

Feedback Report: Princes Highway 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 Princes Highway Reserve, Oakleigh on 11 July 2023.

A concept plan will be prepared following the first stage of community consultation. 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 Princes Highway Reserve playground.

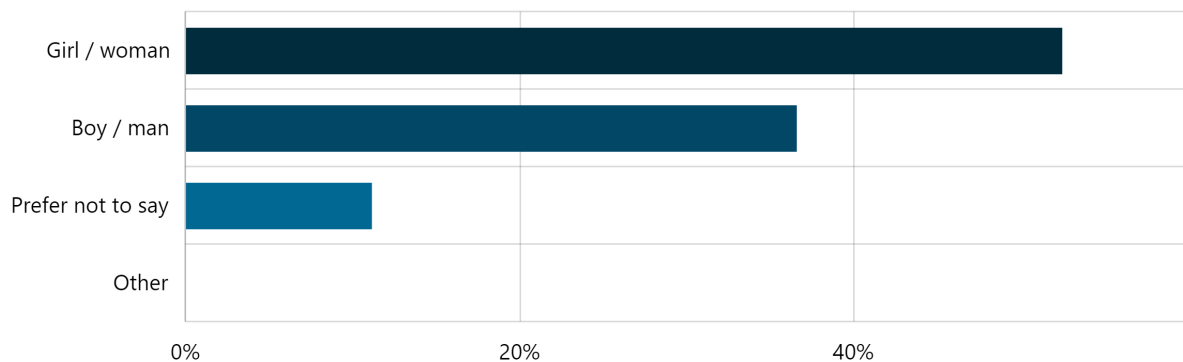
- Promote engagement opportunities to provide Have Your Say feedback during 16 June – 23 July 2023 via Information update/flyer to Councillors and local residents within 400 metre radius of the reserve via an information update flyer distributed on 12 June 2023, e-bulletin, online survey and an onsite consultation session with Council staff held at Princes Highway Road Playground on Tuesday 11 July.
- Inform Councillors and the community of the concept design that has been prepared for the site via Shape Monash website

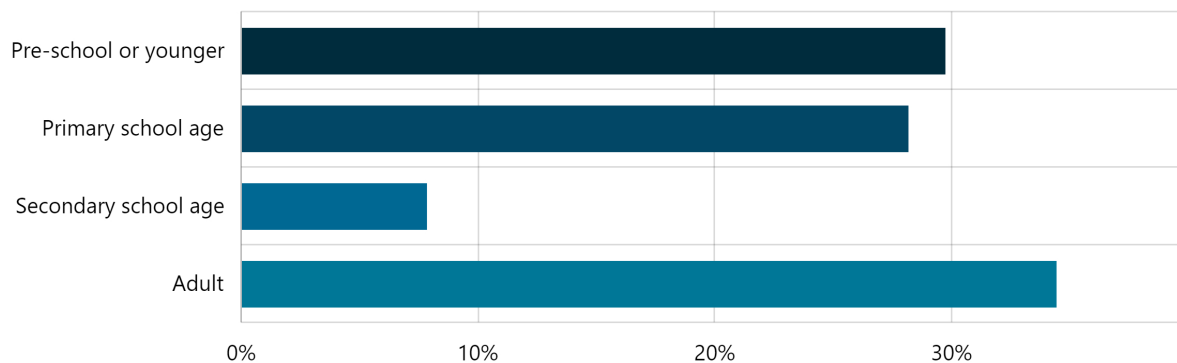
SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

Methods used	Stakeholders	Dates
e-bulletin	Councillors	9 June 2023
Shape Monash Survey – Have Your Say	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve. 64 responses received 3 emailed responses	16 June – 23 July 2023
Onsite community consultation	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve. 5 residents attended	11 July 2023
Shape Monash Survey – Concept Design	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve	TBA

SUMMARY OF HAVE YOUR SAY ENGAGEMENT

There were 64 respondents to the online survey. Of those that told us their gender 52.5% were women or girls and 36.5% were men or boys, 11% preferred not to say.



