

Timbarra Park Playground Upgrade

Community engagement summary report
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2 Background

Council is planning an upgrade to the playground at Timbarra Park in Berwick as part of its Playground Renewal Program.

The project aims to transform the space into a more engaging and inclusive district-level play area. Proposed improvements may include new and upgraded play equipment, enhanced landscaping, and additional features such as seating, shelters, shaded areas and social spaces to support a wide range of users.

Community feedback is a key part of shaping the design. Residents and park users have been invited to share how they currently use the space and what they would like to see included in the future, helping ensure the upgrade reflects local needs and priorities.

Consultation was open in early 2026, with the community encouraged to provide feedback through the Casey Conversations website.

2.1 Key findings

Community feedback highlighted several consistent themes to inform the future upgrade of Timbarra Park. Overall, respondents expressed strong appreciation for the park's existing strengths, particularly its location, open space, landscaping and social areas, and there was a clear desire to retain its established character, including mature trees and well-used features like the pavilion and footy goals. At the same time, the community strongly supported enhancing the play space with a broader mix of equipment and amenities, including dynamic play elements such as swings, slides, climbing structures and trampolines, alongside nature play and opportunities for more active recreation. A key theme was the need to cater to all age groups, with calls for both more inclusive, toddler-friendly equipment and additional facilities for older children and young people, such as pump tracks and basketball courts. Respondents also emphasised the importance of improved supporting infrastructure, including shade, seating, picnic facilities and drinking fountains, to encourage longer visits and social use. Accessibility and safety were also prominent, with requests for inclusive design, better layout and visibility, and upgrades to existing equipment. Together, the feedback reflects a desire for a well-balanced, inclusive and high-quality destination that supports play, recreation and community connection for a diverse range of users.

2.2 Next steps

Council officers will consider community feedback and will seek further feedback on the concept designs June/July 2026.

3 Consultation overview

3.1 Consultation purpose

The consultation was designed to provide affected stakeholders, particularly those using the Timbarra Park, Berwick, and/or living in streets adjacent to Timbarra Park and the broader community with the opportunity to provide input into the draft concept design for the reserve.

3.2 Consultation process

The tools and techniques selected for this project were informed by the project content,

stakeholders and type of feedback sought.

Key tools for communicating the project

- Website news story
- Council's e-newsletter, Casey Catch up
- Emails to key stakeholders
- Social media
- Signage on site

Key methods for gathering feedback

- Online engagement through Casey Conversations, including opportunity to provide feedback via survey, voting poll, upload an image and/or ask a question online
- Contact email address and phone number of Council Officer provided for interested community members to ask for further information or provide feedback
- Printed information available, as required.

Details	Activity
18 March – 26 April 2026 312 visitors 100 contributions	Casey Conversations Website Project information, online survey and written submission hosted on the engagement platform Casey Conversations. Online survey: 70 responses Voting poll: 28 responses Image upload: 2 responses

4 Who we heard from

70 people shared feedback through an online form

Where participants live

- **56 people (80%)** from Berwick
- **7 people (10%)** from Narre Warren
- **1 person (1.43%)** from Narre Warren North
- **1 person (1.43%)** from Narre Warren South
- **1 person (1.43%)** from Clyde North
- **1 person (1.43%)** from Cranbourne East
- **1 person (1.43%)** from Cranbourne North
- **1 person (1.43%)** from Hallam
- **1 person (1.43%)** from Harkaway

Age groups

- **27 people (38.57%)** aged 30–39
- **24 people (34.29%)** aged 40–54
- **6 people (8.57%)** aged 25–29
- **4 people (5.71%)** aged 55–69
- **3 people (4.29%)** aged 10–14
- **2 people (2.86%)** aged 20–24
- **1 person (1.43%)** aged 0–9
- **1 person (1.43%)** aged 15–19
- **1 person (1.43%)** who preferred not to say

