

## CONSULTATION REPORT

Council is upgrading the WA McInnes Reserve Playspace as part of our Let's all Play Strategy. This report outlines feedback received from the community that will help Council officers to develop a concept plan.

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### Consultation period: 8 March – 11 April 2023

This engagement was an initial fact finding round to understand what the community does in the space currently and seeking ideas for improvement.

Council staff have identified the below items that could be included in the upgrade:

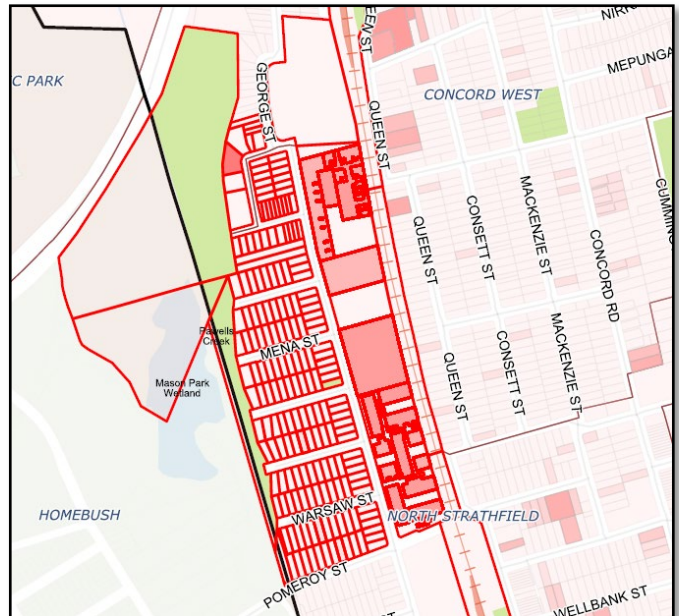
- Additional more inclusive play equipment
- Synthetic softfall linkages to equipment
- Sand pit equipment
- Additional and/or upgraded artwork
- Concrete pathway
- Improved garden
- Fencing improvements

### What methods were implemented to notify the community of this consultation opportunity?

- Direct Notification Letters to 850 residences
- Direct emails to surrounding daycares, preschools and schools
- Email notification to 2100 Collaborate followers
- Two on-site posters – one in the playspace and one along Powells Creek walkway

### What engagement methods were undertaken?

- Online engagement survey at [collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au](https://collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au)
- Direct email and phone number provided for further information



## Consultation Outcomes Summary

### Consultation Participation

#### 23 submissions total

301 visits to the Collaborate page

14 survey submissions

9 emails

There were only a small number of submissions made, however there are some common themes emerging. There will be another opportunity to engage the community at the concept design sharing stage.

### Overall Findings – email and survey

**There is strong support for upgrading the space, with an opportunity to provide multi-generational amenity.**

Overall, the park feels neglected and the community is excited to see upgrades that will create a more inviting and accessible place for them.

*“As a resident of the community, I am excited about the prospect of having an upgraded playground in our area. I am planning to use the park at least three times a week once the upgrade is completed. Thank you for considering these suggestions. I believe that implementing these improvements would greatly benefit our community and enhance the quality of life for our children.”*

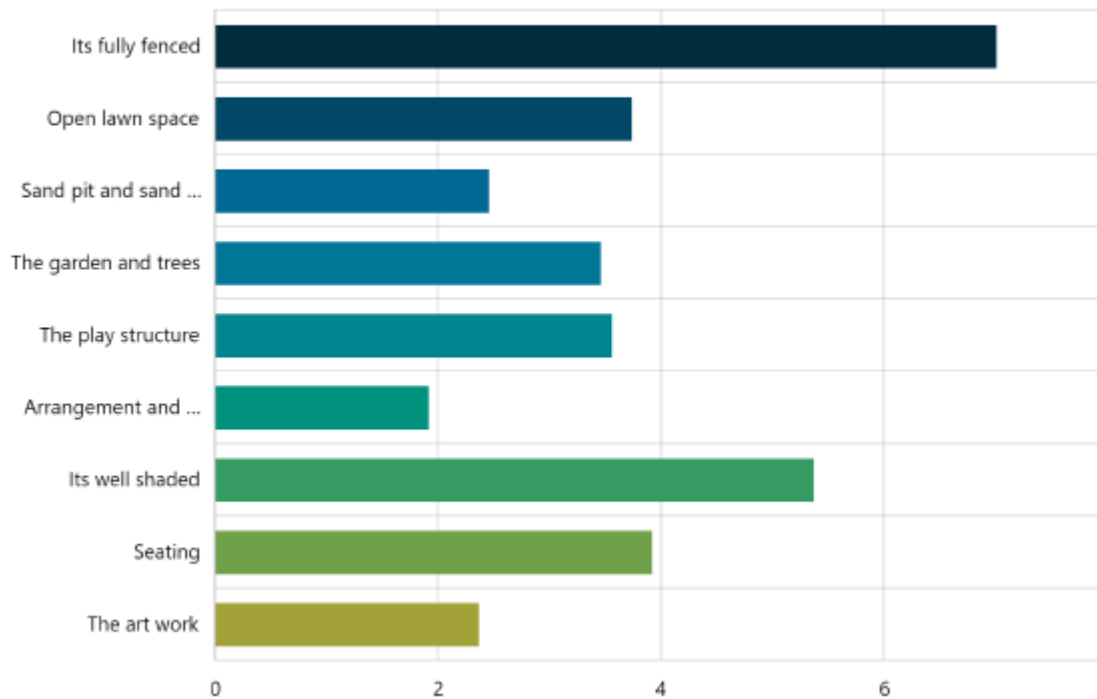
*“While play equipment is needed, I think there is mutual benefit if facilities could also be added to facilitate social interactions for the elderly, especially with parents and young children. Social isolation is a real problem resulting in poor mental health. Having quiet spaces for yoga mats, tai chi and just circle seating with shade to encourage social chatting and picnics would also be beneficial.”*

