

Hillside 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 Hillside Recreation Reserve, Hillside.

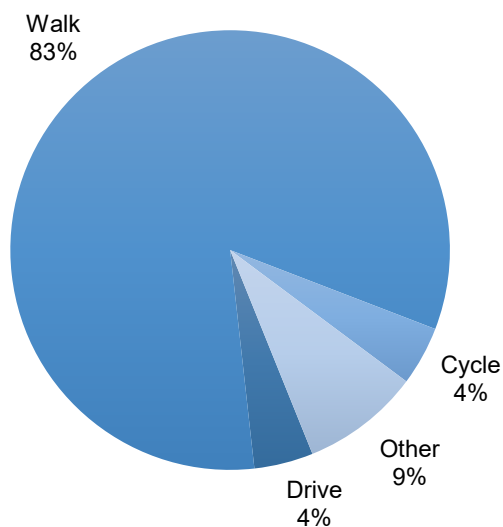
Feedback was collected via an online survey, a hard copy flyer, email, phone and at a weekend session held at Hillside Recreation Reserve. A total of 51 responses were received from the community. Below is a summary of the feedback that was collected. This feedback helps Council to understand what is 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:

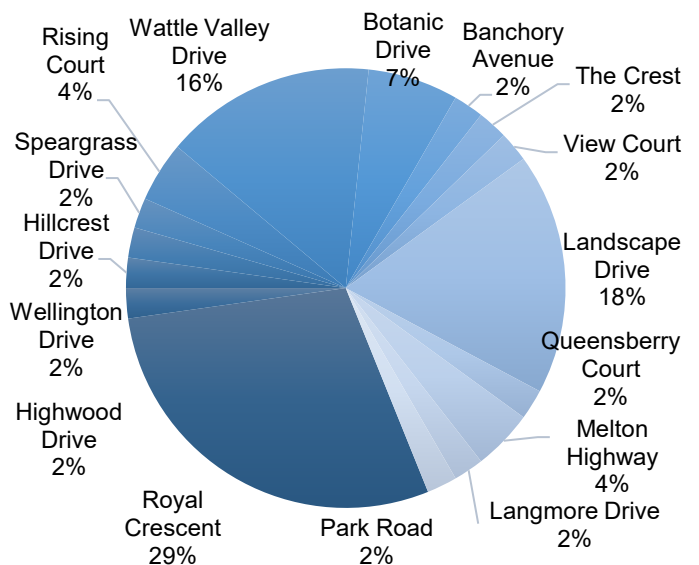
The project will include an expanded playspace that complements the existing equipment, shelter, seating, exercise equipment, more natural shade and improved play opportunities for all ages.

Project Proposal Feedback:

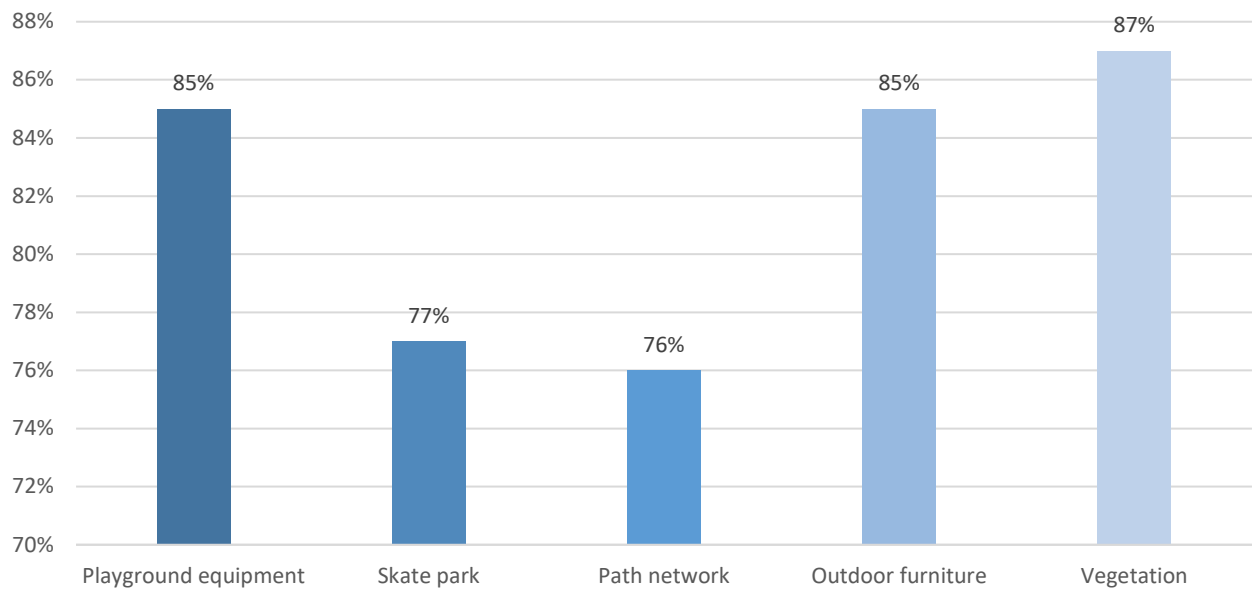
How the community travels to the park?



