

# Feedback Report: Orchard Street 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 Orchard Street, Glen Waverley on Thursday 20, 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 local residents to seek their level of support and feedback for the proposed concept plan for Orchard Street playground.

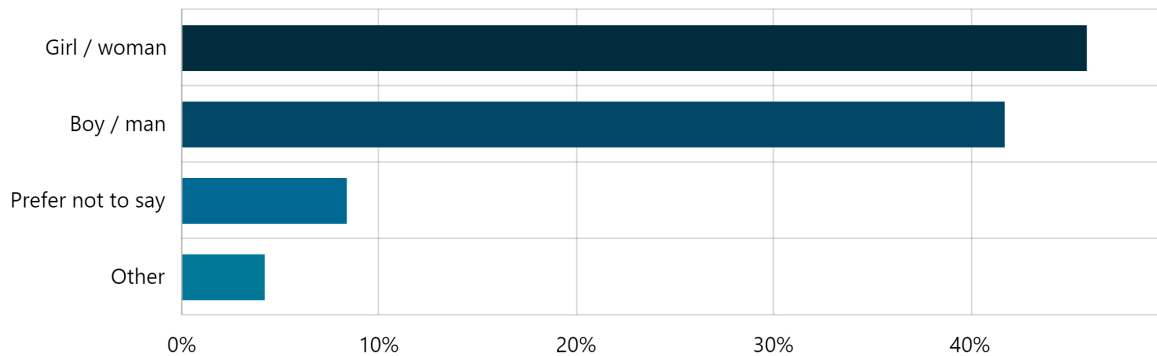
- Promote engagement opportunities to provide Have Your Say feedback during 16 June – 23 July 2023 via Information update/flyer to Councillors and local residents within 400 metre radius of the reserve via an information update flyer distributed on 16 June 2023, e-bulletin, online survey, Monash Facebook post and an onsite consultation sessions with Council staff held at Orchard Street Playground on Thursday 20, July 2023.
- Inform Councillors and the community of the concept design that has been prepared for the site via Shape Monash website

## SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

Methods used	Stakeholders	Dates
<b>e-bulletin</b>	Councillors	9 June 2023
<b>Shape Monash Survey – Have Your Say</b>	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve. <b>25 responses received</b> <b>1 email response received</b>	16 June – 23 July 2023
<b>Onsite community consultation</b>	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve. <b>0 residents attended</b>	Thursday 20 July
<b>Shape Monash Survey – Concept Design</b>	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve	Stage 2 - Still to come

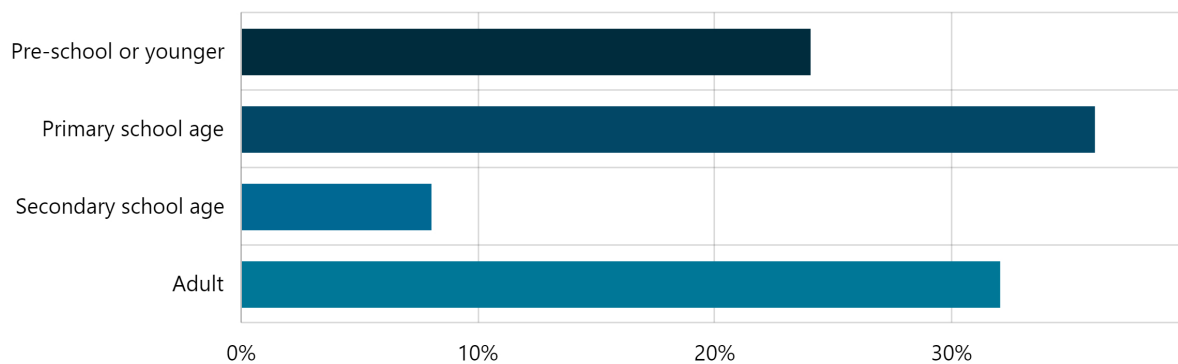
## SUMMARY OF HAVE YOUR SAY ENGAGEMENT

There were 25 respondents to the online survey. Respondents were asked their gender with the results listed below.



Gender	Percent	Count
Girl / woman	45.83%	11
Boy / man	41.67%	10
Prefer not to say	8.33%	2
Other	4.17%	1
Total	100.00%	24

Respondents were asked their age range with the results detailed below.