## Feedback on the current space

| Comment   | Submissions |
|---|-------------|
| Trees and shrubs are overgrown – spiders, mosquitos, dark, uninviting | 5           |
| Nice green space, peaceful and safe                                   | 3           |
| Equipment is old, faded, cracked dirty, uninviting                    | 2           |
| No toilets  | 2           |
| Uneven ground entering the park, trip hazard                          | 2           |
| Bird poo on the seats   | 2           |
| Fencing deters people from going in unless they have children         | 2           |
| Sandpit is not clean  |             |
| Underutilised   |             |
| Not enough seating  |             |
| Fully fenced is good – provides good line of sight                    |             |

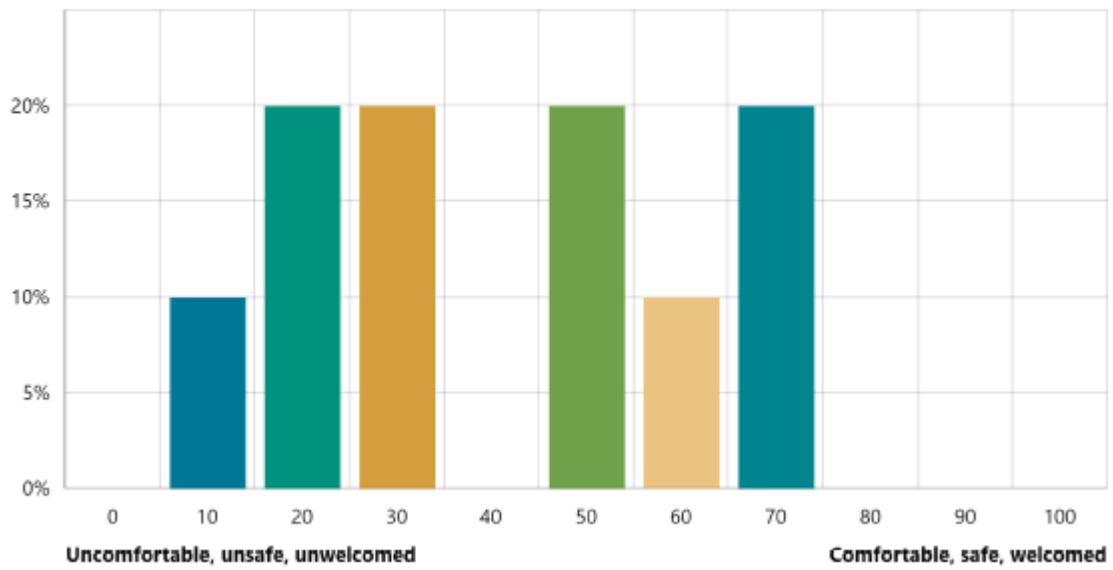
### 16. What do you like most about the reserve? Required

Ranking | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 11 (91.7%)



14. How do you feel when you visit the reserve?

Slider | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 10 (83.3%)



## Suggestions and ideas for the upgrade

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Landscaping and trimming back the greenery, but greenery should dominate                               | 4 |
| Shade sails  | 3 |
| No hidden spaces for safety  | 3 |
| Upgrade budgeting should include maintenance and cleaning  | 3 |
| Outdoor fitness equipment  | 3 |
| More seating, potential yarning circle to encourage interaction  | 2 |
| Fencing could be replaced with natural barriers or less intrusive options eg hedges or timber bollards | 2 |
| Do not convert into a dog park   |   |
| Picnic tables  |   |
| Increase equipment – lose the lawn space   |   |
| Level ground   |   |
| Plant lemongrass to repel mosquitos  |   |
| Keep it simple as the area is small  |   |
| Keep the artwork   |   |
| Community garden   |   |
| No plastic, use sustainable materials such as wood   |   |
| Water bubbler/tap and bin (waste and recycling) are all desirable                                      |   |
| Regular cleaning of surfaces   |   |
| Mini Bicycle track   |   |
| Additional benches for adults  |   |

