

# Feedback Summary Report: Princes Highway Reserve Playground

## PROJECT BACKGROUND

This Feedback Summary Report has been compiled following the conclusion of two stages of community engagement for the Princes Highway Reserve Playspace Upgrade.

Princes Highway Reserve is home to multiple recreational facilities, including two sports ovals, cricket nets, bocce courts, pavilion, outdoor fitness hub, off-leash dog area and a small playground with slides, swings and other equipment.

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

District playspaces are large and individually designed playgrounds, servicing a radius area of 2.5kms, and have a full range of supporting amenities, catering for all abilities. This includes things like toilets, drinking fountains, shelter, seating, barbeques, bins, off-street parking, tables, seats and more.

Construction of the new playspace is 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 Princes Highway Reserve, took place from 16 June – 23 July 2023.

A draft concept plan incorporating the community's ideas was then developed, with Stage 2 of consultation taking place from 5 February – 1 March 2024.

The community was informed of, and engaged with, about both stages of the consultation process in the following ways:

- Information flyers mailed to local residents within a 400-metre radius of the reserve
- Online surveys via Council's Shape Monash platforms
- Council's social media pages
- Onsite consultation sessions with Council staff held at Princes Highway Reserve
- Internal e-bulletin to Councillors

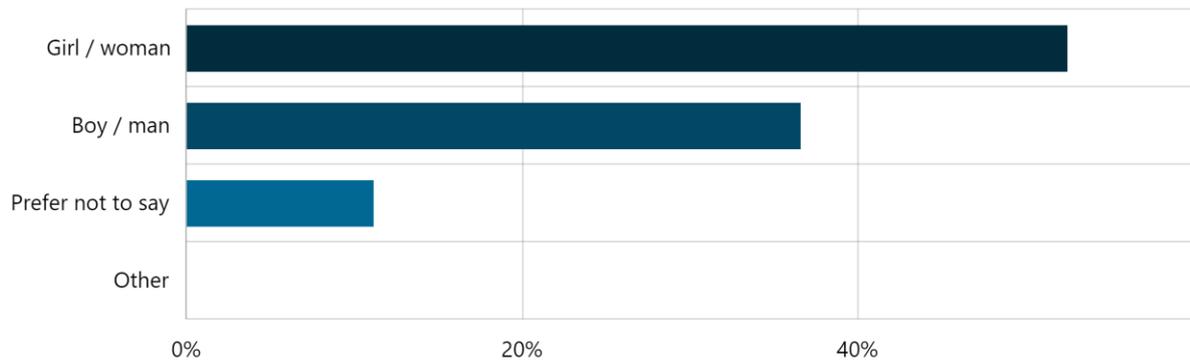
## SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

Methods used	Stakeholders	Dates
e-bulletin	Councillors	Stage 1: 9 June 2023 Stage 2: 9, 16, 23 February and 1 March 2024
Stage 1: Shape Monash Survey – Have Your Say	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve.  64 responses received  3 emailed responses	16 June – 23 July 2023
Stage 1: Onsite community consultation	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve.  5 residents attended	11 July 2023
Stage 2: Shape Monash Survey – Concept Design	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve  19 resident responses	5 February – 1 March 2024
Stage 2: Onsite community consultation – Concept Design	Local Residents within a 400 metre radius of the reserve.  5 residents attended	20 February 2024
Stage 2: Emails – Concept Design	Local Residents within a 400 metre radius of the reserve.  4 Residents	5 February – 1 March 2024
Stage 2: Monash Social Media Pages	Local Residents	26 February

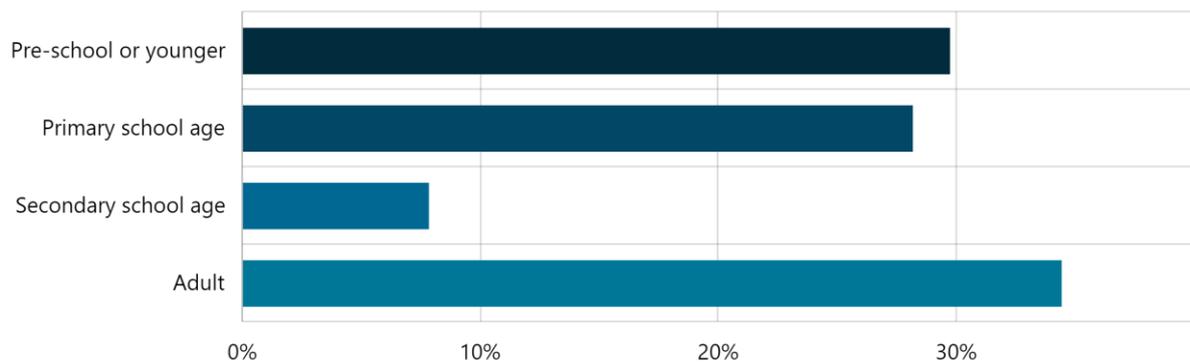
## STAGE 1 – SUMMARY OF HAVE YOUR SAY ENGAGEMENT

### Who we heard from

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



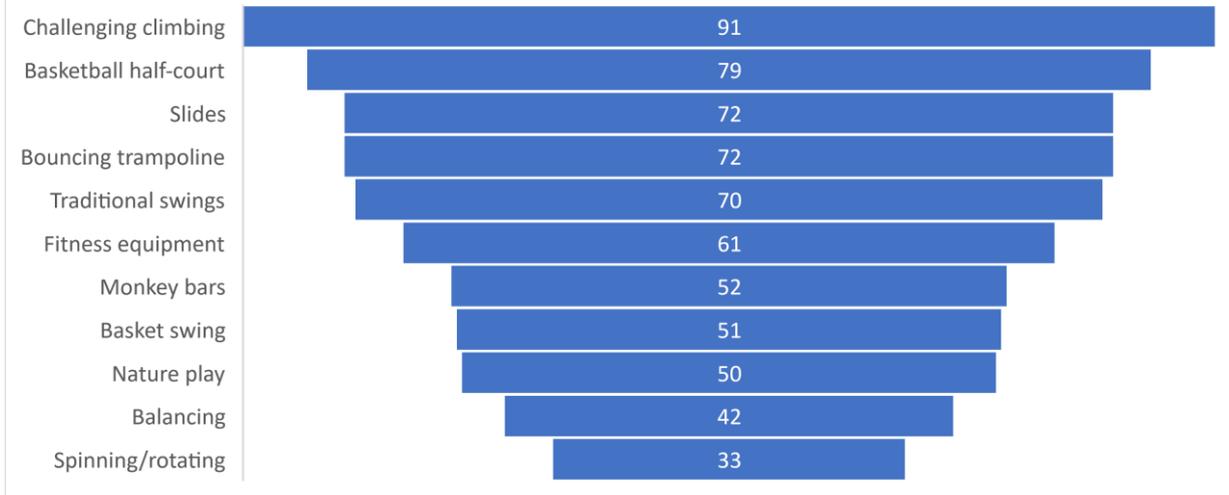
When asked about age group, 34 per cent of respondents were adults, 30 per cent were preschool age or younger, 28 per cent are primary school age and 8 per cent were secondary school age.