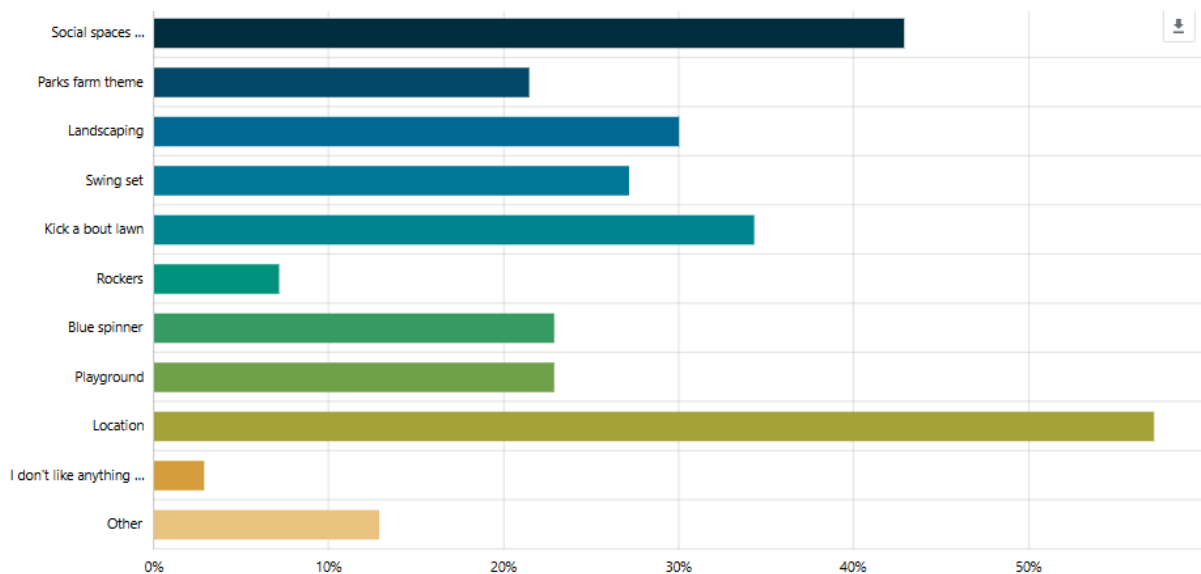
Gender and diversity

- **46 people (65.71%)** identified as women
- **21 people (30%)** identified as men
- **1 person (1.3%)** identified as non-binary
- **6 people (8.57%)** preferred not to say
- **5 people (7.14%)** speak a language other than English at home
- **3 people (4.29%)** identified as a person with a disability
- **3 people (4.29%)** identified as LGBTIQ+
- **1 person (1.43%)** identified as being from an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background

5 Consultation findings

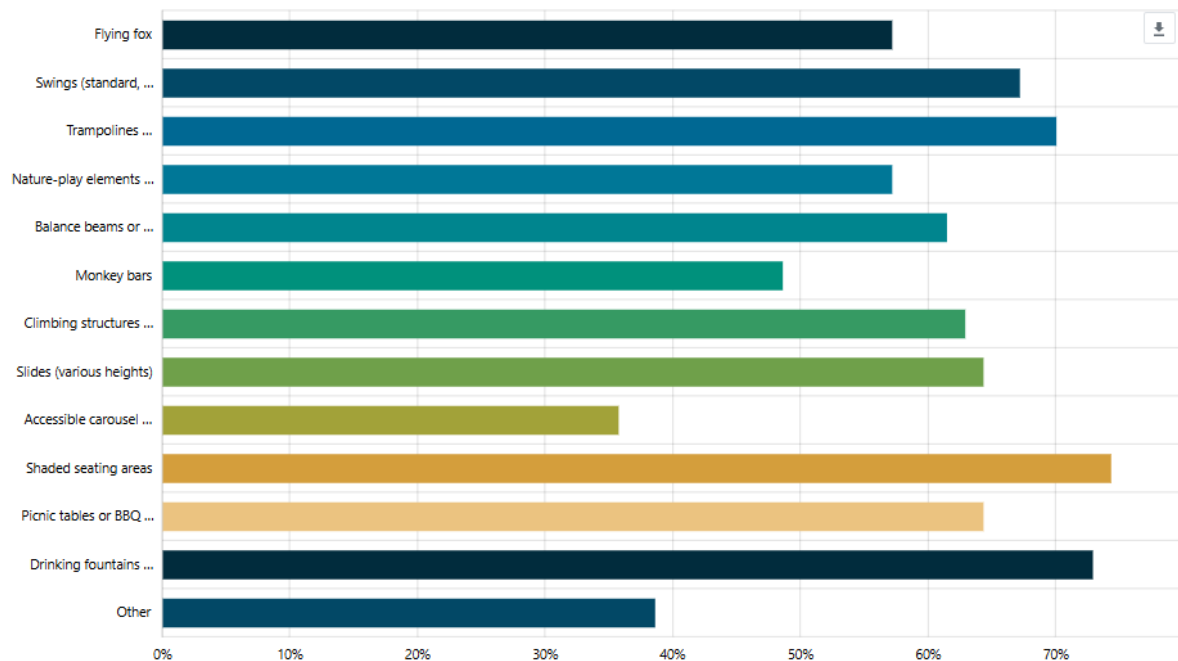
The following section summarises the key themes that arose in community feedback on the Timbarra Park. In the interest of stakeholder and community privacy, individual quotes have not been included within this public document. Where there was more than one mention of a topic or item, the number of mentions has been specified in brackets and italics.

What does community like most about the playground or social area as it is now?