## Equipment ideas

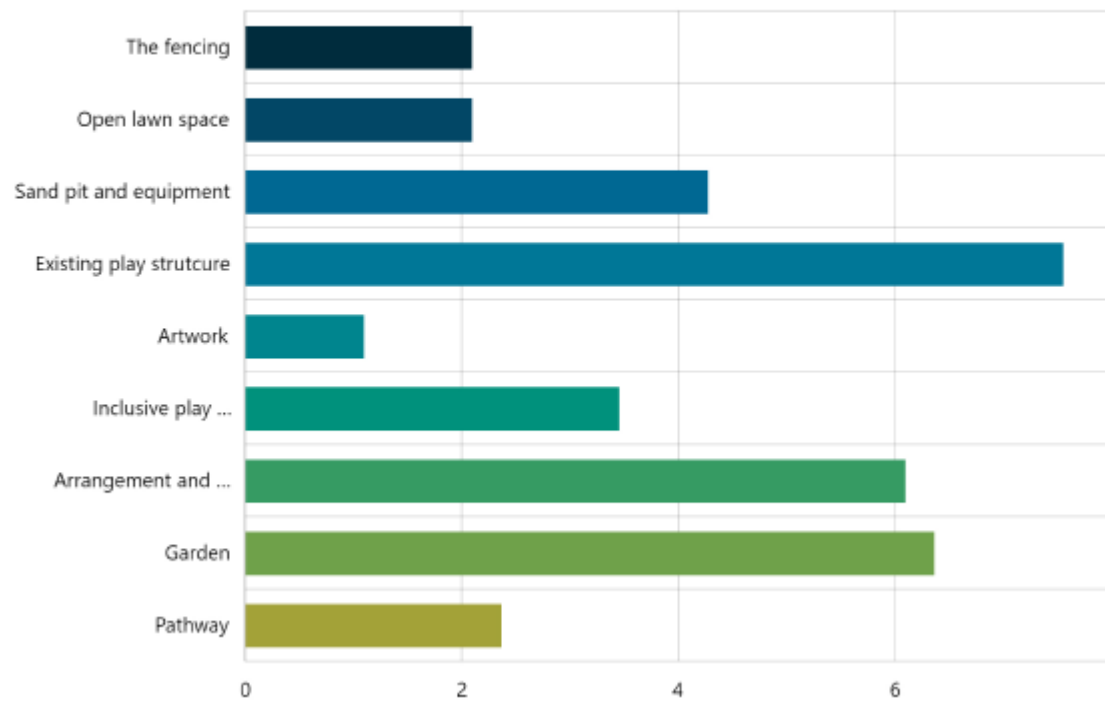
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|--|---|
| Swings – large basket, variety   | 5 |
| Climbing structures  | 3 |
| Seesaw   | 3 |
| Swing with seat belt   | 2 |
| Soft fall  | 2 |
| Balance beams  | 2 |
| Spinner  | 2 |
| In-ground trampoline   |   |
| Children's sized hamster wheel   |   |
| Creative and sensory play  |   |
| Small space, so build high equipment                                       |   |
| Incorporate First Nations knowledge/experiences.                           |   |
| Equipment that allow interactions based on movement, sight, sound and feel |   |
| Water play   |   |

## Accessibility ideas

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Level ground   |  |
| Pathways for elderly and prams   |  |
| Better access across the rail line and Concord Road                              |  |
| Add a toilet   |  |
| The play equipment should be inclusive, cater to a wide range of ages, interests |  |
| Foam/padded ground   |  |

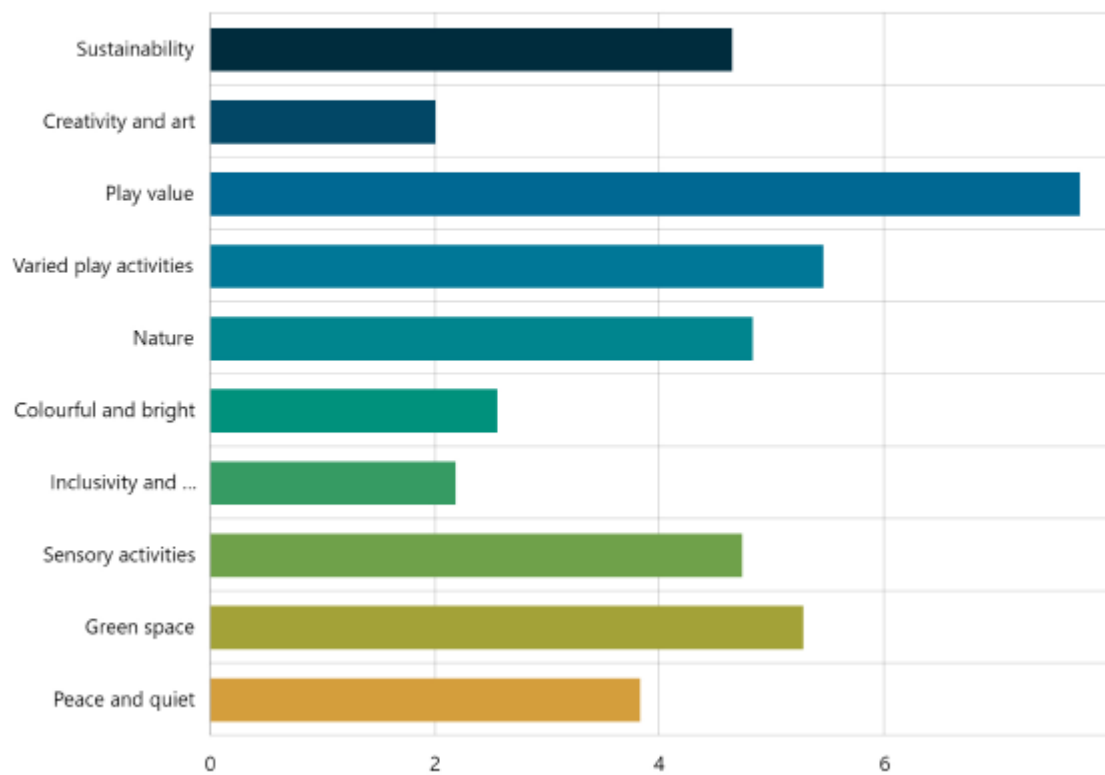
**18. What do you think needs the most improvement in the reserve?**

