

Warrawee Park 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 Warrawee Park, Bundoora. 100 number of people participated in the following ways:

- 57 people completed a survey online
- 18 people dropped a pin on a map to share how they use the space
- 16 adults and 9 children attended a pop up conversation at the playground on 2 May 2026

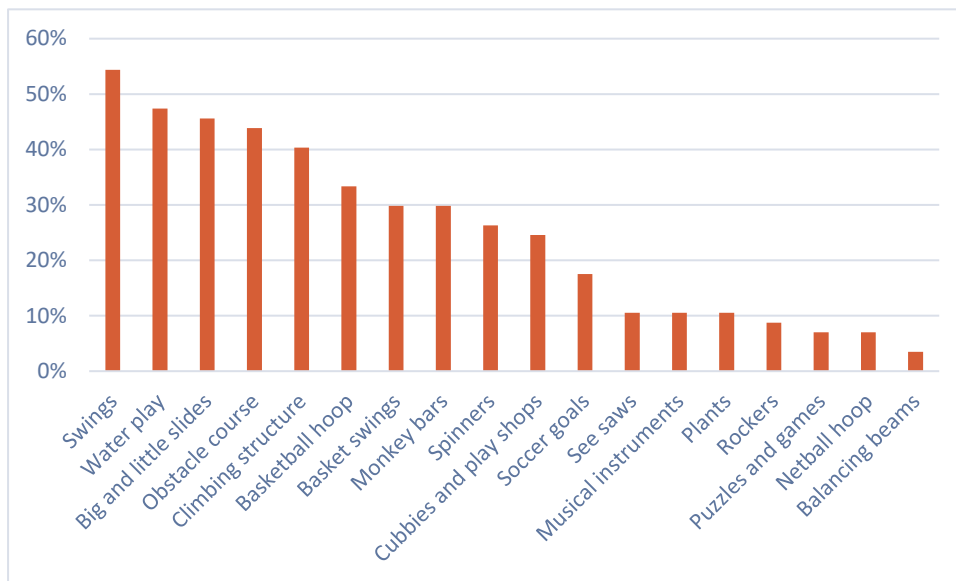
In addition to the above active involvement, 407 people visited the Shaping Banyule page to view the plans and the social media campaign had a reach of 3,169 people.

The project engagement was promoted through the following methods – on site signage, flyer drops to residents within an 800m walking distance, a story in Banyule Banner and a social media campaign and contacting local schools and preschools. 96% of the respondents were local, from the suburbs of Bundoora and Watsonia North.

What we heard

- 72% of respondents visit the Reserve at least once a week. In comparison, 60% of respondents visit the playground at least once a week.
- 81% of respondents feel safe at the Reserve. Those that don't feel safe, stated it was due to anti-social behaviour from adults and young people, off lead dogs entering the playground, unsafe use of electric scooters / dirt bikes, holes in grass from old light poles and playgrounds proximity to carpark / road.
- The most popular ways to use the Reserve and playground are playing at the playground (80%) and playing on the oval (47%).
- 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:
 - A path to the playground off the existing path
 - A path from the carpark to the playground
 - Access to the playground from the north at Paul Ct
 - A path around the oval
- Respondent's favourites things about the Reserve are:
 - The nature –the mature gum trees, wide open spaces and oval
 - Locality – close to home, kinder, primary school and links streets together
 - The community feel, linked kinder and dog walking
 - The toddler friendly play equipment, specifically:
 - Swings
 - Low level bars
 - Bouncy bridge
 - Monkey bars
 - Fire engine unit
 - Yellow bear rocker
 - The now removed four way see-saw
 - 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. Respondents also suggested a pump track, bike / scooter track, traffic school, BMX track, flying fox, taller climbing frames, rope climbing, four-person seesaw and exercise equipment



- 72% of respondents had no concerns with moving the new playground location to the east, in order to seek existing shade and shift away from the carpark. Concerns raised with moving the playground included:
 - Concerns that passive surveillance from the street would be reduced
 - Concerns that falling branches could be a safety risk
 - Concerns the existing tree health could be impacted or trees would be removed
 - Concerns conflict would arise with the oval use
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- Respondent's shared the following ideas to better deliver the renewal and understand the Reserve:

Celebrate place and nature:

- Protect mature trees
- Native gardenbed plantings
- Foster a sense of community through spaces to gather

Improve play opportunities for all:

- Area to learn how to ride a bike
- Play equipment for older primary school aged children that include challenge
- Add soccer goals to the oval
- Accessible play equipment, including inclusive swing seats
- A large number of swings to cater to peak kinder times
- Shade

Increase amenity for community to gather:

- Upgrade the public toilet and move closer to the playground
- Sheltered picnic area
- More rubbish bins with dog poo bag dispenser
- Surveillance cameras
- More seats and picnic tables
- Additional lighting
- Bike repair station
- Fencing
 - Fenced dog park
 - Fence the playground due to safety
 - Fence carpark fully
 - Fence oval

Access and Equity

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

- 70% were woman or female, 28% man or male
- 67% aged between 35-49 years and 5% aged between 12-17 years
- 2% live with a disability, including mental illness
- 0% identify as part of the LGBTIQA+ community
- 12% 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.