

Black Knight Way Reserve

Community Feedback

Between the 5 July – 18 July 2021, Melton City Council shared a proposed landscape plan to upgrade the existing park with the local community of Black Knight Way Reserve, Kurunjang.

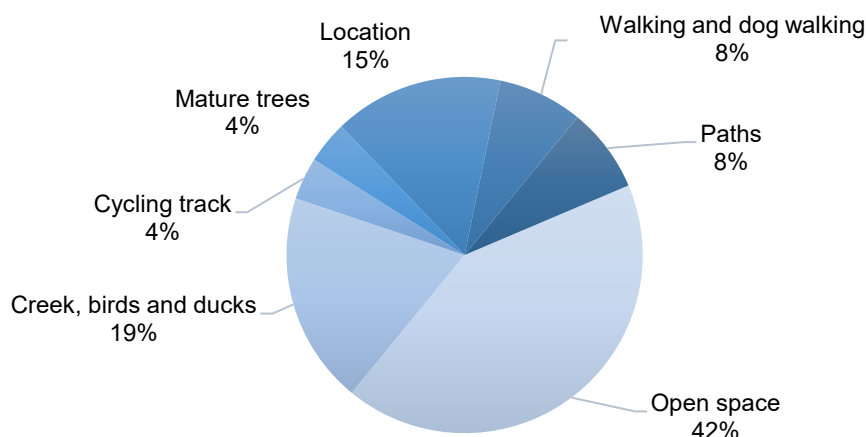
Feedback was collected via an online survey, hard copy flyer, email and phone. A drop-in session at Black Knight Way Reserve was scheduled but had to be cancelled due to the Victorian State Government's outdoor gathering restrictions at the time. A total of 41 responses were received. Below is a summary 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 is reviewed and has been used to update the park design.

Project Scope

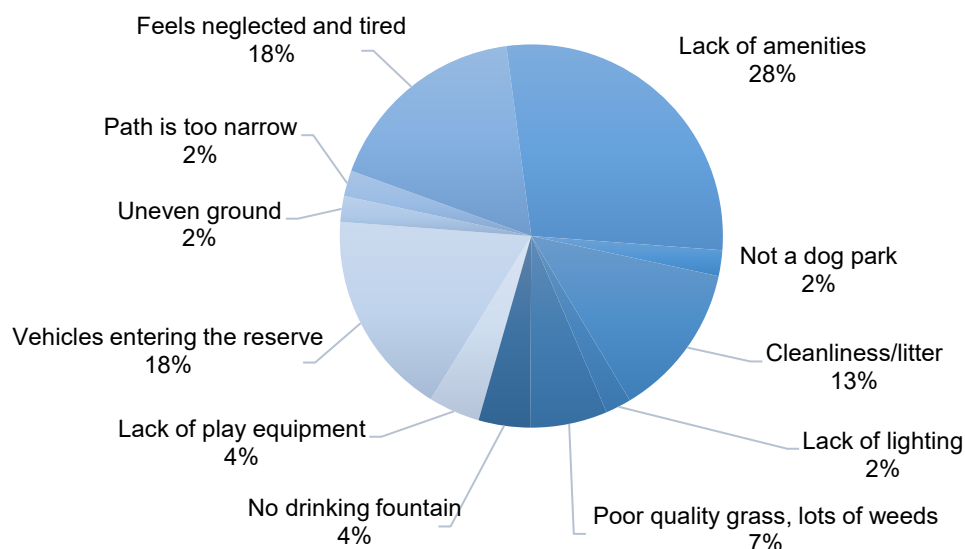
The project scope includes the provision of a play space, providing for a variety of ages and abilities, including nature play, improved kick-about space with supportive infrastructure, improving connectivity with universal pathways and increasing the number of trees for shade.

