



TT Buckingham Reserve

Community Engagement Summary Report – July 2019

43 Participant surveys collected

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Executive Summary

The City of Port Phillip is upgrading TT Buckingham Reserve as part of the Playground Renewal Program, with an aim to have a green city, with space for everyone to enjoy the outdoors and participate in whatever recreation they prefer. The upgrade will ensure that in addition to meeting safety standards, the playground will continue to be safe and a fun place for the community.

Following this round of engagement, the concept plan will be developed and another round of engagement will take place, allowing the community to provide feedback before the detail design process. The design will also take into consideration amenity features including seating, lighting and pedestrian connectivity, whilst also aiming to minimise the impact the redevelopment has on existing trees.

This document has been compiled following the conclusion of community engagement for the TT Buckingham Reserve upgrade (May-June 2019). Over the engagement period, **43** responses were collected, providing recommendations and comments on the playground and how they engage with the park through the City's online engagement platform - Have Your Say Port Phillip.

Based on the survey questions, the report has been divided into three parts:

Part 1 – Participant profile and demographics: this section breaks down the user groups and specific information relating to survey responses, including their age, where they live, and their relationship to The City of Port Phillip

Part 2 – Using playgrounds and parks: this section looks at how respondents currently use playground facilities in general.

Part 3 – Transforming TT Buckingham Reserve: this section analyses what participants had to say about the current state of the reserve and what recommendations they had for the redevelopment moving forward.

The information gained from community engagement will be used to improve the design of the park over the next year. There will be additional opportunities for community members to provide feedback at each phase of the design process.

This report has been commissioned by The City of Port Phillip and completed by The Space Agency - an independent consultancy specialising in stakeholder engagement and placemaking. The Space Agency was engaged, as an impartial, external consultant, to review and analyse community feedback in order to identify key themes and recommendations relating to TT Buckingham reserve playground upgrades. Every effort has been made by the authors of this document to represent accurately participant feedback and insights.

Key Findings and Recommendations

- Most respondents are local to the City of Port Phillip, with only two respondents from outside the area.
- The largest proportion of respondents live in Port Melbourne.
- The majority of respondents were aged between 35 and 54.
- More than 85% of respondents had children within their household and classify themselves as regular users of the reserve.
- Results show that the reserve is an important and highly-regarded social space for the community.
- The park is highly activated, with groups using the space throughout the day and into the evening.
- Participants are concerned about the state of the grass being dry and brown, as well as the lack of irrigation.
- Respondents felt that cricket games on the oval within the reserve brought families and locals together, particularly junior cricket which draws in large numbers of spectators.
- Given the size and location of the reserve, many people feel ownership of it, considering it as their yard. This is especially common for the properties that overlook or front the reserve.
- Broad themes emerging from responses focused on equipment, landscaping, amenity, safety and active recreation.
- In general, respondents are proud of the reserve and enjoy spending time there, however would like to see key elements including car parking and playground equipment improved.
- If landscaping elements are introduced, participants would like to see native trees and shrubs which can attract native wildlife.
- In order to use the reserve all year round, shade and sun protection will need to be provided, as residents shared common concerns around the lack of shade when using the reserve in summer.
- Within their responses, participants made reference to the logs on the top of the hill and asked that these are retained, as this has become a key social space that also reflects the history of the reserve. In particular, this natural element provides a connection to the past which the locals love.
- Participants generally do not like the playground equipment as they find it tired and old. The swings are the most popular element of the playground currently, while the basketball hoops are popular across the widest range of age groups.
- Compared to other playgrounds within the area, older children are more engaged with the offering at TT Buckingham Reserve.
- While many respondents are favorable to the proposal to introduce an off-leash area for dogs, they believe this area should be fenced and secluded from other spaces to maintain use of the reserve for all user needs.
- While participants recommended and made reference to equipment that caters to all ages, there was a focus on older kids given they already use the reserve. This will make them more active and getting them outdoors.

- Aside from the playground and equipment, participants would like to see more picnic and BBQ facilities to support socialising and gathering within the reserve. This was also reflected in comments requesting more seats to enable parents and carers to supervise and engage with children using the playground equipment.

A number of additional recommendations were made during drop-in engagement sessions held including:

