

Melton South Recreation Reserve Playspace

Community Feedback

Between the 10 July and 6 August 2023, Melton City Council shared a proposed landscape plan to upgrade the existing park with the local community of Melton South Recreation Reserve, Melton South.

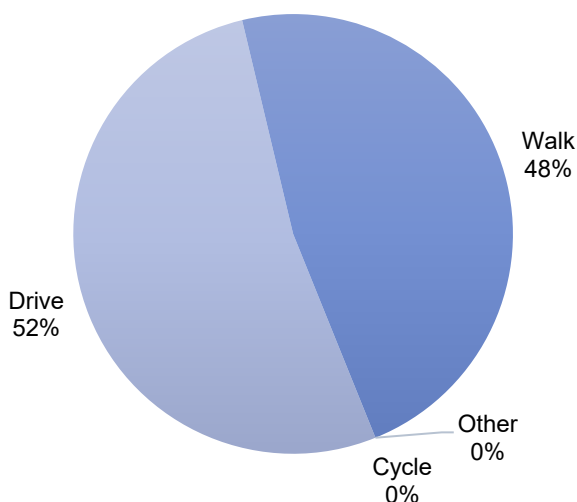
Feedback was collected via an online survey, a hard copy flyer, email, phone and at a drop in session held at Melton South Recreation Reserve Temporary Shelter. A total of 28 responses were received from the community. Below is a summary of the feedback that was collected. This feedback helps Council 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:

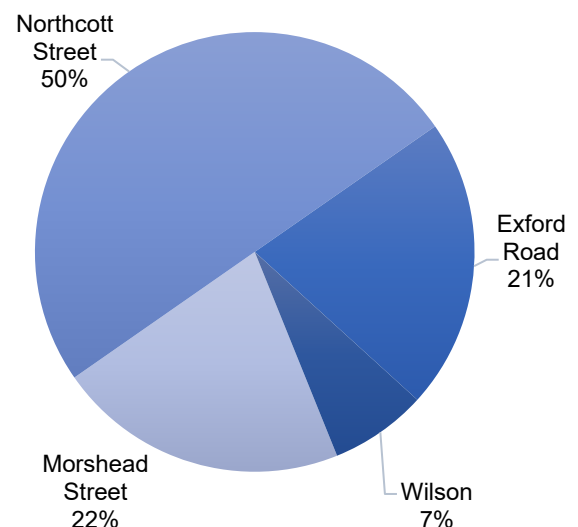
The enhancement of Melton South Recreation Reserve will expand upon the current Masterplan and existing infrastructure. It will incorporate additional play elements that complement the existing ones, integrate natural play materials, enhance accessibility for people of all ages and abilities, and introduce new exercise circuit and court space for ball games. Additionally, a dedicated rock climbing wall will be included in the upgrade

Project Proposal Feedback:

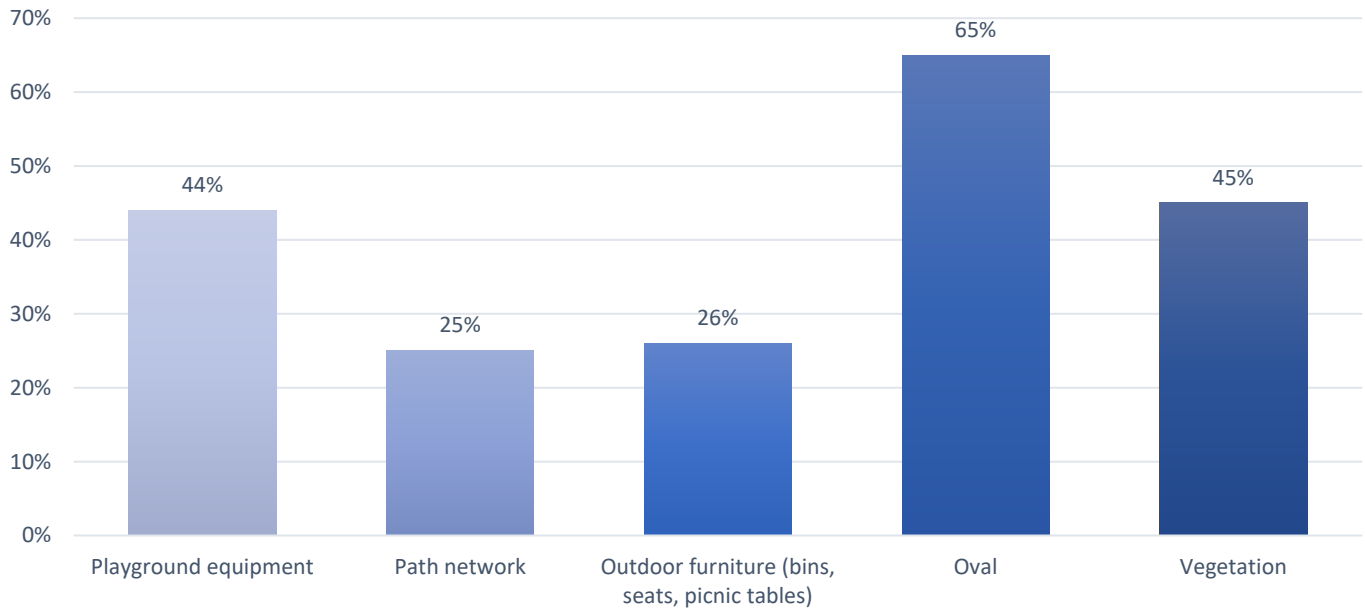
How the community travels to the park?



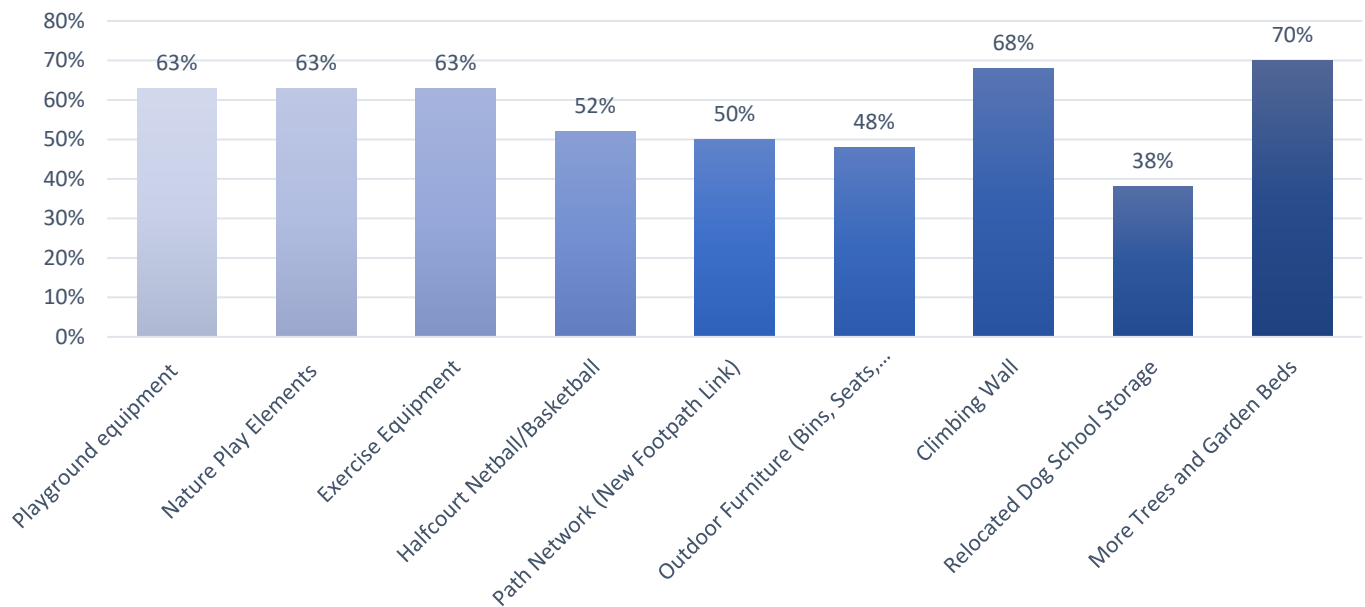
Which direction the community arrives from?