Project Proposal Feedback

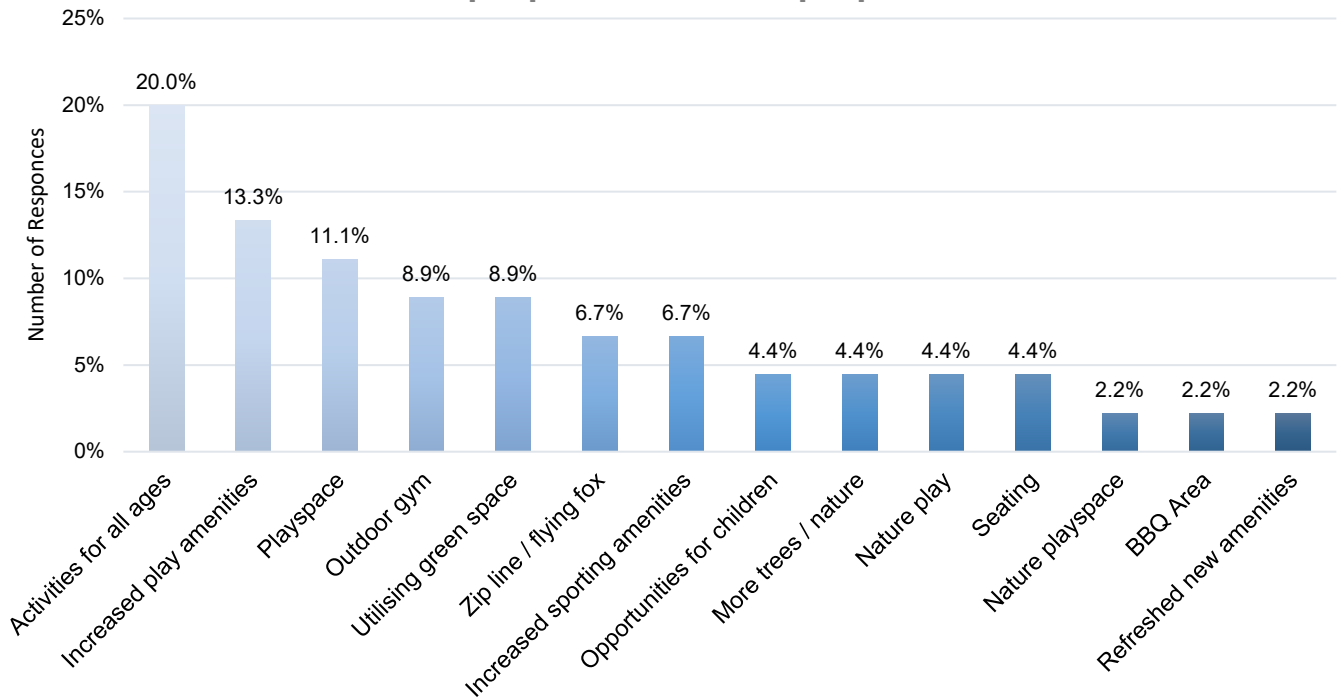
What the community love about the park in its current form



