

# Centenary Park Upgrade 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 Centenary Park, Kurunjang.

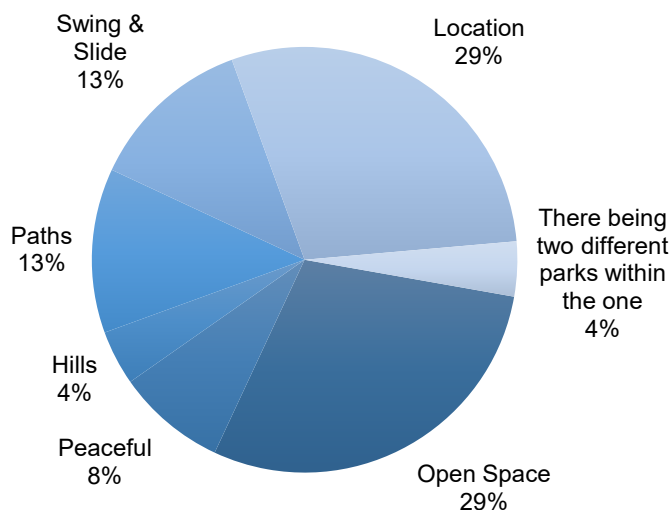
Feedback was collected via an online survey, hard copy flyer, email and phone. A drop-in session at Centenary Park was scheduled but had to be cancelled due to the Victorian State Government's outdoor gathering restrictions at the time. A total of 73 responses were received. Below is a summary of all 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.

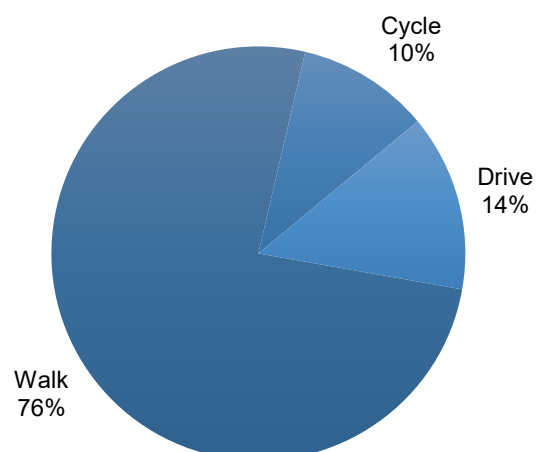
## Project Scope

The project scope includes a sheltered picnic space, an upgraded playspace that includes accessible equipment, exercise equipment, areas for passive sports games and improved kick-about space and a better-connected path network.

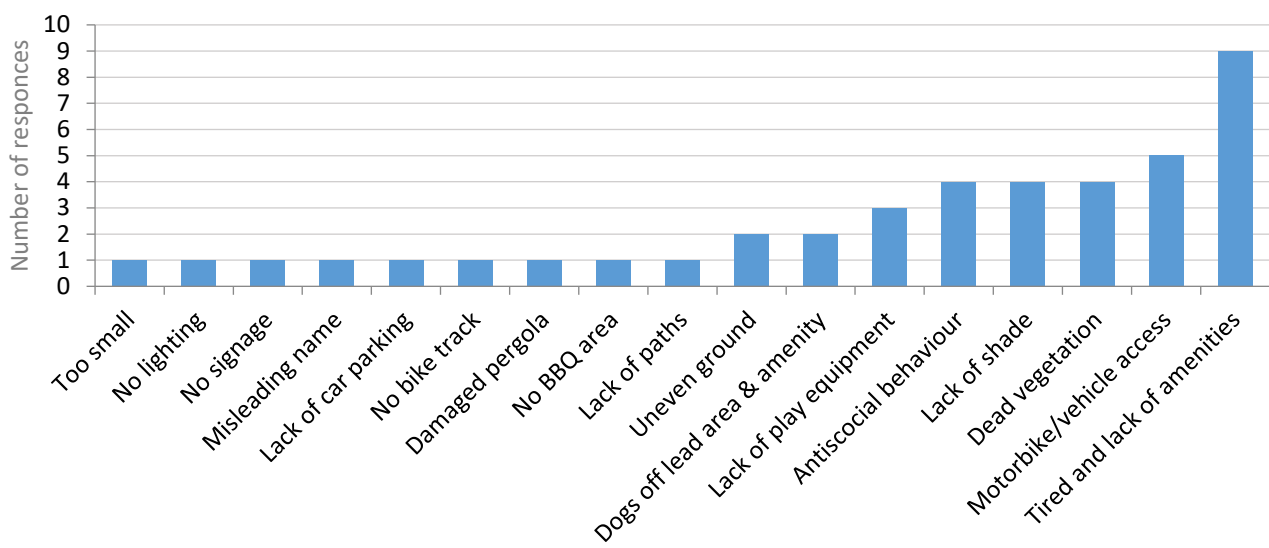
### What the community loves about the park in its current form