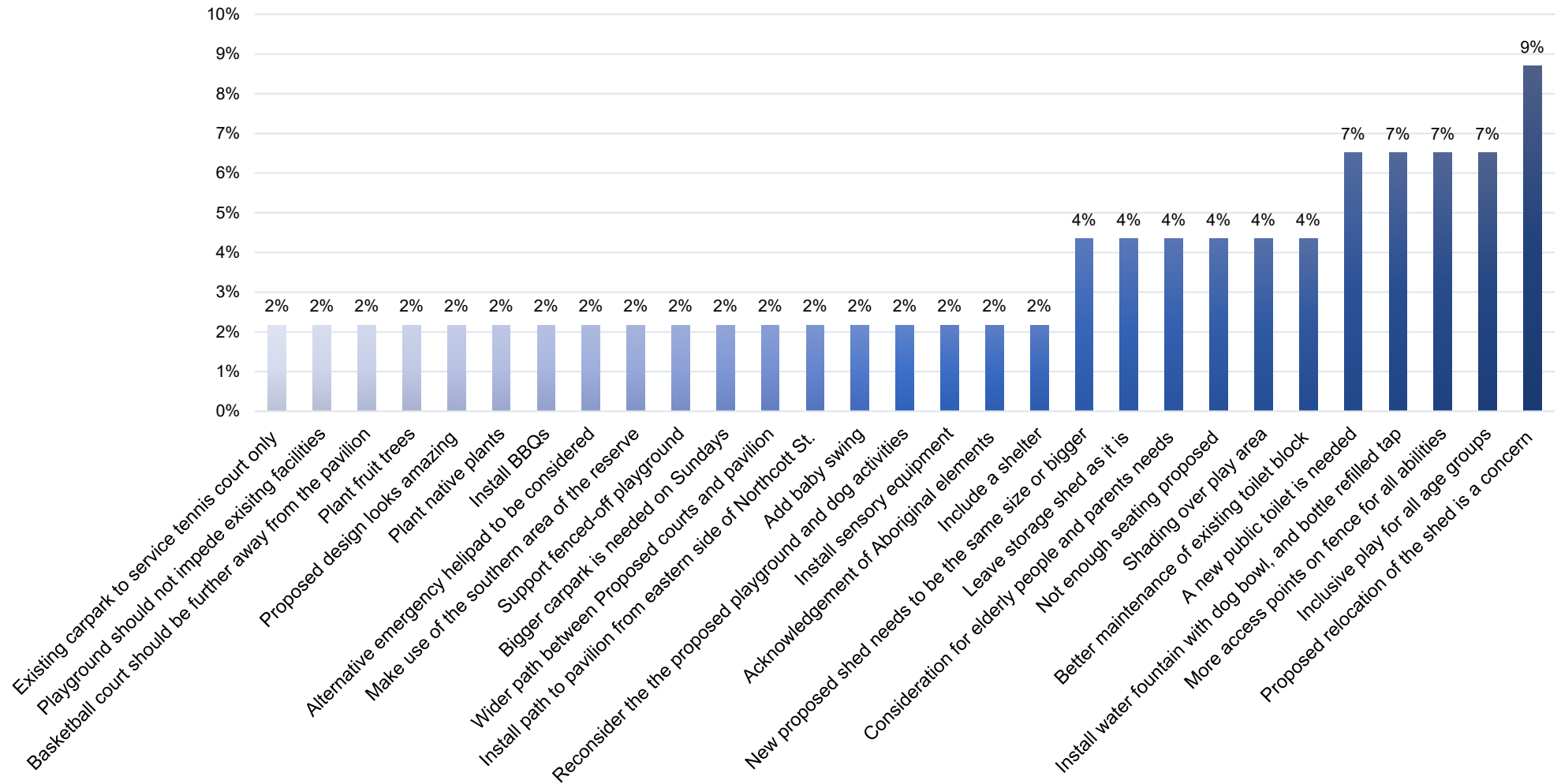
% of community who are unsatisfied with existing items in the reserve