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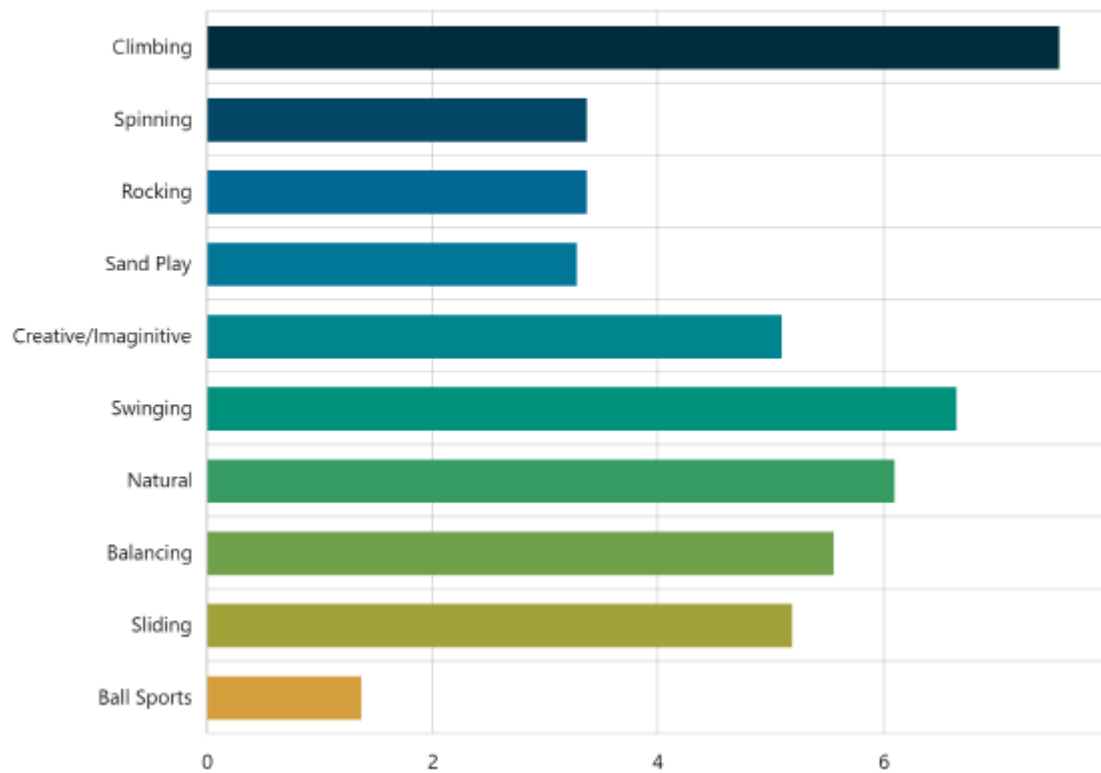


**17. What would you like us to prioritise in the designing of the reserve? Required**

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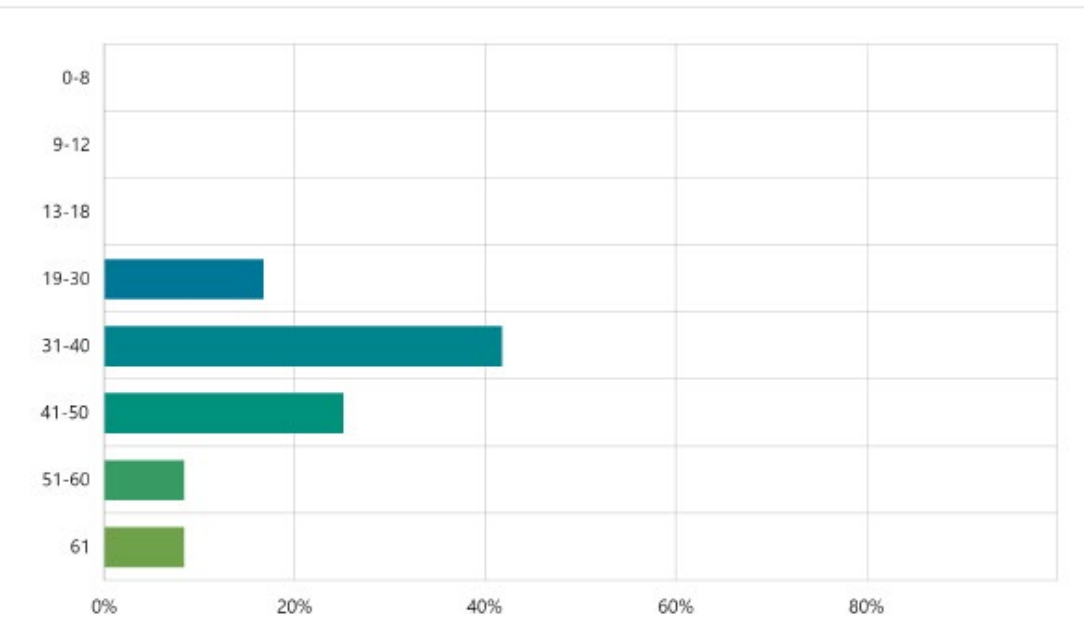


19. What play activities would you like to see included in the reserve? Required  
Ranking | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 11 (91.7%)



Participant data (survey only)

