

LEE RESERVE, ALTONA

WHAT WE HEARD

Thank you to everyone who participated in the community consultation for the upgrade of Lee Reserve in Altona.

Whether you submitted a survey online, emailed us or sent through a photo, all feedback has been collated and a summary of what we heard is presented below. Your feedback will help shape the final concept design for this space.



Figure 1. Draft concept design for Lee Reserve in Altona

Who got involved

A preliminary design for the upgrade of Lee Reserve was shared during the community consultation period between 19 August and 17 September 2020. Council's proposed improvement works included installing furniture to complement the foreshore and surrounds, shade provisions, new barbecue and picnic facilities, additional tree planting and garden beds and an upgrade of the reserve's irrigation.

The project's webpage on Participate Hobsons Bay received 1,159 site visits and 1,102 individual visitors during the engagement period between 19 August and 17 September 2020.

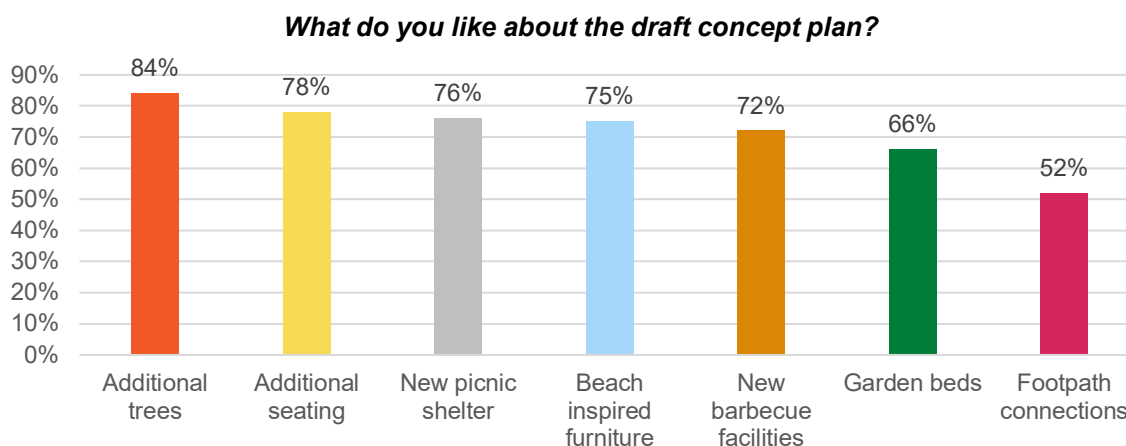
A total of 140 online survey submissions were received along with one email submission.

The majority of respondents were from Altona (73%) followed by Altona Meadows and Altona North. Participants aged 35 to 44 years represented 40% of survey responses, followed by 45 to 54 years and 25 to 34 years, which represented 20% each.

What we heard

Almost 90% of participants shared that they were either 'extremely supportive' or 'very supportive' of the proposed improvements to the reserve.

All of the proposed features ranked extremely positively, with the top features supported including additional trees (84%), additional seating (78%) and a new picnic shelter (76%).



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Whilst the new barbecue facilities received 72% of support from survey participants, it was also the feature that had the greatest number of concerned comments. Concerns related to noise, fumes and rubbish that could be left behind, and from those in support of the barbecues, suggestions that two barbecues (rather than one) would better meet the anticipated high demand for use over the summer months.

Participants were given the opportunity to mention anything else that they would like to see included in the upgrade of the reserve. The most common suggestion was for a water play area or play equipment for children (22 comments). Other requests were made for additional bench seats, drinking fountains and additional rubbish bins.

Council will consider all concerns and suggestions when finalising the Lee Reserve concept plan.

Comments received relating to nearby drainage issues, pedestrian crossing points and some additional suggestions outside of the project scope will be passed onto the relevant Council officers to review.

Next steps

Thank you to all community members who got involved and shared ideas for the upgrade of Lee Reserve in Altona.

Council will update the draft concept plan based on community feedback and will share any additional changes made via the project website, **participate.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/leereserve**.

Keep an eye on the website for more information on construction timelines early in the new year.

