

Glenburn Reserve Upgrade

Community engagement summary report
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1 Background

Glenburn Reserve, located at 66–72 Glenburn Drive in Hallam, is identified for renewal as part of the City of Casey's Playground Renewal Program. The project focuses on renewing the existing district-level playground to better meet the needs of the growing local community and improve the overall quality, functionality and appeal of the space.

As part of this process, Council undertook community consultation (Stage 1) to gather feedback on how the reserve is currently used and what improvements residents would like to see. The feedback will directly inform the concept design, including decisions about playground equipment, active recreation opportunities and social spaces.

Overall, the project aims to deliver an upgraded, inclusive and engaging reserve that reflects community needs and supports play, recreation and social connection for local residents.

1.1 Key findings

The consultation findings highlight a clear community desire to enhance Glenburn Reserve while retaining its key strengths, particularly its location (12 responses) and open, informal play spaces (5 responses each for kick-about lawn and basketball court). Strong support was shown for improved amenities to enable longer visits, including shaded seating (29 responses), drinking fountains and shelters (28 responses each), and picnic/BBQ facilities (27 responses). There is also high demand for a diverse and inclusive play offering, with popular features including swings (26), slides (25), and flying foxes and climbing structures (23 each), alongside interest in more challenging play for older children. Active recreation is a key priority, particularly an upgraded basketball court (30 responses), supported by soccer/futsal goals (18) and fitness stations (17). Safety, accessibility and the need to upgrade ageing infrastructure were also consistent themes, along with opportunities to better utilise the space through multi-functional features. Overall, the feedback reflects a strong vision for a well-equipped, inclusive and active community space that caters to all ages.

1.2 Next steps

Council officers will consider community feedback and will seek further feedback on the concept designs in late 2026.

2 Consultation overview

2.1 Consultation purpose

The consultation was designed to provide affected stakeholders, particularly those using Glenburn Reserve, Hallam and/or living in streets adjacent to the Reserve and

the broader community with the opportunity to provide input into the draft concept design for the reserve.

2.2 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
- Mail out to Hallam residents

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
8 April – 11 May 2026 378 visitors 74 contributions	Casey Conversations Website Project information, online survey and written submission hosted on the engagement platform Casey Conversations. Online survey: 43 responses Voting poll: 26 responses Image upload: 3 responses

3 Who we heard from

70 people shared feedback through an online form

Where participants live

- **37 people (86.05%)** from Hallam
- **2 people (4.65%)** from Narre Warren
- **1 person (2.33%)** from Narre Warren North
- **1 person (2.33%)** from Endeavour Hills
- **1 person (2.33%)** from Eumemmerring
- **1 person (2.33%)** from Hampton Park

Age groups

- **18 people (41.86%)** aged 30–39
- **5 people (11.63%)** aged 40–54
- **5 people (11.63%)** aged 55–69
- **4 people (9.3%)** aged 25–29
- **3 people (6.89%)** aged 20–24
- **3 people (6.89%)** aged 15–19
- **2 people (4.65%)** aged 70+
- **1 person (2.33%)** aged 10–14
- **1 person (2.33%)** aged 0–9
- **1 person (2.33%)** who preferred not to say