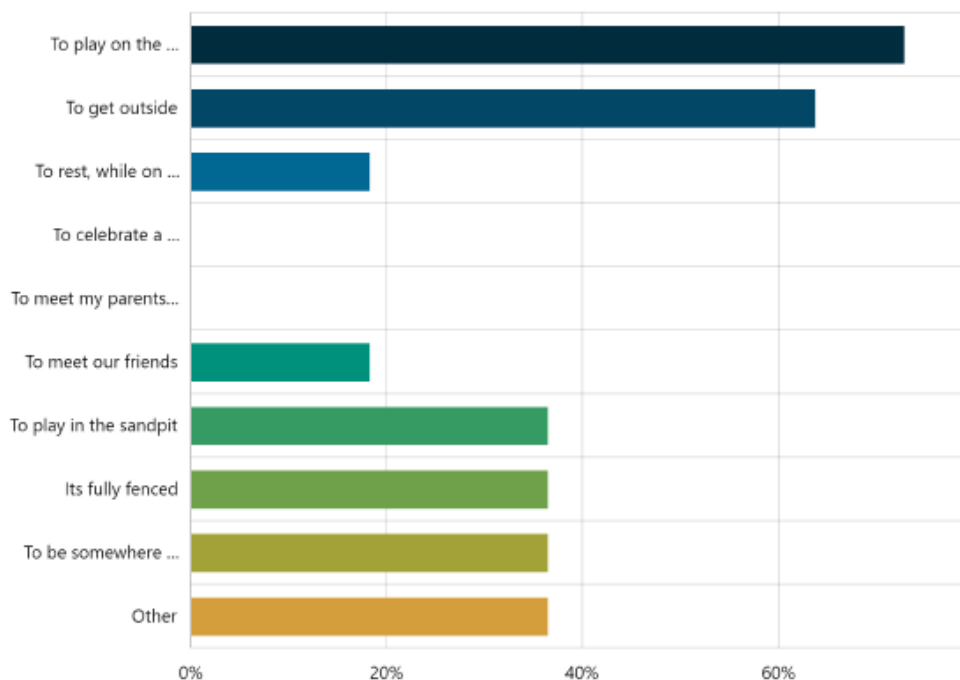
3. How old are you? Required  
Select Box | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 12 (100%)





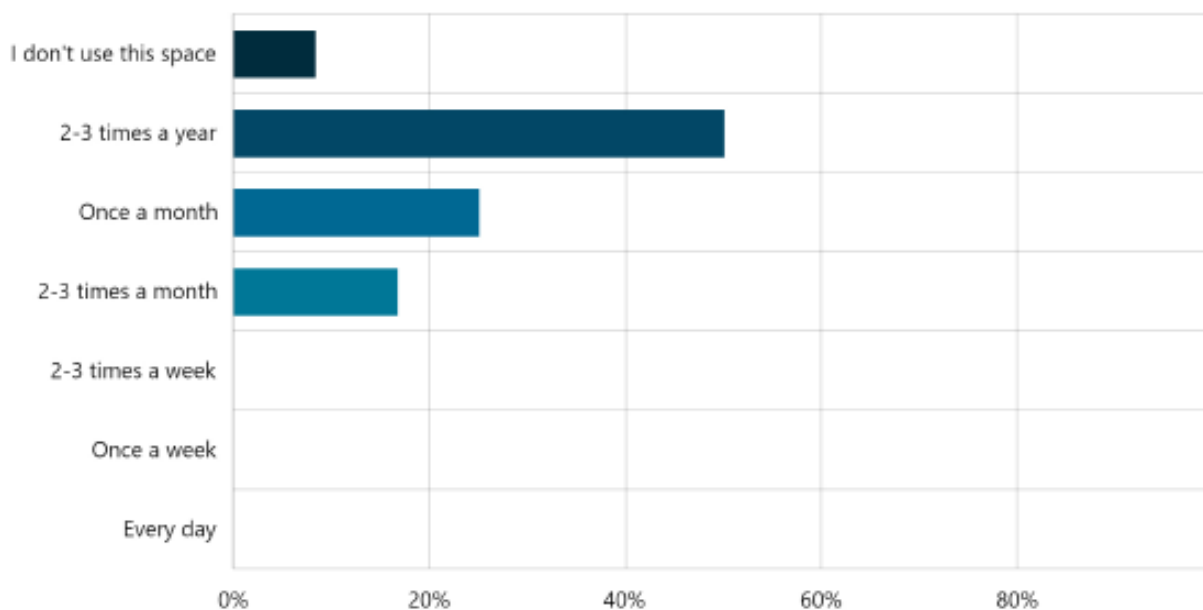
#### 4. Why do you go to WA McInnes Reserve? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 11 (91.7%)



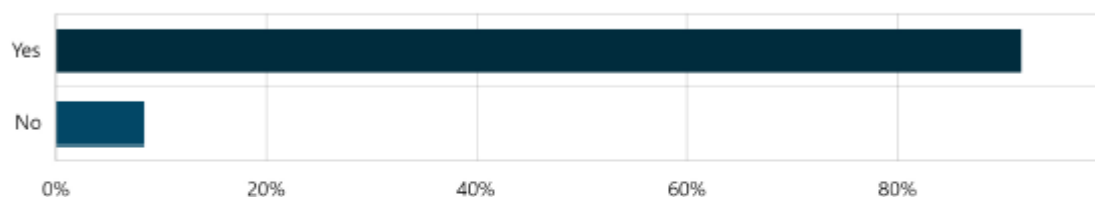
#### 5. How regularly do you use WA McInnes Reserve?

