

Arbour Boulevard Central Reserve Upgrade

Community Feedback

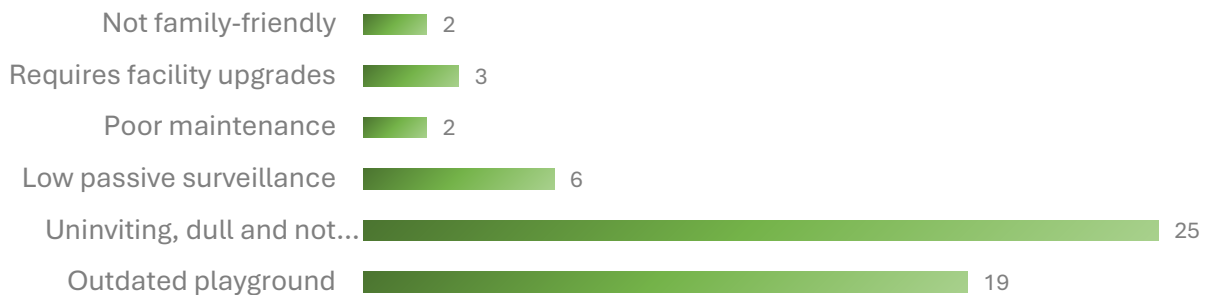
Between the 18th November 2024 and 9th February 2025 Melton City Council consulted with the local community on a proposed landscape plan to upgrade the existing park at Arbour Boulevard Central Reserve, Burnside Heights.

Feedback was collected via an online survey, a hard copy flyer, email, face to face session, email, and phone. A total of 70 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 Proposal Feedback

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



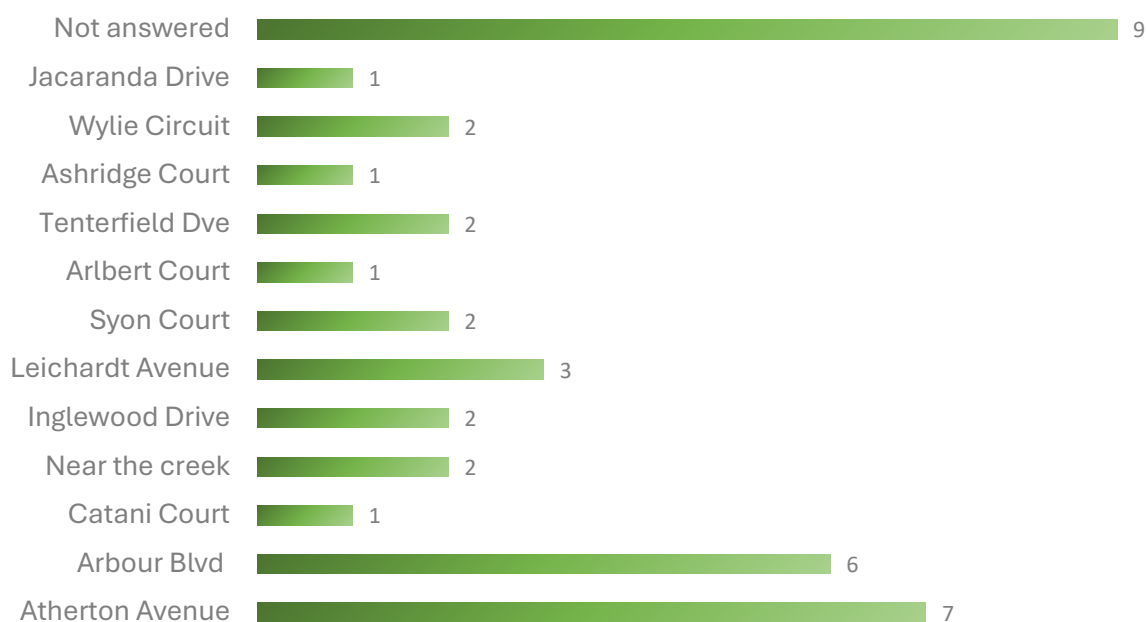
Other responses included:

- Love the park with existing form
- It serves its purpose
- Lack of picnic areas
- Insufficient seating
- Too exposed, lacks undercover areas

