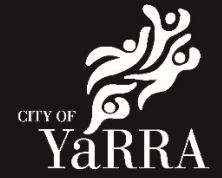


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Edinburgh Gardens - northern precinct

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES OF THE DRAFT NORTHERN PRECINCT PLAN AND PLAYGROUND UPGRADE PLAN

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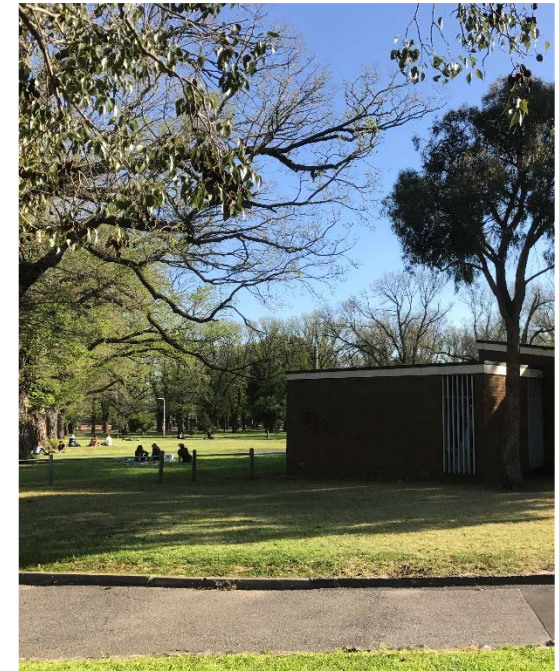
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INTRODUCTION

The development of the new North Fitzroy Community Hub, Bargoonga Nganjin and the demolition of International House along with its associated carpark in Edinburgh Gardens provides an opportunity for Council to review the layout of that section of the gardens and seek community feedback on how it can best be developed to meet community needs over time.

Outcomes of a consultation held in 2016 were used to develop two draft plans; an overall plan for the northern precinct and a more detailed playground upgrade plan. These plans were then presented to the community in November 2017. This report presents the outcomes of the second round of consultation and analysis of the feedback received. This feedback has been used to develop final plans for the area.



BACKGROUND

A preliminary round of consultation was held in mid-2016 to gather ideas from the community on how they wanted to see the area developed and to identify their priorities.

HOW WE CONSULTED IN 2016

A letter drop to 1,170 local residents

Signs placed around the northern precinct

An on-site consultation session

A Your-Say-Yarra Project page

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Following the demolition of International House and its associated carpark, what should this land be used for?

With the existing playground nearing the end of its lifespan, how should this playground be upgraded and improved?

Given the forthcoming vacancy at the Emely Baker Building, what should this venue be used for?

KEY THEMES

Park infrastructure

Additional green space in the park.

Expansion of the skate park.

Improved BBQ and picnic area.

Provision of a basketball half court.

Provision of chess tables.

Improvements to cycle/pedestrian paths.

Playground

More nature play opportunities for the playground.

Catering to younger age group.

Provision of more shade in the playground.

Buildings

Demolish International House building and the carpark (which was viewed as dangerous).

Convert the Emely Baker building (old Maternal Child Health centre) to a community space.

Consultation on the draft Edinburgh Gardens Northern Precinct Plan and the draft Playground Upgrade Concept Plan was held from 2 to 28 November 2017. The plans were developed based on the feedback received during the 2016 consultation and themes that emerged.

EDINBURGH GARDENS NORTH PRECINCT PLAN - DRAFT



Legend

- 1 Old playground area (to be removed)
- 2 Proposed new BBQ area
- 3 Old table tennis table (to be relocated)
- 4 Proposed new playground area
- 5 Possible expanded skate and BMX area
- 6 Existing skate and BMX area
- 7 Possible new active play area (half court basketball and table tennis)
- 8 Public toilets
- 9 Emely Baker building

--- Existing infrastructure (to be removed)

..... Tree protection zone

● Existing tree

Key features

Relocating the playground so it sits outside of the existing tree protection zone and further away from Alfred Crescent.

Returning the existing playground area to open space.

Retaining and protecting the existing significant trees on site and planting additional trees.

Expanding the skate and BMX park.

Relocating and expanding the existing BBQ area so it sits north of the playground and is located closer to the proposed passive recreation area and future Emely Baker Community Space.

Including and consolidating an 'active precinct' by adding a half-court basketball court and relocating the existing table tennis table to that area.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADE CONCEPT PLAN - DRAFT

This playground functions as a small playground for the local community which complements the regional playground in the South of Edinburgh Gardens. The equipment selected provides alternate play opportunities and is open to the park.



A Rockers



B Multi-play see saw



C Activity unit



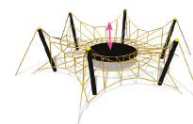
D Toddler swing



E Multi swing with basket swing



F Spinner



G Trampoline



H Activity unit

- 1 New BBQ area
- 2 New playground
- 3 Nature play areas
- 4 Grassed mound
- 5 New seats
- 6 New picnic tables with chess/game designs incorporated
- 7 Drinking fountain
- 8 BBQ
- 9 Bins

- Existing tree
- New tree
- Grass
- Nature play areas
- Soft fall mulch
- Paving
- Grass mound
- Safety boundary

Key features

Expanding the playground footprint.

Adding nature play opportunities to the playground.

Increasing the play value of the playground with new and improved equipment.

Moving the playground away from Alfred Crescent and removing the need for a perimeter fence.

HOW WE CONSULTED IN 2017

Letter drop to 1,270 residents in the adjoining area.

Signs placed in various locations around the northern precinct.

On-site meeting to gather feedback.

Your Say Yarra project page. 1,100 people visited the site and 455 of these visitors downloaded project resources.

North Fitzroy Primary School and Fitzroy High School were invited to provide feedback.

47 participants from the 2016 consultation were contacted directly via email to provide feedback.

Social media post via Council's Facebook page was made to inform Yarra's online community of the consultation, with 9,543 people reached.

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

What is your level of support for the projects – high, moderate or unsupportive?

What elements of the plans you support?

What elements of the plans could be improved and how?

General demographic data:

- postcode
- relationship to the park;
- whether you have children who use the existing playground and how frequently.



PARTICIPATION

Community responses were received in the following ways:

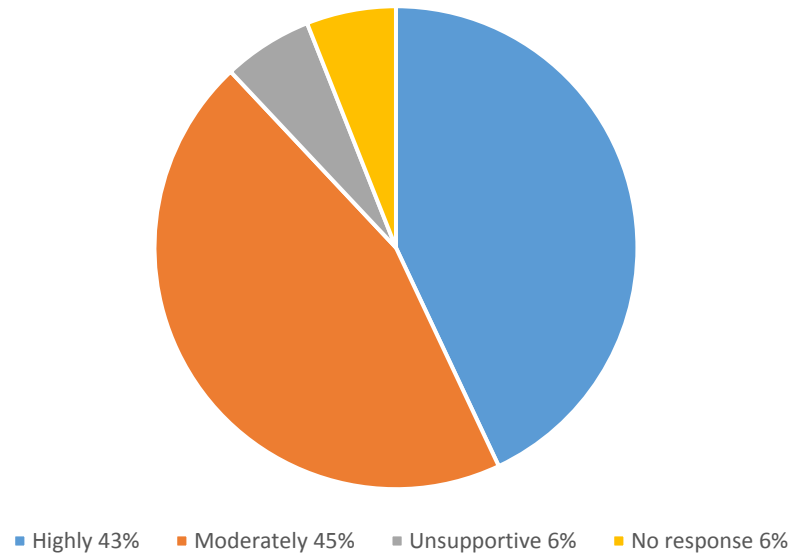
- 65 via Council's Your Say Yarra Page
- 5 responded directly to Officers via email
- 20 people attended Council's on site meeting with 14 providing written feedback
- 9,543 people viewed our promoted Facebook post generating 520 engagements (likes, shares, clicks, etc).

ANALYSIS

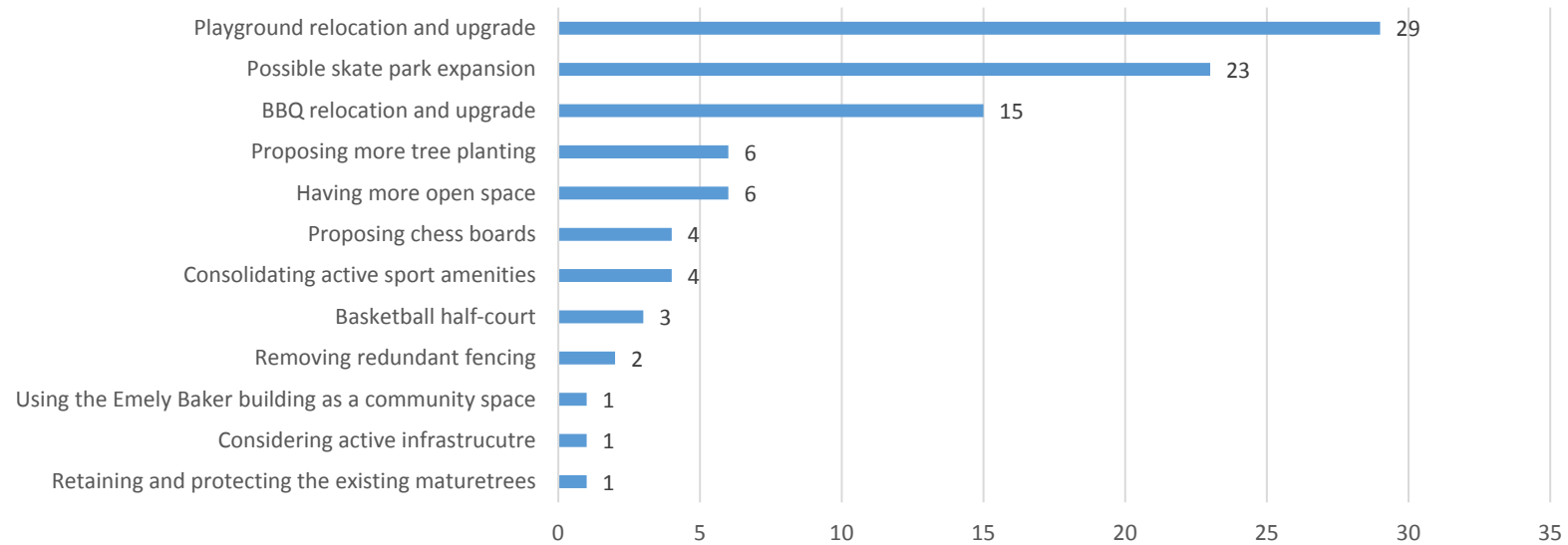
Analysis of the feedback has focussed on the 84 responses received via the Your Say Yarra page, emails and the on-site meeting. Facebook comments have been noted but as users did not respond to the specific questions and did not respond directly to the proposals, they have not been included in the analysis.

