

Punjel Drive Reserve Upgrade

Community Feedback

Between the 2 September and 15 September 2024 Melton City Council shared with the local community of Punjel Drive Reserve, Diggers Rest a proposed landscape plan to upgrade the existing park.

Feedback was collected via an online survey, a hard copy flyer, email and phone. A total of 13 responses were received from the community. Below is a summary of the feedback that was collected.

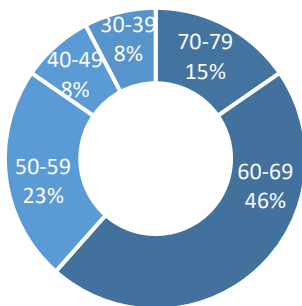
This feedback helps Council to understand what is important to the community and why, as well as identify any other opportunities for improvements. The feedback is reviewed and will be used to update the park design.

Gender Impact Assessment

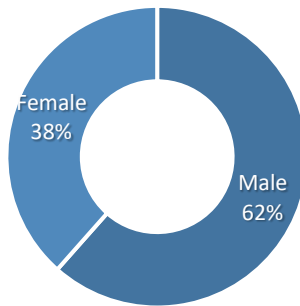
Alongside this consultation, we conducted a gender impact assessment to ensure equal access for all individuals, aiming to achieve a fairer design outcome for the community.

Below is the distribution of respondents and their household details.

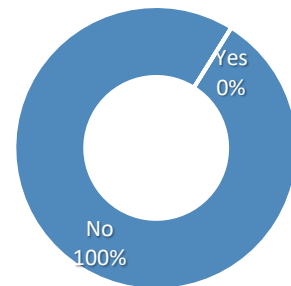
Age Group



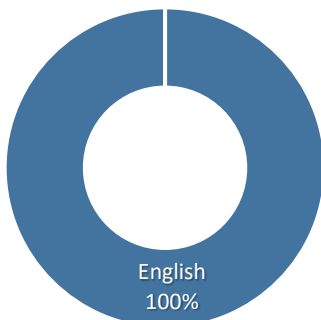
Gender



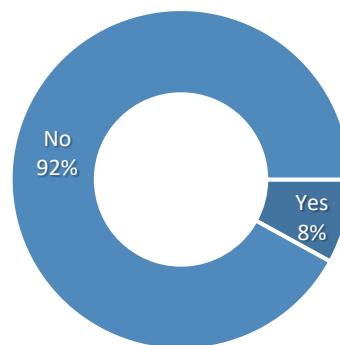
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?