Age Category	Percent	Count
Pre-school or younger	24.00%	6
Primary school age	36.00%	9
Secondary school age	8.00%	2
Adult	32.00%	8
Total	100.00%	25

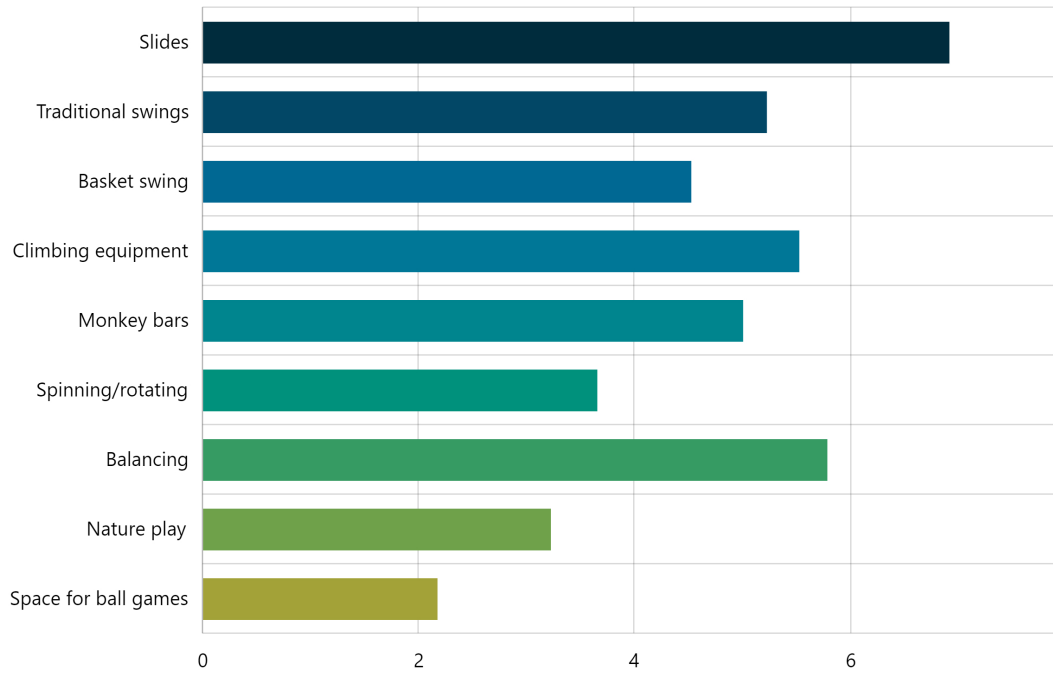
We asked two questions about the Orchard Street Playground

- 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:

## SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK OF THE MONASH SHAPE PAGE

Which play elements would work Best?



Equipment	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Count	Score*	Avg Rank^
Slides	21.74%	30.43%	8.70%	8.70%	21.74%	4.35%	4.35%	0%	0%	23	<b>6.91</b>	3.09
	5	7	2	2	5	1	1	0	0			
Balancing	5.00%	30%	25%	15%	20%	0%	5.00%	0%	0%	20	<b>5.78</b>	3.35
	1	6	5	3	4	0	1	0	0			
Climbing equipment	15.00%	20.00%	10.00%	20.00%	20.00%	10.00%	0.00%	5.00%	0.00%	20	<b>5.52</b>	3.65
	3	4	2	4	4	2	0	1	0			
Traditional swings	19.05%	9.52%	9.52%	19.05%	0%	19.05%	19.05%	4.76%	0%	21	<b>5.22</b>	4.29
	4	2	2	4	0	4	4	1	0			
Monkey bars	26.32%	15.79%	10.53%	10.53%	0%	10.53%	15.79%	5.26%	5.26%	19	<b>5</b>	3.95
	5	3	2	2	0	2	3	1	1			
Basket swing	10.00%	5.00%	20.00%	10.00%	15.00%	10.00%	15.00%	15.00%	0%	20	<b>4.52</b>	4.8
	2	1	4	2	3	2	3	3	0			
Spinning/rotating	10%	0%	10%	10%	5.00%	20%	20%	10%	15%	20	<b>3.65</b>	5.8
	2	0	2	2	1	4	4	2	3			
Nature play	5.26%	0%	10.53%	10.53%	10.53%	15.79%	10.53%	21.05%	15.79%	19	<b>3.22</b>	6.11
	1	0	2	2	2	3	2	4	3			
Space for ball games	0%	0%	11.11%	5.56%	11.11%	5.56%	0%	22.22%	44.44%	18	<b>2.17</b>	7.22
	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	4	8			

\*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.

<sup>^</sup>**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.

