

Blackwood Drive Reserve Playspace

Community Feedback

Between the 12 July and 8 August 2023, Melton City Council shared a proposed landscape plan to upgrade the existing park with the local community of Blackwood Drive Reserve, Melton South .

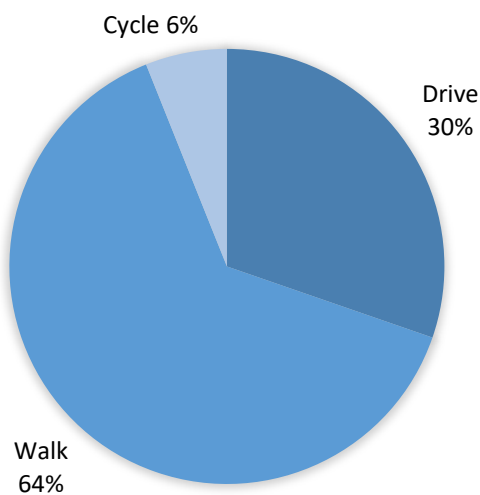
Feedback was collected via an online survey (26), a hard copy flyer (13), email (1), resident map (1) and markups, and an internal recreation team feedback (1). A total of 42 responses were received from the community. Below is a summary of the feedback that was collected. This feedback helps Council 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:

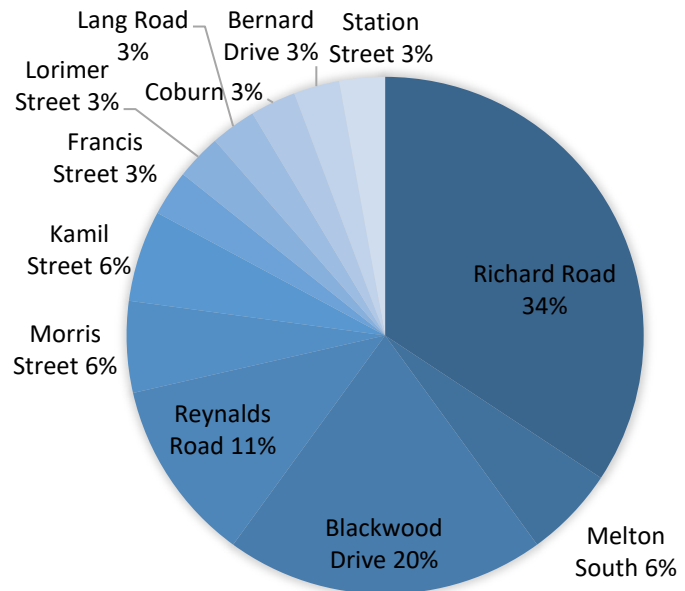
The project will provide more opportunities for play, sport and socialising for all ages and abilities. It will also increase tree planting and shade, improve path connections, and provide an improved kick- about space.

Project Proposal Feedback:

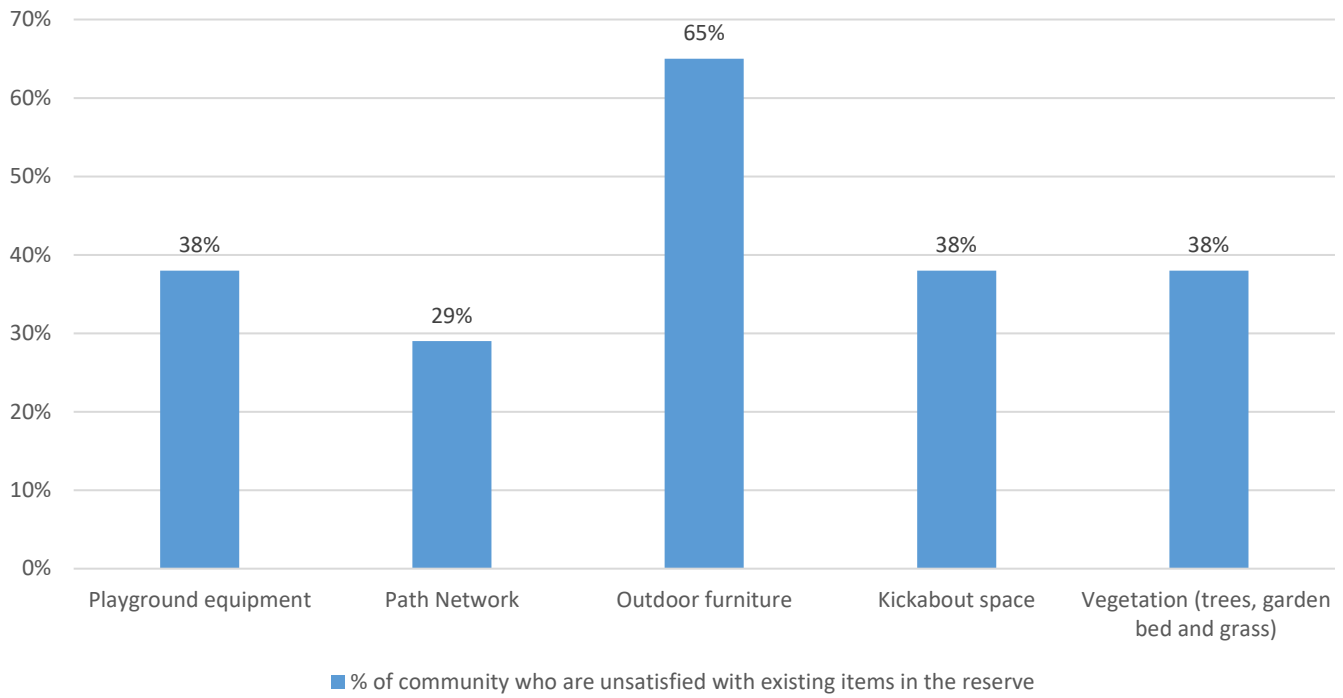
**How the community
Travels to the park?**



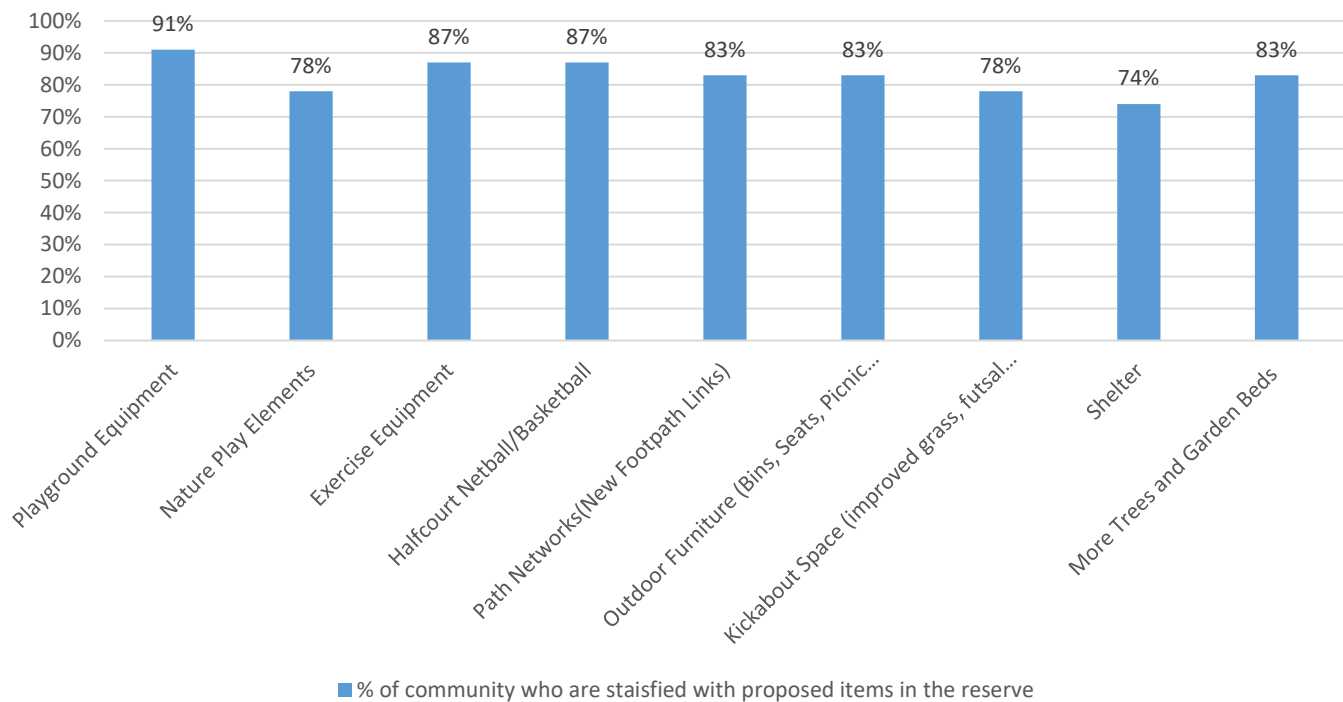
**Which direction the community
arrives from?**



