

CONSULTATION REPORT

This report provides a summary of feedback received regarding Council’s proposal to upgrade the Brett Park playground, having received a \$250,000 grant from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).

In line with Council’s Let’s All Play Strategy, we are consulted the community on design, location, and accessibility measures for the playground.

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Background

Council has received a \$250,000 grant from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) to renew Brett Park's playground into a nature playground. As part of our Let's All Play Strategy, we are consulting the community on design, location and accessibility measures for the playground.

As the existing playground is now due for an upgrade, we are proposing to create a new, natural play environment that consists of tree logs, natural timber, rope elements, boulders, plants, water, sand, and sensory play, instead of traditional plastic playground structures.

While planning for this project, Council investigated some possible alternative locations that are more accessible or provide opportunities to combine with adjacent spaces. Each location has its own merits, including the existing location. Council asked the community to share feedback on whether they think the playground should stay where it is or move to one of the below locations.

The plan is to design, install and open these for the community to use by November 2023.

Consultation period

11 August – 5 September 2022

Council asked the community for input from the community on:

- How often do they visit Brett Park and what they do there
- What they like about the playground
- Equipment for the upgraded playground
- Location of the playground – opportunity to move to centre of the park or Tranmere Street end
- Other upgrades needed in the park

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

- Direct Notification Letters to 1100 residences in the area here >
- Two email notifications:
 - Consultation launch: 1,997, with 86 click throughs
 - "Last chance" email to 1,751, with 68 clicks
- Five on-site posters promoting the consultation
- Two Instagram posts reaching 1,900 people with 3 comments
- Three Facebook posts reaching 604 people and 7 comments



What engagement methods were undertaken?

- Online engagement survey at collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au
- Direct email and phone number provided for further information
- Drop-in session on Saturday 20 August 10 am – 12pm

Consultation Outcomes Summary

Consultation Participation

661 visits to the Collaborate page
43 download of concept plan
85 survey submissions
3 photo upload submissions
3 emails

Overall Findings

- Participants value the swings, slide and shade offered in the existing playground, as well as the proximity to toilets and BBQs for parties and picnics. The equipment is good for both younger and older children.
- Most participants who use the playground take children from 0 - 6 years old.
- Adventure play is the top priority for new equipment, followed by motion play amongst participants. This indicates that the equipment that is already there could be replicated in new upgrades.
- Location A receiving more support than locations B and C. The suggestion to maintain Location C playground and add an additional playground in Location A was made three times.

Participant data

- 75% of participants live in Drummoyne
- 60% of participants are female
- Broad range of ages across participants – including 5 participants under 15 years old
- Majority of participants came from email campaigns and directly through the on-site poster
- Majority of participants walk to Brett Park several times a week
- 2/3 of participants take children to the existing playground

Equipment

The leading equipment across each category is:

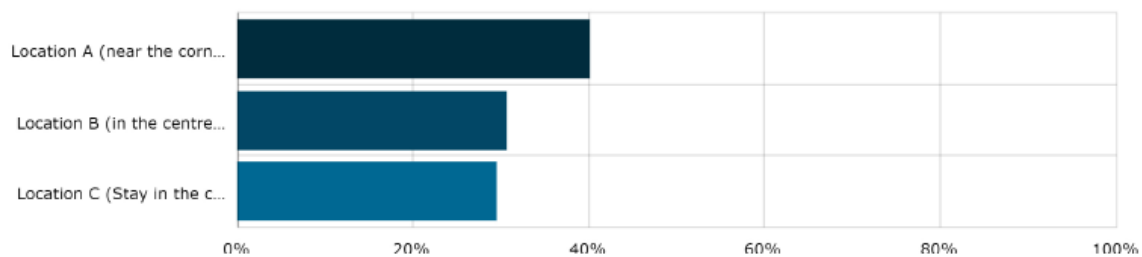
Nature Play	Tree logs (70% of participants selected)
Motion Play	Multi-bay swings (79% selected), embankment slide (76% selected), Hammock (48% selected)
Adventure Play	Play rope course (73% selected), play tower with slide (71% selected), tree house with slide (62% selected)
Imagination Play	Water and sand play (59% selected), cubby house (40% selected), glockenspiel (40%) selected

Location

Location A has slightly more support than other options. Location B would cause issues with touch football and dog walkers, while Location A and Location C are quite far from one another. Location A is also far from the toilets and BBQ facilities.