DRAFT NORTH PRECINCT PLAN ANALYSIS

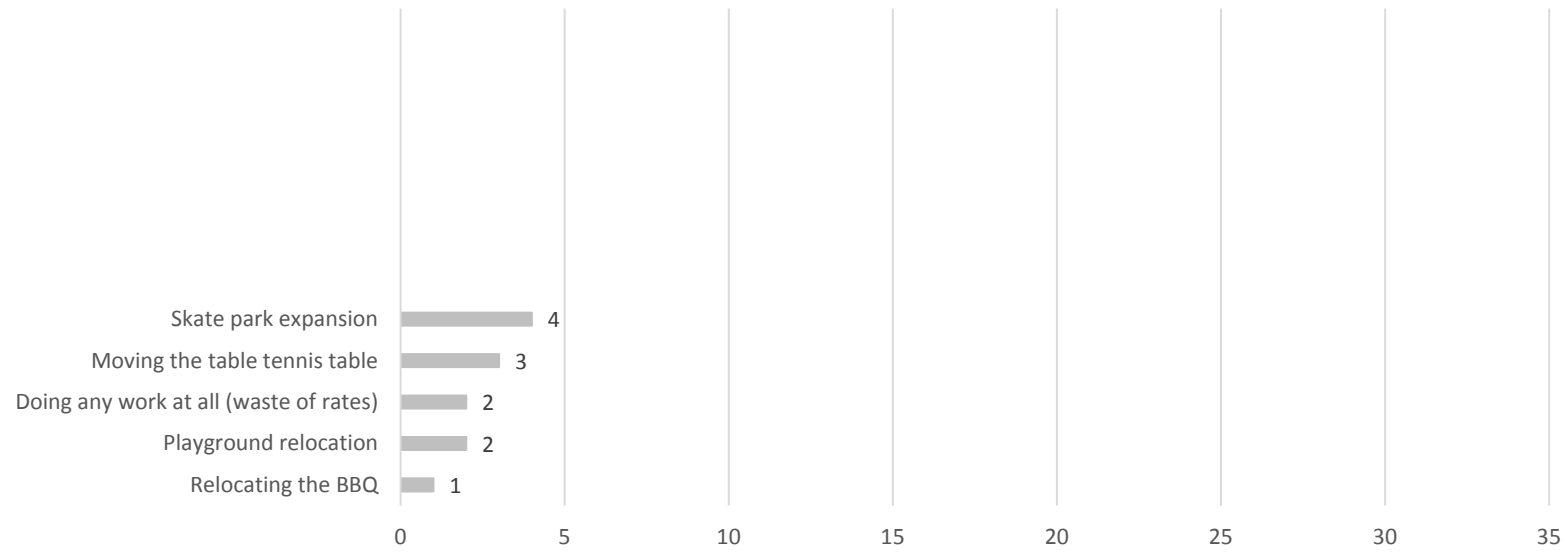
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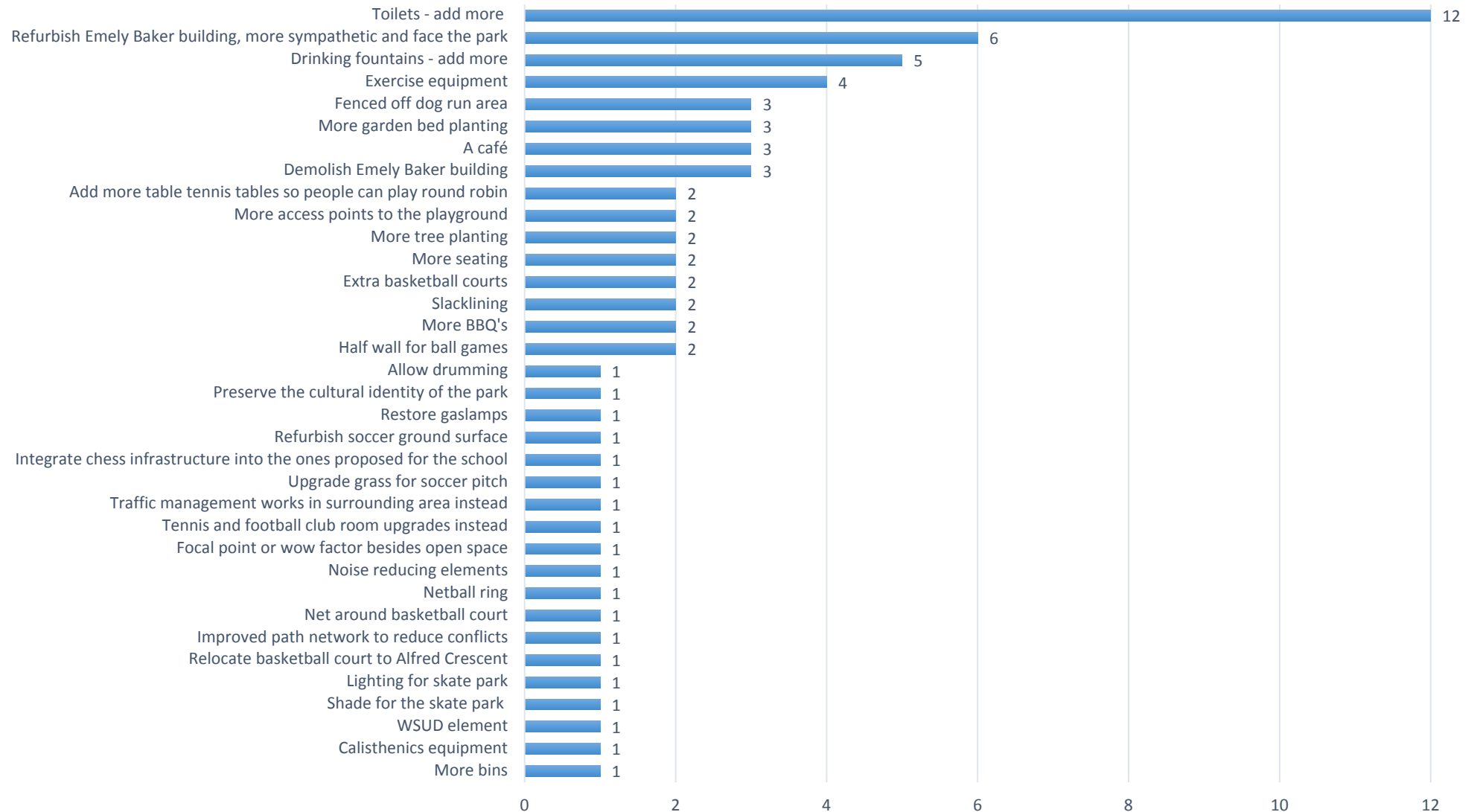
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Themes not supported in the draft northern precinct plan out of 84 responses

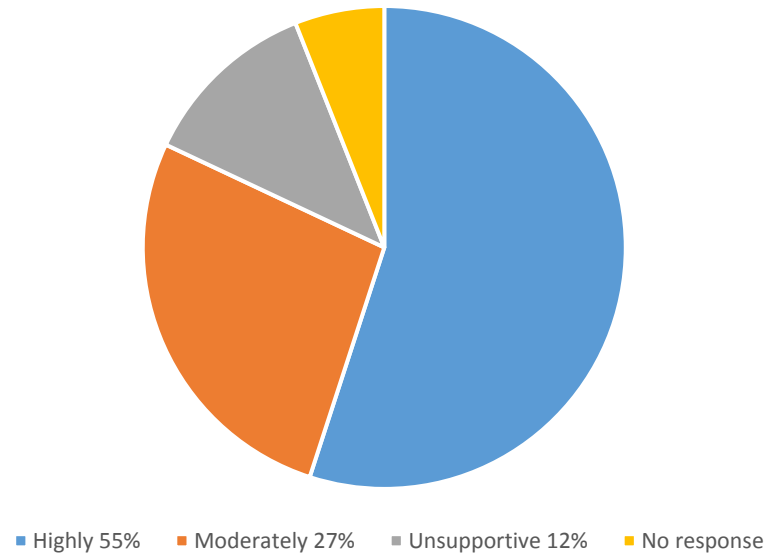


Improvement suggestions for the draft northern precinct plan - out of 84 responses

