Youth Spaces Plan Feasibility Study

Results of Shaping Banyule consultation April-May 2023

Banyule
City Council

Background

As demonstrated by the adoption of the Banyule Youth Spaces Plan on 30 August 2021, Banyule City Council is committed to providing desirable public open space for Banyule's youth aged 12 – 25 years.

To progress the recommendations contained within the Banyule Youth Spaces Plan, an investigation is required to assess locations and feasibility of the various sites for the development of:

- Local youth spaces to cater for preteens/early teens (12 – 14 years);
- Local youth spaces to cater for teens/young adults (15 – 25 years);
- District youth spaces to cater for preteens/early teens/teens/young adults (12 – 25).

As per page 23 of the Banyule Youth Spaces Plan, the location for local spaces for preteens/early teens and teens/young adults are anticipated to be within parks that already have a half-court (please refer to map below). The intent is to provide preteen/early teen and teen/young adult spaces equitably across the municipality. Both the preteen/early teen and teen/young adult spaces are anticipated to have a catchment of 1 – 1.5 kilometres but the preteen/early teen spaces are to be connected to sports precincts and local play-spaces whereas the teen/young adult spaces are to be connected to libraries, transport nodes, urban plazas and/or sports precincts.

Two district spaces to serve preteens/early teens/teens/young adults also need to be investigated. The Banyule Youth Spaces Plan anticipated that these spaces are to be in proximity to public transport and major activity centres although there is some logic in investigating open space in proximity to Northland given this is a public transport hub located in a socially disadvantaged area in close proximity to the municipality. Two district spaces (one in the north and one in the south) are anticipated. Catchments for these spaces have been nominated at between 3 – 5 kilometres.

The report assessed 84 sites for potential youth space in the City of Banyule. They included: 50 sites identified by the council with an existing half-court, 5 sites suggested by Banyule Youth for potential bike jump facilities, and other 28 sites identified within 800 metres catchment of nominated key train stations.

In summary, there are 11 sites selected for Local preteen and early teen Spaces, 11 sites for Local Teen and Young Adult Spaces, and 2 sites for District Youth Spaces.

Community Engagement

The draft Youth Spaces Plan Feasibility Study was made available for wider public consultation on Shaping Banyule between 6 April and 30 May 2023. One approach was used: a formal survey divided by precinct and making direct reference to the draft Youth Spaces Plan – Feasibility Study with open-text questions and Banyule's standard demographic questions.

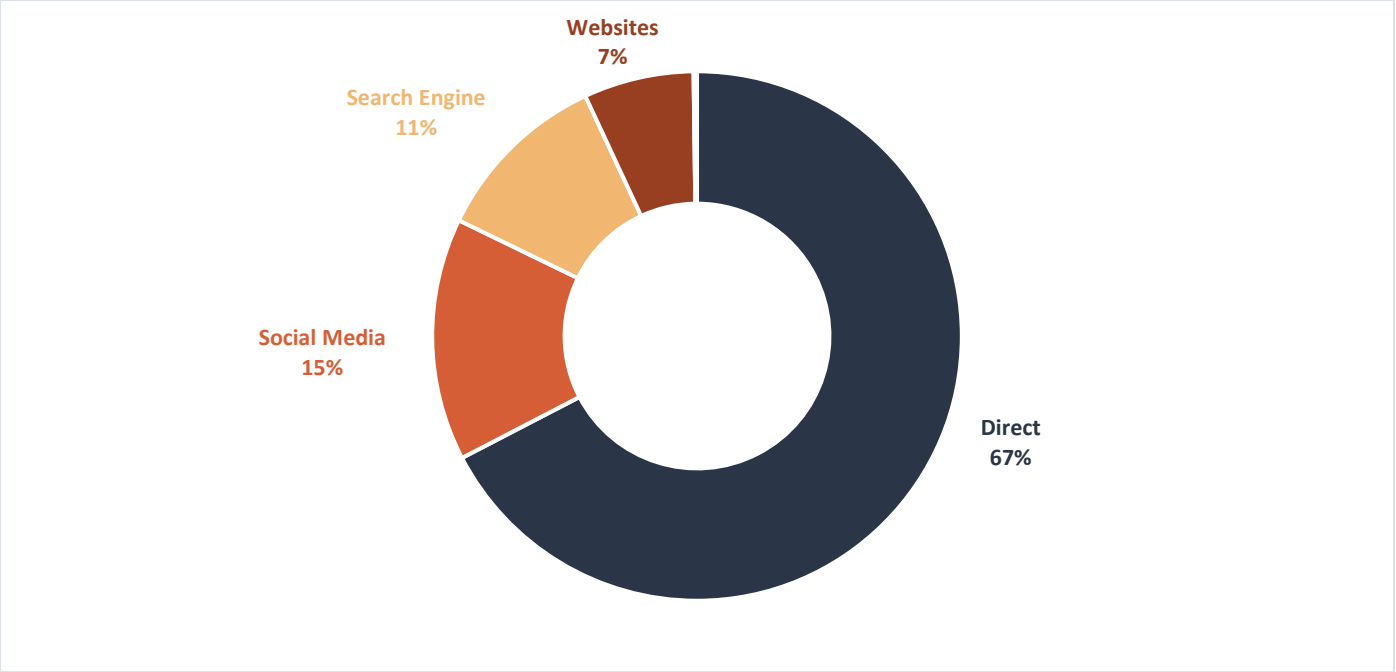
Objective 1	To understand stakeholder preferences regarding locations for outdoor Youth Spaces
Objective 2	To understand from the community what they would like included in their Youth Spaces.
Objective 3	To understand from the community what they think Council should prioritise in providing open spaces for young people
Objective 4	To understand community preferences from an intersectional lens (gender, age, accessibility)

Methods of Promotion

Three stakeholder groups were identified, and their methods of promotion as follows:

Stakeholder group	Method of Promotion
Banyule Community members	• Shaping Banyule • Banyule Banner • Social Media (organic and paid campaigns) • Corflute signs at one location per precinct
Young People	• Youth Outreach Team engaged casual staff to conduct face-to-face surveys during school holiday programs • Youth Email list (included a draw to win 3x $50 vouchers to encourage participation) • Support from Himilo to engage with the Somali community
Schools	• Email to schools

Information regarding the method by which Visitors arrived to Shaping Banyule page for this project are shown in the graph below:



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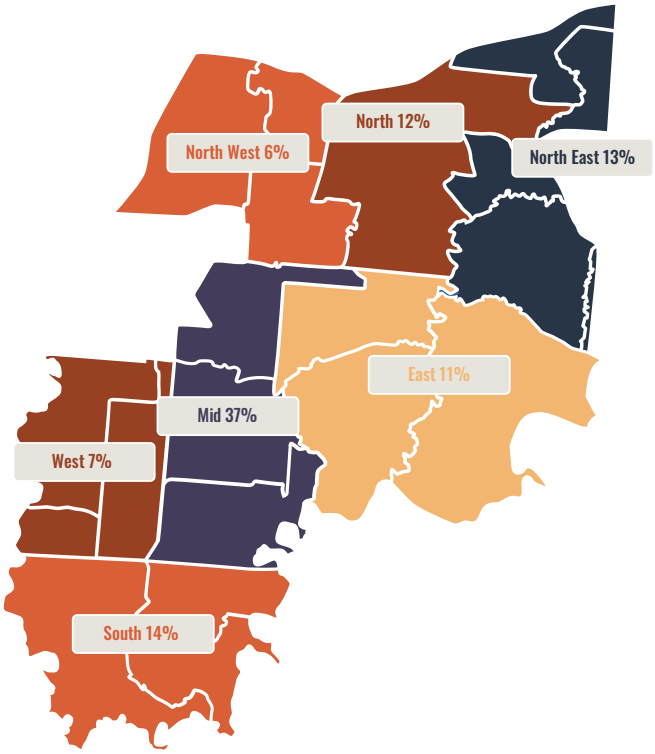
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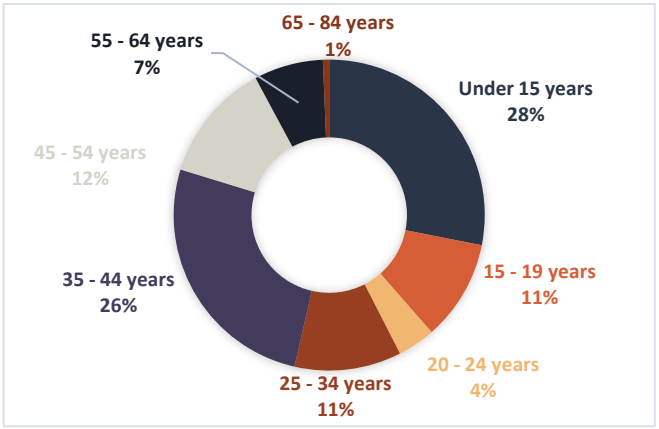
Participation

The survey received 164 contributions in Shaping Banyule, 3 email submissions

Percentage of contributions by precinct

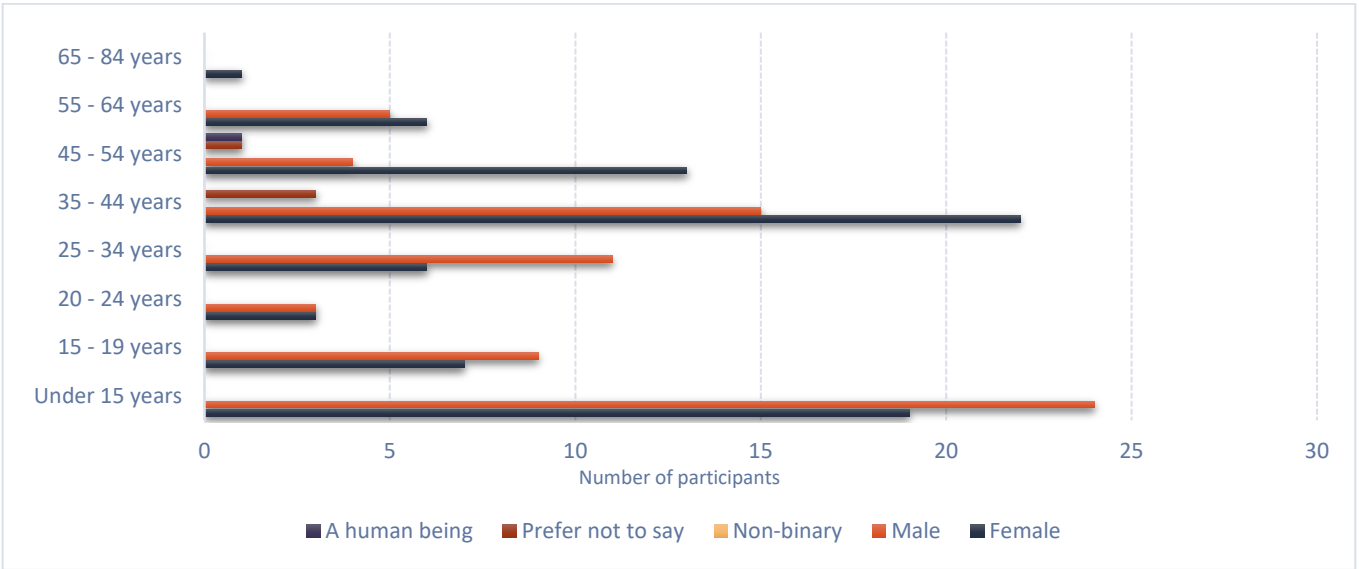


Contributions by age



43% of the contributions are from young people (under 15 to 24 years), which gives the project a good insight of young people's expectations in open spaces.