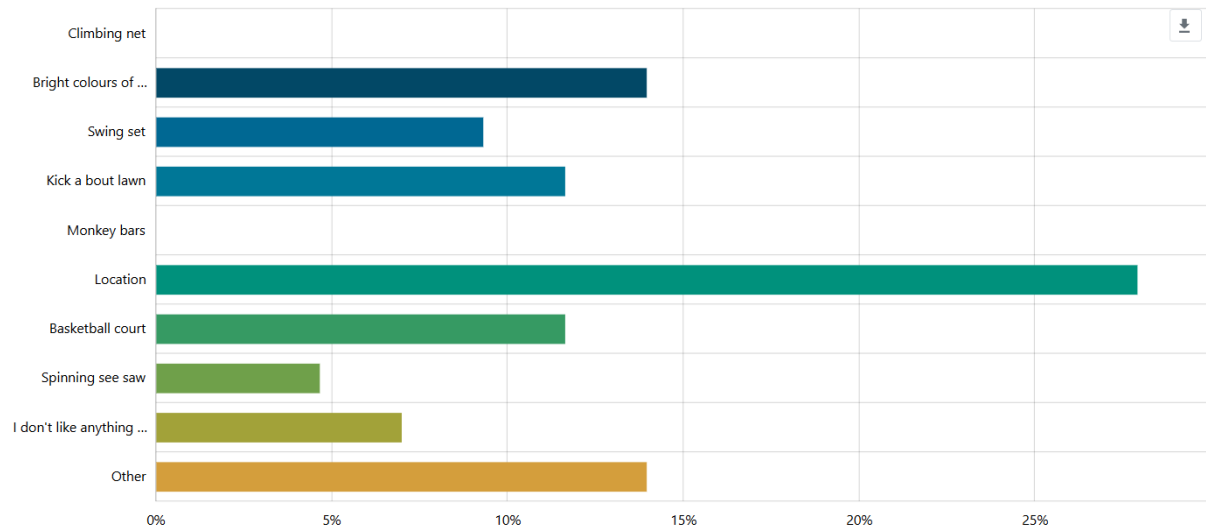
Gender and diversity

- **27 people (62.79%)** identified as women
- **15 people (34.88%)** identified as men
- **1 person (2.33%)** identified as non-binary
- **10 people (23.26%)** speak a language other than English at home
- **4 people (9.3%)** identified as a person with a disability
- **3 people (6.98%)** identified as LGBTIQ+
- **2 people (4.65%)** identified as being from an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background

4 Consultation findings

The following section summarises the key themes that arose in community feedback on the Glenburn Reserve. 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 Glenburn Reserve as it is now?



Most respondents identified the playground's location as the aspect they value most, with 12 people selecting this feature. Other well-regarded elements included the kick-about lawn and basketball court (5 respondents each), highlighting the importance of open, flexible spaces for informal play and recreation. The swing set also performed relatively well, with 4 respondents identifying it as a preferred feature, while 2 selected the spinning see-saw.

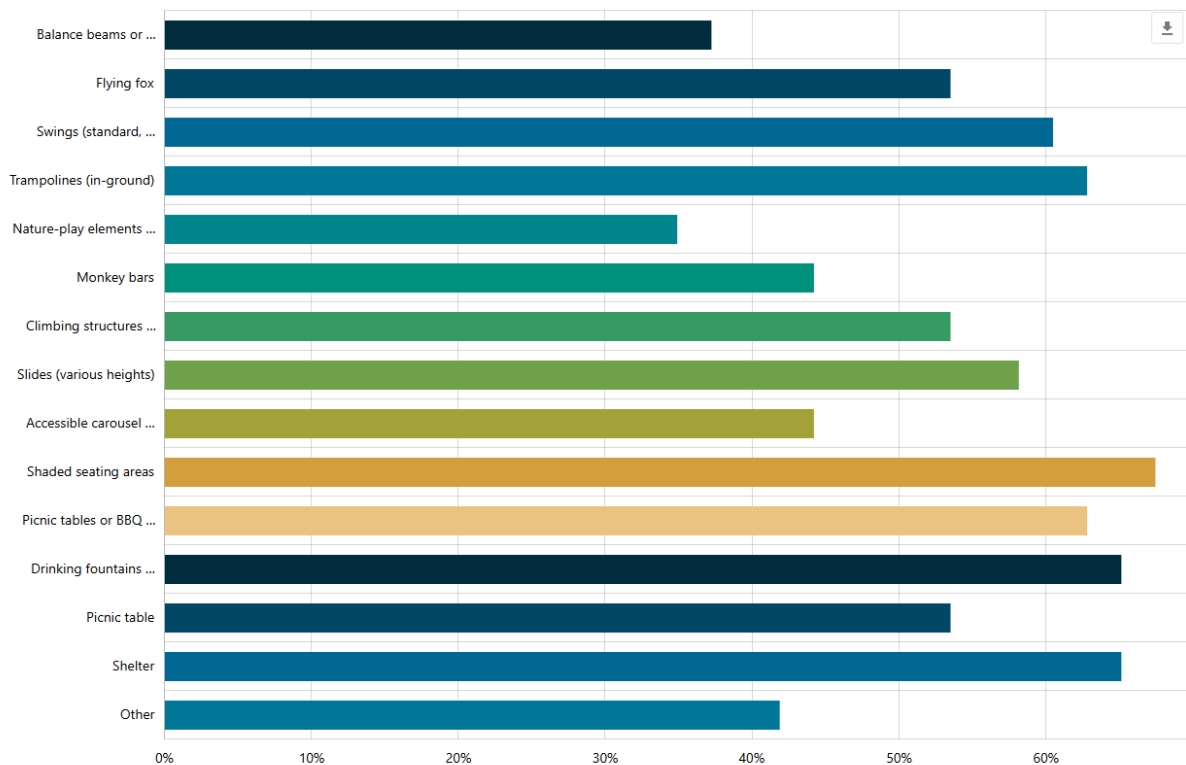
In terms of design elements, 6 respondents appreciated the bright colours of the playground, suggesting that visual appeal contributes to the overall enjoyment of the space. No respondents selected the climbing net or monkey bars, indicating these play elements are currently not resonating with users.