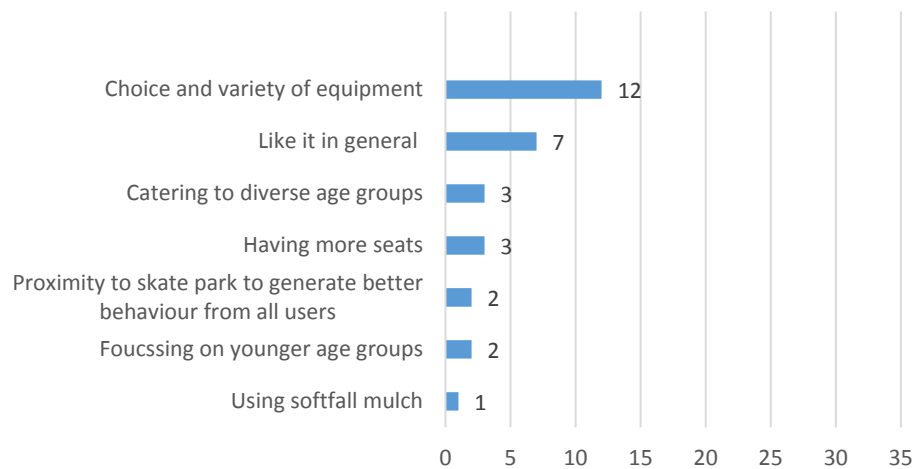


DRAFT PLAYGROUND CONCEPT PLAN ANALYSIS

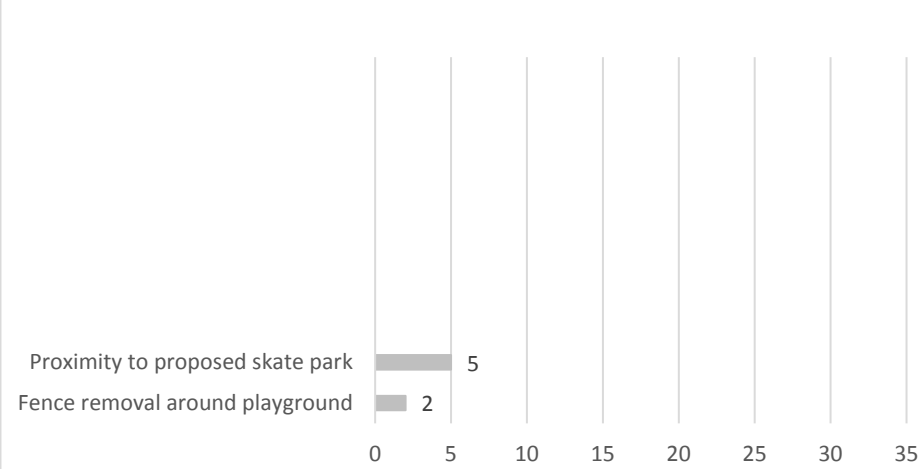
82% support for the draft playground concept plan



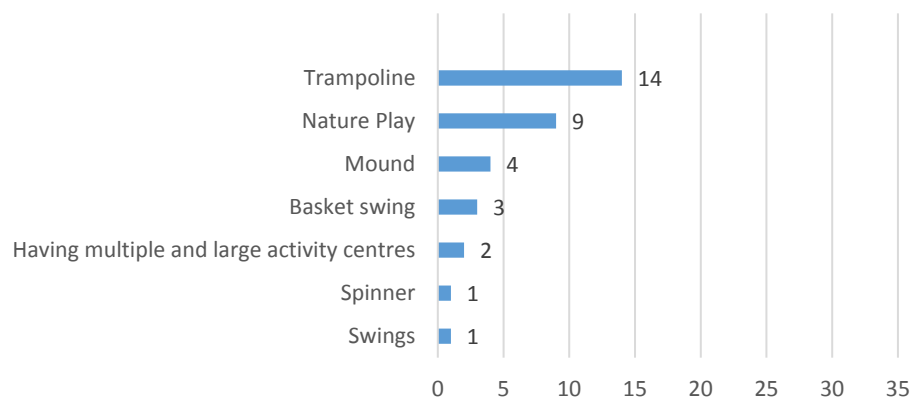
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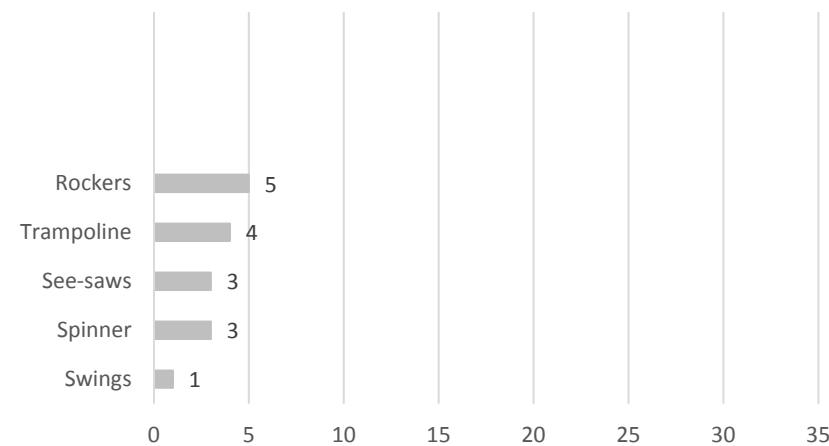
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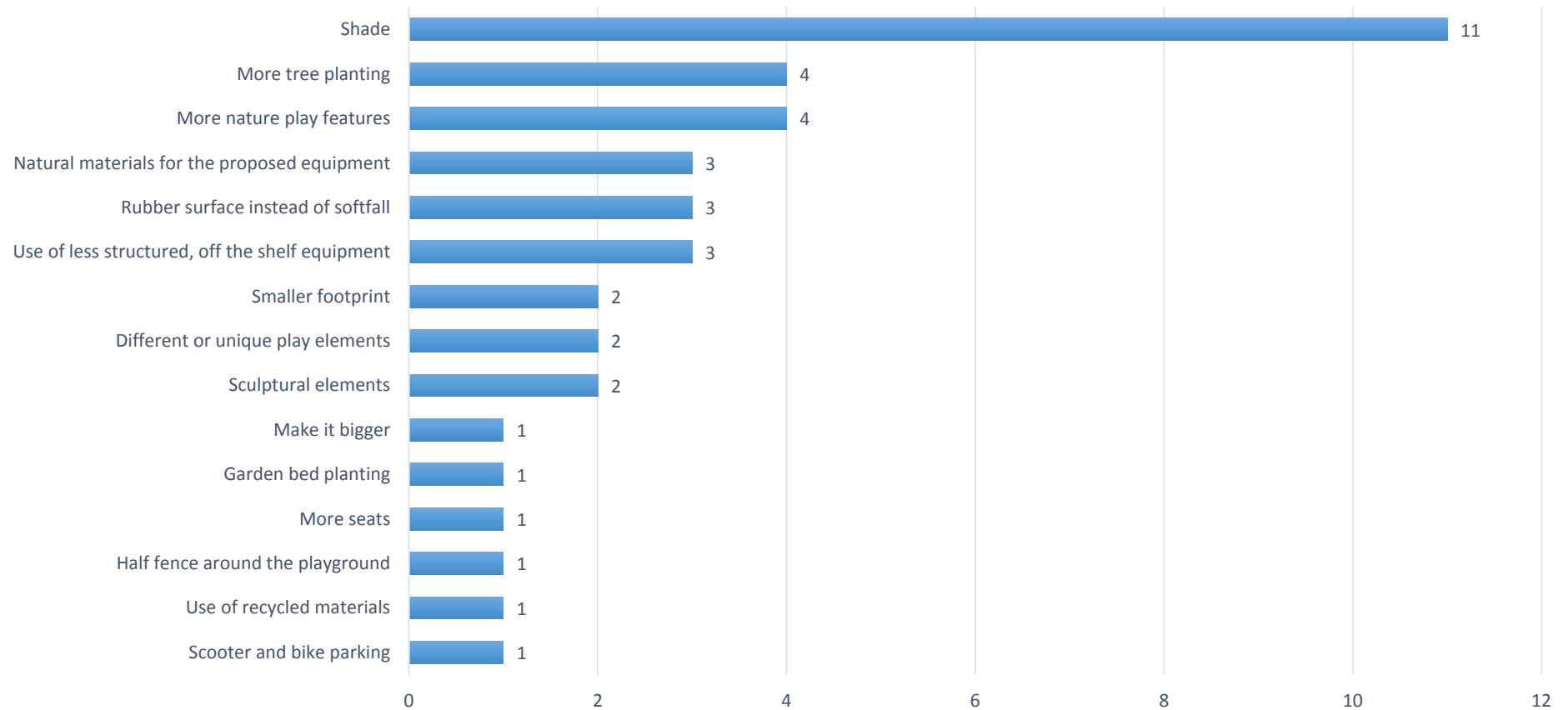
Equipment supported out of 84 responses



