Melton Town Centre - Kids Zone Community Feedback

Between the 28 March and 13 April 2023, Melton City Council shared a proposed landscape plan to create a new play area between the former Melton Courthouse and Palmerston Street, Melton with the local community and traders at Melton Town Centre.

Feedback was collected via an online survey, a hard copy flyer, email, and at pop-up sessions held at Melton Library and Melton Town Centre. A total of 32 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 playspace design.

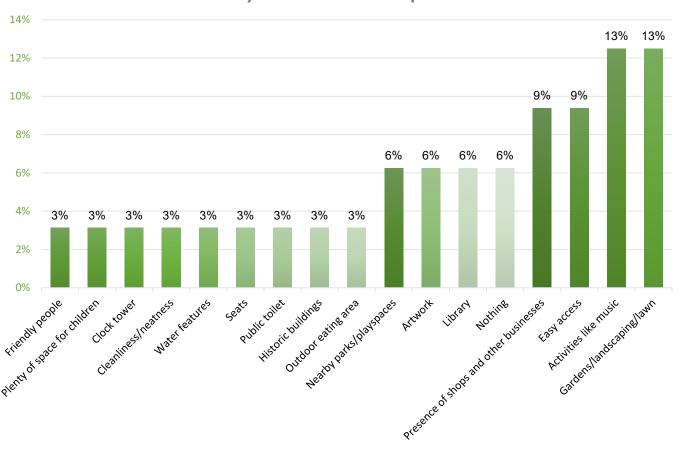
Project Scope:

The Kids Zone is one of 17 projects being delivered as part of the Melton Town Centre Revitalisation Program. The Melton Town Centre Revitalisation Program purpose is to provide opportunities to improve public spaces, the level of accessibility, pedestrian safety and economic activity.

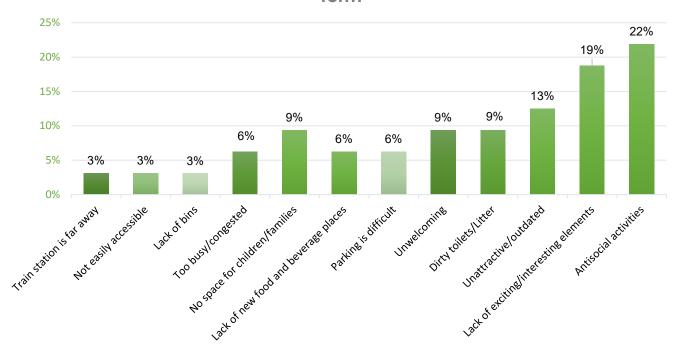
Previous consultation with the community and traders highlighted that there was a lack of infrastructure for children. By creating an engaging and unique play space within the Melton Town Centre, we will encourage more visitors to the area and support local community connection and businesses.

Project Proposal Feedback:

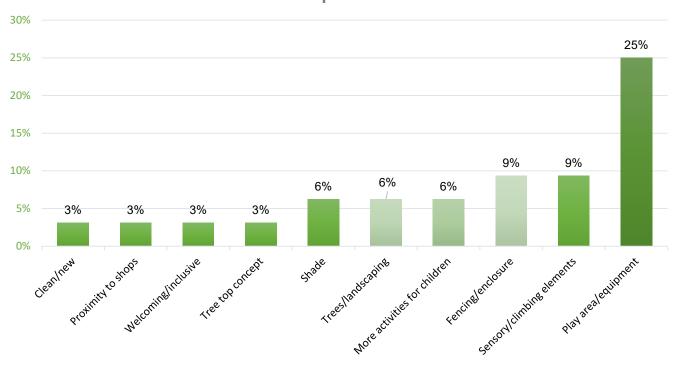
What the community loved about the park in its current form



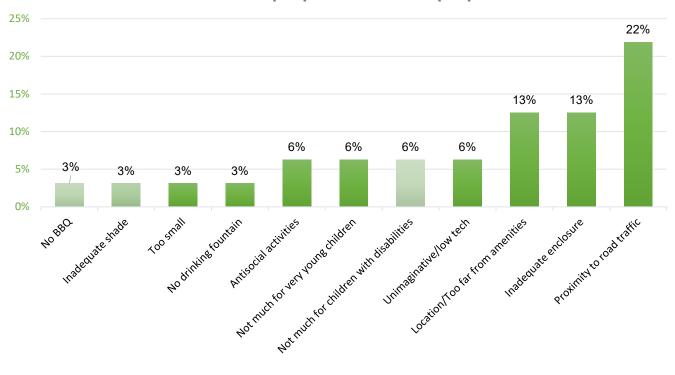
What the community didn't like about the park in its current form



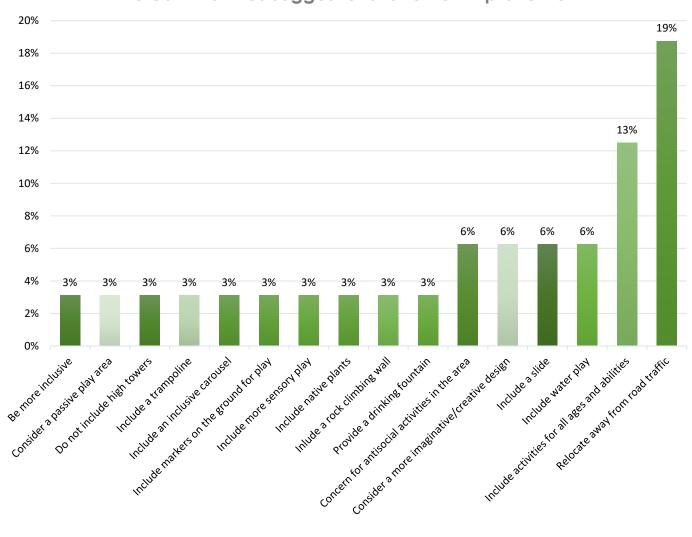
What the community likes about the proposed landscape plan



What the community doesn't 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
Playspace	Consider a more passive play area	This will be considered in detailed design phase.
	Do not include high towers	We will re-consider the size and height of the play tower design.
	Include a trampoline	Due to size constraints, it's not feasible to incorporate an trampoline into this project.
	Include an inclusive carousel	Due to size constraints, it's not feasible to incorporate an inclusive carousel into this project.
	Include markers on the ground for play (e.g. patterns, shapes)	This will not be able to be considered as markers on the ground for play can offer limited play value for all the users.
	Include more sensory play elements	This will be considered.
	Include a rock-climbing wall	We won't be including a rock-climbing wall; however, we are open to considering alternative climbing activities.
	Consider a more imaginative/creative design	This will be considered.
	Include a slide	It's included.
	Include water play	Due to size constraints, it's not feasible to incorporate water play into this project.
	Include activities for all ages and abilities	This will be considered in detailed design phase.
	Include more features/elements for toddlers	This will be considered in detailed design phase.
	Provide more fencing/enclosure	The whole playspace will be fenced off.
Picnic Space	Provide a BBQ unit	Usually, BBQ is not permitted in urban public spaces due to fire safety and potential environmental concerns.
	Provide more shade	This will be considered
Vegetation	Include native plants	This will be considered
Park Facilities	Provide a drinking fountain	An existing drinking fountain is already installed.
Other Comments	Concern for antisocial activities in the area	This will be considered in detailed design phase.
	Relocate play area away from road traffic	The
	Provide more food and beverage places in the town centre	This is beyond of the current scope of work but will be reported to relevant department to review.