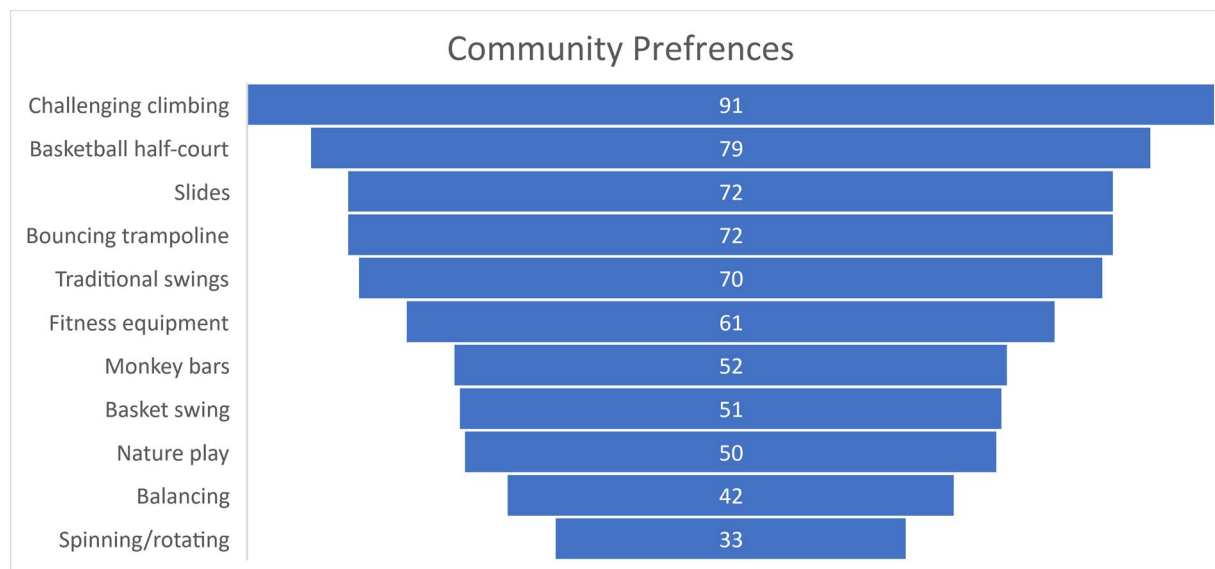


When asked about age group, 34% of respondents were Adults, 30% were Preschool or younger, 28% are Primary school age and 8% were Secondary school age.

We asked two questions about the Princes Highway 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:



Ratings

Equipment	Votes	%
Challenging climbing	91	13.52%
Basketball half-court	79	11.74%
Slides	72	10.70%
Bouncing trampoline	72	10.70%
Traditional swings	70	10.40%
Fitness equipment	61	9.06%
Monkey bars	52	7.73%
Basket swing	51	7.58%
Nature play	50	7.43%
Balancing	42	6.24%
Spinning/rotating	33	4.90%

Summary of Feedback from Have Your Say stakeholder responses.

<i>We asked</i>	<i>You said</i>	<i>We did</i>
Which Play elements would work best?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All ability Access (Wheelchairs and Elderly) • Flying Fox • Nature play • Basketball court 	
Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage needs attention • Fences for the larger dogs to stay out of the playspace • Shade and picnic areas 	

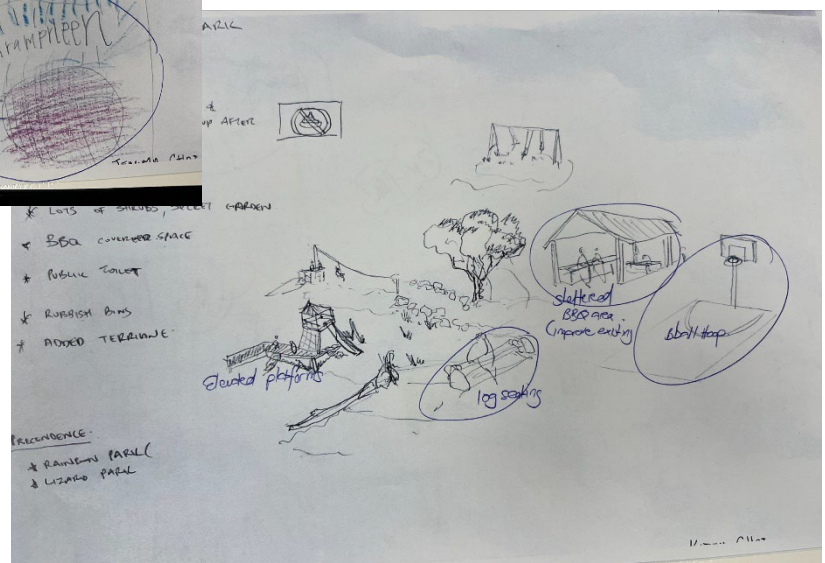
Summary of Feedback from Onsite Consultation