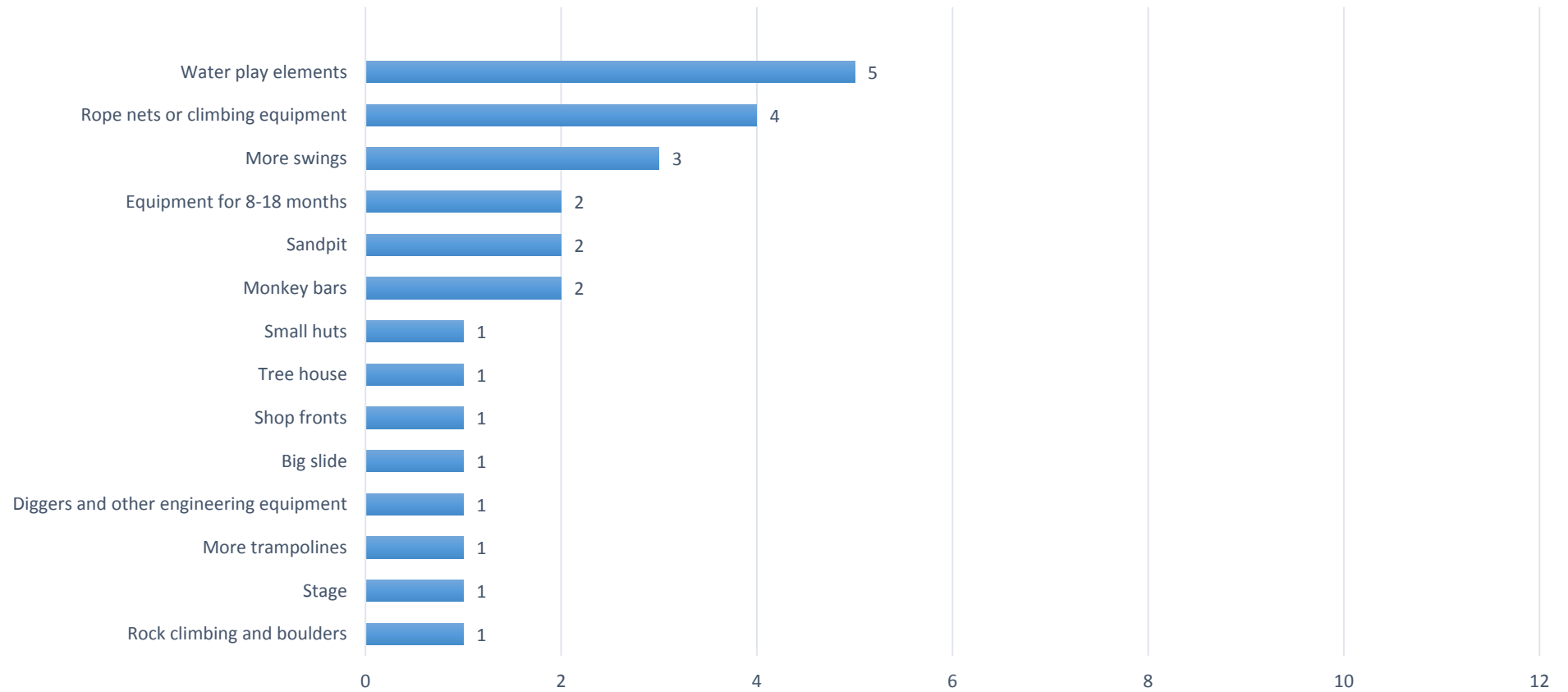
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Themes suggested to improve the draft playground concept plan out of 84 responses

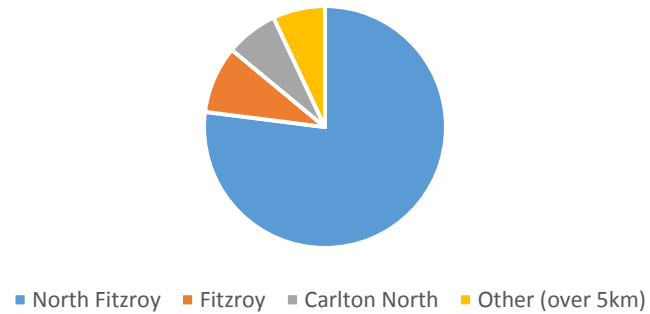


Equipment requested to improve the draft playground concept plan out of 84 responses

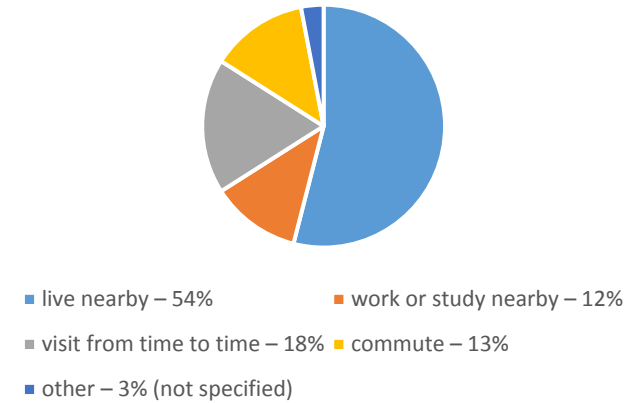


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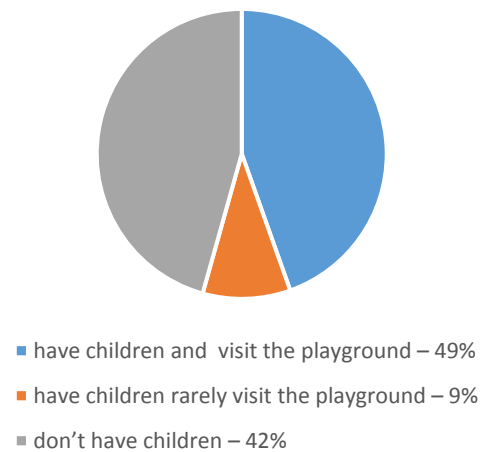
Suburb



Connection to Edinburgh Gardens



Have children and frequency of visits



OUTCOMES

The data generated from the feedback was used in the following ways:

Northern precinct plan

Creating a larger buffer between the playground and proposed skate park area.

More tree planting

Requests for park infrastructure will be addressed as future projects are implemented.



Playground upgrade plan

A new shade structure will be added over the playground.

More nature play opportunities have been incorporated into the design.

More planting around the playground and greater separation between the playground and skate park areas.

An additional entry point.

Equipment catered to younger age groups (from 6 months).



LEGEND

- 1 New BBQ area
- 2 New playground
- 3 Nature play areas
- 4 Grassed mound
- 5 New seats
- 6 New picnic tables with chess/
game designs incorporated
- 7 Drinking fountain
- 8 BBQ
- 9 Bins
- 10 Sand play area
- 11 Planted buffer

- Existing tree
- New tree
- Soft fall mulch
- Paving
- Grass
- Grass mound
- Safety zone
- Shade sails

A Activity unit



B Triple swing



C Basket swing



D Spinner



E Trampoline



F Activity unit



ITEMS REQUESTED FOR THE PLAYGROUND AND HOW THEY HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED

Community feedback	Outcome
Need for shade	A new shade structure will be designed and installed over the playground area, aligned with Council's Shade and Recreation Policy.
More nature play opportunities	More nature play elements and natural elements such as logs, boulders and steppers will be incorporated into the design and developed further during the detailed design phase.
More trees	More trees will be planted around the playground to provide amenity and future shade.
Playground surfacing	To align with the nature play focus of the playground, softfall mulch will be used.
Requests for water play elements	Due to the nature of this playground as a small local play area, water play will not be incorporated. In a playground environment, potable water will need to be used, or chemically treated for use and re-use, this contradicts Yarra's sustainable ethos.
Ropes and climbing equipment	These items are provided in the southern playground and will not be replicated in the new northern playground.
Stage	
Sand play area	A sand play area has been added to the final concept design.
Fencing	Most responses have indicated support for removing the playground fence. A natural buffer will be provided around the playground.
Less off the shelf equipment	More natural elements can be incorporated into the nature play areas. The best value for money equipment with play opportunities that comply with Australian standards will be met through using high quality off the shelf equipment.
Add sculptural elements and focal elements	This is a small local playground within a popular and culturally significant park. Sculptural elements will need to be considered in the context of the broader gardens and it is not feasible based on the function of the playground and the available budget.

APPENDIX - VERBATIM RESPONSES

Community engagement November 2017 - verbatim 'Your Say Yarra' responses

No.	Date of contribution	Survey Response								
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1	Nov 02 17 05:10:59 pm	3068	I live nearby	Highly supportive	Expansion of the heavily used bmx and skate facility is critical. The existing ramps are significantly over-crowded, and need lighting for evening use, similar to the basketball/tennis/football courts in the park.	Provide lighting for the skate/ Bmx park to be lit until midnight in summer, 10pm in winter	Unsupportive	none	The existing playground is perfectly acceptable. I accompanied my 3 year old nieces there recently and they had a great time. The existing play equipment is aesthetically pleasing and has a retro 1990s appeal. Upgrading this playground is unnecessary and a waste of council rate payers money which could be directed towards expanding the desperately overcrowded skate and bmx ramp.	Don't have children
2	Nov 02 17 08:54:46 pm	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	The extension to the skate park if it includes an area for younger children to scoot (most try in the larger skate bowl which isn't safe) An extra basketball court	Actually really enjoy the current playground and don't see a lot of change with the new one other than an extra set of swings (which is a good idea) - could be cheaper just to install another set of swings though :) Given the findings from the Australian Child Health Poll regarding the safety of trampolines, I'm not sure this is a good addition to the playground - would prefer safety be a top priority of playground planning	Moderately supportive	Nature play areas Extra set of swings 2 activity centres - must have monkey bars (which current plan does) as the local kids are nuts about monkey bars courtesy of a school program run in the local primary across the road.	Australian Child Health Poll suggests trampolines are not safe for children and advises against them. I can't tell from the design of this but I would prefer this not to be in the park as it will be very hard to stop multiple children from jumping on at the same time (the poll found that most injuries occurred when multiple children used trampolines at the same time)	Have children – regularly visit the playground
3	Nov 03 17 10:12:18 am	3054	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	Chess	More tree planting	Highly supportive	Diversity of ages	Remove spinner. Traditional monkey bars would be good.	Have children – regularly visit the playground
4	Nov 04 17 10:09:19 am	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	I like the proposal of a new bbq area, extension of skate park and addition of half basketball courts	I think the playground is not well positioned as it is lacks natural shade	Unsupportive	Not applicable	I think the playground requires some more thought. It appears to be unfenced and has no shade - natural or otherwise. I am a mother of twins and the old playground, being fenced meant that I could take my twins there as babies/toddlers which reduced my risks of isolation and therefore postnatal depression. I think it is important to uphold public spaces which enable mothers (parents) to meet other families, while feeling their children are safely enclosed. I also note the playground does not appear to have any shade, increasing the likelihood of sunburn and heatstroke. The other playground in Edinburgh Gardens also lacks natural and artificial shade and is therefore unused during the hot part of the day in summer-time. It would be better for the playground designers to consider ways to introduce shade if this was the position of the new playground, as the existing playground in the north side of the park has ample natural shade. It would be a great shame for future young families in this area, if this feature was overlooked.	Have children – regularly visit the playground

