and sunning rocks. Contribution 16 of 25 10 July 2023	
More older kid equipment! Contribution 15 of 25 10 July 2023	
Security / safety from carpark (close proximity). Increase in size with big kid and small kid sections. BBQ or picnic facilities? Contribution 14 of 25 7 July 2023	
Bike parking should be provided near the playground to encourage nearby residents to ride to the park. This should include a link to the adjacent footpath. Contribution 13 of 25 7 July 2023	
The current height of the slide is just right, same with the other equipment, for young children. A seesaw would be a nice addition. Something similar to Princess Park in Oakleigh would work, minus the tall slide which is too steep. Plus some of the nature features of Murrumbeena park given the surrounding trees - and possibly more planting or dry creek bed to discourage dogs from racing over from the soccer field to the playground area. Contribution 12 of 25 26 June 2023	
It would be amazing if there can elements of elevated playground space with ground-level playground space within the same structure. Not only would this be more space-efficient, but that it would also cater for different age groups. I've found the unique elements of Glen Eira parks (e.g. Packer Park with the elevated maze-like structure littered underneath the same structure with varied activities for younger children, the wide sprawl of Murrumbeena Park, etc.) a stand-out and key to being rated as some of the best and most popular parks in	

	Melbourne. Also not sure if there would be enough space for a roofed barbecue area and toilets... Contribution 11 of 25 26 June 2023
	I hope there's more shades. Like playgroup with a shades. Protect the kids from hot and rainy days. Especially Melbourne's unpredictable weather. Also, Rest Areas. Rest areas such as picnic tables & benches. Playground surfacing. We need more toddler friendly play area. Contribution 10 of 25 23 June 2023
	There is a large open space and grass which is great. Suggest some soccer goals for kids to play soccer. Even a basketball hoop would be good. Contribution 9 of 25 21 June 2023
	I feel like it hasn't been very toddler friendly Contribution 8 of 25 20 June 2023
	Please keep the current styles of swings as larger than average toddlers don't fit in the new style bucket swings at Galbally Reserve but they still fit in the current bucket swing at Argyle Reserve. My toddler as well as quite a few of her friends are tall for their age but haven't quite mastered the swings without backrest & seatbelt yet so they'll be heartbroken if the current bucket swing gets replaced with the newer "mum & bub" style. Contribution 7 of 25 20 June 2023
	Would be good to include a couple of sheltered picnic tables (e.g. under gazebo) to provide shaded resting place for parents while their children utilise the playground equipment. Contribution 6 of 25 20 June 2023
	Would like to see a garden bed of native shrubs planted around the perimeter of the play area (Kinrade Street) to enhance the aesthetics of the environment ... as opposed to current wooden fences from adjoining residential properties Contribution 5 of 25 20 June 2023
	Argyle reserve has lots of children in the area with the local soccer club & Hughesdale Primary School within close proximity, but the play area is very small. A lot of near by parks such as Galbally Reserve or Murrumbeena Park have play areas which are larger and well designed. Seems like there need to be more space dedicated to a nature themed play area as well as some new climbing or slide features, the swings are always popular so please keep these! Contribution 4 of 25 18 June 2023
	I would like to see a "Pump Track" built somewhere in the reserve. This is an undulating paved path that can be ridden on with bikes, scooters and skateboards. This could be a long linear design along one of the boundaries of the reserve and does not need to be the more traditional circular loop arrangement. Contribution 3 of 25 17 June 2023
	Some ideas to consider m: - Inground Trampoline - Under 2 play equipment separate to other equipment - Fitness play equipment (like Galbally Reserve) Contribution 2 of 25 16 June 2023
	The playground could be much bigger than it currently is as there is ample space around that is currently underutilised. With a primary school around the corner and soccer field for kids i believe it should have a mix of activities for younger pre and older primary school aged children similar to the recently built golf links avenue reserve. A bbq space and tables to eat at would be good too. Even like the golf links one - some chess tables etc. New and different equipment like a ninja course similar to that at Galbally Reserve would be good too to keep the kids active at all ages as would a larger slide. Contribution 1 of 25 16 June 2023