<i>We asked</i>	<i>You said</i>	<i>We did</i>
Which Play elements would work best?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball court • Inground Trampoline • Nature Play • Elevated/climbing platforms 	
Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage needs attention • Fences for the larger dogs to stay out of the playspace • More dog bags • Added terrain 	

Summary of Feedback from emails

<i>We asked</i>	<i>You said</i>	<i>We did</i>
Which Play elements would work best?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball/netball court, a tennis wall, fitness equipment 	
Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would recommend you have a look at the work done at Balwyn Park Playground • Shaded area and tables for the existing BBQ • Do not remove any of the existing playground equipment. But, do consider doing all of the following to improve playground's utility and appeal. 	

One family brought along drawings to the onsite consultation on what they would like to see in the future playground.



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 – 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	11 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	TBC
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) and Monash Facebook Post (July 12-23)



We are building a new playspace in your neighbourhood

Princes Highway Reserve, Oakleigh East

We are upgrading your district playspace at Princes Highway 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? Are there improvements that could make the space more welcoming and accessible for residents?

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 Princes Highway Reserve on **Tuesday 11 July, 4pm - 4.30pm**
- Request a printed copy of the survey to be mailed to you by contacting the Recreation [team](mailto:recreation@monash.vic.gov.au)
- 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
- 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



Appendix 1: Full summary of Have Your Say stakeholder responses

	Please add traditional swings. Contribution 32 of 32 21 July 2023
	Can you add a swimming pool. I love swimming and it will be the best park in the whole entire universe. I will go there every day Contribution 31 of 32 21 July 2023
	Can you add a swimming pool? This would be the best park ever if you did. I would tell everyone that this is a goooood park. Contribution 30 of 32 21 July 2023
	Can we please have more seating? [transcribed from hard copy survey, MP] Contribution 29 of 32 20 July 2023
	1. Toilet 2. Big Dogs to be leashed [transcribed from hard copy survey, MP] Contribution 28 of 32 20 July 2023
	Shading, lots of shading. It gets very hot in hot weather. Bins with covers: the bins get absolutely disgusting and people dump there. There's a beautiful knoll of tall trees just across the way; would be nice to incorporate that into it. Have some nice seating options. Contribution 27 of 32 16 July 2023
	More shades please and more areas for families to sit and have a picnic Contribution 26 of 32 12 July 2023
	Cover/shading for the play equipment to make it usable all year around Contribution 25 of 32 9 July 2023
	Would be great to have some trees planted that can act as a cubby/hiding spot/mini forest. Something like the bamboo forest in the children's garden in the Royal botanical garden in the city would be very fun and engaging for children of all ages. Contribution 24 of 32 8 July 2023
	Bike parking should be provided to encourage nearby residents to ride their bikes to the park. The lack of bicycle infrastructure may not be an issue if the main users riding are young children who can ride on the footpath. Contribution 23 of 32 7 July 2023
	keep big trees. concrete paths toilets 24/7 fence around something to do with Olympics 56 flying fox big and little some cover for rain Contribution 22 of 32 5 July 2023
	My kid likes going there at the moment but it is pretty sparse. I do worry about dogs as a lot of people walk their dogs around there. A large fenced of area would be ideal. Contribution 21 of 32 5 July 2023
	Please retain the flying fox (or bring it back in a new form - like a mini zip line!) This is definitely a popular play item for the kids at the park currently. 2 x Normal swings PLUS a basket swing would be great! A see-saw, monkey bars (even those that are like the workout/ chin-up poles like Davies reserve would be great.) Please retain the firemans pole, a tall, big slide like the one at Galbalie reserve would be wonderful and inground trampoline if there is room. Would prefer a cool flying fox over this feature if space is an issue. :) A public toilet that is open 24/7 is also needed at this park - currently a struggle if there is no football game on and sunshade over the play area or use the trees in a way that it will be shady in summer. More sitting benches and a stretch area would be an asset also. I would also like to see the current sandy paths around the park and ovals improved to be proper, sturdy paths made of concrete so anyone can use them at any time of year with ease and not a worry of puddles or uneven surface. Trying to use a two wheel scooter on them currently is a nightmare and the kids stack regularly as the ground is much softer and uneven, full of puddles in winter :(Some more lower, botanical flowering plants to make it look a bit prettier would be nice too. Improvement to the BBQ area would make the park more attractive especially when the new playground is erected. Concrete the area where the bbq is and its picnic tables - have a shelter like at Reg Harris Reserve. If there is budget - a facade face-lift for the brick dwellings at the oval! To make them look a bit more modern, instead of the orange bricks. Thankyou!! Contribution 20 of 32 3 July 2023
	Drainage!! The current playground and paths of this park are not ideal during winter and hold a lot of water which is why my children refer to it as "the muddy park". Please consider this when designing the new playground. The second footy oval (the one that was not re-turfed) is also very, very sloshy in winter. Would love to see ALL the walking/ running/ bike paths (currently made of soft sand) within the district park re-done properly with concrete (like Bailey Reserve in Bentleigh). This would improve the usability of the park 10-fold and allow people of all abilities or stages of life to access the parks paths safely at all times of the year, without worrying about uneven surfaces and large puddles of water. A public toilet that is open all hours and to all is essential also. Contribution 19 of 32 3 July 2023
	Designated Play equipment that is for under 3yo - toddlers can injure themselves on traditional play equipment or the play equipment is not suitable for them. Contribution 18 of 32 2 July 2023
	Fenced off with gates so dogs cannot access the playground. Covered roof for all weather play all year around. Contribution 17 of 32 1 July 2023