Language spoken at home

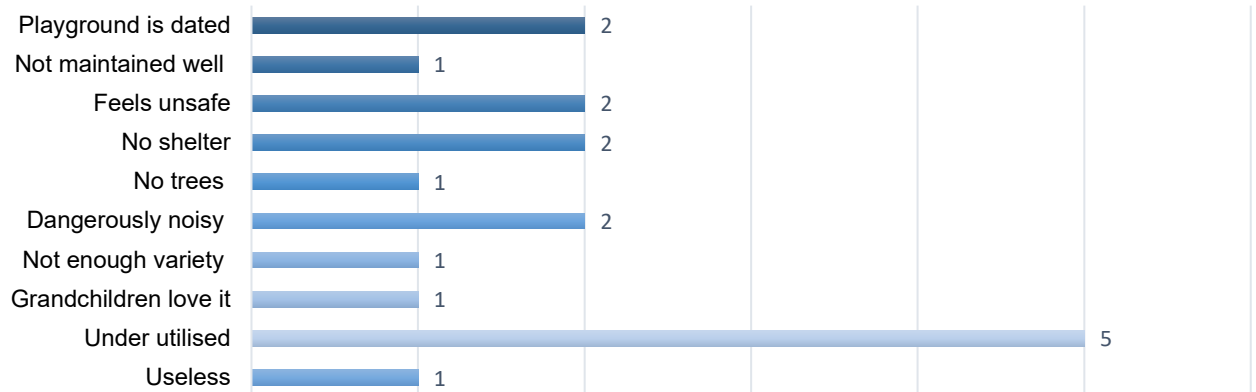


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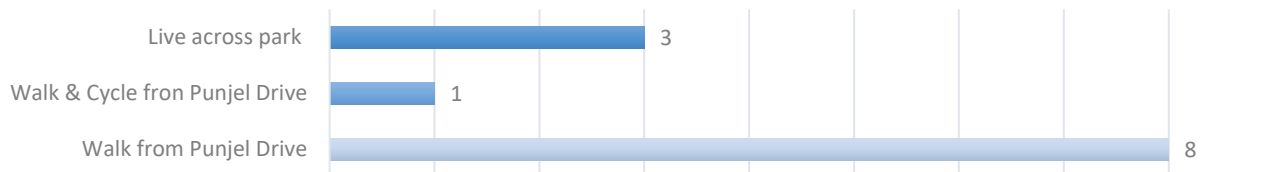


Project Proposal Feedback

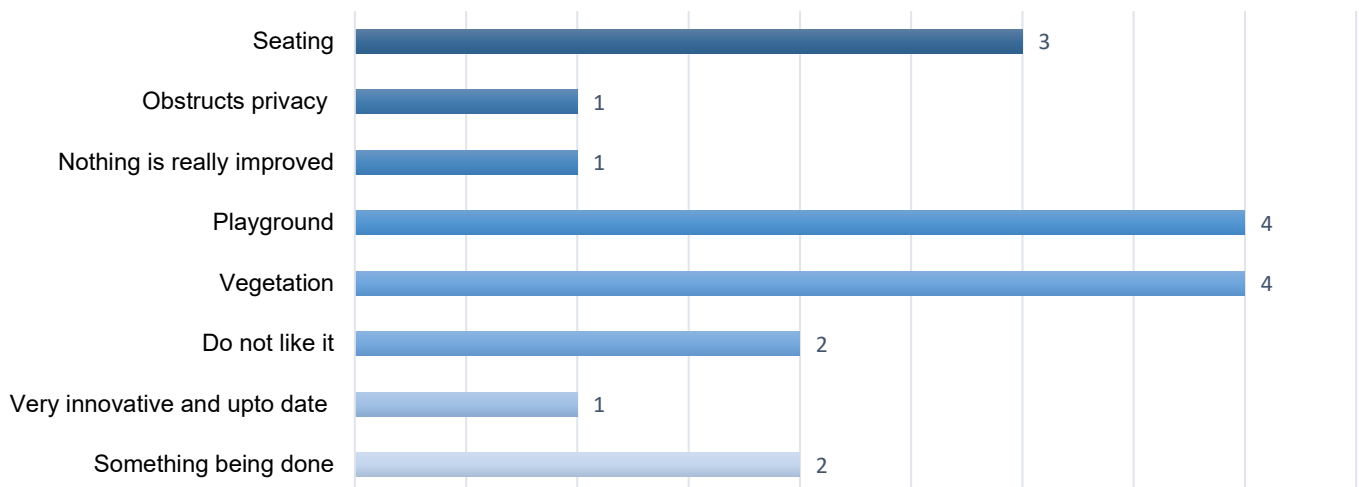
What do you think about the park in its current form?



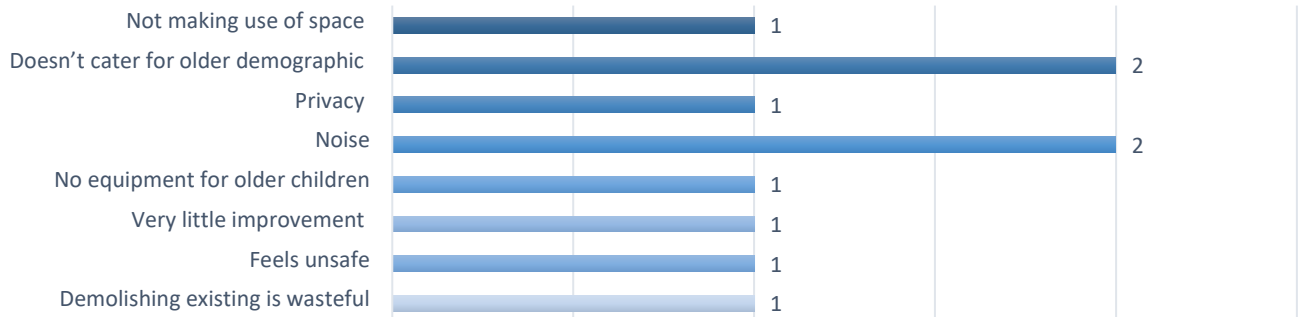
How do you travel to the park (cycle/walk/drive) and which direction do you arrive from (street name)?



