

Feedback Summary Report:

Winbourne Road Reserve Playspace Design

Executive Summary

The purpose of this playspace engagement is to consult with residents and seek their feedback on the upcoming upgrade design for Winbourne Road Reserve playspace, Mount Waverley.

Council has committed to upgrading the playspace based on its current condition and suitability as outlined in the Monash Playground and Playspace Strategy 2025-2035. This engagement aims to gather community input on how the upgrade should be designed. The project seeks to meet the current and future needs of the community and deliver on Council's commitment to provide flexible, sustainable, accessible, and quality community playground facilities.

A concept plan will be prepared, and a second community consultation will occur with the report to follow. Construction of the playspace is planned for 2025/26 pending budget allocation.

There were 30 respondents to the survey. The key themes of the feedback are outlined below and will be discussed further within this report.

1. Seating and shade:

Several respondents highlighted the need for social seating clusters to encourage community gatherings and cultural activities. Additionally, there was a strong desire for shaded areas to enhance comfort and usability.

2. Entry activation and accessibility:

The community emphasised the importance of improving the visibility and accessibility of the playspace's entry points. Enhancing these aspects would maximise supervision opportunities, thereby ensuring a safer and more welcoming environment.

3. Upgrade of play equipment:

A significant portion of respondents expressed the need for upgraded play equipment. There was a particular interest in incorporating more diverse play elements such as climbing structures, nature play areas, and a multi-slide unit to cater for a wider range of age groups and abilities.

This feedback will be carefully considered in the development of the concept design, ensuring that the upgraded playspace meets the expectations and needs of the community it serves.

Please turn to page 3 of this report to read Council's responses.

Summary of Feedback

Methods of engagement and stakeholders

The consultation period for this engagement ran from 1 July to 4 August 2024.

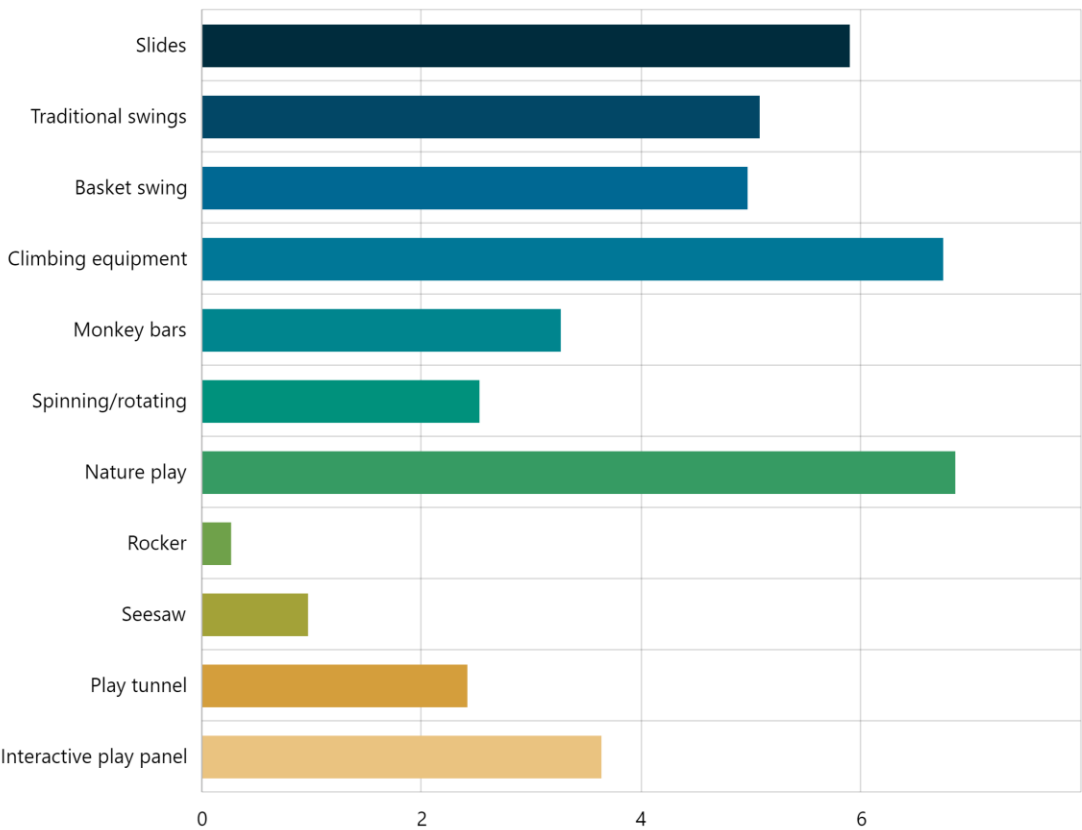
The key stakeholders targeted included broader community residents, Councillors and relevant internal departments.

Various methods of engagement were used to contact and engage with these stakeholders, including Council’s internal newsletter, an article in the *Monash Bulletin*, a letter drop to nearby residents, social media posts on Council’s channels, a survey on the Shape Monash engagement platform, and an onsite consultation session with Council staff held at the existing playspace on Wednesday 17 July 2024.

Response to questions

Below is a breakdown of the feedback received for each question, as well as Council’s response to the key themes identified.

Question 1 – Which play elements would work best?



This question received 27 responses, with nature play being the most frequently selected, followed by climbing equipment, slides, traditional swings and basket swing.

Question 2 – Is there anything you would like to tell us about this playground or its location?

16 respondents answered this question.

Many respondents felt positively about the proposed upgrade to Winbourne Road Reserve playspace.

The key themes of feedback are addressed below:

Theme	Our response
Seatings and shade	<i>Seating arrangements will be considered in the concept design, in alignment with the project scope and budget. Additionally, new trees will be planted to enhance shading, and the design layout will optimise the use of both existing and future shaded areas.</i>
Entry activation and accessibility	<i>Design enhancements will focus on maximising supervision opportunities and improving visibility. This will include new playground signage at entry points and the activation of the laneway through strategic planting, creating a more attractive and inviting environment.</i>
Upgrade play equipment	<i>Winbourne Road Reserve playspace is classified as a pocket park. As such, it will feature a standard service provision, including 3 to 5 new play pieces, bench seating, and accessible features, as well as a pathway to ensure inclusivity and usability.</i>

Who we heard from

We asked respondents some demographic questions, which are summarised below:

- **Age group:** 38 per cent were adults, 27.5 per cent were pre-school or younger, 27.5 per cent were primary school age and 7 per cent were secondary school aged.
- **Gender:** 64 per cent of respondents are women or girls, 35 per cent are men or boys, and 1 per cent of respondents preferred not to say.
- **Suburb:** The majority of respondents (more than 85 per cent) live in Mount Waverley, with the remainder of respondents located in Chadstone and Mulgrave.

Next steps

Thank you to everyone who provided their preferences and ideas for the initial upgrade design of Winbourne Road Reserve playspace.

This report, and the underlying feedback, will be used by the project team and the designers for the concept plan, in line with the project's budget and scope.

Once a draft concept plan is prepared, we will share it for a second stage of community consultation. Construction of the playspace is planned for 2025-26, pending budget allocation.

We will share this report, and updates on the project, via the Shape Monash project page: shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playspace-2025-26