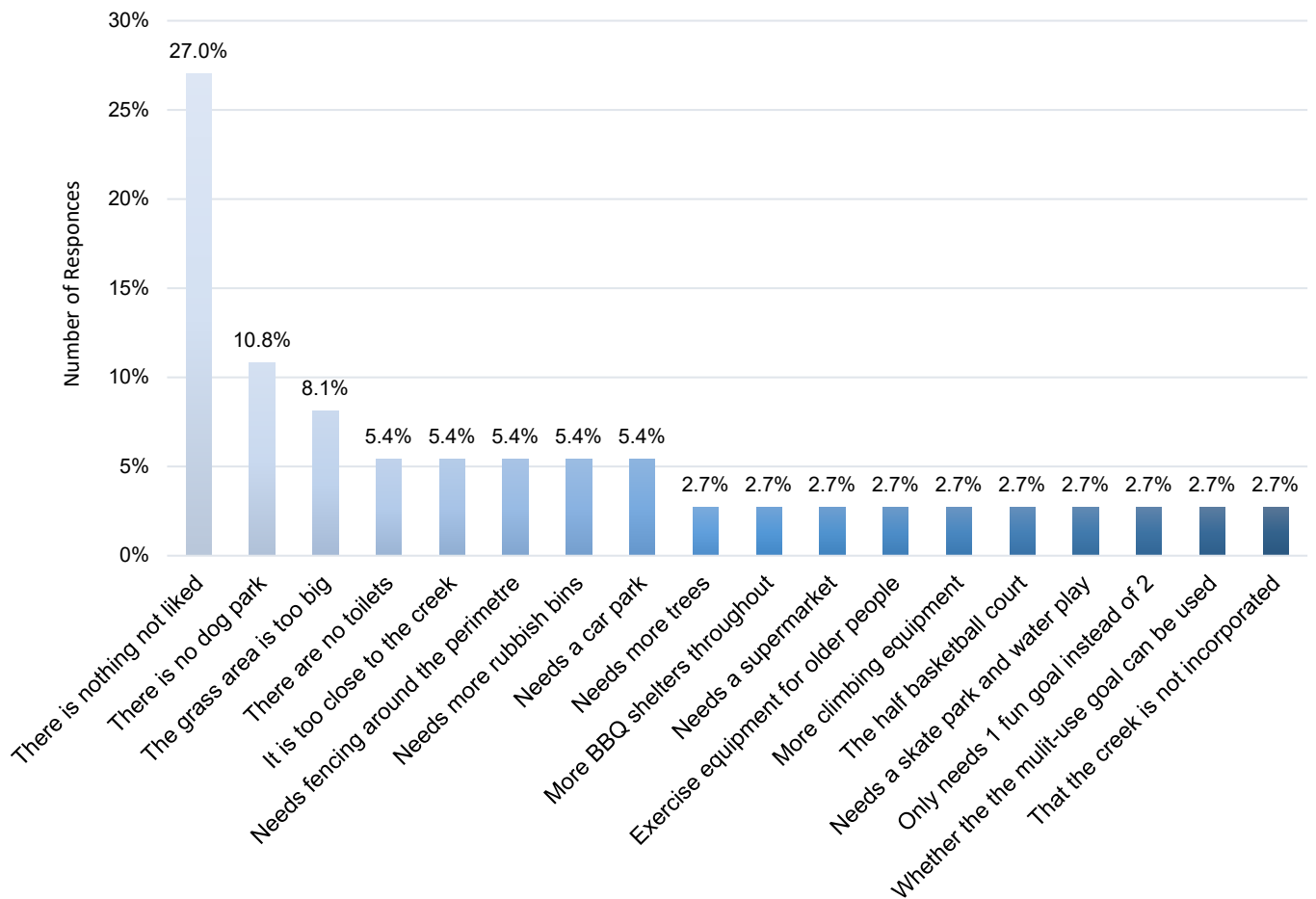
What the community don't like about the park in its current form



