

Ackland Park Reserve Improvement Works

Community engagement summary report
September 2024

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2 Background

Following consultation in September and October 2023, Council have been working on developing the draft concept for Ackland Park Reserve. Thanks to the community's feedback, we have been able to design a draft concept plan considering comments and ideas from the local community.

Key themes included:

- An improved playground with more adventure-based play elements.
- Additional shelter with picnic tables and seating.
- A half basketball/multi-use court.
- The proposed project will look to renew the existing playground and provide additional infrastructure to this local level reserve.

The upgrade will include the following:

- Upgraded playground equipment
- Multi-use Pumptrack (to replace the existing BMX track)
- Multi-use Basketball/Netball court
- Additional seating
- Sheltered BBQ and picnic area
- New connection footpaths
- Fitness equipment
- Additional trees planted for more shade

From 28 August to 16 September 2024, a community engagement process was held to gather community feedback on the plan

2.1 Key findings

Community feedback was overall supportive of the concept plan with a satisfaction average of 7.44, with a range from 1 (low) to 10 (high)

Suggestions to include football goals, a more natural looking play space, more equipment and picnic spaces were common themes throughout the engagement.

2.2 Next steps

Council officers will consider community feedback in the development of a Detail Design Package to proceed with construction in the 2024-25 Financial Year. Works to upgrade the park will be subject to future Council budget adoption

3 Consultation overview

3.1 Consultation purpose

The consultation was designed to provide the community with the opportunity to provide their feedback on the Ackland Park Reserve Improvement Works.

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

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
28 August to 16 September 2024	Casey Conversations Website
469 visitors	Project information and online survey hosted on the engagement platform Casey Conversations.
25 contributions	Online survey: 25 responses

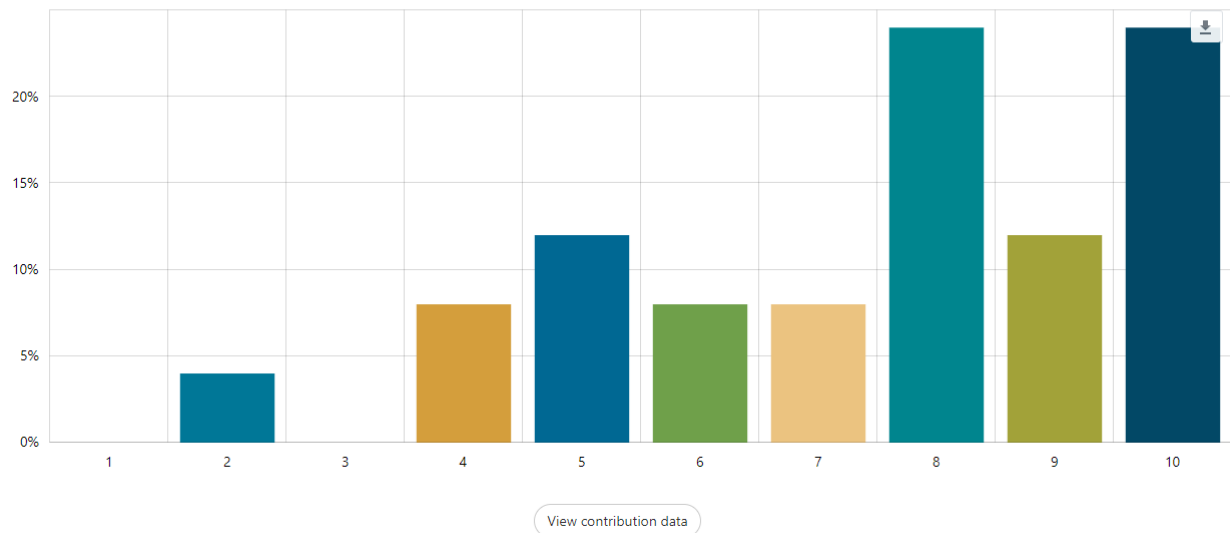
4 Consultation findings

The following section summarises the key themes which arose in community Ackland Park Reserve Improvement Works. 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.

4.1 Support for concept plan

1 On a scale of 1-10 how satisfied are you with the updated Concept Plan as a whole? 1 being dissatisfied with 10 being satisfied. Required ★ Average 7.44

Rating | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 25 (100%)



4.2 Item-specific feedback

4.2.1 Inclusion of football goals

A range of specific concerns were raised during the consultation regarding this item:

Topic	Community feedback
Addition of football goals	Include a set of football goals near playground (4 mentions)
Kicking area	Include an open space to kick a ball and goals (3 mention)

4.2.2 Picnic, BBQ and shade coverage

A range of specific concerns were raised during the consultation regarding this item:

Topic	Community feedback
BBQ	Increase in traffic to the area if a BBQ is included and the cost of the project. Suggestion to invest more in the playground and include a flying fox
Shade coverage	Ensure not only coverage from the shade but also the wet weather. Similar to parks in Timbarra (2 mentions)
Picnic spaces	Increase the amount of picnic tables and chair, by one

4.2.3 Parking

A range of specific concerns were raised during the consultation regarding this item:

Topic	Community feedback
Lack of parking available in the area	Marcos IGA currently doesn't have enough parking. With more facilities available more parking needs to be included.

4.2.1 Play spaces and pump track

A range of specific concerns were raised during the consultation regarding this item:

Topic	Community feedback
Example play spaces	Olinda and Timbarra play spaces are a highly regarded playground
Pump track	Change to ground material to a soft fall, rubber material (2 mentions)
Playground equipment	Request for monkey bars and flying foxes
Natural look	Prefer a timber style play material (2 mentions)

5 Consultation evaluation

Casey Conversations project page