% of community who are satisfied with proposed items in the reserve



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	Ensure playground does not impede on cricket practice nets	Council will ensure the proposed playground will not effect the usability of the cricket practice nets
	Basketball court location too close to pavilion – balls will fall on roof, the path in the middle is too narrow	This will be reconsidered in detailed design phase
	No more challenging slides that you have to climb ropes to get up, they aren't inclusive to all kids, ages and abilities. More than 1 baby swing is needed	Incorporating unique playground elements can enhance the overall experience and make the playground a distinctive space for the community, however inclusivity is equally important and will be carefully considered so that it caters to a larger variety of people
	Distractions from balls bouncing, kids screaming and people working out on exercise stations will be extremely detrimental to the behaviour training for dogs, who require minimal distractions during the training sessions	A barrier fence with buffer planting will be proposed to divide the areas dogs are being trained and the playground
	All abilities play spaces	This will be considered in the development of the design
	Alternative for hit up wall along blue tennis court	Existing tennis court is beyond the current scope of work
	Consider locating the playground to the south of oval	Due to the future development plan for the sports field, the southern side of the reserve will be excluded from consideration in this project
Picnic Space	Support the proposed water fountain with dog bowl and bottle refilled tap	Noted
	Include more seats	This will be considered in the development of the design
	Include a shelter	Noted
	Include BBQ	The proximity of Mt Carberry Reserve, which already includes a BBQ facility and is just 340 meters away from the subject site, leads to the decision to exclude a BBQ from the scope of this project
Vegetation	Ensure vegetation does not impede on cricket practice nets	Council will ensure planting does not effect the usability of the cricket practice nets
	Plant more fruit trees	Selecting safe plants is crucial in playground safety considerations. Opting for non-edible plants is important, as edible ones might encourage young children to taste them, this pose risks of allergies or illness
	Plant more native plants	This will be considered in the development of the design
	Investigate removal of tree near existing tennis courts	This will be reported to Council's parks team for further actions
Park Facilities	Existing toilet block requires cleaning and maintenance	This will be reported to Council's maintenance team for further actions
	Include a public toilet that is accessible 7 days of the week	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
	Adequate access points of perimeter fencing for all abilities	This will be considered in the development of the design

	Storage Shed: Dog school needs storage shed to stay; The storage shed should remain in size as it services both dog school and tennis club; Proposed shed location obstructs views to tennis court; Can dog club shed be built on south eastern corner Leave the shed as it is	Existing storage shed will be retained
	Do not provide path from carpark to playground as it should only service tennis courts and is not safe for children	Path from playground has been removed
	The new parameter fence does not have any access points to the park. To get into the park you have to climb over the fence. No access points for disable people. Very bad design	New access points will be made during the documentation phase
Other Comments	Design should consider elderly people who would like to enjoy the park also	This will be considered in the development of the design
	Manage anti-social behaviour: male sports teams who use the field on weekends urinating up against the walls of the obedience school and storage shed	Council will consider ways to mitigate this kind of anti social bahviou.
	Why is everything squashed up in the northern side of the reserve	Due to the future expansion plan for the sports field, the southern side of the reserve will be excluded from consideration in this project.
	Carpark is full on Sundays and needs to be made bigger	This will be reported to Council's infrustructure department for further investigation
	A path to access the pavilion on the eastern side from Northcott Street is a must	This will be considered in the development of the design