

DIGMAN RESERVE PLAY SPACE

WHAT WE HEARD (NOVEMBER 2021)

From 13 September to 11 October 2021, Council sought feedback from the community regarding a draft concept design created for the Digman Reserve play space.

The draft concept design includes;

- new multi-age play structure
- in-ground trampoline
- new planting and pathways
- basketball activity court
- sheltered picnic area with seating and drinking fountain
- swings and basket net

Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts, concerns and ideas on the draft concept design in September and October 2021. All feedback has been collated and a summary of what we heard is presented below.



The community engagement process

Due to COVID 19 social gathering restrictions, community consultation was restricted to

- **an online survey** on the project's website on Participate Hobsons Bay
- **email and phone calls** to share feedback

These community engagement opportunities were primarily shared via Council's digital platforms.

Who got involved?

The project's website on Participate Hobsons Bay received 991 site visits from 837 individual site visitors during the engagement period from 13 September to 11 October 2021. We received 234 survey submissions over this time with most participants from Newport, Altona North and Williamstown. Two virtual community drop-in sessions were open to the wider community was attended by community members.



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General support for the Digman Reserve project was expressed along with suggestions and comments for the inclusion of play space features that appeal to older children; ninja ropes, climbing structures and bike/scooter tracks were suggested by respondents. Feedback regarding the orientation of the basketball activity court and suggestions for adding another trampoline to enable multiple children to play at once were also submitted.

The Community also offered suggestions of parks across Melbourne to review and use as inspiration whilst creating the detailed design.

Next steps

Thank you to all community members who got involved and shared valuable feedback.

Council will consider all suggestions, comments and concerns alongside other relevant planning, construction, and project budget considerations. An updated final concept plan will be shared with the community for information in December 2021 via Council's Participate webpage. If you have any questions regarding the Digman Reserve play space please email projects@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au



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