Six respondents selected 'other', providing additional insights into what they value. Common themes included the importance of fenced playgrounds for safety, particularly for children with autism, as well as appreciation for walking paths, open lawn areas, tree planting, and the overall concept of the space. Features such as AFL goals were also noted as positive inclusions.

Three respondents indicated they do not like anything about the playground in its current form

What would the community like included in the Reserve?

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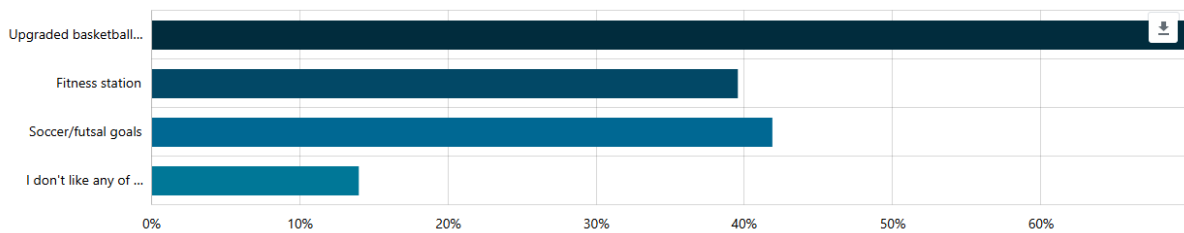
Most respondents expressed a strong desire for a range of play and supporting amenities to be included in the reserve, with shaded seating areas identified as the highest priority (29 respondents). This was closely followed by essential supporting infrastructure such as drinking fountains and shelters (28 respondents each), and picnic tables or BBQ facilities and in-ground trampolines (27 respondents each).

Play equipment was also highly valued, with strong interest in swings (26 respondents) and slides (25), alongside adventurous and active elements such as the flying fox and climbing structures or nets (23 respondents each). Features that support physical challenge and inclusive play, including monkey bars and an accessible carousel or spinner (19 respondents each), were also popular, along with balance or obstacle elements (16) and nature-play features like logs, rocks and tunnels (15).

Eighteen respondents selected 'other', providing detailed suggestions that further reinforce the desire for a well-rounded, inclusive and high-quality space. Key themes included the need for toilets, fencing or gated play areas, particularly due to the proximity to roads and to support younger children and those with additional needs. Respondents also highlighted interest in bike or BMX tracks, upgraded or new basketball courts, AFL goals, and a skate park, reflecting demand for facilities catering to a wide range of ages and interests.

Additional ideas were outdoor gym equipment for adults and seniors, sensory or musical play elements, water play features, and dedicated toddler-friendly equipment.

What active recreation would the community like in the Reserve?



Most respondents indicated a strong preference for upgraded sporting infrastructure, with 30 people selecting an upgraded basketball court as their top priority.

Other popular options included soccer or futsal goals (18 respondents) and a fitness station (17).

Six respondents indicated they do not like any of the listed option

Further suggestions

In addition to the structured survey responses, participants provided detailed feedback that highlights several important themes for the future upgrade. A strong emphasis was placed on improving amenities to support longer visits and family use, with many respondents calling for additional shade, seating, picnic areas and BBQ facilities. The need for a fully shaded or partially covered playground was frequently mentioned, along with requests for drinking fountains (including dog bowls) and public toilets.

