

Barwon Street 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 Barwon Street Reserve, Taylors Hill.

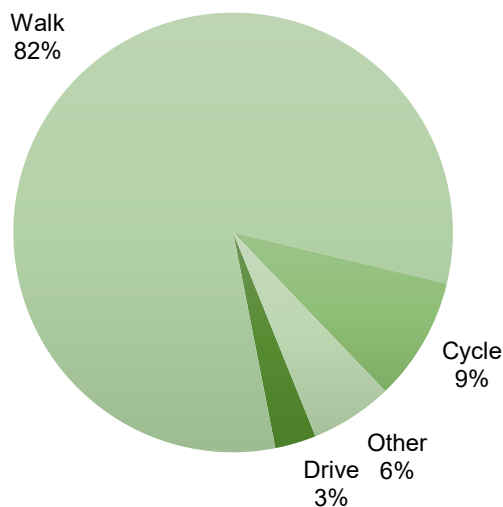
Feedback was collected via an online survey, a hard copy flyer, email, phone and at a weekend session held at Barwon Street Reserve. A total of 33 responses were received from the community. Below is a summary of the feedback that was collected. This feedback helps Council to understand what is important 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:

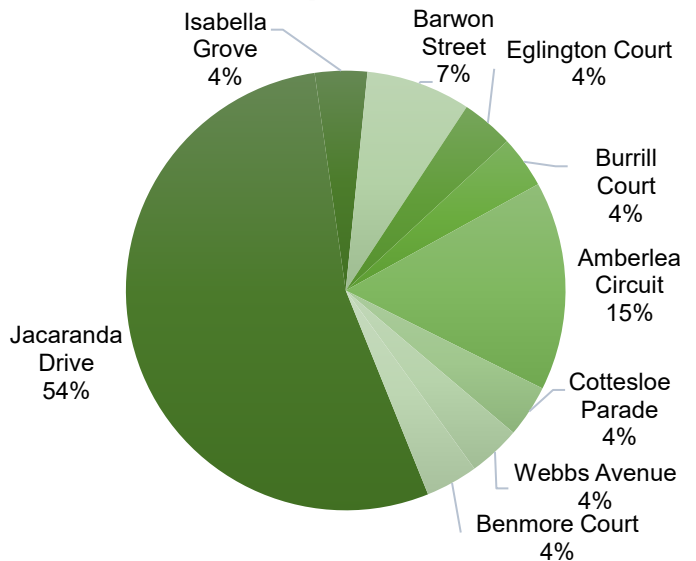
The project will provide new play, sporting and exercise equipment, improve path connections, the kickabout space and amenity around the picnic area, and increase tree planting, to enhance the facilities that the park offers to the local community.

Project Proposal Feedback:

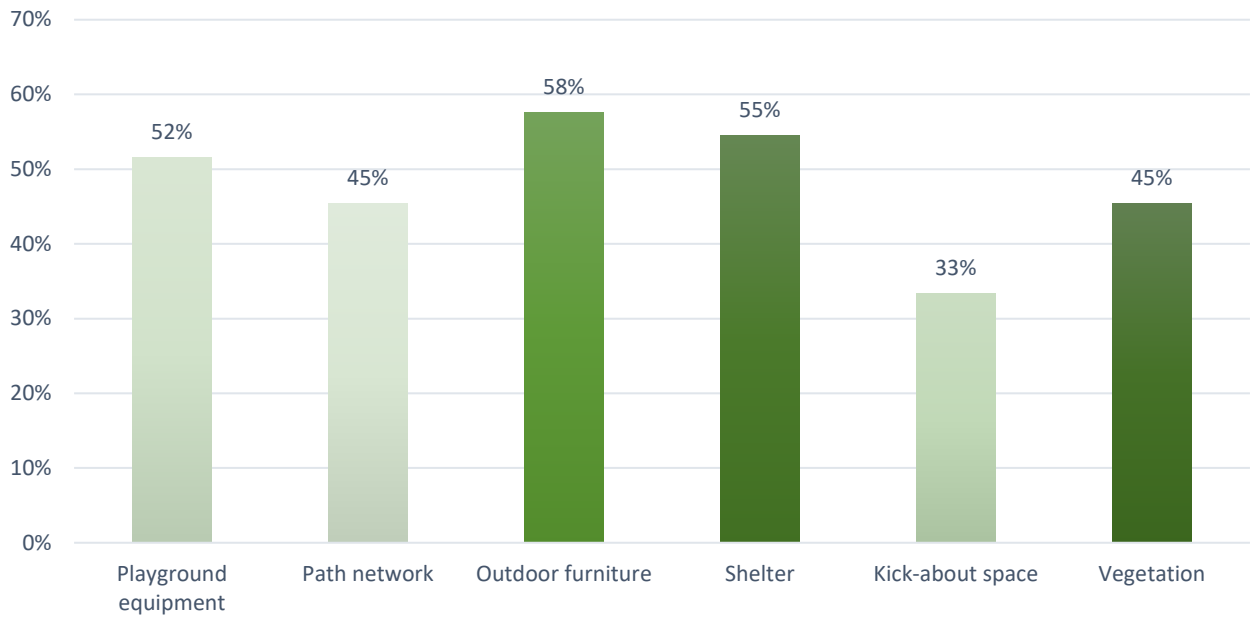
How the community travels to the park?