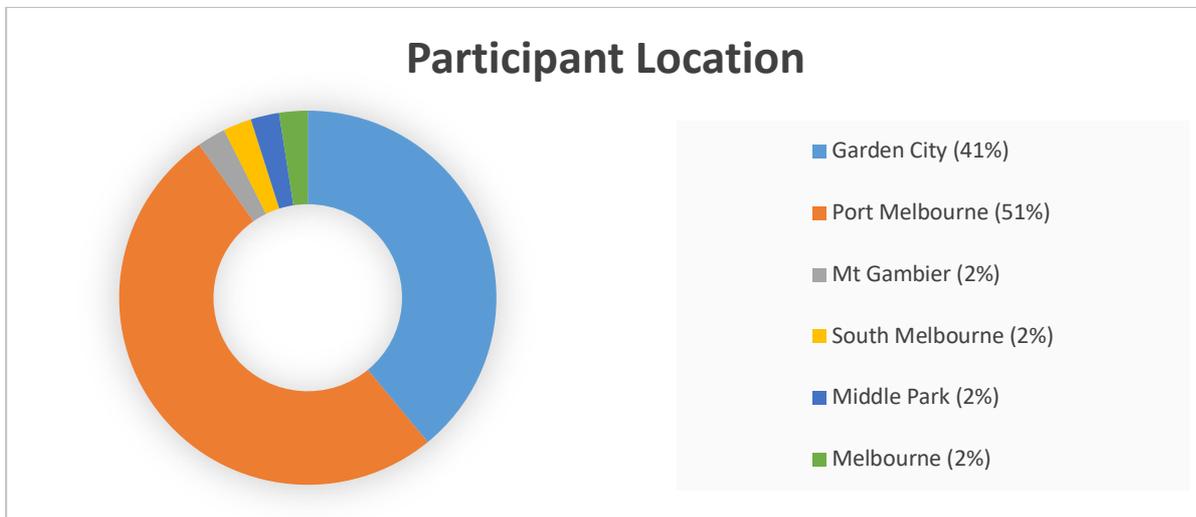
- Enhancement to lighting to improve safety within the reserve;
- Changes to the orientation of basketball courts to improve solar aspect, enabling users to avoid looking directly into the sun when using hoops;
- Uplift and maintenance of trees and landscaping;
- Addition of backing net to goal posts on the oval;
- Enhancements to pedestrian connections and improvement to finishes and surfaces on footpaths, which are currently difficult to push prams over; and
- Enhancements and additions to playground equipment.

Engagement Timeline

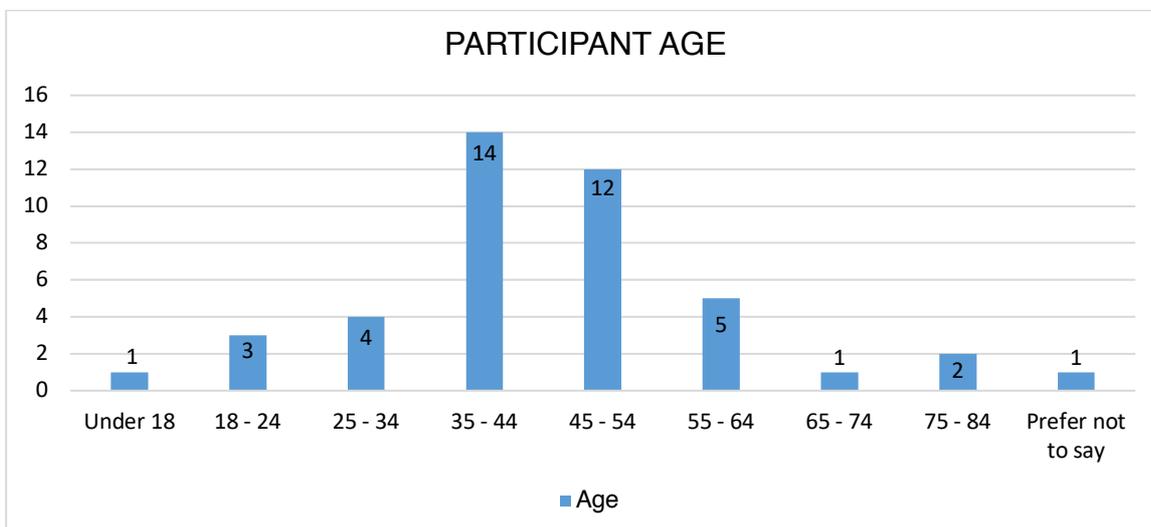
1. **Seek Feedback**
Provide your feedback by Sunday 16 June and help shape the concept plan for the reserve upgrade.
2. **Review feedback and develop concept plan**
All feedback received will be used to develop a concept plan for the reserve.
3. **Seek feedback on concept plan**
Present and seek feedback on the concept plan.
Feedback received in this round of engagement will be used to develop the detail design plan for the reserve.
4. **Display final concept plan**
Display final concept plan for comment.
5. **Start work on the detail design**
Start detail design including permit applications.

