

Feedback Report: Pinewood Reserve Playground

PROJECT BACKGROUND

This Feedback Summary Report has been compiled following the conclusion of the first stage of community engagement for the Pinewood Reserve (Mount Waverley) Playspace Upgrade.

Pinewood Reserve's current playground has a sandpit, swings, slide, flying fox, climbing equipment, carousel and balance steps. Amenities include seating, drinking fountain, bins and toilets.

The reserve is also home to a large sportsground, pavilion and cricket nets.

As part of the Monash Playground and Playspace Strategy 2020-2025, Council is upgrading the existing playspace at the reserve.

This site is considered a local playspace, which is catered for residents living within 500 metres. Local playspaces include 5 to 8 items of play equipment for younger age groups up to primary school age. Local playspaces are usually only used by residents from nearby streets who spend up to an hour per visit. Amenities are generally limited to bench seating and accessibility features.

Stage 2 of consultation will occur in March and April 2024, with construction of the new playspace scheduled to take place in the 2024-25 financial year.

ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

Stage 1 of consultation, seeking ideas and feedback from the local community for the new playground at Pinewood Reserve, took place from 13 November – 15 December 2023.

A draft concept plan will be prepared, and a second community consultation will occur in March and April 2024, with the report to follow.

The community was informed of, and engaged with, about the first stage of consultation in the following ways:

- Information flyer mailed to local residents within a 400-metre radius of the reserve
- Online survey via Council's Shape Monash platforms
- Council's social media pages
- Onsite consultation session with Council staff held at the reserve
- Internal e-bulletin to Councillors.

SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

Methods used	Stakeholders	Dates
e-bulletin	Councillors	10 November 2023
Stage 1: Shape Monash Survey – Have Your Say	Local residents within a 400-metre radius of the reserve. 14 responses received	13 November – 15 December 2023
Onsite community consultation	Local residents within a 400 metre radius of the reserve. 3 residents attended	Saturday 25 November 2023

STAGE 1 – SUMMARY OF HAVE YOUR SAY ENGAGEMENT

Who we heard from

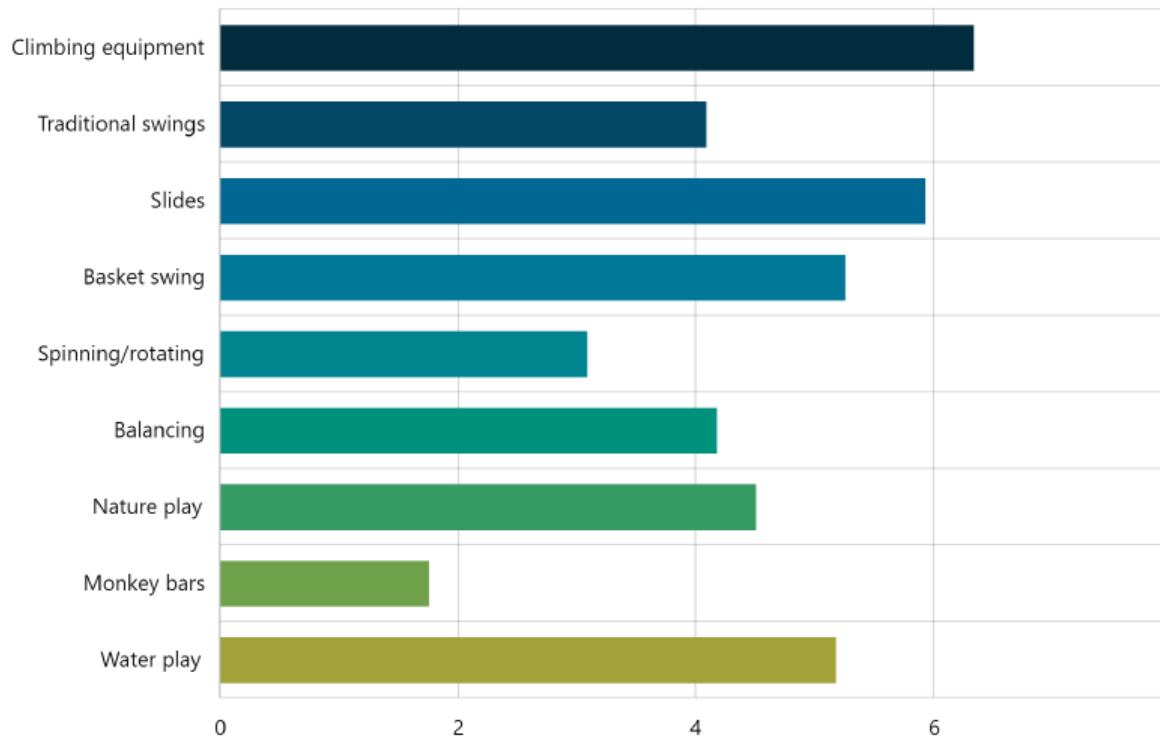
There were 14 respondents to the online survey. Of those that told us their gender, 54 per cent were women or girls and 46 per cent were men. Respondents were asked to list their age group, and from those who completed this data, 29 per cent were adults, 36 per cent were pre-school aged or younger, 28 per cent were primary school age and 7 per cent were teenagers.

