

7.2.1 PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT PLAYGROUND & PLAYSPACE STRATEGY 2025-2035

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Approve the draft Playground and Playspace Strategy Refresh 2025-2035 as presented in Attachment A for public exhibition and invite community feedback on the draft.**
2. **Note the following consideration of the consultation findings, a final Playground and Playspace Strategy 2025-2035 will be presented for Council endorsement in 2024.**

INTRODUCTION

A new Playground and Playspace Strategy is required to inform Monash play provision and playground upgrade priorities post July 2025 when the 2020 strategy sunsets.

This report provides an overview of existing playspace provision, current and future needs, and recent consultation findings that have informed the development of a new *draft* Playground and Playspace Strategy. Council endorsement is now sought to publicly exhibit the draft for community feedback.

COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Sustainable City

Ensure an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable municipality.

Inclusive Services

Renew our community assets to deliver contemporary services.

Enhanced Places

Improving open spaces, bushland and street trees, including prioritising biodiversity and community engagement.

BACKGROUND

Monash's existing Playground and Playspace Strategy was adopted in 2020 and sunsets in 2025. A new strategy is required to inform play provision and playground upgrade priorities from July 2025.

Many of the recommendations in the Playground and Playspace Strategy 2020 have been completed including:

- Implementation of consistent and transparent standards for playground developments in accordance with the Council-endorsed playground classifications and minimum infrastructure provision standards.
- Implementation of playground classifications and design standards to ensure playground sustainability, quality, flexibility and accessibility by:
 - Providing clarity around playground provision and services levels.
 - Providing a variety of play experiences for the community i.e. from larger regional destination playspaces to smaller local playspaces.
 - Ensuring Monash playspaces offer our community a broad range of high quality, creative play opportunities for different age groups and abilities.
 - Identifying future funding requirements and budgeting implications related to the provision playgrounds.
- The delivery of the five-year Council-endorsed playground upgrade program from 2020-2025 (note: excluding the upgrade of Bogong Reserve Playspace which has been postponed due to the Suburban Rail Loop and associated precinct planning).
- Development of partnerships with other agencies to deliver playgrounds in gap areas e.g. VicRoads lease for development of a new pocket playspace at 2A Westbrook Avenue, Chadstone following the decision to sell of the North Oakleigh Tennis Club site.
- Planned delivery of two new playspaces in playground gap areas to improve access and equity in identified gap areas in Chadstone and Clayton.
- Playground Condition Audits every four years.
- Development of an Active Recreation Opportunities Strategy to inform the future development and renewal of active recreation hubs/nodes across Monash to complement the Playspace Strategy.
- Key findings from the initial playground consultation directly informed priorities for the development of new stand-alone public toilets in reserves in the Public Toilet Strategy.
- Mulgrave Reserve playspace designed to a district-level classification to deliver a new destination playspace in Wheelers Hill as per the Mulgrave Reserve Masterplan.
- External funding of more than \$2m secured for recent playspace upgrades including Progress Park and Cameron Avenue, Westerfield Drive Sensory Playspace, Cambridge Street Reserve, Carlson Reserve playspace forecourt and Mount Waverley Reserve.
- Expanded outreach programs into parks and reserves at active recreation hubs to help reduce barriers and enhance participation in physical activity e.g., Active Communities
- New sensory playgrounds at Westerfield Drive, Notting Hill and Wellesley Road, Glen Waverley received the Victoria/Tasmania award for excellence from Parks and Leisure Australia (PLA).
- The Westerfield Drive Sensory Playspace in Notting Hill went on to win PLA's National Award for Excellence 2023 as the best playspace in Australia (<\$500k). This innovative and unique sensory playspace was recognised by the judges as being worthy of the nation's best playspace (<\$500k) for increasing open space and play provision in built-up area of Monash that experienced an undersupply of public open space and gap in playspace provision.

The Playspace Strategy Refresh focuses on providing sustainable and equitable future playground provision and seeks to reaffirm Council's Vision, service levels and infrastructure provision standards for playgrounds and understand contemporary community needs and confirm playground priorities for the period 2025-2035.

DISCUSSION

Council and government authorities (Parks Victoria, Crown Land Authority and VicTrack) provide a diverse array of play opportunities in Monash for children and families throughout a network of 139 playgrounds located in public parks and reserves. The draft Strategy Refresh has been developed to guide playground service standards and ensure a planned, equitable and sustainable approach to the future provision and management of playgrounds in Monash.

Council's Vision for playspaces:

The City of Monash will provide a diverse range of quality, fun, accessible, well-designed and maintained playspaces that assist children's cognitive, physical, social, emotional and sensory development as well as providing a community gathering space that encourages interaction, understanding, physical activity and community health and wellbeing.

The objectives of the *Strategy Refresh* are:

- Ensure holistic, systematic and evidence-based approach to ongoing playground provision.
- Confirm the strategic priorities for the development of new and upgrade of existing playspaces in Monash for the 10year period 2025-2035.
- Ensure future playground developments are relevant and responsive to community needs.
- Maintain a safe play environment for children in our parks where children can take calculated risks in play environments that offer children opportunities to enhance their physical, emotional, cognitive, social and sensory development.
- Reaffirm Monash's playground vision, design standards, classifications, service levels and minimum infrastructure provision standards.
- Provide a variety of creative, high quality play opportunities for children and their families to enjoy and recreate together.

Current Provision

A playground hierarchy is used to classify the scale and primary design focus for each playground in Monash. Monash has 139 public playspaces that are classified according to minimum service levels and provision standards for playspaces which include:

- Primary design focus and target group
- Indicative catchment area
- Indicative duration of stay (visit time)
- Indicative number of play pieces including nature play elements
- Recommended inspection, maintenance, and audit regimes.

These playspaces range from small pocket parks with 3-5 pieces of equipment through to large regional destination playgrounds with over 15 pieces of equipment and supporting infrastructure such as public toilets, picnic shelters, barbeques and drinking fountains. Monash has:

- 45 pocket playspaces
- 56 local playspaces
- 22 neighbourhood playspaces
- 13 district playspaces
- 3 municipal/regional playspaces

With a limited number of high-quality district (13) and municipal/regional (3) scale playgrounds across the municipality, a key direction of the Strategy Refresh is to improve the quality of existing playgrounds with the view to providing a more equitable distribution of destination playspaces across the municipality.

Over recent times, Council has progressively removed and replaced outdated playgrounds, often no longer compliant with Australian Standards or consistent with contemporary standards.

Over the last 11 years and by July 2025, a total of 68 playgrounds across Monash will have been upgraded at an estimated cost of \$18 million.

Demographic Analysis

The City of Monash Estimated Resident Population for 2021 is 203,501. The 2023 population forecast for City of Monash is 204,213. Between 2023 and 2041, the population forecast for the City of Monash is 250,219 which is an increase of 46,006 persons (or 22.53%), at an average annual change of 1.25% per annum.

Population growth is expected across all suburbs in Monash from 2021 to 2041, however significant population increases are forecasted in existing residential growth zones such as Clayton (48.4%) and Glen Waverley (31.6%). This will continue to place pressure on local infrastructure such as playgrounds in these areas, especially within the 1.6km radius of the planned Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) stations.

Of particular note is the significant increase in the percentage of children (aged 0-17) in Monash from 2021 to 2041. Over this period, the 0-to-17-year cohort is forecast to grow by a total of 10,964 children. This will result in an increase demand for playgrounds across Monash, particularly in the south-west of the municipality where increases in persons aged 0 to 17 years are expected to increase by 79.7% in Clayton, 77.4% in Oakleigh and 63.9% in Oakleigh South.

Local Government Benchmarking

As part of the Draft Strategy Refresh, benchmarking with other Local Governments was undertaken to determine playground provision trends and service standards.

The comparative statistics between authorities were similar with approximately 1 playspace per 1,400 head of population and 1 playspace per 275 head of children between the ages of 0-17 years. Both of these benchmarks only measure against the number of playspaces provided in each Local Government area.

Monash's aspiration to provide a playground within 400m of 95% of all residents is consistent with the playground provision service level for neighbouring metropolitan Councils. Most Councils aspire to provide a playspace within a 400-500 metre radius of every residential property. Although

challenging to achieve, this benchmark provides a guide for identifying gaps in playground provision and assessing community needs and access to existing playspaces.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Ongoing implementation of Council's Annual Playground Upgrade Program, in accordance with the playground classifications and renewal priorities over the 10-years from 2025-2035 will cost approximately \$17m (approx. \$1.7m p.a.). This amount is inclusive of all costs including:

- Site investigations
- Pre-planning and community consultation
- Detailed design and tender specification
- Construction costs
- Site fencing & signage
- Project management costs
- Design supervision fees
- Playground auditor fees
- Contingencies, and
- Includes a 5% allowance per annum for escalation.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Draft Strategy Refresh focuses on providing sustainable and equitable future playground provision and seeks to reaffirm Council's Vision and existing playground service levels and infrastructure provision standards for playspaces as outlined in the current Playground and Playspace Strategy 2020.

The Draft Strategy Refresh is also cognisant of key Council strategies and plans such as the Municipal Public Health Plan, Monash Open Space Strategy and Active Recreation Opportunities Strategy.

CONSULTATION

The community consultation and engagement program for the draft Strategy Refresh ran from 25 May 2023 to 27 August 2023.

During the consultation period, there were 80 contributions to the Shape Monash page, eight written and 12+ MYzone middle year participant submissions received.

The community consultation and engagement program for the draft Strategy Refresh included:

1. Shape Monash online survey – 83 on-line contributions received via Shape Monash at [Playground Strategy Refresh | Shape Monash](#)
2. Direct Email – to existing community networks including Monash sporting clubs, neighbourhood houses, playgroups and advisory committee members were directly emailed and encouraged to complete the online survey
3. Project page subscription registration – for regular project updates

4. Monash Bulletin July 2023 and August 2023 – articles in the Monash Bulletin distributed to every household in Monash translated into Chinese, Greek and Italian
5. Written Submissions – 7 written submissions received via Shape Monash and 1 written submission via Facebook (total of 8 written submissions)
6. MYzone Middle Years Group – drawings and/or written feedback from 12 MYzone participants (Monash Youth Services) on their ‘perfect playground’
7. Youth Services Program Participants - distributed information to parents and other younger participants at youth services programs
8. Social Media post on 23 August 2023 – 1,418 accounts reached, 147 engagements from people who liked, commented, shared, clicked through to our Facebook page, or just opened the photo for a more detailed look
9. Playspace Strategy Refresh Poster - posted on public noticeboards in Monash libraries, customer service centres and aquatic centres
10. General feedback received from residents in relation to individual playground upgrade projects at onsite meetings and/or online design consultations.

Refer to *Attachment B - Consultation Report* for more information on the consultation findings, play priorities and community needs.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Playspaces are important destinations for communities to gather. They encourage interaction, understanding, physical activity and community health and wellbeing.

Accessible, inclusive, and well-designed playspaces bring people together, enhance community cohesiveness and assists children’s cognitive, physical, social, emotional, and sensory development.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The United Nations (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 31) has stated that *‘...every child has a right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child, and to participate freely in cultural life and arts.’*

The Good Playspace Guide ([The Good Playspace Guide](#), Sport and Recreation Victoria, 2007) also acknowledges the importance of play: *‘All children need to play. All children have the right to play. When children play, they are not just filling in time, they are learning to interpret their world. Play facilitates the learning of life skills, and for this reason, the provision of quality outdoor playspaces is vitally important in local communities.’*

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Because this policy/program/service is considered to have a direct and significant impact on the Monash community, a gender impact assessment (GIA) has been undertaken as part of this work.

The research shows boys and girls experience play and playspaces differently for different reasons. Some key findings include:

- Teenage girls 'play' significantly less than boys and often playspaces are not designed with girls' needs in mind
- Women and girls and gender diverse people feel less safe in public spaces including play spaces and may be 'pushed out' of play spaces/certain elements, or even bullied
- Toilets are a key issue for community members (adults and children) and are also a gendered issue
- People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds may have different barriers to access playspaces
- People with a disability may have different barriers to access playspaces
- Grandparents are an increasing cohort of visitors as are carers, and supporting infrastructure such as the provision of seating, shade and toilets is important.

The findings of GIA have directly shaped the draft Strategy Refresh as indicated below:

- The section on 'Gender and Play' has been included in the draft strategy (Attachment A) which outlines research on gender participation differences.
- Disaggregated gender data tables included in the Consultation Report (Attachment B)
- Gender-related recommendations have been incorporated in the strategy such as:
 - Update *Playground Design Principles & Considerations* to consider play elements and equipment preferred by girls in designs by including reference *Make Space for Girls* and ensure playground design briefs to ensure playground designs are inclusive of the needs of women and girls
 - Reaffirm infrastructure provision standards such as the provision of baby change facilities and 'all-gender' public toilets within 250m of district and regional playspaces
 - Deliver a new sensory playspace in Monash that will include signage/ information for diverse needs e.g., Access Key, universal communication boards, and statements around everyone being welcome
 - Continue to collect desegregated data in relation to participation.

CONCLUSION

When adopted, the Playground and Playspace Strategy Refresh 2025-35 will guide the planning, provision, design and management of playgrounds in Monash post June 2025. The Strategy Refresh is a high-level strategic document that seeks to identify the playground needs of existing and future residents and aims to redress potential gaps in playspace provision.

The Strategy Refresh also reinforces the key directions and actions identified in the Monash Open Space Strategy and carries forward any relevant recommendations from the current Council-endorsed Playground and Playspace Strategy which ends in 2025.

The Strategy Refresh is aspirational; and it is acknowledged that not all recommendations will be completed over the life of the Strategy (2025-2035). Implementation relies on several factors including Council budget approval, external funding, project prioritisation, the pace of redevelopment and population growth, and the availability of land to purchase in gap areas.

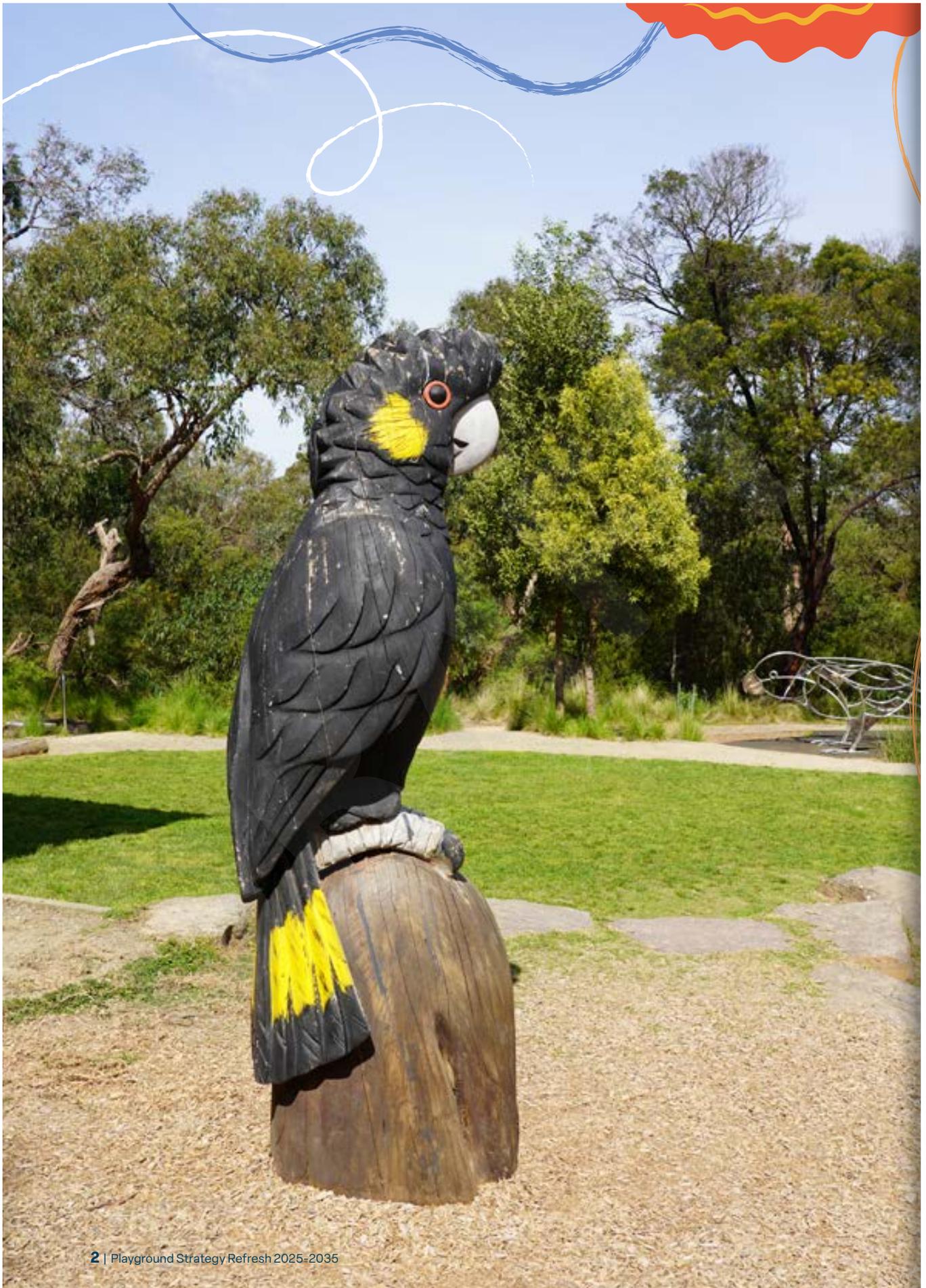


It is recommended that Council approves the draft Strategy Refresh for public exhibition with the view to inviting written submissions from the community for consideration before a final Strategy is presented in 2024 for adoption.

ATTACHMENT LIST

1. CS Attachment A - Draft Playground Playspace Strategy 2025-2035 [**7.2.1.1** - 64 pages]
2. CS Attachment B - Playground Strategy Refresh Consultation Report [**7.2.1.2** - 46 pages]





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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Monash Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong People, and recognises their continuing connection to the land and waterways. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



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INTRODUCTION

Monash Council provides a diverse array of play opportunities for children throughout a network of 139 (soon to be 141) public playspaces located in parks and reserves.

This refresh of the *Playground and Playspace Strategy 2020* has been undertaken to ensure Monash has a proactive, sustainable and evidenced-based approach to the ongoing provision and management of playgrounds and playspaces in the City of Monash.

Play is important for children's physical, cognitive, social, emotional and sensory development. Through play, important life skills are learnt using interaction, risk-taking, imagination, socialising and self-expression. Playing allows children to learn about themselves and others.

Playgrounds and playspaces provide environments where children can explore,

create, imagine, interact and reflect. Successful playgrounds enable children of all ages to take calculated risks, interact with others and be physically active. Playgrounds have evolved from simple slide and swing sets to integrated equipment that incorporate a range of features, challenges, themes and experiences.

Monash is a desirable area to live; as a result more people are choosing to stay in smaller houses and units to raise a family. As urban density intensifies and private open space is reduced, the importance of public open space increases. This places pressure on open space realms to provide high-quality experiences for a range of ages, abilities and interests. The continual improvement of quality passive and active open space, including playgrounds, will promote community participation in physical activity and improve health and wellbeing.

BACKGROUND

The *Monash Playground and Playspace Strategy Refresh 2025* (Strategy Refresh) expands on the *Playground and Playspace Strategy 2020* and reaffirms the service levels, provision and design standards for the development and renewal of playgrounds in the City of Monash.

All recommended actions in the Strategy Refresh are important as they improve the quality, safety, appeal and value of playgrounds across the City of Monash. The implementation of the Strategy Refresh and upgrade of future playspaces is an ongoing and evolving process. The Strategy Refresh will ensure that a high standard of playgrounds is delivered in priority order in accordance with the *Active Monash Capital Works Prioritisation Framework 2018*.

Capital Works Prioritisation Framework

This prioritisation framework identifies capital works priorities for the next 10+ years for recreation assets (including playgrounds) in a transparent and equitable manner. Under the framework, projects are ranked in order of priority for upgrade based on a clear and justifiable assessment methodology:

- 1** Strategic justification (10%)
- 2** Physical environment (35%)
- 3** Community benefit (35%)
- 4** Economic benefit (10%)
- 5** Environmental assessment (10%)

Playgrounds that have been identified as high priority for upgrade under this framework feature in the aspirational 10-year playspace upgrade program commencing 2025/26 (**Appendix 2**).

The Active Monash Capital Works Priorities Framework spreadsheet is a dynamic document and will be reviewed and updated annually before each capital works planning cycle to ensure the top capital works priorities remain relevant and reflect current conditions and community needs.

Playground hierarchy and classifications

A playground hierarchy is used to classify the scale and primary design focus for each playground. A playground's classification directly informs its scope and size and it also guides the level of service and infrastructure provision.

Monash has five (5) playground classifications that range from small pocket parks through to large regional destination playgrounds :

- Pocket
- Local
- Neighbourhood
- District
- Municipal/Regional.

The design focus of the playspace should reflect:

- The anticipated target group(s) who will primarily use the playground
- The extent of play elements and experiences to be provided
- The indicative duration of stay and mode of travel to the playground
- The distinctive features of the park and/or reserve.

Hierarchy considerations

If a district- or regional-scale playground is located in a neighbourhood, a series of smaller pocket or local playgrounds for toddlers should also be provided in the local area. This will enable small children to have a place to play without potentially feeling intimidated by older children rushing about them.

The nature of the suburb may influence the type of playground developed. If the house blocks are small or if the 'backyards' are small, there is a greater need for access to a quality playspace in a local park.

Other factors which should be considered include:

- Site suitability
- Existing gaps in provision i.e. where residents have to travel more than 400 metres to access a playground
- Current and future demand – using demographic data to identify the current and projected number of children living in a precinct
- The number, variety, quality and classification of nearby playspaces
- Strategic fit and alignment with relevant Council strategies and plans.

Service levels

For each classification level, Monash has established minimum service levels and provision standards for playspaces. These include:

- Primary design focus and target group
- Indicative catchment area
- Indicative duration of stay (visit time)
- Indicative number of play pieces including nature play elements
- Recommended inspection/maintenance check schedule.

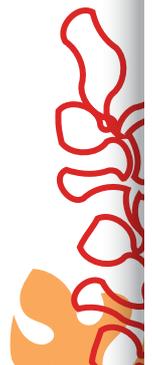
TABLE 1: Monash playground classifications and inspection program

Playspace classification	Primary design focus and target group	Indicative catchment area	Indicative duration of stay	Indicative no. of play pieces (incl. nature play)	Recommended inspection/ maintenance check schedule
Regional	Intergenerational*	10km	2+ hours	15+ pieces	2 inspections per week
District	Intergenerational*	2.5km	1+ hours	8-12 pieces	1 inspection per week
Neighbourhood	Preschool - secondary school	1km	Up to 2 hours	8-12 pieces	1 inspection per week
Local	Preschool - primary school	500m	Up to 1 hour	5-8 pieces	1-2 inspections per fortnight
Pocket	Toddlers - preschool	400m	Up to 30 mins	3-5 pieces	1 inspection per fortnight

***NOTE:** In the intermediate and teenage age groups there is a shift away from playgrounds to other active recreational facilities that allow for sport and active recreation. The *Monash Active Recreation Opportunities Strategy*¹ identifies strategic priorities for the planning and delivery of outdoor active recreation infrastructure such as fitness stations, basketball half courts, skate parks etc.

Intergenerational play also supports the active participation of adults accompanying or supervising children at playgrounds.