Part 1 – Participant profile and demographics

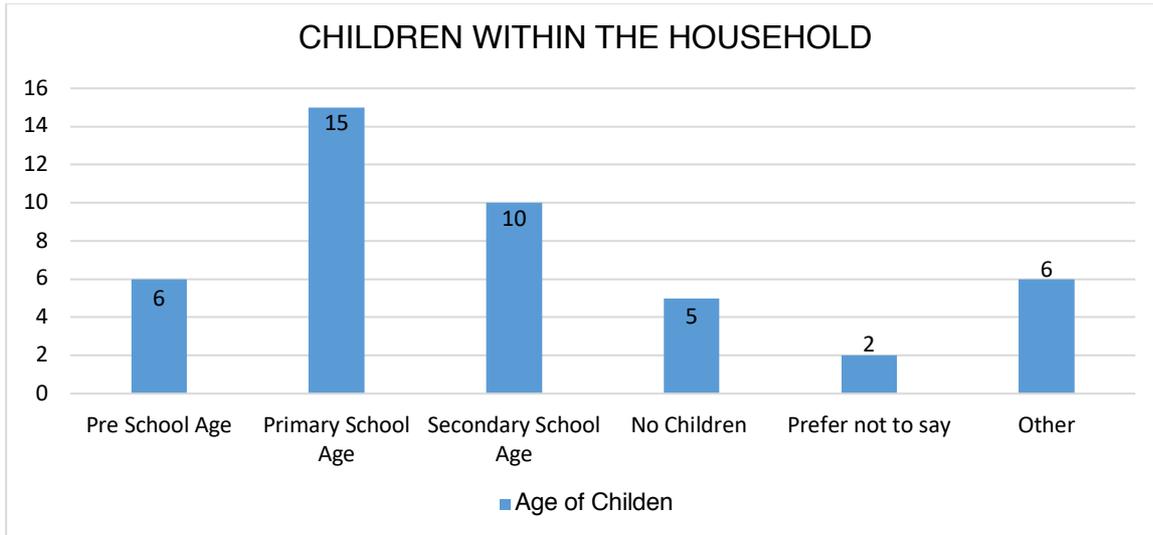
Over **90%** of participants said they lived in the area. Of these, the top suburb was Port Melbourne, where **37 (92%)** of responses said they lived. Of the **37** participants from Port Melbourne, **16** were specifically from Garden City (**23%**). Other locations mentioned included South Melbourne, Middle Park and Mt Gambier, all receiving **1** response each. All participants responded when asked if they would like to hear more about the project. **26** participants (**63%**) responded positively, requesting to hear more as the project unfolds, with only **15** saying no.



The engagement was successful in gathering data from diverse age groups. However, the majority (**50%**) of participants were aged between 35 and 55 years old. Overall, more women took part in the engagement compared to men – the split was **65% / 31%** with 1 participant choosing not to say.



Participants were mainly families with kids. Over **85%** of participants stated that they have children living in their household. This includes over **40%** of participants with primary school aged children, and a further **27%** with secondary school aged children in their household. The lowest category of children within their household was those of pre-school age. Of the **6** participants who selected other, **2** comments related to infants and babies on the way, **2** participants commented on older children and teens and **2** comments mentioned no children of their own, however they had regular children visiting from family members and from childcare services.



Part 2 – Using playgrounds and parks

Thinking about the last time you enjoyed using a playground, what made it great?

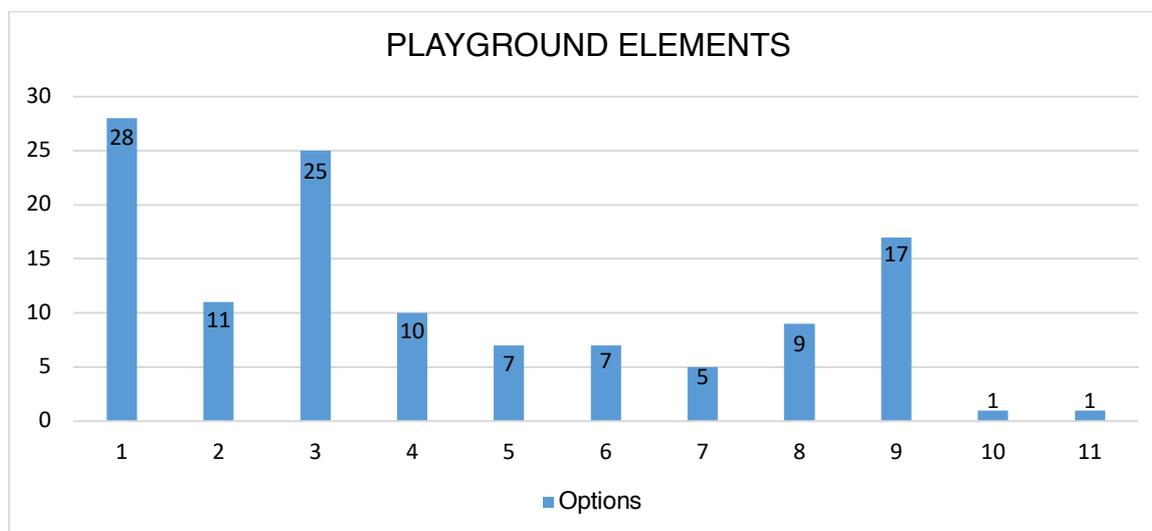
A total of **37 (N)** participants engaged with this question, generating **42** responses which spanned across **4** key themes; equipment, diversity, amenity and landscaping. These themes as well as **4** responses that did not fall into any of these themes have also been captured and recorded in the table below.