We asked four questions about the Pinewood Reserve Playground:

- Which play elements would work best?
- Who are you thinking of in your playground preferences?
- Is there something in the current playspace you especially want to see changed or retained?
- Is there something about the site that might be significant for the theme or look of the new design?

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

1. Which play elements would work best?

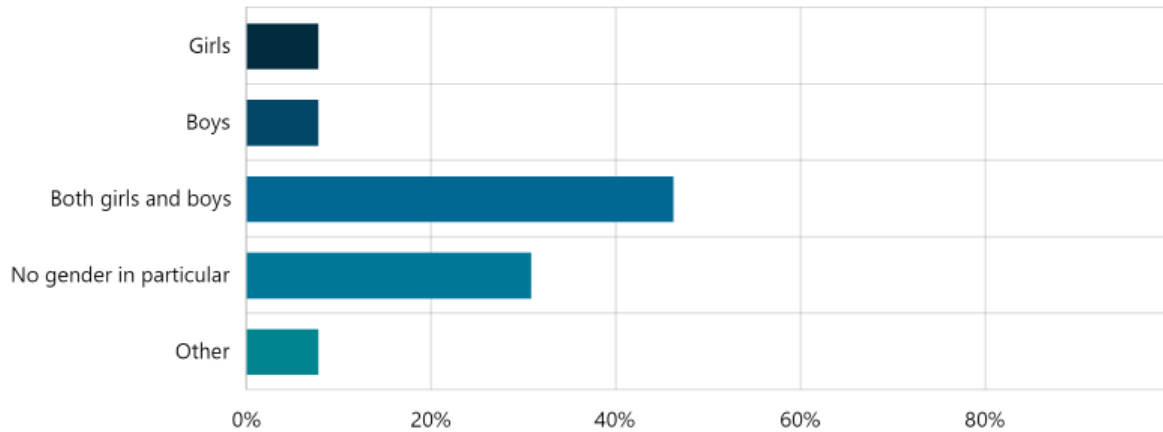


	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Count	Score*	Avg Rank+
Climbing equipment	45.45%	0	18.18%	9.09%	0	18.18%	9.09%	0	0	11	6.33	3.09
	5	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	0			
Slides	9.09%	36.36%	9.09%	9.09%	18.18%	9.09%	9.09%	0	0	11	5.92	3.55
	1	4	1	1	2	1	1	0	0			
Basket swing	0	9.09%	36.36%	9.09%	18.18%	18.18%	9.09%	0	0	11	5.25	4.27
	0	1	4	1	2	2	1	0	0			
Balancing	11.11%	22.22%	0	33.33%	0	0	11.11%	22.22%	0	9	4.5	4
	1	2	0	3	0	0	1	2	0			
Nature play	22.22%	11.11%	11.11%	0	33.33%	11.11%	0	11.11%	0	9	4.5	4
	2	1	1	0	3	1	0	1	0			
Traditional swings	25%	12.50%	12.50%	12.50%	0	12.50%	25%	0	0	8	4.08	3.88
	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0			
Spinning/rotating	14.29%	0	14.29%	28.57%	14.29%	0	0	28.57%	0	7	3.08	4.71
	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	2	0			