Contributions by gender and age



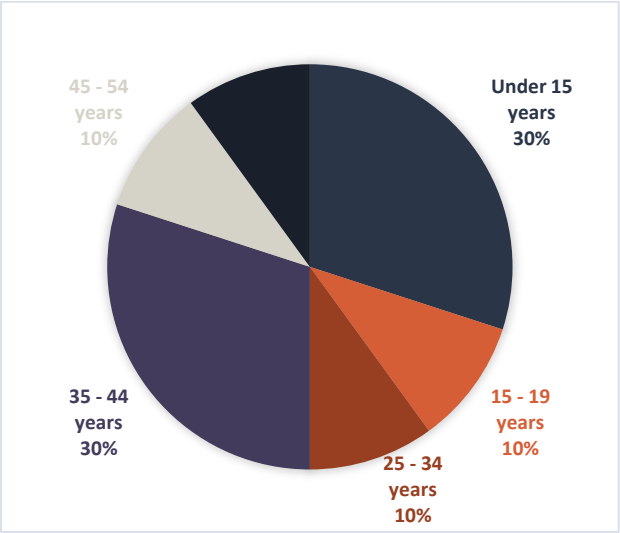
Limitations of community engagement

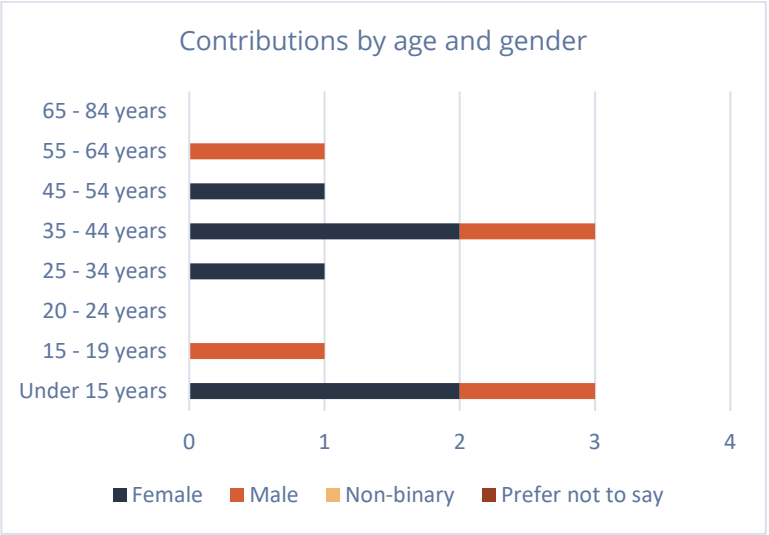
- Young people between 12 and 24 years old are the minority among subscribers to our Shaping Banyule updates or followers of Banyule's social media channels, therefore the reach to this age group was low.
- Feedback post survey from the Youth Services team highlights that young people found hard to understand the questions in the survey and the maps that were part of the survey.
- Answers to open-text questions were optional. Each answer was manually coded into reoccurring themes.

North West Precinct

Q1 Do you agree with the proposed locations for North West Precinct?

89% answered YES





Q2 Have we missed anything, or is there anything else you want us to consider?

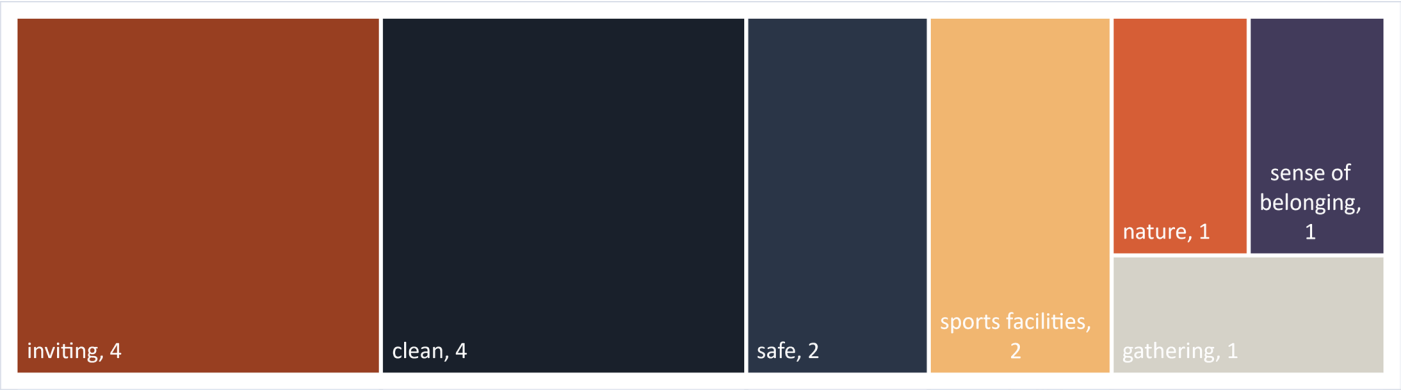


All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

Q3 What do you think makes a good outdoor space for young people?

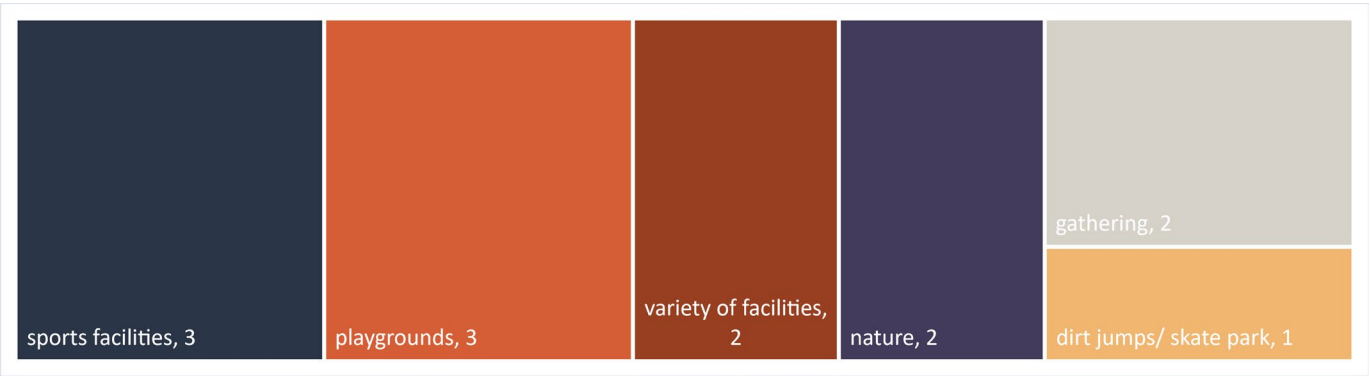


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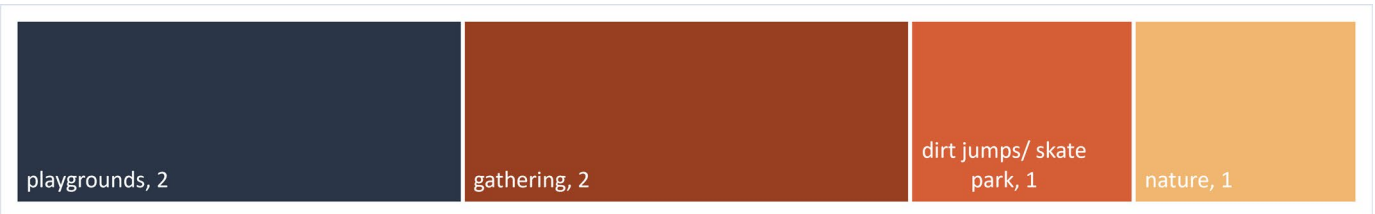


Young people's answers.

Q4 Have you seen any outdoor spaces that you really love? or don't like?



All respondents' answers.



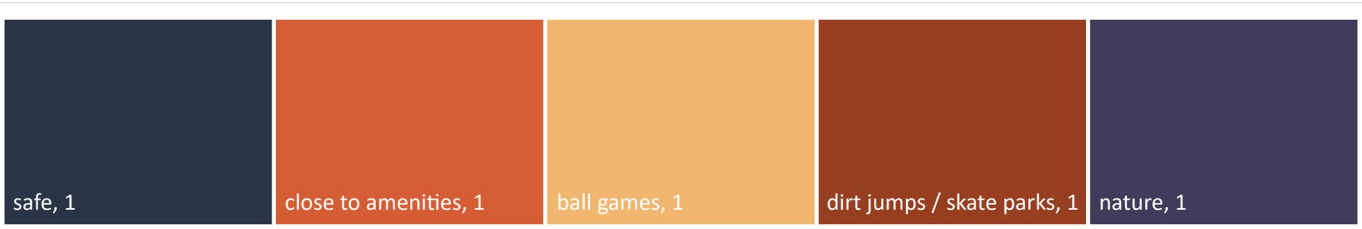
Young people's answers.

"The soccer pitch at Malahang is amazing"

Q5 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them suitable for local youth?



All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

"That's they're clean"

"Skatepark,bmx park, shopping centre, basketball and other sports"

Q6 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them gender inclusive?



All respondents' answers.

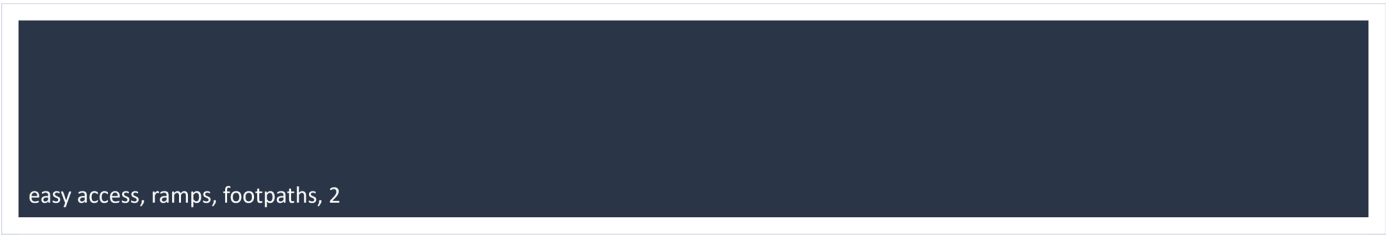


Young people's answers.

