

Cobblestone Green Reserve Upgrade

Community Feedback

Between the 31 July and 26 August 2022 Melton City Council shared with the local community surrounding Cobblestone Green Reserve, Caroline Springs and a proposed landscape plan to upgrade the existing park.

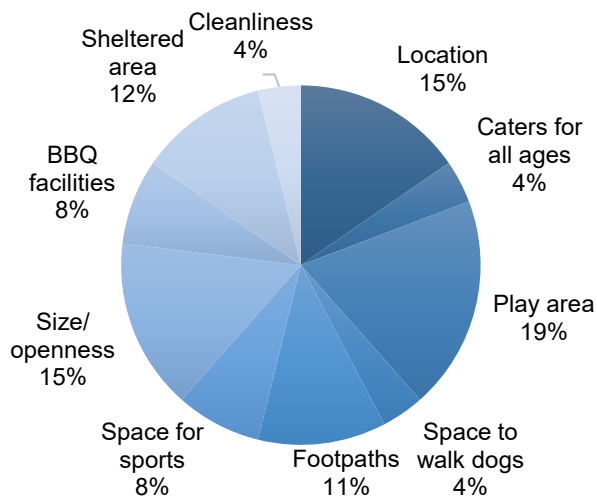
Feedback was collected via an online survey, a hard copy flyer, email, phone and at a weekend session held at Cobblestone Green Reserve. A total of 21 responses were received from the community. Below is a summary of the feedback that was collected. This feedback helps Council to understand what is important to the community and why, as well as identify any other opportunities for improvements. The feedback is reviewed and will be used to update the park design.

Project Scope

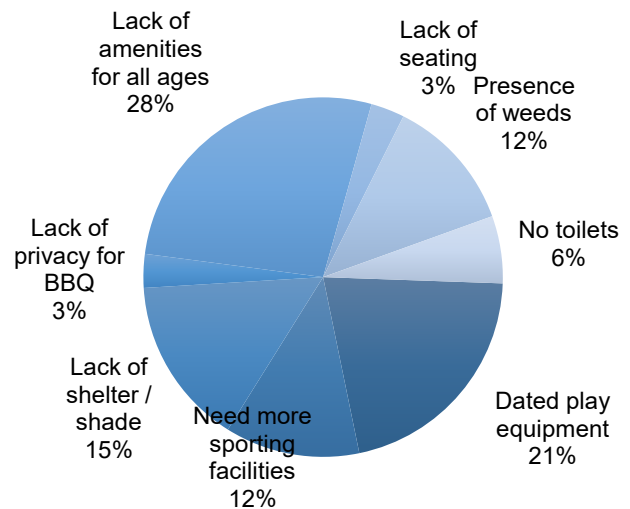
The project scope includes the improvement of path connections, kick-about space and amenity around the picnic area, increasing tree planting, and broadening the play experience with new play equipment and nature play elements to enhance the facilities that the park offers to the local community.

Project Proposal Feedback

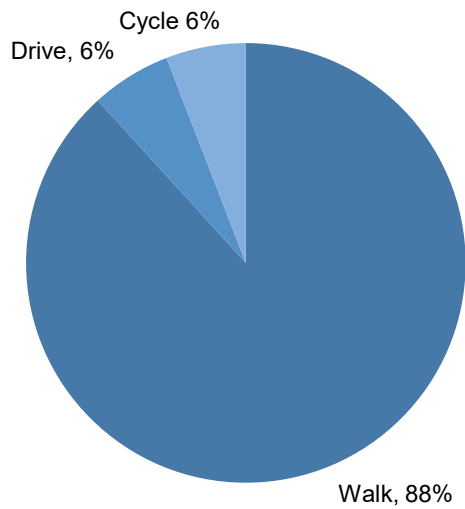
What the community loves about the park in its current form