Most respondents said they value the playground's location above all else, with 40 people identifying this as what they like most. Social spaces such as the pavilion and BBQ areas were also highly valued, selected by 30 respondents, followed by the kick-about lawn (24) and landscaping (21), which contribute to the overall enjoyment and usability of the space. Play elements like the swing set (19), blue spinner (16) and the playground more broadly (16) were also popular, while 15 respondents mentioned the park's farm theme and 5 selected the rockers. Nine respondents selected 'other', noting features such as the existing footy goals, swings and see-saw, while only 2 respondents indicated they do not like anything about the playground as it currently stands.

What would the community like included in the new playground?



Most respondents highlighted a strong preference for a range of new play features and supporting amenities. Shaded seating areas were the most requested inclusion, selected by 52 respondents, followed closely by drinking fountains with a dog bowl option (51) and in-ground trampolines (49). Swings (47), slides (45) and picnic tables or BBQ facilities (45) were also highly valued, along with climbing structures or nets (44) and balance beams or obstacle elements (43). A total of 40 respondents each also expressed interest in a flying fox and nature-play elements such as logs, rocks and tunnels, while 34 selected monkey bars and 25 highlighted the need for an accessible carousel or spinner.

Additionally, 27 respondents selected 'other', with suggestions including pump tracks (8), basketball facilities (8), and parkour elements (3). Smaller numbers also identified a need for adult fitness equipment (2), additional shade options (2), public toilets (2), as well as individual suggestions such as water play, a native garden, more seating throughout the park, and fencing around sporting equipment (1 each). These responses also reflected a broader desire to include features that cater to older children and young people, ensuring the space appeals to a wider age range.

