

# W.L.J. CROFTS RESERVE, ALTONA NORTH

## LOCAL PLAY SPACE UPGRADE – WHAT WE HEARD (JANUARY 2022)

### A concept design for the final upgrade works at W.L.J. Crofts Reserve which includes an upgrade of the existing play space and new connecting paths.

In November and December 2021, we sought feedback on a draft concept design for the open space upgrades at W.L.J. Crofts Reserve. This is the final package of works due to take place as part of the W.L.J. Crofts Reserve Improvement Plan.

Whether you submitted a survey online or contacted us directly, all feedback has been collated and a summary of what we heard is presented below.



### The community engagement process

Based on community feedback received in mid-2021, Hobsons Bay City Council developed a draft concept design which featured a range of swinging and climbing play equipment for different ages, timber and natural play elements, a picnic area, tree planting, landscaping and new pathways.

The draft concept design was shared for feedback on Council's online engagement platform, Participate Hobsons Bay from 22 November until 19 December 2021.

At the time of this project, face-to-face engagement activities were unable to proceed due to COVID-19 restrictions. As an alternative, feedback was sort

- online at [participate.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/WLJcrofts](https://participate.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/WLJcrofts)
- via email at [projects@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au](mailto:projects@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au), or
- shared during an online community drop-in session

### Who got involved

Online engagement saw 351 people visit the project site on Participate Hobsons Bay with 25 submissions to the draft concept plan – 24 online and one via email – during the engagement period from 22 November until 19 December 2021. There were no community attendees at the online community drop in session on Wednesday 8 December, 6-7pm via Zoom.

### What we heard

Survey respondents were asked if they were supportive of the draft concept design. Of the 24 survey respondents; 50% (12) were unsupportive, 29% (7) were supportive and 21% (5) were unsure.

Of the comments and feedback received via the survey and over email, the most common comments related to the overall design and play equipment.



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Many respondents asked for the design to feature more adventurous, exciting and challenging play elements such as climbing and swinging for children of all ages. Suggestions were received to review the colour palette of the design and to use timber materials as part of the playground build.

A few individuals expressed the need for shade over the play area, while others asked for a water play area.

Two requests were made for fencing to surround the play area, while one individual asked that a basketball court be installed. One request was made for a public toilet to be installed nearby.



### Next steps

Thank you to all community members who got involved and shared ideas for the local play space upgrade of W.L.J. Crofts Reserve in Altona North.

Council will consider all suggestions, comments and concerns and share the final design on [participate.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/WLJcrofts](https://participate.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/WLJcrofts) before construction.

Keep an eye on the website for more information on construction timelines for this park upgrade.