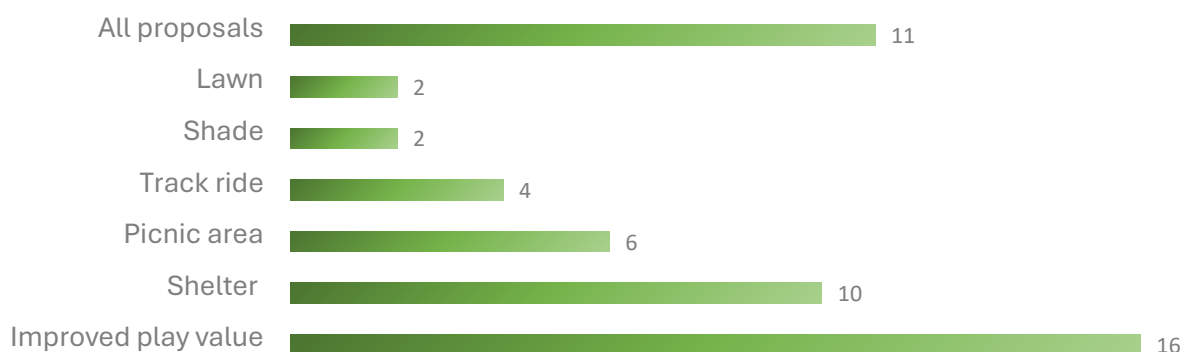
How do you travel to the park (cycle/walk/drive)?



Which direction do you arrive from (street name)?



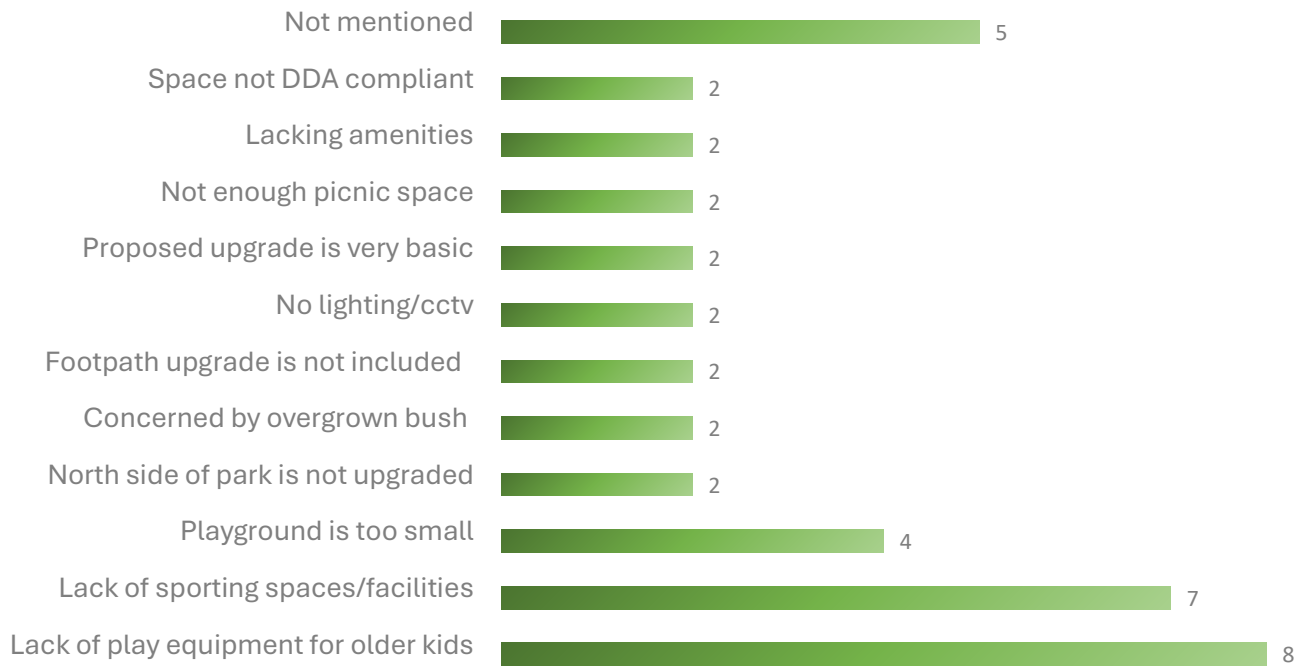
What do you like about the proposed park improvements?