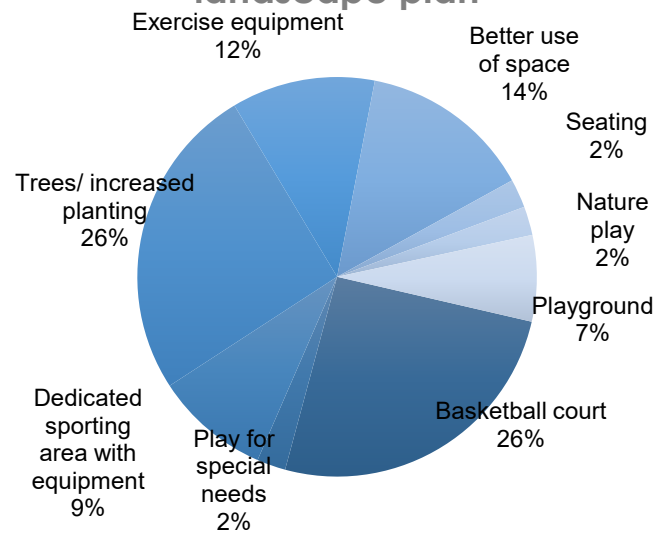
What the community didn't like about the park in its current form



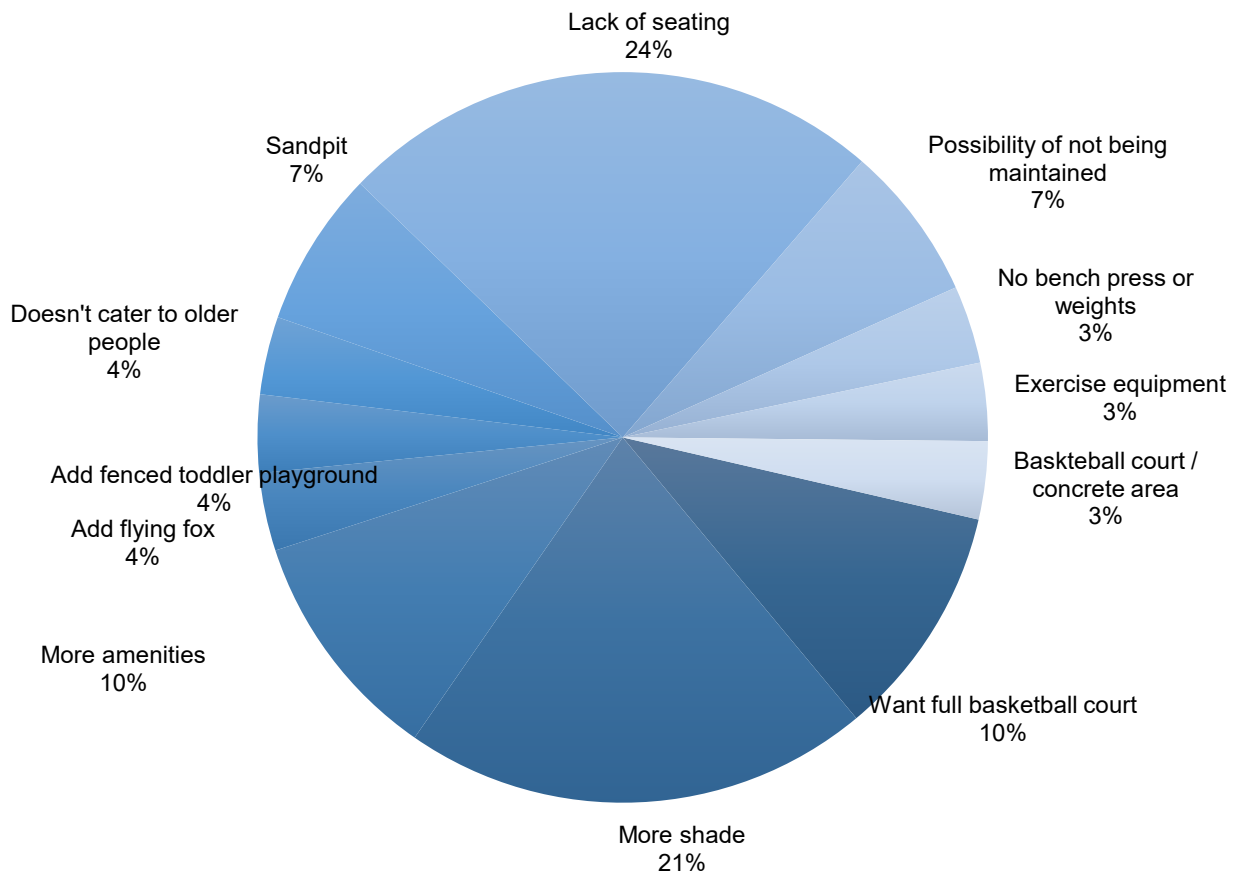
