

McDonald Street Reserve Playspace

Community Feedback

Between the 31 July and 26 August 2022, Melton City Council shared a proposed landscape plan to upgrade the existing park with the local community of McDonald Street Reserve, Melton South.

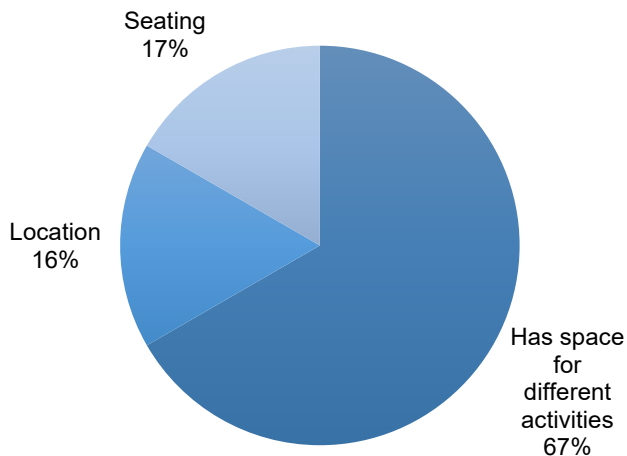
Feedback was collected via an online survey, a hard copy flyer, email, phone and at a weekend session held at McDonald Street Reserve. A total of 16 responses were received. Below is a summary of all the feedback that was collected. This feedback helps Council to understand what is important to the community and why, as well as identify any other opportunities for improvements. The feedback is reviewed and will be used to update the park design.

Project Scope

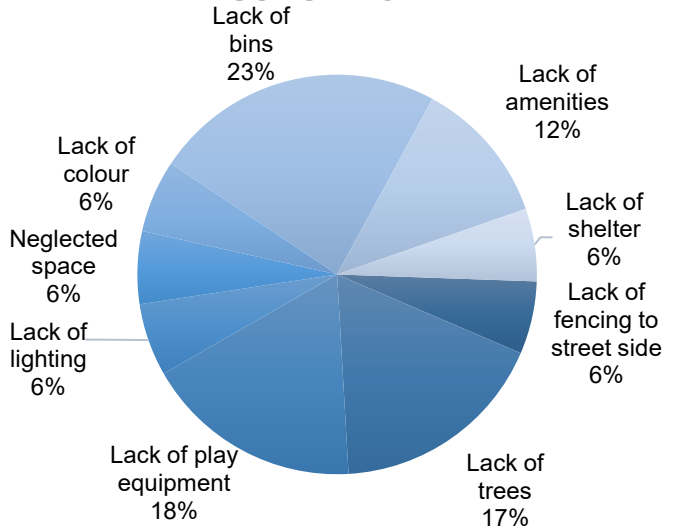
The project scope includes the provision of a variety of play experiences for a broad range of ages and abilities, a sheltered social and picnic space, new path network, additional tree planting for shade, and improved turfed kick-about space.

Project Proposal Feedback

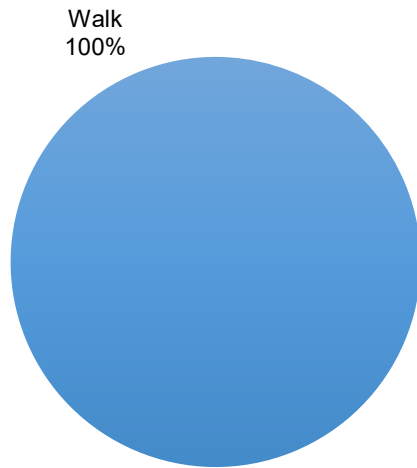
What the community loved about the park in its current form



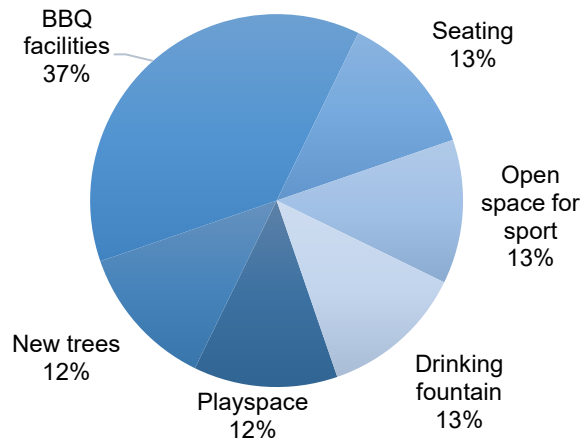
What the community didn't like about the park in its current form