	Please include some shade, a tap/drinking fountain, and a bin. As this is a dog and ball sports park, please ensure the park is completely enclosed with locking gates for safety. Contribution 16 of 32 1 July 2023
	No rocks please! It's very dangerous for small kids especially who like to walk on them and are at risk of falling and cracking their heads open. A tap for water and a public rest room would be great. Contribution 15 of 32 1 July 2023
	Shaded areas, bins and picnic tables please! Contribution 14 of 32 1 July 2023
	Some shade covering would be good especially during the warmer months Contribution 13 of 32 1 July 2023
	Please include shade for summer time, especially under the swings where sun can get in little ones eyes. Thank you. Contribution 12 of 32 1 July 2023
	Can there also be an undercover area like a small shelter or gazebo? Very helpful when caught in sudden rain. And can there be a bin close to the playground too? Children eat lots of snacks and its handy to have a bin close by - appreciate this involves consultation with waste management. Contribution 11 of 32 1 July 2023
	It would be nice to have a swing that both baby and the parent can sit on together. A lot of young families in the area. Contribution 10 of 32 27 June 2023
	There are a lot of young families that have moved into the area in recent year with a lot of preschool and primary school aged children. Thank you for finally upgrading this playground! It really needs the play space to be expanded with natural tree shade. Shade is a badly needed as there's lots of weekend games here and we have no shade or a decent playground for the younger children Contribution 9 of 32 27 June 2023
	Hope there will be shade Contribution 8 of 32 26 June 2023
	It would be great having some equipment for older children, and the wobbly bridge on the old one has been a favourite from my family! Contribution 7 of 32 24 June 2023
	We would love to see some water based play with pumps and rock/splash pools. which is great for motor skills and families love it in the hotter months. It makes the playground usable all year round. Contribution 6 of 32 23 June 2023
	Half-court basketball setup and toilets. Contribution 5 of 32 22 June 2023
	Needs a fresh new look. Tidy garden edges, and paths... modernise . Contribution 4 of 32 20 June 2023
	Maybe create more space for this equipment. Contribution 3 of 32 20 June 2023
	Please increase the nature plantings in the rest of the park, its bleak. There are so many places plantings would improve the space, along the boundaries in particular Contribution 2 of 32 19 June 2023
	It is great that the park is off-lead for our dogs. We have made some wonderful friends during our daily walkies. Some more seating would be nice, and maybe another bin, and another water fountain would be really nice too please (on the opposite side of the park to the footy club rooms). Thanks Contribution 1 of 32 18 June 2023