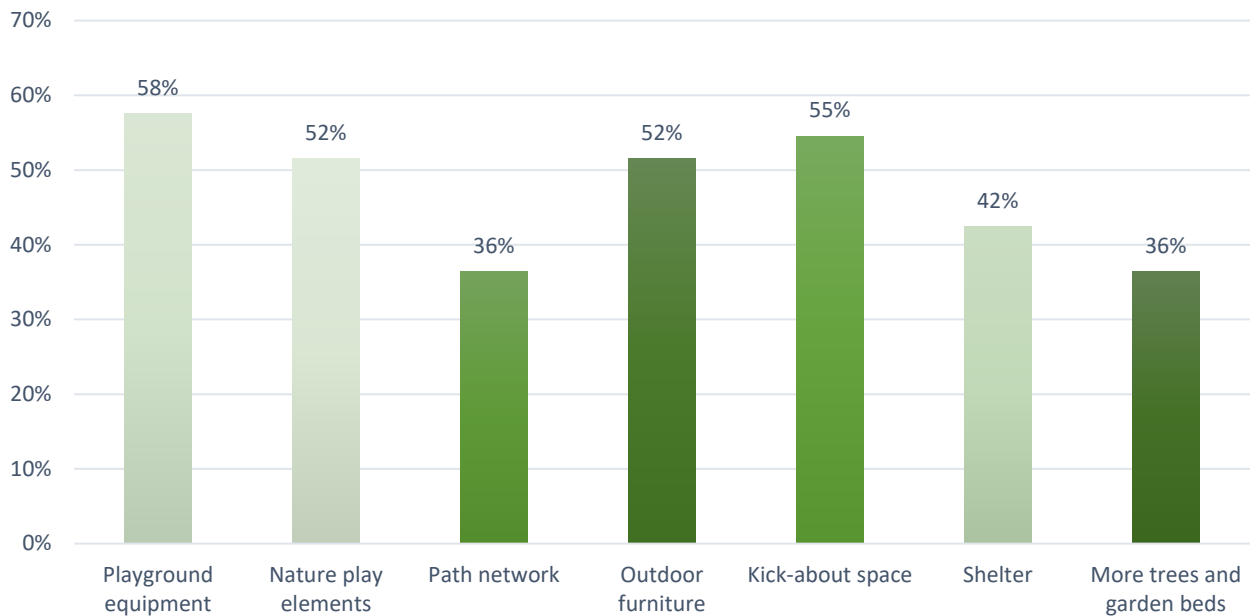
Which direction the community arrives from?



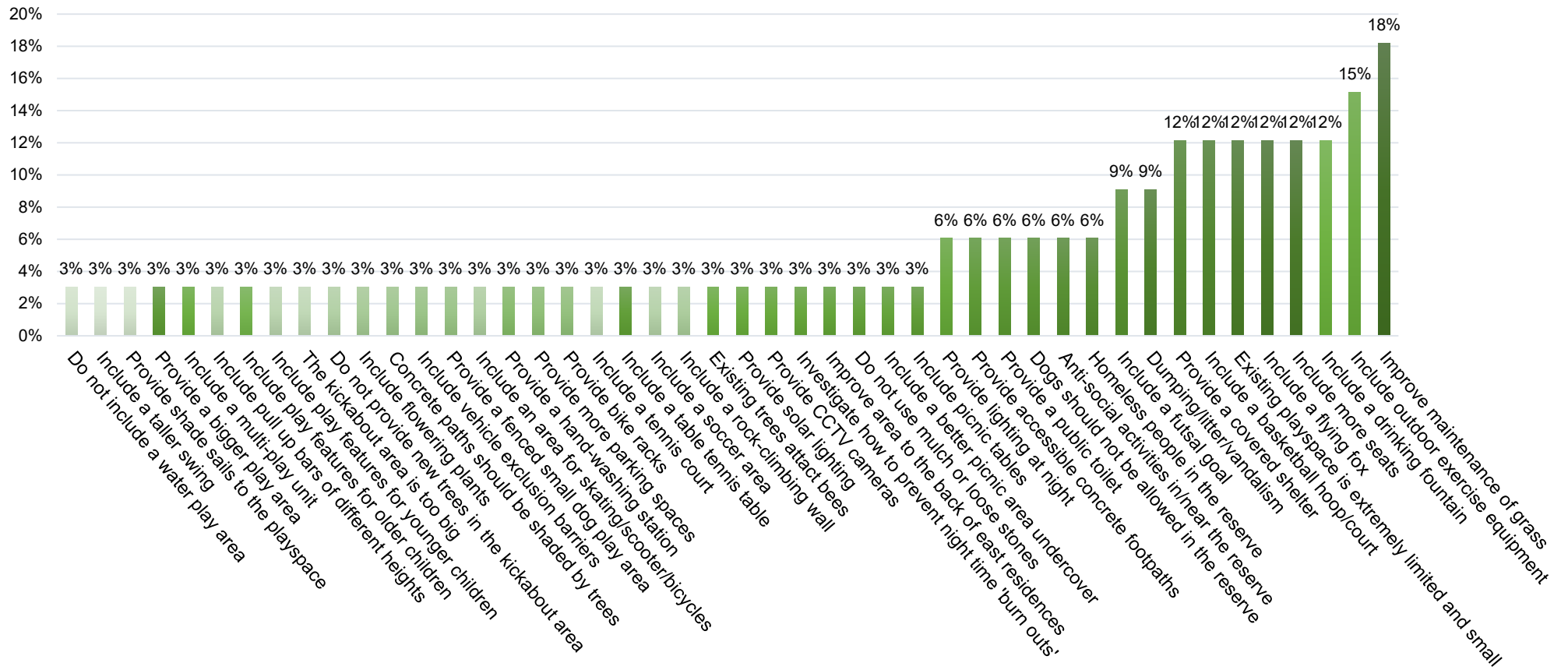
% of community who are unsatisfied with existing items in the reserve