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5	Nov 04 17 05:56:27 pm	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	Moving and improving the playground, removing the old building next to skate park	I would love to see a cafe! This would generate a great deal of interest I believe and give the park a European feel. If it was within eyesight of the childrens play area it gives parents somewhere to sit and enjoy the park even more. I do believe this would improve the ambiance and also attract extra visitors and locals who may not normally use the park, a lovely place to sit back and enjoy the surrounds, as well as hopefully giving a small business opportunity, for inspiration look no further than the small cafes in Lisbon parks eg. https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/Clara+Clara+Caf%C3%A9/@38.715928,-9.123737,3a,75y,90t/data=!3m8!1e2!3m6!1sAF1QipMwEI9d9gkP7OMZxQEDTuPxfSUEmKfv97yHQxfU!2e10!3e12!6shhttps:%2F%2F1h5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FAF1QipMwEI9d9gkP7OMZxQEDTuPxfSUEmKfv97yHQxfU%3Dw129-h86-k-no!7i1280!8i853!4m5!3m4!1s0xd19338aca6ccef7:0xb45e856d383dab2d!8m2!3d38.7159279!4d-9.1237371	Highly supportive	A good chance to improve the older playground and move it away from potentially dangerous mature gum trees	Cafe! Question below needs another category, my children are teenagers, did use to visit playgrounds often when younger	Have children – rarely or never visit the playground
6	Nov 07 17 09:23:30 pm	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	Placement of playground, bbq areas, skate park etc.	Removal of Emely Baker building. Toilets without graffiti on it.	Highly supportive	Variety of activities	Some type of rock climbing activity, more natural play features such as big borders to climb on	Have children – regularly visit the playground
7	Nov 09 17 07:20:00 pm	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	The upgraded playground.	I would like to see some form of fitness equipment put in. They seem to be available in most councils around Brisbane and Sydney and even many Melbourne councils but not Yarra.	Moderately supportive	Upgraded playground.	Too similar to south end. How about something more inspired akin to the sculpture playground in the Hakone Sculpture Park in Japan https://www.tripadvisor.com.au/LocationPhotoDirectLink-g298171-d320696-i127700373-	Have children – regularly visit the playground
8	Nov 10 17 10:36:28 pm	3068	I live nearby, I visit from time-to-time, I commute through the park	Unsupportive	Removal of old playground and old facilities	The current plans are just updates of outdated, conventional ideas on play in public open space. I would scrap virtually all of them and undertake a much more considered, thoughtful approach that actually achieves the objectives of a modern strategy like the recent "Playground Strategies" published by local governments. E.g. http://www.greaterdandenong.com/document/25762/playground-strategy For example: - Unstructured, imaginative play spaces and equipment, not conventional single-purpose equipment that can be found everywhere else (rockers, see-saws, swings, spinners, etc) - The area should be designed for maximum use in all seasons with overhead cover of at least part of each space (picnic, playground) that is waterproof and also doubles as shade protection. The natural ground should also be designed to be quick drying and interspersed with artificial surfaces that are very fast drying so the area can be used in winter	Unsupportive	None	- Play equipment should be unstructured and imaginative not single-purpose equipment that exists in all other conventional playgrounds. For example, a sandpit should be a central piece of a playground of this budget which can: - be integrated with simple, unstructured water play equipment - form a soft landing area for multi-purpose sitting/balancing/climbing equipment like connected planks (see images below) - connect with nature play including rocks, wooden totem poles, a mound, natural alcoves, native plants, etc - be a place that the community can leave toys for everyone to use (this is common practice in pocket parks and can be extended) - Play equipment should be active (e.g. rope nets to climb) not passive (swings, see saws, spinners) - Most of the play equipment and area should be useful in all seasons not just when the weather is dry - The play equipment should be flexible	Have children – regularly visit the playground
9	Nov 10 17 11:01:11 pm	3054	I live nearby	Highly supportive	Picnic area	Nil	Highly supportive	Trampoline and more natural play	Nil	Have children – rarely or never visit the playground

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10	Nov 11 17 10:55:58 am	3068	I live nearby	Highly supportive	The basketball half court and increased landscaping.	It would be great to see Council integrate more water sensitive urban design by virtue of wetlands or rain water gardens to promote biodiversity and make the flora and fauna an attraction. In addition, low scale vegetation along the border of Alfred crescent should be considered to provide a transition into the space. A recent successful example which comprises landscaping on the periphery is in Langdon Reserve, Fitzroy North. The basketball court should be located at the entry of Alfred Crescent as it will activate the streetscape and entice people to the park. Again, Langdon Reserve does this well as well as RMIT University basketball courts. It would be nice to see the pavement treated in different colours or patterns. It is great to see Council proactively improving public space for the community to enjoy.	Highly supportive	Playground	The playground could be constructed completely of recycled materials and also be fully constructed in natural elements such as wood to integrate better with the features of the park such as the trunks of the trees. A larger more expansive activity unit would benefit the younger user groups. Water sensitive design could be integrated to be used in summer, where the playground becomes a water park in itself.	Have children – regularly visit the playground
11	Nov 11 17 03:22:12 pm	3068	I live nearby, I work or study nearby, I commute through the park	Highly supportive	Moving and updating playground and barbecue area	Emely Baker is very unattractive building and closed of that park of gardens. If it must be kept, hopefully refurbishment will open it up. Most importantly, I would LOVE a European style cafe serving basics - coffee, toasties & sparkling wine. This could be leased from Yarra and provide revenue. Maybe it could be incorporated as part of the Emely Baker refurbishment	Highly supportive	New equipment	Nothing	Have children – rarely or never visit the playground
12	Nov 11 17 03:34:05 pm	3068	I live nearby	Highly supportive	Expanding play ground, moving playground away from Alfred Crescent and mature trees	I would like to a shade solution for the playground for both sunny and rainy days (small kids still need to burn off energy in the winter)	Highly supportive	Nature play areas	Shade solution for playground	Have children – regularly visit the playground
13	Nov 12 17 11:13:42 am	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	Removal of building	The park as a whole needs more permanent bins and toilets	Moderately supportive	Simple	Less equipment	Don't have children
14	Nov 13 17 11:53:23 am	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	Seems to be in keeping with current uses of the park.	I wonder if you have considered where to put the parents? At the playground at the southern end of the Gardens, large family groups picnic on the lawn on the periphery of the playground. Presumably so they can keep an eye on the kids. They picnic in the leash-free dog area, which, as a dog-owner, is mildly annoying because the families get irritated when dogs frolic near their food and children. I assume that when this new playground is built, the parents will also want to picnic on its periphery. So you'll need to think about where these large family groups will go. The family groups are unlikely to want to sit near the swearin', drinkin', rappin' bad boys of the skate bowl. And they also might not want their precious kiddies near the bad language either. So the playground might not be best situated right next to the skate bowl.	Highly supportive	I don't know. I don't have kids	I don't know. I don't have kids	Don't have children
15	Nov 13 17 11:02:20 pm	3068	I live nearby, Other	Moderately supportive	Everything other than the proposed expansion of the skate and BMX area.	Strongly disagree with the proposal to expand skate and BMX area.	Highly supportive	I like it all.	No proposed changes.	Don't have children

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16	Nov 14 17 11:13:55 am	6065	I live nearby, I visit from time-to-time, I commute through the park	Moderately supportive	New trees and more open space	Have seen no plan for improved or altered paths to connect the new elements, add focal points, add a wow factor. Other parks in Melb have a draw card, something that attracts, like water feature, sculpture etc, this current plan adds no visual attraction other than more open space.	Unsupportive	The grass mound.	Many play areas are now being designed to be visually appealing, mixing in shapes, colours, natural elements. Sadly the proposed play just looks like standard individual elements in a space. Lack of overall visual appeal, especially for adults. nothing different or unique.	Have children – rarely or never visit the playground
17	Nov 15 17 05:53:45 pm	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	Generally most of it	The plan needs to include more public toilets, particularly at the southern end of the park where there are only single M and F toilets - though the northern end still needs more	Highly supportive	All of it	More toilets!!!!	Don't have children
18	Nov 15 17 06:00:42 pm	3065	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	disnt read it. i just want more toilets. how cant u see that isnt a priority?	you desperately need more toilets. the extra 2(!) placed in the newish building nr the cricket/park is not even close to being enough. my 5 year old had to wee on a tree because he couldnt queue that long. disgraceful.	Moderately supportive	again. i am only here to moan about ur lack of toilet facilities	need more toilets! still!	Have children – regularly visit the playground
19	Nov 15 17 11:03:50 pm	3065	I live nearby, I work or study nearby, I commute through the park	Moderately supportive	Updated equipment to play on for the new generation of children	More trees to create shade from the sun	Highly supportive	The safety boundaries	Children love to make up little performances for their parents and friends so have a small stage for them to use would be nice	Have children – occasionally visit the playground
20	Nov 16 17 08:15:32 am	3053	I work or study nearby, I visit from time-to-time	Highly supportive	extending the bmx/ skate park	Give the basket ball courts nets and a fence around it to keep the balls inside the court	Highly supportive	Basket Swing and Trampoline	add another multi swing with basket	Have children – occasionally visit the playground
21	Nov 16 17 08:32:25 am	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	I like that the BBQ area is next to the playground, and away from the basketballs and BMX/skate park. I think if it was next to the skate park, at certain times of the week, it could be dominated by them, which may intimidate or exclude families and others.	I would prefer that the skate park is not next to the playground. We have found drugs in the current skate park. The skaters at times also drink and smoke and play loud music with swear words. I like skaters and I think they should be free to do as they wish. I'm not sure that it is safe to expose children to their non-skating activities from a young age. Likewise, I'm not sure that basketballers want to be downwind of smokers. I like that the current playground is well shaded by large trees and more suitable for younger children. Older children tend to go to the playground at the southern end of the park., which can get busy and unsafe for younger children. In the new plan, the playground doesn't look like it has any shade, which is a shame.	Moderately supportive	Interesting range of equipment	To incorporate a separate area for younger children, who are learning to crawl and walk.	Have children – regularly visit the playground
22	Nov 16 17 08:54:15 am	3067	I work or study nearby	Moderately supportive	idk, make more basket ball courts pls	Um more basketball courts	Moderately supportive	idc	idk	Don't have children
23	Nov 16 17 09:01:49 am	3070	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	The open playground sounds good and more seating will be valuable as Edinburgh gardens is a place where a lot of people go to.	Maybe another basketball court as the basketball court is always stacked with people so another court would make it easier to play.	Highly supportive	Everything	Nothing	Don't have children
24	Nov 16 17 09:08:03 am	3754	I work or study nearby	Moderately supportive	tree protection zone	keep the playground	Highly supportive	the trampoline	change nothing	Don't have children