Theme	Recommendations	% of N	Recommendations
Equipment	20	54%	<p>Majority of the responses reflected enjoying interacting with the equipment within the parks, especially climbing, balancing and swinging on playgrounds, specifically interactive ones which offered equipment such as a flying fox, slides, ropes courses and water play. 6 participants mentioned the swings, and a further 6 mentioned loving natural playgrounds with lots of timber and no plastic.</p> <p><i>“It was made out of wood, beautiful stained wood! I loved it, it was a part of the park not something built on top of it. Very little brightly coloured metal or rubber - plus it was very big, but that’s my fondest memories of the last playground I was at.”</i></p>
Diversity	12	32%	<p>A large amount of responses identified the versatility of playgrounds to be their most alluring feature, 6 specifically mentioned play equipment and spaces that cater for all ages, and 1 mentioning wanting to be able to fit on a swing as an adult in order to engage with the kids better.</p> <p><i>“A great playground caters well for a range of ages, creating varying challenges and activities for all, and provides an opportunity for free play and imagination.”</i></p>

			<i>The 'dragon playground' at Garden City Reserve is a great example of this."</i>
Other	4	10%	<p>2 responses mentioned being in a playground which was safe and had easy visibility to all areas for parents, while 1 response mentioned appreciating that there were no dogs</p> <p><i>"Open spaces and a safe environment."</i></p>
Amenity	3	8%	<p>All responses within this theme mentioned wanting shade from the sun, 2 mentioned water fountains, and a mention was made of a toilet and dog bags.</p> <p><i>"More shaded area to sit under, variety of play equipment."</i></p>
Landscaping	3	8%	<p>2 of the 3 comments mentioned having open space, including the garden beds, lovely trees for natural shade and having a space which blends in with the natural environment.</p> <p><i>"Having plenty of space. With inner city living, any playground/park where there is plenty of open space around, it is fantastic."</i></p>

What do you consider important when choosing to visit a playground?

39 (N) participants responded to this multiple-choice question. The most popular choice was a variety of play options, with **71%** of participants selecting this option. Other top selections included having green spaces and trees (**25**) and the provision of shade and weather cover (**17**). These top selections reflect themes identified in question one (in particular equipment, amenity and landscaping), which highlight what participants expressed as key features they enjoyed when last visiting a playground.



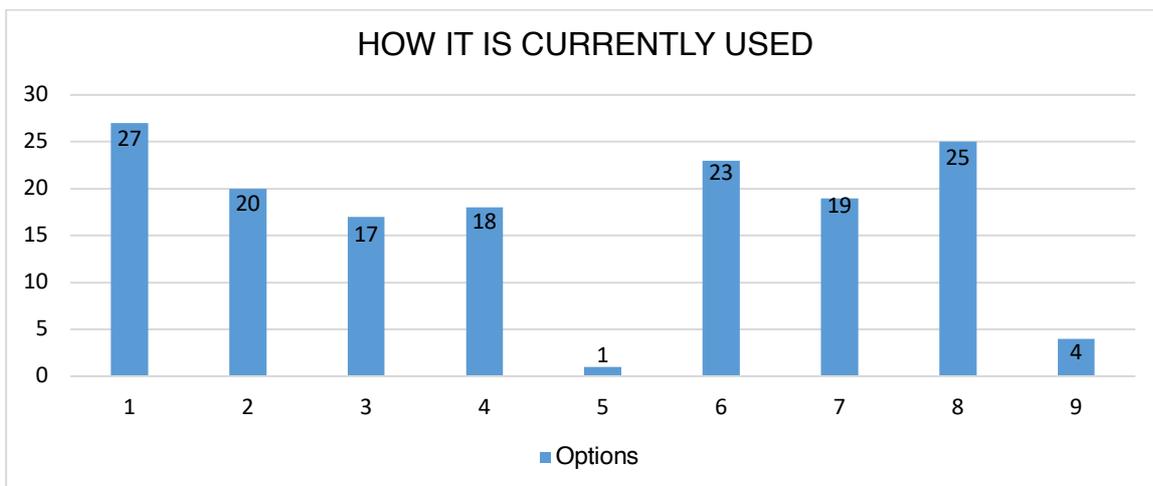
No	Options	Responses	Percentage
1	A variety of play options (playground equipment for all ages, space to run, and space to relax)	28	71%
2	Spaces to meet and socialise	11	28%
3	Green spaces and trees	25	64%
4	Nature-based play (such as rocks and logs)	10	25%
5	Public bathrooms available	7	17%
6	Open space for exercise	7	17%
7	Spaces to relax and enjoy nature	5	12%
8	Drinking fountains available	9	23%
9	Shade and weather cover	17	43%
10	Spaces that have cultural significance	1	2%
11	Other	1	2%

Part 3 – Transforming TT Buckingham Reserve

How do you use TT Buckingham Reserve now?