% 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	Do not include a water play area	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Existing play equipment is extremely limited and small	Additional playground equipment will be included to cater to a greater variety of ages and abilities.
	Provide shade sails for the playspace	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include a taller swing	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include a flying fox	This will be considered in the development of the design however flying foxes are generally located in larger reserves.
	The new play area should be made bigger than existing	The playground area will be enlarged with some equipment upgraded and other new elements installed.
	Include a multi-play unit with multiple levels and play features	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include pull up bars of different heights	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include play features for older children	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include play features for younger children (toddlers and under 12s)	This will be considered in the development of the design.
Picnic Space	Provide a covered shelter	This is proposed as part of the current concept.
	Include a better barbecue area undercover	This is proposed as part of the current concept.
	Include picnic tables	This is proposed as part of the current concept.
Vegetation	The kickabout area is too big	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Do not provide new trees in the kickabout area	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include flowering plants	This will be considered in the development of the design.
Park Facilities	Include more seats	This is proposed as part of the current concept.
	Include a drinking fountain	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Concrete paths should be shaded by trees	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include vehicle exclusion barriers to the entire perimeter of the reserve	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide a fenced small dog play area	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.
	Provide accessible concrete footpaths on all sides of the reserve (especially Jacaranda Drive)	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include an area for skating/scooter/bicycles	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide a public toilet	Toilets are typically installed in large reserves with high visitation where users may often drive and spend an extended time in the space. This reserve is classified as a Local Park, providing open space close to people's homes where they can use their own facilities.
	Provide a hand-washing station	A drinking fountain with a tap will be considered in the development of the design

	Provide more parking spaces (Hepburn Court and Barwon Street)	The reserve primarily services a local catchment accessible to most users within a walkable area. Parking around the perimeter of the reserve is considered suitable for usage levels. Reducing the size of the open space to provide additional parking is not supported by Council. Bicycle parking at the reserve will be considered in the development of the design to improve sustainable transport options.
	Provide bike racks	This will be considered in the development of the design.
Other Comments	Include a basketball hoop/court	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include a tennis court	This element is not consistent with recommendations for this size of reserve and would not be considered feasible for this space.
	Include a table tennis table	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include a soccer area	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include a rock-climbing wall	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Dogs should not be allowed in the reserve	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.
	Provide lighting at night to deter crime and anti-social activity at night	Typically, only shared paths for cycles 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.
	Improve maintenance of grassed area	Melton City Council has dedicated maintenance contractors that are tasked with maintaining the reserve
	Provide CCTV cameras	Council will consider how anti-social activity can be deterred in the development of the playground. Council Policy does not support lighting and cameras in "Local" reserves.
	Dumping/litter/vandalism	Council will consider how anti-social activity can be deterred in the development of the design.
	Remove existing trees as they attract bees and some children are allergic to them	It is against Council policy to remove mature trees unless necessary.
	Include outdoor exercise equipment	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Include a futsal goal	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Provide solar lighting	Typically only shared paths are lit. We also want to avoid attracting anti-social activity at night.
	Investigate how to prevent night time 'burn outs' in the reserve	Council will consider how anti-social activity can be deterred in the development of the design.
	Anti-social activities in/near the reserve	Council will consider how anti-social activity can be deterred in the development of the design.
	Improve area to the back of residences to the east side of the reserve	This will be considered in the development of the design.
	Do not use mulch or stones as they make parks inaccessible for people in wheelchairs	Rubber under-surfacing will be used strategically at the playspace to improve accessibility and in areas of high wear, such as under swings.
	There are homeless people in the park	This has been reported to Council's Housing Services.