¹ www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/active-recreation-opportunities-strategy.pdf



Minimum infrastructure provision standards

Minimum playground infrastructure provision standards for each playground classification also apply as outlined in Table 2. These minimum standards may be exceeded at certain sites where a legitimate need for additional infrastructure can be demonstrated.

TABLE 2: Minimum playground infrastructure provision standards

Playspace classification	Double BBQ (incl. paving and sheiter)	Shade sail (over play area)	Public toilets (within 250m of playspace)	Accessible picnic table	Water fountain	Rubbish bins	Bike rack	Accessible features	Bench seating
Regional	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Neighbourhood				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Local								Yes	Yes
Pocket								Yes	Yes

The playground classifications, service levels and provision standards inform the design brief, project scope and budget for playspaces and enable Council to deliver a sustainable, equitable and feasible playground program. They also:

- Provide clarity and consistency around playground provision levels
- Provide a variety of play experiences for the community i.e. from larger regional destination playspaces to smaller local playspaces
- Ensure our playspaces offer the community with a broad range of high quality, creative play opportunities for different ages and abilities
- Prioritise the development of new playspaces in gap areas to enhance equity of access
- Demonstrate responsible asset management, based on an understanding of future asset renewal costs and obligations based on existing provision standards
- Ensure consistent quality playground design by embedding Monash’s Playspace Design Principles and Considerations in playspace design briefs.

Aspirational minimum playground provision standard

Monash Council aspires to meet a minimum provision standard of having a playground within a 400 metre radius (as the crow flies) of 95% of all residential dwellings.

The level of playground provision varies from precinct to precinct and is directly affected by the amount of public open space available. Large areas of land in Monash are utilised by industry and technology, private golf courses and tertiary institutions (e.g. Monash University Clayton Campus) and this directly affects playground provision in parts of Monash.

IMPROVING PLAYSPACES

Council has progressively removed and replaced outdated playgrounds, often no longer compliant with Australian Standards or consistent with contemporary standards.

From 2014 to July 2025, Council will have upgraded a total of 68 playgrounds across Monash at an estimated cost of \$17.8 million (Table 3).

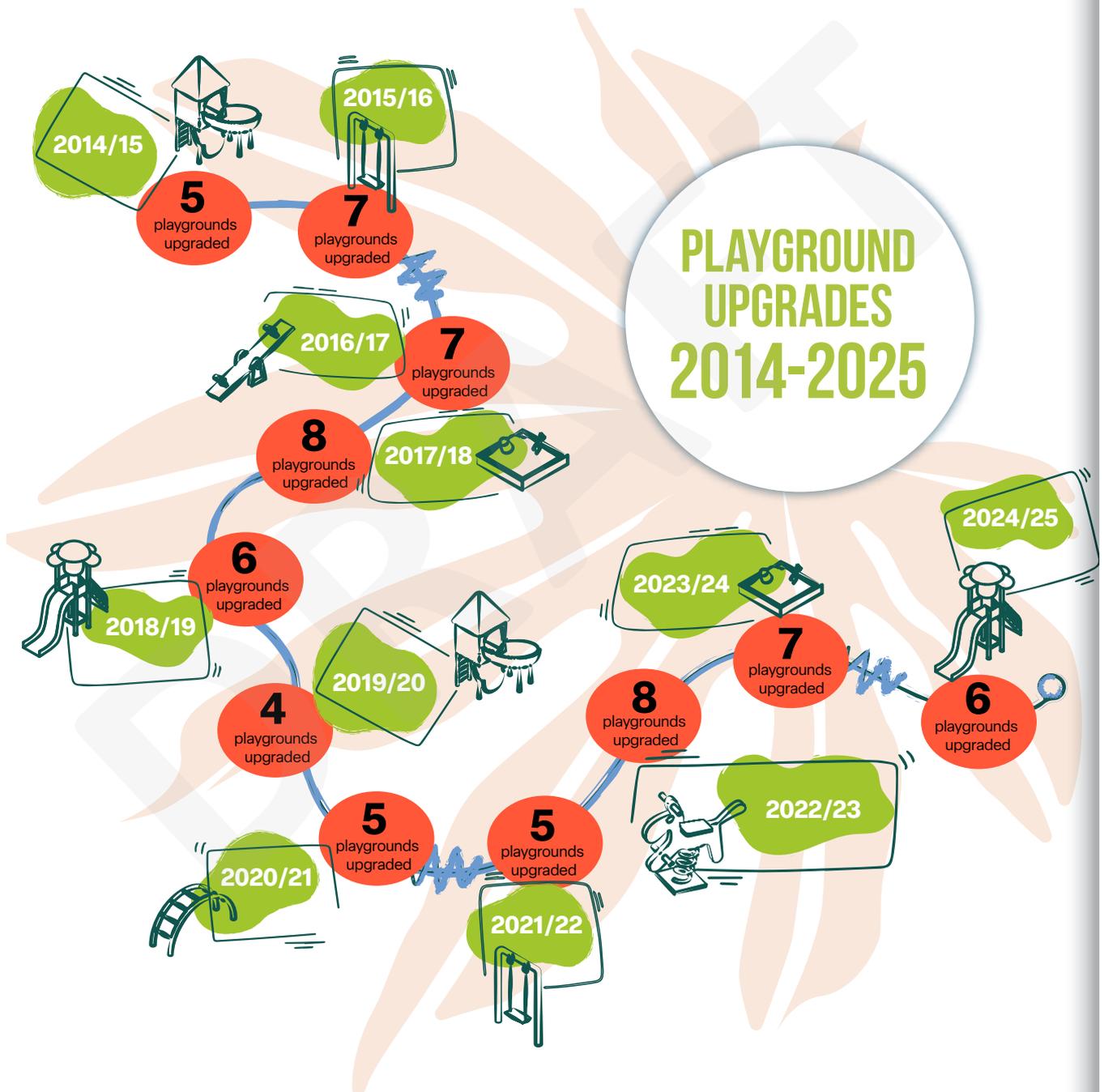


TABLE 3: Playground upgrades 2014-2025

Year	Sites	Number of Sites	Total cost p.a. (incl. grants)
2014/15	Valley Conservation Reserve, Wellington Reserve, Ashwood Drive Reserve, Beverley Grove Reserve (Mount Waverley Linear Reserve), Brandon Park Reserve.	5	\$1,150,000
2015/16	Reg Harris Reserve, Marykirk Drive (Ronston Court) Reserve, Tally Ho Reserve, Woodlea Drive Reserve, Viewpoint Avenue Reserve, Mackellar Avenue Reserve, Bailey Street Reserve.	7	\$995,000
2016/17	Dirigo Drive Reserve, Burlington Street Reserve (Burlington Square), Mayfield Park Reserve, Portland Street South Reserve, Davies Reserve, Napier Park, Jingella Reserve fitness station.	7	\$980,000
2017/18	Pascall Street Reserve, Fiander Avenue Reserve, Netherby Avenue Reserve, Arthur Street Reserve, Samada Street Reserve, Murumba Drive Reserve, Freeway Reserve, Essex Heights Reserve fitness station.	8	\$1,050,000
2018/19	Glen Waverley North Reserve, Mannering Drive Reserve, Catherine Avenue Reserve, Dennis Street Reserve, Adrian Street Reserve, Galbally Reserve.	6	\$1,350,000
2019/20	Melissa Street Reserve, Evelyn Street Reserve, Electra Reserve, Wellesley Road Reserve.	4	\$900,000
2020/21	Wilma Avenue Reserve, Bayview (Madison Court) Reserve, Danien Street Reserve, Capital Reserve, Whitehaven Crescent Reserve.	5	\$1.07m
2021/22	Garnett Street Reserve, Carlson Reserve, Gardiners Reserve, Botanic Drive Reserve, Petronella Avenue Reserve.	5	\$1.64m
2022/23	Herriotts Boulevard (England Road) Reserve, Atheldene Drive Reserve, Flora Road Reserve, Cambridge Street Reserve, Progress Park and Cameron Avenue Reserve, Westerfield Drive Reserve, Rivett Crescent Reserve, Samada Street Reserve improvements.	8	\$3.5m
2023/24	Talbot Park, Cambro Road Reserve, Mount Waverley Reserve, Diamond Avenue Reserve, Highview Park, Rembrandt Drive (Gainsborough Avenue) Reserve, Portland Street North Reserve.	7	\$2.35m
2024/25* *subject to budget provision	Princes Highway Reserve, Mulgrave Reserve, Orchard Street (David Crawford) Reserve, Argyle Reserve, Westbrook Street Reserve (proposed), Centre Road West Skyrail (proposed).	6	\$2.8m
TOTAL	Average \$270k per playspace	68	\$17.8m





*To be upgraded by 30 June 2025 – subject to budget approval

SCOPE OF STRATEGY

Playground definition

For the purposes of this Strategy Refresh a playground is defined as:

“...any accessible area used for outdoor play or recreation which contains recreational play equipment such as slides and swings which is typically found in a public park or reserve.”

A playground forms part of a playspace which may incorporate additional infrastructure and features such as picnic shelters, public toilets,

drinking fountains, basketball half courts and public tennis facilities.

Monash currently has 139 public playgrounds. Two new pocket playgrounds are also due for completion mid-2025. This will bring the total number of playspaces up to 141.

Refer to **Appendix 1: Playgrounds in Monash** for a comprehensive list of public playgrounds in the City of Monash.



Outdoor active recreation infrastructure

While the scope of this Strategy Refresh focuses on playgrounds, it is important to note that Council also provides outdoor active recreation hubs and active recreation infrastructure in public parks and reserves such as:

- Fitness stations or exercise equipment
- Multi-sport courts with basketball, netball and/or futsal goals
- Community tennis facilities such as public tennis courts, hit-up tennis walls and table tennis tables
- Bocce courts
- Skate parks and pump tracks
- Bouldering and climbing walls.

In cases where recreational infrastructure is integrated into the playspace, as opposed to stand-alone active recreation infrastructure, it will be considered and treated as part of the playspace.

“ **...any accessible area used for outdoor play or recreation which contains recreational play equipment such as slides and swings which is typically found in a public park or reserve.** ”

¹ www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/active-recreation-opportunities-strategy.pdf

Active recreation opportunities strategy

The *Monash Active Recreation Opportunities Strategy*¹ identifies strategic priorities for the planning and delivery of outdoor active recreation infrastructure such as fitness stations, basketball half courts, skate parks etc. to enable residents to participate ‘in their own way.’

The City of Monash has delivered a range of active recreation facilities across its open space network, including outdoor fitness equipment, circuit paths and trails, basketball courts and cricket practice facilities. The *Active Recreation Opportunities Strategy* aims to increase the diversity of opportunities for physical activity and balance the provision of facilities across the network.

The establishment of a series of neighbourhood ‘active recreation hubs’ will complement the provision and upgrade of playspaces by:

- Increasing the diversity of facilities
- Creating destinations for play, active recreation and physical activity
- Providing intergenerational elements so people of all ages and abilities can play, recreate and be active together e.g. children, parents and grandparents
- Providing new opportunities for residents to be physically active.





Our vision for playspaces:

The City of Monash will provide a diverse range of quality, fun, accessible, well designed and maintained playspaces that assist children’s cognitive, physical, social, emotional and sensory development as well as providing a community gathering space that encourages interaction, understanding, physical activity and community health and wellbeing.

This Strategy Refresh aims to ensure the continued holistic and systematic approach to playground developments and provides:

- A clear vision that ensures Monash playspaces offer a broad range of high-quality, creative play opportunities for different age groups and abilities
- A playground classification framework and minimum infrastructure provision standards that deliver clarity around provision and services levels and a diverse range of play experiences
- An understanding of future demand for playspaces in Monash, and identifies gaps in provision and potential sites for the development of new playgrounds
- Equitable access to playgrounds
- A responsible and sustainable approach to managing playground renewals with the view to reducing the playground renewal gap to under 20 years.

The objectives of the Strategy Refresh are:

- Confirm the strategic direction for the planning, development and upgrade of playspaces in the City of Monash for the next 10 years
- Ensure future playground developments are relevant and responsive to community needs
- Maintain a safe play environment for children in our parks where children can take calculated risks
- Reaffirm Monash’s playground design standards, classifications and service levels and minimum infrastructure provision standards
- Provide play environments and equipment that offer children recreation opportunities that contribute to their physical, emotional, cognitive, social and sensory development
- Provide a variety of creative, high-quality play opportunities for children and their families to enjoy and recreate together.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAYGROUNDS

The United Nations has stated that:

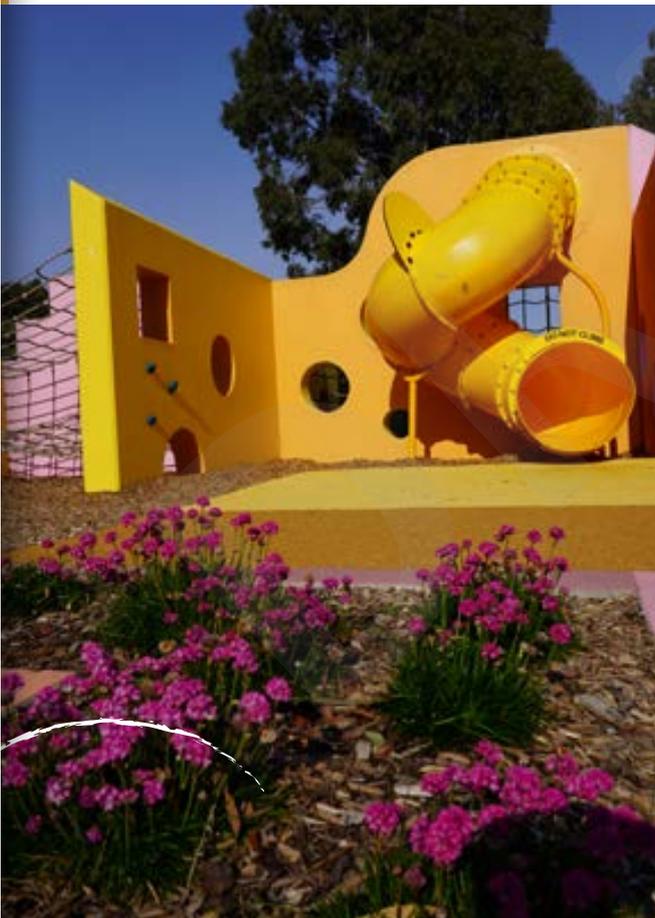
...every child has a right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child, and to participate freely in cultural life and arts.¹

The Good Play Space Guide acknowledges the importance of play as follows:

All children need to play. All children have the right to play. When children play they are not just filling in time, they are learning to interpret their world. Play facilitates the learning of life skills, and for this reason, the provision of quality outdoor playspaces is vitally important in local communities.²

Through play children develop qualities necessary in adulthood, such as:

- Problem solving
- Independence
- Self-awareness
- Creativity
- Resilience
- Spatial knowledge
- Flexibility and ability to deal with change.³



¹ *United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 31*

^{2,3} *Sport and Recreation Victoria, The Good Space Guide 2007*



Inclusive play

Besides the obvious benefits of movement, exercise and fitness, physical play provides the building blocks to children's complete development, from balance, vision and hearing, to tactile learning and sensory integration. Play benefits young children, young people and the young at heart, and inclusive design needs to consider all ages, cultural backgrounds and abilities.

What is an inclusive playspace?

*Everyone Can Play: A Guideline to Create Inclusive Play*¹ defines an inclusive playspace as:

...easy to access, easy to move around in, provide a range of play types and challenges, and are equipped with appropriate facilities, in a comfortable environment. Inclusive playspaces allow everyone to stay as long as they choose.

Inclusive playspaces remove the obstacles and barriers that prevent people from participating in play. They provide access to a variety of play experiences and consider as many people's needs as possible.

Accessibility vs. Inclusivity

The *Everyone Can Play* guideline encourages playspace planners, designers and users to think beyond accessibility needs, so that everyone can realise the joys of play. Accessibility is commonly associated with mobility standards and safety compliance. Accessibility refers to the physical ability of people to access a place or thing. Accessible design predominantly addresses the movement needs of those with disabilities.

When designing for playspaces, complying with accessibility standards across equipment, surfacing and support facilities, is key to creating a playspace for all.

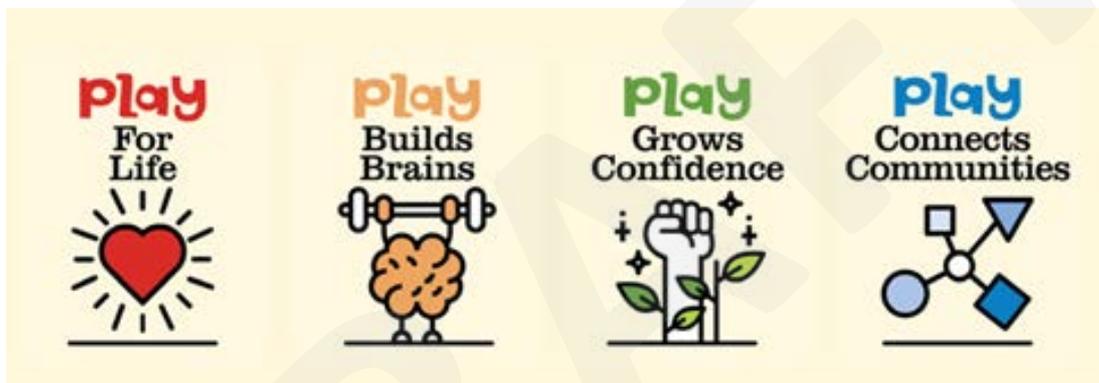
¹NSW Government, *Everyone Can Play A Guideline to Create Inclusive Play*, 2023

Social gathering places

Quality playspaces provide venues for community events, activities and social gatherings. They often become the social hub for local communities, particularly for those with young children, and contribute to the landscape appeal of individual settings.

Playspaces provide a broad range of benefits for local communities, including:

- Facilitating opportunities for social interaction
- Contributing to a sense of community connectedness and wellbeing
- Contributing to community pride and appreciation of the natural environment
- Encouraging participation in physical activities (which derives a range of physical and mental health benefits).



Growth and development

The City of Monash is experiencing significant population growth that is predicted to continue in the future. The 2021 estimated residential population for the City of Monash was 203,501. The population forecast for 2023 is 204,213, and is forecast to grow to 250,219 by 2041 (or 22.53%).²

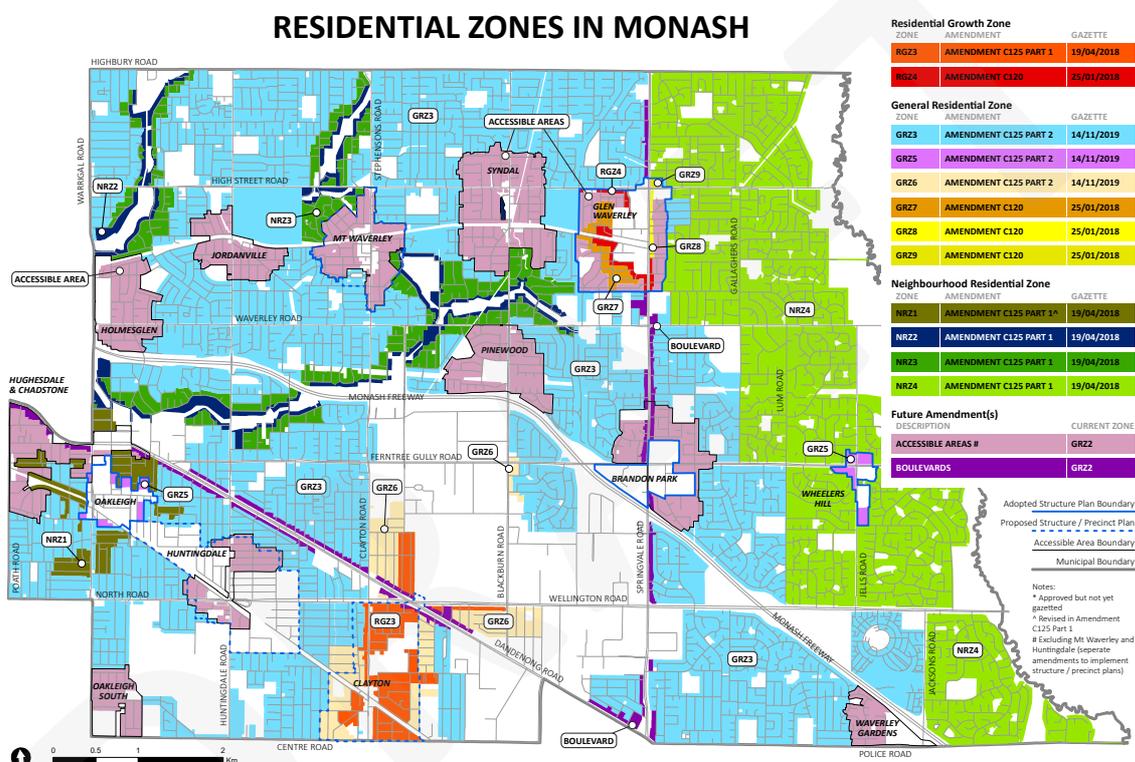
¹ Image from Play Australia website retrieved from www.playaustralia.org.au

² Profile ID, City of Monash Population Forecast retrieved 11 April 2023

Monash is also experiencing a significant amount of residential development, particularly in areas such as Glen Waverley and Clayton (refer Map 1: Residential growth zones).

In many property developments, older housing stock is being replaced with high-density apartments, often leading to a loss of private gardens in the neighbourhood. This loss affects the amount of space children have for play, while increasing urbanisation impacts on opportunities to connect with nature (hence the importance of nature play and the use of natural materials and plantings).

MAP 1: Residential growth zones (orange and red areas)



Obesity

Obesity is a world-wide issue that contributes to physical, psychological and metabolic health problems. Australia has one of the highest rates of obesity in the world. In 2017-2019 Australia ranked fifth among OECD countries with 31% of Australian adults living with obesity. About **14 million Australians are living with overweight or obesity** - that's 2 in every 3 adults, and 1 in 4 children.¹

Without further action we face a future with more weight-related chronic diseases and early death, greater vulnerability to infectious diseases, and significant costs to health care, economic development, and community wellbeing. The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has shown that people with obesity or chronic diseases get sicker and are more likely to die from infectious diseases. There is also evidence that COVID-19 continues to influence Australians' eating and sedentary behaviour patterns.

Our environments and lifestyles have also made us less physically active. More machines and technologies, as well as traditional urban design, encourage us to drive and have led to more sedentary work and leisure activities, and much more screen time.

The Australian Government's *National Obesity Strategy 2022-2032* (the Strategy) sets out a vision for an Australia that encourages and enables healthy weight and healthy living for all.

The Strategy's goal is for more people to maintain a healthy weight, through achieving two targets:

- Halt the rise and reverse the trend in the prevalence of obesity in adults by 2030
- Reduce overweight and obesity in children and adolescents aged 2-17 years by at least 5% by 2030.

These are aspirational targets require a societal and sustained approach for change. One way local government can realise the Strategy's goals is to create environments that make it easier for people to lead healthier lives.

It is widely acknowledged that it is important to instil participation in physical activity and healthy eating in children before they develop poor physical and nutritional habits. Children have unique needs, as do different segments among children (young and adolescent, boys and girls), so it is important that these issues are acknowledged when designing playspaces to encourage a physically active community.

¹ *Australian Government National Obesity Strategy 2022-2032*





GENDER IMPLICATIONS FOR PLAY

Physical activity

The Centre for Physical Activity and Nutrition¹ at Deakin University, through their 'public open spaces' research, has confirmed the importance of providing children with access to public open spaces. Young boys and adolescent boys with access to playspaces in their local park had a greater level of physical activity than those without. The same was not seen among girls. Features important to adolescent girls included trees that provide shade, water features and signage regarding dogs.