We asked two questions about the Princes Highway Reserve Playground:

- Which play elements would work best?
- Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?

### Community Preferences



### Ratings

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

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

### Summary of feedback from Have Your Say responses on Shape Monash

We asked	You said	We did
Which play elements would work best?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All ability Access (Wheelchairs and Elderly)</li> <li>Flying Fox</li> <li>Nature play</li> <li>Basketball court</li> </ul>	Infini-form embankment play area with various ways up and downs, including: slides, scramble nets, boulders, logs, zigzag means etc.
Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drainage needs attention</li> <li>Fences for the larger dogs to stay out of the playspace</li> <li>Shade and picnic areas</li> </ul>	<p>Social area with shelter, picnic settings and BBQ.</p> <p>Shade cloth over play.</p>

### Summary of Feedback from Onsite Consultation

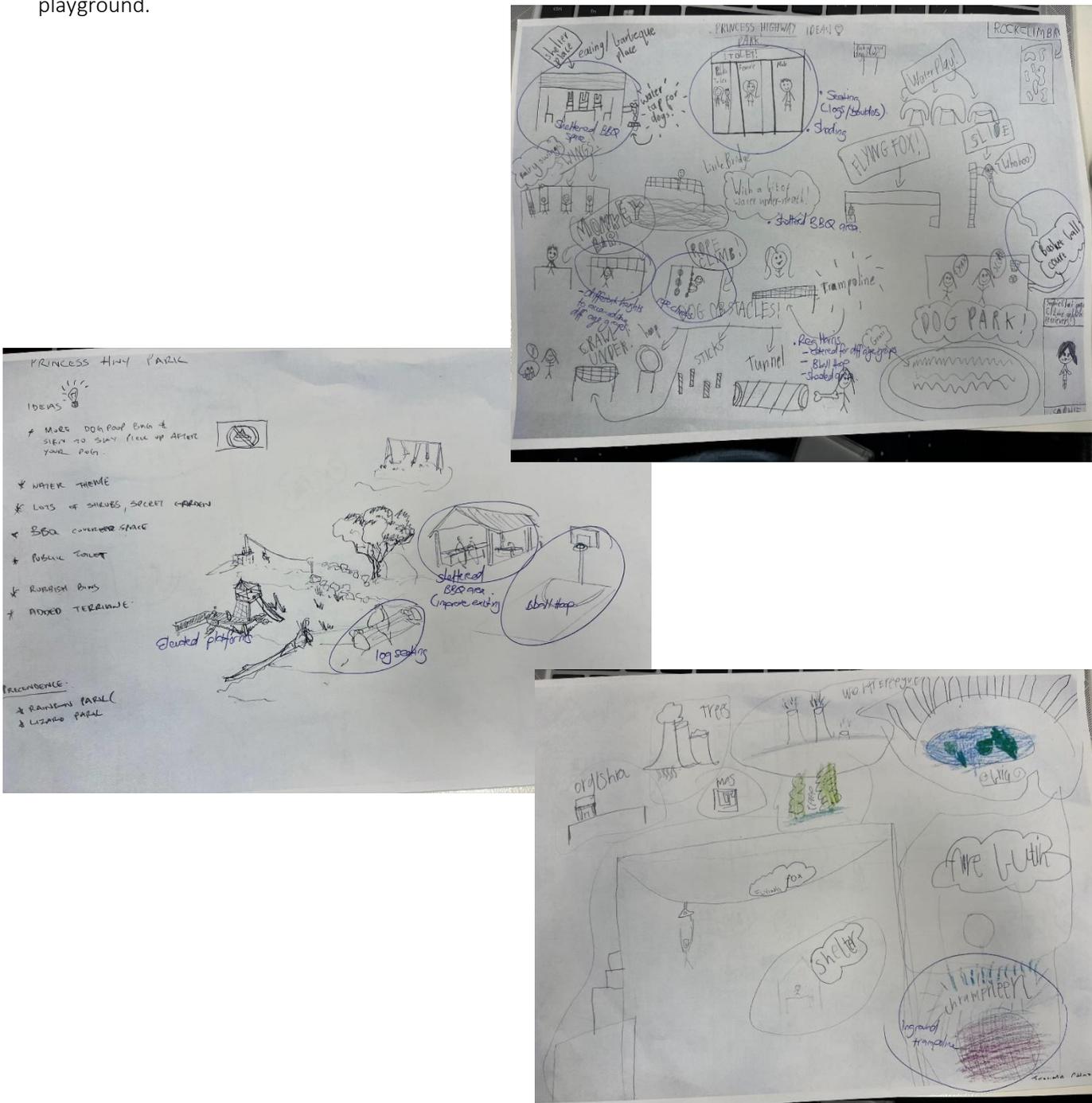
We asked	You said	We did
Which play elements would work best?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball court</li> <li>Inground Trampoline</li> <li>Nature Play</li> <li>Elevated/climbing platforms</li> </ul>	Sensory garden bed with sensory planting and mulch paths for maze like experiences.
Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drainage needs attention</li> <li>Fences for the larger dogs to stay out of the playspace</li> <li>More dog bags</li> <li>Added terrain</li> </ul>	<p>Designed better drainage system.</p> <p>Buffer planting and setbacks to provide separation in playspace.</p>

### Summary of Feedback from emails

We asked	You said	We did
Which play elements would work best?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball/netball court, a tennis wall, fitness equipment</li> </ul>	Existing fitness station with new rubber underlay.

<p>Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I would recommend you have a look at the work done at Balwyn Park Playground</li> <li>• Shaded area and tables for the existing BBQ</li> <li>• Do not remove any of the existing playground equipment. But, do consider doing all of the following to improve playground's utility and appeal.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted these features and elements.</p>
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One family brought along drawings to the onsite consultation on what they would like to see in the future playground.



## STAGE 2 – SUMMARY OF DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN ENGAGEMENT

There were 19 respondents to the draft concept plan survey on the Shape Monash platform, three email responses and five attendees at the onsite consultation. The Shape Monash page saw 465 visitors over the engagement period.

