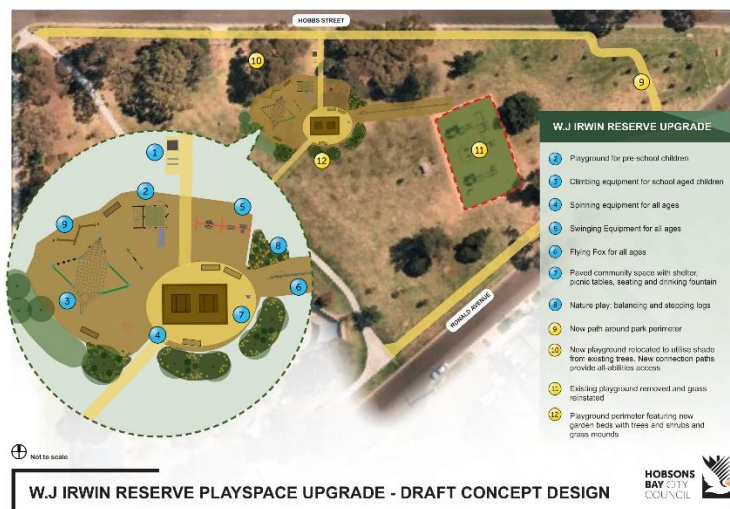


WJ IRWIN PLAY SPACE

WHAT WE HEARD (DECEMBER 2021)



During October and November 2021, a draft concept design for WJ Irwin Reserve, Altona North was shared with the local area to gauge how the community would like the Reserve's look and feel to be represented.

Proposed features of the draft included;

- new play equipment, including flying fox
- paths and connections through the Reserve
- garden beds and trees
- picnic table and shelter
- seating
- drinking fountain

Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts, concerns, and ideas on the draft concept design in October and November 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

- **Two virtual community drop-in sessions** via Zoom on
 - Thursday 28 October 6:00pm – 7:00pm
 - Saturday 6 November 9:30am – 10:30am
- **an online survey** on the project's website on Participate Hobsons Bay

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

Who got involved?

The project page on Participate Hobsons Bay received 498 site visits from 405 individual visitors during the engagement period from 11 October to 8 November 2021. We received 144 survey submissions over this time with most participants from Altona North.

What we heard

The community were asked to share how they feel about various aspects of the draft concept design including their level of support for the proposed flying fox, spinning & climbing equipment, swings and nature play elements. Visual options of the play equipment were also offered for preference selection by the community.

General support for the upgrade to this space was offered as well as comments suggesting the area have a specific 'theme' (animal/creature); that the Reserve be looked at as a space for adults as well as children; provide more 'sporting' type opportunities and more provision for older children. Community members selected images to represent their preference for the look and feel of the play equipment inclusions and expressed an almost equally balanced liking for all the proposed play equipment. Some concern was raised regarding traffic in the area, these requests were forwarded to the relevant Council department.

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 and construction considerations before undertaking detailed design to be shared with the community on the Participate site in February for further feedback. If you have any questions regarding the WJ Irwin Reserve play space please email projects@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au