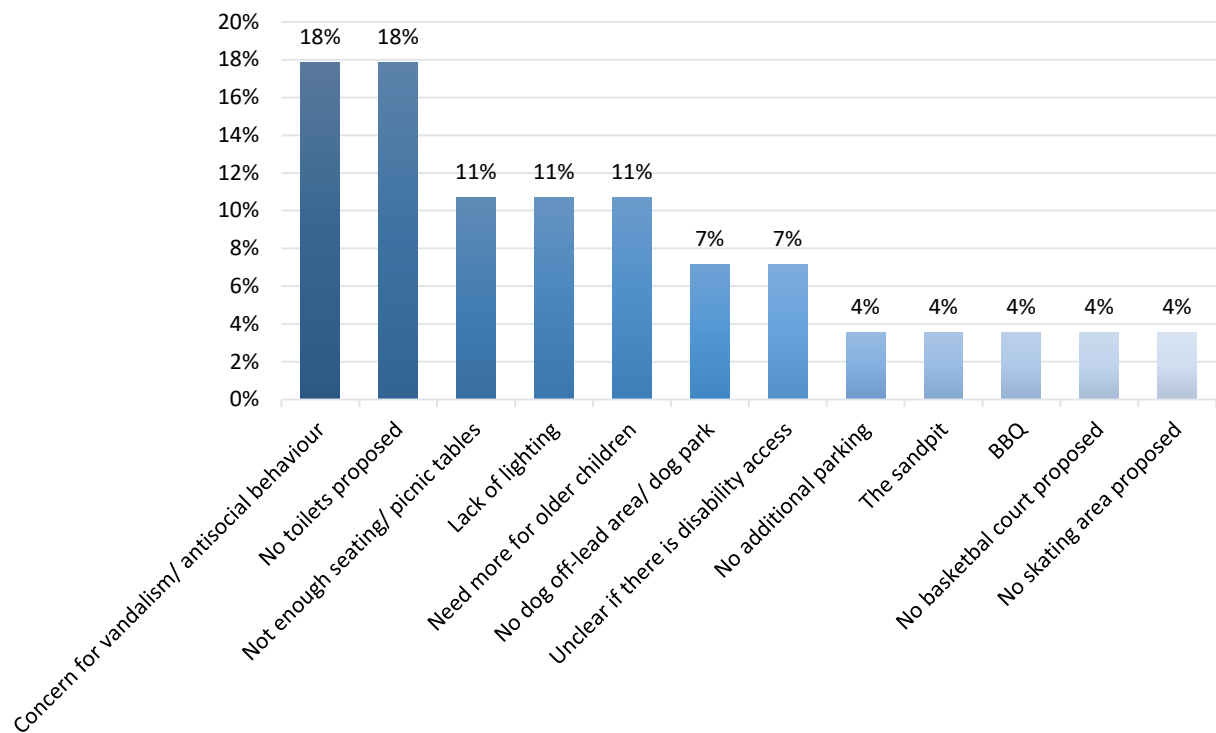
How the community travels to the park



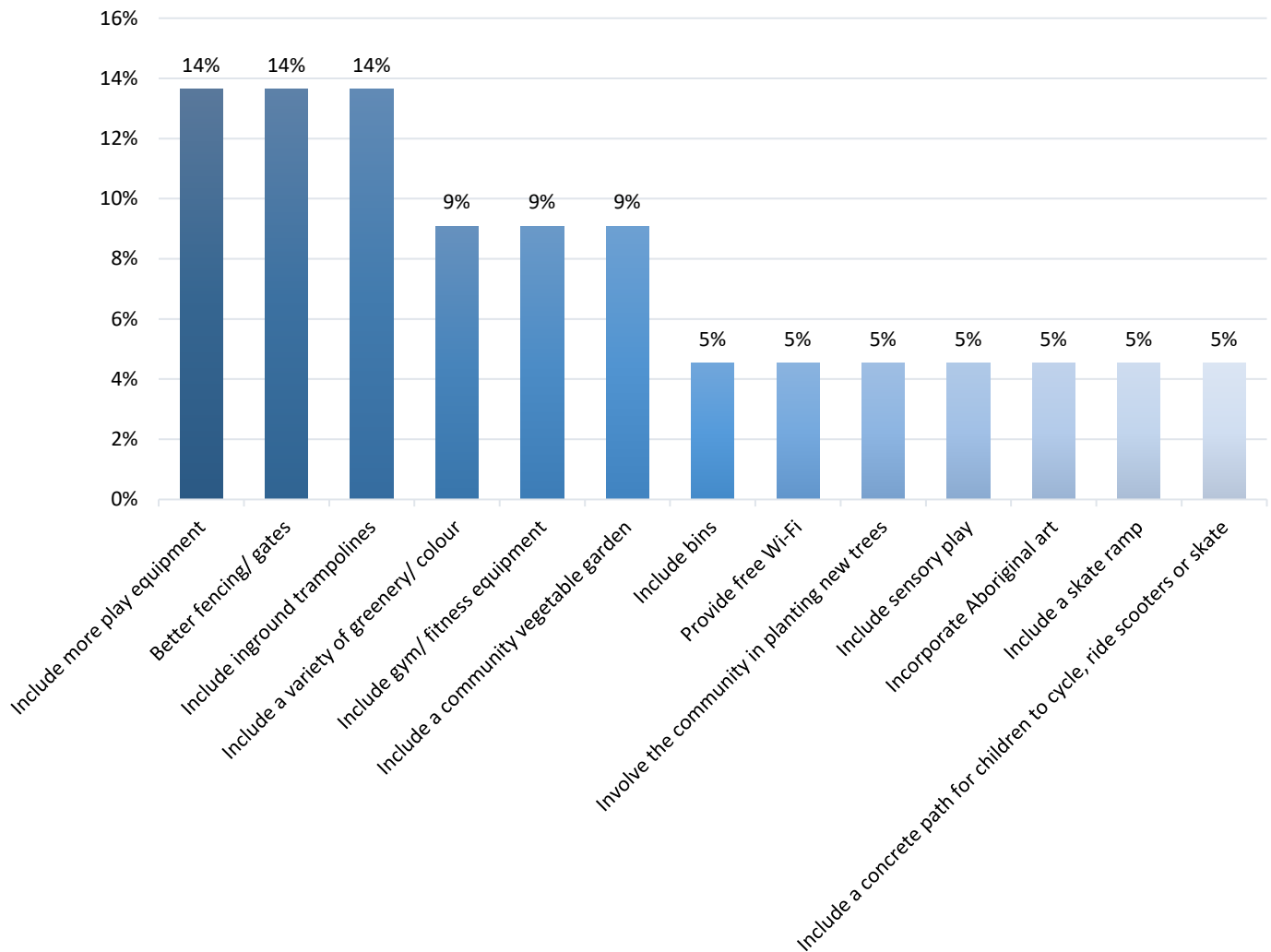
What the community likes about the proposed landscape plan



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



The communities suggestions for other improvement



Feedback Summary and Response

The below table is a summary of the community's 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	Do not include a sandpit	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include an area for older children	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include sensory play	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include a skate ramp	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.
	Include a basketball court	This item is not considered possible because of the appropriateness of the location due to it being a local park.
	Include inground trampolines	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include a flying fox	This will be considered in the development of the design however flying foxes are generally located in larger reserves.
	Include more play equipment	This will be considered in the development of the design.

	Include fitness equipment	Fitness equipment is typically installed along walking trails and circuits.
Picnic Space	Do not install a BBQ	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Install more picnic tables	If the budget allows, this will be considered in the development of the design.
Vegetation	Improve grass surface	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include a variety of greenery/ colour	This will be considered in the development of the design.
Park Facilities	Include more seating	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide walking paths	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include a drinking fountain	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include toilets	Toilets are typically installed in large reserves that expect a great number of visitors, who often drive to the park. This park is considered a Local Park, providing open space close to people's homes where they can use their own facilities.