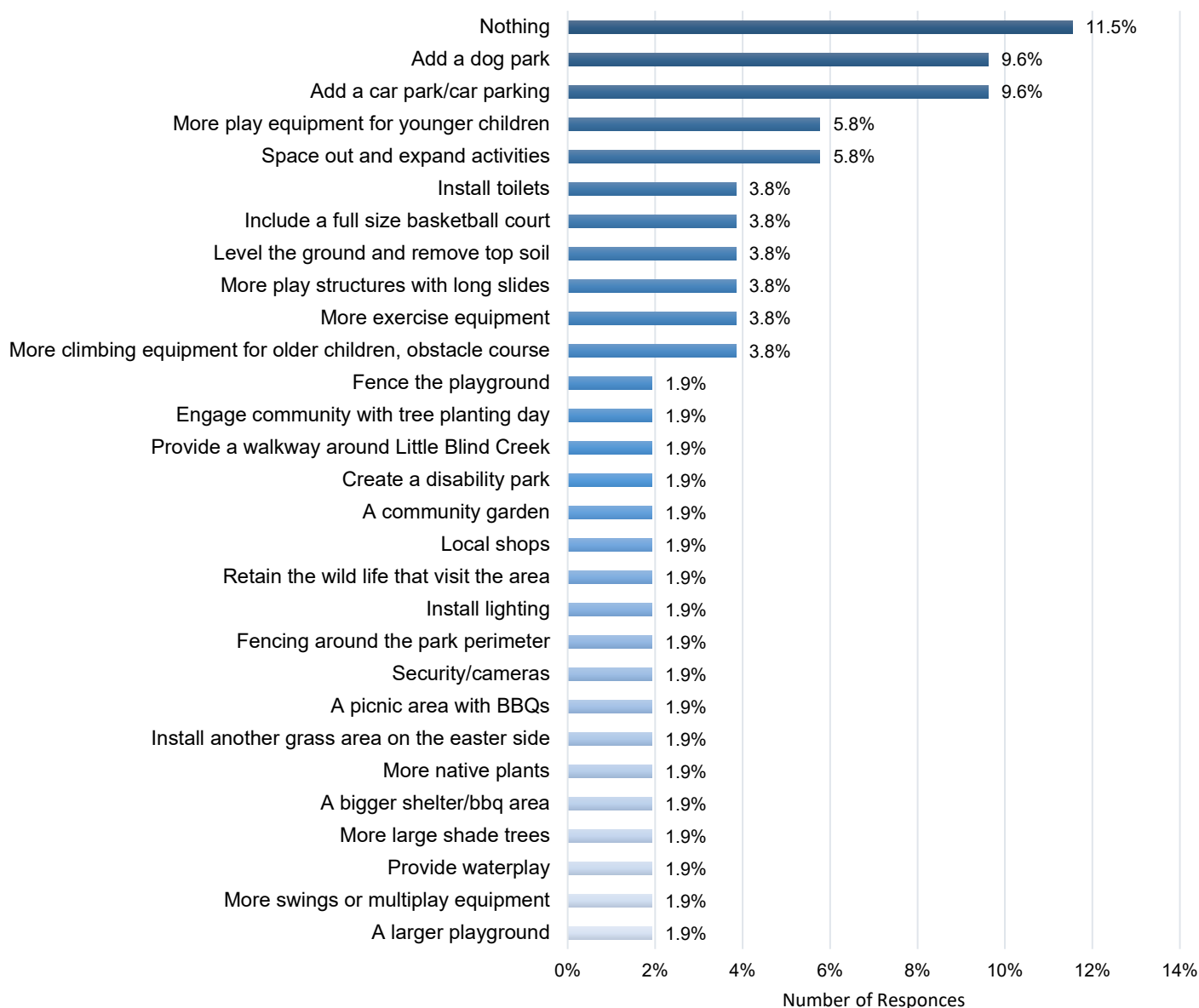
What the community like about the proposed landscape plan



What the community don't like about the proposed landscape plan



The communities suggestions for other improvement



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
Play Space	Include more play equipment	This reserve is classified as a local park. The amount and type of infrastructure proposed is considered suitable for a local park.
	Include a full-size basketball court	A full size basketball court is not generally located in local reserves as they are better suited to active recreation reserves.
	Include two goals	To ensure there is a balance of variety of equipment only one goal set is proposed. However an additional goal may be easily added in the future.
	Multi use goal sits on a hill	The goal is located the south side of the park where it is relatively flat.
	Include all abilities equipment	This has been considered in the design with the provision of inclusive and accessible equipment.
	Include more climbing equipment	The intent of the play space is to provide equipment for a range of activities, ages and abilities. The Twig Stack and Multi-Play Unit each have climbing opportunities in them.