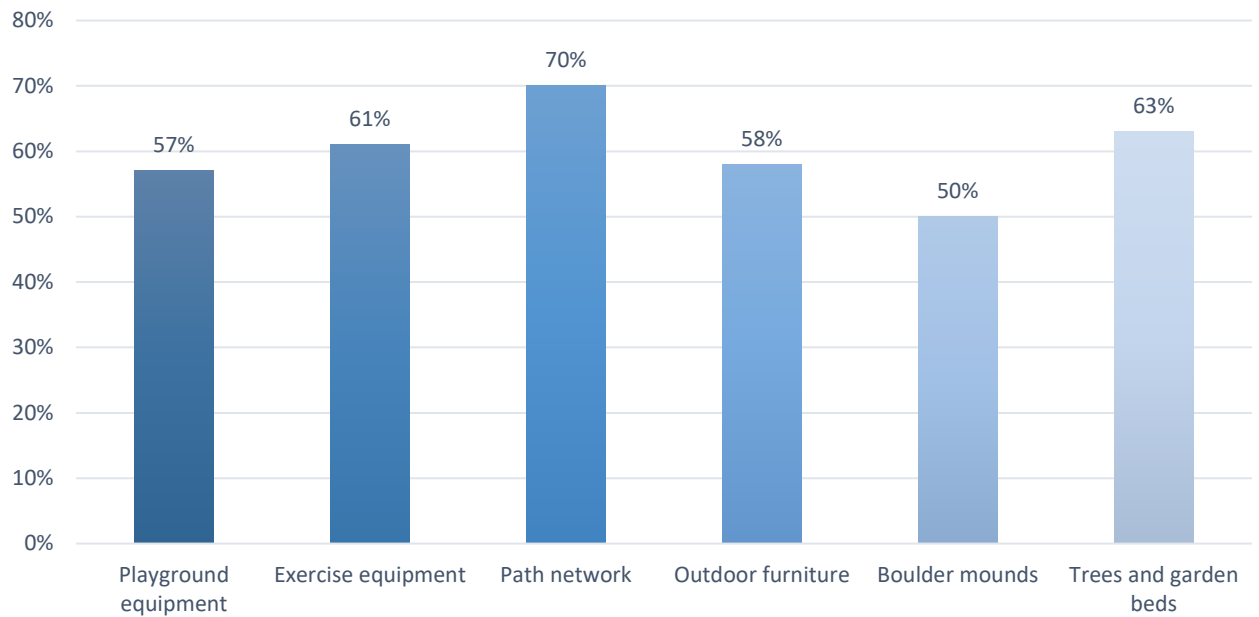
Which direction the community arrives from?