The study also found that neither adolescent boys nor girls performed the recommended one hour of moderate-to-vigorous-intensity physical activity per day. This highlights the need for features that promote physical activity for various age groups and genders – in particular, the inclusion of interesting and age-appropriate play equipment.

Parks

UK advocacy group Make Space for Girls identifies park infrastructure for young people consists almost entirely of facilities such as skate parks, multi-use games areas (e.g., fenced pitches, basketball courts) and BMX tracks and that these spaces are generally seen as meeting the needs of all young people when in fact they are places dominated by boys.

It has been shown that boys tend to dominate the space in existing teen play areas, and that this is often done by deliberately excluding girls. Probably as a result of this, girls are less active when there are groups of boys present. Girls will often avoid using spaces when boys are present, only going to some spaces at times of day when they know they will be empty [...] The researchers suggest that public playgrounds need to provide several smaller areas to prevent girls becoming marginalised in big open spaces. Other work shows that girls are much more likely to use well-kept play areas which supply the kind of experiences they want, and they are more likely to linger in this kind of play area .

¹ Deakin University (Centre for Physical Activity and Nutrition), *Public open spaces – what features encourage children to be active?*

Health

The lack of park facilities for girls, and the barriers excluding them, also has an impact on their health. From age 10, activity levels drop significantly in girls, until by 13-15, only 8% of girls are meeting activity guidelines. By age 16, the pattern of exercise in adult years has usually been set, so this decline has lifetime impact.

The role of play and playgrounds in meeting this need, however, has not been much studied, but they are a free setting for physical activities which don't have to be competitive. For example, a U.S. study found that swings were the best providers of moderate physical activity for teenage girls in parks.

Safety and security

Make Space for Girls identifies that 'not feeling safe' is a key barrier which stops girls using parks.

Teenage girls also interpret safety more widely than adults do. To them, it means more than not being attacked, it also includes not being judged or disapproved of or stared at. This feeling contributes to their absence from parks and other spaces.

The lack of appropriate facilities can also contribute to this – if teenage girls try to use what play equipment there is, they are often made to feel unwelcome by the parents. Other park users can also be a significant safety issue for teenage girls, most of all groups of boys or men.

Playspace equipment

Boys and girls have different play preferences and design considerations, and equipment selection should include elements that are popular with all genders such as balancing, music, social spaces (benches facing each other), basket swings and signage that reinforces equitable play and belonging in shared community play spaces.

Yorkshire Sport asked 456 teenagers what would help them be active in a park, with the top three elements for girls being age-appropriate swings, trampolines and play/adventure equipment, compared with trampolines, outdoor gym equipment and playing fields for boys.¹

In Australian schools, 'in-between' or peripheral places have also been found to extend playing territory for girls, which can be limited in formal spaces by boys.²

Intersectionality

Girls from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are less likely than other girls to participate in physical activity³, and girls from non-white backgrounds are also more likely to be the targets of sexual harassment and of race discrimination in general which again affects their ability to use public spaces⁴. It is also worth noting that park design and provision often may not take into consideration the requirements of some members of other ethnic and religious groups - for example by not recognising their wish to be segregated from dogs.

Much of the data available on gender and play, or gender and physical activity, is binary in nature. While we use this data to show the gendered implications, we recognise that this does not represent the gender diversity of the population.

^{1&4} Walker & Clarke (2023), *Make Space for Girls - The Research Background 2023*

² Aminpour, Bishop & Corkery (2020) 'The hidden value of in-between spaces for children's self-directed play within outdoor school environments', *Landscape and Urban Planning* 194.

³ Reece et al. (2017) *Women and Girls in Sport, Active Recreation and Physical Activity - A Participation Review*.

Reimagining play

Play must look beyond the typical play equipment associated with traditional playgrounds. Traditional playgrounds provide physical opportunities for play, but often fail to cater for the full spectrum of a child's developmental needs.

Table 4 outlines the key developmental needs of children and the types of play opportunities and space that provide for these needs. It highlights the relevance and importance of more unique play environments, rather than typical physically focused play equipment.

TABLE 4: Developmental needs of children and relationship to play experiences

Development need	Play experience
<p>COGNITIVE Opportunity for exploration, manipulating objects, problem solving, imaginative play. Most important for really young children.</p>	Gardens, logs, rocks, sand, natural elements that allow for touch. Focus on unique textures, things that can be manipulated or create sounds or music. Mazes or puzzles are also important.
<p>PHYSICAL Opportunity for movement, balance, coordination, jumping, hanging, climbing, sliding, rocking, swinging. Important for all ages of children however the physical challenge required increases with age and mobility.</p>	Traditional play equipment such as swings or rope climbing that challenge children physically. Important that there is a range of opportunities for older children to also engage with more difficult or complex physical challenges to enable progression and keep children engaged.
<p>SOCIAL Opportunity for communication, teamwork, interactive play. Most important for preschool and above however it's important for all ages.</p>	Consideration of elements that allow for shared use such as cubbies, seating, basket swings. Elements that promote interaction and assistance with others such as pulleys and structures.
<p>EMOTIONAL Opportunity for appropriate risk-taking, self-direction and self-regulation. Most important for preschool and above however it's important for all ages.</p>	Play elements that are more challenging and not so prescriptive. These elements enable progression, challenge and a sense of achievement when mastered. Elements could include high rope climbs or balance beams.
<p>SENSORY Opportunity for sensory stimulation (sound, sight, touch, smell). Most important for really young children.</p>	Gardens, logs, rocks, sand, natural elements that allow for touch. Focus on unique textures, things that can be manipulated or create sounds or music.

A successful playground is defined by the amount of usage it gets. Children come back time after time to a playground that can sustain their interest – and this means designing playspaces to delight, entertain and engage them. Similar sized equipment or a limited choice of activities will not meet all their developmental needs and not result in frequent return visits. Hence it is important to deliver a diversity of opportunities across a range of playspaces as no one site can realistically deliver on all of these developmental needs for all stages of a child's growth.

POLICY CONTEXT

The Strategy Refresh provides Council with a vision for playground provision and identifies playground development priorities for the next 10 years.

It is important to note that the Strategy Refresh is aspirational and does not commit Council to implementing all recommended actions or delivering the playground upgrade priorities as detailed in Appendix 2. Funding for playground upgrades is subject to the annual adoption of Council's capital works budget and considerate of broader capital works priorities and asset renewal programs.

However, the Strategy Refresh will guide Council in improving and managing playspaces in Monash with the view to:

- Improving overall community health and wellbeing
- Encouraging physical activity and participation
- Providing opportunities for intergenerational play
- Catering for the future needs of our diverse community.

Existing Council policies and plans provide an important framework for the Strategy Refresh such as the *Council Plan*, *Health and Wellbeing Plan* and *Open Space Strategy*.

Monash Council Plan 2021-2025

The *Monash Council Plan* is a medium-term strategic document. It describes strategic priorities in the broader context of the longer-term aspirations of the community, as documented in the *Community Vision - Monash 2040*. **The Strategy Refresh contributes to strategic objectives such as:**

- Enhanced Places - Improving open spaces, bushland and street trees, including prioritising biodiversity and community engagement
- Sustainable City - Ensure an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable municipality
- Inclusive Services - Fostering an equitable, just and inclusive Monash
- Good Governance - Ensure a financially, socially and environmentally sustainable organisation.

The provision of accessible, safe and inviting playspaces for the community is important to Council achieving its strategic objectives. Equitable access to social and family recreation opportunities and playspaces is instrumental in supporting our community to live healthy, active lives. These accessible spaces provide not only for the wellbeing of individuals but also enhance the sense of community and connection.

Monash Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025

The *Monash Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021- 2025* is dedicated to maximising the health and wellbeing of people who live, work, study and play in Monash.

All three pillars of the *Monash Health and Wellbeing Plan* (illustrated below) apply to the Strategy Refresh, in particular Pillar One (Active and Healthy - A city dedicated to optimal health and wellbeing for its community) and the promotion of inclusive healthy environments.

Providing quality contemporary playspaces fulfils key themes in the Plan, such as active living and equity and fairness for all abilities. Playspaces provide increased participation outcomes for the community across all ages and ability levels.

Pillar One

ACTIVE AND HEALTHY

A city dedicated to optimal health and wellbeing for its community.



HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

1. Active Living
2. Healthy Eating and Preventing Obesity
3. Harm Prevention



HEALTHY MINDS

4. Loneliness
5. Mental Health
6. Strong Connected Families and Resilient Young People
7. Age-Friendly



HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS

8. Built Spaces
9. Open Spaces and Green Spaces
10. Climate Change and Health

Pillar Two

ENGAGED, CONFIDENT AND CONNECTED

A city which actively listens, engages and values community voice in shaping its own future.



CONNECTED

11. Active Community Engagement
12. Creative Expression and Community Events
13. Lifelong Learning
14. Strengthening Neighbourhoods and Communities



SUPPORTED

15. Accessible and Affordable
16. Homelessness and Social Housing
17. Assertive Outreach

Pillar Three

SAFE AND RESPECTFUL

A city where every member of the community is valued and respected.



ADVOCACY

18. Advocacy and Policy



INCLUSIVE FOR ALL

19. Addressing All Forms of Discrimination
20. Equitable Communications
21. Fair For All Abilities
22. Gender Equity
23. LGBTIQ+ Inclusion
24. Celebrating Diverse Communities
25. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reconciliation



SAFE COMMUNITIES

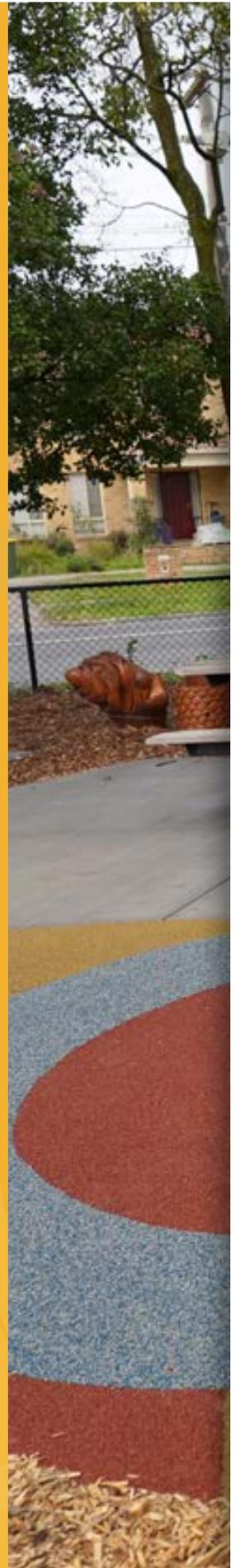
26. Preventing Violence Against Women and Children
27. Community Safety

Monash Open Space Strategy

The *Monash Open Space Strategy* aims to address shortfalls of open space in precincts that have current or future projected gaps of open space.

This has implications for the provision of playgrounds. **Key open space recommendations that affect future playground provision include:**

- Address current and projected future gaps in the provision of open space and prioritise the development of new or improved open space to areas with the greatest shortfall, including: Hughesdale, Oakleigh East, Clayton, Notting Hill and Chadstone Precincts
- Promote more diversity of playspaces, and better efficiency of existing open space
- Provide for shortfalls of open space by maximising the capacity and diversity of existing open space by:
 - ▶ Promoting the development of multi-use social family recreation and migrate selected spaces to social/family recreation sites
 - ▶ Providing a range of open space function types and landscape setting types in each precinct
 - ▶ Ensuring that a range of facilities are provided on parks. Examples of facilities may include playground, kick-about areas, small court areas (i.e. basketball half-courts), low level casual hard courts or sports provision, exercise equipment, skate, BMX and/or dog off-leash facilities
 - ▶ Enhancing the diversity, play value and inclusiveness of open space and playspaces
 - ▶ Using service provision standards to inform the planning, design, infrastructure provision and maintenance standards for open spaces to ensure viability and fit for purpose of the size, quality and diversity.
- Improving the inclusiveness of parks in Monash by:
 - ▶ Improving the amount of destination playspaces in Monash that provide accessibility and inclusion to all, especially families, older adults, teenagers and young people and regardless of ability, cultural background or gender
 - ▶ Introducing a range of universal design features to selected parks
 - ▶ Reducing the number of smaller pocket playspaces, in favour of larger destination playspaces (district and regional playspaces) that can be used by multiple age groups, people of all abilities and for family social recreation.





POPULATION FORECASTS

City of Monash

The City of Monash is located in the established eastern suburbs of Melbourne and includes the suburbs of Ashwood, Burwood (part), Chadstone, Clayton, Glen Waverley, Hughesdale, Huntingdale, Mount Waverley, Mulgrave, Notting Hill, Oakleigh, Oakleigh East, Oakleigh South (part) and Wheelers Hill. The municipality is residential, although there is a significant industrial belt stretching from Mount Waverley through Clayton-Notting Hill to Mulgrave and there are major commercial centres at Glen Waverley, Oakleigh, Clayton and Mount Waverley.

Demographic analysis

The 2021 estimated residential population for the City of Monash was 203,501. The 2023 population forecast for City of Monash is 204,213. Between 2023 and 2041, the population for the City of Monash is forecast to grow to 250,219 which is an increase of 46,006 persons (or 22.53%), at an average annual change of 1.25% per annum.

Population growth is expected across all suburbs in Monash from 2021 to 2041, however significant population increases are forecast in existing residential growth zones such as Clayton (48.4%) and Glen Waverley (31.6%). This will continue to place pressure on local infrastructure, such as playgrounds, in these areas.

The population increase across suburbs between 2021 and 2041 is also mirrored across all age groups.

GRAPH 1: Forecast age structure – 5 year age groups

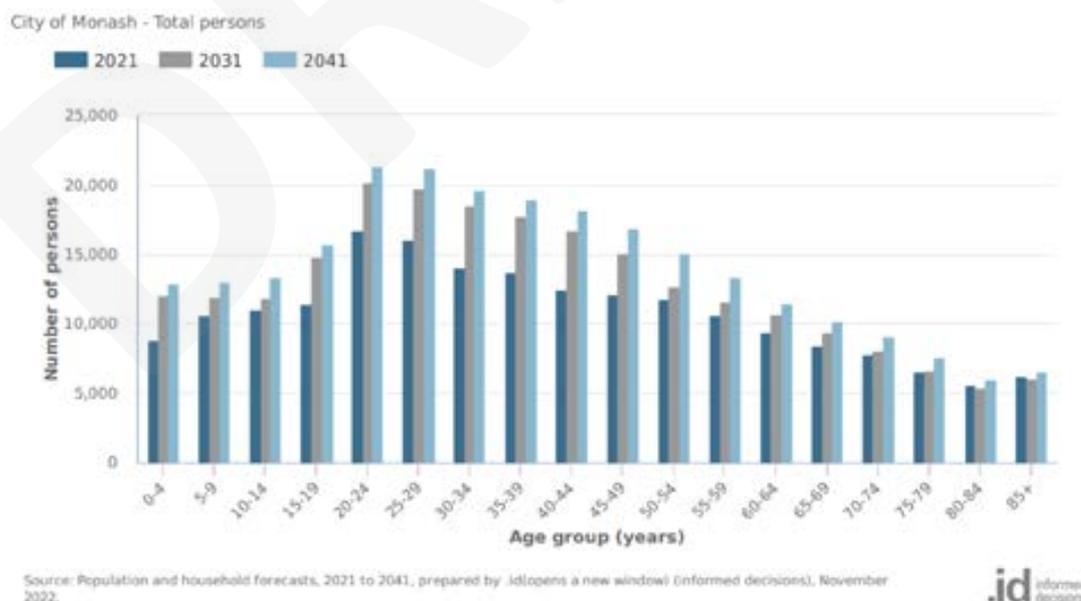


TABLE 5: Forecast age structure – service age groups

City of Monash - Total persons	2021		2031		2041		Change between 2021 and 2041
Age group (years)	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Babies to preschool (0 to 4)	8,787	4.6	12,062	5.3	12,885	5.1	4,098
Primary school (5 to 11)	15,039	7.8	16,557	7.2	18,254	7.3	3,215
Secondary school (12 to 17)	12,886	6.7	15,114	6.6	16,538	6.6	3,651
Total persons	36,712	19	43,733	19	47,677	19	10,964

Source: Population and household forecasts, 2021 to 2041, prepared by .id (informed decisions), November 2022.

The area with the greatest increase in persons aged 0 to 17 years between 2021 and 2041 in the City of Monash is Glen Waverley.

Knowing when and where to deliver age-based services is an essential part of local government planning. Mapping the distribution of selected age groups across the City of Monash provides the evidence-base for efficiently targeting and delivering these services.

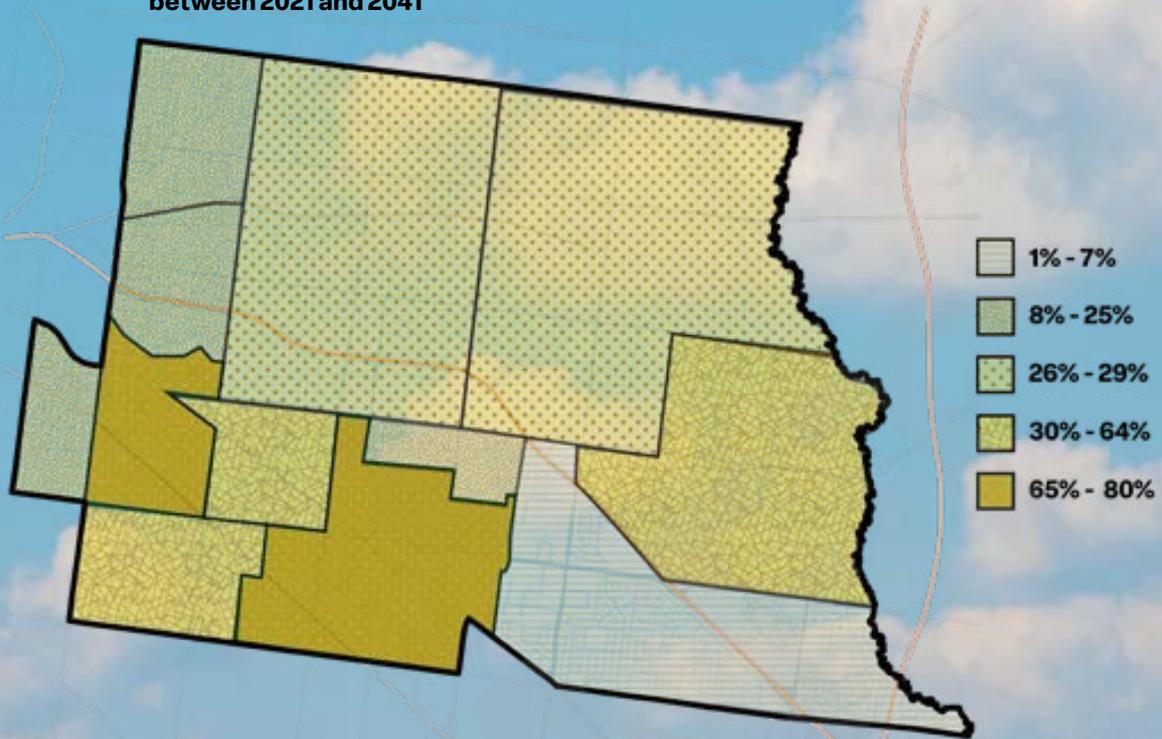
Of particular note is the significant increase in the percentage of children (aged 0-17) in Monash from 2021 to 2041. Over this period, the 0 to 17 year cohort is forecast to grow by a total of 10,964 children. This will result in an increase demand for playgrounds across Monash, particularly in the south-west of the municipality, where the numbers of persons aged 0 to 17 years are expected to increase by 79.7% in Clayton, 77.4% in Oakleigh and 63.9% in Oakleigh South.

TABLE 6: Monash population and age structure – persons aged 0 -17 years (Profile ID)

City of Monash	2021		2041		Change between 2021 and 2041	
Area	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
City of Monash	36,712	19.0	47,676	19.1	+10,964	+29.9
Ashwood - Burwood	2,115	20.9	2,341	19.2	+226	+10.7
Chadstone	1,804	18.6	2,261	19.6	+457	+25.4
Clayton	1,875	9.6	3,370	11.6	+1,495	+79.7
Glen Waverley	8,987	20.8	11,580	20.4	+2,593	+28.9
Hughesdale	1,429	18.7	1,598	17.7	+169	+11.9
Mount Waverley	7,548	21.1	9,602	22.1	+2,054	+27.2
Mulgrave	4,219	21.0	4,504	20.2	+285	+6.7
Notting Hill	490	16.6	530	16.3	+40	+8.2
Oakleigh	1,457	17.0	2,585	17.0	+1,128	+77.4
Oakleigh East - Huntingdale	1,669	18.8	2,193	17.8	+524	+31.4
Oakleigh South	1,227	21.1	2,011	21.8	+784	+63.9
Wheelers Hill	3,892	18.7	5,101	19.7	+1,209	+31.1

Source: Population and household forecasts, 2021 to 2041, prepared by .id (informed decisions), November 2022.

MAP 2: Monash population and age structure - increase of persons aged 0-17 between 2021 and 2041



Between 2021 and 2041, Clayton (79.7%), Oakleigh (77.4%) and Oakleigh South (63.9%) are expected to see a 60-80% increase in persons aged 0-17, putting greater pressure on the provision of open space and playgrounds in these areas.







COMMUNITY NEEDS

Monash 2021 and Beyond community survey

The findings of the *Monash 2021 and Beyond community survey* indicate the importance of parks and playspaces to Monash residents. Respondents identified local parks and playgrounds as the most important public open spaces to community, followed by bushland reserves and shared pathways for walking and cycling.

To encourage people to use public open spaces more, the top three most highly recommended strategies for Council were:

1. Continuing to invest in updating and reinvigorating these areas, including interesting child-friendly spaces
2. Keeping all our public open spaces well-maintained and very clean
3. Adding seating and park furniture.

Local parks, reserves and playgrounds were also identified as the second-most frequently used recreational facility in Monash (after local walking paths/cycling trails), with three-quarters (76%) of respondents reporting using local parks, reserves and playgrounds, and more than half (56%) reporting using them 'frequently.'

Playground Strategy Refresh community survey

The findings of the Playground Strategy Refresh community survey (August 2023) indicate important play priorities and community needs with regards to future play provision.

The key findings of this survey include:

Playground visits

Most survey respondents indicated they visit playgrounds three or more times a week and elect to walk to playgrounds in Monash.

Of the survey respondents, 79% identified as female, 20% as male and 1% preferred not to say.

Play equipment

The top 4 most important playground pieces were:

1. Swings and slides (66%)
2. Climbing structures (61%)
3. Youth play opportunities e.g. adventure play structures such as bouldering walls, pump track, parkour facilities (47%)
4. Toddler play equipment e.g. rockers, junior slides, expression and junior harness swings, spinners, educational play panels (46%).



Supporting infrastructure

The top 4 most important playground infrastructure requirements were:

1. Shelters e.g. shade sail over play area (69%)
2. Public toilets (61%)
3. Bench seats (40%)
4. Rubbish bins (35%).

Future needs

The top 4 play features or themes they would like to see more of in Monash were:

1. Adventure play e.g. flying foxes, climbing walls, balance beams (73%)
2. Nature play e.g. log steppers, dry creek bed, insect hotel, gardens (58%)
3. Water play and water features e.g. water spouts, 'beach areas' for sand play (53%)
4. Social play e.g. shared play opportunities such as basket swings (31%).