	Include a ninja warrior style obstacle course for older children	This item is not considered possible because of the appropriateness of the location due to it being a local park. However the design has incorporated equipment that includes opportunities for physical development in young people.
	Make play area larger	This reserve is classified as a local park. The amount and type of infrastructure proposed is considered suitable for a local park, retaining open space for passive recreation.
	Include fencing around play area	Fences around play spaces are not typically installed in local reserves. There is substantial distance and buffer between the play space, surrounding road and Little Blind Creek.
	A couple more play structures like a tall rocket structure with long slides	A multi-play unit is proposed which includes two slides.
	Include water play	Water play is generally not located in local reserves as they are better suited to regional play spaces where there is other supporting infrastructure such as car parking and picnic facilities to accommodate large numbers of visitors.
	Include more for teenagers	The Twig Stack, Basket Swing, Half Court, Kick-About are some of the elements that teenagers may be attracted to.
	Include more amenities down Black Knight Way end	The location of equipment has considered minimising earthworks, retention of existing trees, open space and ensuring it is not too close to the road.
	Include trampolines	Trampolines have been included in the proposed upgrade.
	Include more swings or multiply equipment	There will be a junior and toddler swing as well as a basket swing.
	Include space for BMX track or skate park	BMX tracks or skate parks are not generally located within a local reserve. They are usually co-located with recreational facilities and reserves.
Picnic Space	Include bigger shelter/BBQ area, additional shelter	The shelter is large enough to fit two picnic tables underneath it.
	BBQ shelter should be at least at 3 more	This reserve is classified as a local park. Typically only one BBQ is installed in parks of this size. The number of BBQs are increased in district and regional sized reserves where there is additional supporting infrastructure.
	Install a picnic table for family gatherings	Two picnic tables are proposed in the park upgrade.
Vegetation	Improve grass surface	The area south of the play space will receive new turf.
	The creek not being maintained very well with a lot of overgrowth at times	The creek is outside the scope of this project. However this has been referred to Councils maintenance team for investigation.
	Provide more large shade trees	There is a large number of trees to provide shade, proposed across the entire reserve.
	Include community garden	Council do not typically install edible gardens into public spaces. Melton's Community Garden Policy provides direction and guidance should a community member or group be seeking to install one.
	Include native plants	There is a large number of native plants proposed at Black Knight Way.
	Include a second grass area at the eastern end.	The current design includes a large area of grass improvements to support better passive activities. Further grass works can occur in the future.
	Grass area too big in comparison to playground area.	This reserve is classified as a local park. The amount and type of infrastructure proposed is considered suitable for a local park.
	Engage community with tree planting day	A contractor will be engaged to complete and maintain the tree planting at this site. Council support tree planting days with the community and would encourage future community planting days.
Park Facilities	Provide wider path	The design has included a 1.8m wide main access footpath network inside the park.

	Provide a dog off lead space	Melton City Council is preparing a Dog Off Lead Strategy that looks at the appropriate locations and distribution of dog off lead spaces.
	Make sure dogs are on leash	Signage is outside the scope of works. The Local Government Act does state that dogs are required to be on a leash at all times unless otherwise signed.
	Include more lighting, especially around the exercise equipment	Typically, only shared paths are lit for safe passage. The street lighting should provide sufficient light to the boundary footpaths..
	Include drinking fountain/taps	This has been considered in the development of the design. There will be a new drinking fountain near BBQ and shelter.
	Include more bins	Bins will be located next to BBQ shelter which should be sufficient for a local reserve.
	Include more seats	The park will include two picnic settings, four park seats, a platform bench and a seating bench.
	Include fencing to creek and ponds	There is garden bed, tree planting and footpath between the play space and Little Blind Creek. Council does not fence creek lines or waterways.
	Too close to creek where there are snakes	Unfortunately increasing the distance between the creek and play space will not eliminate snakes, nor will a fence.
	Incorporate creek area	The creek has been considered in the design of the park area and has informed planting choices and the location of various elements.
	Include fencing to prevent dangerous vehicle access	Bollards will be installed around the perimeter of the reserve.
	Include toilets	Toilets are typically installed in large reserves that expect a great number of visitors and stay for a long period of time. This park is considered a Local Reserve, providing open space close to people's homes where they can use their own facilities.
	Add some car parking around the park	This reserve is classified as a Local Reserve serving people that typically live within 400m of the park, not requiring them to drive.
	Include exercise equipment for older people	Exercise equipment for various age groups has been provided for.
	Include security cameras	Security cameras are not installed in public open space.
Other Comments	Retain the wildlife that visit the area	More native plant species have been considered between the park and the creek to encourage and support wildlife.
	Repurpose Skipton Street playground	This is outside the scope of work and has not been considered in this project.
	Uneven land	There will be a renovation to part of the lawn area and evenly graded footpaths connecting people safely to the new infrastructure.
	Extend planned developments further down black night way	The location of equipment has considered minimising earthworks, retention of existing trees, open space and ensuring it is not too close to the road.
	Soil to be removed to get rid of years of broken glass and rubbish	Areas of the reserve will be stripped and top soiled during construction.
	Include IGA supermarket & shops	This is beyond the scope of work and has not been considered in this project. This area is zoned as open space which is intended to provide for the local community with access to a reserve.
	Include traditional owners of land artwork	Council is open to working with traditional owners and are currently looking at our Public Art Policy to better facilitate such projects. Melton City Council are also engaging with Traditional Owners to manage the sites cultural heritage appropriately.