

# MACLEAN RESERVE PARK UPGRADE

## DETAILED CONCEPT PLAN – WHAT WE HEARD

**Council is planning to build a new playground and improve the open spaces in Maclean Reserve, Williamstown.**

The second stage of community consultation for this project commenced on 17 December 2020 until 14 February 2021.

Thank you to everyone who participated. Whether you joined us on our park day, 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

A detailed concept plan for the upgrade of Maclean Reserve in Williamstown was developed based on what we heard from community members and school students during the first stage of community consultation in September and October 2020.

These designs were shared during the second stage of community consultation between 17 December 2020 and 14 February 2021. The community were asked to review the detailed concept plan and let us know their thoughts and if they were happy with the designs.

Both in-person and digital engagement activities were on offer, including a community drop-in session at Maclean Reserve, an online survey and direct feedback was invited to the project team via email and phone calls.

These community engagement opportunities were shared via Council's digital platforms. Information flyers and copies of the detailed concept plan for the park upgrade were distributed to neighbouring residents and local primary schools.

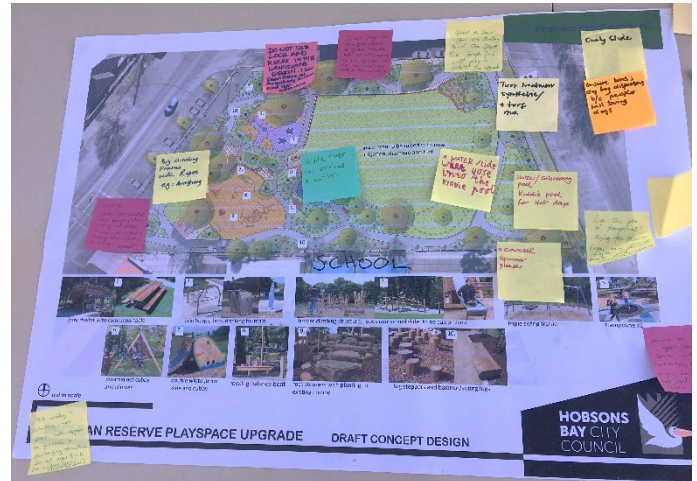
### Who got involved

A community drop-in session was held in a COVID-safe manner on Wednesday 10 February 2021, 2.30pm to 5.30pm at Maclean Reserve. Approximately 40 people attended. Participants were invited to view the designs on display in person, chat with a Council officer about the project, and provide their feedback.

A second community drop-in session was planned for Sunday 14 February however this community engagement activity was cancelled due to changes in COVID-19 restrictions issued by the state government on Friday 12 February 2021.

The project's webpage on Participate Hobsons Bay received 292 site visits and 238 individual visitors during the community engagement period.

A total of 14 online survey submissions were received on top of many comments noted from participants of the community drop-in session. The majority of online respondents were from Williamstown, followed by Newport and Altona.



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Council officers facilitated constructive discussions with community members to ascertain feedback on the detailed concept design during a park visit on Wednesday 10 February 2021.

The designs were well received at the community drop-in session and there was a positive feeling and response from community members to see the park upgraded.

This was reflective in the online survey submissions as well, with around 64% of participants supportive of the overall design shared for the park upgrade and 57% supportive of the proposed playground upgrade, with others providing suggested improvements for consideration.

The most common suggestions related to planting more trees, including some requests for larger tree varieties, on top of requests for additional shade.

Requests were made to install a variety of play equipment including monkey bars, a flying fox, swings, a carousel spinner, climbing frame, obstacle course, slides and trampolines.

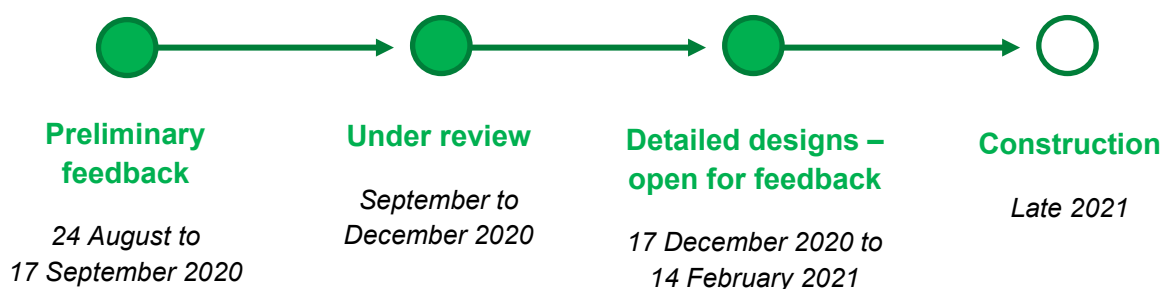
Other requests were made for specific sports equipment, bicycle parking and other amenities within the park.

### Next steps

Thank you to all community members who got involved and shared ideas for the park upgrade of Maclean Reserve in Williamstown.

Council will consider all suggestions, comments and concerns when finalising the detailed concept design before sharing these on the project website, **[participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/macleanreserve](https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/macleanreserve)**

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



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