How the community travels to the park



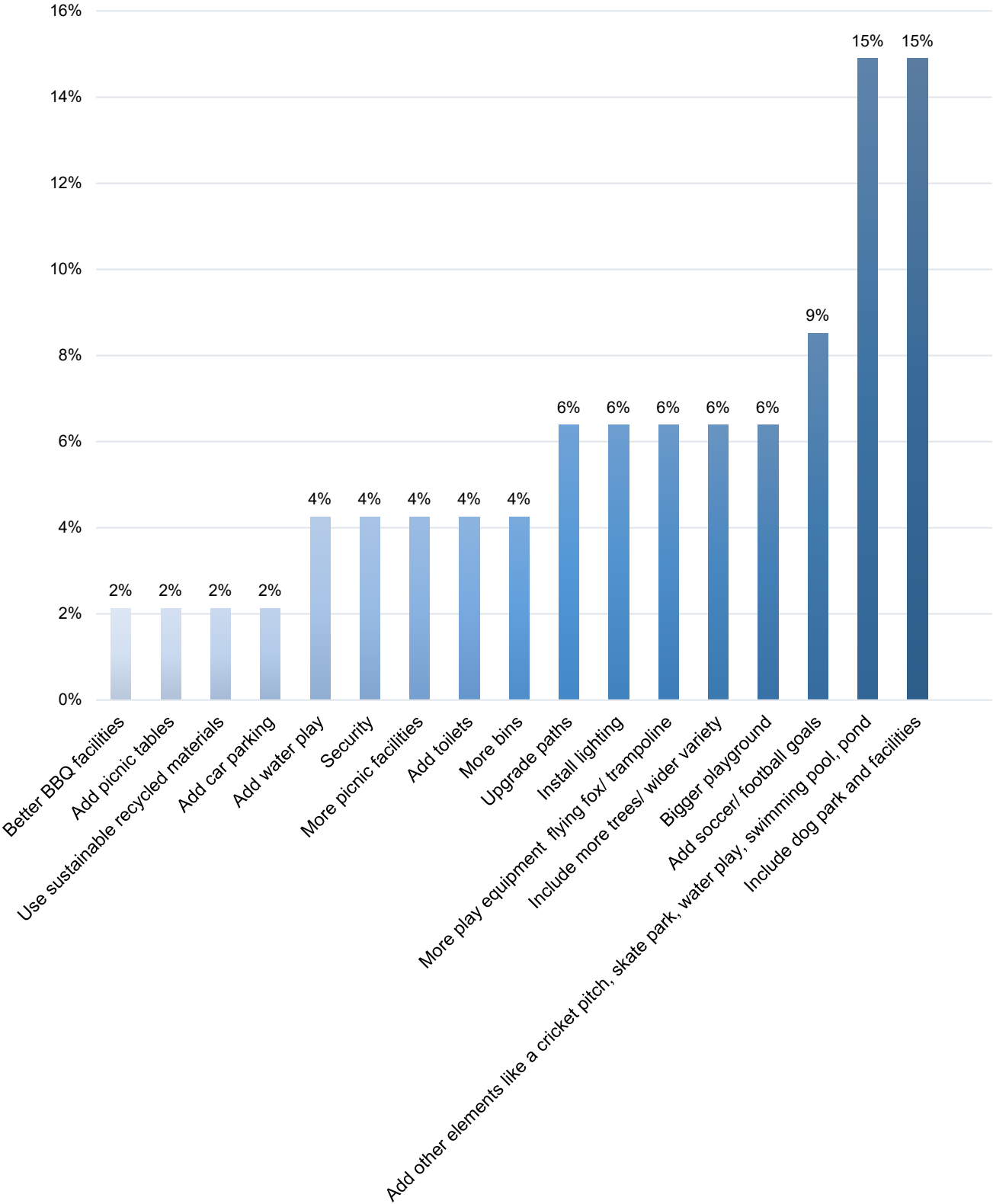
What the community likes about the proposed landscape plan