Survey respondents indicated:

- 61% think existing playgrounds in Monash sometimes meet their family's and the community's needs
- 18% think existing playgrounds in Monash currently meet their family's and the community's needs
- 21% think existing playgrounds in Monash do not meet their family's and the community's needs.

With increasing numbers of households with both parents in the workforce, grandparents are tending to take on the role of carers and require local parks and playgrounds to take grandchildren (87% of survey respondents indicated they had children/grandchildren they take to playgrounds). An aging population in Monash may place greater importance on the design of play provision. This may have an influence not so much on the type of play equipment to be provided, but developing appropriate supporting facilities to these areas such as seating, shade, amenities etc.



"I would love it if playgrounds were more wheelchair accessible including pathways. Suggestions include liberty swings, sensory play areas and having fully accessible toilet and changing place facilities."

"I would like to see: a bigger flying fox, swings for older children, shade sails, big swirly slide, giant rocks for imagination play near a dry creek bed, nest swing, water play area. I would also like a mini forest approximately two metres square with mixed native shrubs and trees. Thank you."

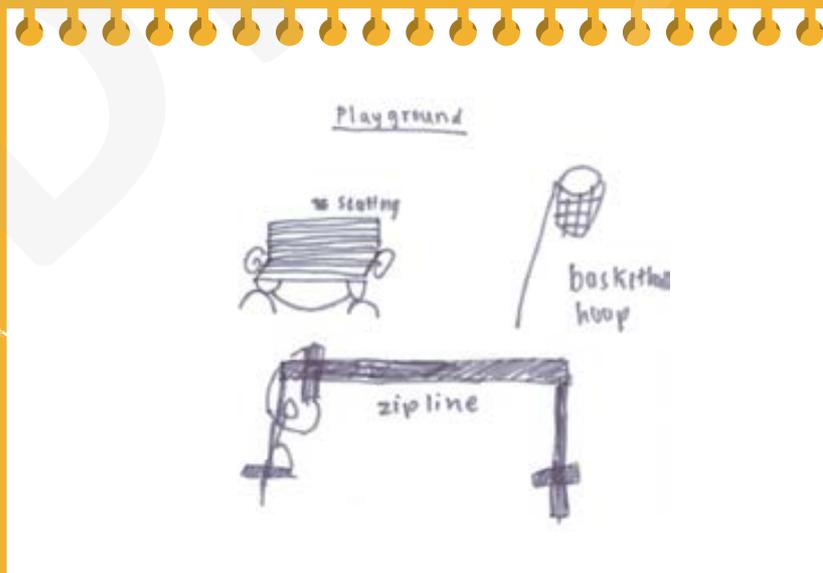
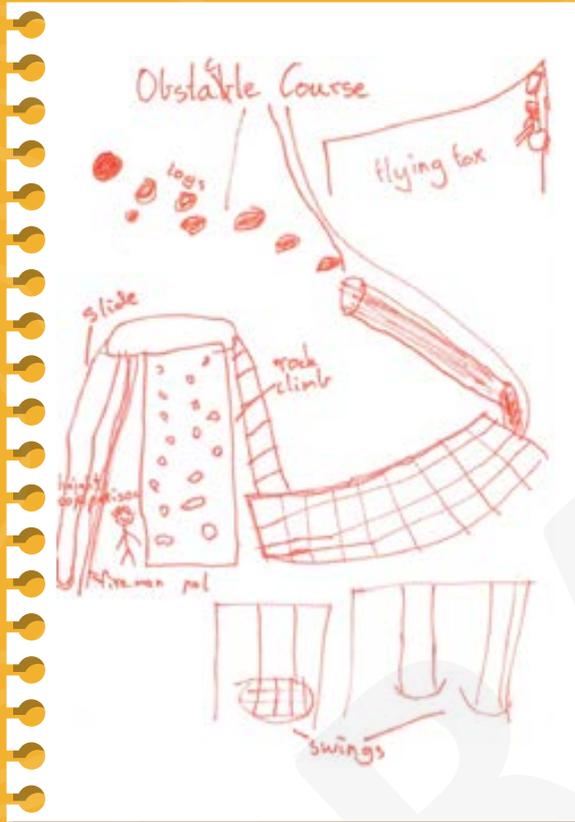
QUOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY

(from the Playground Strategy Refresh survey)

"An all abilities playground would be very much appreciated. Wood chip is great for neurotypical kids but a safety hazard for neurodiverse kids and it's hard to access for people with mobility challenges (in wheelchairs or with walkers). Facilities for all abilities can be used for years to come and everyone is included, people with disabilities, elderly, carers etc."

"A water park or a small creek to play water in. A sensory garden [and] sensory footpath would be great! Scooter parks if space allows will be much-loved too."

Children's drawings of their favourite playgrounds, Playground Strategy Refresh survey, August 2023





EXISTING PROVISION

The City of Monash has 141 designated playgrounds inclusive of two new playgrounds expected to be completed within the next few years.

TABLE 7: Playground classifications

	Pocket	Local	N'hood	District	Regional	Sub-total
Total	47*	56	22	13	3	141*

*Inclusive of two new proposed pocket parks – 2A Westbrook Street, Chadstone and Centre Road West Skyrail, Clayton

There is a high number of existing pocket- and local-scale playgrounds across Monash.

With a limited number of high-quality district (13) and regional (3) playgrounds across the municipality, a key direction of the Strategy Refresh is to improve the quality of existing playgrounds to provide an equitable distribution of destination playspaces across the municipality.

TABLE 8: Precinct population and playground analysis - Monash Open Space Strategy

Precinct	Population 2021	% Monash population	Monash community open space (Ha)	Haper 1,000 residents	No. of playspaces	No. of residents per playspace
1. Ashwood/Burwood	10,431	5.1%	42.6	4.1	8	1304
2. Chadstone	10,208	5.0%	17.8	1.7	5	2042
3. Clayton	22,689	11.1%	12.0	0.5	8	2836
4. Glen Waverley	44,530	21.9%	106.7	2.4	29	1536
5. Hughesdale	8,509	4.2%	4.5	0.5	3	2836
6. Mount Waverley	36,298	17.8%	129.3	3.6	23	1578
7. Mulgrave	20,425	10.0%	64.9	3.2	20	1021
8. Notting Hill	3,339	1.6%	1.7	0.5	3	1113
9. Oakleigh South	5,870	2.9%	16.3	2.8	5	1174
10. Oakleigh	9,921	4.9%	33.0	3.3	9	1102
11. Oakleigh East/ Huntingdale	8,930	4.4%	10.6	1.2	6	1488
12. Wheelers Hill	22,531	11%	72.8	3.3	22	1024
TOTAL	203,501		512.1	2.5	141*	

Local Government benchmarking

Benchmarking against other Local Governments Areas (LGAs) was undertaken in 2022 to seek information about playground provision trends and service standards.

The comparative statistics between authorities were similar with approximately 1 playspace per 1,400 head of population and 1 playspace per 275 head of children between the ages of 0-17 years. Both of these benchmarks only measure against the number of playspaces provided in each local government area.

TABLE 9: Local Government Playground: Population Benchmarking 2022

Local Government Area (LGA)	Est. resident population (ERP) 2021	No. of playspaces	Ratio - playspaces per total population	Total population of children (0-17 years) ERP 2021	Ratio - playspaces per child	Service level - minimum distance to a playground
Monash	203,501	141	1:1,443	35,827	1:254	400m
Stonnington	106,278	76	1:1,398	14,637	1:193	n/a
Glen Eira	150,685	47	1:3,206	31,287	1:666	500m
Knox	160,484	211	1:760	32,684	1:154	400m
Casey	340,419	299	1:1,138	80,804	1:268	400m
Manningham	134,608	160	1:841	24,600	1:154	400m
Boroondara	167,896	101	1:1,662	34,116	1:338	400-500m
Maroondah	117,498	127	1:925	24,543	1:193	400m
Whitehorse	169,346	174	1:973	32,901	1:189	400m

Monash’s aspiration to provide a playground within 400 metres of 95% of all residents is consistent with the playground provision service level for neighbouring metropolitan Councils. Most Councils aspire to provide a playspace within a 400-500 metre radius of every residential property. Although challenging to achieve, this benchmark provides a guide for **identifying gaps** in playground provision and assessing community needs and access to existing playspaces.



Gaps in open space

The *Monash Open Space Strategy* sets the minimum open space provision standard for open space to be within a 400 metre radius of every residential property. In accordance with the *Monash Open Space Strategy*, it is recommended that Council aspires to meet a minimum playground provision standard of within a 400 metre radius (as the crow flies) of 95% of all residential dwellings. Map 3 highlights the location of residences in relation to playgrounds for Monash.

Note: This benchmark does not allow for playspace facilities that may be located within close proximity to a Monash resident, but are located in a neighbouring local government area.

In most instances, playgrounds are located in public open space. Gaps in playground provision will typically mirror gaps in open space provision.

The *Monash Open Space Strategy* assesses the amount of open space available in Monash precincts. Across Monash there is currently around 2.5ha provided per 1,000 people provision of community open space.

Five precincts have a significant shortfall (or undersupply) in open space:

- **Precinct 8:**
Notting Hill 5m² per capita (0.5ha per 1,000 people)
- **Precinct 3:**
Clayton 5m² per capita (0.5ha per 1,000 people)
- **Precinct 5:**
Hughesdale 5m² per capita (0.5ha per 1,000 people)
- **Precinct 11:**
Oakleigh East/Huntingdale 12m² per capita (1.2ha per 1,000 people)
- **Precinct 2:**
Chadstone 17m² per capita (1.7ha per 1,000 people).

In order to address gaps in playground provision, gaps in open space in these five precincts will need to be redressed.

¹ *Plan Melbourne 2017-2050* - www.planning.vic.gov.au/guides-and-resources/strategies-and-initiatives/plan-melbourne

Potential gaps in provision

It is important to note that a large majority of residents in Monash currently live within 400 metres of a playspace.

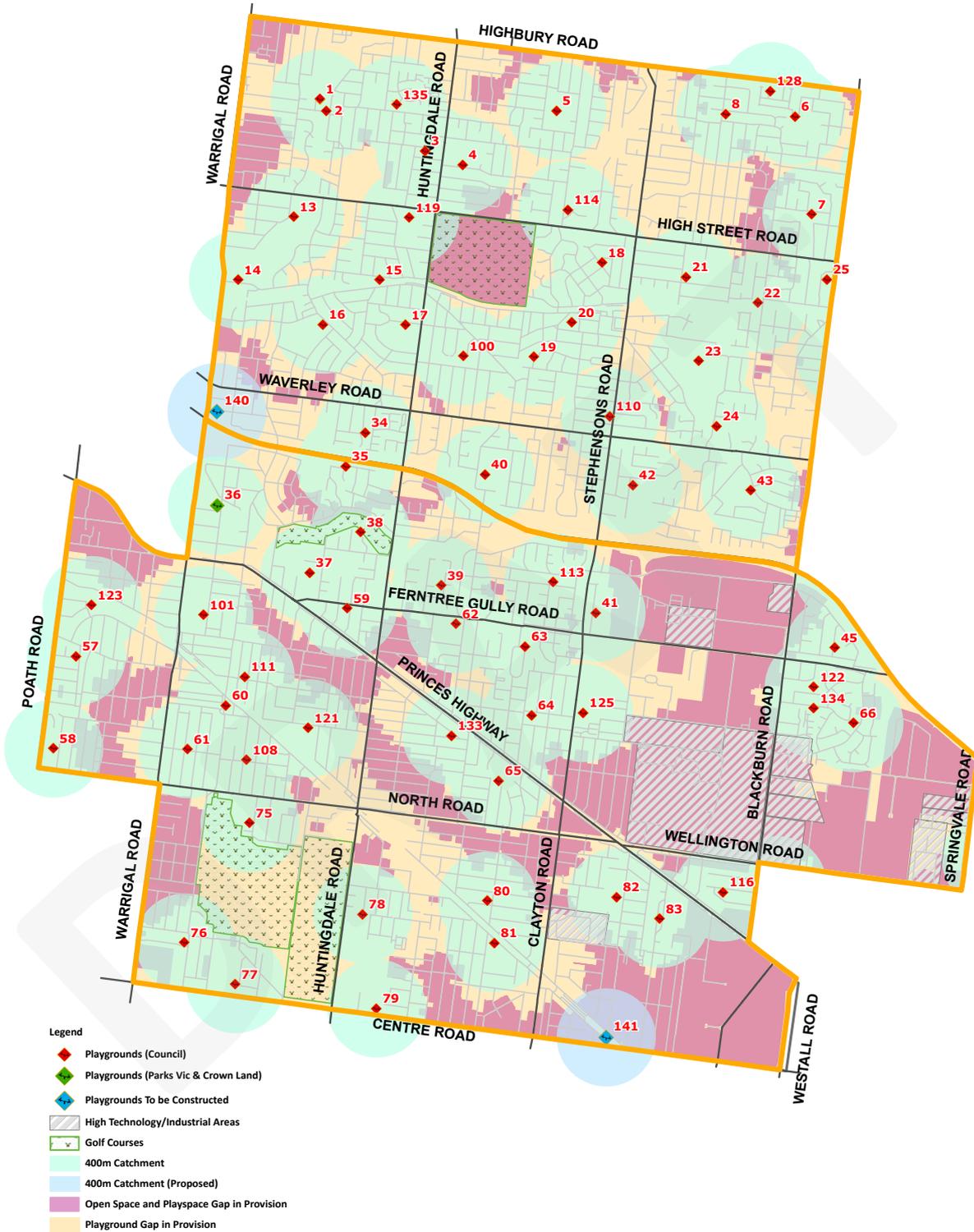
There are some areas within Monash that are not fully serviced by the 400 metre benchmark. Many of these areas do not have residential properties due to large parcels of land being restricted use, such as private golf courses, tertiary institutions (Monash University, Clayton Campus), industrial and high technology areas.

A 400 metre benchmark would also ensure Monash playgrounds are accessible in terms of Plan Melbourne's concept of 20-Minute Neighbourhoods¹. The 20-Minute Neighbourhood is all about 'living locally' - giving people the ability to meet most of their daily needs within a 20-minute walk from home, with safe cycling and local transport options.

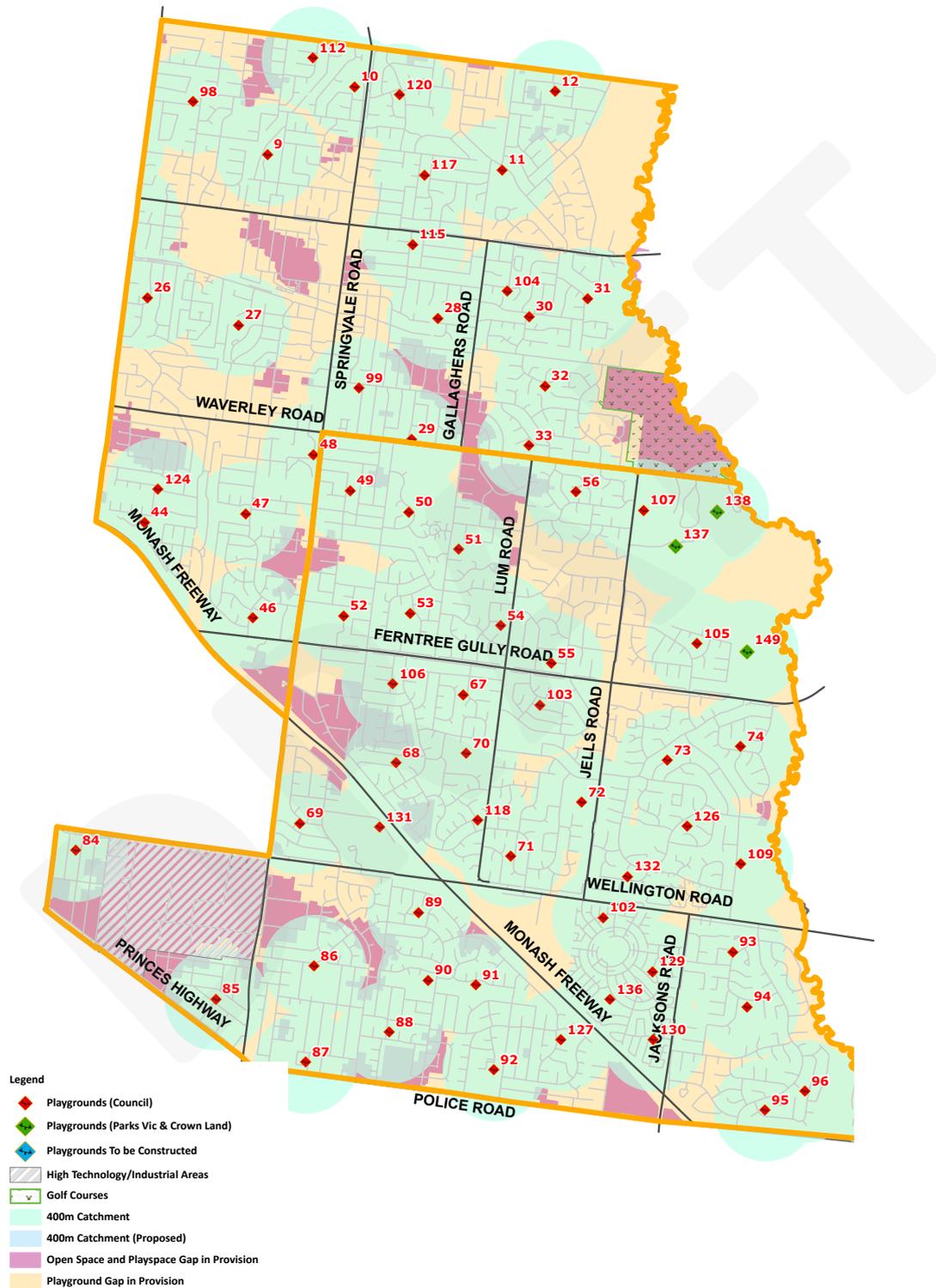
Council should explore opportunities to increase the provision of playspaces within areas that fall outside the 400 metre catchment areas (or buffers) and prioritise the development of new playgrounds in gap areas.

Refer to **Map 4 and Map 5**: Monash open space and playground provision gaps.

MAP 4: MONASH (EAST) - OPEN SPACE AND PLAYGROUND PROVISION GAPS



MAP 5: MONASH (WEST) - OPEN SPACE AND PLAYGROUND PROVISION GAPS



PLAYGROUND UPGRADE PROGRAM 2025-2035

The Playground Upgrade Program 2025-2035 (Appendix 2) identifies playground upgrade priorities by applying the methodologies outlined in the Active Monash Capital Works Priorities Framework and the Monash Playspace Classifications and Service Levels. **Additional considerations used to inform this program and playground works include:**

1. Replacement of play equipment removed after previous safety audits
2. Replacement and rotation of play panels during maintenance or upgrades
3. Meeting the localities' age demographics
4. Range of play experience currently provided
5. Age, type and attractiveness of existing equipment
6. Issues relating to maintenance of existing equipment
7. Proximity to other features i.e. preschool, maternal and child health centres, shops, sporting grounds and other playgrounds
8. Reserve masterplans
9. Monash *Open Space Strategy* Implementation Plan
10. Significant gaps in open space and playground provision.



IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGY

The Strategy Refresh focuses on playground renewal and outlines an aspirational 10-year playground upgrade program from 2025-2035.

In accordance with the *Monash Active Recreation Opportunities Strategy*, the development of destination playspaces (regional and district playspaces) will also consider the suitability of the site to cater for additional outdoor recreation infrastructure. Such activities include: ball sports (basketball, tennis, bocce and table tennis), wheeled sports (skate boarding, in-line scootering and bike riding) and exercise stations (fitness and stretching equipment).

Adhering to the hierarchy

A key focus of this document is ensuring a sustainable and implementable plan for playground renewals. One of the key issues that has become apparent through recent playground upgrade consultations is growing community expectations to see 'their' local playground increase in scale and complexity.

A transparent and strategically formulated scaled playground hierarchy that clearly classifies playgrounds from pocket through to regional, will assist in managing 'scope creep' and growing community expectations with regards to what should be contained within playspaces, especially in smaller local and pocket playspaces.

Monash has a disproportionately larger number of pocket (47*) and local (56) playgrounds (totalling 103 or 73% of all playgrounds). Unregulated 'scope creep' across these smaller playspaces will have a significant impact on future capital and operational budgets which is unsustainable. A greater investment into suitable larger and strategically positioned sites will provide a greater level of community benefit for larger segments of the population.

Focus on regional, district and neighbourhood playspaces

Given the higher maintenance implications of more complex and larger playspaces, it makes sense to provide improved playspaces in accessible and suitable locations, rather than spreading the maintenance burden across smaller parks and play environments.

Larger playspaces can better cater for people of all abilities and ages (e.g. intergenerational, tweens, people of differing abilities) and become an important destination place for longer stays and extended play experiences that support family social gatherings, picnics and barbecues.

Residents are more likely to travel further to destination playgrounds as they provide additional facilities such as public toilets, shelters, barbecues, picnic tables, off-street car parking and intergenerational play opportunities. Destination playspaces, such as district and regional playspaces, typically attract visitors who stay longer and travel further than visitors to pocket, local and neighbourhood playspaces.

**Inclusive of two new proposed pocket parks – 2A Westbrook Street, Chadstone and Centre Road West Skyrail, Clayton*

What about SPARCs?

The 'SPARC' Principles¹ outline Monash's approach to the development of intergenerational active spaces. These principles will particularly inform the design of large-scale playground developments such as regional and district playgrounds by providing socially inclusive, playful, active, relevant and connected playspaces that provide intergenerational play opportunities for all ages and abilities e.g. tweens, teens and older adults.

S

..... **Socially inclusive**

Socially inclusive spaces are welcoming and accessible places that provide for people of all ages and abilities at all times of the day. They are places that all community members, no matter what age, gender, level of ability or cultural background, can safely and freely enjoy with others or on their own.

P

..... **Playful**

Playful spaces are fun, vibrant, engaging, interesting, educational, creative, quirky, challenging and adventurous.

A

..... **Active**

Active spaces attract people to exercise and play, and are important local destinations where people can be vigorous and expend energy. People of all ages need exercise and activity. For children, opportunities to be active and lively are essential to development.

R

..... **Relevant**

Relevant spaces are fit for purpose, both in location and in the range of activities or activity spaces they provide, and enable different people to do different things in a space they can call their own.

C

..... **Connected**

Connected spaces are accessible and available, promote wayfinding, and provide opportunity for community members to share space and support each other.

¹ Putting a SPARC in Your Park, PLAYCE Report, May 2015

OPEN SPACE AND PLAYSPACE PRINCIPLES

It is important to note that the Strategy Refresh is aspirational, and it is acknowledged that not all of the recommendations will be implemented in the life of the Strategy Refresh.

Implementation relies on factors including budget, external funding, the level of development and the availability of open space in appropriate locations (i.e. gap areas).

Like the *Monash Open Space Strategy*, the Strategy Refresh supports the development of quality, diverse and accessible playspaces to drive the liveability, health and wellbeing of our community by:

- Meeting the current and future needs of the community - close to where people live, work and play
- Having a diversity of functions for social, physical and environmental experiences for the whole community
- Strengthening the 'Garden City Character' of residential, commercial and industrial areas
- Ensuring an appropriate level of access to playgrounds is available for all residents regardless of where they live, their age, gender, income, ethnicity, education or ability
- Continuing to provide playgrounds across Monash where there is a demonstrated need (i.e. in gaps) to ensure an appropriate level is available for all residents
- Ensuring quality playspaces (fit-for-purpose) - the playspace is well-designed and meets the needs of the primary target group
- Including sustainability in the design, development and management of playspaces
- Understanding cohorts are more dependent on playgrounds and playground designs should have a primary focus on these cohorts (e.g. children)
- Protecting canopy trees, habitat, flora and fauna and waterways in and around playspaces, to ensure environmental protection, enhancement and appreciation.