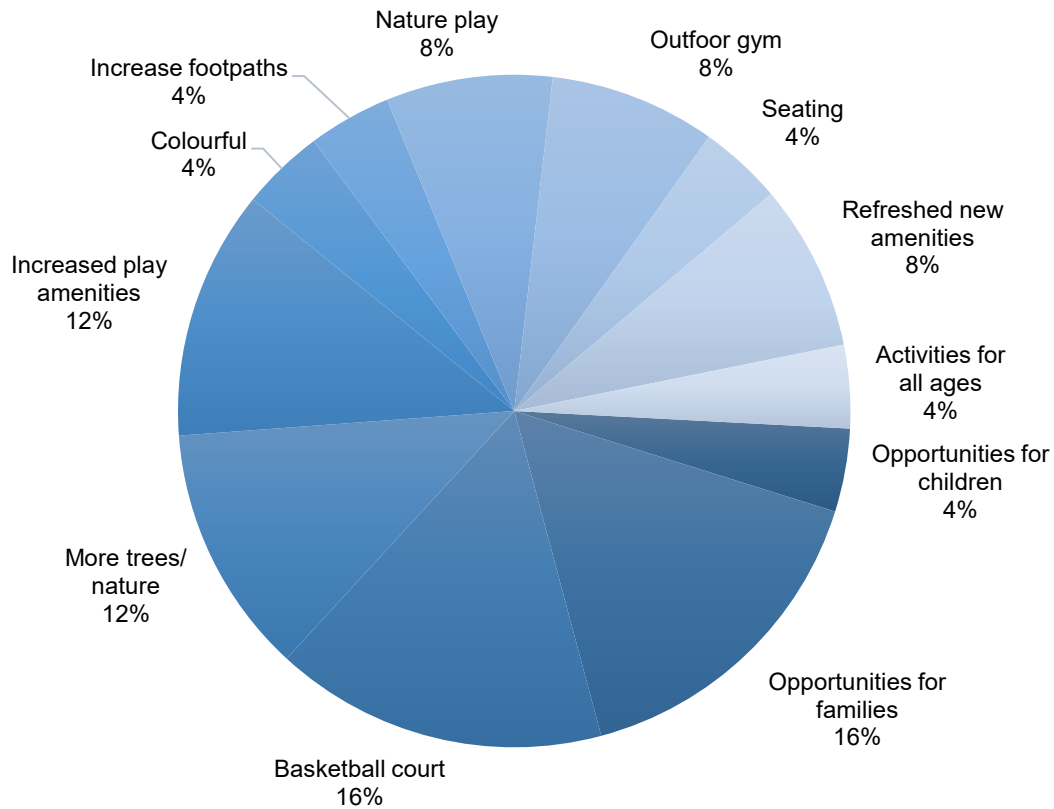
### How the community travels to the park



