

Concept Plan Feedback Summary Report: Winbourne Road Reserve Playspace Design

Executive Summary

This report summarises the community engagement feedback to the draft concept plan for Winbourne Road Reserve playspace, Mount Waverley.

This site is considered a pocket-level playspace, catering to residents living within 400 metres. Pocket playspaces typically include 3 to 5 items of play equipment for younger age groups, from toddlers to pre-schoolers. They are usually used by nearby residents who spend up to 30 minutes per visit. Amenities are generally limited to bench seating and accessibility features.

Construction of the playspace will be considered as part of the 2025/26 annual budget process. The key themes of the feedback are outlined below and will be discussed in this report.

1. Shade and play equipment:

Requests for more canopy trees, benches, and shade to make the area more comfortable, especially in summer. Suggestions for easy access and smaller slides for toddlers. There is also a desire for play equipment for older kids, such as a half-court basketball court.

2. Litter:

Appreciation for the proposed new playground upgrade design, but concerns remain about increased litter at the reserve.

3. Security and visibility:

One response suggested a need for more security measures, lighting, and possibly a camera to deter unsavoury activities, as they felt the proposed upgrade design may draw more attention to the reserve.

This feedback will be carefully considered in the design refinement stage. 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 **18 November to 15 December 2024**.

The key stakeholders targeted included residents living within a 400m radius of the reserve, Councillors and relevant internal departments.

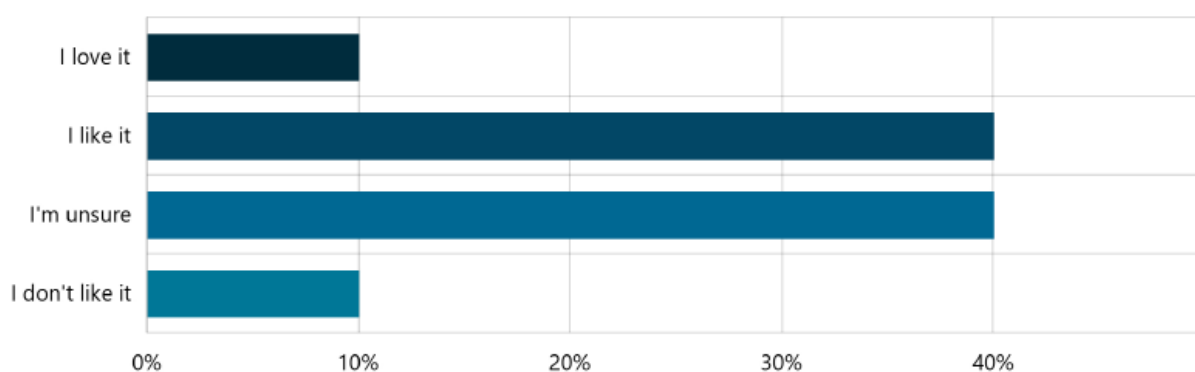
Methods used to contact and engage these stakeholders include:

- Council's internal newsletter
- *Monash Bulletin*
- a letter drop to nearby residents
- social media posts on Council's channels
- a survey on the Shape Monash engagement platform, and email notification to project followers.