Q7 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them suitable for all abilities?



All respondents' answers.



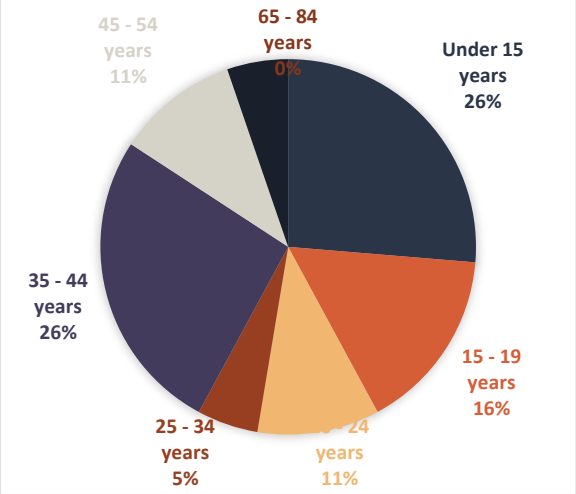
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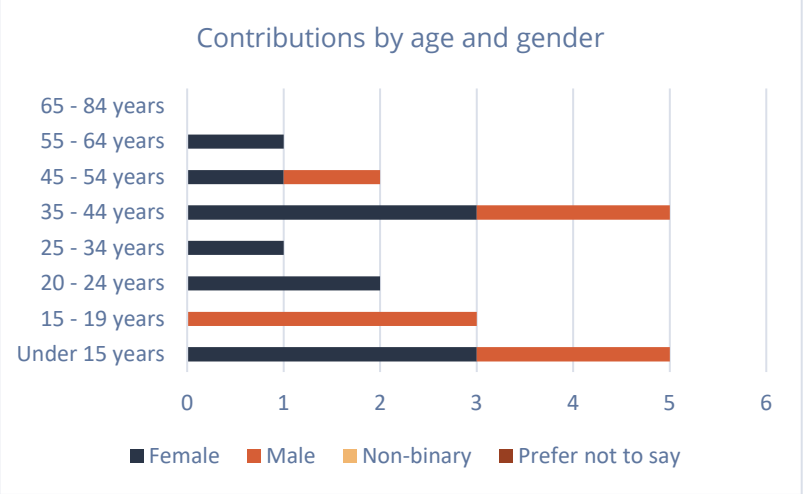
"Ramps, paved pathways, rails"

North Precinct

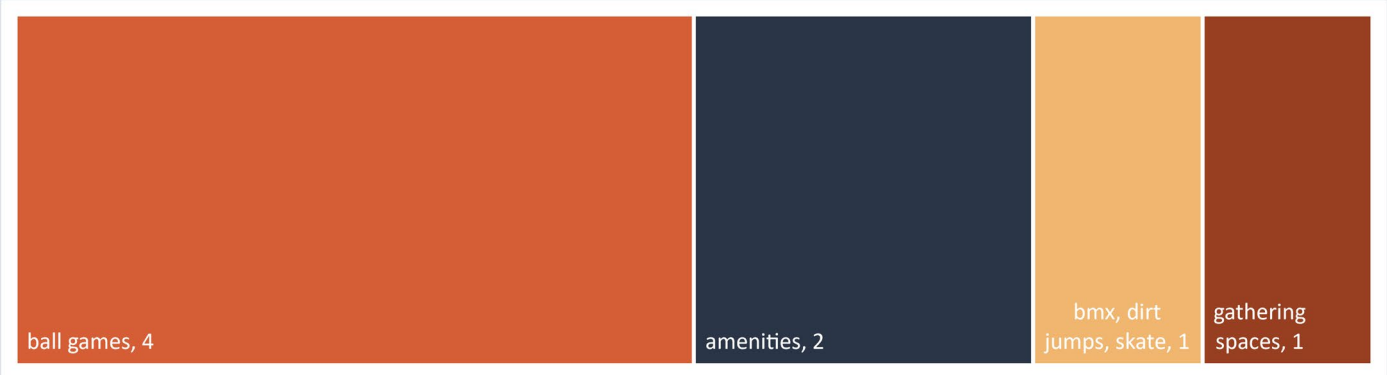
Q1 Do you agree with the proposed locations for North Precinct?

94% answered YES

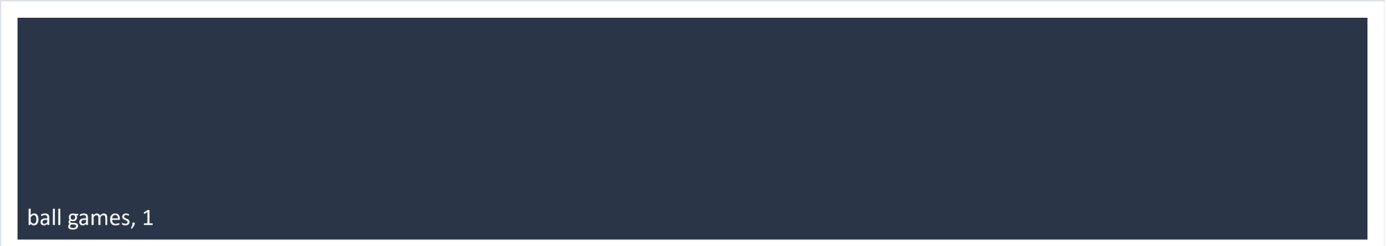




Q2 Have we missed anything, or is there anything else you want us to consider?



All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

Q3 What do you think makes a good outdoor space for young people?

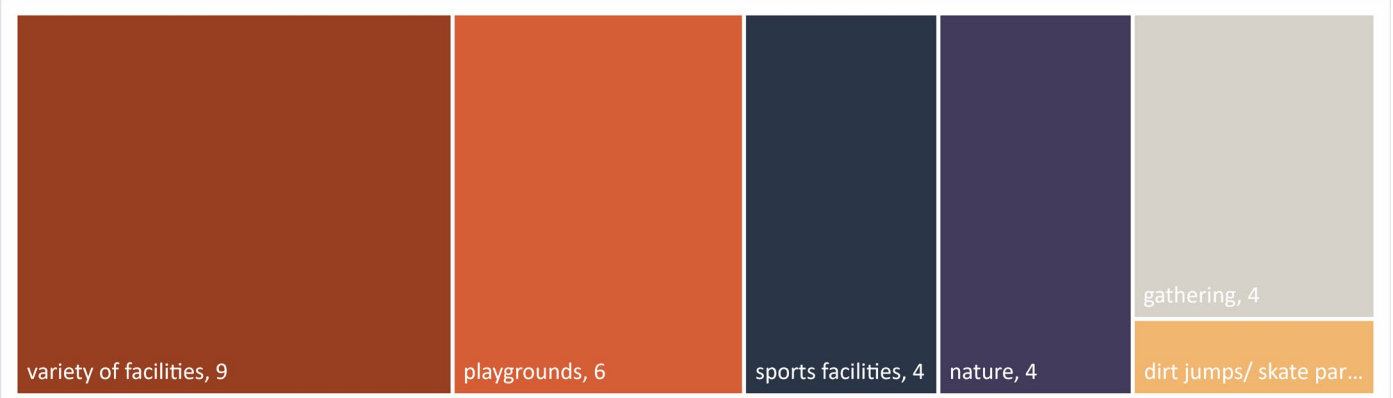


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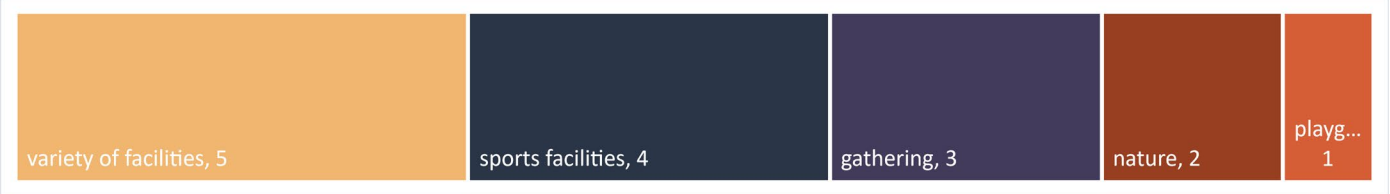


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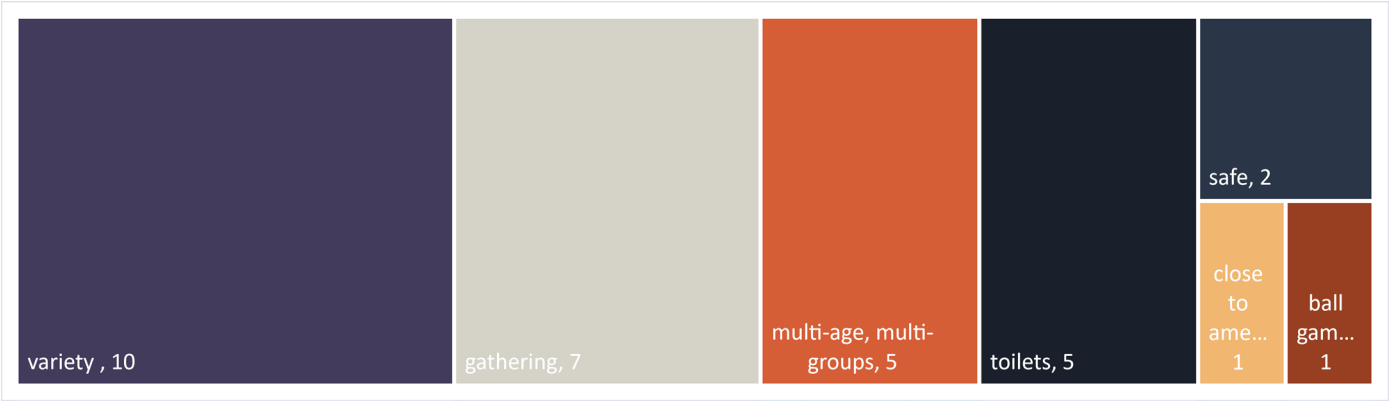
All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

"I love royal park as it is a very open space and all ages can access it"

Q5 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them suitable for local youth?



All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

"Be a safe environment"

Q6 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them gender inclusive?