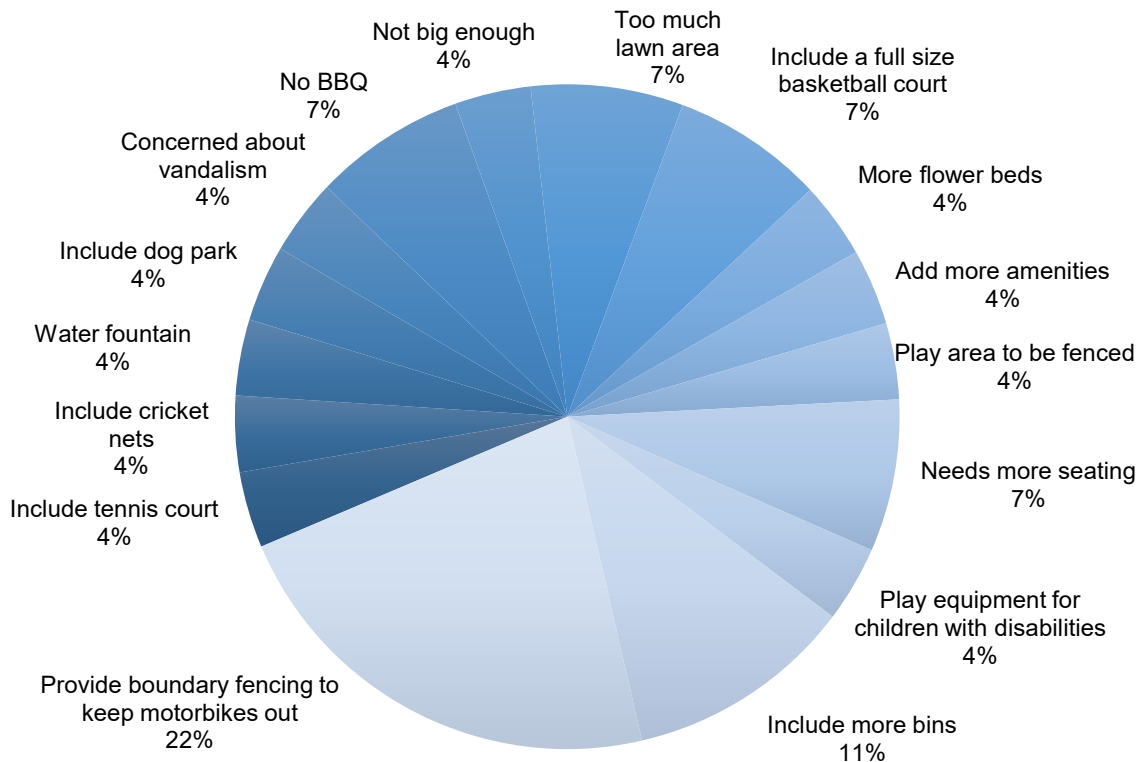
### What the community don't like about the park in its current form



