

Mercedes Court Reserve Playground Renewal

Engagement Findings Report

How we engaged

Engagement on the project commenced on 20 April 2026 and closed on 17 May 2026. The project was seeking local knowledge to better plan for and design a new playground at Mercedes Court Reserve, Rosanna. 78 number of people participated in the following ways:

- 36 people completed a survey online
- 15 people dropped a pin on a map to share how they use the space
- 15 adults and 12 children attended a pop up conversation at the playground on 2 May 2026

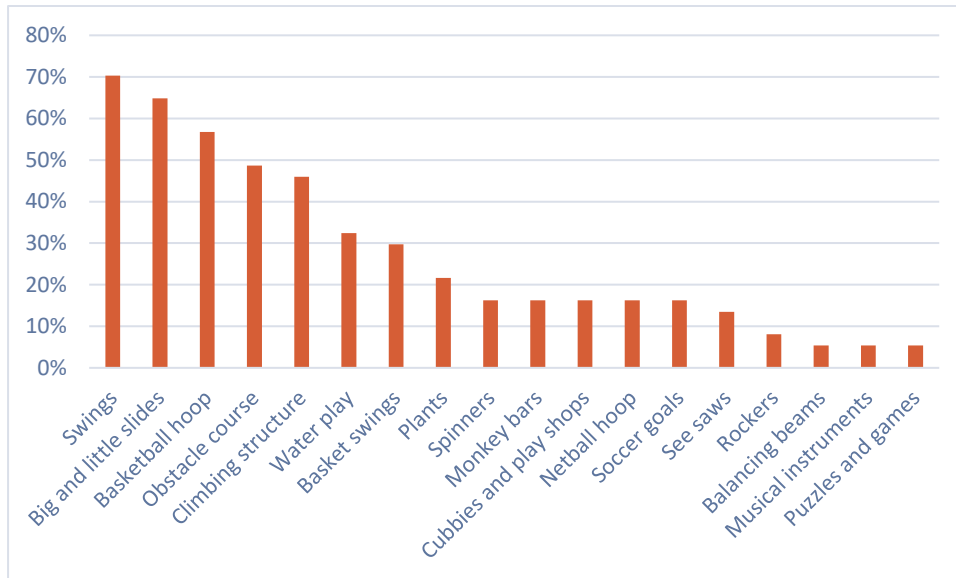
In addition to the above active involvement, 440 people visited the Shaping Banyule page to view the plans and the social media campaign had a reach of 2,900 people.

The project engagement was promoted through the following methods – on site signage, flyer drops to residents within a 800m walking distance, a story in Banyule Banner and a social media campaign and contacting local schools. 92% of the respondents were local, from Rosanna.

What we heard

- 65% of respondents visit the Reserve at least once a week. In comparison, 59% of respondents visit the playground at least once a week.
- 95% of respondents feel safe at the Reserve. Those that don't feel safe, stated it was due to the play equipment being quite old and inability to see dogs behind bushes.
- The most popular ways to use the Reserve and playground are playing at the playground (62%) and passing through – a link between places (51%).
- 81% of respondents felt there is enough path access to the park. Those that don't feel the park is accessible, suggested the following locations for new paths:
 - From McAuley Dr to the playground
 - From Mercedes Ct entrance to the playground
- Respondent's favourites things about the Reserve are:
 - The nature –the mature gum trees and open grassed areas
 - Locality – close to home, primary school and links streets together
 - The quiet community feel
 - The basketball hoop

- Respondents were asked to select up to five activities that them, or a child in their life, enjoy the most. Below outlines the results of this questions. Some respondents recommended activities not listed, chessboard, skate ramp, fitness equipment, turn over bar, bike jumps, flying fox and pyramid net climber



- Respondent's shared the following ideas to better deliver the renewal and understand the Reserve:

Celebrate place and nature:

- Garden beds
- Timber play equipment
- Retain existing trees

Improve play opportunities for all:

- Zoned play spaces for older and younger children
- Chessboard
- Basketball hoop area upgrades
 - Full size basketball court
 - Two hoops
 - Rotate the key so it the ball doesn't run down hill
 - Netball hoop
 - Re-do surfacing
- Utilise the existing hill with a slide or flying fox
- Focus on timber play equipment, nature play and opportunities to get messy
- Prioritise mulch for softfall instead of rubber

Increase amenity for community to gather:

- A picnic shelter with picnic tables and BBQ
- More seating
- Lighting
- Bins
- Fenced dog area
- Upgraded drinking fountain
- Bike racks
- Public Toilet

- A number of residents expressed concerns with activities that create noise, especially at night. This included the basketball hoop, bike riding and any introduction of musical items.

Access and Equity

Of the participants were access and equity attributes were recorded, this was the level of participation:

- 68% were woman or female, 32% man or male
- 65% aged between 35-49 years and 8% aged between 12-17 years
- 3% live with a disability, including mental illness
- 5% identify as part of the LGBTIQA+ community
- 19% identified as carers
- 0% identified as Aboriginal or Torres Straight Island descent

Next Steps

This information will inform the draft concept design for this project, which will be shared with community for feedback in mid 2026.