

Feedback Report: Mulgrave 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 Mulgrave Reserve, Wheelers Hill on Thursday 13, and Saturday 15 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 Mulgrave Reserve playground.

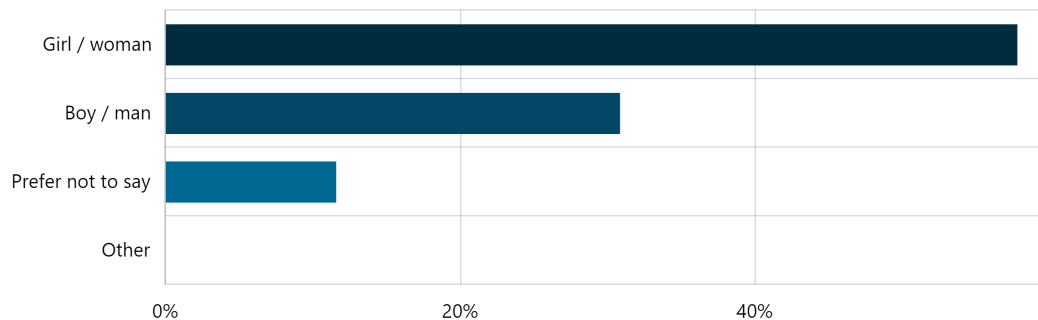
- Promote engagement opportunities to provide Have Your Say feedback during 16 June – 23 July 2023 via Information update/flyer to Councillors and local residents within 400 metre radius of the reserve via an information update flyer distributed on 16 June 2023, e-bulletin, online survey, Monash Facebook post and two onsite consultation sessions with Council staff held at Mulgrave Reserve Playground on Thursday 13 and Saturday 15 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

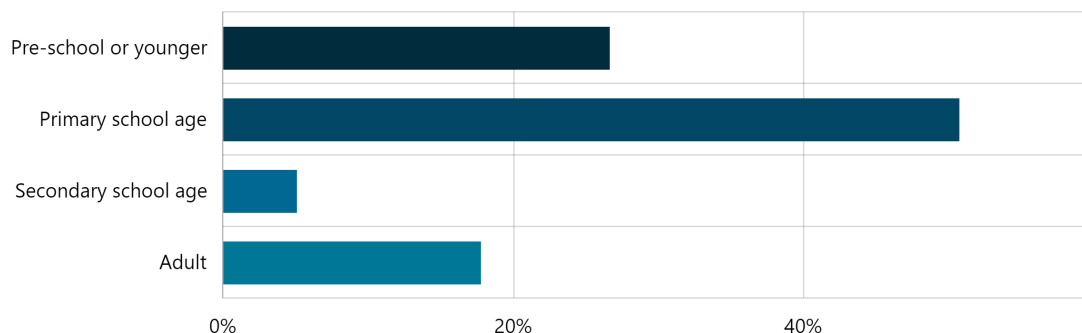
Methods used	Stakeholders	Dates
e-bulletin	Councillors	9 June 2023
Shape Monash Survey – Have Your Say	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve. 110 responses received 1 email response received	16 June – 23 July 2023
Onsite community consultation	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve. 1 residents attended	Thursday 13 July Saturday 15 July
Shape Monash Survey – Concept Design	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve	Stage 2 - Still to come

SUMMARY OF HAVE YOUR SAY ENGAGEMENT

There were 110 respondents to the online survey. Respondents were asked their gender with the results listed below.