### Onsite consultation summary – Stage 2

Respondents	Onsite consultation summary
5	The onsite consultation was attended by several families who rose concerns about the fact the basketball court was not included in draft concept design. They were disappointed this feature was left out given it rated very highly in the ‘have your say’ survey responses.

### Summary of feedback via email – Stage 2

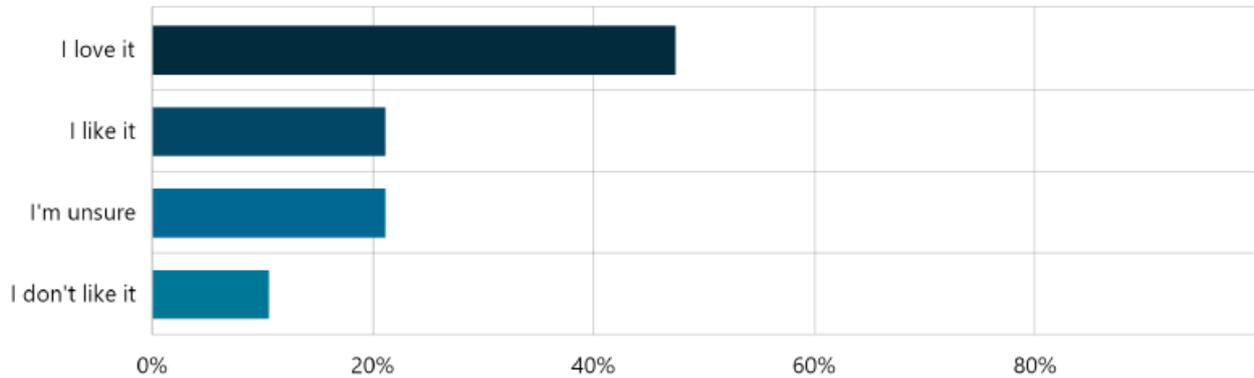
Your feedback	Our response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Is there a reason why the climbing challenge and basketball half court is missing from the concept design? They appear to have the most votes respectively from the community.</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>The proposed layout for Princes Highway playspace has been carefully designed to address existing site constraints, including the presence of underground stormwater pipes, cathodic protection asset line, and onsite stormwater swale. Due to these limitations, space is limited, and we are planning to locate a new basketball half court next to the bocce court in the future, pending Council budget approval. Additionally, the concept design includes a climbing element, refer to Concept Plan Item 5 Embankment Play, offering various challenges for climbing up and down.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>I find it hard to understand why a basketball court can't be included in such a large area. If it was unsuitable for the space why was it an element that was included in the voting process? There are no items here that children above the age of 8 would appreciate. There is already a park at the maternal health centre on Garnett and Greveille St that is tailored for younger children. We've had to wait for a very long time to have this area updated. I live right next to the space</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Thank you for your further feedback regarding Princes Highway playspace upgrade. We acknowledge your comments and suggestions regarding basketball court and play value targeting above the age of 8 children. The concept design includes a few challenging climbing walls, climbing ropes/net and large basket swing for older children. To provide a well-sized basketball half court, we have planned a suitable location next to the bocce court, which is more spacious, away from the southern boundary resident's backyard and is accessible. Pushing forward the basketball court is a</i></p>

<p><i>and can see that the fitness equipment rarely gets used. Please add something of value that the greater community can enjoy.</i></p>	<p><i>priority in our planning, pending final approval of the Council's budget.</i></p> <p><i>Council is committed to addressing ageing playgrounds, and we are currently in the process of refreshing our Playground Strategy. You can find more details on this initiative on our Shape Monash platform: <a href="https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playground-strategy-refresh">https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playground-strategy-refresh</a></i></p> <p><i>Thank you once again for taking the time to share your thoughts on the matter.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Will the children be safe from cricket balls (during games on main football oval) when on the scramble nets (area 8).</i></li> <li>• <i>The death of the flying fox 😊 With the demolition of the current playground, many resident childrens' hearts will be broken that the flying fox will be gone.</i></li> <li>• <i>The current design is ideal for pre-school children.</i></li> <li>• <i>Please consider if any of the "Sculptural frame poles" could be made into a proper 'firemans pole' for the children to slide down on.</i></li> <li>• <i>Will the drainage within the new park area be looked at?</i></li> <li>• <i>Are the existing soft walking paths staying or will they be replaced with a harder surface?</i></li> <li>• <i>Love the addition of trampolines and TWO social areas with bbq and shade.</i></li> <li>• <i>For older kids - is there any room or budget for a small basketball court or hoop?</i></li> <li>• <i>Can the park be fenced off from the off-lead dogs?</i></li> <li>• <i>Installation of the public toilets for Princess Hwy Reserve is vital!!</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Thank you for your feedback regarding the Princes Highway Reserve playspace at Oakleigh East. We record all the feedback we receive to help improve our playspaces.</i></p> <p><i>Your suggestions regarding the inclusion of a monkey bar, sculptural frame pole potentially transformed into a fireman's pole, a mini zip-line, and design considerations for the toilet basin tap have been noted and forwarded to our design team for consideration. Additionally, we will be installing safety nets around the main oval goal posts before the upgraded playground's opening.</i></p> <p><i>The extension of the concrete path, placement of new rubbish bins and drinking fountains, and improvements to drainage have all been incorporated into the upgraded design, to be detailed to align with our budget. Furthermore, we have planned a suitable location for a well-sized basketball half-court adjacent to the bocce court, ensuring accessibility and spaciousness while respecting residents' boundaries. Regarding fencing, we generally rely on buffer planting and setbacks to provide separation in playspaces, allowing accessibility while ensuring safety. Please note that dogs must be kept on a leash within 20 meters of the playground.</i></p> <p><i>As we continue to improve our playgrounds, we are currently working on refreshing our Playground Strategy. More information is available online at: <a href="#">Playground Strategy Refresh   Shape Monash</a></i></p>

## Summary of Shape page responses

### Question 1 – How do you/your child feel about the draft concept plan for Princes Reserve?

Majority of respondents (68.42 per cent) either loved or liked the draft concept design, 21.05 per cent of respondents were unsure and 10.53 per cent stated they did not like the draft concept plan.



Answer choices	Percent	Count
I love it	47.37%	9
I like it	21.05%	4
I'm unsure	21.05%	4
I don't like it	10.53%	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>19</b>

## Question 2 – Why do you feel that way?

13 of the 19 respondents responded to this question.

Many respondents were positive on the variety of the proposed features and play elements, with many expressing enthusiasm for the playspace’s capacity to engage children but some felt the space will not be suitable to older children with the exclusion of the basketball court.