Select Box | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 12 (100%)



#### 6. Are you the parent, grandparent, guardian or carer of a child that is 0-18 years?

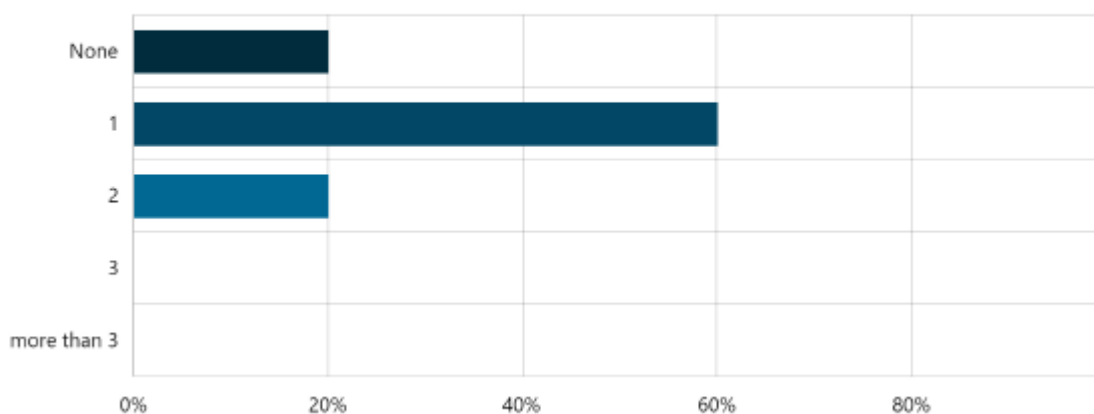
Select Box | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 12 (100%)



| Answer choices | Percent | Count |
|----------------|---------|-------|
| Yes            | 91.67%  | 11    |
| No             | 8.33%   | 1     |
| Total          | 100.00% | 12    |

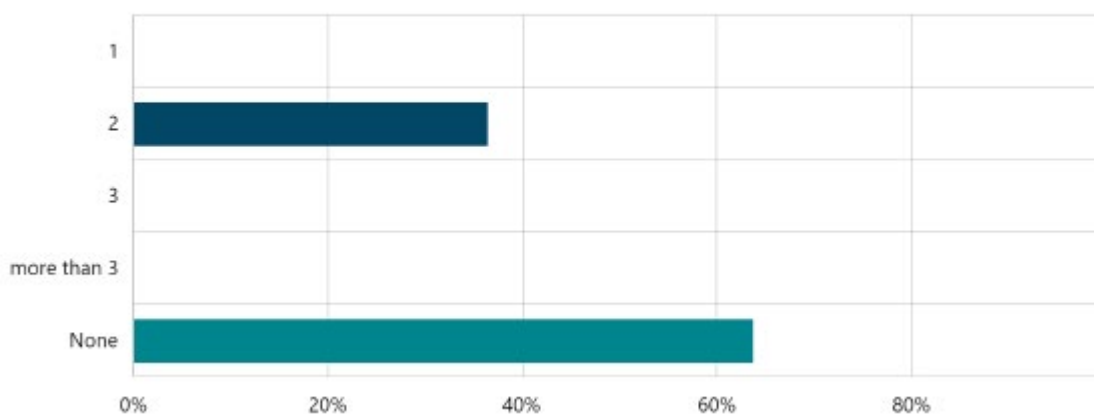
#### 7. How many of these children under 5 years use the reserve?

Select Box | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 10 (83.3%)



#### 8. How many of these children over 5 years visit the reserve?

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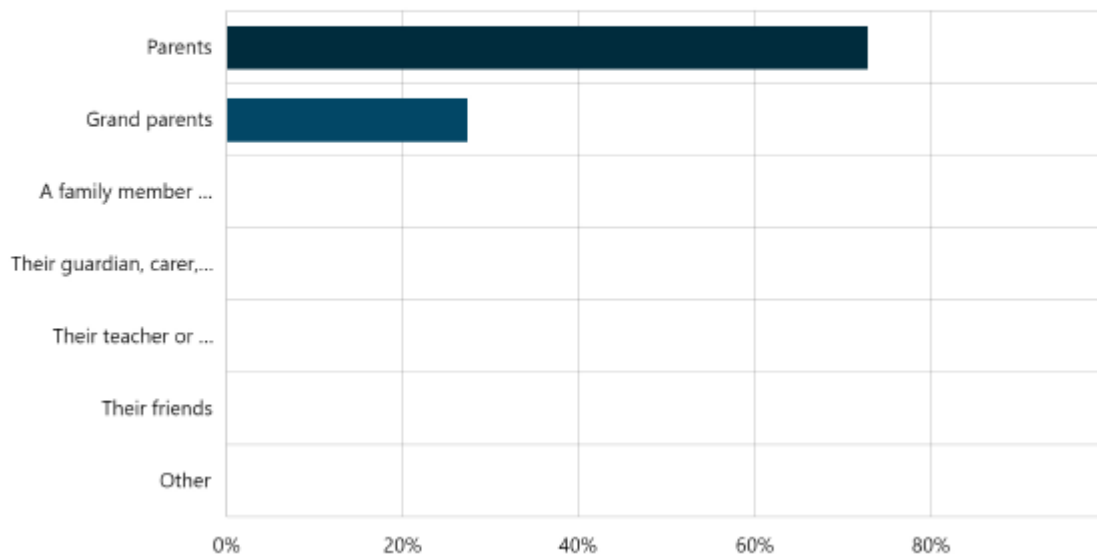


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**9. Who usually takes the child or children to the reserve?**

Select Box | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 11 (91.7%)