16. I think the upgraded playground should be... Required

Select Box | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 85 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Location A (near the corner of Tranmere and Day Streets)	40.00%	34
Location B (in the centre of the park near the rock shelf)	30.59%	26
Location C (Stay in the current location)	29.41%	25
Total	100.00%	85

Existing playground feedback

6. Do you use Brett Park playground? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 85 (100%)

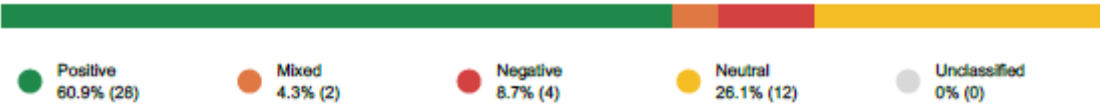


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	58.82%	50
No	41.18%	35
Total	100.00%	85

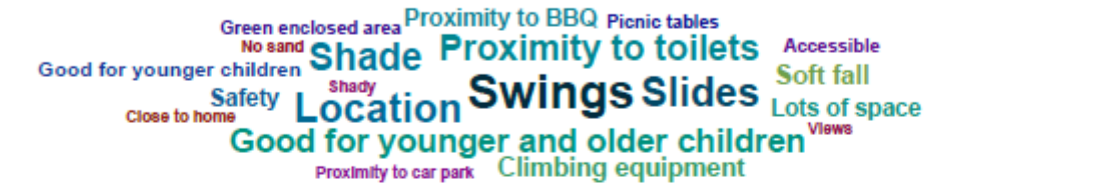
8. What do you like about Brett Park playground?

Long Text | Skipped: 39 | Answered: 46 (54.1%)

Sentiment



Tags



Tag	Percent	Count
Swings	30.4%	14
Slides	23.9%	11
Location	23.9%	11
Shade	21.7%	10
Proximity to toilets	19.6%	9
Good for younger and older children	17.4%	8
Climbing equipment	10.9%	5
Soft fall	10.9%	5
Lots of space	8.7%	4
Proximity to BBQ	8.7%	4
Safety	8.7%	4
Good for younger children	6.5%	3
Picnic tables	4.3%	2
Green enclosed area	4.3%	2
Accessible	4.3%	2
Proximity to car park	2.2%	1

Example contributions

Featured Contributions

I like that it has both climbing equipment and swings. I like that it is next to the little "forest" where the kids like to go exploring, and close to the seating areas and bbq and close to the toilets. I like that there is a really big grass area next to the playground so that we can go to the park both to play at the playground equipment and to play sports, and that the grass area is so big. I also like that the two areas are separate (even if it is only by a path).

Contribution 6 of 6 | 5 September 2022

The accessibility of the playground is great - my two year old son can access the slides independently while I feed the baby. There are very few playgrounds locally where he is safely able to access all parts of the playground. The location is also great - super close to the bay walk and Birkenhead.

Contribution 5 of 6 | 5 September 2022

Good position so can stop my kids running off. Good mix of equipment, and close to bbq

Contribution 4 of 6 | 1 September 2022

The swings are pretty great, also the equipment, although plastic, have a good age-accessible range to them (multiple climbing options, slides, etc...). The rubber ground is also a nice feature. Close to toilets

Contribution 3 of 6 | 17 August 2022

It's shaded, close to Birkenhead Point the pool and there's parking close by. The current location next to the picnic tables, bbq area and toilet block also make it fantastic for after school gatherings, social meet-ups and parties.

Contribution 2 of 6 | 12 August 2022

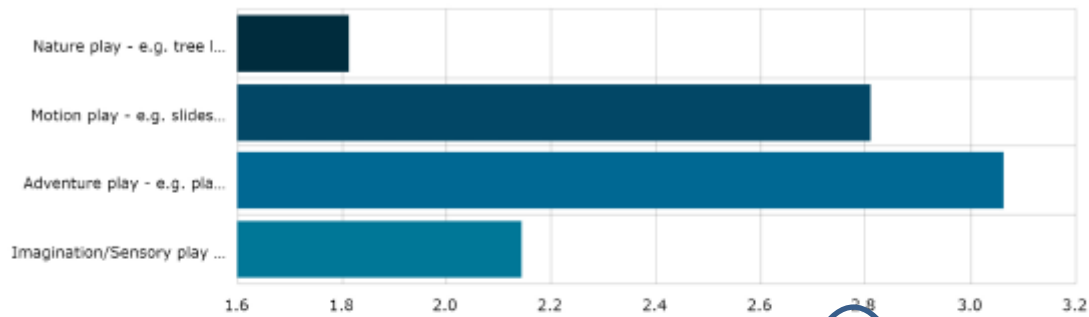
- Good swings - Trees around playground provide opportunity for imaginative play - shade