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

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

2. Who are you thinking of in your playground preferences?



3. Is there something in the current playspace you especially want to see changed or retained?

We asked	You said	We did
Is there something in the current playspace you especially want to see changed or retained?	<p><i>The current slide does not cater for anybody. The chain link ladder is too difficult for smaller kids and the slide is too short for older kids. A larger structure that incorporates elements for all ages would be appreciated. The swings and spinning thing are good and can be retained. The balancing posts are also fine. The seesaw is fairly useless as the tan bark has built up too close to the seat. Retaining the sandpit is good, but perhaps adding more structure or water play could be great :)</i></p> <p><i>Please retain the trees. We would use this more if there was some decent play equipment in there.</i></p>	<p>Thank you for your input. This playground is categorised as a local playspace, designed for preschoolers to primary school kids. The upgrade will feature enhanced wings, spinners, balancing posts and a sandpit. We plan to incorporate sensory elements, such as some fog/mist designs as part of the water play feature, subject to council final budget. Additionally, we will address the seesaw issue, aiming to create a more inclusive and enjoyable playspace.</p>
	<p><i>Boundary around the play space to keep children safe (fence or high foliage) from busy traffic from Pinewood Drive and close by carpark</i></p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. We will prioritise safety by</p>

	<p><i>Existing swings should stay (our child's favourite)</i></p> <p><i>Sandpit should be removed and NOT replaced.</i></p> <p><i>1 or 2 park benches would be a great addition for seating but not necessary</i></p>	<p>planning a fence along the busy road frontage and consider high foliage to other sides. The proposal includes new swings and more seating, as well as upgrading the existing sandpit for sensory play.</p>
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To see the full community responses, please refer to Appendix 1 on page 8.

4. Is there something about the site that might be significant for the theme or look of the new design?

We asked	You said	We did
Is there something about the site that might be significant for the theme or look of the new design?	<i>Better fencing to the road. Also equipment that is suitable for small children - toddler sized slide currently but to climb up the climbing chain is not appropriate! Ian Grove Playground in Mount Waverley is a fabulous park and would like similar for our local!</i>	Thank you for your input. This playground is categorised as a local playspace designed for preschoolers to primary school kids. The proposal includes a proposed fence along the busy road frontage, upgraded play equipment designed around existing shaded trees, but no outdoor gym equipment.
	<i>More equipment for older children</i>	
	<i>We like the shade, so if trees are removed, shade should be added.</i>	
	<i>Please add an exercise/workout station</i>	

To see the full community responses, please refer to Appendix 2 on page 9.

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK FROM ONSITE CONSULTATION

We asked	You said	We did
Which play elements would work best?	<i>Exercise/workout station</i>	Thank you for your feedback. This playground is categorised as a local playspace design focused for preschoolers to primary school kids with new 5 to 8 play pieces of play

		items. No outdoor exercise gym equipment will be included.
Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?	-	

ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

Project Stage	Engagement Level & Objective	Stakeholders	Method	Who & Where	Key dates
Engagement	Consult	Councillors	e-Bulletin	Project team Communications Team	10 November 2023
Engagement – stage 1 Have Your Say	Consult	Local residents within a 400 metre radius of the reserve	Information update/flyer Website Online and hard copy survey	Project team Communications Team	13 November – 15 December 2023
Engagement – stage 1 Have your Say	Involve	Local residents within a 400 metre radius of the reserve	Onsite Community Consultation Session held at Playground	Project team Comms team	25 November 2023
Engagement – stage 2 Concept Design	Consult	Local residents within a 400 metre radius of the reserve	Information update/flyer Website Online and hard copy survey	Project team Comms team	TBC
Inform of Construction Commencement	Involve	Local residents within a 400 metre radius of the reserve	Information update/flyer Website	Project team Comms team	TBC