In line with Monash's *Council Plan* priorities and Monash's *Open Space Strategy* principles, the development of quality playspaces is of vital importance to ensure these spaces remain relevant and attractive to our community. Playspaces provide opportunities for physical activity and forming social connections that have flow-on benefits for our health and wellbeing. New and exciting playspaces will facilitate an increase in physical activity levels in the community and increase community participation in recreation.



RECOMMENDATIONS - PLAYSPACE UPGRADES

Playspace Upgrades

#	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS	TIMING	BUDGET	RESPONSIBLE Lead in bold
1	Reaffirm the playground classifications (Table 1) and playground infrastructure provision standards (Table 2) and use these to inform future capital works budget bids for playground upgrades.	ONGOING	Open Space Reserve	Active Monash
2	Implement the Playground Upgrade Program 2025-35 (Appendix 2) over the next 10 years to upgrade existing playgrounds (subject to Council budget approval).	MEDIUM-LONG TERM (4-10 years)	Open Space Reserve	Active Monash
3	Undertake playground condition audits every four years and use condition audit data to proactively identify play equipment in need of renewal and inform future playground capital works priorities in accordance with the <i>Active Monash Capital Works Prioritisation Framework</i>	ONGOING (Every 4 years)	Existing operating budgets	Strategic Asset Management Active Monash
4	In accordance with Council-endorsed masterplans, upgrade the playspaces at Mulgrave Reserve and Gladeswood Reserve to district-level playgrounds.	SHORT TERM (1-3 years)	Open Space Reserve	Active Monash
5	Subject to site suitability and strategic justification, increase the scale and complexity of select playgrounds with the view to reducing the total number of pocket playspaces and providing more flexible, multi-use, destination playspaces.	ONGOING	Subject to budget approval	Active Monash Statutory Planning
6	Prioritise playground upgrades in larger social/family recreation parks that can be used by multiple age groups, people of all abilities and for physical, social and environmental activities e.g. regional, district and neighbourhood playspaces. These playspaces have the potential to attract visitors from a wider catchment and deliver a greater community benefit.	ONGOING	Existing operating budgets	Active Monash City Design Capital Works

#	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS	TIMING	BUDGET	RESPONSIBLE Lead in bold
7	Cater for shortfalls in playground provision by maximising the capacity and diversity of existing playspaces by providing a range of inclusive playspace experiences, themes, function types and landscape setting types.	SHORT TERM (1-3 years)	Subject to budget approval	Active Monash
8	Prioritise the improvement of existing playspaces in the five precincts identified in the <i>Monash Open Space Strategy</i> that have a significant shortfall in open space: Notting Hill, Clayton, Hughesdale, Oakleigh East/Huntingdale and Chadstone.	ONGOING	Subject to budget approval	Active Monash
9	Improve signage in playspaces by more universally applying Monash's signage suite and design palette for naming, directional, interpretive information and risk management signs especially at regional, district and neighbourhood scale playgrounds.	ONGOING	Subject to budget approval	Active Monash
10	Incorporate more interpretive, environmental (nature-play) and educational elements in playspace designs.	ONGOING	Subject to budget approval	Active Monash
11	Activate and celebrate new playspaces and encourage physical activity by delivering free community programs (Active Communities) in and around playspaces and scheduling opening events for large playground developments such as district and regional playgrounds.	ONGOING	Subject to budget approval	Active Monash
12	Aim to deliver a sensory-themed playspace (where the primary design focus targets people with additional needs) in each major precinct i.e. in Mulgrave and Mount Waverley precincts to complement the Wellesley Road Reserve Sensory Playspace (Glen Waverley precinct) and Westerfield Drive Sensory Playspace (Oakleigh precinct).	ONGOING	Subject to budget approval	Active Monash

#	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS	TIMING	BUDGET	RESPONSIBLE Lead in bold
13	In accordance with recommendation #12, investigate the potential for Pinewood Reserve Playspace in the Mount Waverley precinct to become the next sensory-themed playspace. Include signage/information for different needs e.g. Access Key, communication boards, different languages, and statements around everyone being welcome.	SHORT TERM (1-3 years)	Subject to budget approval	Active Monash
14	Ensure playspace designs are inclusive of the needs of women and girls - apply a gender lens to playspace designs and engage women and girls in playground consultations. Collect disaggregated data wherever possible to ensure the needs of women and girls have been considered.	ONGOING	Existing operational budgets	Active Monash
15	Consider relocating or reviewing the location within reserves of existing playgrounds that are due for upgrade where their 400 metre catchments significantly overlap (e.g. shared catchments >75%) to redress gaps in provision.	ONGOING	Subject to budget approval	Active Monash
16	Following the completion of condition audits every four years (recommendation #3), ascertain which discrete play elements and/or pieces of equipment are at end-of-life or no longer fit-for-purpose and replace with a like-for-like replacement.	ONGOING	Reactive Playground Budget	Active Monash Horticulture Services Capital Works
17	Consider the development of destination playspaces in residential growth zones to support growing populations such as Bogong Reserve Playspace in Glen Waverley.	SHORT-MEDIUM TERM (1-7 years)	Subject to budget approval	Active Monash



Recommendations – New Playspaces

#	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS	TIMING	BUDGET	RESPONSIBLE Lead in bold
18	Prioritise the development of new playgrounds (with a focus on improving open space for social family recreation) in areas where the minimum playground provision standard of within a 400 metre radius (as the crow flies) of 95% of all residential dwellings is not met i.e. in playground gaps areas.	ONGOING	Open Space Reserve	Active Monash
19	Prioritise the development of new playgrounds in the five precincts identified in the <i>Monash Open Space Strategy</i> that have a significant shortfall in open space being Notting Hill, Clayton, Hughesdale, Oakleigh East/Huntingdale and Chadstone.	MEDIUM-LONG TERM (4-10 years)	Open Space Reserve	Active Monash
20	Investigate the development of new and innovative themed playspaces in gap areas to provide a greater variety of play experiences for the community e.g. adventure play, water play, nature play and education and sensory playgrounds.	SHORT TERM (1-3 years)	Existing operating budgets	Active Monash
21	Fund the strategic acquisition of land in open space and playground gap areas from the Open Space Reserve.	MEDIUM-LONG TERM (4-10 years)	Open Space Reserve	Strategic Planning Property Services
22	Wherever possible investigate options for developing public playspaces in gap areas on other agency land (e.g. VicTrack, VicRoads, Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria and Department of Education).	ONGOING	Existing operating budgets	Active Monash Property Services
23	Ensure there is no net loss of playspaces through land disposal or development unless there is a clear net community benefit and playspaces are already over-provided in the surrounding area and of a high standard.	ONGOING	Existing operating budgets	Active Monash
24	Ensure Monash's Playspace Design Standards and Furniture Design Standards are used to inform and are integrated into playspace designs and tender specifications.	ONGOING	Playspace design budgets	Active Monash City Design Capital Works

#	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS	TIMING	BUDGET	RESPONSIBLE Lead in bold
25	Develop a new pocket playspace in a gap area located at 2A Westbrook Street, Chadstone (VicRoads lease).	SHORT TERM (1-3 years)	Funded from sale proceeds from former North Oakleigh Tennis Club site	Active Monash City Design Capital Works
26	Develop new pocket playspace at Centre Road West Skyrail Community Playspace in partnership with Vic Track and as agreed with the Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA).	SHORT TERM (1-3 years)	External funding (LXRA)	Active Monash City Design Capital Works
27	District- and regional-scale playspaces to have an intergenerational design focus and provide opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to play and recreate together. Active recreation opportunities and infrastructure such as fitness equipment, basketball hoops, climbing and bouldering walls, pump tracks, multi-sport courts etc., should be incorporated in future designs for regional- and district-scale playground projects in accordance with priorities identified in the <i>Monash Active Recreation Opportunities Strategy</i>	ONGOING	Subject to budget approval	Active Monash
28	Investigate the possibility of upgrading suitable existing playgrounds to a regional playspace in the Oakleigh and Glen Waverley precincts to complement existing regional playspaces in Wheelers Hill (Jells Park and Waverley Park Lake Playspaces) and Mount Waverley (Valley Reserve Playspace) and provide residents in these precincts with more equitable access to a large-scale destination playground.	LONG TERM (8-10 years)	Subject to budget approval	Active Monash
29	Undertake proactive maintenance inspections of Council-owned and managed playspaces in accordance with the recommended inspection and maintenance check schedule outlined in Table 1 .	ONGOING	Operating Budget	Horticulture Services

APPENDIX 1: PLAYGROUNDS IN MONASH

Map No.	Reserve	Street	Suburb	Playspace Classification * Post upgrade	Other Reserve Features * Planned
1	Octavia Court Reserve (Gardiners Reserve)	7-8 Octavia Court	Burwood	Local	
2	Ashwood Drive Reserve	71-73 Ashwood Drive	Ashwood	Local	
3	Parkhill Drive Reserve	18-26 Parkhill Drive	Ashwood	Local	
4	Essex Heights Reserve	Outlook Road	Mt Waverley	Local	Fitness Equipment
5	Federal Reserve	2 Federal Street	Mt Waverley	Neighbourhood	
6	Tally Ho Reserve	42 Bennett Avenue	Mt Waverley	Neighbourhood	
7	Baily Street Reserve	32-34 Baily Street	Mt Waverley	Local	
8	Pascall Street Reserve	Cnr Leeds Road and Pascall Street	Mt Waverley	Local	
9	Glen Waverley North Reserve	Chesterville Road	Glen Waverley	District	Fitness Equipment
10	Highview Park	51-85 Springvale Road	Glen Waverley	Local	
11	Capital Reserve	85-95 Capital Avenue	Glen Waverley	Local	
12	Le Fey Court Reserve	6-7 Armour Close	Glen Waverley	Pocket	
13	Queens Parade Reserve (west of Ashwood Reserve)	Queens Parade (104-106 High Street Road)	Ashwood	Local	
14	Holmesglen Reserve	Power Avenue	Ashwood	District	
15	Salisbury Reserve	50-60 Salisbury Road	Ashwood	Local	
16	Batesford Reserve	Power Avenue (94 Batesford Road)	Chadstone	Neighbourhood	
17	Jordan Reserve	12-22 Burton Street	Chadstone	Local	
18	Bowman Street Reserve	2-10 Bowman Street	Mt Waverley	Local	

Map No.	Reserve	Street	Suburb	Playspace Classification * Post upgrade	Other Reserve Features * Planned
19	Beverley Grove Reserve (Mount Waverley Linear Reserve)	12 Beverley Grove	Mt Waverley	Local	
20	Winbourne Road Reserve	25A Winbourne Road	Mt Waverley	Pocket	
21	Mount Waverley Reserve	Cnr St Albans Street and Charles Street	Mt Waverley	District*	
22	Lawrence Road Reserve	Lawrence Road (34 Blues Hill Avenue)	Mt Waverley	Pocket	
23	Valley Conservation Reserve	80 Waimarie Drive	Mt Waverley	Regional	
24	Regent Street Reserve	46-48 Regent Street	Mt Waverley	Pocket	
25	St Clair Crescent Reserve	4-6 St Clair Crescent	Mt Waverley	Local	
26	Flander Avenue Reserve	21 A and 23A Flander Avenue	Glen Waverley	Pocket	
27	Bogong Reserve	49-77 Bogong Avenue	Glen Waverley	District*	
28	Hinkler Reserve	69-77 Hinkler Road	Glen Waverley	Local	
29	Viewpoint Avenue Reserve	Cnr Viewpoint Avenue and Waverley Road	Glen Waverley	Local	
30	Wellesley Road Reserve	Cnr Wellesley and Glen Tower Roads (40-42 Glen Tower Road)	Glen Waverley	Local	Sensory
31	Napier Park Reserve	23-27 Torwood Avenue	Glen Waverley	Neighbourhood	Fitness Equipment
32	Atheldene Drive Reserve	Atheldene Drive (3 Pentland Court)	Glen Waverley	Pocket	
33	Paxton Drive Reserve	27 Paxton Drive	Glen Waverley	Local	
34	Rosemary Street Reserve	24-26 Rosemary Street	Chadstone	Pocket	
35	Adrian Street Reserve	19 Adrian Street	Chadstone	Neighbourhood	
36	Allen Street Reserve (Scotchmans Creek Linear Park) (Crown land)	Cnr Allen Street and Drummond Street	Oakleigh	Local	Fitness Trail

Map No.	Reserve	Street	Suburb	Playspace Classification * Post upgrade	Other Reserve Features * Planned
38	Gillon Court Reserve	1 Gillon Court	Oakleigh	Pocket	
39	Melissa Street Reserve	11-17 Melissa Street	Mt Waverley	Local	
40	Mayfield Park	35-38 Mayfield Drive	Mt Waverley	Neighbourhood	
41	Kingsley Grove Reserve	24A Kingsley Grove	Mt Waverley	Pocket	
42	French Street Reserve (Fairway Reserve)	Cnr French Street and Fairway Avenue (6 French Street)	Mt Waverley	Pocket	
43	Pinewood Reserve	7-13 Pinewood Drive	Mt Waverley	Local	Sensory*
44	Herriotts Boulevard (England Road) Reserve	6 Herriotts Boulevard	Glen Waverley	Local	
45	McKenna Road Reserve	18-20 McKenna Road	Glen Waverley	Pocket	
46	Woodlea Drive Reserve	12-14 Woodlea Drive	Glen Waverley	Local	
47	Fraser Street Reserve	43-51 Fraser Street	Glen Waverley	Pocket	
48	Central Reserve	690-724 Waverley Road	Glen Waverley	District	Skatepark
49	Botanic Drive Reserve	35 Botanic Drive	Glen Waverley	Pocket	
50	Manning Drive Reserve	33-35 Manning Drive	Glen Waverley	Local	Fitness Equipment
51	View Mount Road Reserve	52-58 View Mount Road	Whealers Hill	Local	
52	Brandon Park Reserve	649-659 Ferntree Gully Road	Glen Waverley	Neighbourhood	
53	Brentwood Reserve	11-31 Maylands Crescent	Glen Waverley	Local	
54	Bowden Court Reserve	7-8 Bowden Court	Whealers Hill	Local	
55	Trafford Court Reserve	5 Trafford Court (4 Irene Court)	Whealers Hill	Pocket	
56	Garrick Court (Sheldon Place) Reserve	3 Garrick Court	Whealers Hill	Pocket	

Map No.	Reserve	Street	Suburb	Playspace Classification * Post upgrade	Other Reserve Features *Planned
57	Bowmore Street Reserve	Cnr Kelvinside Street and Bowmore Street (2A Kelvinside Street)	Hughesdale	Pocket	
58	Argyle Reserve	Kinrade Street (240-260 Poath Road)	Hughesdale	Local	
59	Cheel Street Reserve	Cnr Cheel Street and Fern Tree Gully Road (34 Ferntree Gully Road)	Oakleigh East	Pocket	
60	Cambridge Street Reserve	Cambridge Street (38-40 Houghton Road)	Oakleigh	Neighbourhood	
61	Schoolhall Street Reserve	Cnr Schoolhall Street and Hatter Street (Schoolhall Street Road Reserve)	Oakleigh	Pocket	
62	Reg Harris Reserve	Cnr Carmichael and Ferntree Gully Roads (108-112 Ferntree Gully Road)	Oakleigh East	District	
63	F E Hunt Reserve	Cnr Highland Avenue and Turbull Avenue	Oakleigh East	Local	
64	Strelden Avenue Reserve	8-10 Strelden Avenue	Oakleigh East	Pocket	
65	Princes Highway Reserve	1658-1660 Dandenong Road	Oakleigh East	District*	Fitness Equipment*
66	Westerfield Drive Reserve	33-37 Westerfield Drive	Notting Hill	Local	Sensory
67	Ainslie Drive Reserve	5-13 Ainslie Drive	Whealers Hill	Pocket	
68	Mackellar Avenue Reserve	35-37 Mackellar Avenue	Whealers Hill	Pocket	
69	Rivett Crescent Reserve	Cnr Rivett Crescent and Burnet Street (2 Burnet Street)	Mulgrave	Pocket	
70	Lum Reserve	231-259 Lum Road	Whealers Hill	Neighbourhood	
71	Netherby Avenue Reserve	Netherby Avenue (69-71 Chancellor Avenue)	Whealers Hill	Local	
72	Columbia Park Reserve	Columbia Drive (245-269 Jells Road)	Whealers Hill	Neighbourhood	
73	Marykirk Drive (Ronston Court) Reserve	Ronston Court and Marykirk Drive (13-15 Craig Hill Drive)	Whealers Hill	Local	

Map No.	Reserve	Street	Suburb	Playspace Classification * Post upgrade	Other Reserve Features * Planned
74	Haversham Avenue (Fernly Court) Reserve	29-33 Haversham Avenue (Fernly Court, Pinewood Close and Landscape Court)	Whealers Hill	Local	
75	W A Scammell Reserve	Guest Road (1216 North Road)	Oakleigh South	Neighbourhood	
76	Progress Park Reserve and Cameron Avenue Reserve	1-7 Cameron Avenue and 9-15 Cameron Avenue	Oakleigh South	Neighbourhood	Pump Track
77	Murumba Drive Reserve	25-31 Murumba Drive	Oakleigh South	Local	
78	Davies Reserve	Wallace Avenue (410A Huntingdale Road)	Oakleigh South	District	Fitness Equipment
79	Talbot Park	1261 Centre Road	Oakleigh South	District*	Fitness Equipment*
80	Flora Road Reserve	7-9 Flora Road	Clayton	Local	
81	Meade Reserve	Houghton Road (2A Faulkner Street)	Clayton	Local	Fitness Equipment
82	Fregon Reserve	Browns Road	Clayton	Neighbourhood	
83	Evelyn Street Reserve	16-42 Evelyn Street	Clayton	Local	
84	Cambro Road Reserve	9 Cambro Road	Clayton	Pocket	
85	Wilma Avenue Reserve	36-38 Wilma Avenue	Mulgrave	Pocket	
86	Wellington Reserve	36-42 Mackie Road	Mulgrave	Neighbourhood	Fitness Equipment
87	Dunoon Street Reserve	1-3 Dunoon Street	Mulgrave	Pocket	
88	Knell Street Reserve	26 Knell Street	Mulgrave	Pocket	
89	Opal Court Reserve	4-5 Opal Court	Mulgrave	Pocket	
90	Albany Drive Reserve	68-72 Albany Drive	Mulgrave	Pocket	

Map No.	Reserve	Street	Suburb	Playspace Classification * Post upgrade	Other Reserve Features * Planned
91	Whitehaven Crescent Reserve	20-30 Whitehaven Crescent	Mulgrave	Local	
92	Southern Reserve	35-37 Huxley Avenue (Police Road)	Mulgrave	Neighbourhood	
93	Grantham Terrace Reserve	13-17 Grantham Terrace	Mulgrave	Local	
94	Gladeswood Reserve	Grantham Terrace	Mulgrave	District*	Fitness Equipment*
95	Portland Street South Reserve	7-11 Portland Street (Dunrossil Close)	Mulgrave	Local	
96	Portland Street North Reserve	63-73 Portland Street	Mulgrave	Local	
97	Oliver Court (Blanton Drive) Reserve	Cnr Blanton Drive and Oliver Court (36A Blanton Drive)	Mulgrave	Local	
98	Orchard Street (David Crawford) Reserve	13-17 Orchard Street	Glen Waverley	Local	
99	Wilson Road Reserve	8-12 Wilson Road	Glen Waverley	Pocket	
100	Bayview (Madison Court) Reserve	16 Madison Court	Mt Waverley	Neighbourhood	Fitness Equipment
101	Warrawee Park	99 Drummond Street	Oakleigh	District	
102	Lansdowne Circuit Reserve	4 Lansdowne Circuit	Mulgrave	Local	
103	Rembrandt Drive (Gainsborough Avenue) Reserve	7 Rembrandt Drive and 5 Gainsborough Avenue	Whealers Hill	Pocket	
104	Brynor Crescent Reserve	16 Brynor Crescent	Glen Waverley	Pocket	
105	Petronella Avenue East Reserve	63-65 Petronella Avenue	Whealers Hill	Local	
106	Jacaranda Road Reserve	20-22 Jacaranda Road	Whealers Hill	Pocket	
107	Waverley Womens Sports Centre	2-30 Jells Road (Jells Road)	Whealers Hill	Neighbourhood	
108	Wilson Street Reserve	Cnr Wilson Street and Bishop Street (38A Bishop Street)	Oakleigh	Pocket	
109	Mulgrave Reserve	Garnett Road	Whealers Hill	District*	

Map No.	Reserve	Street	Suburb	Playspace Classification * Post upgrade	Other Reserve Features * Planned
110	Charlton Street Reserve	Cnr Charlton Street and Stephenson Road (389-391 Stephenson Road)	Mt Waverley	Local	
111	Burlington Street Reserve (Burlington Square)	Cnr Downing Street and Burlington Street (31 Dowling Street)	Oakleigh	Local	
112	Canova Drive Reserve	11 Canova Drive	Glen Waverley	Pocket	
113	Catherine Avenue Reserve	62 Catherine Avenue (Ian Grove)	Mt Waverley	Local	
114	Damper Creek Conservation Reserve	Cnr Park Road and Norman Court	Mt Waverley	Neighbourhood	
115	Danien Street Reserve	10-12 Danien Street	Glen Waverley	Local	
116	Dennis Street Reserve	12-20 Dennis Street	Clayton	Local	Fitness Equipment
117	Diamond Avenue Reserve	Diamond Avenue (13-15 Brighton Street)	Glen Waverley	Pocket	
118	Dirigo Drive Reserve	Dirigo Drive (214-220 Brandon Park Drive)	Wheeters Hill	Pocket	
119	Electra Reserve	21A Electra Avenue (High Street Road)	Ashwood	Neighbourhood	Fitness Equipment
120	Grantley Drive Reserve	31-33 Grantley Drive	Glen Waverley	Pocket	
121	Jack Edwards Reserve	22-38 Edward Street	Oakleigh	Pocket	
122	Finch Street Reserve	20 Finch Street	Notting Hill	Pocket	
123	Galbally Reserve	19 Arthur Street (Freda Street)	Hughesdale	District	Fitness Equipment
124	Janice Road Reserve	Cnr Janice Road and Sandgate Avenue	Glen Waverley	Pocket	
125	Carlson Reserve	64-72 Clayton Road	Clayton	District*	Fitness Equipment
126	Grandview Road Reserve	107-109 Grandview Road	Wheeters Hill	Local	

Map No.	Reserve	Street	Suburb	Playspace Classification * Post upgrade	Other Reserve Features * Planned
127	Grovelands Drive Reserve	2-6 Grovelands Drive	Mulgrave	Local	
128	Cinnabar Avenue Reserve	Cinnabar Avenue	Mt Waverley	Pocket	
129	Manchester Place Reserve	Manchester Place	Mulgrave	Pocket	
130	Brunton Crescent North (Ellis Park) Reserve	Cnr Brunton Crescent, Ellis Park Avenue and Newport Drive (1 Brunton Crescent)	Mulgrave	Local	
131	Freeway Reserve	Kernot Avenue (361-415 Wellington Road)	Mulgrave	Pocket	Fitness Trail
132	Rata Street Reserve	15-21 Rata Street Reserve	Wheeler's Hill	Pocket	
133	Greville Street (Garnett Street) Reserve	Cnr Greville Street and Garnett Street (59 Greville Street)	Huntingdale	Local	
134	Samada Street Reserve	24 Samada Street	Notting Hill	Neighbourhood	Fitness Equipment
135	Arthur Street Reserve	27-29 Arthur Street	Burwood	Pocket	
136	Waverley Park Lake Regional Playspace	Cavenagh Boulevard	Mulgrave	Regional	
137	Yabby Hill Regional Playspace, (Jells Park, Parks Victoria)	Waverley Road (38-72 Jells Road)	Wheeler's Hill	Regional	
138	Jell Park North (Jells Park, Parks Victoria)	Waverley Road (38-72 Jells Road)	Wheeler's Hill	Local	
139	Jells Park South (Jells Park, Parks Victoria)	Ferntree Gully Road (38-72 Jells Road)	Wheeler's Hill	Local	
140	PROPOSED Westbrook Street Reserve (VicRoads)	2a Westbrook Street	Chadstone	Pocket*	
141	PROPOSED Centre Road West Skyrail Community Playspace (VicTrack)	Cnr Centre Road and Houghton Road	Clayton	Pocket*	



APPENDIX 2: PLAYSPACE UPGRADE PROGRAM 2025-2035

The 10-year Playground Upgrade Program is subject to Council budget adoption for the financial year and has been directly informed by playground priorities identified in the *Active Monash Capital Works Priorities Framework*.