Contribution 1 of 6 | 11 August 2022

New equipment feedback

11. Please drag the options to rank the types of nature play equipment in order of importance Required

Ranking | Skipped: 4 | Answered: 81 (95.3%)



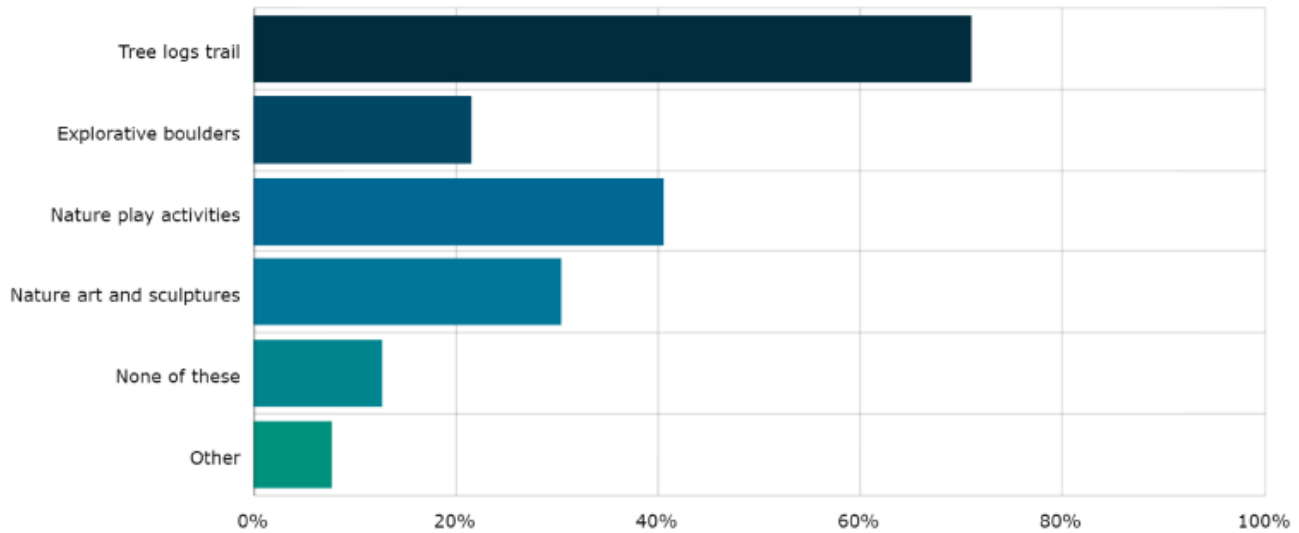
	1	2	3	4	Count	Score	Avg Rank
Nature play - e.g. tree logs, art and sculptures	11.11% 9	11.11% 9	25.93% 21	51.85% 42	81	1.81	3.19
Motion play - e.g. slides, swings, hammock	37.66% 29	32.47% 25	18.18% 14	11.69% 9	77	2.81	2.04
Adventure play - e.g. play tower with slide, tree house	43.04% 34	32.91% 26	18.99% 15	5.06% 4	79	3.06	1.86
Imagination/Sensory play - e.g. water, sand, music, cubby house	11.39% 9	24.05% 19	36.71% 29	27.85% 22	79	2.14	2.61

Score - Sum of the weight of each ranked position, multiplied by the response count for the position choice, divided by the total contributions. Weights are inverse to ranked positions.

Avg Rank - Sum of the ranked position of the choice, multiplied by the response count for the position choice, divided by the total 'Count' of the choice.