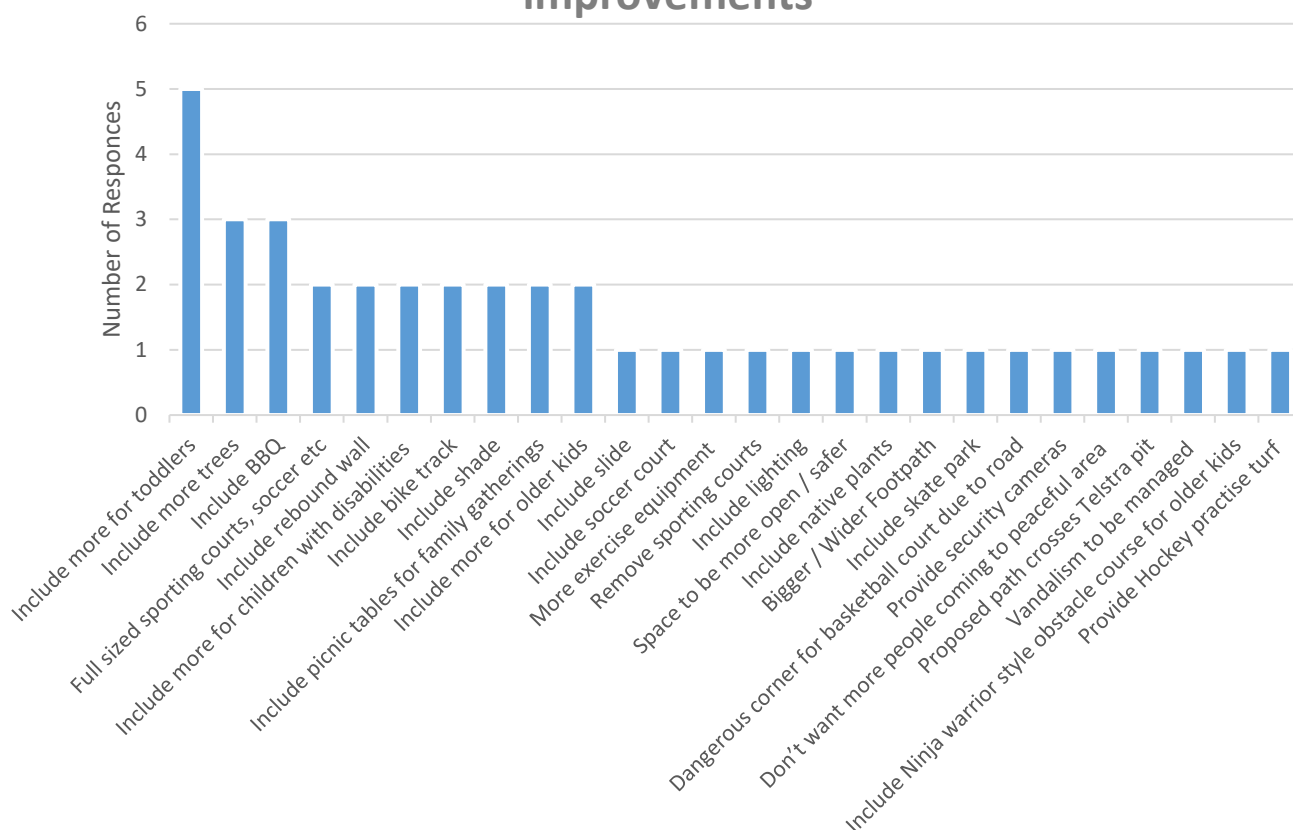
## What the community likes about the proposed landscape plan



## 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
Vegetation	Too much lawn area retained	Unprogrammed areas such as open lawn provide flexibility for a range of activities such as kick about etc.
	Brand new grass like buffalo	Council installs kikuyu as we have found it to be a hardy and robust grass species suitable to Melton.
	Provide more flower beds	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide more trees	This will be included in the development of the design.
	So many trees but spread in a way that it has there aren't open, wide views from all angles	Trees will be clear trunked allowing views through. Trees will be planted as semi mature trees to ensure this happens sooner. The spread of trees is to provide even shade throughout the reserve.
	More trees near Benjamin and Ruairi Court, Kurunjang	This will be considered in the development of the design.

	Include native plants	This will be included in the development of the design.
<b>Play space</b>	Has nothing for disabled children	This will be considered in the development of the design. All reserves are designed with DDA standards incorporated including but not limited to access to basket swings and nature play.
	Include fence around play area	There aren't any significant risks identified to warrant the installation of a fence. There will be bollards on the reserve boundary to prevent vehicle access.
	Have more toddlers play	This has been considered in the development of the design. Nature play elements are incorporated for imaginative, sensory and physical development for all ages.
	Less toddler games and more for grown ups / kids, sport ground	Activities for all age groups has considered for this local park to provide for and include everyone.
	Ensure there are more than two swings	This has been incorporated in the development of the design.
	Include a slide	This has been incorporated in the development of the design.
	Include tennis court	This item is not considered possible because of the available space and appropriateness of the location. Tennis courts are generally supported in Recreation Reserves.
	Include cricket nets	This item is not considered possible because of the available space and appropriateness of the location. Cricket nets are generally supported in Recreation Reserves.
	Include soccer court	A kick-about space will be included in the development of the design.
	Include more amenities	This will be included in the in the development of the design.
	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.
	Remove the courts and keep it more designed for younger kids	Activities for all age groups has been considered for this local park to provide for and include everyone.
	Don't like the court area for older kids/teenagers, they always end up vandalising the little kids areas.	Activities for all age groups has considered for this local park to provide for and include everyone. With more people being able to use the space positively we anticipate vandalism to decrease.
	Include full sized sporting courts, soccer etc	If the budget allows, this will be considered in the development of the design. A kick-about space will be included in the development of the design.
	The basketball court is close in proximity of the majority traffic	This has been considered in the development of the design. The basketball court will be centrally located in the reserve.
	Include rebound wall	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Artificial turf to practice hockey pitch	This item is not considered possible because of the appropriateness of the location. Sports items are generally supported in Recreation Reserves.
	Skate park for small kids would be awesome as there is nothing in Melton.	This item is not considered possible because of the appropriateness of the location due to it being a local park. Though the design incorporates a skateable path network.
	Climbing area for kids of all ages	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	In-ground trampolines	This will be considered in the development of the design.