Year	Playground	Suburb	Classification
Year 1 2025/26	Albany Drive Reserve	Mulgrave	Pocket
	Winbourne Road Reserve	Mount Waverley	Pocket
	Gladeswood Reserve	Mulgrave	District
	Queens Parade Reserve (west of Ashwood Reserve)	Ashwood	Local
	Pinewood Reserve	Mount Waverley	Local Sensory
Year 2 2026/27	Wilson Road Reserve	Glen Waverley	Pocket
	Regent Street Reserve	Mount Waverley	Pocket
	View Mount Road Reserve	Wheelers Hill	Local
	Hinkler Reserve	Glen Waverley	Local
	Gillon Court Reserve	Oakleigh	Pocket
Year 3 2027/28	Salisbury Reserve	Ashwood	Local
	Le Fey Court Reserve	Glen Waverley	Pocket
	Jacaranda Road Reserve	Wheelers Hill	Pocket
	Bogong Reserve (subject to Suburban Rail Loop Authority's review of the Glen Waverley Activity Centre Structure Plan)	Glen Waverley	District
Year 4 2028/29	Wilson Street Reserve	Oakleigh	Pocket
	Ainslie Drive Reserve	Wheelers Hill	Pocket
	Grandview Road Reserve	Wheelers Hill	Local
	Knell Street Reserve	Mulgrave	Pocket
	Finch Street Reserve	Notting Hill	Pocket
Year 5 2029/30	Columbia Park Reserve	Wheelers Hill	Neighbourhood
	Kingsley Grove Reserve	Mount Waverley	Pocket
	Grovelands Drive Reserve	Mulgrave	Local
Year 6 2030/31	McKenna Road Reserve	Glen Waverley	Pocket
	Charlton Street Reserve	Mount Waverley	Local
	Batesford Reserve	Chadstone	Neighbourhood



Year	Playground	Suburb	Classification
Year 7 2031/32	Lawrence Road Reserve	Mount Waverley	Pocket
	Oliver Court (Blanton Drive) Reserve	Mulgrave	Local
	Haversham Avenue (Fernly Court) Reserve	Wheelers Hill	Local
	St Clair Crescent Reserve	Mount Waverley	Local
Year 8 2032/33	Dunoon Street Reserve	Mulgrave	Pocket
	Allen Street Reserve (Scotchmans Creek Linear Park)	Oakleigh	Local
	Bowden Court Reserve	Wheelers Hill	Local
	Fregon Reserve	Clayton	Neighbourhood
Year 9 2033/34	Parkhill Drive Reserve	Ashwood	Local
	Cheel Street Reserve	Oakleigh East	Pocket
	Bowmore Street Reserve	Hughesdale	Pocket
	Warrawee Park	Oakleigh	District
Year 10 2034/35	Garrick Court (Sheldon Place) Reserve	Wheelers Hill	Pocket
	Janice Road Reserve	Glen Waverley	Pocket
	French Street Reserve	Mount Waverley	Pocket
	Rosemary Street Reserve	Chadstone	Local
	Streliden Avenue Reserve	Oakleigh East	Pocket
	Opal Court Reserve	Mulgrave	Local



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Attachment B

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Monash Playground & Playspace Strategy Refresh

**Consultation Report
August 2023**



Monash Playground & Playspace Strategy Refresh 2023

Consultation Report

Overview of Consultation

The community consultation and engagement program for the Monash Playground & Playspace Strategy Refresh ran from *25 May 2023 to 27 August 2023*.

During the consultation period, there were 83 contributors to the Shape Monash page, 8 written and 12 MYzone middle year participant submissions/drawings received.

Summary of Engagement Methodology

1. Shape Monash on-line consultation – 83 contributors via [Playground Strategy Refresh | Shape Monash](#)
2. Direct Email – to existing community networks including Monash sporting clubs, neighbourhood houses, playgroups and advisory committee members were directly emailed and encouraged to complete the on-line survey.
3. Project page subscription registration – for regular project updates.
4. Monash Bulletin July 2023 & August 2023 – articles in the Monash Bulletin distributed to every household in Monash translated into Chinese, Greek and Italian (refer pages 3 & 4)
5. Written Submissions – 7 written submissions received via Shape Monash and 1 written submission via Facebook (total of 8 written submissions).
6. MYzone Middle Years Group – drawings and/or written feedback from 12 MYzone participants (Monash Youth Services) on their ‘perfect playground.’
7. Youth Services Program Participants - distributed information to parents and other younger participants at youth services programs.
8. Social Media post on 23 August 2023 - 1418 accounts reached, 147 engagements from people who liked, commented, shared, clicked through to our Facebook page or just opened the photo for a more detailed look. Refer page 5 or link to Facebook post at: <https://www.facebook.com/cityofmonash/posts/pfbid0DaxHq9eQAPVKAP3iUbZthsovP9CcDRky34kNuQopDREL1iFdLTBjd383kt7f4SMnI>
9. Playspace Strategy Refresh Poster - posted on public noticeboards in Monash libraries, customer service centres and aquatic centres (refer page 6).
10. General feedback received from local residents in relation to individual playground upgrade projects at on-site meetings and/or on-line design consultations.

Monash Bulletin July 2023



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Playspaces in Monash

Every year we upgrade playspaces in Monash, so our youngest residents have engaging outdoor places that support their development and capacity for play. We want to hear your ideas on what we can include in several playspace upgrades to make them exciting and fun for the local community.

We're opening consultation for district playspaces at Mulgrave Reserve (Wheelers Hill) and Princes Highway Reserve (Oakleigh East), local playspaces at Orchard Street Reserve (Glen Waverley) and Argyle Reserve (Hughesdale), as well as a new planned pocket playspace at a reserve on Westbrook Street (Chadstone).

To contribute your thoughts on these playspace upgrades, visit our Shape Monash playspace web page.

We are also seeking your ideas for a refresh of our Playground and Playspace Strategy, which will guide the ongoing provision and management of playgrounds and playspaces in Monash. Your feedback will help us shape a 10-year playspace upgrade program, commencing in 2025/26.

Consultation on the Playground Strategy refresh closes 27 August 2023.

More info: shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playground-strategy-refresh

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Monash Bulletin August 2023

MONASH SENSORY playspace wins State award

Notting Hill's Westerfield Drive Sensory Playspace has taken top honours at the Parks and Leisure Australia 2023 Regional Awards of Excellence (Vic/Tas), winning the Playspace Award for playspaces under \$500,000.

Upgraded in 2022, with support from the Victorian Government, this unique, inclusive playspace features innovative play elements – such as an 8-key Marimba, sound bouncers and sensory trails – designed to help children develop their sensory skills. As part of the development, Council worked with Notting Hill Neighbourhood House to free up 500m² of public open space to increase the size of the playspace.

The upgrade to Westerfield Drive Playspace was identified as part of the Monash Playground and Playspace Strategy 2020. We're currently refreshing this strategy, to develop a 10-year playspace upgrade program commencing 2025/26, and want to hear your feedback.



You can share your ideas on Shape Monash until 27 August 2023: shape.monash.vic.gov.au

Social Media Post, August 2023

 **City of Monash**
23 August at 09:59 · 🌐

Did you know we have more than 130 playspaces located in parks and reserves across Monash? 🌳

To maintain and upgrade them, we need a strong strategy that considers the current and future needs of the community. That's why we're inviting you to give us feedback for our Playground and Playspace Strategy refresh.

Tell us how you're using these vital outdoor spaces by completing a quick survey. Get the whole family involved and even upload a drawing.

Feedback closes this week, Sunday 27 August.

<https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/.../playground-strategy...>



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Playspace Strategy Refresh Poster

HELP SHAPE THE VISION FOR MONASH PLAYGROUNDS

We are refreshing the Monash Council Playground and Playspace Strategy and want to hear from the people who use them the most.

What do you enjoy most about your local playground? What are the play needs of you and your family, both now and into the future? We especially welcome the views of children and young people.

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK ON SHAPE MONASH:

 [shape.monash.vic.gov.au/
playground-strategy-refresh](https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playground-strategy-refresh)

CONTACT US:
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**Consultation
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Written Submissions, Children’s Drawings & Feedback

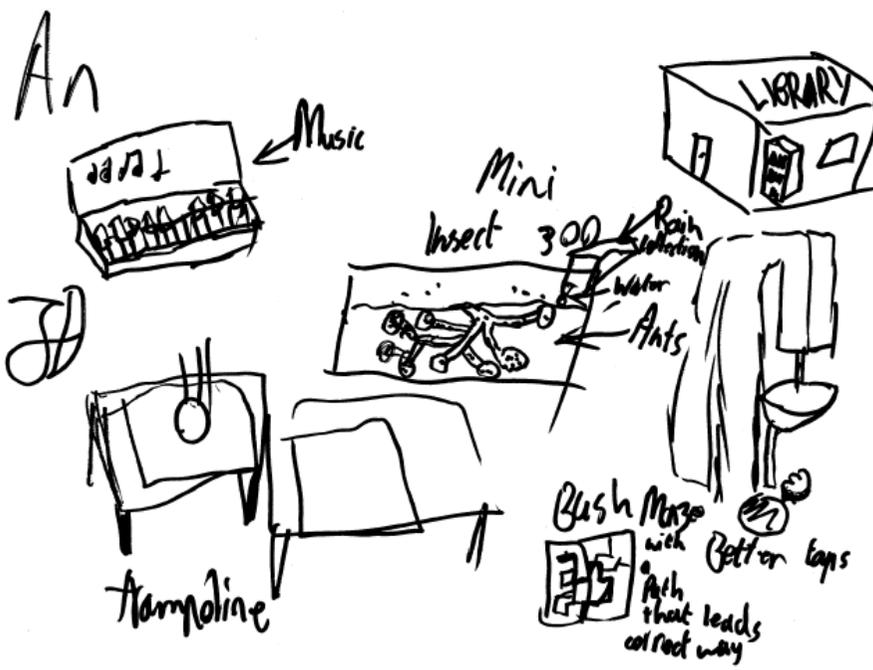
Contribution ID	Date Submitted	<p style="text-align: center;">On-line Submission via Shape Monash</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please provide your thoughts on the current Playground Strategy and what you would like to see in the refreshed version?</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">16756 #1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Aug 25, 2023, 07:24 AM</p>	<p>Dear Monash Council Recreation Team, I submit this proposal in responding to a council call “HELP SHAPE THE VISION FOR MONASH PLAYGROUNDS.” “We are refreshing the Monash Council Playground and Playspace Strategy and want to hear from the people who use them the most.”</p> <p>Proposal of converting CCC outdoor gym site into a children’s playground The proposal is to convert the existing outdoor gym site into a children’s playground. The outdoor gym site is located at Clayton Community Centre (CCC) as shown in the photograph below.</p>  <p>The rationale of the above CCC playgrounds proposal are listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No adjacent playgrounds attached to Clayton Community Centre 2. The existing outdoor gym ground attached to the Clayton Community Centre building complex is underutilized, as the facility hasn’t been active for more than a decade as far as we know.

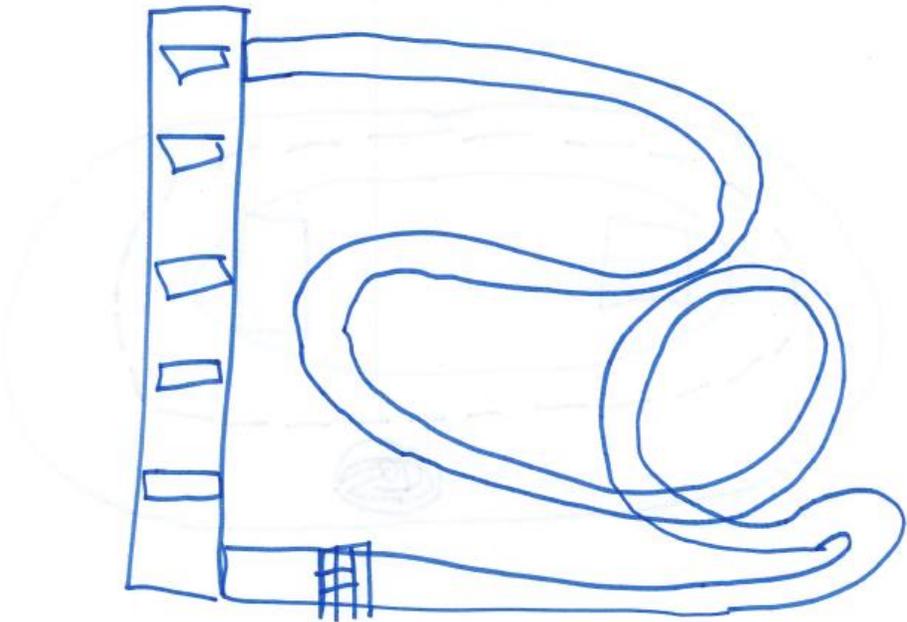
	<p>3. Clayton Community Centre has rich indoor children’s services such as Maternal Child Health (MCH) services, Public Library services, playgroups, kindergarten, and Link Health and Community. However, there is not a single children’s facility outside Clayton Community Centre. After attending children services in CCC building complex, children have nowhere to go and spend time outside the building complex, i.e. Indoor service rich and outdoor service poor.</p> <p>4. Other community centres all have children’s playgrounds attached to the building complex, with examples include:</p> <p>(1) Noble Park Community Centre has a superb playgrounds attached to it. Ross Reserve All Abilities Play Space in Noble Park as preferred excursion destination. https://www.melbourneplaygrounds.com.au/ross-reserve-playground-memorial-drive-noble-park</p> <p>(2) Rowville Community Centre has a newly developed playgrounds located on its adjacent premises. Rowville Adventure Playground, Fulham Rd, Rowville</p> <p>(3) Mulgrave Neighbourhood House has a well-established playground just outside the building. Wellington Reserve Playground Mackie Road Mulgrave https://www.melbourneplaygrounds.com.au/wellington-reserve-playground-mackie-road-mulgrave</p> <p>(4) The recently opened Monash Pinewood Child and Family Hub has a brand new playground built next to the Hub. https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/Community/Children-Family/Pinewood-Child-and-Family-Hub</p> <p>In contrast, there is no playground facility at Clayton Community Centre premise. It is obvious that there is COMMUNITY FACILITY SERVICE GAP in Clayton CBD because outdoor children’s services are lacking in this area in Clayton.</p> <p>The gym site outside CCC hasn’t been actively in use probably since it was built 20+ years ago. The playgroup coordinator has been working at Clayton Community Centre every week for more than 13 years. I have hardly seen people using this outdoor gym. It is fair to say that this community space is under-utilized. Please refer to the attached gym site photos.</p> 
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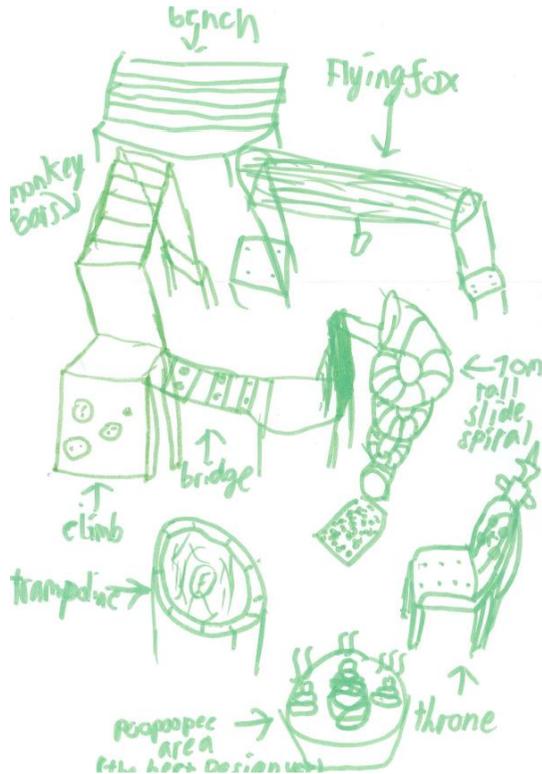
	<p>The costs of converting the gym site into a playground is minimum by just adding a swing and slide to the site. The existing fence can be kept as it is. A self-lock door needs to be installed to ensure children’s safety at the site. Clayton Community Centre is a key community congregation point located in a busy Clayton CBD precinct. Every inch of space needs to be fully utilized but not under-utilized or even unused. Converting this under-used outdoor gym into a popular children’s playground will be a game changer transforming a real hot spot for children and families and it will further improve the popularity of Clayton Community Centre services.</p> <p>Expected Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor playground will provide opportunities for children to spend time immersed in nature for fresh air and sun which help with their body (eye, bone and lung) development, and many more benefits. • Bring children and families together at CCC as informal social gathering. • Meeting with other children and adults for social and mental wellbeing. • Better outcomes for community engagement. • Benefit all communities in City of Monash and beyond. <p>A small change will make a big difference. If Clayton Community Centre playground is built, it will attract more families to attend Clayton Community Centre-based services. More families will join Active Monash services. CCC will become a more popular child-friendly community centre facility featured with future perspective. Numerous research findings indicated that outdoor playground is hugely important for children’s growth, development, health and wellbeing (https://www.miracle-recreation.com/blog/why-are-playgrounds-important/?lang=can). Victorian state government set requirements that pre-schoolers should spend at least 180 minutes (3 hours) a day doing a variety of physical activities spread throughout the day, including active and outdoor play. The more the better (https://www.acecqa.gov.au/latest-news/blog/what-research-telling-us-about-childrens-physical-activity-early-years)</p> <p>As a long term resident in City of Monash, I submit this proposal as a personal lobbying for the best interest of the community achieving optimum cost effect outcomes. Parents and families are overwhelmingly support this proposal and they have sent me their letters of support and very keen for this initiative to happen. In addition, I have consulted with a number of Council staff and community services professionals and they see this proposal as a great idea and they are happy to provide their advice to advocate this proposal. We are lobbying this proposal for our children who cannot speak for themselves and their needs should be addressed. Please advise me if you need the written support information which are needed by the decision makers in City of Monash.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>
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Attachment 7.2.1.2 CS Attachment B - Playground Strategy Refresh Consultation Report

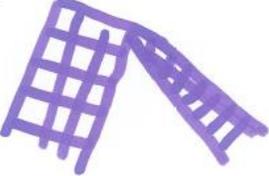
14825 #2	Jul 20, 2023, 08:27 AM	A water park or like a small creek to play water in. A sensory garden +/- sensory footpath would be great! Scooter parks if space allows will be much loved too.
14664 #3	Jul 18, 2023, 01:02 PM	An all abilities playground would be very much appreciated. Wood chip is great for neurotypical kids but a safety hazard for neurodiverse kids and it's hard to access for people with mobility challenges (in wheelchairs or with walkers). Facilities for all abilities can be used for years to come and everyone is included, people with disabilities, elderly, caters etc.
14363 #4	Jun 26, 2023, 12:03 PM	Install toilets for the Princes Hwy Reserve.
14325 #5	Jun 22, 2023, 11:12 PM	I would love it if playgrounds were more wheelchair accessible including pathways. Suggestions include Liberty Swings, Sensory play areas and having fully accessible toilet and changing place facilities.
14277 #6	Jun 19, 2023, 08:55 PM	I would like to see: a bigger flying fox, swings for older children, Shade sails, big swirly slide, giant rocks for imagination play near a dry creek bed, nest swing, water play area. I would also like a mini forest approximately two metres square with mixed native shrubs and trees. Thank-you.
Facebook Submission #7	via Comms 18 July 2023	<i>[Facebook request to upgrade Fraser Street Reserve pocket playspace in Glen Waverley.]</i> Please upgrade the play area at Fraser Street. The one next to the child care centre. Needs a sunshade and better outdoor equipment for the kids who play there. Thanks.