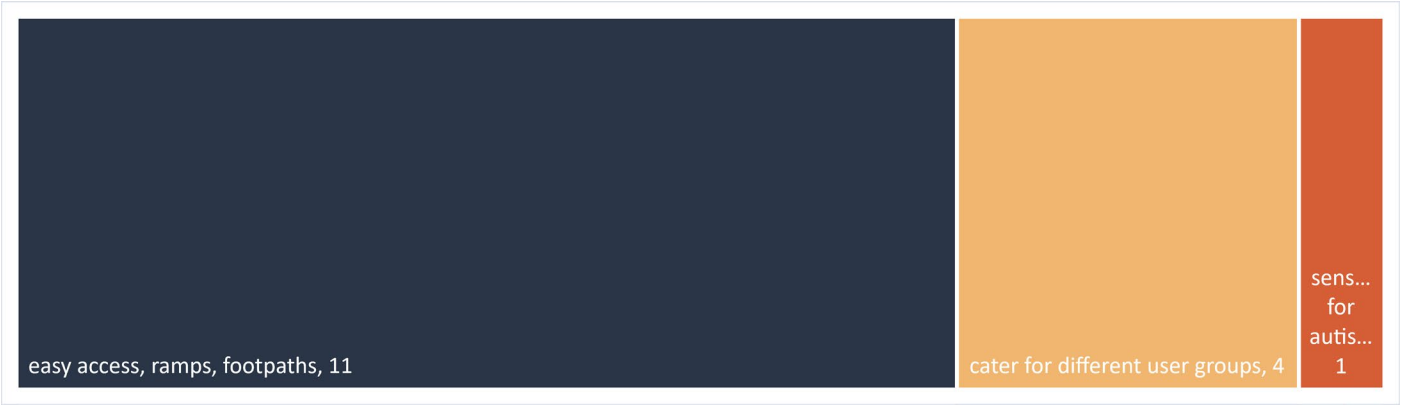


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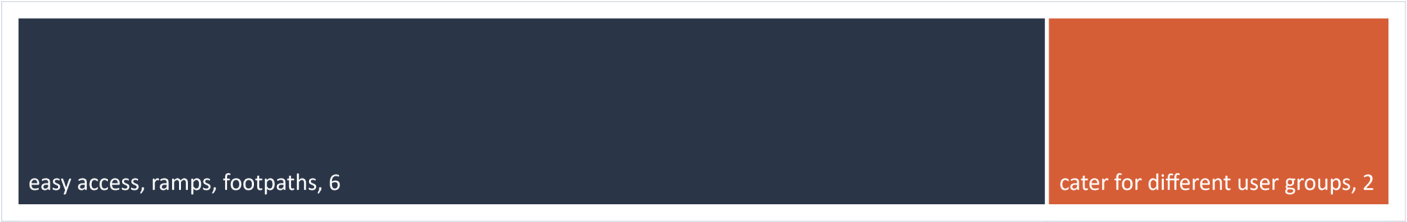


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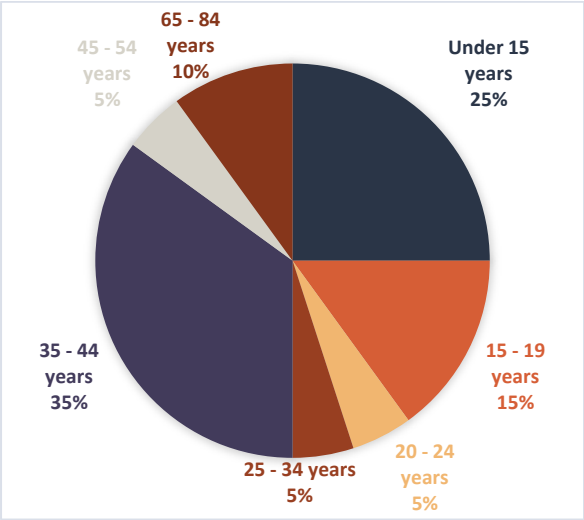
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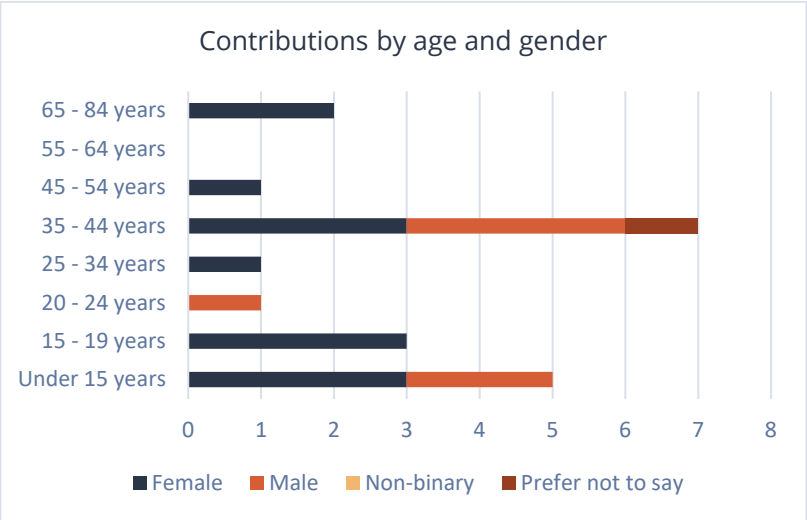
"Ramps, kindness and patience"

North East Precinct

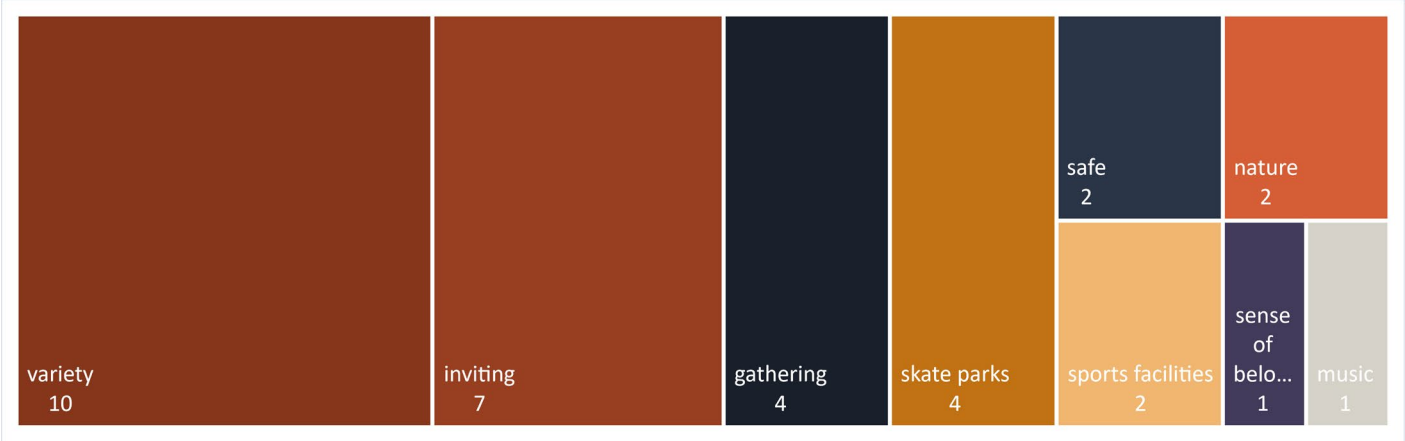
Q1 Do you agree with the proposed locations for North East Precinct?

86% answered YES

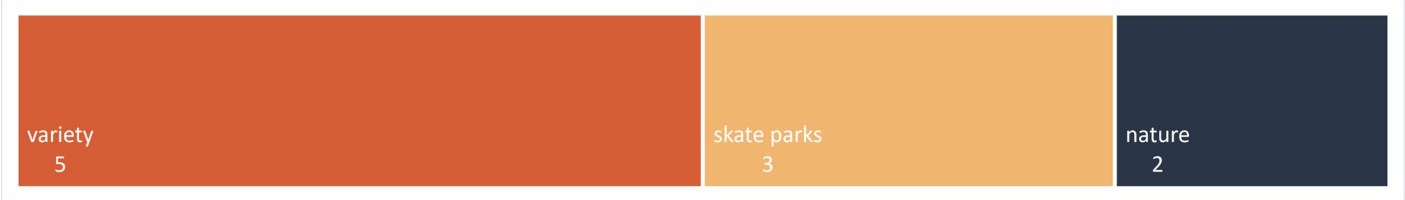




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All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

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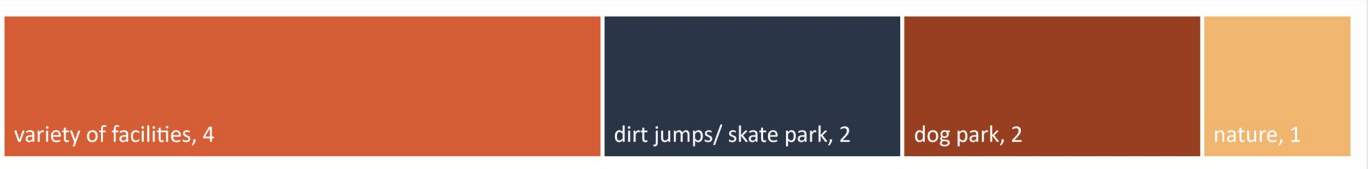


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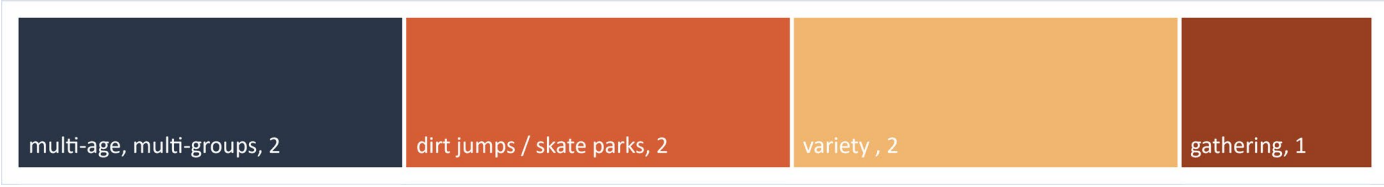
Young people's answers.

"Possum hollow"

Q5 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them suitable for local youth?



All respondents' answers.