All participants answered this question providing **43 (N)** responses detailing how they currently use TT Buckingham Reserve. Exercise was the top selected option, with **63%** of participants selecting this option, followed closely by walking the dog which was selected by **60%**. Other top selections included using the playground (**51%**), using the space for leisure including relaxing (**43%**) and meeting with friends (**41%**). These top responses all reflect the space being used by multiple age groups and as a social space for members of the family and community. Using the space for work or studying only collected **1** response which again reinstates that TT Buckingham Reserve is a space used primarily for socialising and gathering.

Of the **4** participants who selected other, **2** responses related to fitness with one mentioning a gym and the other reflecting on the current basketball court. The remaining **2** responses did not relate to the question, suggesting a misinterpretation from participants.

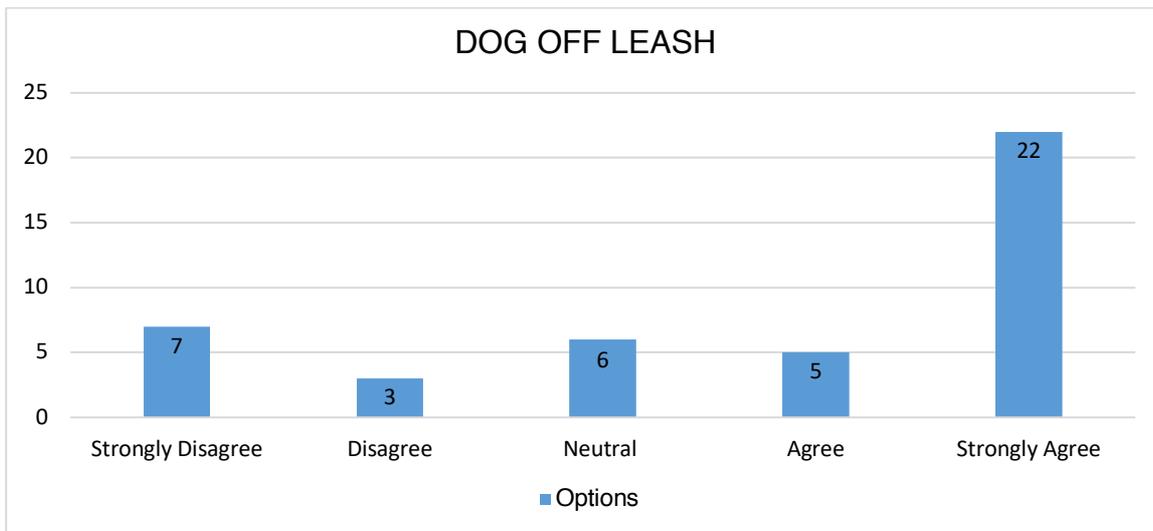


No	Options	Responses	Percentage
1	Exercise (running, walking, cycling)	27	62%
2	Leisure (relaxing, picnic, reading, connecting to nature)	20	46%
3	Thoroughfare (getting from one place to another)	17	39%
4	Meet with friends	18	41%
5	Work or study in the park	1	2%
6	Playground	23	53%
7	Spend time with the family	19	44%
8	Walk my dog	25	58%
9	Other	4	9%

What are your views on making the park a designated off-leash space?

In mid-2019 Council received a petition calling for TT Buckingham Reserve to become an off-leash dog space. Whilst the playground will remain a dog-on-leash area, we are interested in your views on making the park a designated off-leash space.

With all participants engaging with this question, **43** responses were received. Of this, over **50%** strongly agreed that the park should have a designate off-leash space for dogs. Similar number of participants agree and disagree, with a further **7 (17%)** strongly disagree.



Does TT Buckingham Reserve have a special feature, aspect or character that is important to you?

This question asked participants to identify any existing features or aspects of TT Buckingham Reserve that were personally significant and resonated with them. A total of **34 (N)** participants responded with **62** recommendations. These spanned across **5** key themes; landscaping, social connections, active recreation, location and equipment.

Theme	Number	Percentage	Recommendations
Landscaping	23	67%	<p>Of the 20 recommendations relating to landscaping, 17 mention the mix of mature trees bordering the park, 2 relate to the way the trees attract birds with 5 mentioning the benefit of being able to climb the larger trees , which create imaginative play and adventure for kids 8 comments relate to the open space the park has to offer and how versatile it is.</p> <p><i>“The relatively unfettered open parkland provides a great release from our small houses and backyards. The space is generous enough to allow for a game of kick to kick to be played at one end of the field and a game of frisbee at the other, all at the same time. The older established trees and the undulating mounds around the perimeter give the central green a terrific sense of natural enclosure so our children feel safe playing at the park. Any future development should be mindful of the benefit of this large central open space and should be limited to the perimeter areas of the parkland.”</i></p>
Social Connections	16	47%	<p>Almost half of the total responses highlighted the community that was built upon the park and the park as a social centre of the area, especially for an area where there are no weekend pubs or cafes. Other comments reflected the park being inclusive and accessible for all ages. 6 responses specifically mentioned how special the tree-stump log area on the hill was and it being a social hub for neighbours where everyone gathers and meets, and highlighted how much they enjoyed it being organic and natural instead of conventional tables and chairs.</p> <p><i>“My family and my neighbours all come together almost every day for what we call park parties where we sit around the logs from the tree that got cut down and have a catch-up with food and drinks. My friends and I all play footy or basketball and we all go back to someone's house when it gets dark.”</i></p>