There was also significant feedback around catering to younger children, with many noting that the playground is predominantly used by children aged 0–6. Respondents suggested including more toddler-appropriate play equipment, such as additional swings, accessible features and safer, more engaging play structures. At the same time, some participants highlighted opportunities to broaden the appeal by including features for older children and young people, such as upgraded basketball facilities, soccer or futsal goals, skate or bike tracks, and more challenging play elements.

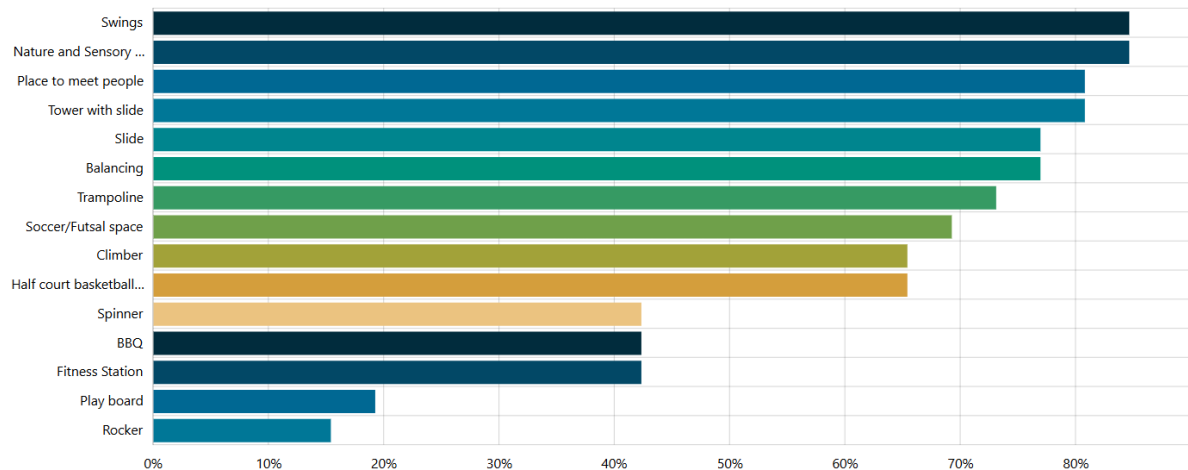
Safety and accessibility were recurring priorities, particularly the need for fencing or gated play areas due to the reserve's proximity to roads and to better support children with additional needs. Respondents also raised concerns about the condition of existing infrastructure, especially the basketball court, which was described as outdated and potentially unsafe, reinforcing the need for renewal and upgrades. Improvements to surfacing, lighting and overall maintenance were also suggested.

Several responses highlighted the opportunity to better utilise the size and open space of the reserve, with suggestions such as dog parks with agility equipment, outdoor fitness stations, and multi-use open areas for sports and recreation. Others emphasised maintaining and enhancing the park's strengths, noting its long-standing role in the community and its value across generations.

Overall, the feedback reflects a strong desire to transform the reserve into a well-equipped, inclusive and multi-functional community space, balancing improved amenities, upgraded infrastructure and diverse recreation opportunities to better meet the needs of all users.

Voting poll results

Voting Results



Respondents indicated a strong preference for a diverse mix of play and social elements in the future space, with several features receiving similarly high levels of support. Swings and nature and sensory play were the most popular options, each receiving 22 votes, closely followed by places to meet people and tower with slide elements, both with 21 votes. Traditional play features such as slides and balancing elements were also highly favoured, each attracting 20 votes, highlighting a continued interest in active and physical play opportunities.

More dynamic features like trampolines (19 votes) and soccer or futsal spaces (18 votes) also ranked strongly, suggesting a desire for both free play and organised activity. Climbing structures and a half-court basketball court (17 votes each) further reinforced this interest in active recreation. Lower-ranking features such as spinners, BBQ facilities, and fitness stations (11 votes each) still demonstrated moderate support, while play boards and rockers received the least interest overall.