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25	Nov 16 17 09:35:36 am	3070	I work or study nearby	Highly supportive	I like the abundance of new trees and the effort put towards community sports space.	Make the skate/BMX area more appealing. Decorate the bike and footpaths. Use as much natural play equipment as possible (such as mounds, mini creeks, etc) and add more trees and plants.	Moderately supportive	The new trees and interesting play equipment.	It's a bit tacky. I would like more wholesome materials such as wood and concrete. Wood is always nice and much more appealing than steel and plastic.	Don't have children
26	Nov 16 17 10:33:30 am	3065	I live nearby, I work or study nearby, I commute through the park	Moderately supportive	new playground	i would like more play ground area	Moderately supportive	tramp	It needs a really big slide and a tree house	Have children – regularly visit the playground
27	Nov 16 17 11:23:18 am	3066	I live nearby	Unsupportive	Planting of additional trees, although not much information on this element.	Many playgrounds around Australia are being designed to look good to everyone not just children, even the new Atherton garden play equipment resembles giant metal flowers with solar panels on. Others I've seen use shade cloth to make sculptural designs, or mold the surrounding landscape to create patterns. The current design sadly just looks like a lot of stuff crammed into a corner.	Unsupportive	The trampoline and raked hill are different, and may draw people, everything else is very standard.	As mentioned, making the overall plan look better, use something to create an overall design, be it shade cloth, or a design on the ground, sculptures etc. So many other playgrounds look more cohesive and less like a jumble of basic equipment.	Don't have children
28	Nov 16 17 04:54:16 pm	3068	I live nearby	Highly supportive	new facilities bbq area	the new playground area is too large	Unsupportive	none	no comment	Don't have children
29	Nov 18 17 12:18:06 pm	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	It's a good idea to consolidate amenities, but that includes toilets!	Everything is being moved further away from the toilets. As it is, it's not unusual to see skateboarders using trees as urinals. You'll also have young children in the playgrounds for whom this will be a substantial trip. Why not move the toilets further in, or even create a new block? My home fronts onto one of the closest laneways to the gardens. On Cup Day this year, we had substantial numbers of people urinating there. Access to toilets in the Edinburgh Gardens for a variety of reasons seems to be an ongoing problem, and this plan looks set to exacerbate the existing issue.	Moderately supportive	Trampoline	It looks boring and unimaginative!	Have children – occasionally visit the playground
30	Nov 19 17 08:35:00 pm	3068	I live nearby, I visit from time-to-time	Highly supportive	New playground	Nothing really but ensure adequate shade and water drinking fountains (plural)	Highly supportive	Trampoline.	More swings	Have children – rarely or never visit the playground

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31	Nov 19 17 09:48:28 pm	3068	I live nearby	Highly supportive	I like the idea of extending the skatepark and improving the playground facilities. I support moving it further from the road however as a parent of a North Fitzroy school student I hope it's not too far into the middle of the park as I think the proximity to the school and library are great!	While I agree the playgrounds focus on younger children is good I feel that the choice of playground equipment doesn't encourage active and mindful play and feels a little old-fashioned. As a mother of a young child and new to the area I value playgrounds that encourage children to make new friends and play with a wide group of children. In my experience sandpits are great for this as well as water play (I site the playground Kirkdale Reserve on the Merri Creek (close to CERES) as an example of this. I think a trampoline per see is fine but can be exclusive and dangerous. I have seen good examples of inbuilt smaller trampolines into the group which work well for younger kids and are more inclusive. The new Margaret Mahy playground in Christchurch New Zealand has these / it also has water play. Sand play tools (Park Street playground and diggers are also good for kids) basically I love a sandpit and water as I think it just encourages better play and interaction. Small huts also work really well as kids play shops/mummies and daddies etc - a great example of this is a playground in London in Victoria Park in Hackney - surrounding the sandpit were wooden huts so great for	Moderately supportive	Happy with all of it in theory except the trampoline (see my previous page - sorry I filled this out in the wrong order!) except as I have said I don't think the equipment encourages enough active, mindful play that encourages children to be creative and meet and play with kids they don't know.	As I said - sandpits, water play, engineering play (pulleys/diggers etc) Small huts and houses (Princes Park close to Carlton Tennis club next to Ikon park) is another example of these) I can stress enough how they encourage role play and creativity in kids. I used to have a local park in London with a sink and shaped hole and pipe and the hours kids used to spend playing kitchen/restaurants etc I have 2 kids - aged 5 (at Fitzroy Primary) and 2 years and we use this playground practically every day!	Have children – regularly visit the playground
32	Nov 20 17 03:28:08 am	3065	I visit from time-to-time	Moderately supportive	possible expansion of the skate/bmx area and relocating the table tennis table.	not sure, yous do yous	Moderately supportive	i dont mind	nothin	Don't have children
33	Nov 20 17 11:57:20 am	3054	I live nearby, I visit from time-to-time	Highly supportive	The new skate park and basketball court areas. All activities in a similar area.	More public toilets!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Highly supportive	The play equipment is modern and fun! Lots of benches for parents to sit on.	The current plan looks great.	Don't have children
34	Nov 20 17 12:03:28 pm	3065	I live nearby	Highly supportive	New play equipment	More public toilets. More BBQ areas	Highly supportive	Large activity units	More trampolines	Have children – regularly visit the playground
35	Nov 20 17 12:08:02 pm	3068	I visit from time-to-time	Moderately supportive	Improved and expanded playground area; facilities for teenagers	location of toilets - too far away from playground area; unclear about location of seats and shade, water fountains -all essential; provision of active fitness facilities; unclear how existing walking and cycling routes are affected - it is important that locals are encouraged to walk or cycle to the park	Moderately supportive	Good range of swing types for toddlers and children; trampoline; 2 different activity units	A water feature would be terrific e.g. like the one on the Merri Trail in East Brunswick - children love it! Ensure there are seats with shade. Shade for the picnic tables. Is there only 1 access point?	Have children – regularly visit the playground
36	Nov 20 17 12:10:42 pm	3073	I visit from time-to-time	Moderately supportive	Mostly I like it	I'm in the park every Sunday for 3-6 hours doing acroyoga. I would like to see slacklining permitted in the park, either as part of the skate park or with its own dedicated area to accommodate public safety.	Highly supportive	The trampoline	Nothing, I like it	Don't have children

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37	Nov 20 17 12:31:14 pm	3068	I live nearby	Highly supportive	The playground and increased green space	The gardens need more public toilets. The eastern side of the Emely Barker building is currently used by patrons to relieve themselves particularly at busy times at the park. Our house faces onto the Emely Barker building and its a little disturbing for me young kids to see people using the building as a toilet from my front yard. Suggestions - build some garden beds / natural structures around the building to prevent people using the corners of the building as a toilet and/or extend the toilet block to put in additional toileting facilities (or build in new toilet facilities at the back of the Emely Barker building that the public can access). Emely Barker building could also do with a significant facelift in line with the rest of the redevelopment of the gardens.	Highly supportive	the trampoline and the inclusion of natural play areas (grass and rocks)	some additional water fountains, and maybe bike / scooter parking for kids	Have children – regularly visit the playground
38	Nov 20 17 12:46:01 pm	3006	I visit from time-to-time	Unsupportive	N/A	Allow slacklining in the park. How can you have a plan which includes so many things, but neglects slacklining? Every weekend there are lines up. People want to be slacklining in the park, and you should consider this.	Moderately supportive	I don't care	Don't care	Don't have children
39	Nov 20 17 12:48:57 pm	3068	I live nearby, I work or study nearby, I visit from time-to-time, I commute through the park	Moderately supportive	Removal of unnecessary fences and new trees	I'm worried about too many trees being removed so I hope heaps more a planted as everyone loves them more than the man made structures of the gardens, it's what generally draws people in as it's not one of those parks with just grass it has some depth to it and shelter from the sun.	Highly supportive	I like the idea of a new BBQ area I think it's great for the community.	I do think the web was originally a good idea in the playground but I worry that having a trampoline in the centre greatly increased major falls despite the soft fall planned to be laid down. Children may jump and then land hard on the web five and under. It concerns me.	Don't have children
40	Nov 20 17 12:50:22 pm	3068	I live nearby	Highly supportive	The nature play areas of the new playground	Including water play into the nature play	Highly supportive	Nature play	Water play	Have children – regularly visit the playground
41	Nov 20 17 01:34:10 pm	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	Chess board	I would like to see outdoor gym equipment added for adults. Many other councils and Yarra doesn't. A vocal minority prevented this in the darling gardens and many residents subsequently see it as a missed opportunity.	Moderately supportive	Variety of equipment	Na	Have children – occasionally visit the playground
42	Nov 20 17 02:10:32 pm	3068	I live nearby, I work or study nearby, I visit from time-to-time, I commute through the park	Moderately supportive	seems thoroughly thought out, a lot of the proposals make a lot of sense.	what is the existing building currently next to the skate park? how old is it? is it protected? wouldn't want to see it go if it had a history behind it	Highly supportive	grass mound as a barrier to the skate park area -	looks good - just amke sure parents can sight kids from all areas so no areas become dead/scary zones	Don't have children