Active recreation	13	38%	<p>In general, people happy with the oval, (as mentioned in 3 responses), and the variety of uses it offers. 3 participants commented on the basketball facilities, 4 mentioned older people exercising and walking around the tracks, 5 people mentioned cricket and the enjoyment of being able to watch the younger generation play.</p> <p><i>“The really good thing about TT Buckingham is it’s a multi-purpose park. Children play club cricket in the morning and then in the afternoon people walk their dogs. It’s really surprising to hear how many people who live around TT Buckingham like the idea of a cricket game being played by younger kids.”</i></p>
Location	5	14%	<p>2 participants mentioned how easily accessible the location is, with the other 3 mentioning the proximity to their houses.</p> <p><i>“Yes, the fact that it’s surrounded by homes. It is a front and back yard for many and also a community park for the larger area...”</i></p>
Equipment	4	11%	<p>Within this theme, all 4 participants mentioned they were happy with, and appreciated existing playground equipment.</p> <p><i>“The two levels of playgrounds - toddlers and slightly older children is fantastic. if you have kids of differing ages, it is great to be able to go to the one park.”</i></p>
Other	2	5%	<p>1 participant was concerned about large dogs ruining the experience and making the space unsafe, and the other raised concerns about ratepayers money being spent/wasted.</p> <p><i>“I like the open green space - but as I said above, I cannot enjoy it on my own (or without a dog stick to protect me). I sometimes go to the park to exercise, or to sit quietly to read - but leave as soon as the dog without their leashes arrive and come bounding up to me. My son used to play cricket in the park but found it frustrating that the off-leash dogs would get in the way and take their ball.”</i></p>

Is there anything you don't like about TT Buckingham Reserve now? Are there any specific ways in which you would like to see it changed?

When asked if there are any features that participants did not like about TT Buckingham Reserve currently, **54** responses were gathered from **37 (N)** participant answers and categorised into the following **5** themes; landscaping, equipment, amenity and active recreation. These themes as well as **4** responses that did not fall into any of these themes have also been captured and recorded in the table below.

Theme	Recommendations	% of N	Recommendations
Landscaping	18	48%	<p>Within the category of landscaping 2 comments around the concern that the park was being used as a carpark by the cricket club and by caravans and families hosting birthday parties in the park. 4 comments reflected that there were not enough trees and plants. Almost all of the responses in this theme mentioned the dead, dry grass due to the lack of maintenance and lack of watering, hence the need for a sprinkler system. A further 2 mentioned disliking the weeds that often take over the grass and wanted to see green grass all year around to enjoy it.</p> <p><i>“Ground is very dry and much of the grass has died, leaving sandy holes. Better irrigation would be great to keep the grass a little greener and the ground surface more stable (safer for recreational users and sports teams alike).”</i></p>
Equipment	12	35%	<p>The second highest response relating to what participants do not like about TT Buckingham Reserve now is the playground equipment. Within this theme, 12 participants reflected that the playground and swings are old and need replacing, with 2 participants emphasising that too much plastic has been used in the current design.</p> <p><i>“The playground area as it stands is tired and in need of upgrading.”</i></p>
Amenity	10	27%	<p>Of the 9 responses, 5 mentioned the lack of places to sit and picnic tables, while 2 participants commented on the lack of shade and suggested a sail within the reserve.</p>

			<p>Responses also mentioned wanting the broken drink taps to be fixed and to include dog bags within the reserve.</p> <p><i>“Lack of toilet facilities or picnic tables.”</i></p>
Safety	6	16%	<p>6 responses reflected concerns around safety, such as fencing the playground to make it safer for children due to its close proximity to the road and the lack of a pedestrian crossover to Sandridge Ave. These responses also included suggestions for more lighting, the removal of low hanging branches, and filling in the divots in grass as they are tripping hazards. 2 participants mentioned concerns around off-leash dogs as they felt unleashed larger dogs are dangerous to children and other dogs and their owners, making suggestions for more restrictions be put in place to address this.</p> <p><i>“Please provide a fenced area for all dogs so that dog owners walking their dogs outside the park are not attacked OR provide a smaller safe fenced area for small and nervous dogs as there are many in the neighbourhood. There does not seem to be any enforcement of rules within this park so people ignore the rules completely.”</i></p>
Active recreation	4	10%	<p>Of the 11% of responses for this theme, 4 comments mention the existing basketball court with 3 saying the backboard needs to be moved so users don't have to face the sun to shoot. 1 participant dislikes the concrete paths commenting that there is already too much concrete within the reserve.</p> <p><i>“The basketball hoop is very well used by kids in the neighbourhood (many times daily) but it is too small and orientated the wrong way - with players having to look north-west into the sun to make shots at the backboard. A bigger court is needed with the backboard on the south side.”</i></p>
Other	4	10%	<p>Of the comments that did not fall within the above categories, 3 responses think that the</p>

			reserve is great in its current state, with one saying; <i>“None really, I think its great....”</i>
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What is your vision for the upgraded reserve? How do you want to see the space being used?

