

# Banchory Green Play Space Community Feedback

Between the 11 October – 31 October 2021 Melton City Council shared with the local community of Banchory Green, Hillside, a proposed landscape plan to upgrade the existing park.

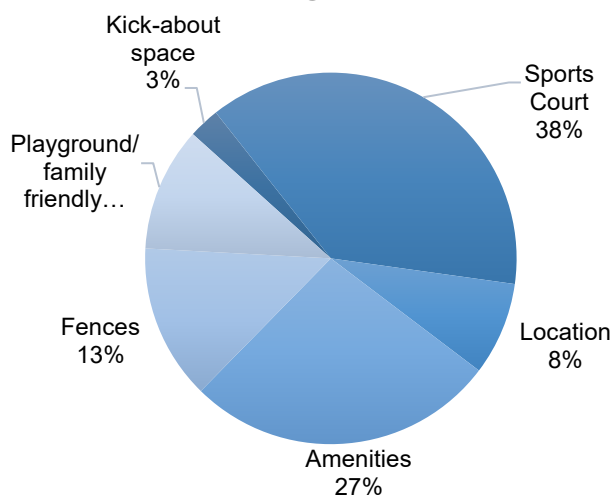
Feedback was collected via an online survey, hard copy flyer, email and phone. A drop-in session at Banchory Green was scheduled but had to be cancelled due to the Victorian State Government's outdoor gathering restrictions at the time. A total of 33 responses were received. Below is a summary of all the feedback that was collected. This feedback helps Council to understand what is important to the community and why, as well as identify any other opportunities for improvements. The feedback will then be used to update the proposed design.

## Project Scope

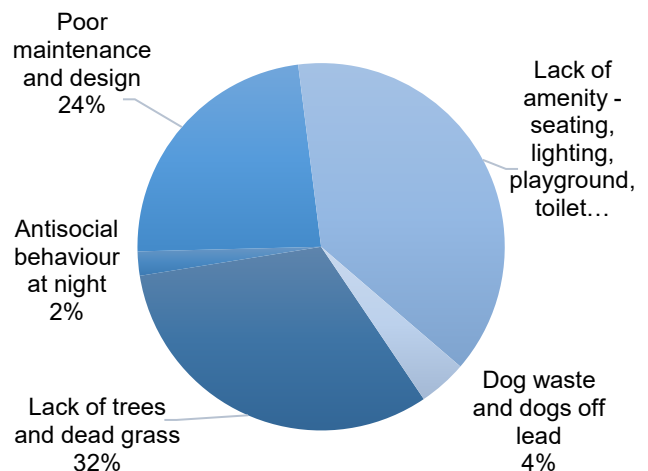
The project scope is to improve the reserve layout including footpath network and connection between new and existing infrastructure, upgrade the playspace to provide a variety of diverse and inclusive play opportunities for a range of different ages, increase shade and improve grass surfaces to increase usability.

## Project Proposal Feedback

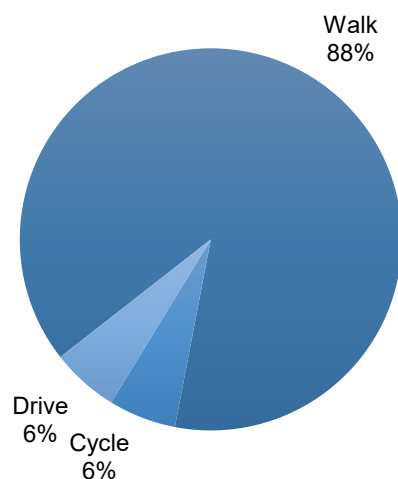
What the community loved about the park in its current form



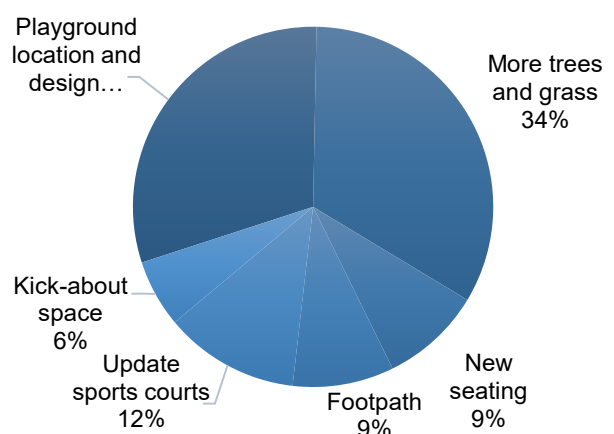
What the community didn't like about the park in its current form