<p>MYzone Participant Drawings/Feedback #1</p>	<p>Monash Youth Services</p>	 <p>The sketch depicts a playground layout with several hand-drawn elements and labels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Top Left: A box labeled "An" with musical notes and the word "Music" written next to it.Top Right: A rectangular building labeled "LIBRARY".Center: A rectangular area labeled "Mini Insect 300" containing a drawing of a person on a bicycle. To its right is a structure labeled "Ants" with an arrow pointing to it. Above this structure is the label "Rain Water".Bottom Left: A structure labeled "Amplifier" with a drawing of a speaker.Bottom Center: A structure labeled "Amplifier" with a drawing of a speaker.Bottom Right: A structure labeled "Bush Maze" with a drawing of a maze. Next to it is a structure labeled "Better laps" with a drawing of a person on a bicycle. Below these is the text "Path that leads correct way".
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<p>MYzone Participant Drawings/Feedback #2</p>	<p>Monash Youth Services</p>	
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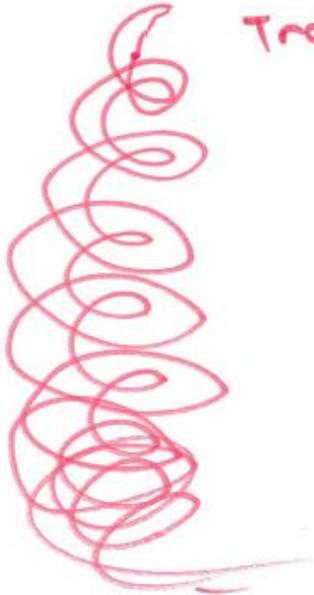
<p>MYzone Participant Drawings/Feedback #3</p>	<p>Monash Youth Services</p>	 <p>A hand-drawn sketch of a playground layout in green ink. The sketch includes several labeled areas: 'monkey bars' on the left, a 'bench' at the top, a 'Flying fox' on the right, a 'roll slide spiral' in the middle-right, a 'bridge' in the center, a 'climb' area on the left, a 'trampoline' at the bottom-left, a 'peepoopec area' at the bottom, and a 'throne' on the right. Arrows point from the text labels to the corresponding parts of the drawing.</p>
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<p>MYzone Participant Drawings/Feedback #4</p>	<p>Monash Youth Services</p>	 <p>The sketch depicts a playground layout with several labeled features: 'Obstacle Course' at the top center, 'logs' represented by small circles to its left, 'Flying fox' on the right side, a 'slide' on the left, a 'rock climb' structure in the middle, a 'height drop' on the far left, a 'fireman pole' at the bottom left, and 'swings' at the bottom center. A grid-like mat is drawn at the bottom right of the main structure.</p>
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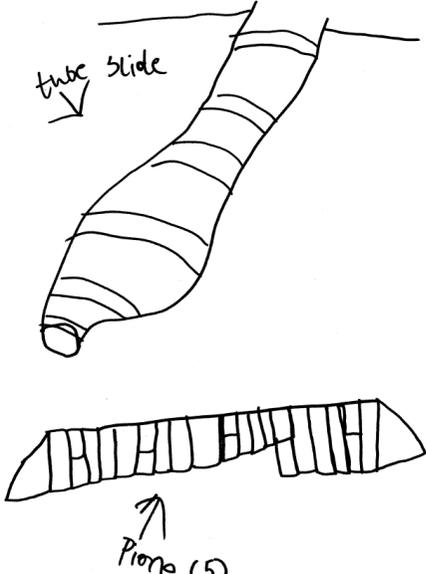
<p>MYzone Participant Drawings/Feedback #5</p>	<p>Monash Youth Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Playground</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- flying fox- swirly slide- toilets- monkey bars- merry-go-round- swing set- cafe- Bins- climbing frame- Trampoline   <p><i>(That Don't Smell)</i></p>
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<p>MYzone Participant Drawings/Feedback #6</p>	<p>Monash Youth Services</p>	<p>Hi! I don't like drawing, so here are some ideas in order of preference:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flying Fox 2. Swings 3. Obstacle Course 4. Mini rock-climbing 5. Climbing net 6. Balance beams 7. Benches 8. Slides 9. Basketball Hoop 10. Monkey Bars 11. Water Fountain 12. Trash bins 13. Fireman Pole
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<p>MYzone Participant Drawings/Feedback #7</p>	<p>Monash Youth Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Playground</u></p> 
<p>MYzone Participant Drawings/Feedback #8</p>	<p>Monash Youth Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PlayGround</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swings - monkey bars - Balances - Slides - Bins - Sensory equipment - Seating - Music - Shade - Sand pit x - play ground Rules and signs

<p>MYzone Participant Drawings/Feedback #9</p>	<p>Monash Youth Services</p>	<p>Parkour course Slide (cully) Trampoline Obstacle course Fireman poles Sensory Equipment More Shade and bins Flying Fox Sports Equipment Music Cool water fountain More toilets Gardens</p> 
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<p>MYzone Participant Drawings/Feedback #10</p>	<p>Monash Youth Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Playground</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monkey bars - Sand pit - Flying Fox - Bins - water tap - toilet toilets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trampoline - Swings - obstacle course - Slides - Shade - Seating - Merry-go-rounds - Cafe
<p>MYzone Participant Drawings/Feedback #11</p>	<p>Monash Youth Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">My perfect park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rainbow tube slide area that swirl around • Bars you can do flips on • bridge to get to the slide • Swings • monkey bars • Seated Ziplines • mini roller coaster around the park that you can push for it to go • a pipe you can slide down on.

<p>MYzone Participant Drawings/Feedback #12</p>	<p>Monash Youth Services</p>	
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- 1,064 views
- 743 visits
- 476 visitors
- 83 contributors
- 14 followers.

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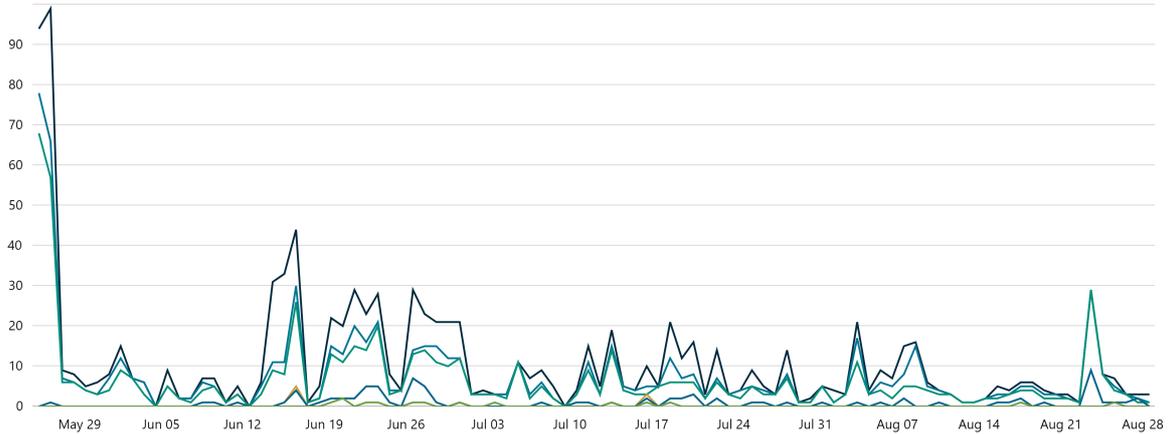
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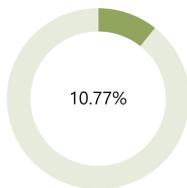
Contributors - The unique number of Visitors who have left feedback or Contributions on a Site through the participation tools.

Followers - The number of Visitors who have 'subscribed' to a project using the 'Follow' button.

Conversions

Information regarding how well your engagement websites converted Visitors to perform defined key actions.

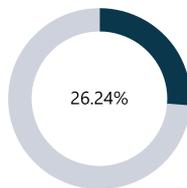
Feedback



10.77%

Percentage of visits where at least **1 contribution** was made.

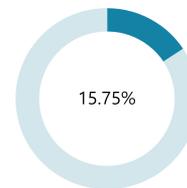
Attention



26.24%

Percentage of visits that lasted at least **1 active minute**.

Actions



15.75%

Percentage of visits where at least **2 actions** were performed.

Participation

Information regarding how people have participated in your projects and activities.

Contributions by Activity		
Contributions by Activity is a breakdown of contributions across each tool		
Activity	Contributions	%
 Form	86	100%

Top Activities			
Top Activities is the top 5 tools that received the highest contributions			
Activity	Page Name	Contributions	Contributors
 Form	Playground Strategy Refresh - survey page	80	77
 Form	Playground Strategy Refresh - make a submission	6	6
 Form	Playground Strategy Refresh	0	0

Projects

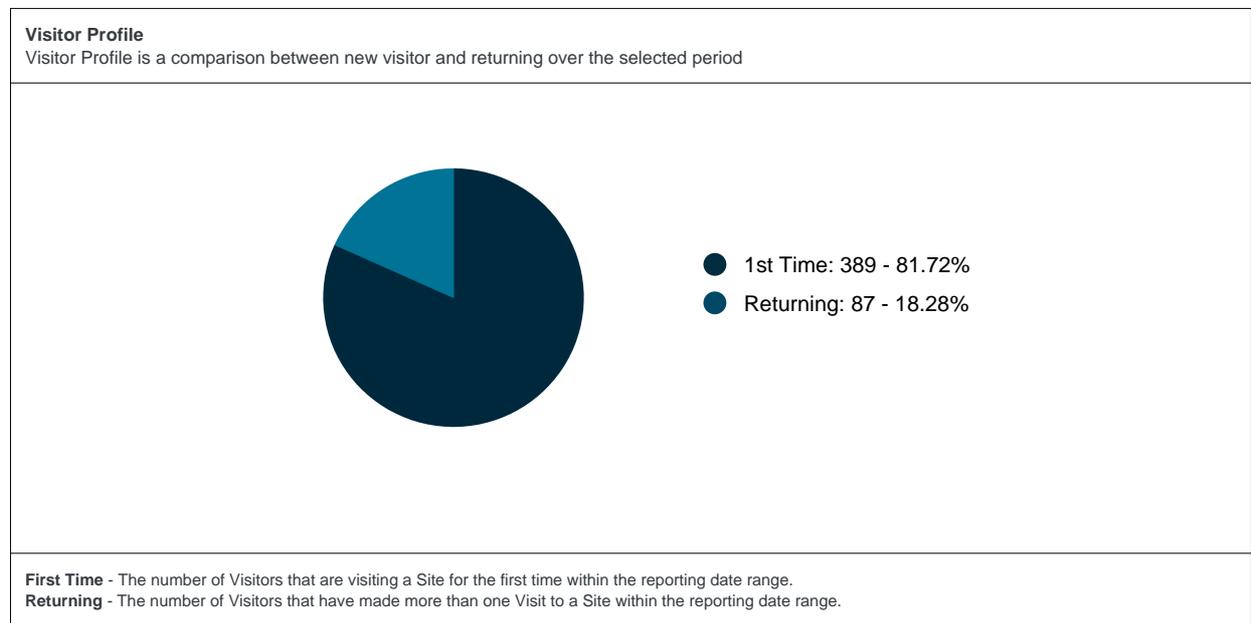
The current number and status of your Site's projects (e.g. engagement websites)

Engagement Time		Top Visited Pages			
Summary information for the top five most visited Pages.					
Page Name	Visitation %	Visits	Visitors		
Playground Strategy Refresh	88.95%	660	421		
Playground Strategy Refresh - survey page	20.75%	154	131		
Playground Strategy 2020 overview	6.6%	49	39		
Playground Strategy Refresh - make a submission	4.45%	33	25		

0 Days	16 Hours	51 Minutes
Jun 23rd 2023 Peak Visitation Date	Friday Peak Visitation Day	

People

Information regarding who has participated in your projects and activities.



Acquisition

Information regarding the method by which Visitors arrived to your Site or projects.

Referral Types

Referral traffic is the segment of traffic that arrives on your website through another source, like through a link on another domain.



Direct - Visitors who have arrived at a Site by entering the exact web address or URL of the page.

Search Engine - Visitors who have arrived at a Site via a search engine. Such as Google, Yahoo, etc.

Websites - Visitors who have arrived at the Site after clicking a link located on an external website.

Social Media - Visitors who have arrived at a Site by clicking a link from a known social media site such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.

Campaigns - Visitors who have arrived through a campaign (using a UTM). See your email campaign report for more details on campaigns sent from this platform.

Downloads

Information regarding your downloads, the total set of unique documents downloaded, total downloads of all files, and your top downloads.

 26 Total Documents	 371 Total Downloads
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Top Downloads		
Top file downloads in your selection, ordered by the number of downloads.		
File Title	File Type	Downloads
playground-and-playspace-strategy-august-2020.pdf	PDF	85
playspace-design-principles-and-considerations.pdf	PDF	84
Appendix 1 Public Playspaces.pdf	PDF	64
playground-classifications-services-levels-and-infrastructure-provision-standards.pdf	PDF	53
playground-strategy-community-consultation-report.pdf	PDF	49

Email Campaigns

Information regarding your email campaigns, your total campaigns, the total number of recipients, and your top campaigns by click-through rate (clicks as a percentage of total recipients).

 1 Email Campaigns Sent	 799 Total Recipients	 13.52% Click-through Rate
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Top Campaigns			
Top email campaigns that have activity in your selection, ordered by click-through rate (clicks as a percentage of total recipients).			
Campaign Name	Recipients	Clicks	Click-through Rate
Playground Strategy Refresh	799	108	13.52%

Shape Monash

Report Type: Form Results Summary
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Closed

Playground Strategy Refresh
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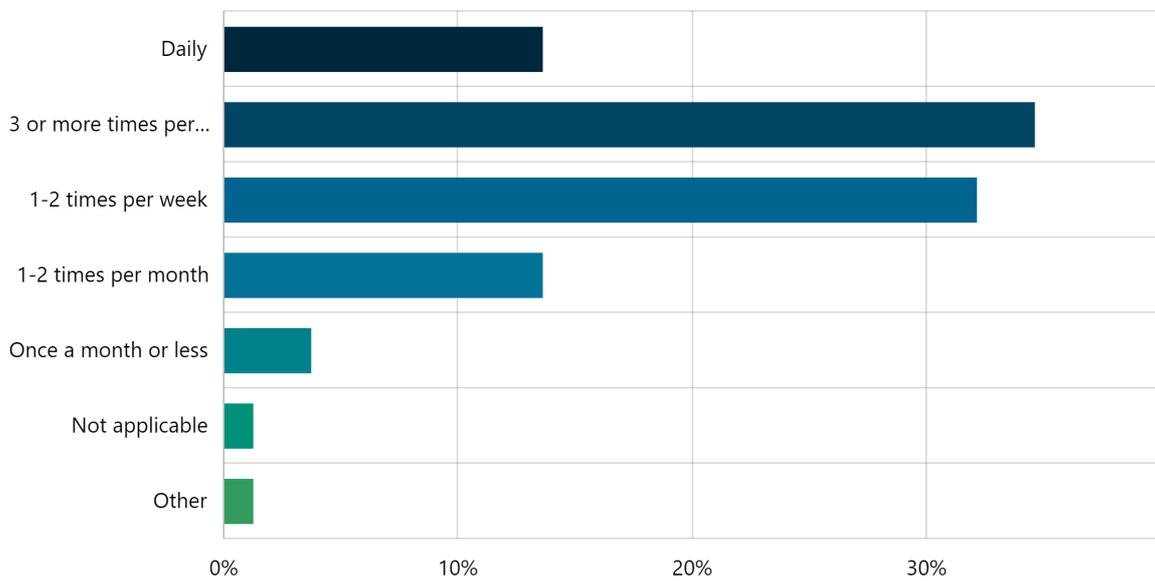
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Contributors

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Contributions

Contribution Summary

1. How frequently do you visit a playground?

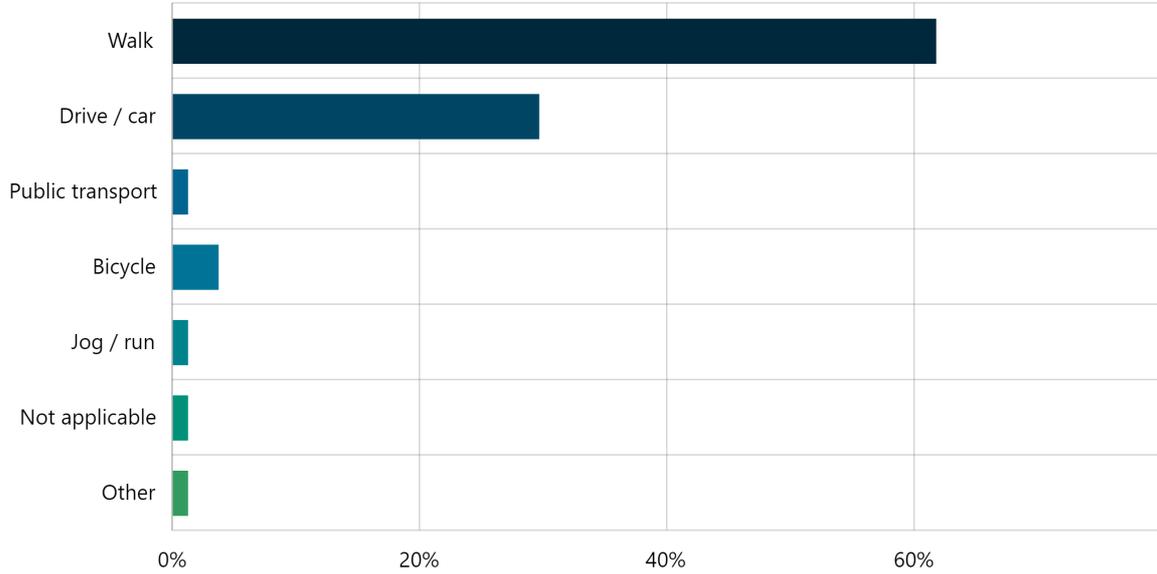
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 81 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Daily	13.58%	11
3 or more times per week	34.57%	28
1-2 times per week	32.10%	26
1-2 times per month	13.58%	11
Once a month or less	3.70%	3
Not applicable	1.23%	1
Other	1.23%	1
Total	100.00%	81

2. How do you usually travel to visit playgrounds in Monash?

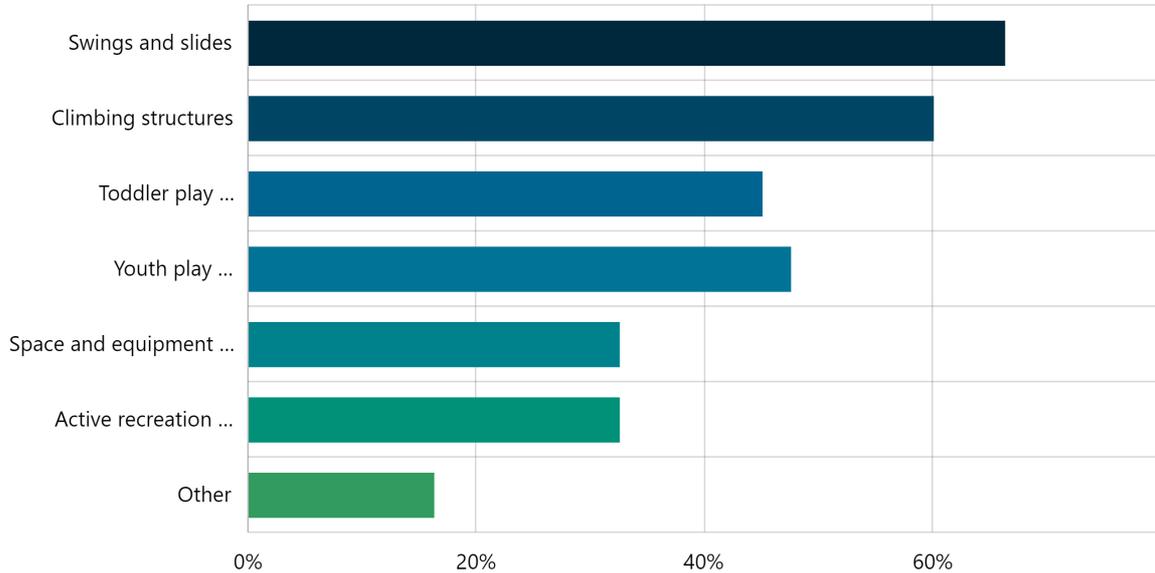
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 81 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Walk	61.73%	50
Drive / car	29.63%	24
Public transport	1.23%	1
Bicycle	3.70%	3
Jog / run	1.23%	1
Not applicable	1.23%	1
Other	1.23%	1
Total	100.00%	81

3. For you, what are the most important playground features?

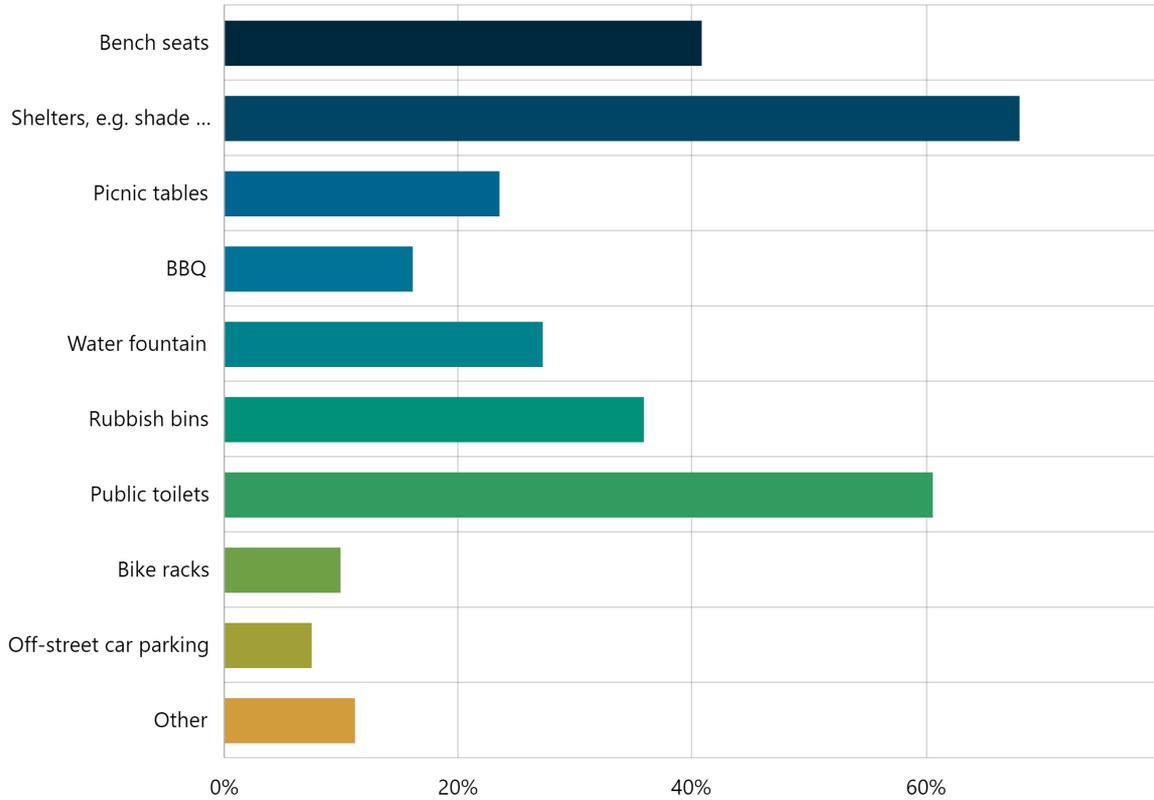
Multi Choice | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 80 (98.8%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Swings and slides	66.25%	53
Climbing structures	60.00%	48
Toddler play equipment (e.g. rockers, junior slides, expression and junior harness swings, spinners, educational play panels)	45.00%	36
Youth play opportunities (more adventurous play structures like bouldering walls, pump track, parkour facilities)	47.50%	38
Space and equipment for ball games (e.g. basketball hoops, tennis walls)	32.50%	26
Active recreation elements for exercise and fitness, balance and flexibility	32.50%	26
Other	16.25%	13

4. What are the most important supporting facilities?

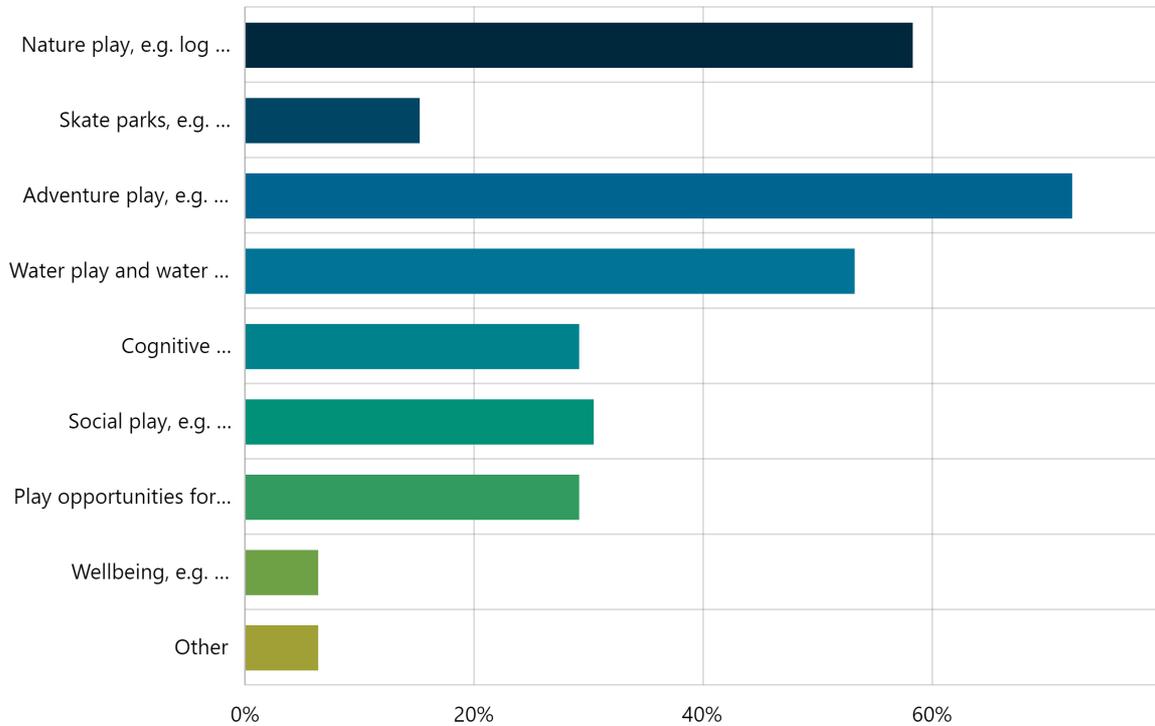
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 81 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Bench seats	40.74%	33
Shelters, e.g. shade sail over play area	67.90%	55
Picnic tables	23.46%	19
BBQ	16.05%	13
Water fountain	27.16%	22
Rubbish bins	35.80%	29
Public toilets	60.49%	49
Bike racks	9.88%	8
Off-street car parking	7.41%	6
Other	11.11%	9