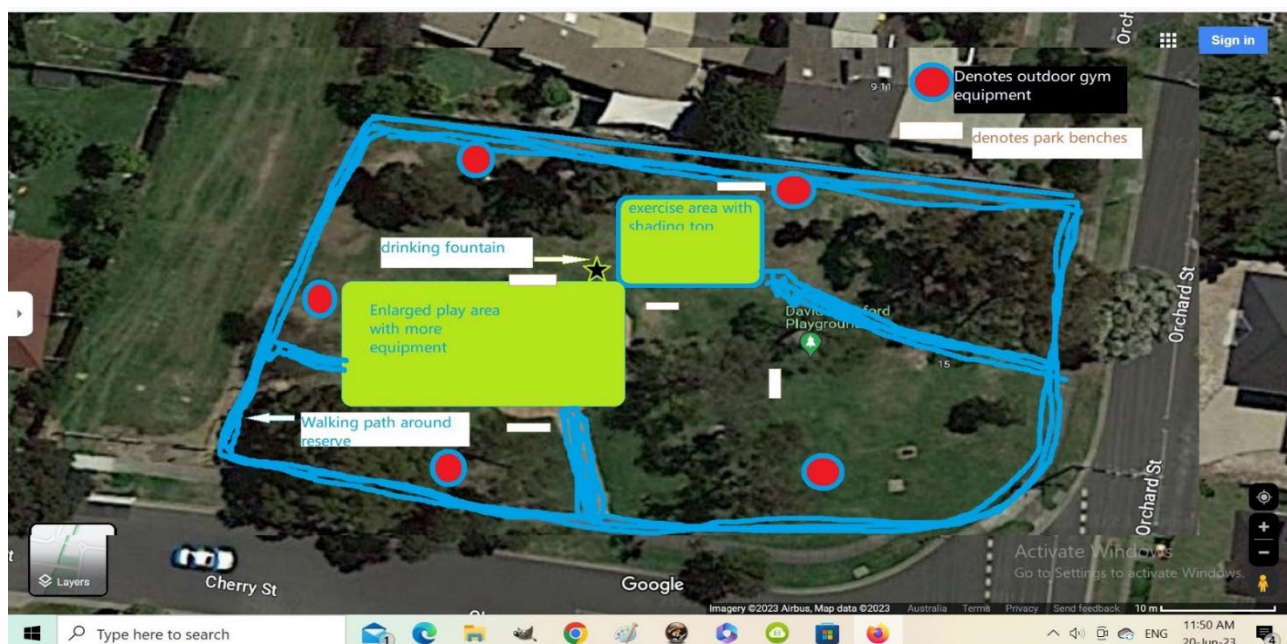
## Summary of Feedback from Have Your Say stakeholder responses.

Weked	You said	We did
Which Play elements would work best?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slides</li> <li>• Swings</li> <li>• Climbing Equipment</li> <li>• Fitness Equipment</li> </ul>	
Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage can be an issue.</li> <li>• Fencing could be installed.</li> <li>• No need for open space as opposite a large oval</li> <li>• All ability Access (Wheelchairs and Elderly)</li> <li>• Shade, BBQ and picnic areas</li> </ul>	

## Summary of Feedback from Via email

We asked	You said	We did
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"> <li>• Resident is perplexed as to why the decision has been made to upgrade the current playspace.</li> </ul>	

## Have your Say Monash Shape Webpage Uploads



17/6/2023

Dear Monash,

I'm so excited about the new play space!

I want monkey bars, ninja course, trampolines,

maze, exercise equipment, slide, swings, seesaw,

benches, and shelter. Thank you for making a new

play space.

## 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	20 July 2023
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 16 June) and Monash Facebook Post (July 12 -23)



**We are building a new playspace in your neighbourhood**

**Orchard Street Reserve, Glen Waverley**

We are upgrading your local playspace at Orchard Street 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](https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playspace-2024-25)
- Chat with Council officers on-site at Orchard Street Reserve on Thursday 20 July, 4pm - 4.30pm
- Request a hard copy 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 and 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](mailto: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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The first stage of our 2024/25 playspace consultations is closing soon on Sunday 23 July.... See more




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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







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## Appendix 1: Full summary of Have Your Say stakeholder responses