% of community who are unsatisfied with existing items in the reserve

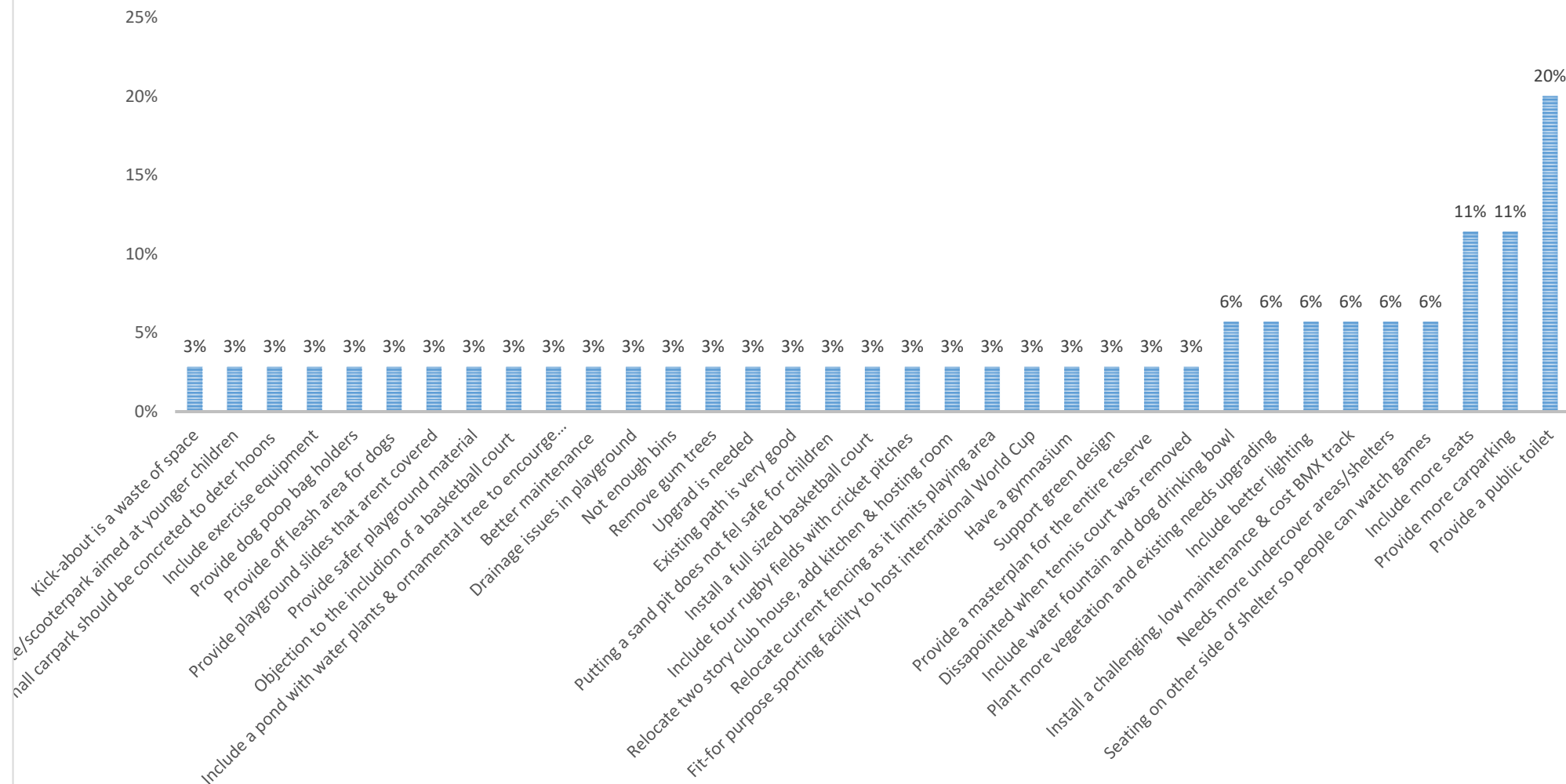


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THE COMMUNITIES SUGGESTIONS FOR OTHER IMPROVEMENT

■ 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	Install slides without covers	Council will explore interactive play structures that can offer engaging experiences. Tunnel slides can provide good play value and are sometimes necessary when slides are larger, however, thoughtful consideration will be given to the installation of one
	Provide better material choices within playground equipment	This will be considered in the development of the design
	Install exercise equipment for older people	Careful consideration will be given to inclusive play equipment within the playground design.
	Install a low maintenance, low cost BMX track	Incorporating unique play elements can enhance the overall experience and make the reserve a distinctive space for the community. Careful consideration for a BMX track will be made during design.
	Better drainage in playground	Council will work towards better drainage in public reserves
	Bring back BMX track with bigger/higher jumps	Incorporating unique play elements can enhance the overall experience and make the reserve a distinctive space for the community. Careful consideration for a BMX track will be made during design with safety being at the forefront of the process
	Don't include sandpit	Incorporating unique playground elements can enhance the overall experience and make the playground a distinctive space for the community. Sandpits can add great value for younger age groups. Council will evaluate whether it can provide value to Blackwood Drive
	Install full size basketball court	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide 4 rugby fields with cricket pitches	Council will consider whether there is a community need for cricket pitches at the reserve
	Reinstall tennis courts	Council will consider whether there is a community need for tennis courts at the reserve
Picnic Space	Provide more seats	Better consideration will be given to seating opportunities during playground layout assessment.
	Include more shelter	Better consideration will be given to shelter opportunities during playground layout assessment
Vegetation	Vegetation needs upgrading	New garden beds and planted areas will be incorporated in the final design
	Get rid of Gum trees	Protecting areas of remnant native vegetation is essential in preserving biodiversity. Council will try to better maintain and retain trees with high value
	Pond with water plants and ornamental tree	This will be considered in the development of the design.