	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.
	Install better fencing/gates	Fencing will be considered in the development of the design. Including a gate prevents and challenges prams, users of wheelchairs, walkers and mobility scooters from entering the reserves.
	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.
	Install bins	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include a concrete path for children to cycle, ride scooters or skate	A skateable/cyclable concrete path in the middle of the playspace is included in the design.
Other Comments	Use recycled materials	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide disability/pram access	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide free Wi-Fi	This is beyond the scope of work and will not be considered in this project.
	Consider solar powered lighting for night time use	Typically only shared paths are lit. We also want to avoid attracting anti-social activity at night.
	Do not disrupt local wildlife	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	There might be issues with vandalism / antisocial behaviour.	Council will consider how anti-social activity can be deterred in the development of the design.
	Incorporate Aboriginal art	Council is open to working with traditional owners and are currently looking at our Public Art Policy to better facilitate such projects.
	Include additional parking	This is beyond the scope of work and will not be considered in this project.
	Include a community vegetable garden	Council policy is to not install a fruit and vegetable garden without a community group attached to it, but sensory plants will be considered to encourage explorative and discovery play.
	Involve the community in planting new trees	The supply and installation of new trees will be undertaken by the chosen contractor for this project. However, there will be other opportunities elsewhere in the municipality where the community can be involved in tree planting.
	Provide security measures to deter criminal and anti-social activities	Council will consider how anti-social activity can be deterred in the development of the design.