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



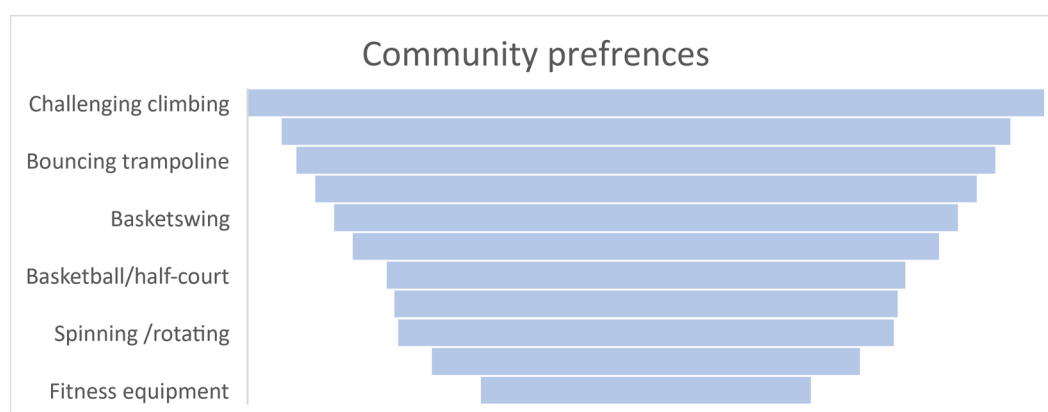
We asked two questions about the Mulgrave Reserve Playground

- 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:

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK OF THE MONASH SHAPE PAGE

Which play elements would work Best?



Equipment	Votes	%
Challenging climbing	106	12.50%
Slides	97	11.44%
Bouncing trampoline	93	10.97%
Traditional swings	88	10.38%
Basket swing	83	9.79%
Balancing	78	9.20%
Basketball half-court	69	8.14%
Monkey bars	67	7.90%
Spinning/rotating	66	7.78%
Nature play	57	6.72%
Fitness equipment	44	5.19%

Summary of Feedback from Have Your Say stakeholder responses.

<i>Weked</i>	You said	We did
Which Play elements would work best?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climbing Equipment • Slides • Trampolines 	
Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great idea to relocate the existing playground near the car park • Out of the options provided there were almost none suitable for a child with disability • Basketball Hoops, netball, fitness equipment and teenage activities 	

Have your Say Monash Shape Webpage Uploads





Summary of Feedback from Onsite Consultation (Via email)

<i>We asked</i>	You said	We did
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 • We would also value a BBQ area. • Bigger equipment 	

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	13 and 15 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

Mulgrave Reserve, Wheelers Hill

We are upgrading the playspace at Mulgrave Reserve to a district level playspace as part of the Mulgrave Reserve Master Plan. We're also relocating the playspace to the south side of the car park to better connect the playground with other facilities on the reserve (see overleaf).

Before we start designing the new playground, we want to hear from the people who will 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 Mulgrave Reserve on **Thursday 13 July, 4pm - 4.30pm** and **Saturday 15 July, 9.30am - 10am**.
- 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 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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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

Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?	
Long Text Skipped: 42 Answered: 37 (46.8%)	
Featured Contributions	
i want the playground to have some deeper slide and seesaw	Contribution 35 of 35 23 July 2023
Would love to see an under cover seating area with table	Contribution 34 of 35 22 July 2023
Great idea to relocate the existing playground near the car park! Would be great to see a path connect to the new playground from the car park for prams, scooters and bikes. Shade cloths Picnic tables Bench seats or boulders to sit on Water fountain for drink bottle refill Toilets	Contribution 33 of 35 22 July 2023
This is a great playground a bmx bike track or a traffic play bike track would be amazing as we drive to Rowville from Mulgrave to use the one at Peregrine Reserve or to Bayswater for their traffic park. Given that this backs on to the Dandenong creek bike track this could be an excellent addition. Please don't make the climbing bridge too high, parents in the area already have heart attacks over the one at Waverley Park play space,	Contribution 32 of 35 21 July 2023
Do basketball court. It good! ?	Contribution 31 of 35 21 July 2023
Can you add a netball court? Are there any play equipment that you can add that is friendly for wheelchairs? I want all kids to be able to play on the equipment.	Contribution 30 of 35 21 July 2023
Do the spinning	Contribution 29 of 35 21 July 2023
I really love flying foxes ,could you please please please add one?	Contribution 28 of 35 21 July 2023
Add stuff that is wheelchair friendly.	Contribution 27 of 35 21 July 2023
If you do add the "spinning/rotating", please make it wheelchair friendly. (I don't need a wheelchair, but this would be more fair.)	Contribution 26 of 35 21 July 2023
Please can you add the traditional swings and climbing equipment I would be very pleased if you did so	Contribution 25 of 35 21 July 2023
Please please PLEASE add more nature play and challenging climb equipment!	Contribution 24 of 35 21 July 2023
I love your playground please add seats on the basketball court so that I can rest when I'm tired playing basketball.	Contribution 23 of 35 21 July 2023
More drinking taps!	Contribution 22 of 35 21 July 2023
I want the spinning and rotating thing it's really fun	Contribution 21 of 35 21 July 2023
Please make the basketball court full court. :) if u can't, it's ok.	Contribution 20 of 35 21 July 2023
Can there be a soccer field	Contribution 19 of 35 21 July 2023
Pls add a tennis court. I like tennis :)	Contribution 18 of 35 21 July 2023
Baller rules	Contribution 17 of 35 21 July 2023