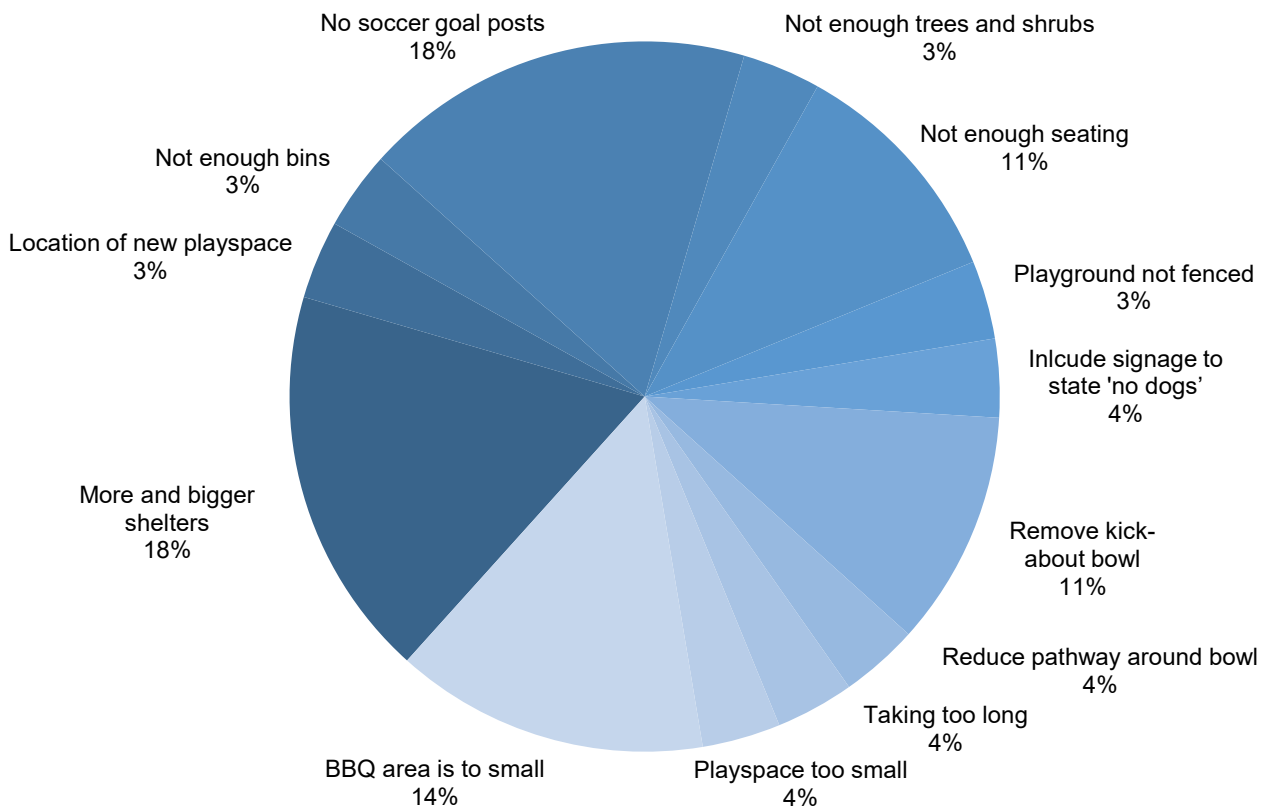
How the community travels to the park



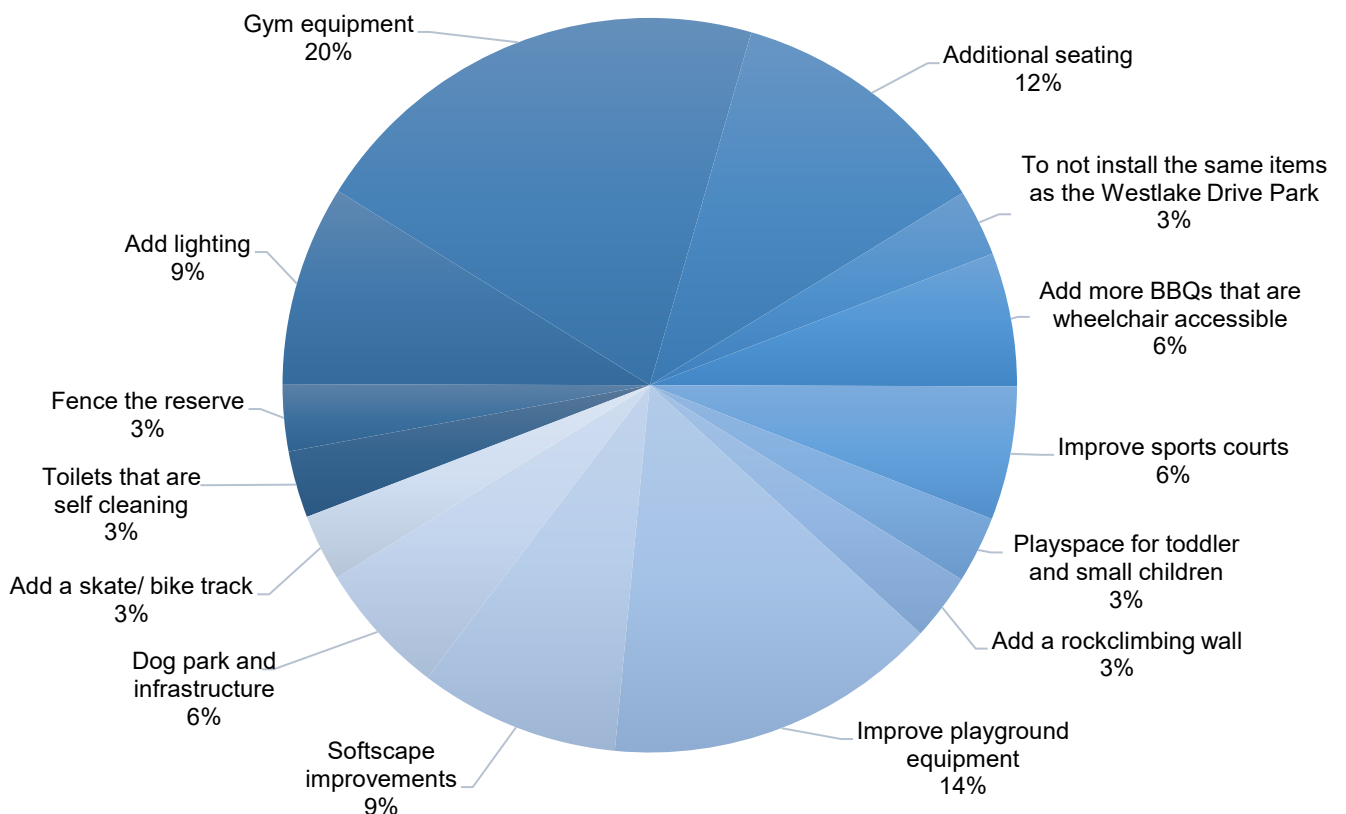
What the community likes about the proposed landscape plan



## What the community doesn't like about the proposed landscape plan



## The communities suggestions for other improvements



## Feedback Summary and Response

The below table is a summary of the community's suggestions and other feedback. Council have reviewed and provided a response as it relates to the project's scope, context and budget.

Subject	Community Feedback	Melton City Council Review Response
<b>Play Space</b>	Playground to be like Woodlea.	There will be similar elements to Frontier Park in the Woodlea Estate installed in the upgrade of Banchory Green Reserve including nature play, climbing structures and a variety of swings.
	A dedicated baby/smaller kids area.	The play equipment proposed has been selected to provide play opportunities for a range of different ages, including babies and small children.
<b>Picnic Space</b>	Improve and enlarge the BBQ space.	There will be additional shade, seating and tables provided to support the use of the BBQ area.
<b>Vegetation</b>	Provide more trees around the lawn area which would help block the noise coming from the nearby roundabout.	Additional trees have been proposed along the south-western pathway.
	Rectify lawns.	The main kick-about space and areas around the playspace will receive new turf.
<b>Park Facilities</b>	More sit down areas for picnic, tables etc.	More under cover sitting and picnic settings are included in the proposed upgrade.