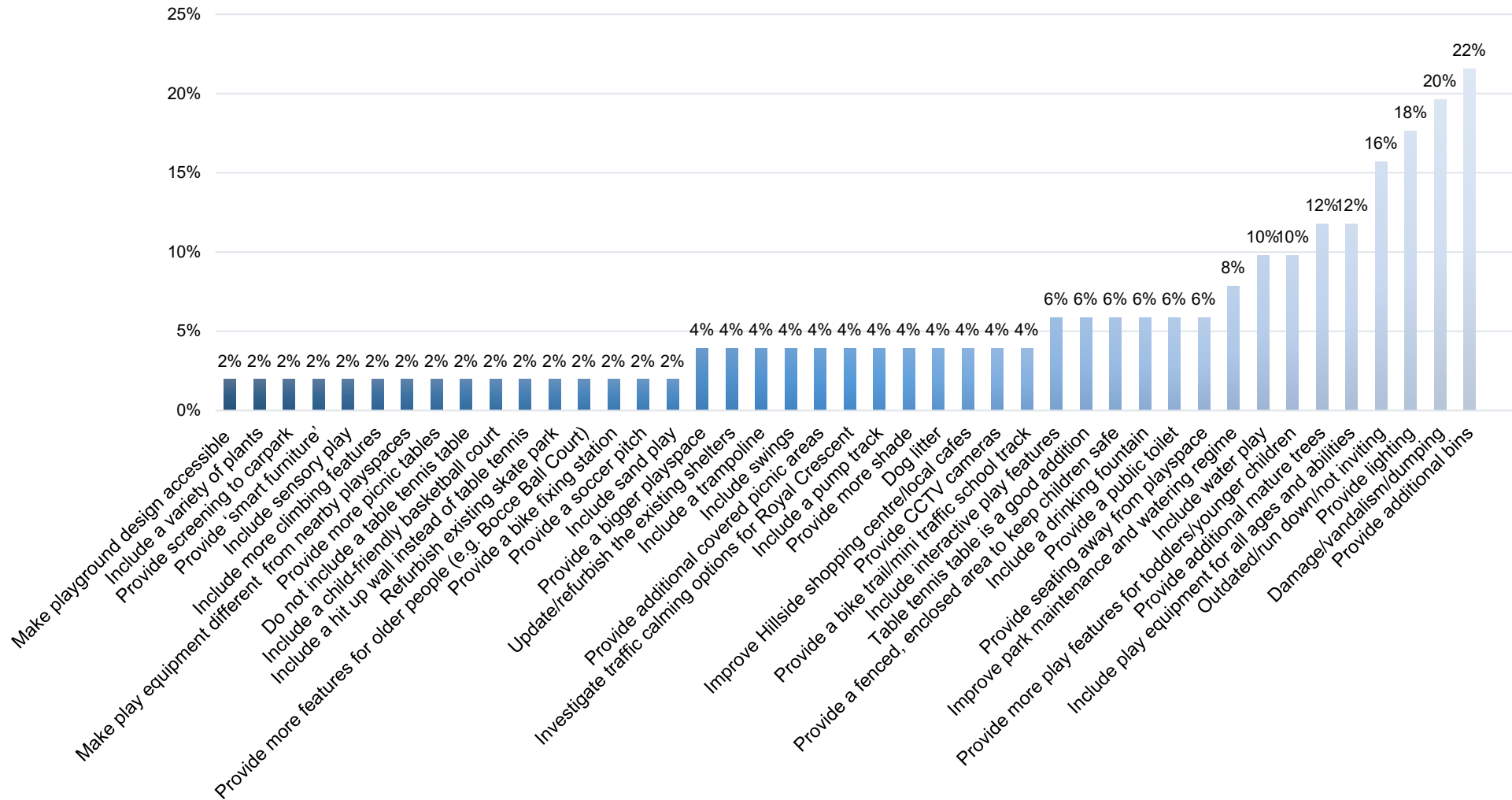
% of community who are unsatisfied with existing items in the reserve