79 responses were gathered from 35 (N) participants. These responses have been categorised into the following 6 themes; Amenity, equipment, landscaping, social connections, active recreation and diversity. These themes have been explored in the table below.

Theme	Recommendations	% of N	Recommendations
Amenity	16	45%	<p>The most common theme for participants vision for the upgrade included 4 comments relating to toilet facilities, 2 wanting toilets, and the other 2 against them. 2 participants asked for working drinking fountains, 3 mentioned sheltered areas to protect from the sun, and 3 recommended more seating for carers to supervise children. 7 participants mentioned picnic areas and tables for families and locals to mingle and share food, with 4 responses wanting BBQs to encourage families to gather.</p> <p><i>“It would be great to have an area of relaxing green space with nearby facilities such as water fountains, shelter, barbecue and then another larger space for sports, games and dogs and a third space for adventure and nature-based play with rocks, logs, trees, perhaps some water, and some simple sculpture or artwork.”</i></p>
Equipment	14	40%	<p>Majority of participants felt the playground needs upgrading in order to make it more interesting and appealing for the children. Specifically, 2 participants mentioned slides, while others recommended monkey bars, swing sets and obstacle course and other more challenging equipment to encourage and activate older children. 1 participant recommended work out equipment within the playground.</p> <p><i>“My kids would love a water slide ;) but will settle with a cool race track around the outside, a slide, monkey bars, shade sail over play areas, upgraded basket/ball netball area. Any option for soccer goals down one end or footy goal posts down another? This is the wishlist from the kids - we acknowledge the park isn't quite big enough to have it all!”</i></p>
Landscaping	13	37%	<p>Overall, there was a reflection for a want of more plants and vegetation. 6 responses spoke about the grass areas and open space for kids to run free and play sports and wanting more and healthier grass with 2 mentioning need for sprinkler/irrigation system. 4 people mentioned loving the trees for climbing and wanted more natives with 2 mentioning a desire for bird boxes and flowering gums to attract more bird life in the area.</p>

			<p><i>“Not too much different to what it is now. Encourage nature-bird boxes and diverse tree coverage. Still lots of grass and natural open space for kids to kick or bowl a ball.”</i></p>
Social connections	13	37%	<p>About a third of total responses for this question mentioned how important the space was for the local residents and community engagement, deeming it a neighbourhood hub and emphasising a want for it to remain a social and gathering space. 2 responses mentioned that Garden City can be isolating and that this space plays a crucial role in bringing people together.</p> <p><i>“Keeping it as the social hub for the area, as well as a great recreational space for families, kids and dogs alike.”</i></p>
Active recreation	11	31%	<p>More than half of these responses asked for a dog-off leash area. 2 participants commented on the basketball/netball courts, 2 commented on the bocce court, 2 wanting soccer or footy goal posts at one end of the oval for the kids to practice goal kicking, and 1 participant commented on table tennis table for teenager and neighbourly tournaments.</p> <p><i>“I would love to see the oval changed to an off leash dog area, having the space as a dog friendly park is the only thing I want to see changed!”</i></p>
Diversity	8	22%	<p>Within the theme of diversity, there was 1 mention for the reserve to be more accessible for wheelchairs. Participants also mentioned wanting it to be a place where children of all ages can play, with 3 specifically wanting more equipment and facilities targeted at engaging older children.</p> <p><i>“As a fantastic neighbourhood hub. The hill is a beautiful meeting spot. Can we continue a path up to the hill so it is more accessible for wheelchair users?? -rather than going over dirt.”</i></p>
Other	4	11%	<p>2 participants would like to see the reserve left just as it is, and 1 mentioned it being unusable without a proper dog policy. 1 participant suggested a sculpture which champions the history of the space</p> <p><i>“...A sculpture that represents the fisher folk that camped in shacks in this area 150 years ago, or the earlier local residents.”</i></p>

Are there any elements of the existing playground that you would like to keep?

A total of **30 (N)** participants engaged with this question, generating **39** responses. These responses have been categorised into the following **5** key themes; equipment, complete makeover, active recreation, landscaping and location. These themes as well as a few responses which didn't fit into any of the aforementioned categories have been explored in the table below.