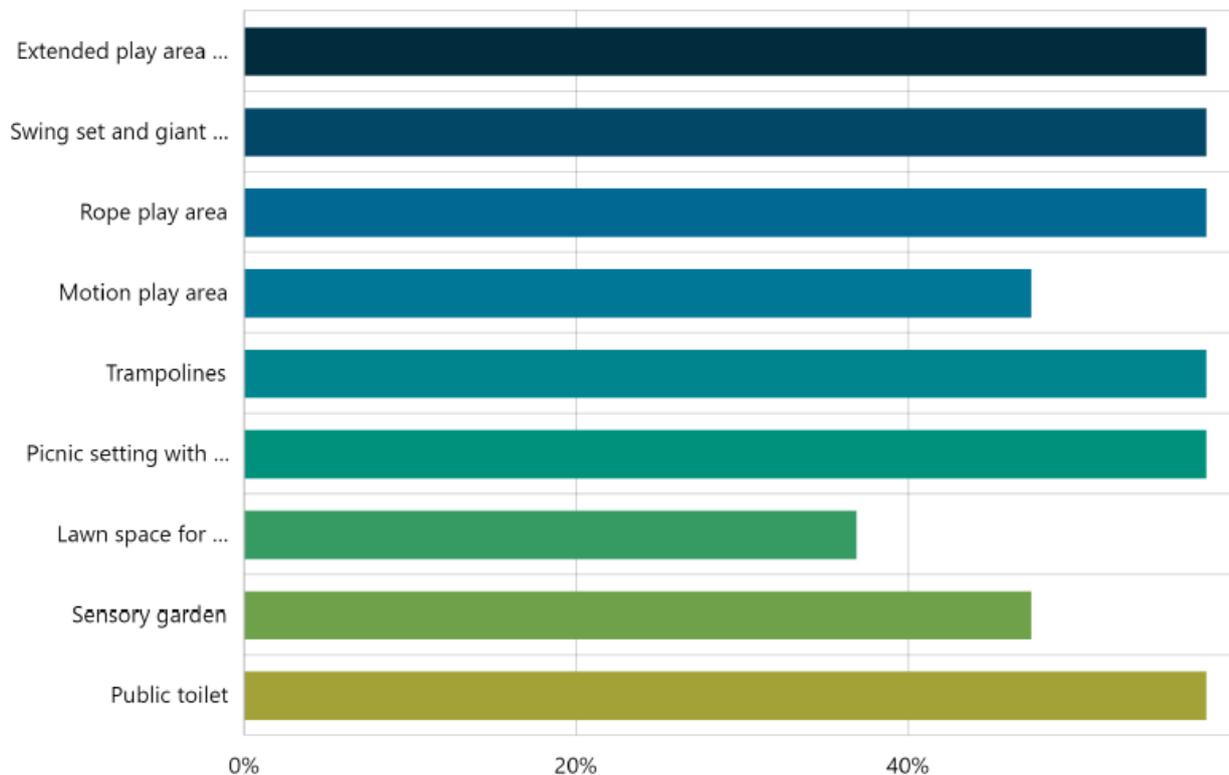
The responses also included feedback and queries on the design, which we have included in full in the appendix on page 22. Some common themes are addressed below.

Theme	Community comments	Our response
Basketball Court	<p><i>“The basketball half court had many votes, so where is it????”</i></p> <p><i>“There is a good mix of facilities being proposed and definitely a big upgrade. Would love to see more details on the concept plans. Additional seating like log seat would be great. A basketball ring would be a big bonus but not essential.”</i></p>	<p><i>Thanks for the comments, these have been considered in the concept design.</i></p> <p><i>The design of the park has been heavily considered and thank you for the positive comments.</i></p> <p><i>The basketball court has not been included in the design because the space available does not accommodate for the size of a small section of a basketball court. The proximity of the neighbours was also considered with regards to the noise of a bouncing ball.</i></p>

To see the full community responses, please refer to Appendix 2 on page 22.

## Question 3 – What are your/your child’s favourite elements on the draft concept plan?

The key favourite play elements from respondents are the extended play area, swing set and giant basket swing, rope play area, trampolines, picnic setting with barbeque, and the public toilet. Other favourites included the motion play area and sensory garden.



#### Question 4 – Is there anything about the draft concept plan you’d like to change or anything else you’d like to see included?

Many respondents had suggestions on what they’d like to see changed or added in the final concept design.

These responses have been categorised into the following themes and addressed below:

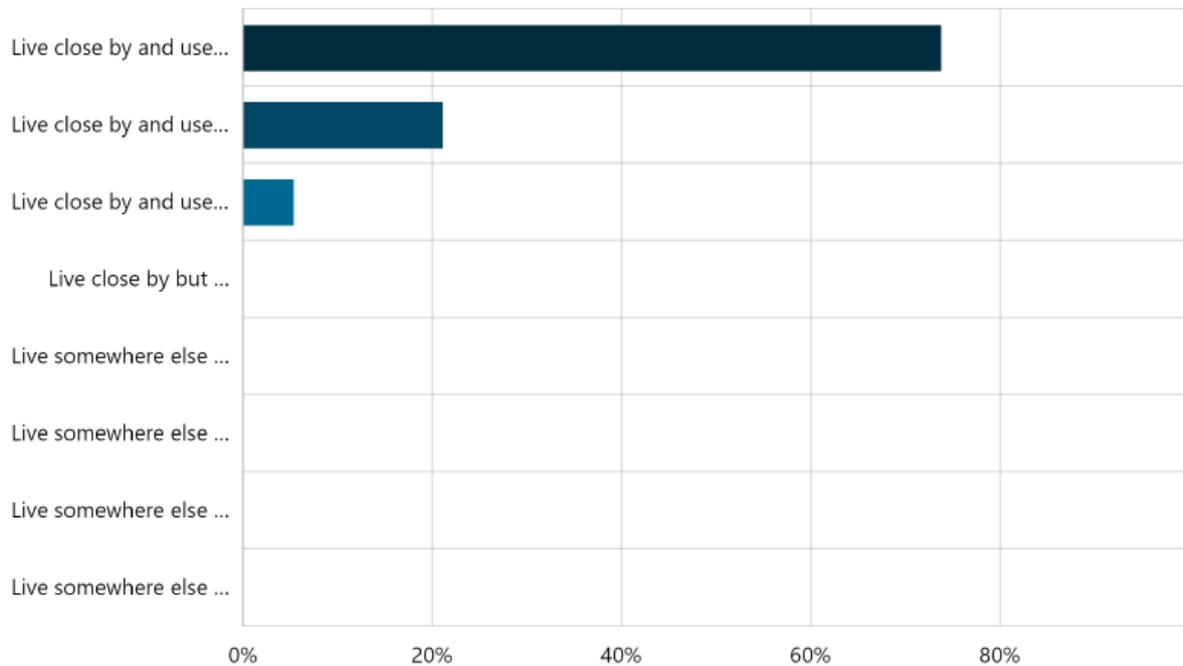
Theme	Community comments	Our response
Basketball Court	<i>“Yes, add basketball court and climbing challenge. The elements that are added are tailored for young children, and this is already catered for at the occasional care and maternal health centre park on Garnett and Greville St”</i>	<i>Thanks for the comments, these have been considered in the concept design.</i>  <i>The basketball court has been excluded in the design due to the limited space available.</i>
	<i>“Basketball half court. You are catering to a very small age group. If you add the basketball ring at least older</i>	<i>The proximity of the neighbours was also taken</i>