What the community didn'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 communities' suggestions and other feedback received. Council have reviewed these responses and provided a response as it related to the projects purpose and budget.

Subject	Community Feedback	Melton City Council Review Response
Play space	Add flying fox	Flying foxes are a high maintenance item. Melton is currently limiting this style of activity to district and regional playspaces.
	Add fenced toddler playground	Not included. Fencing is only considered in limited circumstances as it can lead to reduced supervision of children and can be a barrier to disability and maintenance access.
	Add water play	Included in sandpit
	Remove proposed sandpit as sandpits become the neighbourhood kitty litter	Sandpits are popular with younger age groups and common across the municipality. Melton has not observed significant issues with contamination at other sites.
Picnic Space	Provide picnic tables	Existing picnic tables will be retained.
	Provide more bins	Existing waste bins are considered adequate for a park of this size. As a local park, users are encouraged to take their rubbish home with them.
	Provide a proper BBQ	The dual barbecue has recently been upgraded and is considered adequate for a park of this size.
Vegetation	Provide trees for shade	Significant additional shade planting is proposed.
Park Facilities	Provide shade sails	Typically Council does not support shade sails within a public open space due to its limited durability and longevity.
	Add bike racks	Bike racks are not included. Based on the survey results, it was found that the majority of users (15 out of 17) prefer walking as their primary mode of transportation to this location, whereas only 1 out of the 17 respondents reported using a bicycle to access the reserve.
	Provide drinking water for dogs	The proposed drinking fountain has included a dog bowl to provide drinking water for dogs.
	Provide more seating	Additional seating will be included
	Provide toilets	Exceeds project scope and budget
	Provide a dedicated chill area with benches	The eastern shelter will be reconfigured to better accommodate small groups
	Add a running track	Exceeds project scope and budget
	Provide car parking	Exceeds project scope and budget
Other Comments	Add a full sized basketball court instead of a half court	A reduced sized basketball court is considered to be an appropriate size for a local park
	Add a table tennis table	Table tennis has not been included due to insufficient demonstrated demand and the exposed, windy conditions.
	Proposed upgrade does not cater to older people	A range of ages have been catered for, from swings, sand play, to larger more existing pieces, to various exercise and ball games opportunities that should accommodate a wide range of ages
	Add bench press and weights	A variety of strength and conditioning elements will be catered for in the exercise station
	Remove the proposed half court	A reduced sized basketball court is considered to be an appropriate size for a local park
	All the proposed trees should be watered a year after they are planted	Trees will be actively watered and maintained for an appropriate establishment period
	Use sustainable recycled materials	Materials have been selected for robustness, longevity and ease of maintenance. Recycled material has been specified on park furniture.

	Add CCTV to deter unauthorised vehicle access	CCTV exceeds the scope of this project
	Add a dog on lead signage	Melton's policy on dog on leash signage is currently under review.
	Provide pedestrian crossing points to the streets opposite the park to make it easier for young children on bikes or people with prams and walking frames to get across	Exceeds project scope and budget.