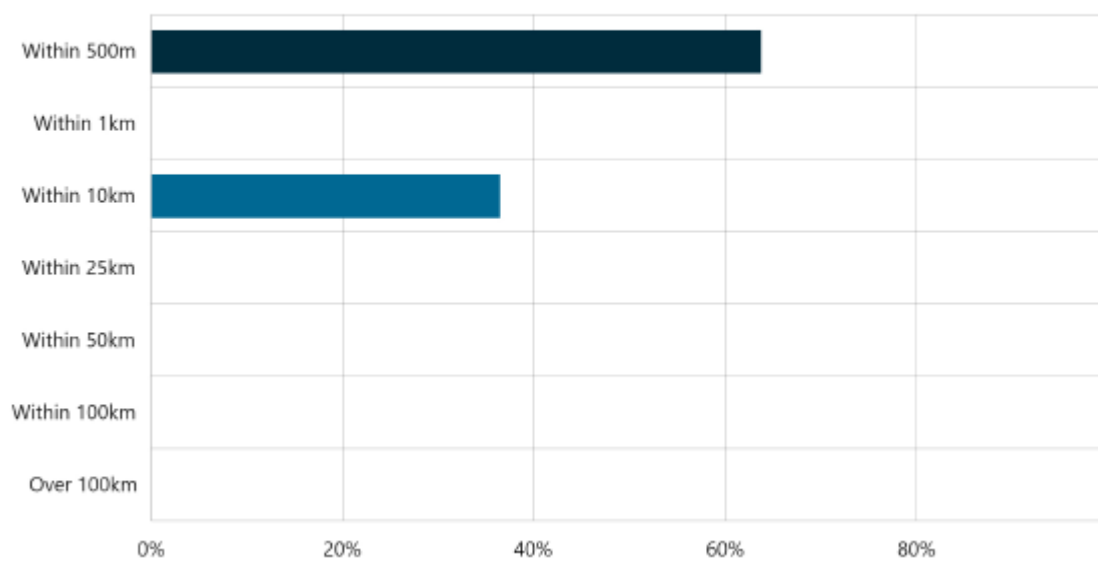
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**10. How far do you live from the reserve? Required**

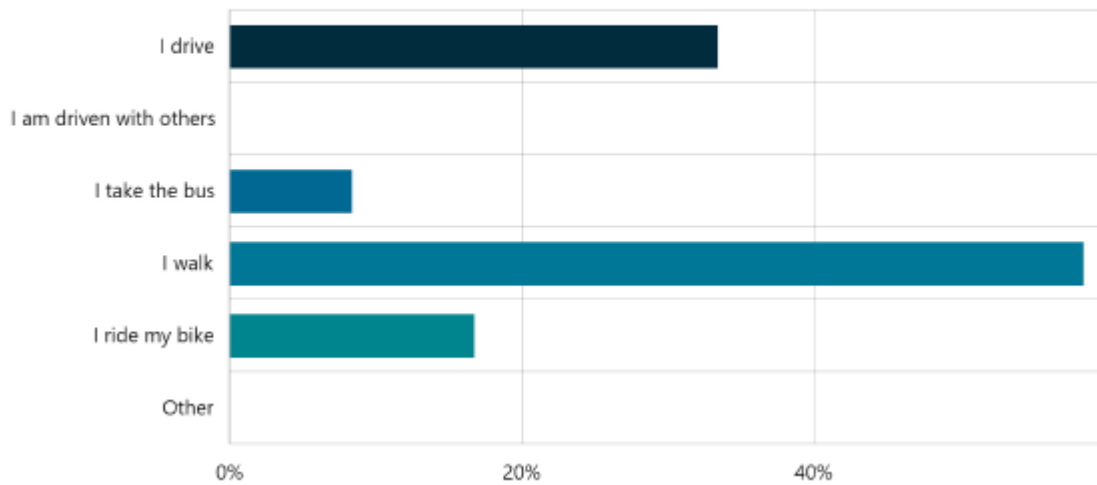
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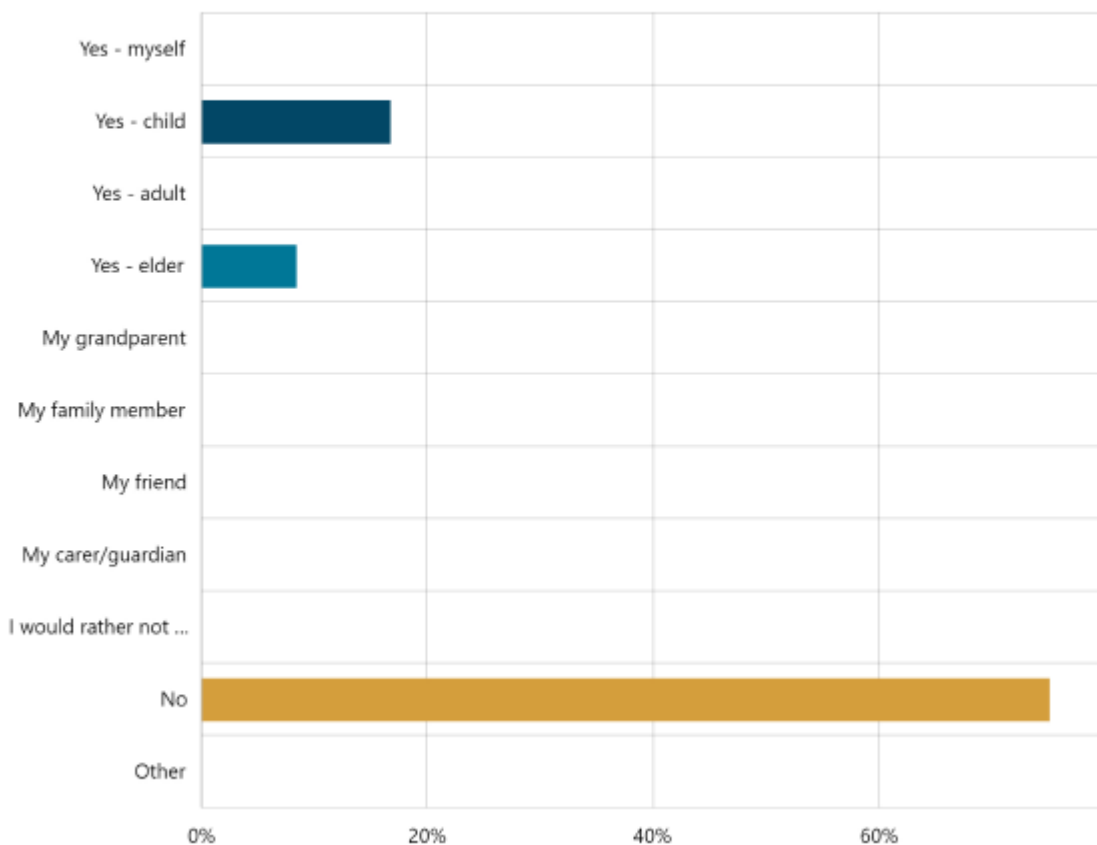
**11. How do you usually get to the reserve? Required**

