

Engagement Summary

MT Atkinson East Recreation Reserve Play Space – Initial Concept

Performance summary



What we asked

We asked the community to review the draft play space layout for the new play space at Mt Atkinson Recreation Reserve and share their feedback on:

- What they like about the draft design.
- What they would change or improve.
- Any additional play features or elements they would like included.
- How the play space can best meet the needs of local children, families, and the wider community.

We also explained that community feedback would be used to refine the design, including potential changes to the layout and play elements within the available budget, before a second round of consultation on the updated design in early 2027.

What we heard

Feedback captured in the online survey indicates strong community support for a destination-style park that includes unique recreation opportunities not currently available within Mt Atkinson. We heard that the community is excited to see this space become a welcoming destination for local families, with plenty of shade, opportunities to gather and connect, and a variety of play and recreation experiences for people of all ages.

Water play was the most frequently requested feature, followed by a lookout tower/viewing structure, fenced dog park, and flying fox. Respondents also identified a need for supporting amenities including public toilets, shade trees, and tennis courts. Several submissions emphasised inclusive and sensory play opportunities as well as facilities that appeal to a broader range of age groups.

Next steps

Council will continue to conduct further assessments on the location of a pump track within Mt Atkinson and assess the suitability of providing water play at Mt Atkinson East Recreation Reserve.

We will now develop the layout concept for this space, considering the community's vision for a shaded, welcoming destination with a variety of recreation and play experiences, and come back to the community for further feedback in early 2027.

In addition:

- A range of seating types will be provided throughout the play space
- A two-lane cricket net is being delivered as part of the broader recreation reserve
- Futsal goals will be considered
- The location of a dog off-lead area within Mt Atkinson is being explored as part of the Dog Off Lead Action Plan.
- Flying Fox is out of scope for this project. There is one located nearby at Clara Avenue, Mt Atkinson.
- Tennis courts are out of scope for this project. A tennis court is located nearby at Highline Boulevard, Mt Atkinson.
- An onsite café is out of scope for this project.