	Please add traditional swings. Contribution 18 of 18   21 July 2023
	It would be great if we can have some different slides connected by scrambling / climbing facilities. Contribution 17 of 18   19 July 2023
	Great location not enough play equip Contribution 16 of 18   18 July 2023
	Often near flood waters - Ensure proper retaining walls and that foundations and soil is tested for stability Contribution 15 of 18   18 July 2023
	Please retain the current scale just improve the equipments. Contribution 14 of 18   12 July 2023
	There is a lot of utilized space at this playground. We can make this area a much bigger play space for children with lots of different variety of play items. There is another park opposite the playground, so there is no need to empty space dedicated for playing ball games etc. I would really like to see a big zip-line, as a feature attraction to this playground. Also, if we can have a trampoline for the children. These are not available to many playgrounds. Contribution 13 of 18   8 July 2023
	As a frequent visitor of this park our family would love to see upgraded slides built in with some climbing area up to the slide itself, also the swing set should be upgraded, seating, retain seesaw possibly upgrade, more greenery and pathways Contribution 12 of 18   8 July 2023
	I think the current reserve is underused because the few facilities only catering to toddler age group alone is grossly inadequate. There should be more facilities for the slightly older children as well as adults, particularly the seniors who usually supervise the children. My suggestion for the reserve is as follows: 1. The play area to be moved/ expanded westward towards the bike path and more playground equipment intalled. 2. The expanded play area to have rubber surfacing rather than the current bark chip surface. Rubber surfaces are more hygienic, requires lower maintenance and safer as foreign matters such as broken glass are easier to be noticed and removed. 3.While the play area should have equipment for children such as climbing frames, slides etc., there should be exercise equipment for senior adult. It will encourage seniors in our street to come out to do their exercise and socialize. Those equipment could be either in the currently grassed area on the eastern aspect of the reserve or placed along various points along a rubber surfaced walking path built around the perimeter of the reserve. 4. An exercise area with rubber surface and roof for shades to be created in the grassed area at the northern aspect of the reserve between the trees. I had seen people doing Tai Qi exercise there. 5. Park benches should be installed at various locations for people to sit while accompanying young kids or simply rest after exercise. Currently there is no seating. Providing seating will encourage people to use the reserve more. 6. A drinking fountain to provide clean water. 7. Currently part of the reserve is fenced off with cyclone fence. They are aged and ugly and only go part of the perimeter of the reserve. In the renewed reserve, they should be removed and replaced by fencing of contemporary design around the whole perimeter with user access point from Orchard Street as well as access for maintenance vehicles. This provides a safer space for the users. I believe this can rejuvenate the reserve, draw out the people from the neighborhood to use the reserve more and making it a focal point of different activities. Contribution 11 of 18   20 June 2023

	*Drainage can be a bit of a problem during wetter months. * Shade sail would be great, particularly during summer. * More close-by seating for parents/adults. particularly if this offered a little weather protection. * Equipment for older children would be ideal but space probably wouldn't allow this. Contribution 10 of 18   19 June 2023
	Hi, could this new playground also surrounded with fences and fitted with childproof entry/ exit gates? As this playground is just next to pretty busy Orchard & Cherry streets. Additionally, a public toilet & bbq spot would a bonus too. Many thanks! - change it's name to Cherry Street Playground as it'll on Cherry Street Reserve. Contribution 9 of 18   18 June 2023
	- add bbq spot & public toilet. - the entrance of this playground on Cherry Street, it should be named as: Cherry Street Reserve not Orchard Street. - refresh 1st Mount Waverley Scout building. Contribution 8 of 18   18 June 2023
	Could we have a bbq pit & toilet please. Contribution 7 of 18   18 June 2023
	It is small and boring I don't go there anymore. Contribution 6 of 18   17 June 2023
	This site gets especially boggy and wet underfoot, at all times of the year when we have wet weather, as it is an old creek bed. It needs to be well drained, which it is not at present. In the 37 years I have lived next to the scout halls, I have only known of 1 upgrade to this playground. It has been left in poor condition. It needs to have far better ground cover than pine bark underfoot for children to play on. It requires better seating for parents, not just one seat away from the playground, which I would not want to sit on due to its poor standard and "grotteness" and lack of upkeep. This playground NEEDS to be accessible for children with disabilities! In this day and age this is a necessity. It needs to be colourful and inviting for parents and children and the pathway access from Cherry Street needs improvement for wheelchairs, mobility equipment and prams/pushers. Another rubbish bin would be advisable. As the Monash council has allowed older/original properties to be bulldozed for new residential properties where 2 and 3 units are built on them, family growth has increased and there is no land for children to play around their own home. These playgrounds are now of great importance in this area. Contribution 5 of 18   17 June 2023
	Fencing around perimeter Contribution 4 of 18   17 June 2023
	Please please install bigger slides, climbs, swings and a wider playspace area. Thank you. Contribution 3 of 18   17 June 2023
	It's usually unused.. some exercise equipment would be great there. Contribution 2 of 18   16 June 2023
	anythings new are happy for it. Orchard st reserve is a bit tiny. My 5 years old girl 15 minutes already played every things. If more equipment comes this park will be wonderful. Contribution 1 of 18   16 June 2023