12. Which types of nature play elements would you like in the playground? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 6 | Answered: 79 (92.9%)



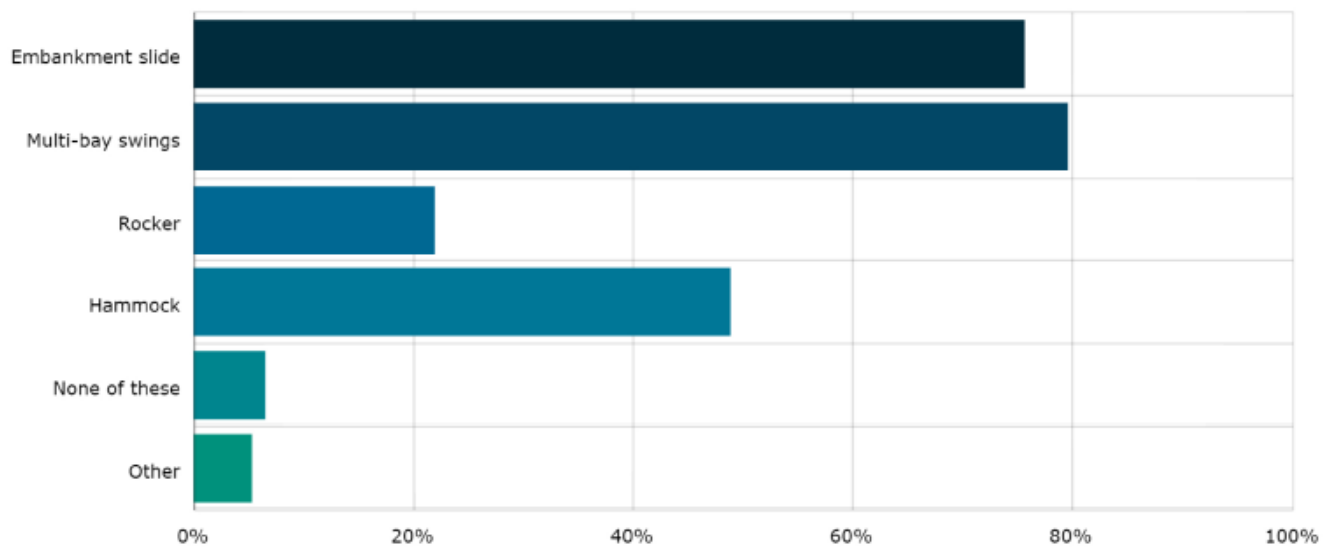
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Tree logs trail	70.89%	56
Explorative boulders	21.52%	17
Nature play activities	40.51%	32
Nature art and sculptures	30.38%	24
None of these	12.66%	10
Other	7.59%	6

Other ideas:

- Need something suitable for young toddlers (under 2 or 3) as well as older children (4+)
- Climbing Timbers with ropes. More ninja warrior adventuring for older kids but nature based.
- Treehouse (2)
- Water play
- Would be nice to have some fitness equipment installed

13. Which types of motion play elements would you like in the playground? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 7 | Answered: 78 (91.8%)



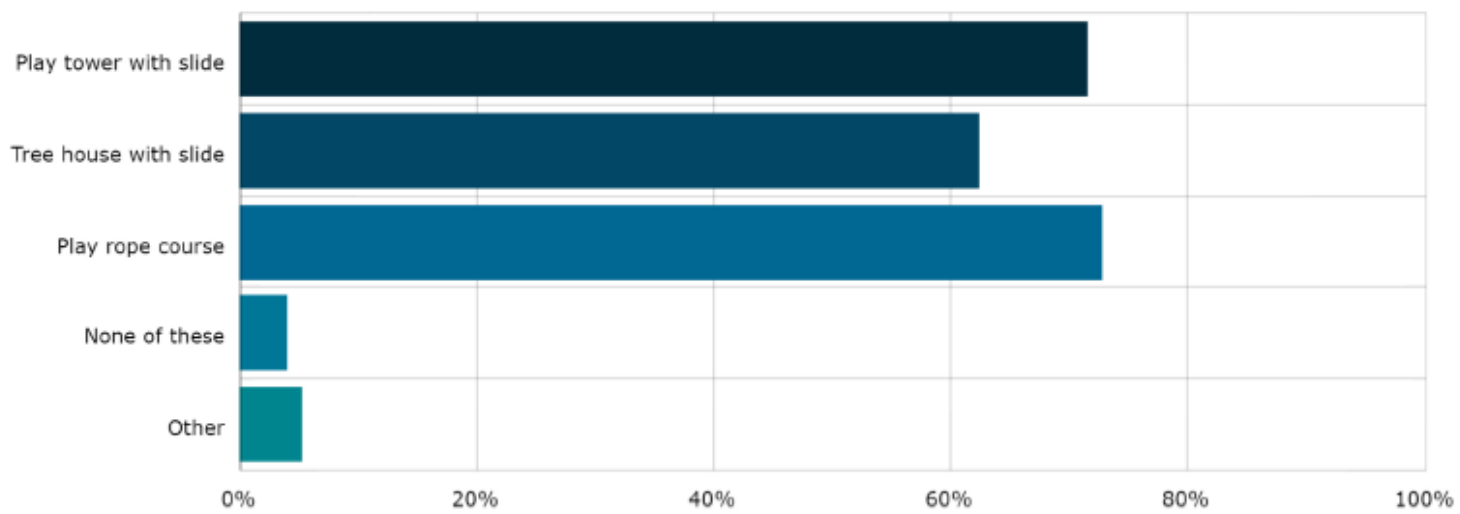
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Embankment slide	75.64%	59
Multi-bay swings	79.49%	62
Rocker	21.79%	17
Hammock	48.72%	38
None of these	6.41%	5
Other	5.13%	4