Theme	Recommendations	% of N	Recommendations
Equipment	15	50%	<p>The majority of responses for this question centred on the equipment, with 13 responses focusing on the swings. Other comments mentioned the flying fox.</p> <p><i>“The big swings are great, but the play equipment in general has seen better days.”</i></p>
Complete makeover	9	30%	<p>32% of the total responses wanted a complete makeover for the playground, as participants felt it was past its use by date.</p> <p><i>“No, it’s too old/dated.”</i></p>
Active recreation	7	23%	<p>21% of responses reflect that they would like the elements that provide active recreation to be retained. 5 comments mention the basketball hoop / court, and 2 wanted the cricket /wicket to be retained.</p> <p><i>“My kids love the cricket pitch. The walking track is excellent too and is well use by everyone from young kids cycling/scooting to adults looking to get a bit of exercise.”</i></p>
Landscaping	4	13%	<p>Of the 4 responses within this theme, 3 referred to the trees around the perimeter being lovely additions to the reserve and playground. 2 comments reflect the logs towards the top of the hill being used as a meeting place, with one saying:</p> <p><i>“The logs on the top of the hill have become a regular social meeting hub. Please keep these in place.”</i></p>

Location	2	6%	<p>2 of the total collected responses nominated that they liked the location of the playground, emphasising that they felt it was the only positive element within the reserve.</p> <p><i>“No - I think the playground equipment is past it's use by date. The only thing I'd keep is its location - toward the perimeter of the park, away from the main thoroughfare roads.”</i></p>
Other	2	6%	<p>2 responses did not fit into any of the above themes, of which 1 asked that both younger and older children are catered for, whilst the other said they like the playground as it is.</p> <p><i>“It looks fine so leave it as is. Council does not have to spend our rates for the sake of spending it at the end of the financial year or to justify staff numbers involved with spending it.”</i></p>

What new features or equipment would you like to see in the new playground?

45 responses were collected from **33 (N)** participants relating to the possible new features and equipment. These have been categorised into the following **5** key themes; equipment, amenity, active recreation, diversity and landscaping. These themes as well as a few responses which didn't fit into any of the aforementioned categories have been explored in the table below.

Theme	Recommendations	% of N	Recommendations
Equipment	20	62%	<p>As the most common theme relating to this question, 4 responses mentioned wanting an updated playground, and a further 4 wanting outdoor gym/exercise equipment. In relation to specific elements of the playground, 5 asked for a flying fox, 3 for swings, 4 for slides, and other elements mentioned included seesaws, water play, nature play, monkey bars, an inground trampoline, zipline and a mini racetrack. 7 participants want more equipment which encourages climbing to make the playground more engaging and adventurous for other ages</p> <p><i>“The current equipment is really good, perhaps a similar set up. I like the idea of climbing and physically challenging play equipment for kids, as much as these days there is legal difficulties around some equipment for sure.”</i></p>
Amenity	6	18%	<p>Within this category, there was 1 comment relating to the toilet facilities, and 1 mentioned specifically not wanting toilet facilities due to there being some around the corner. 2 participants want shaded areas as weather protection, and 3 want more seating areas especially for parents to be able to interact and watch while their children play on the equipment or oval</p> <p><i>“...One major factor is no sun shade or weather protection. I visit with my great grandchildren and in summer it is too hot to spend any decent amount of time. Also there needs more seating facing the playground so carers/parents can watch their children and have seating to relax.”</i></p>
Active recreation	7	18%	<p>With the same number of comments as the theme of amenity, active recreation included 3 comments for a larger and updated basketball court, 2 comments specifically for an outdoor table tennis</p>

			<p>table, while other comments included a new cricket pitch, a set of footy goal posts at one end of the oval and a bocce rink.</p> <p><i>“One set of footy goal posts at one end possibly. Outdoor table tennis table similar to Centenary Park - something for teenagers to get off screen time.”</i></p>
Diversity	5	15%	<p>Of the 5 responses relating to diversity, 3 mentioned equipment to cater for different ages, with 4 responses asking specifically for equipment for older kids. 2 comments related to equipment that will appeal and cater for toddlers and younger children.</p> <p><i>“I’d like to see the use of natural materials throughout and equipment suitable for many different age groups, so older children are kept challenged, but younger children can have a place to play too.”</i></p>
Other	4	12%	<p>Of the comments that did not fit into any of these themes, 1 suggested the participant was happy to let current parents decide what is best, another mentioned wanting a design that ties in with the local area, and 1 mentioned wanting something different to be done compared to other upgraded parks around the Port Melbourne area</p> <p><i>“... Something in the design that respects the Garden City/Sandridge history would be amazing.”</i></p>
Landscaping	3	9%	<p>2 recommendations focused on the maintenance of the existing landscape including an irrigation/sprinkler system to water the grass, and 1 suggested more natural materials to be used within the playground in order to blend everything seamlessly into the surrounding park/landscape and trees.</p> <p><i>“Trees to be maintained so that parents can see the road at all times when the kids play under the trees.”</i></p>