5. Are there any playground features or 'themes' that you would like to see more of in Monash?

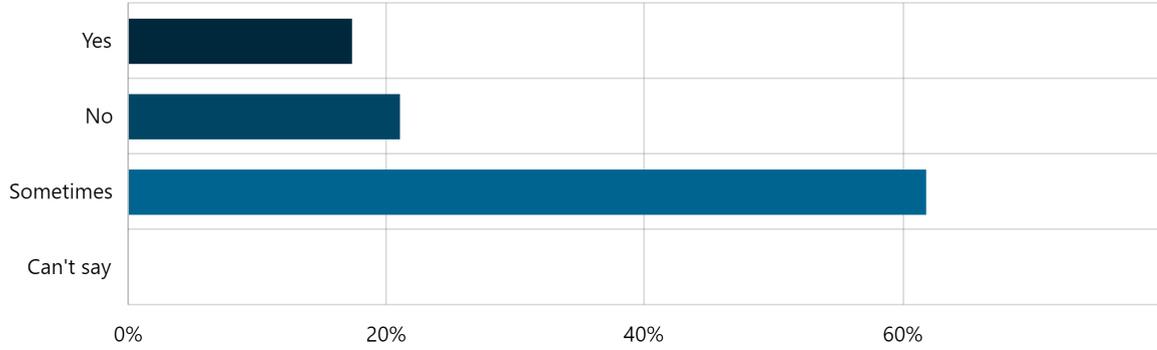
Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 79 (97.5%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Nature play, e.g. log steppers, dry creek bed, insect hotels, gardens	58.23%	46
Skate parks, e.g. in-line skating, pump tracks and skateboarding	15.19%	12
Adventure play, e.g. flying foxes, climbing walls, balance beams	72.15%	57
Water play and water features, e.g. water spouts, 'beach areas' for sand play	53.16%	42
Cognitive development and education, e.g. chess boards, mazes and puzzles	29.11%	23
Social play, e.g. shared play opportunities such as basket swings, flying fox	30.38%	24
Play opportunities for all age groups, e.g. intergenerational play / 'seniors' exercise equipment	29.11%	23
Wellbeing, e.g. stretching, meditation, textured reflexology paths	6.33%	5
Other	6.33%	5

6. Do you think the existing playground facilities in Monash meet the needs of your family and your community?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 81 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	17.28%	14
No	20.99%	17
Sometimes	61.73%	50
Can't say	0%	0
Total	100.00%	81

7. What would you like to see changed or improved?

Long Text | Skipped: 22 | Answered: 59 (72.8%)

Sentiment

No sentiment data

Tags

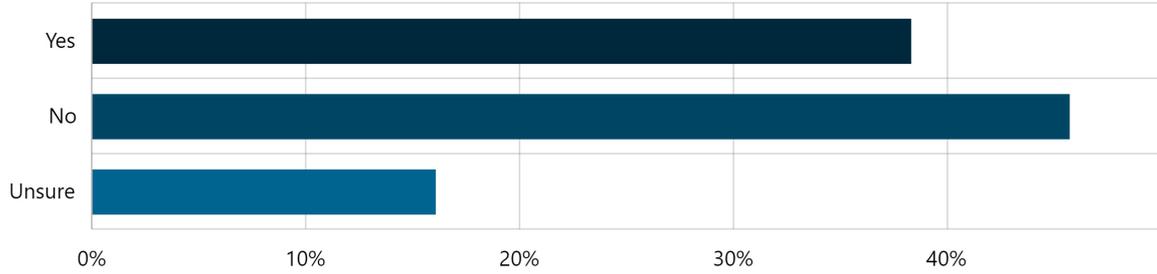
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Featured Contributions

No featured contributions

8. Have you received previous communications from Council about upgrades to a playground in your area?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 81 (100%)

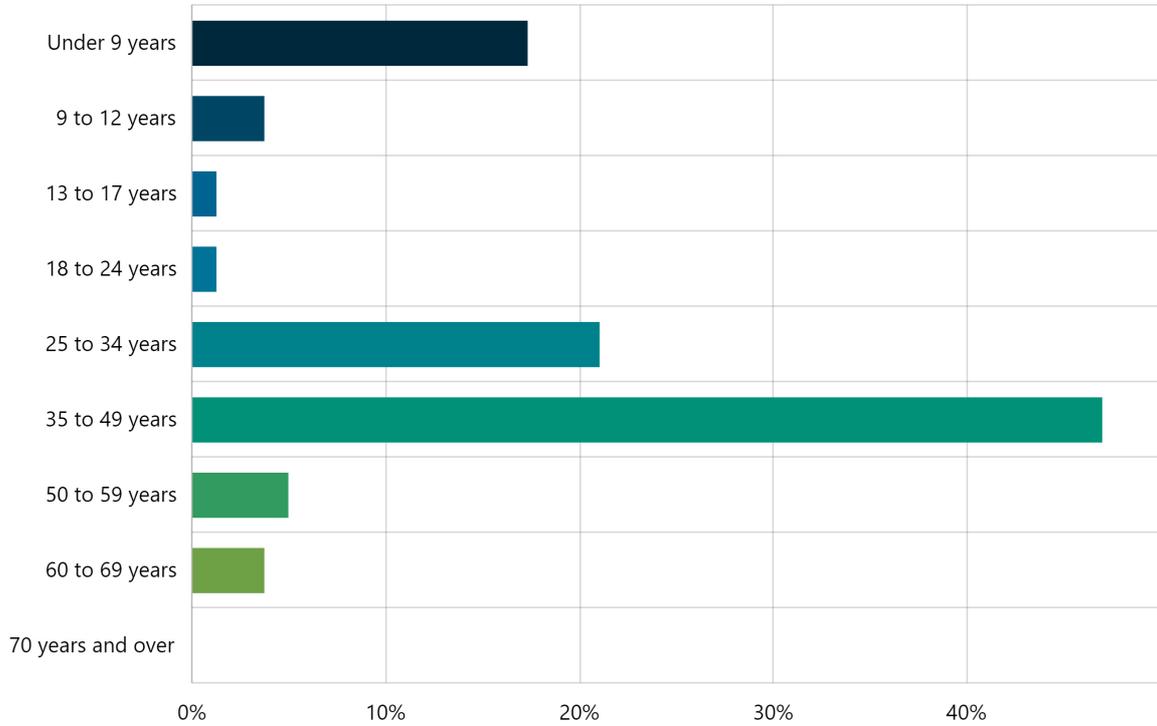


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	38.27%	31
No	45.68%	37
Unsure	16.05%	13
Total	100.00%	81

9. Comment? Long Text Skipped: 68 Answered: 13 (16%)
Sentiment No sentiment data
Tags No tag data
Featured Contributions No featured contributions

10. What is your age group?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 81 (100%)

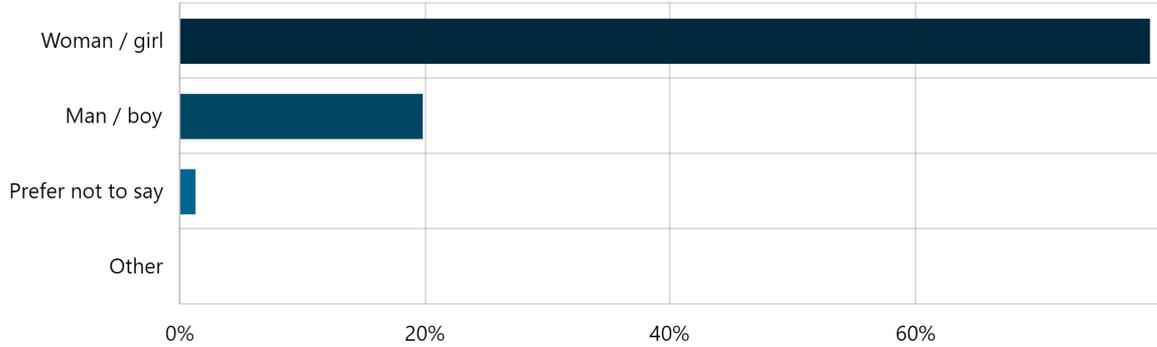


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Under 9 years	17.28%	14
9 to 12 years	3.70%	3
13 to 17 years	1.23%	1
18 to 24 years	1.23%	1
25 to 34 years	20.99%	17
35 to 49 years	46.91%	38
50 to 59 years	4.94%	4
60 to 69 years	3.70%	3
70 years and over	0%	0
Total	100.00%	81

11. Your postcode Short Text Skipped: 5 Answered: 76 (93.8%)
Sentiment No sentiment data
Tags No tag data
Featured Contributions No featured contributions

12. Your gender

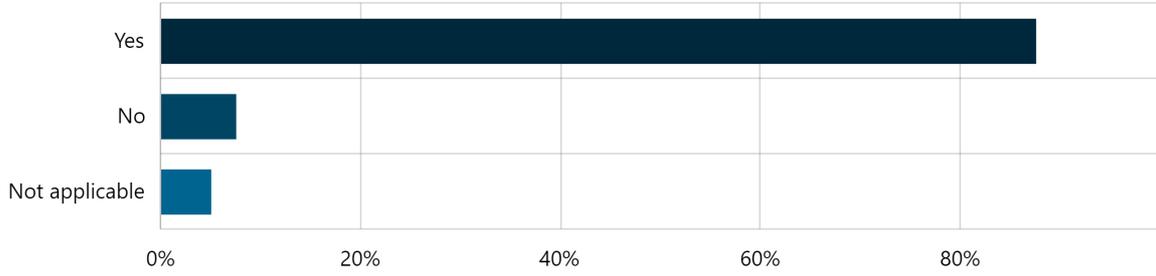
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 81 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Woman / girl	79.01%	64
Man / boy	19.75%	16
Prefer not to say	1.23%	1
Other	0%	0
Total	100.00%	81

13. Do you have children/grandchildren/children you care for that you take to playgrounds?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 80 (98.8%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	87.50%	70
No	7.50%	6
Not applicable	5.00%	4
Total	100.00%	80

14. Please use the space below to provide any additional comments, suggestions or ideas for improvement to playgrounds in Monash

Long Text | Skipped: 38 | Answered: 43 (53.1%)

Sentiment

No sentiment data

Tags

No tag data

Featured Contributions

No featured contributions

15. You can upload a drawing or photo here if you like.

File Upload | Skipped: 80 | Answered: 1 (1.2%)

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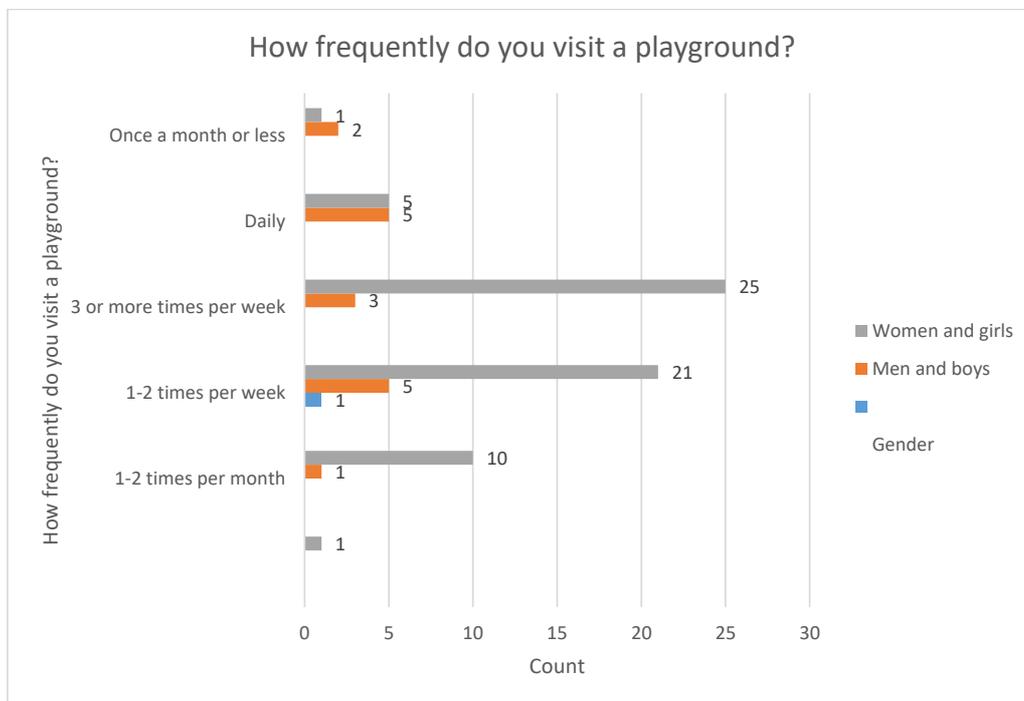
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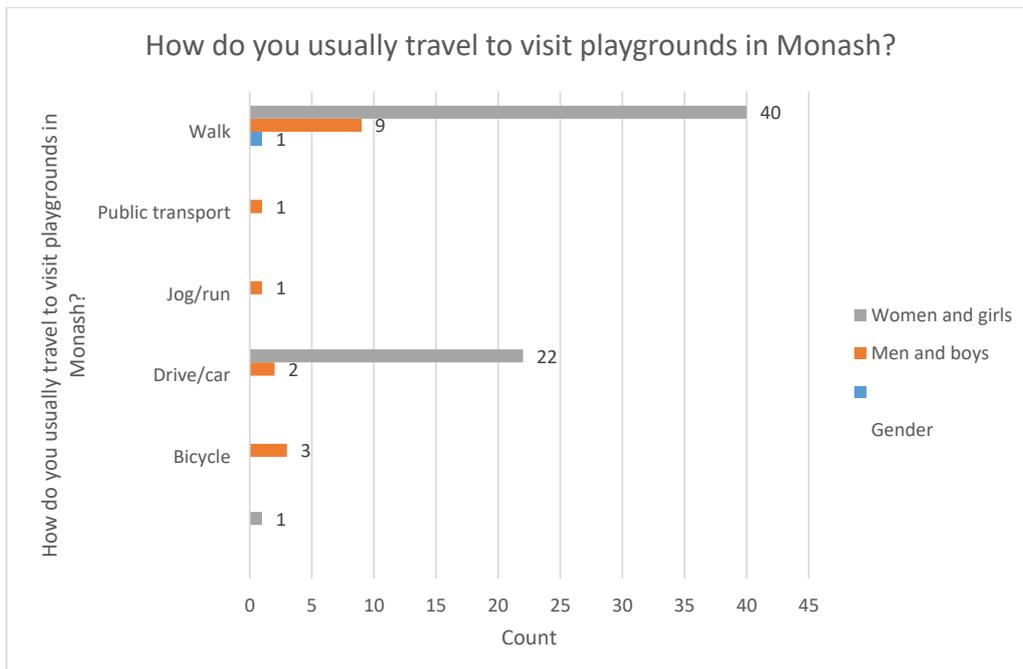
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On-line survey data for the questions that can be disaggregated by gender

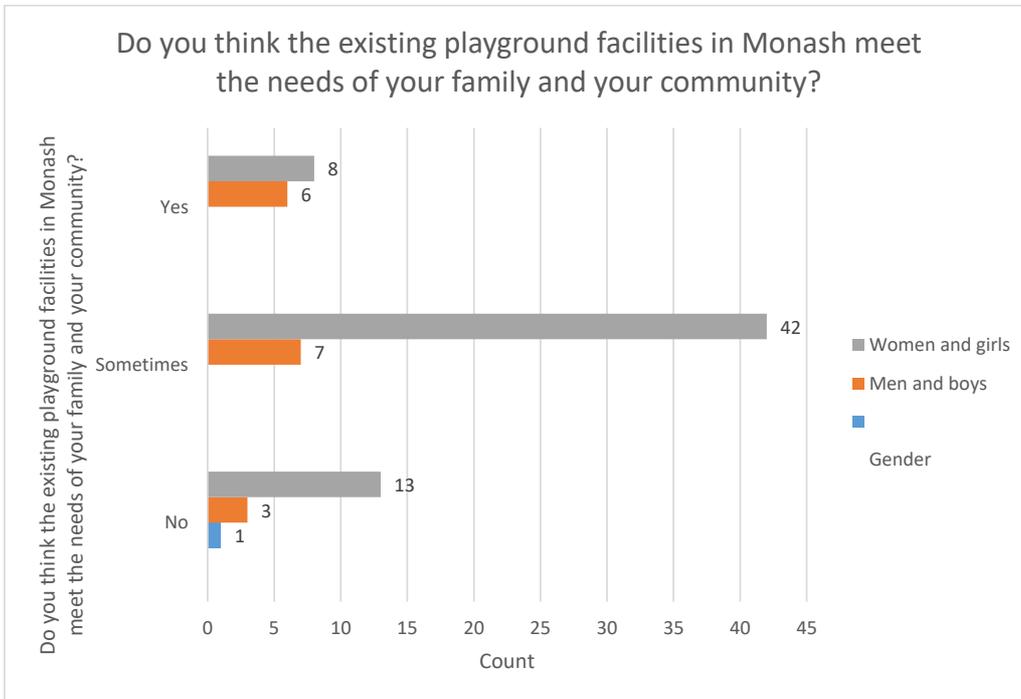
How frequently do you visit a playground? * Gender Crosstabulation				
		Gender		Total
		Men and boys	Women and girls	
1-2 times per month	Count	0	1	1
	% within Gender	0.00%	1.60%	1.30%
1-2 times per week	Count	1	10	11
	% within Gender	6.30%	15.90%	13.80%
3 or more times per week	Count	5	21	27
	% within Gender	31.30%	33.30%	33.80%
Daily	Count	3	25	28
	% within Gender	18.80%	39.70%	35.00%
Once a month or less	Count	0	5	5
	% within Gender	0.00%	7.90%	12.50%
Total	Count	1	16	17
	% within Gender	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%



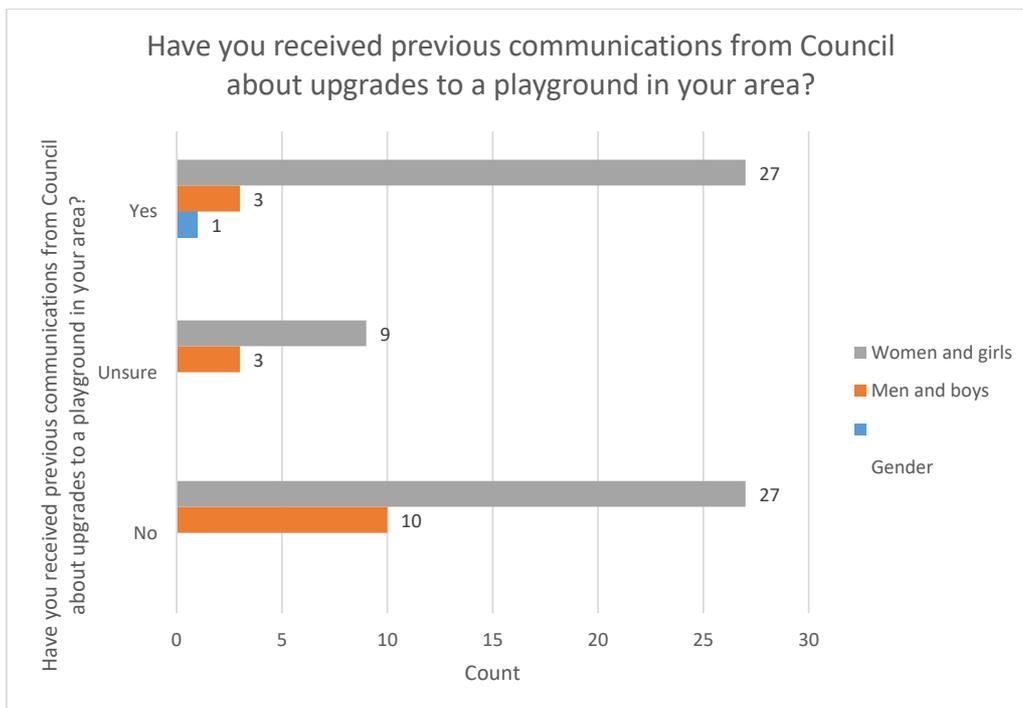
How do you usually travel to visit playgrounds in Monash? * Gender Crosstabulation				
		Gender		Total
		Men and boys	Women and girls	
Bicycle	Count	0	0	1
	% within Gender	0.00%	0.00%	1.30%
Drive/car	Count	0	3	3
	% within Gender	0.00%	18.80%	0.00%
Jog/run	Count	0	2	24
	% within Gender	0.00%	12.50%	34.90%
Public transport	Count	0	1	0
	% within Gender	0.00%	6.30%	0.00%
Walk	Count	1	9	40
	% within Gender	100.00%	56.30%	63.50%
Total	Count	1	16	63
	% within Gender	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%



Do you think the existing playground facilities in Monash meet the needs of your family and your community?					
* Gender Crosstabulation					
		Gender			Total
			Men and boys	Women and girls	
No	Count	1	3	13	17
	% within Gender	100.00%	18.80%	20.60%	21.30%
Sometimes	Count	0	7	42	49
	% within Gender	0.00%	43.80%	66.70%	61.30%
Yes	Count	0	6	8	14
	% within Gender	0.00%	37.50%	12.70%	17.50%
Total	Count	1	16	63	80
	% within Gender	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%



Have you received previous communications from Council about upgrades to a playground in your area?					
* Gender Crosstabulation					
		Gender			Total
			Men and boys	Women and girls	
No	Count	0	10	27	37
	% within Gender	0.00%	62.50%	42.90%	46.30%
Unsure	Count	0	3	9	12
	% within Gender	0.00%	18.80%	14.30%	15.00%
Yes	Count	1	3	27	31
	% within Gender	100.00%	18.80%	42.90%	38.80%
Total	Count	1	16	63	80
	% within Gender	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%



Do you have children/grandchildren/children you care for that you take to playgrounds? * Gender Crosstabulation					
		Gender			Total
			Men and boys	Women and girls	
No	Count	0	2	3	5
	% within Gender	0.00%	12.50%	4.80%	6.30%
	Count	0	5	1	6
	% within Gender	0.00%	31.30%	1.60%	7.50%
Yes	Count	1	9	59	69
	% within Gender	100.00%	56.30%	93.70%	86.30%
Total	Count	1	16	63	80
	% within Gender	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