Other ideas:

- Fitness equipment
- Separate facilities for toddlers & older kids, in a gated playground.
- Monkey bars, gymnastic bars, trampolines and other gymnastic - stuff.
- Monkey bars and climbing ropes and structures

14. Which types of adventure play elements would you like in the playground? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 8 | Answered: 77 (90.6%)



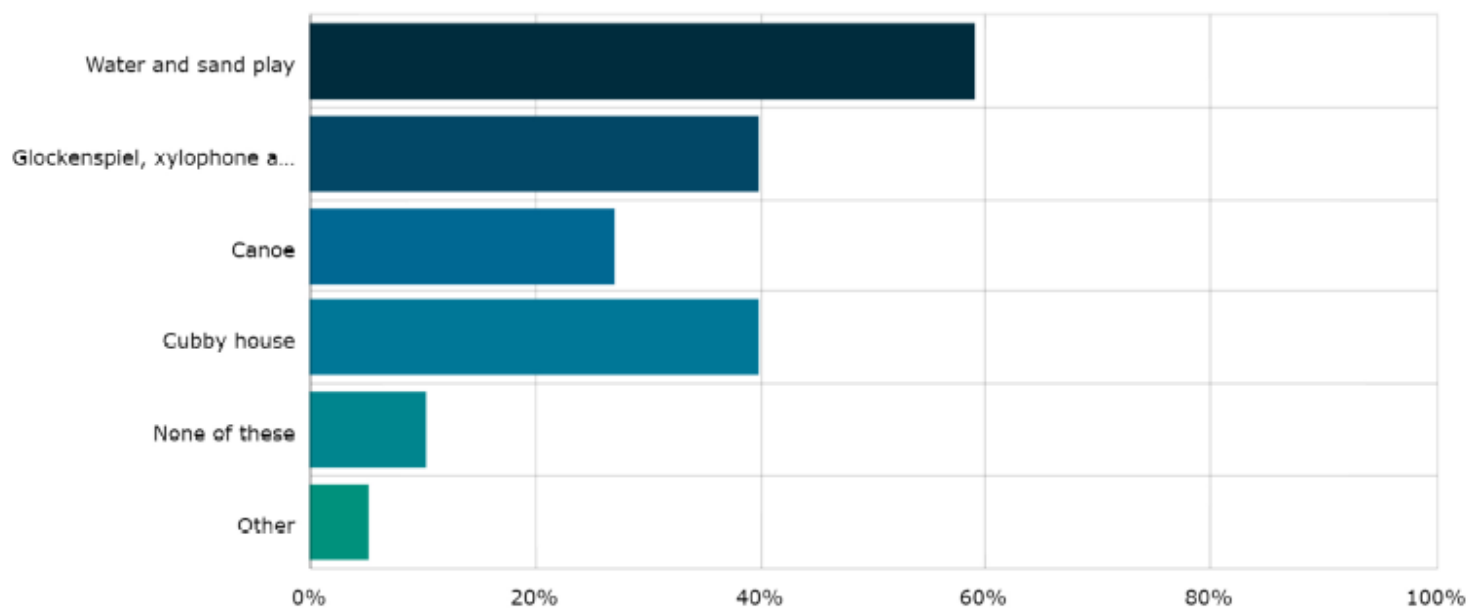
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Play tower with slide	71.43%	55
Tree house with slide	62.34%	48
Play rope course	72.73%	56
None of these	3.90%	3
Other	5.19%	4