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43	Nov 20 17 02:28:47 pm	3054	I live nearby, I visit from time-to-time	Highly supportive	More trees, more natural elements, more shade, removal of car park. More passive area.	More creative/imaginative play. The new playground is too formal and high maintenance. Keeping with being more sympathetic to nature and sustainability I would like to see the playground constructed of more natural elements. All the play things proposed create an ongoing burden in the budget far more than natural play elements. Path design that reduces conflict and encourages cooperation between the various user "types" enjoying the park. At the moment long wide paths mean all park users tend to conflict due to off leash dogs, speed, etc	Moderately supportive	It's expanded. It creates a significant play space. Caters for younger children.	Too structured. Too high maintenance. Too formal. Creative, imaginative, natural surfaces would be preferred and lower maintenance. Not enough thought is given to ongoing maintenance costs for rate payers.	Have children – rarely or never visit the playground
44	Nov 20 17 02:48:22 pm	3068	I live nearby	Highly supportive	Lovely treed areas maintained and extra playgrounds & facilities	Look at using latest permeable paving products in tree protection zones	Highly supportive	New and varied apparatus	Maybe change soft fall area materials to rubber based artificial grass	Have children – occasionally visit the playground
45	Nov 20 17 02:57:07 pm	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	Currently the plan does not excite me too much, either way I'm happy with those aspects of the park.	Highly request a calisthenics set up! There are NONE of n the inner northern suburbs. This would include parallelette bars, various chin up bars etc. there is only ONE in Melbourne (Elwood). It would be a unique and huge advantage to the community including a dedicated physical activity space in Edinburgh Gardens.	Moderately supportive	N/a	N/a	Don't have children
46	Nov 20 17 06:10:15 pm	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	Updated playground	A fenced area to let dogs off in a enclosed area.	Highly supportive	new equipment	none	Don't have children
47	Nov 20 17 07:04:26 pm	3068	I live nearby, I commute through the park	Highly supportive	The ropes with a trampoline in the centre of the roped climbing frame and the large knotted swings. I also like the idea of the more environmental play equipment with natural spaces and plants.	I would improve the Draft Northern Precinct Plan by adding more adventure play equipment and larger spaces to have picnics and climb. I would also introduce some more trees and plants in the dog park for them to discover more smells with. Swanee Mahalia Myles-Malone aged 9.Thank you	Highly supportive	The update and utilising the old maternal heath nurse building	I would love to see a tree house in the plan	Have children – regularly visit the playground
48	Nov 20 17 07:09:52 pm	3068	I live nearby, I visit from time-to-time, I commute through the park	Highly supportive	Proposed new BBQ area, new playground - the space DEFINITELY needs an upgrade to the skate park (expanded also).	It looks fantastic and the proposed plans are highly needed - nothing to change.	Highly supportive	All of it - the existing playground at the northern end of EG is in desperate need of an upgrade / TLC.	no changes / is fantastic as is!	Have children – regularly visit the playground
49	Nov 20 17 08:39:36 pm	3068	I live nearby	Highly supportive	Expanded playground area and BBQ area.	Add in more natural features, such as boulders and logs to create seating and a native planting to create a sort of 'bushland' setting in the park.	Highly supportive	The size of it and the nature-play elements.	It's a minor point, but I'd prefer the playground was in more natural colours- like maybe greens and browns- instead of the yellow panels. I think more natural colours would blend into the park better.	Have children – regularly visit the playground
50	Nov 20 17 08:46:42 pm	3068	I live nearby	Highly supportive	Expanded BMX and Skate Park. It is one of the most consistently used elements in the park. New BBQ area.	The children's playground seems particularly large. There is already a large and particularly extensive children's playground area. I would reduce this in size.	Unsupportive	The seats. The tables.	I cant see from the attached image but I dont like the idea of the BBQ area being within the children's playground. I have a dog and we use this BBQ area often. If the bbq area is within the fenced playground there wont be a BBQ area that is dog friendly.	Don't have children

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51	Nov 20 17 09:14:46 pm	3068	I live nearby	Highly supportive	Lovely big park for littler children sounds amazing.	More public toilets - there are always HUGE 30 minute long queues on nice weekends - this is just simply not tolerable for families.	Highly supportive	The trampoline looks cool.	Although this is targeted at the younger kids, I see a lack of play opportunities at ground level for crawlers say aged 8-18 months (i.e. not walking) - like little mounds/bridges to crawl over, things to pull themselves up to standing, activity units that are not too far off the ground, patterned ground (that squishy asphalt stuff)/reflective things on the ground, a sandpit, tunnel etc. etc. My 12 month old wouldn't be able to play independently at this playground.	Have children – regularly visit the playground
52	Nov 20 17 10:04:53 pm	3078	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	Renewal of playground. I like the new bmx area. There is not much for kids 8+, younger kids are well catered for.	The Emily Baker building if being reused needs to face / address the south. Alternatively it should be demolished and returned to public open space. There needs to be a balance between green space and active uses / paved areas. Overall the park needs to be managed well in conjunction with users / citizens. Please allow drumming gatherings in the park.	Moderately supportive	Trampoline	Baby rockers are very rarely used even by babies, they are using a lot of space for these. Please use less plastic material.	Have children – regularly visit the playground
53	Nov 21 17 11:00:15 am	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	I like expanding skate park and getting a new playground, and the new basketball area. Great ideas - but need modifications	There really needs to be a separation between skate area and playground. They draw very different user groups - often skate area has loud music, drinking etc. This is fine as it suits those using the area - but really not great to have that close to a play ground with young kids. Also the BBQ area - good idea to include but again often those using these facilities are drinking, smoking etc - so difficult to deal with when young kids in playgrounds. Just need to be smarter with the layout. Perhaps the basketball court could seperate the skate and playground? Also PLEASE include a netball ring in the basketball area. Netball rings are never included.	Unsupportive	Swings - always highly used.	The main users of current playground are kids under 5, the other playground caters for older kids. This needs to be considered when designing this space. What will ground surface be? Please no bark chips. Will there be shade? This is a must. The elements you have included for playing are not well thought through. A, B, F and G - kids don't use these. They really don't. A trampoline would be great - needs to be in-ground. Investigate other amazing play spaces (look up Malcolm Reserve in Semaphore Park in Adelaide - brilliant play area). If going to build a new play space - how about putting some decent design thought and money into it. This will be such a well used play space - please give us a good one.	Have children – regularly visit the playground
54	Nov 21 17 01:12:15 pm	3066	I live nearby, I visit from time-to-time	Moderately supportive	Active area	Off leash dog area	Moderately supportive	Basket swing	Off leash dog area	Don't have children
55	Nov 21 17 04:53:54 pm	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	A new BBQ area and a new playground area	It would be great if the addition of adult exercise bars/equipment could be added to the park so that adults could use the park for fitness. Why does the table tennis court have to be moved?	Highly supportive	The variety of play equipment is good.	Perhaps the addition of a rope climbing area could be included - something like a web of ropes for children to climb through/over/around.	Don't have children
56	Nov 21 17 06:22:00 pm	3068	I live nearby	Highly supportive	the new playground	consider noise reduction elements especially around the skate & BBQ area. living nearby, these are the areas that seem to get very noisy at night. could they be moved further into the park?	Highly supportive	trampoline	Noise reduction elements, especially around the playground. The children can get noisy, no bad thing but trees of noise reduction screens would be great.	Don't have children

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57	Nov 21 17 06:38:58 pm	3068	I live nearby, I visit from time-to-time	Moderately supportive	The plan to expand the skate/bmx facility.	Skate/bmx area should be expanded. Currently the bowl is excellent but can only safely accomodate one rider at a time. Often there are queues of 20 people waiting for a turn. It badly needs to be extended to incorporate a 'street' section, which would greatly increase the number of people able to use the facilities at any one time.	Moderately supportive	Not interested in playground plans	Not interested in playground plans	Don't have children
58	Nov 22 17 11:13:21 am	3068	I live nearby, Other	Unsupportive	Expansion of skate park	Seems like a complete waste of money, I like the open space which resulted from removing the building next to the skatepark. I think this proposal will just crowd out that space. I would prefer open space	Unsupportive	None of it.	By not building it.	Don't have children
59	Nov 22 17 11:44:22 am	3058	I visit from time-to-time, I commute through the park	Moderately supportive	Removal of car park.	Keep table tennis table well away from other activities.	Moderately supportive	no comment	no comment	Don't have children
60	Nov 24 17 03:54:10 pm	3068	I live nearby	Highly supportive	Improved playground facilities	Could you include more toddler swings? I have twin granddaughters and have never found a park where there are enough; there are always queues. The multi swing only seems to have one swing - same issue once they get a bit bigger. Toddler swings are the one thing very small children can do. Rockers and see saws never seem popular Can you also get the sort of slides that don't get so hot you can't use them? (I take twins to park every week and consider myself an expert!)	Highly supportive	soft fall mulch is good, better than the rubberised material many new parks use. Also grassed mound sounds good.	Activity units can be worrying, especially once toddlers get over ambitious and climb out of reach. Very stressful, especially with two children. Maybe a few more seats? A lot of grandparents take small children and there are only three seats at the moment. Is the toilet nearby?	Have children – regularly visit the playground
61	Nov 24 17 05:06:09 pm	3068	I live nearby, I visit from time-to-time, I commute through the park, Other	Highly supportive	Expanded BMX & skate area, BBQ area, and.. sigh.. I guess the kids area is good too.	It's okay but if we're expecting more children and families to come, then perhaps more bathrooms would be a good idea. And have them operational until the evening.	Highly supportive	I like that you haven't decided to go with over-designed modern concepts - simply and playful, and safe (of course).	Looks good as long as it doesn't impinge on the BMX/skate area or the fun that is to be had by single, non-children loving people who use the park every weekend, who have chosen not to overpopulate the world and just rock out with mates.	Don't have children
62	Nov 25 17 01:19:41 pm	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	New and larger playground area, new BBQ area and increased open space / tree planting.	Do not proceed with the "possible expanded skate and BMX area" which is proposed directly adjacent to the new playground area. In and around the existing skate park we have often seen often broken glass and people smoking / using offensive language - not appropriate directly adjacent to a young children's playground. We strongly oppose any expansion of the existing skating / BMX area.	Highly supportive	New BBQ's next to playground, more equipment and the nature play areas.	Shade sail over BBQ / table area.	Have children – regularly visit the playground
63	Nov 26 17 09:30:53 pm	3068	I live nearby, I work or study nearby, I visit from time-to-time, I commute through the park	Highly supportive	I like the improvements to the playground, moving it will also create a nice green space to the north along Alfred Cres. It's a good idea to keep it for younger kids (under 5) as the adventure playground to the south is very popular with older kids. I am very supportive of removing the car park. It seems crazy to me that you can drive in and park in the middle of this park. Any expansion to the skate park facility i am very supportive of. It is well used and i enjoy watching the skaters, and my daughter is showing more interest in skating since seeing young girls skate here.	I would reconfigure Emely Baker community building to face inwards (rather than towards Alfred Cres) and have an deck/stage built into the design. This would be attractive to users for hiring the space and would also allow opportunity for formal live music events.	Highly supportive	I like that it is still focused on younger children. I used this a lot when my kid was 1-4, now we mostly go to the adventure playground to the south. I love the idea of the grassed mound.	I've heard that Fitzroy North Primary Schools has recieved funding to create a chess playing area on their grounds. Rather than duplicate across the road in the park, could you have a conversation with them about integration/shared use?	Have children – regularly visit the playground