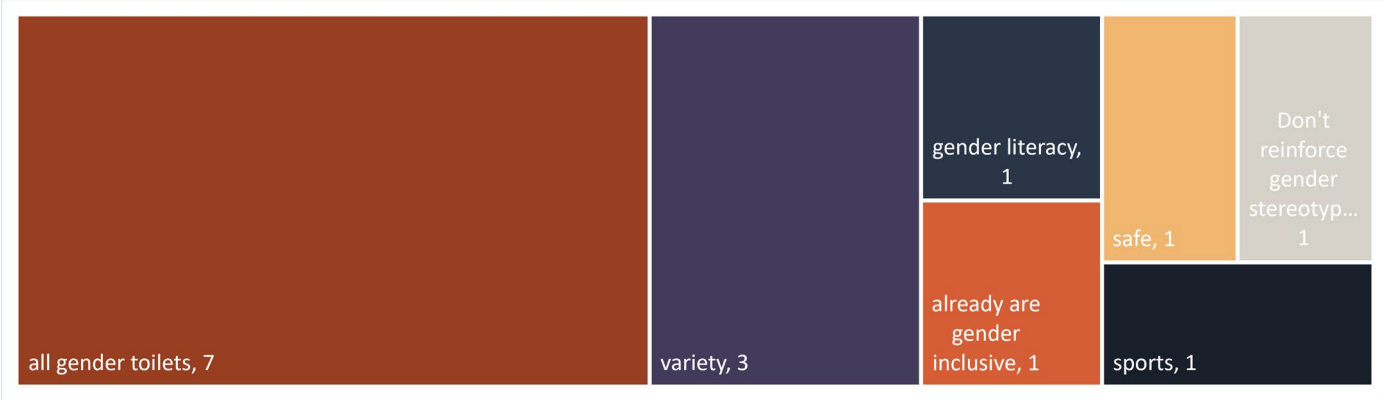


Young people's answers.

"Something enjoyable and most to participate"

"Fun"

Q6 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them gender inclusive?

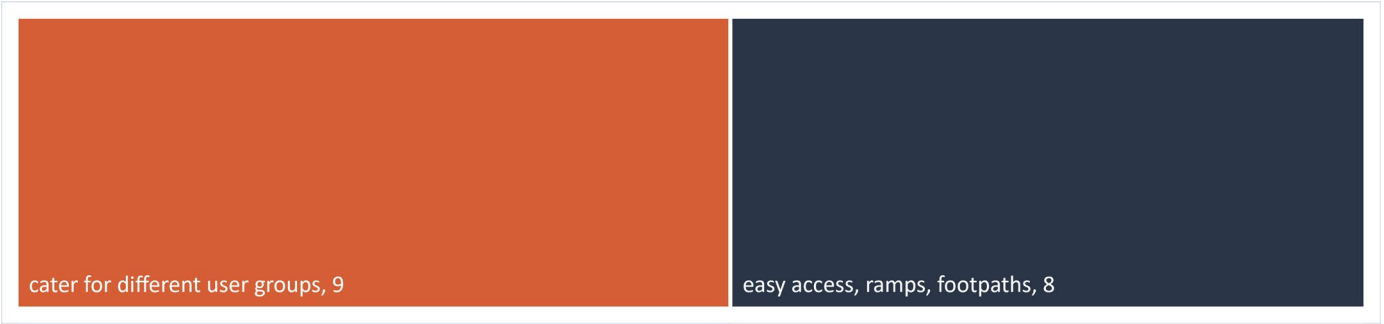


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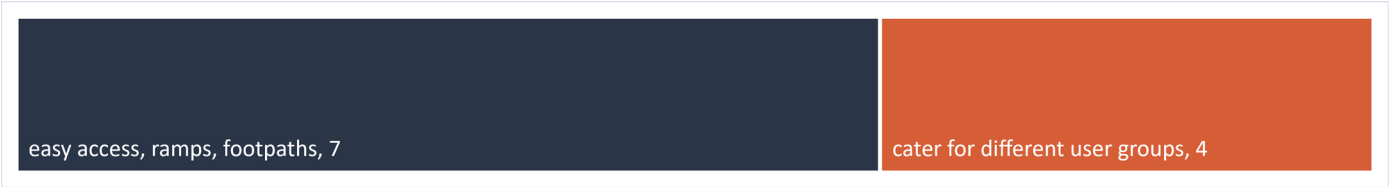


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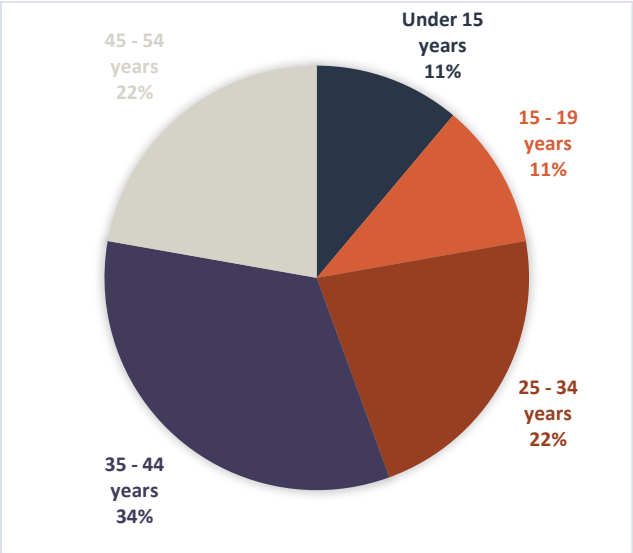


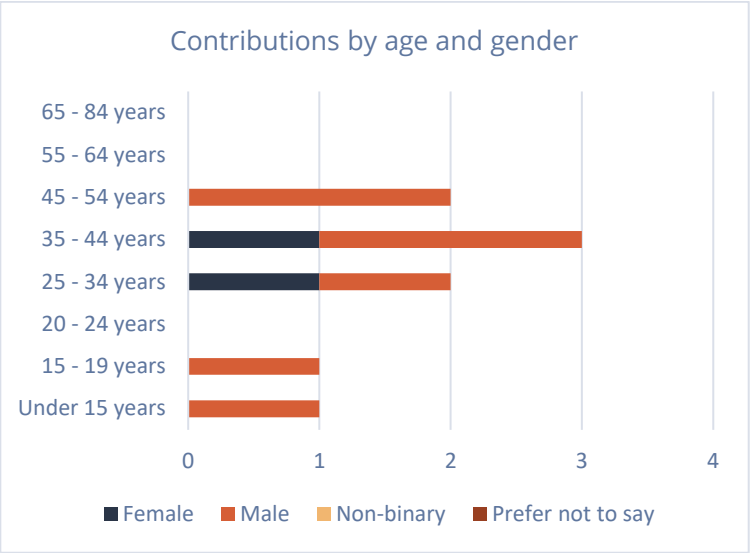
Young people's answers.

West Precinct

Q1 Do you agree with the proposed locations for West Precinct?

100% answered YES

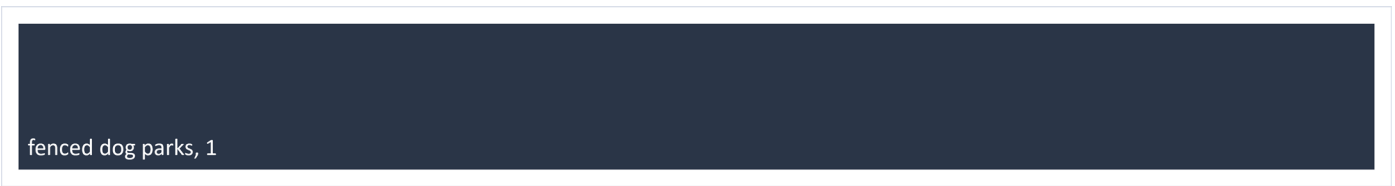




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All respondents' answers.

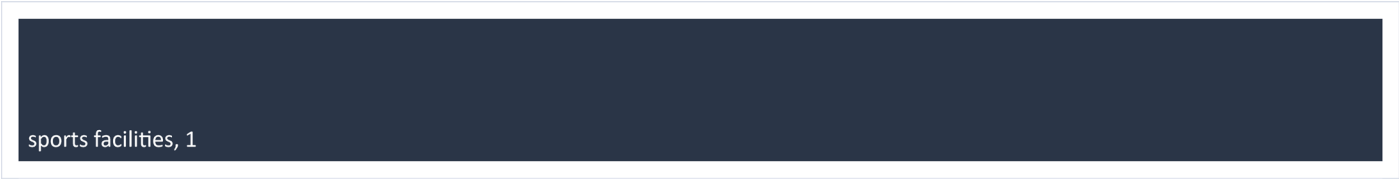


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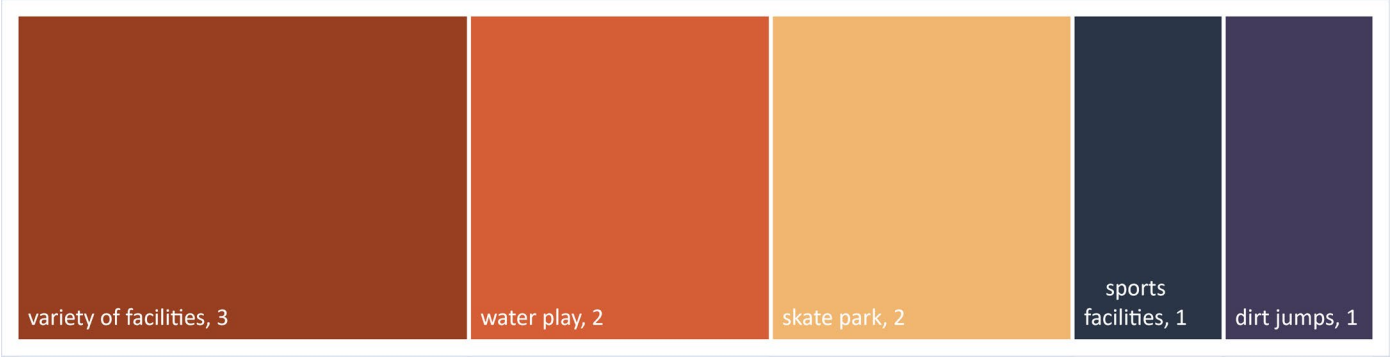


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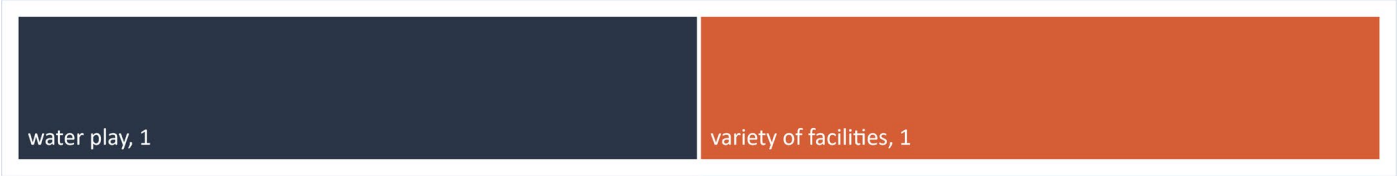


Young people's answers.

Q4 Have you seen any outdoor spaces that you really love? or don't like?



All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

> "Black hill dirt jumps, Ballarat. These a great example of safe dirt jumps."

> "A boring slide with some tan bark is just crap"

Q5 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them suitable for local youth?



All respondents' answers.