PROMOTION AND NOTIFICATION

Have your Say – Flyer (distributed 5 November 2023) & Monash Facebook Post 18 November 2023



We are building a new playspace in your neighbourhood

Pinewood Reserve, Mount Waverley

Monash Council is upgrading your local playspace at Pinewood Reserve, with funding support from Community Bank Pinewood, part of Bendigo Bank.

Before we start designing the new playspace, we want to hear from the people who use it.

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

Visit our engagement platform Shape Monash for more information, to answer some questions, give your ideas or even submit your own design. Once we've reviewed feedback and started designing, we'll also consider where and how we can add sensory elements so the playspace suits children of a wide range of abilities.

How to participate

- Visit Shape Monash or scan the QR code: shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playspace-2024-25
- Chat with Council officers on-site at Pinewood Reserve on **Saturday 25 November, 10-11am**
- Request a hard copy survey to be mailed to you by contacting the Recreation [team](#)
- Consultation closes **Friday 15 December 2023**.

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

Need to get in touch?

If you have any questions, please contact us:

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

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

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Pinewood Reserve playspace in Mount Waverley is getting an upgrade!

Before we start designing, we want to hear from the people in the neighbourhood who use it .

Come look at the site and talk to our officers about the project on:

 **Saturday 25 November**
 **10-11am**

Can't make it? You can still share your thoughts via a quick survey on Shape Monash until 15 December: <https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/pinewood-reserve>



Appendix 1: Full summary of Have Your Say stakeholder responses

Is there something in the current playspace you especially want to see changed or retained?
The sandpit and toddler sized slide!
the slide and swings and seesaw and climbing frame and balancing things.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boundary around the play space to keep children safe (fence or high foliage) from busy traffic from Pinewood Drive and close by carpark - Existing, swings should stay (our child's favourite) - Sandpit should be removed and NOT replaced - 1 or 2 park benches would be a great addition for seating but not necessary
Wish we can keep the rocks at the foot of a big tree.
Please keep it as green as possible
Don't cut any trees to create the play area
My daughters love the monkey bars, flying fox, basket swing and slide.
The sandpit. My granddaughter enjoys playing in the sand
Better to retain the spinning basket
Spinning thing can be retained
The current slide does not cater for anybody. The chain link ladder is too difficult for smaller kids and the slide is too short for older kids. A larger structure that incorporates elements for all ages would be appreciated. The swings and spinning thing are good and can be retained. The balancing posts are also fine. The seesaw is fairly useless as the tan bark has built up too close to the seat. Retaining the sandpit is good, but perhaps adding more structure or water play could be great :)
Please retain the trees. We would use this more if there was some decent play equipment in there.

Appendix 2. Is there anything else significant about the site you would like us to consider?

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Better fencing to the road. Also equipment that is suitable for small children - toddler sized slide currently but to climb up the climbing chain in not appropriate! Ian Grove Playground in Mount Waverley is a fabulous park and would like similar for our local!
More equipment for older children
Consider safety around the play space as it faces high traffic areas and slope to the oval. This could be an opportunity to create a safe, natural and cosy feeling to play in.
Locals like to walk their dogs around here and visible signs of dog ownership rules should be clear.
Wish we can make the sandpit bigger and more fun.
Seperation from the road to safely keep the children from the pass by roads
We like the shade, so if trees are removed, shade should be added.
Maybe some more play equipment suitable for little children
The park is used by a range of families. Young families visit due to the kinder and the children from pinewood visit after school. Also the playgrounds gets used by families watching sport in the oval so it really needs to cater for a wide range of ages.
Please add an exercise/workout station