	<p><i>siblings can have something to do. This is highly disappointing.”</i></p> <p><i>“It would be great to incorporate a basketball court into the design. There is already a footy field and cricket netting. Would be amazing to have a basketball ring in this area”</i></p>	<p><i>into consideration due to the noise of a bouncing ball.</i></p> <p><i>There is future budgetary and planning for the basketball court on a different site within the reserve.</i></p>
Landscape / Plants	<p><i>“Oct - Jan allergy time. Native Plants. Plane trees and Elm trees create significant allergies over Oct – Jan”</i></p>	<p><i>Proposed plants and trees to be native and avoid allergy prone species.</i></p>
Pathway	<p><i>“The path to "loop" for scooters, rollerblading etc. The Basketball ring for the older kids please. And a public toilet.”</i></p> <p><i>“Trampolines seem dangerous, more benches for adults to sit, concrete footpaths. My mum had a shopping trolley she uses for walking and now walking on the gravel especially when it rains, is slippery and dangerous”</i></p>	<p><i>Thanks for the comments, these have been considered in the final design. Some footpath area around the upgraded playground will be concrete and there is proposed extra seating detailed to align with our budget. The allocated budget does not extend past the design that already incorporates a central play ridge with 2m high point and accessible play path, Sensory Garden with sensory planting and mulch paths for a maze like experience.</i></p>

To see the full community responses, please refer to Appendix 3 on page 23.

### Question 5 – What’s your connection to Princes Highway Reserve?

Many of the respondents live close by to Princes Highway Reserve and use it every day, live close by and use it every week, or live close by and use it a few times a month or less.



### Question 6 – Do you have any further feedback on the draft concept plan?

We heard from some respondents on additional ideas for the concept plan.

These responses have been categorised into the following themes and addressed below:

Theme	Community comments	Our response
Other facilities	<p><i>“Love that the playground is getting updated and growing larger! This park is so important to so many residents who live in townhouses in and around the park - we don't have much of a yard. The inclusion of a public toilet is very important also. Please don't put in a cheap tap like what has been installed at the toilets at Gallballie Reserve - this tap is hard for pre-schoolers to operate!! An added basketball area for older kids should be considered also as many people</i></p>	<p><i>Thanks for the comments, these have been considered in the concept design.</i></p> <p><i>The basketball court has been excluded in the design due to the limited space available.</i></p> <p><i>The proximity of the neighbours was also taken into consideration due to the noise of a bouncing ball.</i></p>

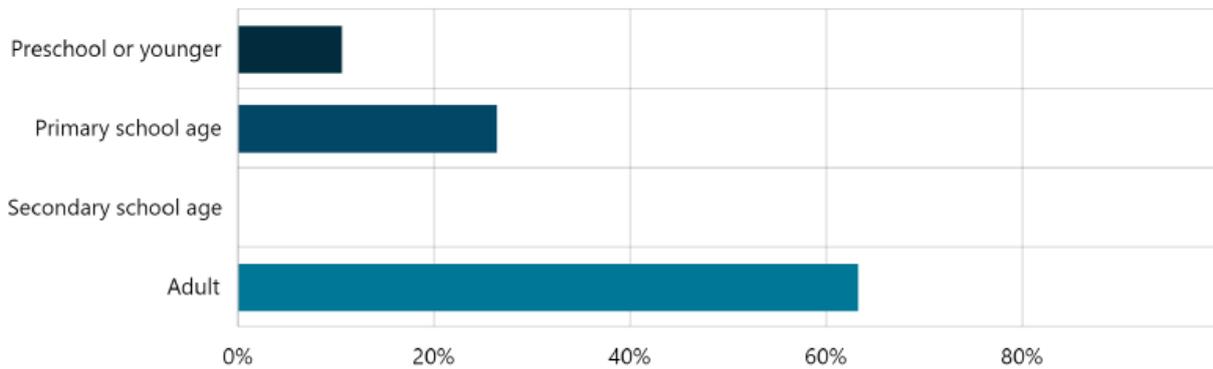
	<i>bring children of multiple ages from within the family so there is something for everybody.”</i>	<i>There is future budgetary and planning for the basketball court on the northern site of the reserve.</i>
	<i>“Footpaths to be concrete, more seating for adults”</i>	<i>Some footpath area around the upgraded playground will be concrete and there is proposed extra seating detailed to align with our budget.</i>

To see the full community responses, please refer to Appendix 4 on page 25.

## Who we heard from

### Your age group

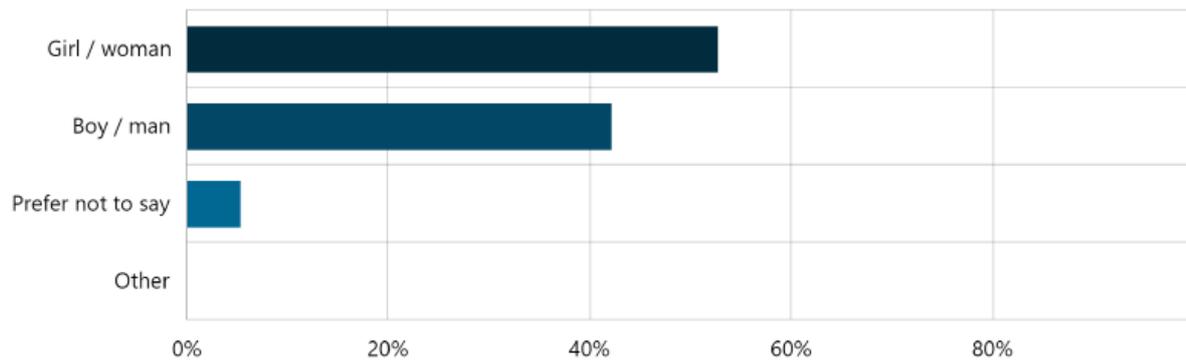
The largest representative age group of respondents was adults, followed by primary school aged children and preschool or younger.