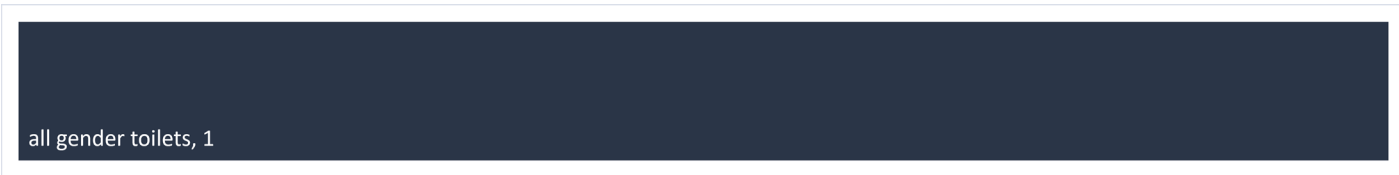
Young people's answers.

"Trees and nature"

Q6 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them gender inclusive?



All respondents' answers.



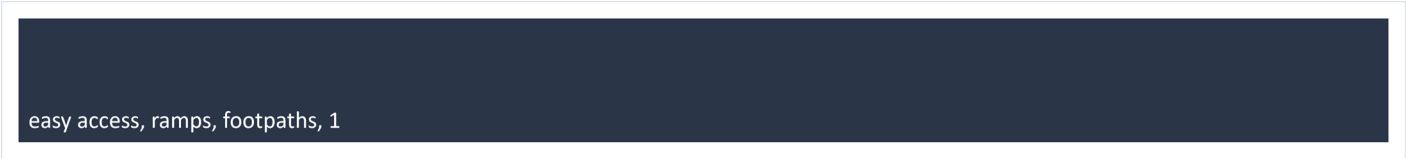
Young people's answers.

"Separate/safe space for girls and non binary people who want an option for privacy"

Q7 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them suitable for all abilities?



All respondents' answers.



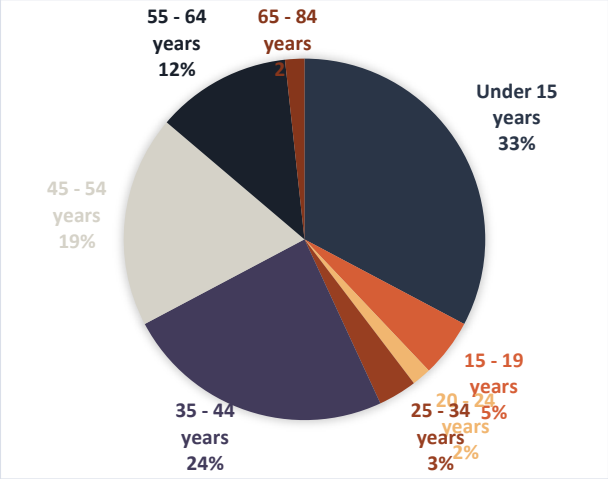
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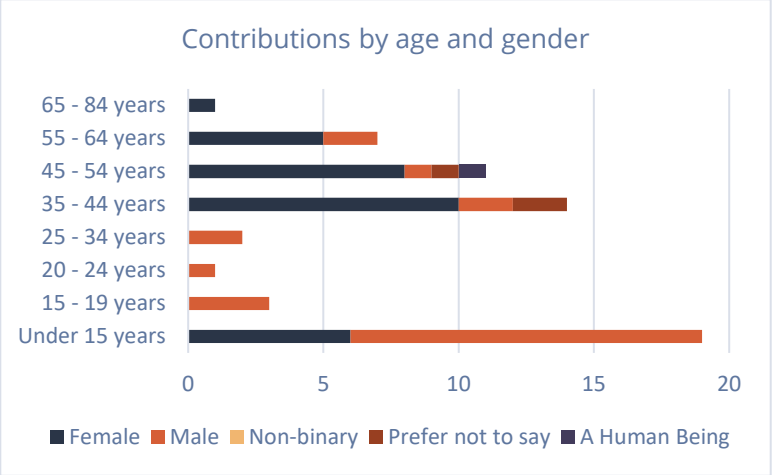
Mid Precinct

Although, we received contributions for all precincts, a high number of contributions was registered for Mid precinct due to recent issues at Rosanna Parklands raised by community members, particularly about the dirt jumps.

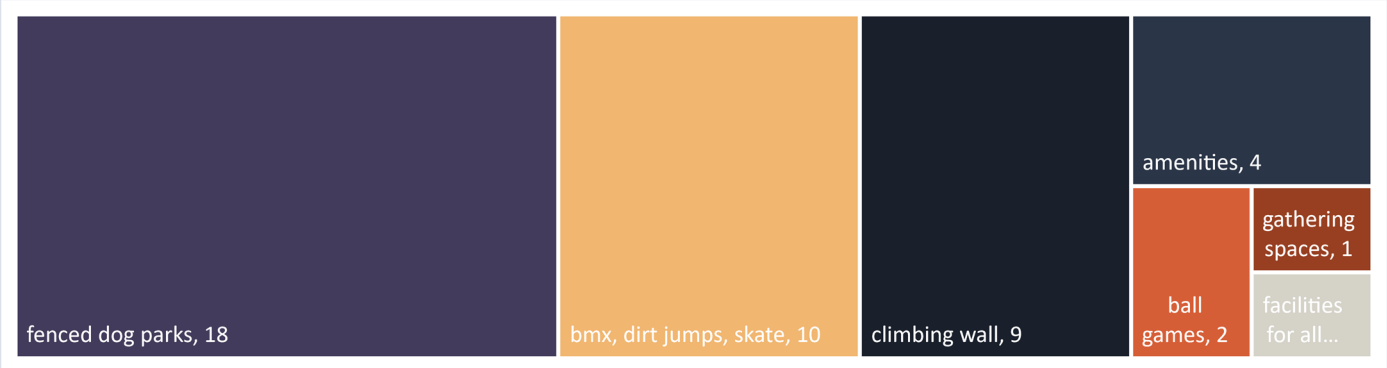
Q1 Do you agree with the proposed locations for Mid Precinct?

63% answered YES





Q2 Have we missed anything, or is there anything else you want us to consider?



All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

Q3 What do you think makes a good outdoor space for young people?



All respondents' answers.

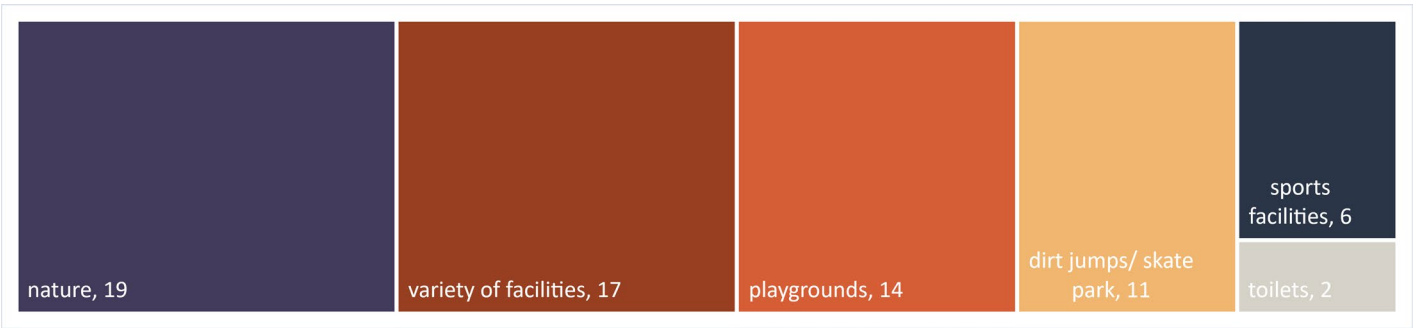


Young people's answers.

> "Clean (without rubbish and with bins)"

> "Shelter and seating areas around skateparks with water taps!
> A awesome flowing, plaza like park
> Lights!! Are missing at almost every single skatepark In Melbourne. They are also a security hopefully discouraging the few who chose to do the wrong thing !!"

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All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

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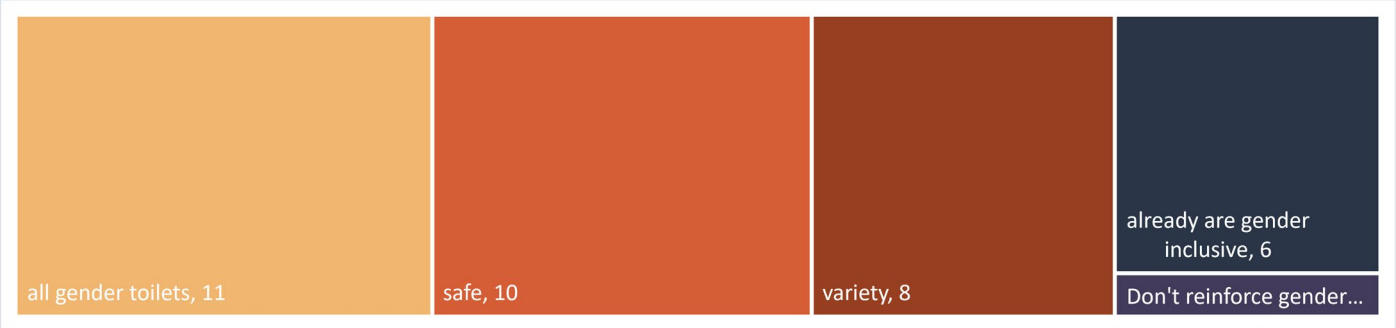


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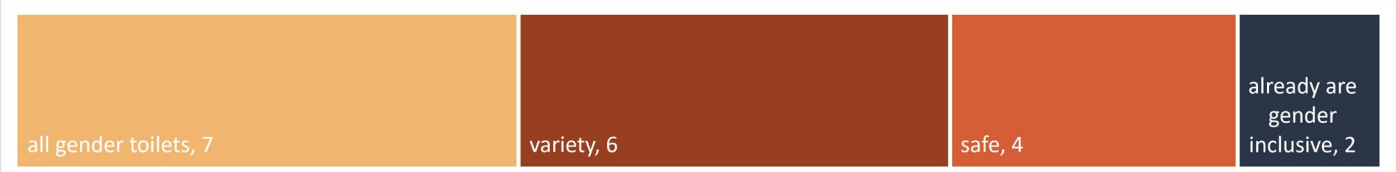


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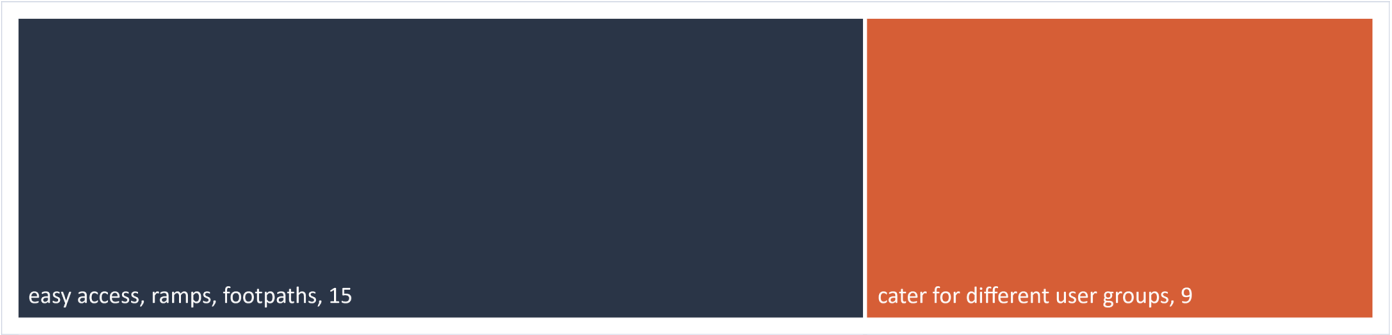


All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

Q7 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them suitable for all abilities?