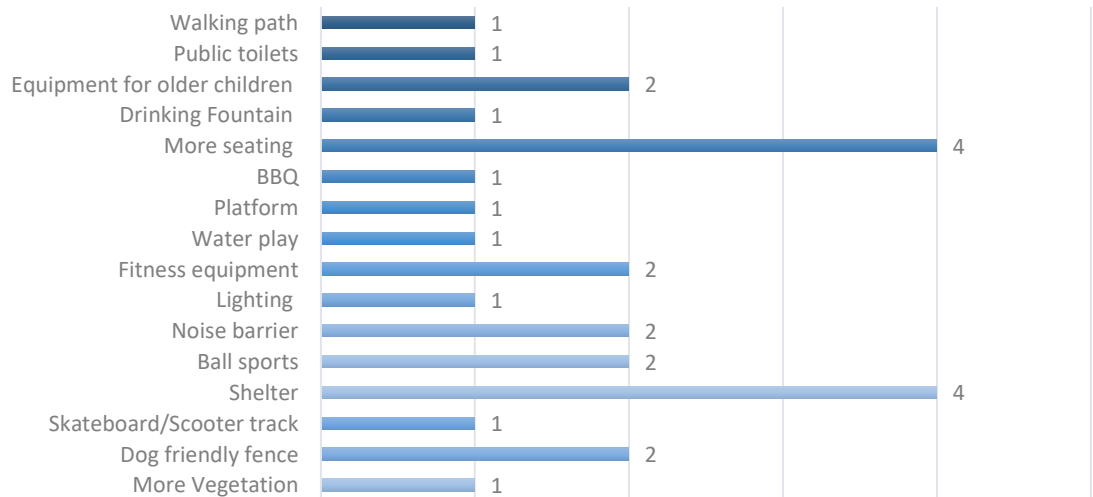
What do you like about the proposed park improvements?



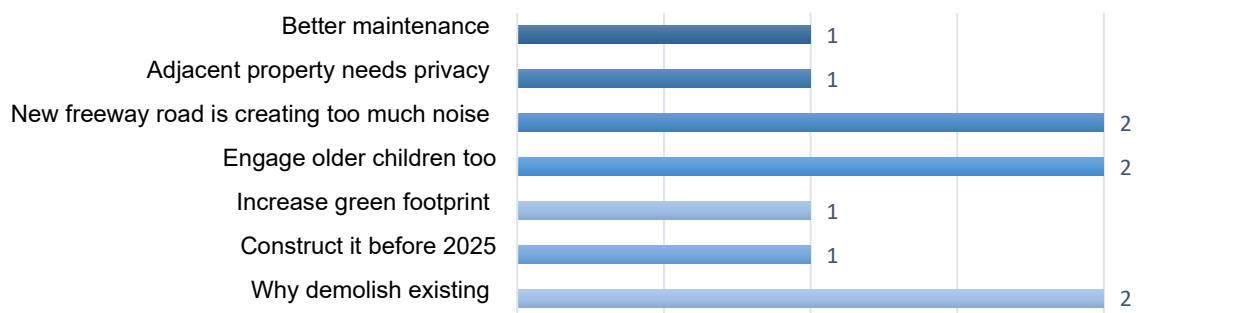
What don't you like about the proposed park improvements?



What else do you expect to see within the proposed park?



Do you have any other comments about the park?



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.