	Include more shelter and shade.	Additional trees and shade structures will be installed in the upgrade.
	Include some cycling equipment (tools/pump).	These are usually installed adjacent shared paths to service the bicycles travelling along them. Banchory Green Reserve does not contain a shared path however if there is high demand one can be installed in the future.
	Install solar lighting around the park as it attracts bad elements when it is dark at night.	Typically only shared paths are lit. There is existing lighting within the reserve which will be retained.
	Include a rock-climbing wall.	The play equipment contains a rock climbing wall.
	Add some gym equipment to the plan.	Exercise equipment is typically installed along walking trails and circuits.
<b>Other Comments</b>	Upgrade to be fast tracked.	. This project is anticipated to commence construction in November 2022.
	Long term maintenance required.	All Council owned and managed land receives long term maintenance. Resident are welcome to lodge any concerns they have via Council's customer service.
	Please provide signs for 'no dogs allowed'.	Council is preparing a Dogs in Open Space plan that will consider this issue.
	Higher seats for older people.	Ergonomically appropriate seats will be installed.
	Return gazebo on east side.	The previous gazebo could not be returned as it had reached the end of its useful life and posed a risk. The upgrade includes several areas of seating, picnic tables or play equipment under shade.
	Grass along Wolviston Ave not rejuvenated.	Council is investigating the installation of a path along Wolviston Ave. When this occurs the grass will be rectified.