All respondents' answers.

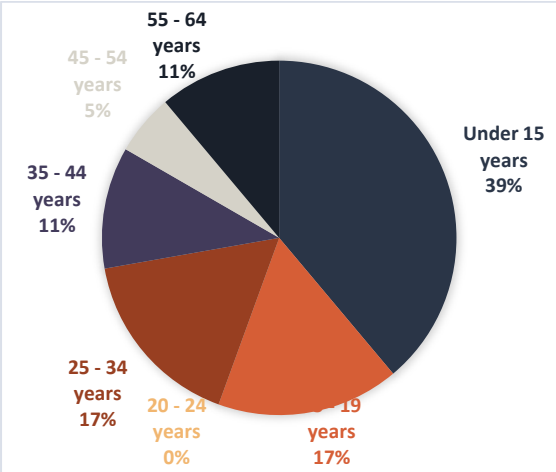


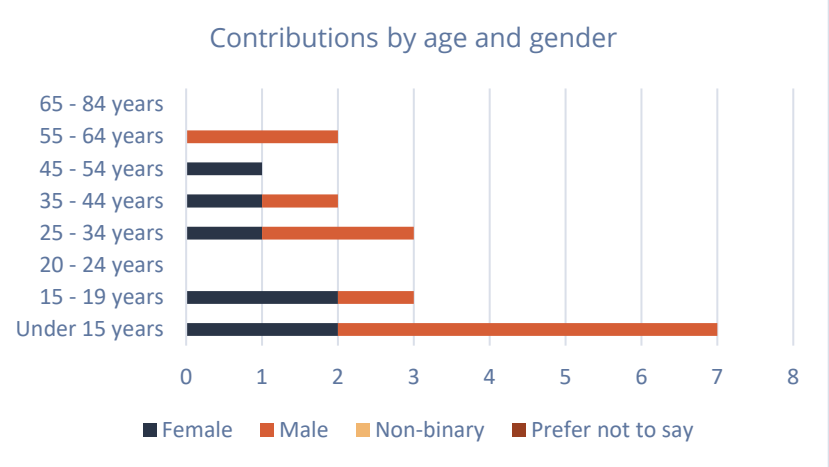
Young people's answers.

East Precinct

Q1 Do you agree with the proposed locations for East Precinct?

94% answered YES

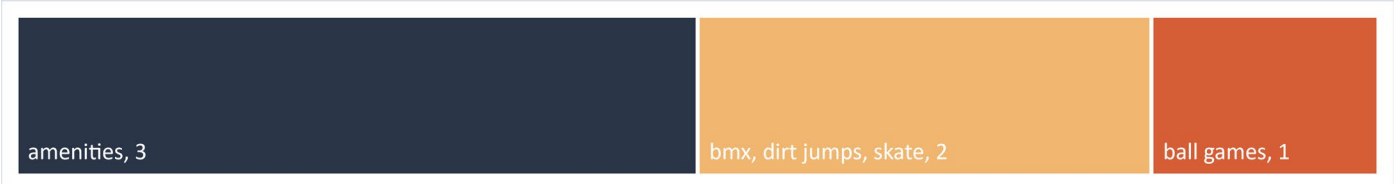




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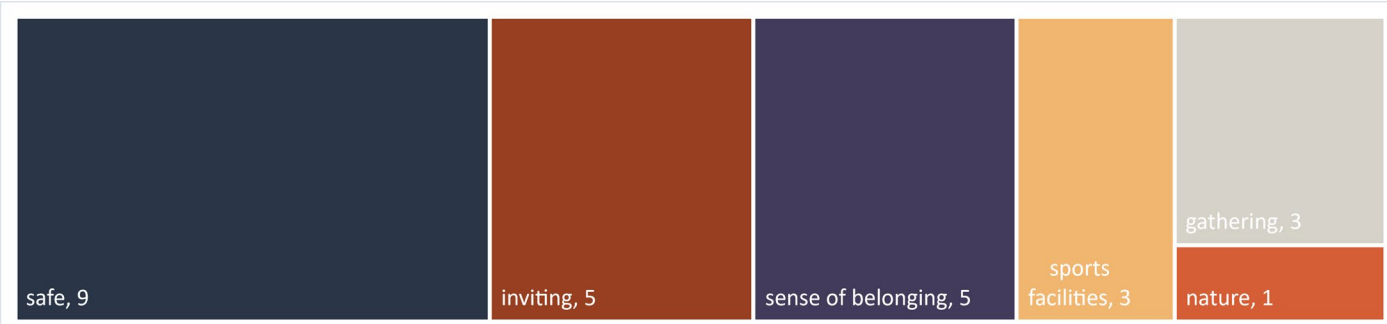


All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

Q3 What do you think makes a good outdoor space for young people?



All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

Q4 Have you seen any outdoor spaces that you really love? or don't like?



All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

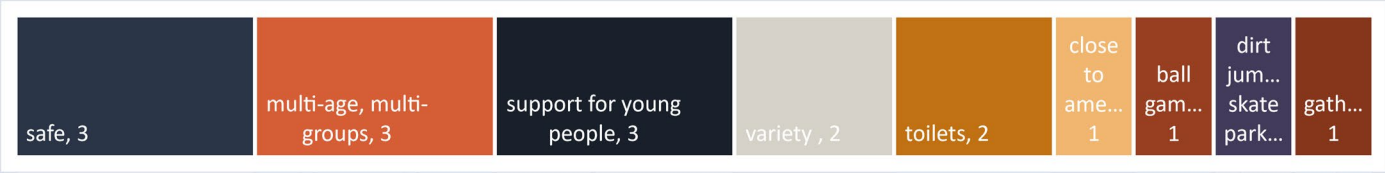
> "I do not like the look of the new Were St outdoor spaces".

> "Lawford Plaza Doncaster skate park is a great skate park for all abilities. Also looks very welcoming compared to other skate parks I have been to, its just a fun place for kids to hang out, even has a basketball court incorporated into it".

Q5 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them suitable for local youth?



All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

> "Space and safely supported activities"

> "Fun equipment and space to run around, safety, sports equipment like goal posts"

Q6 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them gender inclusive?

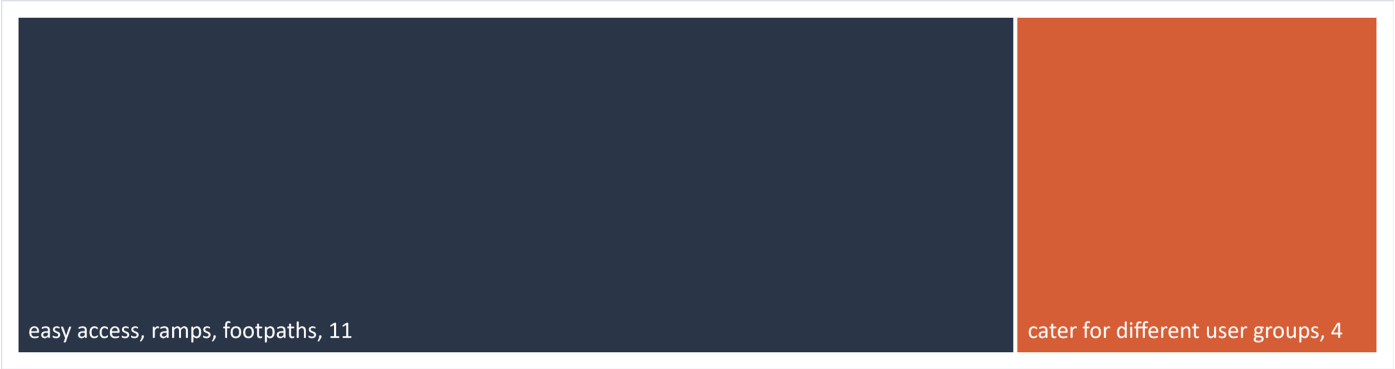


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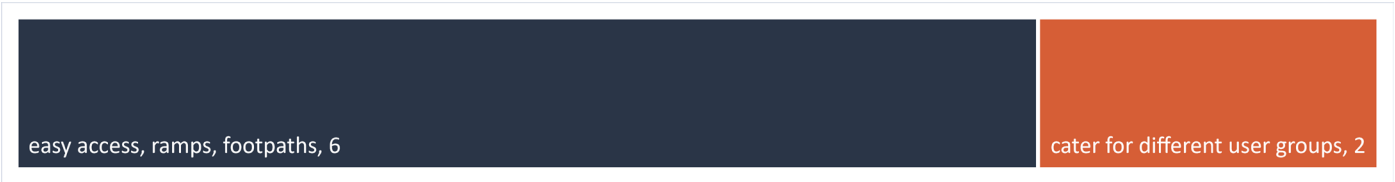


Young people's answers.

Q7 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them suitable for all abilities?



All respondents' answers.