Community Feedback	Melton City Council Response
General	
Something being done, but will it be watered, weeded, and mowed, looked after?	Our maintenance team will ensure regular watering, weeding, and mowing.
Include walking track.	A longer circuit path will be proposed in the next stage
More benches	We will propose more seating options in the next stage.
It cannot be viewed from Punjel Drive which is unsafe if the children were to play there alone. There are dogs in the adjacent properties which are disturbed by people close to the fence.	Once the proposed new development area is constructed on the west side of Punjel drive, the playground will have better passive surveillance and enhanced sightlines for a safer environment. We will consider further options to mitigate concerns around dogs in adjacent properties.
Needs a small picnic table area and BBQ if possible. The rest of the park area does not appear to be getting graded, the surface is quite uneven in parts making it difficult to run or play games without falling due to the uneven ground	Picnic tables will be proposed during the next phase of the project. Re-grading the entire site does not fit the budget of this project.
The ridiculously new wide road constructed. The extra noise it emits on and through our home, day and night is making us sick. It is affecting us mentally, physically and emotionally. The MCC must acknowledge this issue.	Unfortunately, this is a problem that needs to be raised to the Department of Transport and Planning. We will add extra trees and planting to the edge of the road to help reduce a bit of the noise from the freeway.

The demographic in our street is older and we need a diverse range of elements to cater for our changing needs. For example, we need seating, shade, water fountain, exercise equipment along the path with picnic facilities.	More seating with arm and back rests, a longer circuit path and a shelter will be proposed in the next phase.
The demographic on Punjel Drive is a bit older now but it appears to be mainly for children - could incorporate some fitness equipment, BBQs/drinking fountains, shelter, and other elements to make it a nicer place to be for middle aged and older adults.	More seating with arm and back rests, a longer circuit path and a shelter will be proposed in the next phase
The new road added should not be there, besides it is encouraging cars to enter the reserve, the now extra noise and vibrations from the already noisy environment is seriously affecting us mentally	Unfortunately, this is a problem that needs to be raised to the Department of Transport and Planning. We will add extra trees and planting to the edge of the road to help reduce a bit of the noise from the freeway.
Shelter, BBQs, drinking fountain, fitness equipment, seating, public toilets, elements for teens and adults	As public toilets are out of the scope for this project, it will not be considered. More seating with arm and back rests, a longer circuit path and a shelter will be proposed in the next phase. We will replace the proposed multiplay unit with one that accommodates a larger age range and add fun goals for sporting activities.
Some more shade and creating a space that invites & inspires people to get outside. A walking path around the perimeter with shade and seats to make use of the space. Even a small dog section. We think the addition of a ball sports area would be great as several primary and secondary kids in the area. Maybe like a Soccer goal with Basketball on the top.	A walking path around the perimeter, complete with shade and seating, would enhance the park's usability and will be included in the next phase. Dog parks are included part of a separate scheme and will not be included within this design. We will also be including soccer goals.
A noise barrier or acoustics barrier must be constructed between Punjel Drive and the Calder Freeway.	Unfortunately, this is a problem that needs to be raised to the Department of Transport and Planning. Extra trees and planting to the edge of the road will be planted to help reduce the noise from the freeway. This will be considered during the documentation phase.
Please can it be constructed by Christmas 2024 for optimum use	These works are expected to be completed during 2024/2025.
I hope to see a lot more vegetation planted in the park in the future to make it more inviting, provide shade for visitors and increase our green footprint	This will be proposed during the documentation phase.
Playground	
Don't like it, it should be on the other side I want my privacy otherwise council can build a fence to give me my privacy	Relocating the playground further away from existing properties will be considered during the documentation phase
Ball sports	Soccer goals will be considered during the documentation phase.
Demolishing the existing playground, such a waste	The current playground is quite old and may pose safety risks. Our goal is to replace it with updated equipment that meets current safety standards and better serves the community
Very little playground for area, no equipment for older children to be active	This will be considered during the documentation phase.

Should be away from my back yard so I can have privacy.	Relocating the playground further away from existing properties will be considered during the documentation phase
I expect to see lighting, fitness elements, water play area and a platform for local, low key theatrical play.	Lighting and water play is out of the scope of this project however council will consider including fitness elements and creative play to the playground design.
Would like to see permanent soccer goals, basketball ring - very little for older children to keep them engaged and outdoors, keep the old playground too.	The addition of soccer goals will be proposed. The older playground is worn down and requires a replacement as part of our safety standards. A new multi play unit that accommodates for a larger age bracket will be included