Other responses included:

- Pathways
- Accessible options
- Family-friendly area
- 4 swings set
- Drinking fountain
- Increased seating
- Trees
- Pathways
- Accessible options

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



Other responses included:

- Lack of natural elements
- Lack of modern features
- Proposed gravel path lacks longevity
- Not include a water play
- Lack of activities for adults or youth
- Focus on one point
- Lack of space for skating
- Proposed trees
- Limited concrete space
- Not enough seating for parents
- Not include a fenced dog park

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



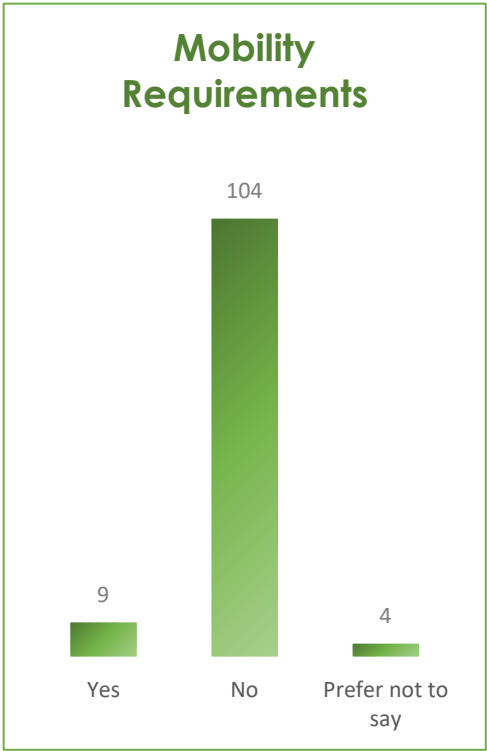
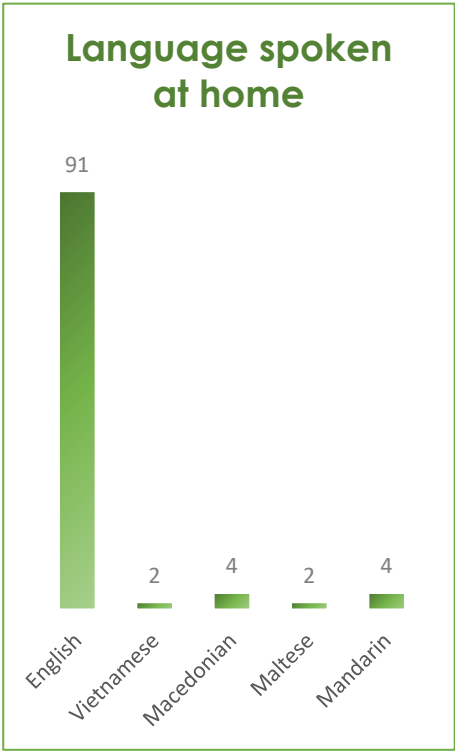
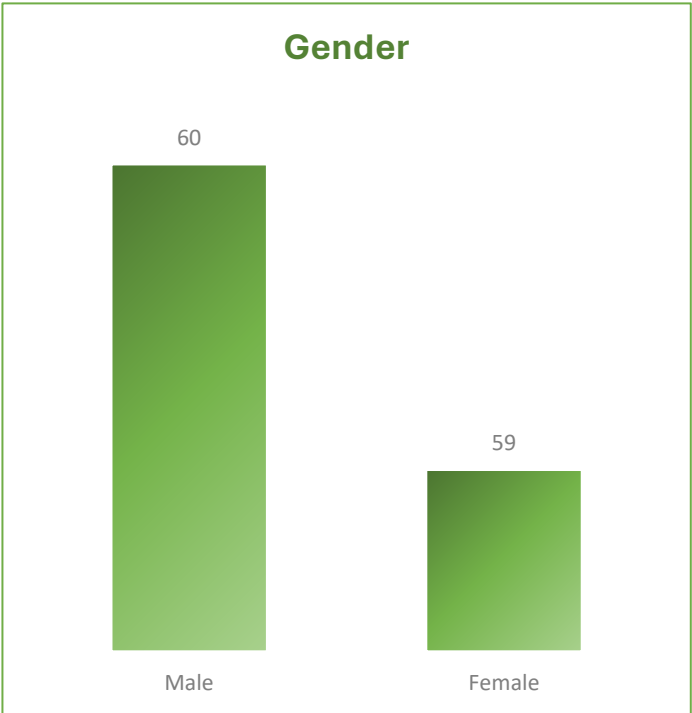
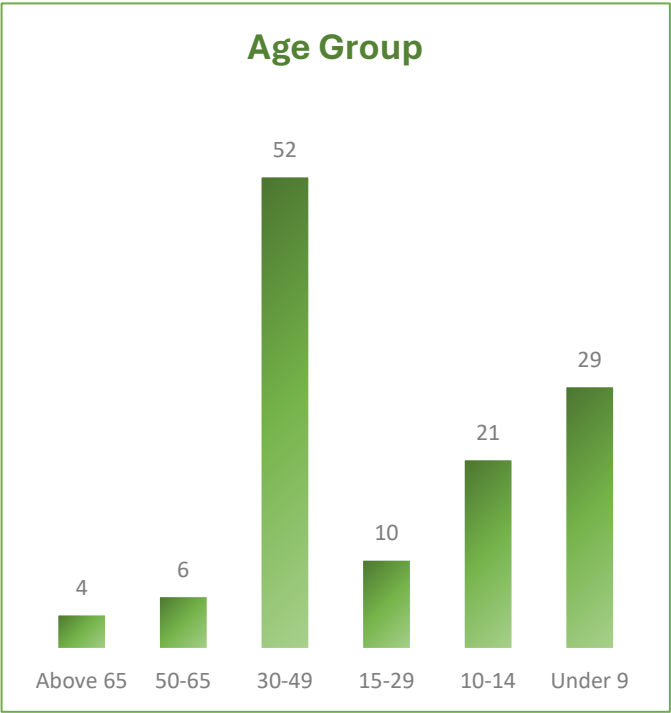
Other responses included:

- Water tank
- Inclusive play
- Canopy trees
- More lawn
- More picnic areas
- Bin stand post
- Shade sails
- Musical play
- Additional budget
- Irrigation for lawn
- More bins
- Flying fox
- Trampoline
- Make use of Northern area
- Activities for all ages/abilities
- More equipment for older kids
- Staged plan to include more
- More deciduous trees

Demographic assessment

Alongside this consultation, we conducted a demographic assessment to ensure equal access and opportunities for all members of the community.

Below is the distribution of respondents and their household details.



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 relates to the projects purpose and budget.

Community Feedback	Melton City Council Response
Within the Scope	
Include sporting spaces for basketball, football, skate, bike track etc.	Proposed upgrades will include basketball half court, bike/scooter loop and a multi-use sports goal.
Include improved play opportunities for older kids	Play and sports infrastructure has been included to help cater for a wide range of age groups
Include activities for all ages and abilities like exercise station	Accessible play and informal sports items have been included in the play and half court areas.
Include accessible circuit path all around the park	An accessible path loop has been provided within the park.
Utilise the northern half of the park	The northern half of the reserve will receive turf, path and tree plantings improvements and will be activated by the inclusion of a multi-use goal.
Address safety concerns associated with the overgrown planting mounds.	Planting to the mounds will be pruned and replanted as appropriate to ensure clear visibility into the reserve.
Additional picnic areas for big families gathering	Typically, local park is designed to support short-term visits and small gatherings for the surrounding neighbourhood. For Larger family gatherings or longer stays, we recommend using district or regional level parks, which are better equipped with amenities such as toilets, BBQs, and a wider range of recreation facilities.
Include a BBQ	BBQs are typically not supported at local-level reserves.
Include a toilet and water tank	Public toilets and water tanks are typically not supported at local-level reserves.
Include water play, flying fox and musical play.	These play items are typically better supported at District Level reserves
Include a fenced dog park	This request is not supported due to the limited passive surveillance within the reserve and the proximity to conflicting activities.
Replace existing concrete footpaths	Path upgrades have been included in the final design.
More seats for parents	Additional seating has been included in the final design.
Remove the leaning pine trees and replace with deciduous canopy trees.	Tree pruning and new tree planting has been included in the final design.
Retain the middle path	The central path will be retained and upgraded.
Replace all the lawn	The turf in the main kick-about area will be replaced to improve its condition and usability.

Include shade sail	Shade sails are generally not supported in Council parks. A new shelter and additional tree planting will be provided to shade the picnic area, play equipment and paths
Use bin stand post instead of bin surrounds, and more bins.	New bin stands to be provided.