

# MACLEAN RESERVE PARK UPGRADE

## WHAT WE HEARD

### Thank you to everyone who participated in the first round of community consultation for the MacLean Reserve park upgrade.

Whether you submitted a survey online, emailed us or sent through a photo, all feedback has been collated and a summary of what we heard is presented below. This feedback has helped shape the detailed concept plan which is now live for the community to review.



Figure 1. Current play equipment at MacLean Reserve

### Who got involved

Pre-concept design ideas for the MacLean Reserve park upgrade were shared during the community consultation period from 24 August to 17 September 2020. It included some visuals of the existing site as well as some examples of play equipment, furniture and plantings that could be installed, and the community was asked for their input.

A total of 44 online survey submissions were received, with five images uploaded as part of the survey response. There were also four email submissions.

The majority of respondents were from Williamstown and participants aged 35 to 44 years represented over 40% of survey responses. Those aged 9-14 years, who are noted as key users of this play space, represented 30% of participants.

### What we heard – playground equipment

The community told us:

MacLean Reserve is regularly used with almost half of participants stating that they use the park every day, and another quarter of participants suggesting they use the reserve a few times a week.

The proposed improvements are welcomed with 79% of people stating that an upgrade would change the way they use the park.

Participants requested that some current items, such as the path around the reserve, the yellow seat, crocodile sculpture and musical instruments be retained.

The Council was also asked to consider adding shade over the playground and equipment focused around developing gross motor skills.

The types of equipment or features that participants would like to see included in the upgrade of the playground included:

- sporting equipment (15 requests)
- swings (14 requests)
- climbing equipment (13 requests)
- slides (12 requests)
- monkey bars (8 requests)
- trampoline (8 requests)
- nature play (6 requests)
- flying fox (5 requests)
- water play (3 requests)
- BMX jumps (1 request)

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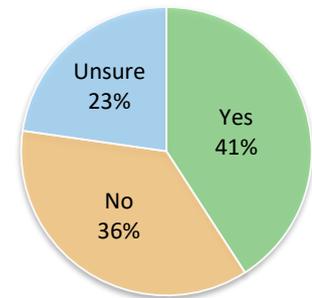
### What we heard – toddler equipment

Participants were split about whether the playground should cater for toddlers as well as older children.

41% of participants suggested the playground should cater for toddlers to include younger siblings and cater for families in general.

Whilst 36% did not believe it should, as the primary users of the park are 7-11 year-olds.

Should the playground cater for toddlers?



### What we heard – other

Participants were asked what type of park furniture would they like to see installed. Almost half of the suggestions were for additional seating or benches.

When asked to share their ideas around the planting and landscaping throughout the area, most comments related to improving the grass area in the park (27%) followed by planting additional trees (24%).

Finally, participants were given the opportunity to provide any additional ideas that they'd like Council to consider as part of the upgrade. The majority of points raised were around road safety, with suggestions to either consider fencing or to look at perimeter vegetation to prevent children from running on the road.

### Next steps

Thank you to all community members and school students for getting involved and sharing your ideas for the park upgrade at MacLean Reserve.

Council has created a detailed concept plan based on community feedback. To view the plans and tell us what you think visit [participate.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/macleanreserve](https://participate.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/macleanreserve)

Keep an eye on the website for more information on face to face community engagement opportunities early in the new year.