lots of teenagers use the bike track near the oval the playground needs elements for older kids and basketball is a must have Contribution 16 of 35 19 July 2023
Please make sure to have a basketball hoop. Contribution 15 of 35 18 July 2023
Out of the options provided there were almost none suitable for a child with disability. Can't use monkey bars, the traditional swings aren't supportive enough, and the swivel is only catered for children that can walk and sit independently. A wider swivel actually allows parents to wheel wheelchairs in so that more kids can enjoy the space. A bit disappointed at the options given to vote on. Couldn't even spend my 70 points to vote for things that my disabled child could use. It doesn't require more investment, it just requires an open mind to design spaces that cater to all and doesn't exclude people. Contribution 14 of 35 18 July 2023
Having the playground close to the main facilities will enable parents to have more confidence to allow children to use it Contribution 13 of 35 18 July 2023
A few barricades so that young children can't run onto garnet road. Musical play equipment (xylophone style) would be good too. Contribution 12 of 35 17 July 2023
Love to see shades over the play equipment and more picnic tables Contribution 11 of 35 12 July 2023
There should be an option for a flying fox (one with a seat and harness) and Joey Swing Seat. Contribution 10 of 35 12 July 2023
Please consider a bbq and picnic table. Also to incorporate half court basketball + netball rings with a tennis wall. Contribution 9 of 35 11 July 2023
Bbq, gazebo, with seating and sandpit. Contribution 8 of 35 8 July 2023
A colourful/themed path for kids to follow along (for either toddlers learning how to walk or preschool kids on balance bikes) would be lovely. Notting Hill neighbourhood house has an abc alphabet path which we love. Contribution 7 of 35 8 July 2023
Please add a water fountain and upgraded public toilets Contribution 6 of 35 4 July 2023
I would like to submit that we are now grandparents and what is required is a playground where grandparents could take their grandchildren and which would also provide for barbecue/picnic facilities with seating areas for the elderly. Also, the Mulgrave Reserve is a longer walk for those of us who live on the otherside of Wellington Road. There are lots of grandparents in the Haverbrack/Holmbury Blvd area. There is a Council Reserve bordering the creek on Holmbury Blvd. Is it possible for Council to look at creating a lovely picnic area with barbecues, comfortable seating and tables in this Reserve and also provide some play equipment in this Reserve for our grandchildren. Contribution 5 of 35 2 July 2023
The old playground location is very good as it is far away from the vehicles hence much safer for children. Contribution 4 of 35 28 June 2023
I would like to add bars which are decently high but still not too high. Monkey bars are also something that I would really appreciate. Contribution 3 of 35 28 June 2023
Sound play like the playground at Notting Hill Neighbourhood House. Contribution 2 of 35 23 June 2023
Would you please build one basketball half-court ?Thanks in advance! Contribution 1 of 35 16 June 2023