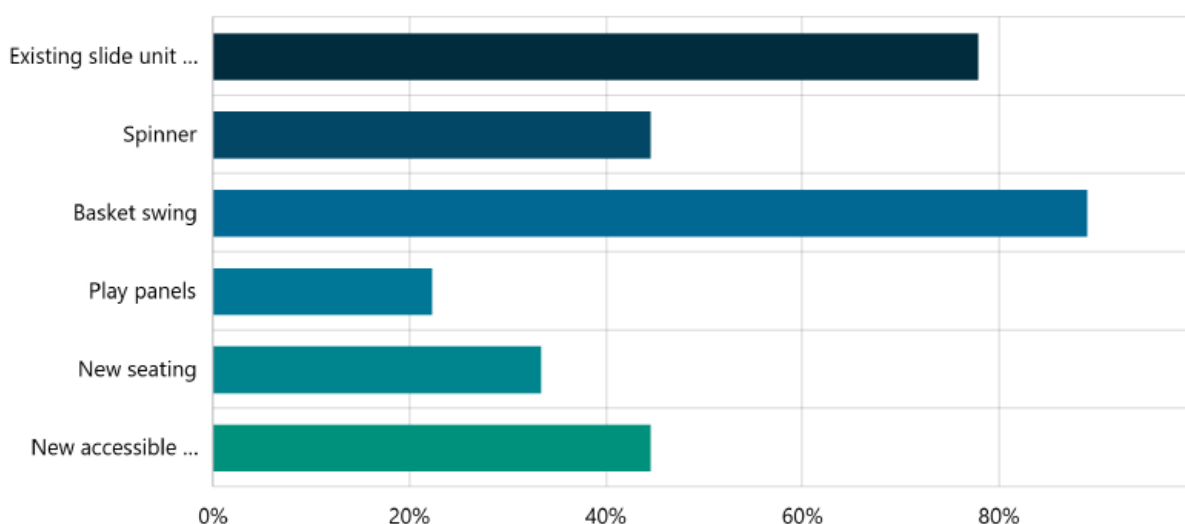
Response to questions

We received 10 responses online. Below is a breakdown of the feedback, as well as Council's responses to the key themes identified.

Question – How do you/your child feel about the draft concept plan?



Question – What are your/your child's favourite elements on the draft concept plan?



Online survey: We received 10 responses to this question, with basket swing being the most frequently selected, followed by existing slide unit, spinner, accessible concrete path, new seating and play panels.

Question – Do you have any further feedback on the draft concept plan?

Online survey: 7 respondents answered this question.

A few respondents expressed uncertainty about the proposed upgrades to Winbourne Road Reserve playspace. One response suggested it would draw more attention to a currently secluded area. Another requested more play equipment for older children and some requested additional shade. The key themes of feedback are addressed below:

Theme	Our response
Security and visibility	<i>New lighting or CCTV cameras are not proposed. The design upgrade will prioritise CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles and enhance accessibility from the street frontage. The playspace upgrade includes new signage at entry points and activating the laneway through strategic planting.</i>
Shade and play equipment	<i>This site is considered a pocket playspace, typically featuring 3 to 5 pieces of play equipment for toddlers to preschoolers, as outlined in the Playground & Playspace Strategy Refresh 2025-2035. One response suggested a half basketball court like Bayview Reserve (approximately 1 km away). However, Bayview is a neighbourhood-level playspace with active recreational spaces for basketball, and outdoor fitness equipment. Our designer will refine the play equipment to be more toddler-friendly and explore planting new trees to provide future shade for this reserve.</i>
Litter	<i>New bins are not within the scope for this reserve, as per the pocket playspaces infrastructure standard. These playspaces are designed for nearby residents who typically spend up to 30 minutes per visit.</i>

Who we heard from

We asked respondents some demographic questions in the survey, which are summarised below.

- **Age group:** 65 per cent of respondents completed the survey for themselves. Of these, 50 per cent were adults aged 65-74, while the remaining respondents were adults aged 25-49 and over 75.
- **Gender:** 80 per cent of adult respondents who filled out the survey were women. Among those who completed the survey on behalf of a child, 65 per cent were for preschool or younger children, with the majority being girls.
- **Suburb:** All respondents live in Mount Waverley.

Next steps

Thank you to everyone who provided their feedback for the concept design stage of the Winbourne Road Reserve playspace upgrade.

This report, and the underlying feedback, will be used by the project team and the designers to refine the design and in line with the project's budget and scope.



The designer will finalise the playground upgrade details by mid-2025. Funding for the construction will be considered by Council as part of the 2025/26 annual budget process.. If confirmed, we will share the final concept plan before construction.

- This report, and other updates on the project, will be shared on the Shape Monash project page: <https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playspace-2025-26>