

Condell Street Reserve playground upgrade

Community feedback summary – December 2018



The playground in Condell Street Reserve is at the end of its life. We asked for your feedback and ideas to help us plan upgrades to the playground. We also asked for your thoughts on the pathways at the reserve.

Online feedback summary

We asked for your feedback and ideas to help us plan upgrades to the playground and pathways at Condell Street Reserve.

We received 67 submissions during the consultation. This included 10 surveys collected on-site at our pop-up session held on Saturday 24 December 2018, where community members were given the opportunity to come and ask questions and share their ideas and concerns in person.

Consultation with children

We also collected ideas for the playground through children's groups.

Consultation was undertaken with two groups of Connie Benn Centre children in the week beginning Monday 3 December 2018. This was facilitated by Yarra Council's Family and Children's Services team.

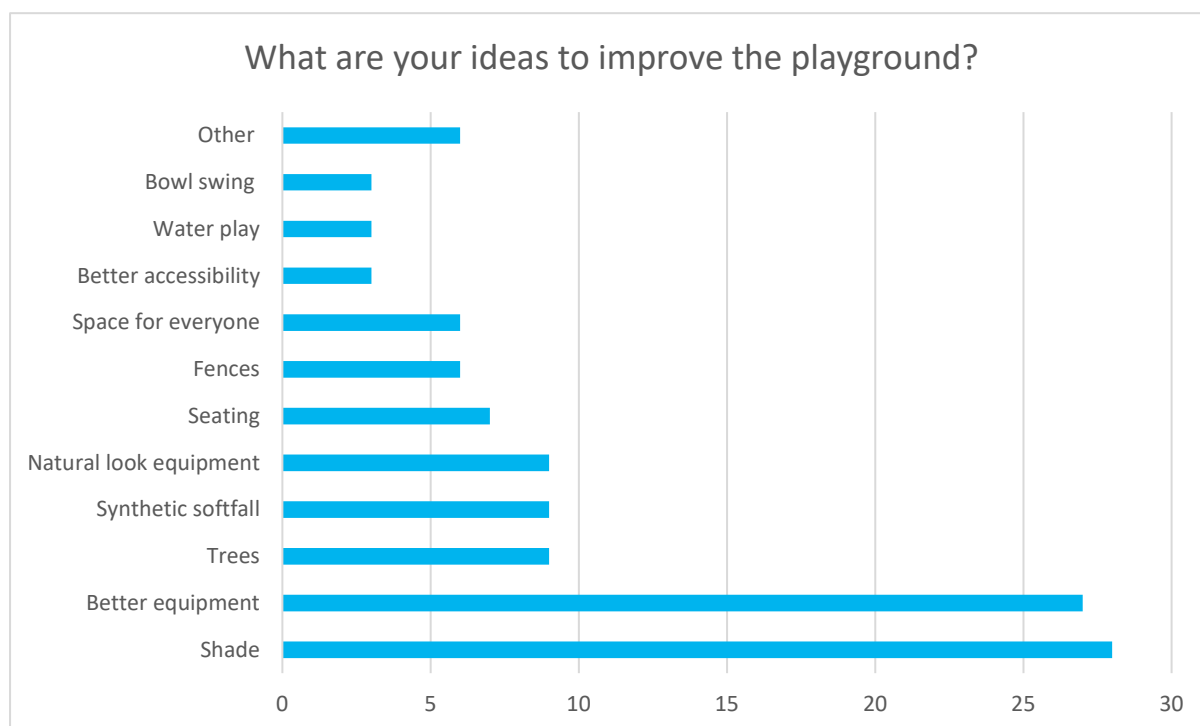
The key feedback received from children in these groups was:

- All children liked the swings and slide.
- Older children really liked climbing
- Younger children liked areas to hide in
- Challenging things to climb over, up and down was really important for all children
- Younger children liked a roof on things
- Monkey bars in some form were appealing to all children
- Older children liked the idea of mastering something and the younger ones liked to think they would soon be big enough
- The water bubbler in the middle of the park was really important
- None of the children liked the abacus or the noughts and crosses (although one child did understand it was a game)
- The rocker was used by one child

Ideas for the playground

The most popular ideas for improving the playground at Condell Street Reserve were for more shade, as well as requests for more trees.

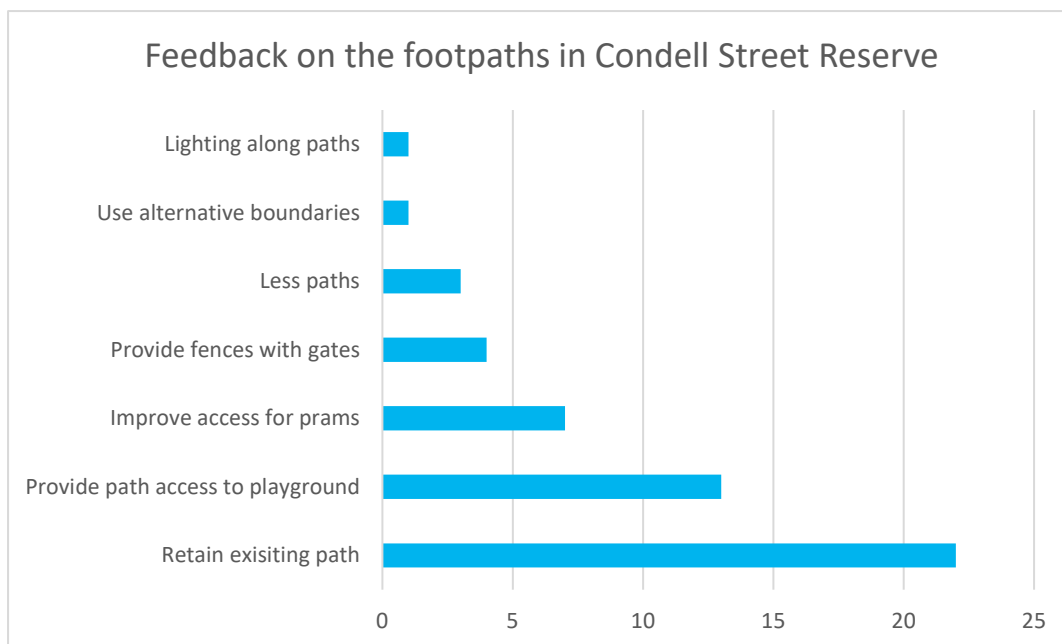
Other popular ideas included keeping the natural look of the equipment, synthetic softfall surface to replace the wood chips and better/more exciting equipment.



Feedback on the footpaths

We also asked for community feedback on the pathways throughout Condell Street Reserve.

Many respondents to the survey preferred to keep the pathways throughout the park the same with no changes, although paths providing better access to the playground, particularly for prams, were a popular idea.



Other feedback

We also received feedback and ideas from the community about Condell Street Reserve not related to the playground or pathways. These ideas included:

- BBQs for the high numbers of picnics, children's birthdays and gatherings held in the park.
- More bins, or more regular emptying of the available bin
- Dog bags should be provided in the park
- More shade for the grassed areas and benches
- Fences to improve safety
- Tap to provide water for dogs

Some of the proposed ideas were outside the scope of this project, and so may not be addressed as part of these works. These ideas have been noted by our Open Space team.

Next steps

Using community input we will be creating a draft design of the playground and footpaths. We expect this to be ready for the community to view and comment on by February 2019.

Along with the findings from the community consultation, this design will be affected by a number of other factors including:

- The budget available for this project
- The available space in Condell Street Reserve
- The presence of tree roots, which may affect the playground footprint. The design will need to take into account where these tree roots are in its design.