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Preschool or younger	10.53%	2
Primary school age	26.32%	5
Secondary school age	0%	0
Adult	63.16%	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>19</b>

## Your Gender

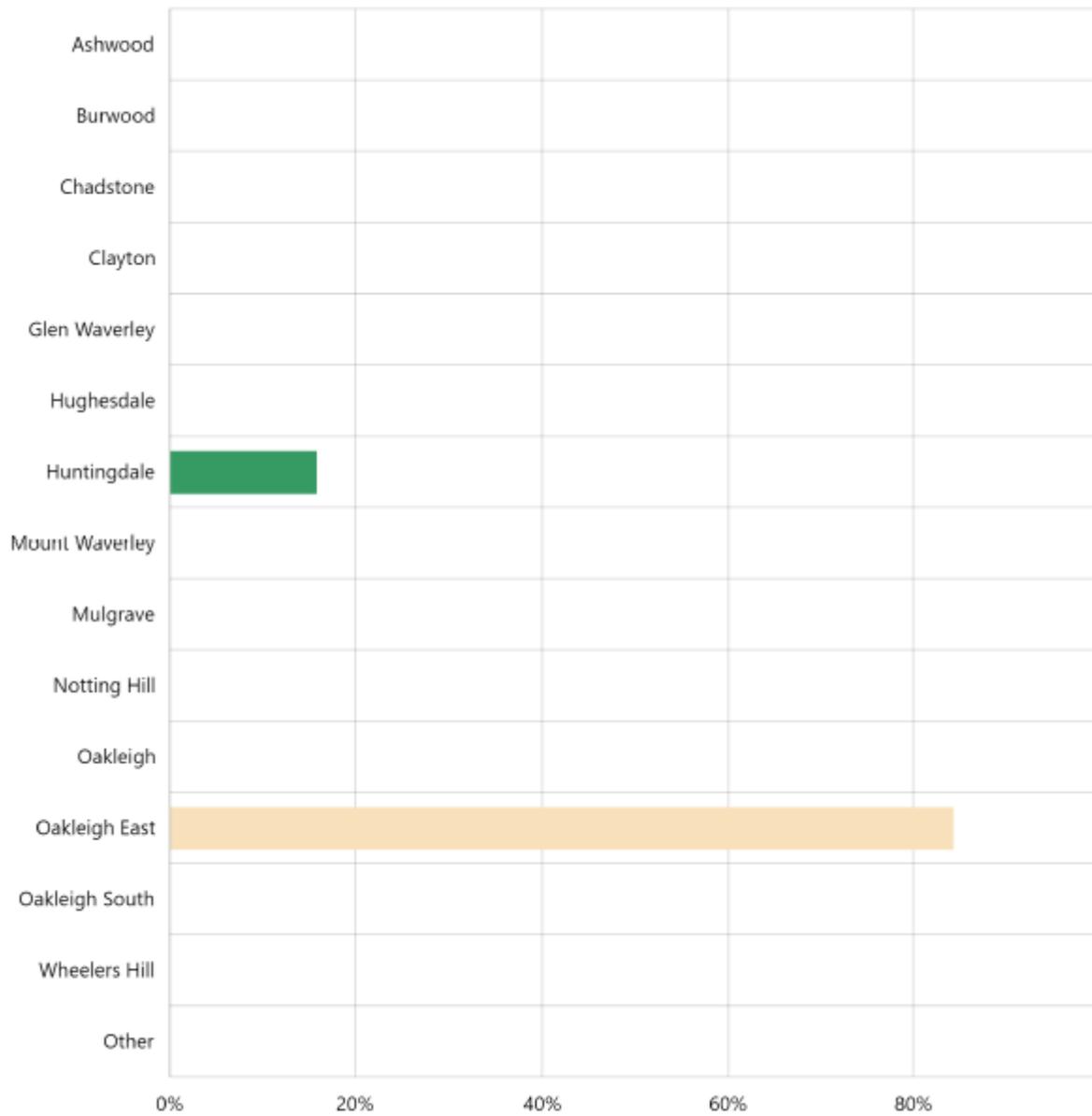
The largest representative gender of respondents was women and girls.



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Girl / woman	52.63%	10
Boy / man	42.11%	8
Prefer not to say	5.26%	1
Other	0%	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>19</b>

## Your suburb

Most of the respondents were Oakleigh East residents, with respondents also from Huntingdale.



## ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

Project Stage	Engagement Level & Objective	Stakeholders	Method	Who & Where	Key dates
Engagement	Consult	Councillors	e-Bulletin	Project team Communications Team	9 June 2023
Engagement – stage 1 Have Your Say	Consult	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve	Information update/flyer Website Online and hard copy survey	Project team Communications Team	16 – 23 July 2023
Engagement – stage 1 Have your Say	Involve	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve	Onsite Community Consultation Session held at Playground	Project team Comms team	11 July 2023
Engagement – stage 2 Concept Design	Consult	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve	Information update/flyer Website Online and hard copy survey	Project team Comms team	5 Feb - 1 March 2024
Inform of Construction Commencement	Involve	Local Residents within a 400 meter radius of the reserve	Information update/flyer Website	Project team Comms team	2024-2025

# PROMOTION AND NOTIFICATION

Have your Say – Flyer (distributed 12 June) and Monash Facebook Post (12-23 July)



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

**Princes Highway Reserve, Oakleigh East**

We are upgrading your district ~~playspace~~ at Princes Highway Reserve. Before we start designing the new playground, we want to hear from the people who use it.

Is there something you especially want to see changed or retained? Is there something about the site that might be significant for the theme or look of the new design? Are there improvements that could make the space more welcoming and accessible for residents?

Visit our engagement platform Shape Monash for more information, to answer some questions, give your ideas or even submit your own design.

**How to participate**

- Visit Shape Monash or scan the QR code: [shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playspace-2024-25](https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playspace-2024-25)
- Chat with Council officers on-site at Princes Highway Reserve on **Tuesday 11 July, 4pm - 4.30pm**
- Request a printed copy of the survey to be mailed to you by contacting the Recreation [Team](#)
- Consultation closes **Sunday 23 July 2023**.

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

**Need to get in touch?**

If you have any questions, please contact us:

- By emailing [recreation@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:recreation@monash.vic.gov.au)
- By calling the Recreation team on 9518 3555.



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

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Thank you to all the community members who have donned their puffer jackets to attend the on-site pop-ups for our 2024/25 playspace upgrades!

Our 2024/25 playspace upgrade consultations are closing this week. Please make sure to submit your feedback by Sunday 23 July.

