

# DONALD MCLEAN RESERVE

## REVISED CONCEPT PLANS FOR PLAYGROUNDS AND OPEN SPACE - WHAT WE HEARD

**We would like to thank everyone who participated in the consultation on the revised concept plans for the playgrounds and open spaces for Donald McLean Reserve.**

Whether you submitted a survey, emailed or called, all feedback has been collated and below is a summary of what we heard along with the next steps for this project.



*Proposed playground concept design*

### The community engagement process

Community consultation on the improvement plan continues to progress to ensure the project outcomes meet the current needs and aspirations for the reserve through the further design development of the open space and playgrounds.

The community shared a lot of feedback on Donald McLean Reserve as part of the 2013 Master Plan and 2019 Improvement Plan discussions.

In August and September 2020, Council sought community feedback on concept plans for the two playgrounds and open spaces surrounding the facilities and ovals.

Using the community's feedback, the concept plans were subsequently revised and presented to the community for additional feedback from 26 November to 17 December 2020.

Throughout this project's engagement period, face-to-face consultations opportunities were limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. As an alternative, online engagement tools were used including:

- **an online survey** to capture the community's feedback and ideas on the design of the playgrounds and the various open space elements within the reserve
- **emails and phone calls** to the Project Team to accept any additional feedback or answer queries

### Who got involved?

The project's webpage on Participate Hobsons Bay received 319 site visitors during the engagement period between 26 November to 17 December 2020.

16 online survey submissions were received with the majority (73%) of respondents from Spotswood. Participants aged 35 to 44 years represented over 33% of survey responses, followed by those aged 45 to 54 years (26%).

Four email submission was received during the consultation period.

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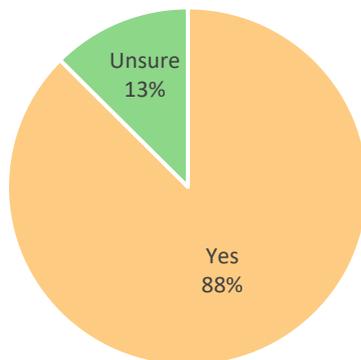
### What we heard – open spaces and playground upgrades

Support was provided for both the proposed open spaces and playground upgrades to Donald McLean Reserve.

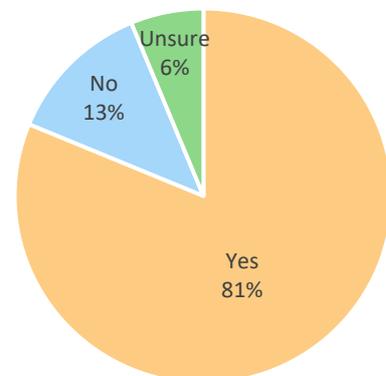
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When asked if they were supportive of the proposed playground upgrades to Donald McLean Reserve 81% said yes, 13% said no and 6% were unsure.

*Are you supportive of the proposed open space upgrades to Donald McLean Reserve?*



*Are you supportive of the proposed playground upgrades at Donald McLean Reserve?*



### Additional comments

Respondents were given the opportunity to provide additional thoughts on the revised concept plans. Eleven people provided comments including suggestions regarding shrubbery, tree planting, pathways and fencing and requests for additional play equipment, water fountains and dog off lead facilities.

### Next steps

Thank you to all community members and stakeholders for their contributions to the development of the open spaces and ideas for the playground upgrades at Donald McLean Reserve.

The project team will review all comments provided and will update the proposed plans to ensure your key concerns and feedback are reflected where appropriate. We will then share the updated plans on Participate Hobsons Bay.

Works on the playgrounds and open spaces are anticipated to commence from June with a view to be complete by October 2021.

To keep informed on this project and on other projects happening in Donald McLean Reserve, visit Participate Hobsons Bay.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact 1300 179 944 or email [projects@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](mailto:projects@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au) and ask to speak with a member of the Donald McLean Reserve Project Team.