

Betula Reserve, Doveton, Concept Playground Design

Community engagement summary report
July 2025

1 Contents

Betula Reserve, Doveton, Concept Playground Design	0
2 Background	1
2.1 Key findings	1
2.2 Next steps	2
3 Consultation overview	2
3.1 Consultation purpose	2
3.2 Consultation process	2
4 Who we heard from	2
5 Consultation findings	3
5.1 Support for actions	3
5.2 Item-specific feedback	3
5.2.1 Additional Amenities	3

2 Background

This document provides a summary of stakeholder and community feedback on the Betula Reserve Playground Concept Design.

Concept Designs have been developed for the redesign of the playground at Betula Reserve, Doveton, subject to Council's budget approval. The design aims to enhance play experiences while respecting the parks natural and cultural heritage. The playground is surrounded by River Red Gums, listed on Council's Significant Tree Register and protected under the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Overlay.

To guide the design process, a four-week community consultation was undertaken. Community members were invited to share feedback on the elements suggested for Betula Reserve Playground, including a Skytower, Swing set for all-abilities and Nature play circuit.

There was also an opportunity to provide additional feedback through an open-text comment box.

2.1 Key findings

The community consultation for the Betula Reserve Playground Concept Design revealed that most respondents lived close by to the playground. Key feedback highlighted that there was strong support for a Skytower (100%) and Swing set for all ages and abilities (100%) and Nature Play Circuit (100%). There was also strong support for Council to protect the trees at the playground (100%).

There was suggestions for a fence and lighting as many users are families visiting the sports ground and use the playground before, during and after sport.

2.2 Next steps

Council officers will consider community feedback and make amendments to the plan, in line with the scope detailed in the project engagement plan.

Subject to Councils budget approval. Construction is expected to be completed by end of June 2026.

3 Consultation overview

3.1 Consultation purpose

The consultation was designed to provide the community with the opportunity to provide their feedback on the Betula Reserve Concept Playground Design.

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

- Emails to key stakeholders
- Social media
- Signage onsite

Key methods for gathering feedback

- Online engagement through Casey Conversations, including opportunity to provide feedback via survey.
- 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
13 June – 13 July 2025 106 visitors 6 contributions	Casey Conversations Website Project information and online survey hosted on the engagement platform Casey Conversations.

4 Who we heard from

A total of six (6) responses were received from individuals between 30 – 54 years old.

We heard from four (4) men and two (2) women during the open consultation.

Doveton was the predominant suburb represented, accounting for 83.33% of responses. In terms of cultural and social diversity, 50% of respondents reported speaking a language other than English at home. A significant portion of respondents (50%) did not identify with any of the listed background or identity categories.

5 Consultation findings

The following section summarises the key themes which arose in community feedback on Betula Reserve Playground Concept Design. 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.

5.1 Support for actions

Survey respondents were asked to share if they had any further feedback on the concept designs.

5.2 Item-specific feedback

5.2.1 Additional Amenities

Topic	Community feedback
Fencing	Respondents highlighted a need for fencing to give parents/carers peace of mind when children are playing (3 <i>mentions</i>).
Lighting	Requests for lighting due to children going to the playground when they finish sport or waiting for siblings on the sports fields. Mention that the trees block vision from the sporting fields. (3 <i>mentions</i>).