<https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playspace-2024-25>

- 📍 Princes Highway Reserve, Oakleigh East
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The first stage of our 2024/25 playspace consultations is closing soon on Sunday 23 July.... See more



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# Concept Design – Flyer distributed February 1

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

*Princes Highway Reserve, Oakleigh East*  
January 2024

Last year, we invited your input and suggestions for a new district-level **public space** at Princes Highway Reserve in Oakleigh East.

In response to this valuable feedback, we've developed an exciting draft concept plan that incorporates many of your ideas. We want to make this space a vibrant and enjoyable destination and are now seeking your feedback on the plan.

Please turn over the page for the draft concept plan. The proposed key play elements are:

- Extended play area featuring slides, scramble nets, boulders, logs, zig-zag beams and artistic illusions/**sculptures**
- Swing set and giant basket swing
- Rope play area
- Motion play area.
- Trampolines.

Additional components include:

- Picnic setting with **barbecue**
- Lawn space for picnics and kick-about games
- Sensory garden
- Public toilet.

Please provide your feedback before **Friday 1 March 2024**.

**How to participate**

- Scan the QR code or visit [shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playspace-2024-25](https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playspace-2024-25)
- Chat with our officers on-site at Princes Highway Reserve on **Tuesday 20 February 2024, 9-5.30pm**

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

**Need to get in touch?**

If you have any questions or would like an alternative way to provide feedback, please contact us:

- By emailing [recreation@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:recreation@monash.vic.gov.au)
- By calling the Recreation team on 9518 3555.

We look forward to hearing your feedback. Together we can create a wonderful space.

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**City of Monash**  
26 Feb

Thank you to the locals who came out to our drop-in session for Princes Highway Reserve playspace last week!

We're proposing to expand the playspace with:

- ✨ an extended play area featuring slides, scramble nets, boulders, logs, zig-zag beams and art
- ✨ a swing set and giant basket swing
- ✨ rope play area
- ✨ motion play area
- ✨ trampolines.
- ✨ and more!

Let us know what elements you want to see the most!

Feedback on the draft concept design closes this Friday 1 March. Make sure to have your say on this exciting new development in the Oakleigh East neighbourhood

<https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playspace-2024-25/princes-highway-reserve>

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

Please add traditional swings. Contribution 32 of 32   21 July 2023	
	Can you add a swimming pool. I love swimming and it will be the best park in the whole entire universe. I will go there every day Contribution 31 of 32   21 July 2023
	Can you add a swimming pool? This would be the best park ever if you did. I would tell everyone that this is a gooood park. Contribution 30 of 32   21 July 2023
	Can we please have more seating? [transcribed from hard copy survey, MP] Contribution 29 of 32   20 July 2023
	1. Toilet 2. Big Dogs to be leashed [transcribed from hard copy survey, MP] Contribution 28 of 32   20 July 2023
	Shading, lots of shading. It gets very hot in hot weather. Bins with covers: the bins get absolutely disgusting and people dump there. There's a beautiful knoll of tall trees just across the way; would be nice to incorporate that into it. Have some nice seating options. Contribution 27 of 32   16 July 2023
	More shades please and more areas for families to sit and have a picnic Contribution 26 of 32   12 July 2023
	Cover/shading for the play equipment to make it usable all year around Contribution 25 of 32   9 July 2023
	Would be great to have some trees planted that can act as a cubby/hiding spot/mini forest. Something like the bamboo forest in the children's garden in the Royal botanical garden in the city would be very fun and engaging for children of all ages. Contribution 24 of 32   8 July 2023
	Bike parking should be provided to encourage nearby residents to ride their bikes to the park. The lack of bicycle infrastructure may not be an issue if the main users riding are young children who can ride on the footpath. Contribution 23 of 32   7 July 2023
	keep big trees. concrete paths toilets 24/7 fence around something to do with Olympics 56 flying fox big and little some cover for rain Contribution 22 of 32   5 July 2023
	My kid likes going there at the moment but it is pretty sparse. I do worry about dogs as a lot of people walk their dogs around there. A large fenced of area would be ideal. Contribution 21 of 32   5 July 2023
	Please retain the flying fox (or bring it back in a new form - like a mini zip line!) This is definity a popular play item for the kids at the park currently. 2 x Normal swings PLUS a basket swing would be great! A see-saw, monkey bars (even those that are like the workout/ chin-up poles like Davies reserve would be great.) Please retain the firemans pole, a tall, big slide like the one at Galbalie reserve would be wonderful and inground trampoline if there is room. Would prefer a cool flying fox over this feature if space is an issue. :) A public toilet that is open 24/7 is also needed at this park - currently a struggle if there is no football game on and sunshade over the play area or use the trees in a way that it will be shady in summer. More sitting benches and a stretch area would be an asset also. I would also like to see the current sandy paths around the park and ovals improved to be proper, sturdy paths made of concrete so anyone can use them at any time of year with ease and not a worry of puddles or uneven surface. Trying to use a two wheel scooter on them currently is a nightmare and the kids stack regularly as the ground is much softer and uneven, full of puddles in winter :( Some more lower, botanical flowering plants to make it look a bit prettier would be nice too. Improvement to the BBQ area would make the park more attractive especially when the new playground is erected. Concrete the area where the bbq is and its picnic tables - have a shelter like at Reg Harris Reserve. If there is budget - a facade face-lift for the brick dwellings at the oval! To make them look a bit more modern, instead of the orange bricks. Thankyou!! Contribution 20 of 32   3 July 2023
	Drainage!! The current playground and paths of this park are not ideal during winter and hold a lot of water which is why my children refer to it as "the muddy park". Please consider this when designing the new playground. The second footy oval (the one that was not re-turfed) is also very, very sloshy in winter. Would love to see ALL the walking/ running/ bike paths (currently made of soft sand) within the district park re-done properly with concrete (like Bailey Reserve in Bentleigh). This would improve the usability of the park 10-fold and allow people of