Community ideas image uploads

Title - Water feature



Description from respondent - “Water feature play area, running stream, sprinkles during hot weather”

Title-

Glenburn reserve, bringing a community together

PROPOSED COMMUNITY PARK UPGRADE

A PLACE TO CONNECT, PLAY, STAY ACTIVE & RELAX



Description from respondent - “At the core of the design is a continuous, gently curving walking path that loops throughout the park, connecting all key features. This accessible pathway is suitable for people of all abilities, including families with prams, older residents, and those with mobility challenges. The looped design promotes walking, light exercise, and easy navigation while maintaining clear sightlines for safety.

A half basketball court provides a dedicated space for informal sport and active recreation, particularly appealing to young people and families.

For children, a swing set is included within a soft-fall play area, offering a safe and enjoyable space for children. Its open placement allows for easy supervision, enhancing both safety and usability.

The park also features a dedicated BBQ and picnic area, designed to support family gatherings and small community events. Nearby, a shaded seating area with a pergola structure provides comfort and protection from the sun, creating a relaxing space for social interaction and rest.

A central fountain acts as the visual focal point of the park, adding a calming atmosphere through the sound of water.

The outdoor gym equipment adds a valuable fitness element to the park, supporting health and wellbeing for all ages.

Seating is thoughtfully placed throughout the park to encourage rest, social connection, and enjoyment of the space.

By combining recreational facilities, social areas, and natural landscaping, the design promotes health, connection, and overall wellbeing. It creates a safe, welcoming environment for people of all ages to enjoy and fosters a stronger and more connected neighbourhood.”

Title - Multi age, fun, vibrant



Description from respondent - “Space for kids to ride bikes, tricycles, scooters, shelter for meeting place and benches, entertainment space for kids e.g. spaceship controls, nature walk, sensory play, sand, shade, statues for kids e.g. kangaroo, koala, birds etc”

5 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.

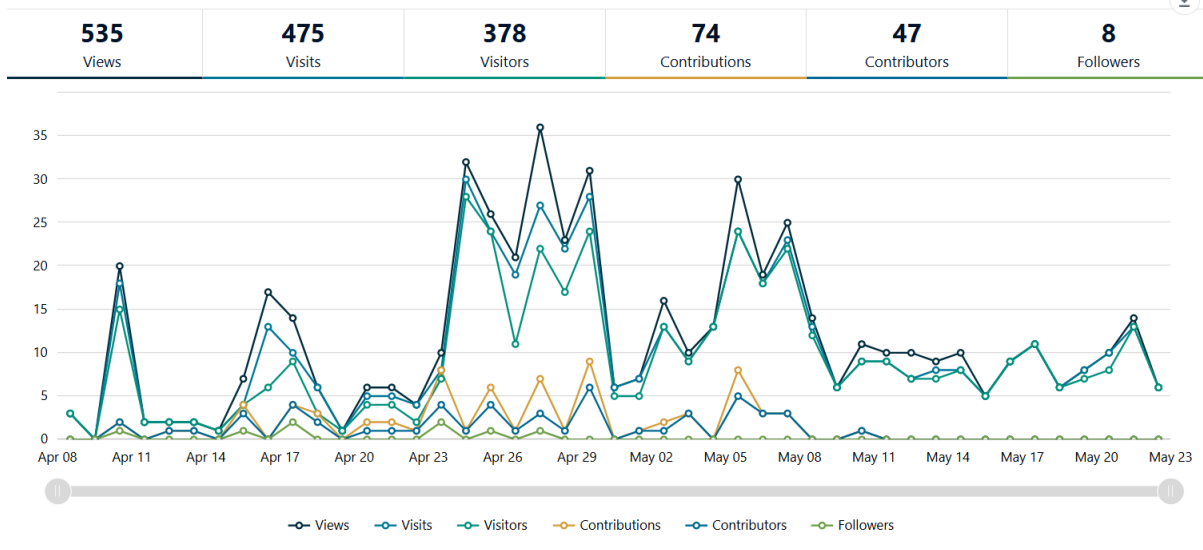
The website news story and Casey Catch-Up e-newsletter also ensured the wider Casey community was given the opportunity to provide feedback.

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

The engagement program received a total of 74 online contributions completed via Casey Conversations

Casey Conversations project page

Performance Summary



5.1 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 (44.19%) or mostly (39.53%) easy to find/understand. 11.63% selected neutral and 4.66% was difficult to very difficult.