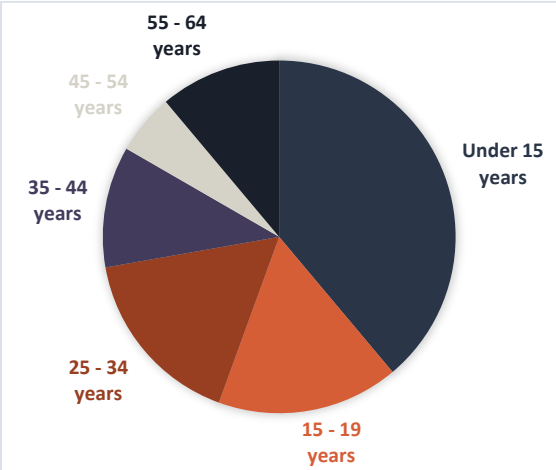


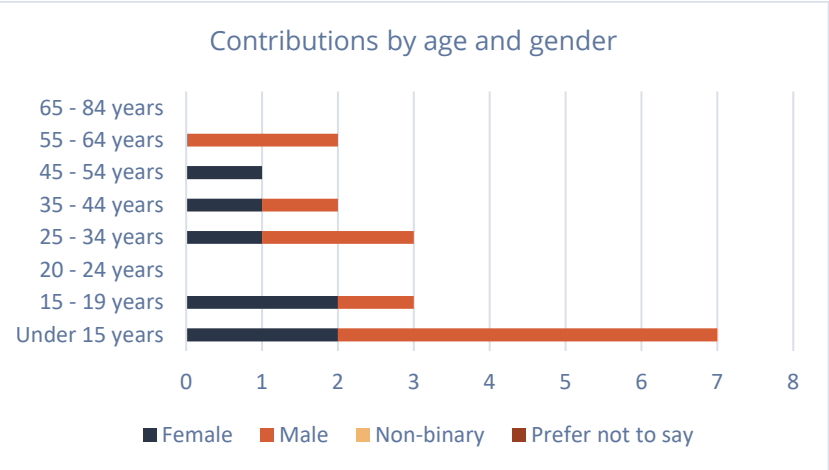
Young people's answers.

South Precinct

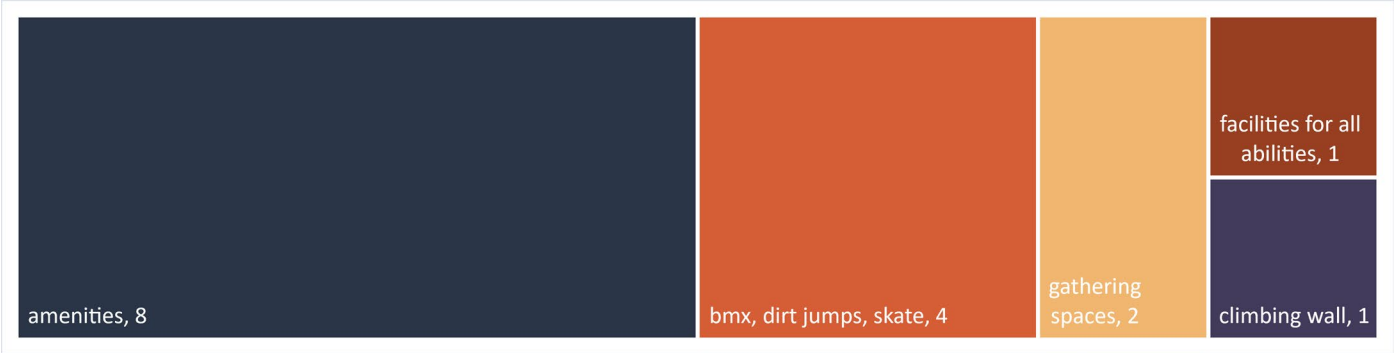
Q1 Do you agree with the proposed locations for South Precinct?

86% answered YES

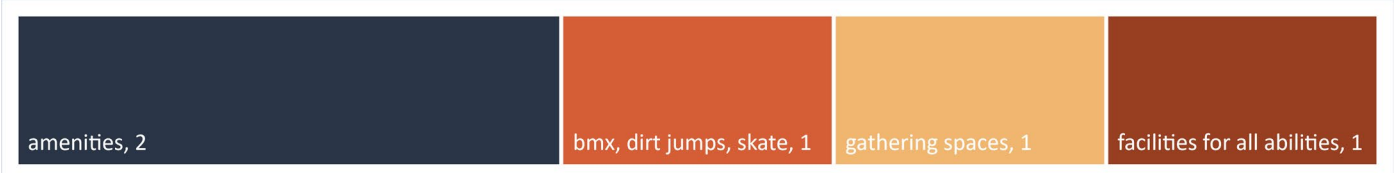




Q2 Have we missed anything, or is there anything else you want us to consider?

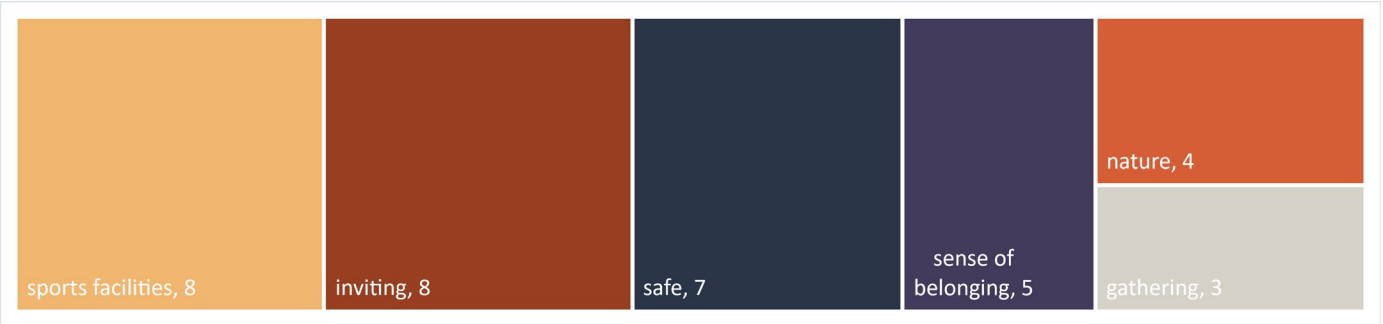


All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

Q3 What do you think makes a good outdoor space for young people?



All respondents' answers.

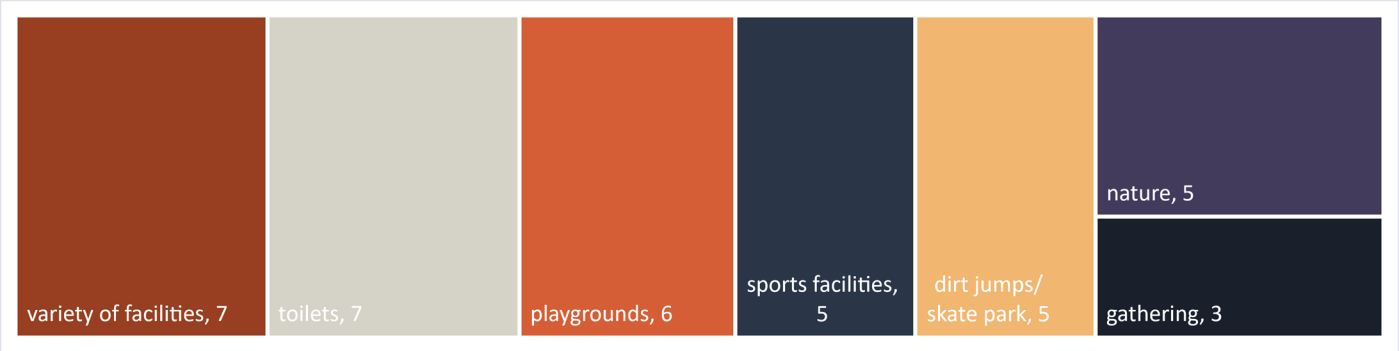


Young people's answers.

> "Safe area with lighting, close to public transport, fun activities"

> "Lush spaces to relax. Diverse spaces for casual sporting days out. Playgrounds for young families. Enclosed spaces for dogs"

Q4 Have you seen any outdoor spaces that you really love? or don't like?



All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

> "Don't like - grass is dead
>
> Love Rosanna parklands cause of the trees, BMX track is cool (cutting down trees is an issue)"

Q5 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them suitable for local youth?



All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

> "They need to have facilities such as bathrooms and bike repair stations. Water taps & bbq areas."

> "Fun stuff, toilets"

> "Nature and trees"

Q6 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them gender inclusive?

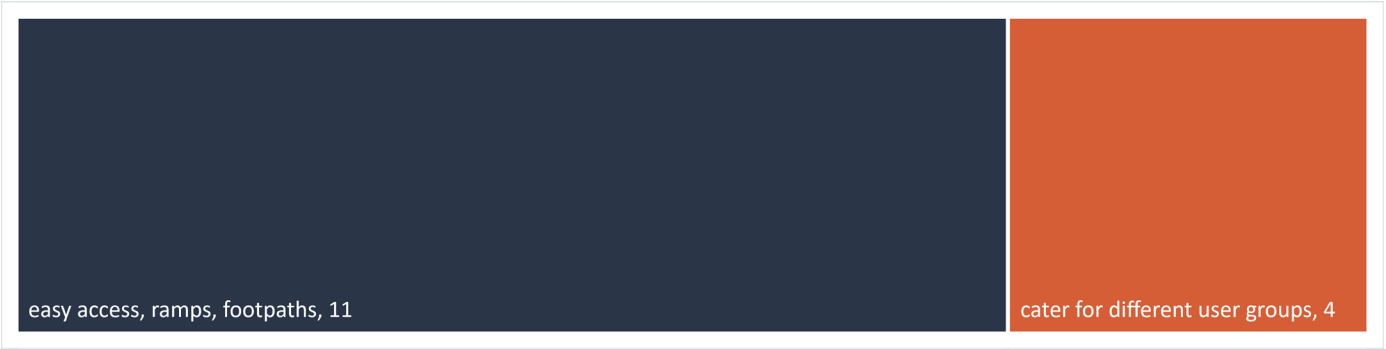


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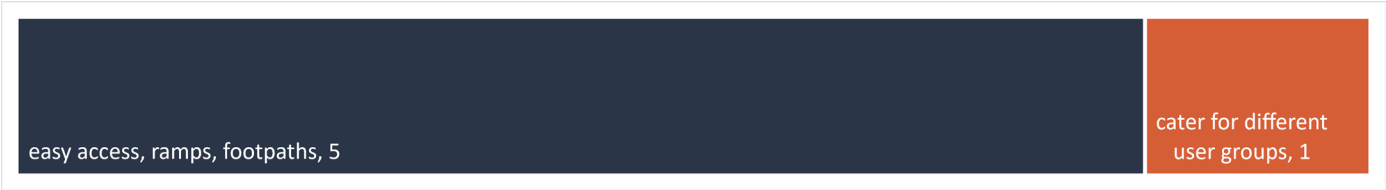


Young people's answers.

Q7 What do outdoor youth spaces need to make them suitable for all abilities?



All respondents' answers.



Young people's answers.

Recommendations for future engagement with young people

- Plan engagement in partnership with Banyule's Youth Services and schedule face to face engagement with existing programs ie school holiday activities, Youth Forum, Jets, etc.
- When using surveys, make sure Youth Services team is involved to ensure language used is appropriate for the audience.

There are 19,741 youth aged 12-25 years residing in Banyule, making up 15.6% of the population. Contributions in that age group represent 3% 65 contributions.