	all abilities or stages of life to access the parks paths safely at all times of the year, without worrying about uneven surfaces and large puddles of water. A public toilet that is open all hours and to all is essential also. Contribution 19 of 32   3 July 2023
	Designated Play equipment that is for under 3yo - toddlers can injure themselves on traditional play equipment or the play equipment is not suitable for them. Contribution 18 of 32   2 July 2023
	Fenced off with gates so dogs cannot access the playground. Covered roof for all weather play all year around. Contribution 17 of 32   1 July 2023
	Please include some shade, a tap/drinking fountain, and a bin. As this is a dog and ball sports park, please ensure the park is completely enclosed with locking gates for safety. Contribution 16 of 32   1 July 2023
	No rocks please! It's very dangerous for small kids especially who like to walk on them and are at risk of falling and cracking their heads open. A tap for water and a public rest room would be great. Contribution 15 of 32   1 July 2023
	Shaded areas, bins and picnic tables please! Contribution 14 of 32   1 July 2023
	Some shade covering would be good especially during the warmer months Contribution 13 of 32   1 July 2023
	Please include shade for summer time, especially under the swings where sun can get in little ones eyes. Thank you. Contribution 12 of 32   1 July 2023
	Can there also be an undercover area like a small shelter or gazebo? Very helpful when caught in sudden rain. And can there be a bin close to the playground too? Children eat lots of snacks and its handy to have a bin close by - appreciate this involves consultation with waste management. Contribution 11 of 32   1 July 2023
	It would be nice to have a swing that both baby and the parent can sit on together. A lot of young families in the area. Contribution 10 of 32   27 June 2023
	There are a lot of young families that have moved into the area in recent year with a lot of preschool and primary school aged children. Thank you for finally upgrading this playground! It really needs the play space to be expanded with natural tree shade. Shade is a badly needed as there's lots of weekend games here and we have no shade or a decent playground for the younger children Contribution 9 of 32   27 June 2023
	Hope there will be shade Contribution 8 of 32   26 June 2023
	It would be great having some equipment for older children, and the wobbly bridge on the old one has been a favourite from my family! Contribution 7 of 32   24 June 2023
	We would love to see some water based play with pumps and rock/splash pools. which is great for motor skills and families love it in the hotter months. It makes the playground usable all year round. Contribution 6 of 32   23 June 2023
	Half-court basketball setup and toilets. Contribution 5 of 32   22 June 2023
	Needs a fresh new look. Tidy garden edges, and paths... modernise . Contribution 4 of 32   20 June 2023
	Maybe create more space for this equipment. Contribution 3 of 32   20 June 2023
	Please increase the nature plantings in the rest of the park, its bleak. There are so many places plantings would improve the space, along the boundaries in particular Contribution 2 of 32   19 June 2023
	It is great that the park is off-lead for our dogs. We have made some wonderful friends during our daily walkies. Some more seating would be nice, and maybe another bin, and another water fountain would be really nice too please (on the opposite side of the park to the footy club rooms). Thanks Contribution 1 of 32   18 June 2023

## Appendix 2: Full summary of Shape Monash stakeholder responses - Why do you feel that way?

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It is a very different layout to what we are use to and it is lacking some traditional elements such as monkey bars and we are worried it is more for toddlers and pre-school children when families have multiple children across different age groups.
I would have liked to have seen the basketball court and climbing challenge added to the design. They had the most votes at the time of consultation. There is no public basketball courts within 2km of this area.
I used to live in Caulfield and loved going to Booran reserve and wished we had a better playground at princess reserve
We always wished that the reserve had more facilities and playgrounds for children and we're super excited for the upgrade!!
There is a good mix of facilities being proposed and definitely a big upgrade. Would love to see more details on the concept plans. Additional seating like log seat would be great. A basket ball ring would be a big bonus but not essential.
I like it but I would've loved a space for a tennis court. There are virtually no public tennis courts any more. The ground already caters for soccer, cricket and football but never tennis.
Because the kids need more amazing big parks and play spaces
The basketball half court had many votes, so where is it????
Feel it will be too busy. Now you can walk by and it's nice and spaced out. This looks too busy with to many things squeezed into an area. Doesn't seem any seating places like now with seats at that area
Looks awesome but worried about all the extra people it will draw in and where they will park.
The design looks nice and modern
It has a Fitness Station and also a BBQ.
Finally a public local park with some real fun stuff in it.

Appendix 3: Full summary of Shape Monash stakeholder responses – Is there anything about the draft concept plan you'd like to change or anything else you'd like to see included?

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<p>The large basket swing ( area 6) -can this be replaced with a mini flying fox? The children will dearly miss this element from the existing playground when it is demolished.</p> <p>Can any of the "Sculptural frame poles" be made into a proper 'firemans pole' for the children to play on?</p> <p>Monkey bars added somewhere? OR even chin-up bars (like the ones Davies reserve had) next to the exercise area (area 3). The kids will definity use them!</p> <p>Will the drainage within the park area be looked at? It is always muddy in winter.</p> <p>Are the existing soft paths staying or will they be replaced with a harder surface. It is difficult to scoot and bike ride after rain on these paths.</p> <p>Will the children be safe from cricket balls (during games on main oval) when on the scramble nets (area 8) or even footballs?</p> <p>Love the addition of trampolines and two social areas with bbq and shade. Will rubbish bins also return?</p> <p>For older kids - is there any room for a small basket ball court or hoop?</p>
<p>Yes, add basketball court and climbing challenge. The elements that are added are tailored for young children, and this is already catered for at the occasional care and maternal health centre park on Garnett and Greville St</p>
<p>Could we include ziplines for kid/adult so families can play together</p>
<p>We would love to have waterplay and expression swing(face to face swing that adult and children can swing together)</p> <p>Maybe some fenced playground area for toddlers</p> <p>The face to face swing is super fun for both of parent and children and wish we would have that in the playground</p>
<p>Added by MP following onsite consultation</p>
<p>The path to "loop" for scooters, rollerblading etc. The Basketball ring for the older kids please. And a public toilet. [Added by MP following onsite consultation]</p>
<p>Soccer goals and targets [Added by MP following onsite consultation]</p>
<p>Basketball court [Added by MP following onsite consultation]</p>

Oct - Jan allergy time. Native Plants. Plane trees and Elm trees create significant allergies over Oct – Jan [Added by MP following onsite consultation]
More details on the materials used, colour palette, more seating. Details on type of shelter over bbq area.
Tennis court
Basketball half court. You are catering to a very small age group. If you add the basketball ring at least older siblings can have something to do. This is highly disappointing.
Trampolines seem dangerous, more benches for adults to sit, concrete footpaths. My mum had a shopping trolley she uses for walking and now walking on the gravel especially when it rains, is slippery and dangerous
Please add more parking
It would be great to incorporate a basketball court into the design. There is already a footy field and cricket netting. Would be amazing to have a basketball ring in this area
I love the levels concept

Appendix 4: Full summary of Shape Monash stakeholder responses – Do you have any further feedback on the draft concept plan?

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love that the playground is getting updated and growing larger! This park is so important to so many residents who live in townhouses in and around the park - we don't have much of a yard. The inclusion of a public toilet is very important also. Please don't put in a cheap tap like what has been installed at the toilets at Gallballie Reserve - this tap is hard for pre-schoolers to operate!! An added basketball area for older kids should be considered also as many people bring children of multiple ages from within the family so there is something for everybody.
Really appreciate this upgrade
Nil
Great idea
Footpaths to be concrete, more seating for adults