% 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	Consider accessibility for the playground design	Incorporating accessible features in the upgraded playground design to ensure inclusivity for everyone will be a Council priority
	Include water play	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include sand play	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include sensory play	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include a cubby house	Council will explore interactive play structures and themed play areas that can offer engaging experiences.
	Include a trampoline	Careful consideration will be given to various suggested play equipment within the playground design.
	Include more climbing features	Careful consideration will be given to various suggested play equipment within the playground design.
	Consider different play equipment from nearby playspaces	Incorporating unique playground elements can enhance the overall experience and make the playground a distinctive space for the community. Careful consideration will be made during equipment selection.
	Provide a bigger playspace	The playground area will be enlarged with some equipment upgraded and other new elements installed.
	Arrange the play equipment in a scattered layout to avoid crowding during peak time	Careful assessment of the arrangement of play equipment will be conducted prior to finalising the layout. Supervision, accessibility and useability will need to be considered to ensure a functional design.
	Include swings	Careful consideration will be given to various suggested play equipment within the playground design. Swings are proposed as part of the current concept design
	Provide more play features for toddlers/younger children	Careful consideration will be given to various suggested play equipment within the playground design.
	Provide a fenced, enclosed area to keep children safe	Visibility, accessibility, safety and the overall aesthetic of the playground will be evaluated to ensure any proposed enclosure aligns with safety and community preference.
	Include play equipment for all ages	Careful consideration will be given to various suggested play equipment within the playground design.
	Include musical instruments	Careful consideration will be given to various suggested play equipment within the playground design – sensory play being one of them
	Include interactive play features	Careful consideration will be given to various suggested play equipment within the playground design.
	Provide a wind break/shelter at the playground	An increased focus on planting plants and trees indirectly provides better shelter and wind breaks. Consideration to more obvious

		elements will also be considered during detail design.
Picnic Space	Provide additional covered picnic areas	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide more picnic tables	Better consideration will be given to picnic opportunities during playground layout assessment.
	Update/refurbish the existing shelters	Maintenance and improvement of existing infrastructure will be considered.
Vegetation	Provide additional mature trees	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide deciduous trees to the norther boundary of basketball court	Planting more trees is included within the concept design. Better consideration to their location will be given depending on available space and implications to court visibility and functionality
	Provide a variety of plants including flowering shrubs	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide more landscaping to the eastern boundary	More landscaping is included within the concept design. Better consideration to their location will be given depending on available space and safety and functionality implications
	Provide shrubs to screen the carpark	More landscaping is included within the concept design. Better consideration to their location will be given depending on available space and safety and functionality implications
Park Facilities	Include a drinking fountain	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide additional bins	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide more shade	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide a public toilet	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.
	Provide lighting	Typically, only shared paths for cyclists and pedestrians are lit. The perimeter footpaths with street lighting provide a lit route for use after dark. Lighting in parks and to basketball courts could attract anti-social activity at night.
	Provide 'smart furniture' with chargers and/or solar panels	This is beyond the scope of work and will not be considered in this project.
	Provide seating away from playspace	This will be considered in the development of the design.
Other Comments	Investigate traffic calming options for Royal Crescent	This is beyond the scope of work and will not be considered in this project.
	Improve Hillside shopping centre/local cafes	Improvement of nearby retail areas is not part of the project scope
	Provide CCTV cameras	Council will consider how anti-social activity can be deterred in the development of the playground.
	Table tennis table is a good addition	Community has displayed various preferences re the table tennis tables. We will carefully weigh the benefits and concerns associated with his addition.
	Relocate the table tennis table to southwest of the basketball court for better access	Community has displayed various preferences re the table tennis tables. We will carefully weigh the benefits and concerns associated with his addition.
	Do not include a table tennis table	Community has displayed various preferences re the table tennis tables. We will carefully weigh the benefits and concerns associated with his addition.
	Include a hit up wall instead of table tennis	Community has displayed various preferences re the table tennis tables. We will carefully

		weigh the benefits and concerns associated with his addition and consider the addition of a hitup wall instead.
	Improve park maintenance and watering regime	Melton City Council has dedicated maintenance contractors that are tasked with maintaining this reserve
	Provide a bike trail/mini traffic school track	Careful consideration will be given to various suggested play elements within the playground design.
	Include a child-friendly basketball court	Careful consideration will be given to various suggested play equipment within the playground design.
	Refurbish existing skate park	Careful consideration will be given to various suggested play elements within the playground design.
	Provide more features for older people (e.g. Bocce Ball Court)	We will endeavour to cater for the needs and preferences for all age groups.
	Include a pump track	Careful consideration will be given to various suggested play elements within the playground design
	Provide a bike fixing station	Careful consideration will be given to various suggested play elements within the playground design
	Provide a soccer pitch	The size and location of the project area is not suitable for a soccer pitch.
	Dog litter	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.
	Outdated/run down/not inviting	Additional playground equipment and other amenities will be included to cater to a variety of ages and abilities.
	Damage/vandalism/dumping	Council will consider how anti-social activity can be deterred in the development of the design.