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 12 (100%)



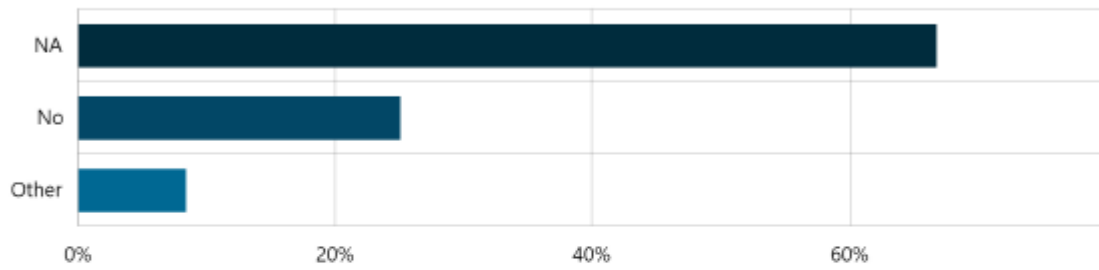
**12. Do you visit the playground with a person living with a disability? Required**

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 12 (100%)



### 13. Is there anything you want to tell us about this person/s living with a disability?

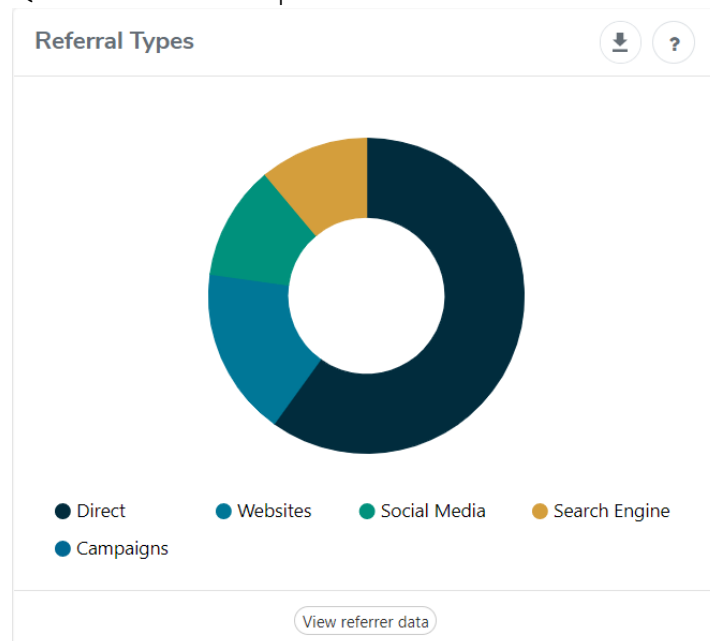
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 12 (100%)



| Answer choices | Percent | Count |
|----------------|---------|-------|
| NA             | 66.67%  | 8     |
| No             | 25.00%  | 3     |
| Other          | 8.33%   | 1     |
| Total          | 100.00% | 12    |

### Traffic data to Collaborate

QR code on letter and poster scans: 20



### Promotional materials

# WA McInnes Reserve Playspace

A New Place to Play is Coming Your Way!

We're upgrading the playspace at WA McInnes Reserve and we need your help. Share your ideas for improvements, your play activity needs and wants, and tell us about the community that uses the space, so we can build something that reflects this neighbourhood's unique characteristics.



## Have your say

🔍 Share your feedback by 11 April 2023

🔗 [collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/wamcinnnes](https://collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/wamcinnnes) (or scan the QR code)

✉️ [council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au) (subject: WA McInnes Playspace)

☎️ 9911 6555

📬 Locked Bag 1470, Drummoyne NSW 1470 (attn: Parks & Recreation Team)



9 March 2022

The Resident  
North Strathfield NSW 2137

Dear Resident,

### WA McInnes Reserve **Playspace** upgrade

Council is planning to upgrade the **playspace** in WA McInnes Reserve, North Strathfield. Pocket parks are a valuable asset to our community and are able to reflect the unique characteristics of the neighbourhood.

We are asking for input from the community on:

- Your current usage of the park
- Ideas for improvement
- Play activity preferences.

We invite your ideas and feedback on this proposal until Tuesday, 11 April 2023 in the following ways:

- Online at [collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/wamcinnnes](https://collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/wamcinnnes) (or scan the QR code)
- Email [council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au) (subject: WA McInnes **Playspace** amenities)
- Phone 9911 6555
- Mail: Locked Bag 1470, Drummoyne NSW 1470 (Attn: Buildings & Property team).

For further enquiries you can contact our Landscape Architect, Philippa Dunstan, on 9911 6555.

Kind regards,

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