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64	Nov 27 17 11:56:40 am	3068	I live nearby	Unsupportive	I would prefer less of our money spent on the park of non residents to enjoy. Better tennis club rooms and football rooms would be great.	We have to many people parking in the streets and littering in the park that we have to pay for. It would be great if the council could focus on traffic management such as speed humps in Scotchmer St, a zebra crossing so our kids are nearly killed by car crossing at the old train line on Scotchmer St. No more BBQ's , the locals don't use. We don't want to have the park as a draw card for day tippers. Please use our rates to support the infrastructure our community for the people who live here.	Moderately supportive	The playground is fine. My kids love the one that's there. The new one is always full of visitors or parties so we use the smaller one	It just needs to basic, I don't need to spend all day at the park. Not everyone had kids at the park. I think we have more desperate areas to spend our money. Such as slowing down the traffics cutting through our suburb so we can walk to school safely	Have children – regularly visit the playground
65	Nov 27 17 09:39:00 pm	3068	I live nearby, I work or study nearby, I visit from time-to-time, I commute through the park, Other	Moderately supportive	Good to see the remnants of old buildings etc removed. Larger playground is good.	The playground is too close to the skateboard area, given the amount of alcohol and dope that is consumed by the skateboarders (I don't have a problem with them doing that, just not closer to young children). There should be more than one drinking fountain in the playground.	Highly supportive	Good mix of different play options	1. More than one drink fountain. 2. Shade cloth areas, especially near the seats.	Have children – regularly visit the playground

Community engagement November 2017 - verbatim pop-up session responses

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1	18.11.2017	3068	I live nearby	No response	No response	Activate the old vacant building. Move playground further towards the centre. Placement of BBQs should take wafting of smoke into nearby areas into account.	Highly supportive	No response	No response	Have children - regularly visit the playground
2	18.11.2017	3068	I live nearby	Highly supportive	Skate park	Provide shade for skate park. Restrict car access to entire park.	Highly supportive	No response	More shade for the playground. Make safety a priority.	Don't have children.
3	18.11.2017	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	Basketball halfcourt	Close proximity of playground and skate park may produce tentions - perhaps separate with more landscaping. Do something to discourage long queues at toilets and public urination.	Highly supportive	No response	No response	Have children - oldest uses basketball halfcourt regularly
4	18.11.2017	3065	I live nearby	No response	Happy that skate park will remain easilly observable by surrounding park users. Believes that this will discourage anti-social behaviour.	More toilets. Add wall with painted tennis net to allow people to play tennis against it.	Moderately supportive	Happy to see the large activity units included (H and C) to encourage imaginitve play. Happy to see nearby gum tree retained.	More shade for the playground.	Have children - regularly visit the playground

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5	18.11.2018	3068	I live nearby	Moderately supportive	Expansion of skate park.	Investigate potential for BBQ lids. Retain older elements of the park where possible. Keen for flow/feel of existing skate park to be retained during any expansion (consult with local skaters).	No response	No response	Keep a fence around the playground to keep high speed skate activity separate from young children.	No response
6	18.11.2019	3068	Live nearby and commute through the park	No response	Skate park	Add RC track (remote controlled car track)	No response	No response	No response	No response
7	18.11.2020	3068	Live nearby			Skate park no near playground BBQ area and broken glass away from playground	Moderately supportive	No response	Shade for parts of playground	Have children - regularly visit the playground
8	18.11.2021	3068	I live nearby	Highly supportive	expansion of skate park so younger age groups can use.	Shade for BBQ/picnic	Highly supportive	Trampoline	Double rockers better than smaller. Shade for playground.	Have children - regularly visit the playground
9	18.11.2022	3068	I live nearby I visit commute	Highly supportive	Expanding playground and skate park	No reponse	No response	No resopnse	No response	No response

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10	18.11.2023	3065	I live nearby	Highly supportive	No response	No reponse	Highly supportive	combination of nature and built elements	Fencing or part fence Shade	Have children, occasionally visit playground.
11	18.11.2024	3068	I live nearby I work or study nearby	Highly supportive	Trampoline, spinner, naure play - more please, less fencing	More nature play, natural elements	Highly supportive	All of it		Have children, regularly visit the playground
12	18.11.2025	3068	live, work/study, visit, commute	Highly supportive	Playground upgrade BBQ area and chess board	Incresed BBQ's - 4 burners	Highly supportive	Kids like trampoline and spinner	More drinking taps	Have children - regularly visit the playground
13	18.11.2026	3071	other, skates here	Highly supportive	Extension to skate park	Skate park extension ideas: no street skating area but put in a mini bowl for practicing tricks. (St Kilda has one). 1.2m high, 3m across.	Highly supportive	Make bigger	Nothing	Have children, rarely or never visit the playground (older)
14	18.11.2027	3070	live, visit	Highly supportive	Skate park expansion.	Externd skate park, more bowls (smooth) no street course! Mini ramps, 1.2m high like St Kilda.	Highly supportive	All of it	Bigger kids playground	Have children - occasionally visit the playground

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Thank you for contacting me. In general I think the new design looks good. My only suggestion is that as the skate area frequently attracts a number of spectators there would be merit in either establishing grassy mound where spectators could sit to watch the action, or alternatively a couple of lines of seats along one side.

Regards,

Generally I support the draft northern precinct plan, subject to the comment below.

I don't support the draft playground concept plan, which is boring and unimaginative - children need to explore and develop from finding out, even the swings are anodyne - what is wrong with the adventure playground model, so successful elsewhere (Fitzroy, Atherton Gardens and St Kilda)? At least, introduce some contours, etc.

Two suggestions for the northern precinct plan, based on observations of many years as to use of the Gardens:

1. The grassed expanse along the northern boundary abutting Alfred Crescent is often used for soccer - there is no soccer pitch in the Gardens: this area should be regraded and resurfaced so that it can be used as soccer pitches, not exclusively but at least fit for that use.
2. The area marked 7 for possible half basketball court should have a full sized basketball court - the demand for the court next to the cricket pavilion is often too crowded, impromptu games have to play half a court or players have to wait - given the schools in the area and the popularity of impromptu games there is enough demand to justify a full sized court, plus it is a real local community hallmark.

There is ample space and demand for the suggested improvements, and the additional cost would not be out of proportion to the benefits.

Kind regards

Hi Nicols Ward Councillors

Could you or Yarra Council send me the most recent editions of the Edinburgh Gardens CMP and Master Plan.

Whatever happened to our original cast iron gas lamp standards that have been removed from the Gardens. I have questioned but received no answer on the following points:-

- how both gas standards were assessed as being in a state of disrepair requiring removal - was this an in-house decision or did a structural engineer certify these heritage cast iron posts were a Public Risk?
- how were they disposed of and is there a paper trail that shows what happened to these heritage items?

- does the Council be replacing them?

With respect to the proposed redevelopment of the northern playground and the area around the skate rink - has Yarra prepared an update of the CMP, the Master Plan and was a Heritage Impact Statement prepared for this proposed playground redevelopment that explains how the proposed works will 'preserve and enhance' the Cultural Significance of the Edinburgh Gardens.

Thanks

I support the draft in general for both the northern precinct and playground plans.

I like the range of activities we are encouraging the community to participate in. The existing skate and BMX area attracts a wide range of ages from toddlers to adults - its great to see this being expanded.

The grassy mound at the southern end of the playground sounds lovely.

I would like to see MORE nature play areas either stretched out around the playground or incorporated in it. It is great to see them included but more space is needed - as they are they will get a lot of wear and tear. Logs to climb, bushes to dodge through, rocks to scramble on. Stretch it out as a garden but make it obvious that it is encouraged for kids to play in the garden beds!!

Kind Regards,

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed upgrades to the northern precinct and playground of Edinburgh Gardens.

Living at the bottom of Fergie Street, we use this area frequently and are directly impacted by the activity in that section of the park.

Whilst we're thrilled about the planned upgrades, we have concerns regarding the proposed extension of the skate park. Our concerns are twofold, being:

- Users of the skate park frequently bring amplified music, and at times temporary lighting fixtures, which result in noise permeating into the surrounding neighbourhood, sometimes late into the night. Our fear is that an increase in the skate facilities will attract more users and more of this behaviour.
- The fundamental purpose of a park is to provide much needed green space to local residents who otherwise lack this in an urban environment. Increasing the skate park will bring more concrete mass to the park at the expense of this beloved green space.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on this important upgrade. Please feel free to contact us if you would like any further input or clarification.