Park Facilities	Include public toilets	This is beyond the scope of work and will not be considered in this project – there are existing toilet facilities nearby that can serve the communities needs.

	Upgrade community hall	Improvement of nearby buildings is not part of the project scope and will not be considered within this project
	Add off leash area for dogs	Melton City Council is currently preparing a Dog Off Lead Strategy that will identify appropriate locations and distribution of dog off-lead spaces and supporting facilities.
	Include better carparking	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Add bins	This has been proposed as part of the concept design
	Relocate club house & make two story	Improvement of nearby buildings is not part of the project scope and will not be considered within this project
	Add large open club room	Improvement of nearby buildings is not part of the project scope and will not be considered within this project
	Include large kitchen facilities	Improvement of nearby buildings is not part of the project scope and will not be considered within this project
	Provide fit for purpose sporting facility	Improvement of nearby buildings is not part of the project scope and will not be considered within this project
	Provide an indoor gymnasium	Improvement of nearby buildings is not part of the project scope and will not be considered within this project
Other Comments	Include drinking fountain	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include dog drinking bowl	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Install dog poo bag holder	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide more lighting	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide better maintenance	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Elevate spectator grounds	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Relocate current fencing	Visibility, accessibility, safety and the overall aesthetic of the playground will be evaluated to ensure any proposed enclosure aligns with safety and community preference
	Wire fencing is unsafe for children	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Support green design- energy efficient, renewable energy, sustainable developments	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Prepare space for emergency landing zone for medical evacuation	As this is a public community reserve, an emergency landing zone will not be considered as part of these works
	Provide larger Masterplan that covers entire reserve	This will be considered in the development of the design.