	A flying fox	This will be considered in the development of the design however flying foxes are generally located in larger reserves.
	Include Ninja warrior style obstacle course for older kids	This item is not considered possible because of the appropriateness of the location due to it being a local park. Though the design has incorporated climbing equipment.
<b>Picnic Space</b>	Install a BBQ	This has been considered and included in the development of the design.
	Include picnic tables for family gatherings	This has been considered and included in the development of the design.
<b>Park Facilities</b>	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. Generally dog off lead spaces are not located within reserves categorised as Local Parks, such as this.
	Seating at basketball court	Seating is provided next to the basketball court.
	Include more bins	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Needs more seating on the paths in the north and south sections	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide boundary fencing to keep motorbikes out.	Motorbikes are a known problem to Council. The gates to prevent motorbikes would also inhibit people who use wheelchairs, mobility scooters, walkers and prams. The park has boundary bollards, but we will look at what else could be done within the budget.
	More exercise equipment spread around the open lawn space	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include lighting	Typically, only shared paths are lit. The boundary footpaths with street lighting should provide sufficient safe passage. We also want to avoid attracting anti-social activity at night.
	There is no BBQ or bike track for kids to safely zoom around on while learning new skills.	There is a BBQ and there is an informal cycling route for kids to learn cycling skills included in the design.
	Include bigger/wider footpath the footpath widened to allow more than 1 person to walk on it	This will be considered in the development of the design. Council will include a new 1.8m wide main access footpath.
	Include security cameras	Security cameras are not typically installed in a small local park.
<b>Other Comments</b>	Consider vandalism	Council will consider how vandalism can be deterred in the development of the design.
	When is it planned to be completed	Construction is anticipated to commence at the end of 2022 and will be completed this financial year.
	Looks more like a normal park	The park will build on its unique existing contours and selected local plant species and provide improved amenities.
	Still not a lot to do in such a big space	The park has been designed to cater for a variety of activities and ages.
	Keep it small. We love the feel of the open space no fencing around here. Don't want it to feel all built up.	The space should still retain a level of openness while still providing more opportunities for the community.

	It shouldn't be called Centenary Park because its not on Centenary Ave, It could be called Lagarna Park	The naming of the reserve is not part of the scope of this project and is subject to a separate process.
	No parking facilities	Centenary Park is classified as a Local Park which means that it is to service local residents within a 400m walkable area. Car parking is generally only considered for District or Regional classified parks.
	The corner is a danger - the trees have scars and have been knocked over by vehicles.	We will ask Council's Traffic Team to assess Lagarna Drive around the reserve.
	Space to be more open/safer	Council will consider how sightlines are maintained and vandalism can be deterred in the development of the design.
	Bringing more traffic and people to our quiet area.	Centenary Park is classified as a Local Park which means that it is to service local residents within a 400m walkable area. There should be no increase in traffic. The infrastructure proposed is reflective of the size and type of the park, providing opportunities for the local community to use the space.
	There is a Telstra Pit where the path enters from Benjamin Court	This has been considered in the development of the design.