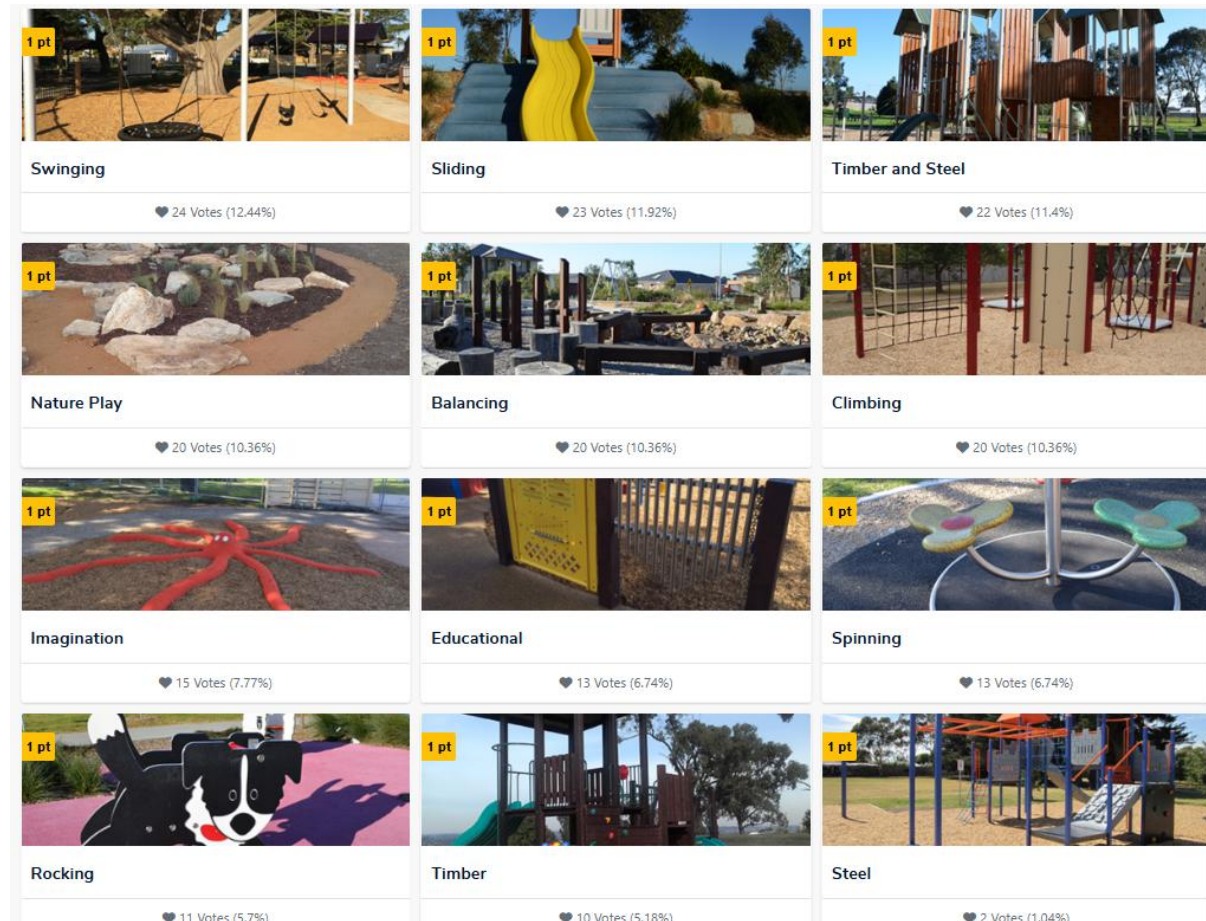
Further suggestions

In addition to the structured survey responses, participants provided a wide range of detailed suggestions that highlight key themes for the future upgrade. A strong emphasis was placed on retaining the existing character of the park, with many respondents expressing a desire to preserve mature trees, natural landscaping, the farm theme, and well-liked features such as the pavilion and footy goals. There was also significant interest in expanding the park's appeal to a broader age range, particularly by including facilities for older children and young people, such as basketball courts, pump tracks, bike or scooter tracks, and more challenging play elements. At the same time, many responses stressed the need for more inclusive and toddler-friendly play equipment, including additional swings, accessible play features, and sensory elements.

Improved amenities were another consistent theme, with respondents calling for more shaded areas, seating, picnic facilities, drinking fountains, and public toilets to support longer visits and family gatherings. Accessibility and safety were also highlighted, including requests for wheelchair-friendly surfaces, better supervision through consolidated play areas, improved lighting, and general upgrades to ageing or potentially unsafe equipment. Overall, the feedback reflects a desire to create a high-quality, inclusive and multifunctional space that caters to all ages, supports active recreation, and enhances the park's role as a key community destination.

Voting poll results

Respondents showed a clear preference for a mix of dynamic and traditional play elements in a future play space. Swinging was the most popular feature, receiving 24 votes, closely followed by sliding with 23 votes and timber and steel play elements with 22 votes. Climbing was also strongly supported, with 20 votes, indicating a desire for active, physical play opportunities.



Community ideas image uploads



Pump track/BMX track image suggestion from 2 community members, however pump track was mentioned by 17 respondents throughout the online engagement

6 Consultation evaluation

This report presents the findings from the analysis of the community feedback gathered during community engagement

The consultation was promoted to key stakeholders including Casey Conversations project subscribers.

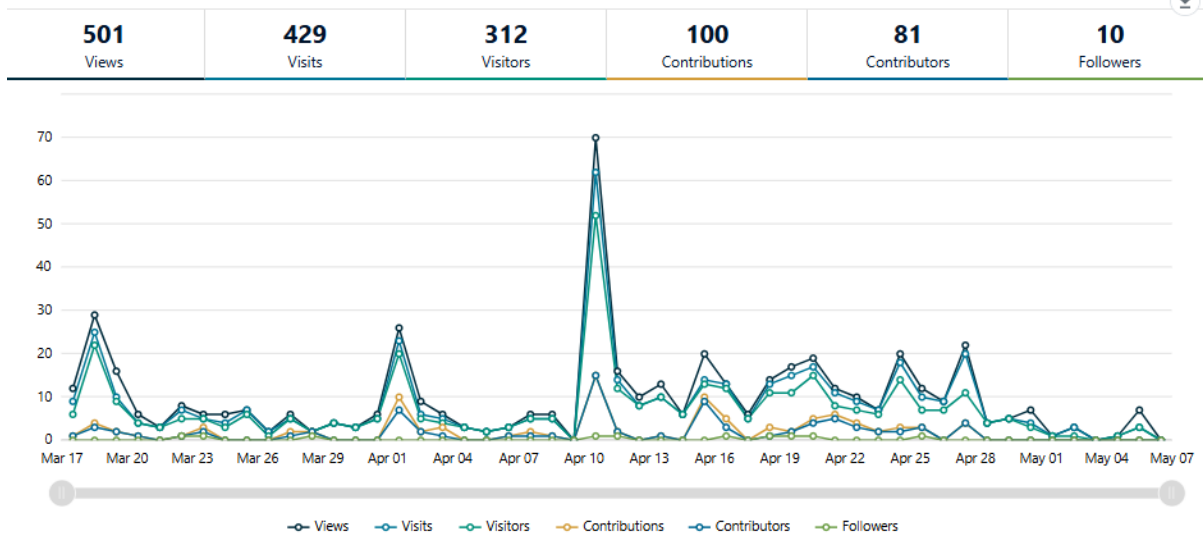
The website news story and Casey Catch-Up e-newsletter also ensured the wider Casey community was given the opportunity to provide feedback.

The length of consultation was four weeks, with most responses received in the first week.

The engagement program received a total of 100 online contributions completed via Casey Conversations

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Performance Summary



6.1 Satisfaction with engagement process

Survey participants were generally satisfied with the consultation process and materials, with a majority of participants selecting they had the required information to participate, and it was very (47.14%) or mostly (31.43%) easy to find/understand. 20% selected neutral and 1.43% was difficult.