

Gahan Reserve playground upgrade

Summary of feedback on the proposed design

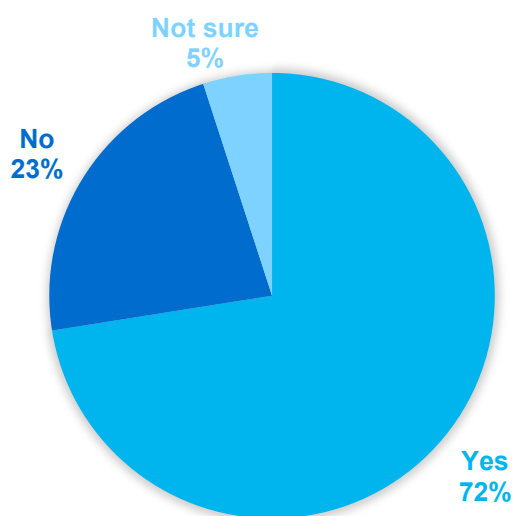
We asked the community for their feedback on the proposed design for the playground upgrade at Gahan Reserve. Community members were able to view the plans and share their feedback between Monday 19 August and Friday 20 September 2019.

We asked the local community to share their ideas for the Gahan Reserve playground upgrade in July and August 2018. Based on these ideas, we put together a draft design which we took back to the community for further feedback.

We received 26 responses via the online survey during the consultation period. We also held a pop-up session at Gahan Reserve on Saturday 14 September, where community members could ask questions and share their feedback in person. We collected feedback from 14 individuals or families during this session.

Support for the draft design

In general, do you support the draft design for the playground?



What do you like about the draft design?

Feedback	Number of responses
Keeping the boat	9
Natural materials	6
Integration of garden into plans	4
The climbing frame (monkey bars and climbing net)	4

Feedback	Number of responses
Modernisation	3
Basket swing	3
More equipment for older children	3
Allows more risky play	2
Spinner	1
Rope bridge	1
Slide	1
Nature play – logs and rocks	1
Play tower	1
New play equipment	1
Retention of existing trees	1
Natural looking materials	1

How could we improve the proposed design?

Feedback	Number of responses
More swings	8
Play structure should wind around more	4
Water play	3
More climbing equipment	2
Don't like the climbing frame (monkey bars and climbing net)	2
Lighting for the playground	2
Outdoor gym equipment	2
Toddler swing should be a 'bucket' style – not a seat with a chain	2
More exciting equipment	2
Less enclosed cubby space under tower, to improve visibility	2
Constant renewal of playground is not sustainable – is there some way we can avoid this?	1
Fence around playground	1
More enclosed for hide and seek	1
More trees	1
Less metal	1
Add multiple ramps to the central play unit	1

Feedback	Number of responses
Add a sandpit	1
Bike ramp	1
Another basketball ring	1
Spider-web style climbing structure	1
Shade sails over playground	1
Fix up boat	1
Keep the flying fox	1
Don't like rubber softfall	1
Improve the spinner	1
More textured surfaces in nature play	1
There is a problem with syringes being found in the playground	1

Other feedback

We also received feedback about the whole park, which is unfortunately not within the scope of this project. This feedback has still been noted by our Open Space team:

- Irrigation is needed in the park to keep the grass green throughout summer.
- Need to assess the age and quality of the Maternal and Child Health Centre and how much it is utilised.
- More BBQs needed as it gets very busy and is well used.
- Grassed area needs better maintenance, especially removal of weeds.
- Ensure that the dog off-lead area remains.
- Install a public toilet in Gahan Reserve.
- Need shelter and seating for older residents visiting from the Willowview Centre.
- Better signage marking the dog off-leash area.
- Lighting is needed throughout the park.
- A pond in the park.

Next steps

We will be considering community feedback and comments over the coming weeks to finalise the playground concept with the design team. Once we have finalised this, we will make the plans available on our Your Say Yarra webpage and share it with the community.

We anticipate construction on the playground should start in early 2020, but we will keep the community updated throughout the process.