Other ideas:

- Monkey bars, gymnastic stuff and trampolines!!
- Monkey bars
- Ropes are only for older kids, useless for young families.
- Water play, rope bridges etc

15. Which types of imagination and sensory play elements would you like in the playground? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 7 | Answered: 78 (91.8%)



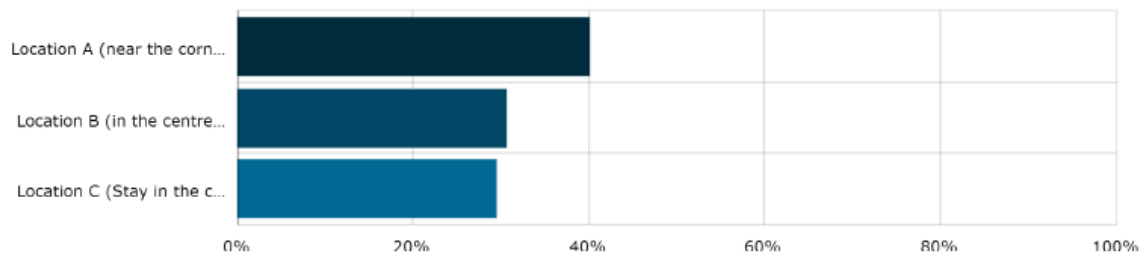
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Water and sand play	58.97%	46
Glockenspiel, xylophone and drum	39.74%	31
Canoe	26.92%	21
Cubby house	39.74%	31
None of these	10.26%	8
Other	5.13%	4

Other ideas:

- Water play like Piramma park in Pymont
- A weatherproof play area will be invaluable to this community, there's nowhere to go in Drummoyne on a rainy day. Kids don't stop, parents are stuck.
- Overhead water play for hot weather (2)

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Location A selection

Tags



Tag	Percent	Count
Accessible	58.8%	20
Better visibility	20.6%	7
Lots of space	17.6%	6
Away from sport area	17.6%	6
Close to schools	11.8%	4
Location	8.8%	3
Shade	5.9%	2
Away from dogs	5.9%	2
Additional playground in location A	5.9%	2
Safety	5.9%	2
Shady	2.9%	1
Toilets	2.9%	1
More seating	2.9%	1
Parking	2.9%	1
Less traffic	2.9%	1

Example contributions

So it doesn't block the centre of the park where people play sport - social touch football

Contribution 4 of 4 | 5 September 2022

Lots of potential to expand and the accessibility

Contribution 3 of 4 | 5 September 2022

There is no playground at this location. It's accessible to lots of residents walking to the park. It's away from the busy end of Formosa St.

Contribution 2 of 4 | 5 September 2022

Distance from the 2 local primary schools. Accessibility via the path, so children on scooter's and parents with prams can a get to it. Away from the dog off leash area for the many children that find going through the off leash area of the park scary and not they can't go around easily ... huge tree roots from the MB Figs along Formosa street make access difficult. This location is also away from the mosquito hot spot that is the current location. I would also prefer the rock face over existing location for the same reasons.

Contribution 1 of 4 | 23 August 2022



Tag	Percent	Count
Proximity to toilets	45.5%	10
Central	45.5%	10
Better visibility	36.4%	8
Lots of space	27.3%	6
Open	13.6%	3
Accessible	13.6%	3
Safety	9.1%	2
connect the park	9.1%	2
Good for younger and older children	4.5%	1
More seating	4.5%	1
Shade	4.5%	1
Flat	4.5%	1

Example contributions

Better visibility than existing playground, good access to toilets and rest of the park

Contribution 4 of 4 | 1 September 2022

Location is under-utilised. I would be worried about dogs because the rules for off-leash are not well followed or policed. Perhaps the existing playground could be maintained at location C.

Contribution 3 of 4 | 17 August 2022

Having recently gotten bogged (and requiring a tow) in location A, further investigations regarding ground saturation should be undertaken. There also appears to be some sort of leachate at this location. There is also a serious off-leash dog problem at this park in general - it will need to be addressed!

Contribution 2 of 4 | 17 August 2022

This location is ideal! It's in the middle of the park, is surrounded by loads of space, still close to the public toilet block and it's visible from the bbq area. The top of the park is almost completely disconnected from the lower section, a playground in this location would help unite the park and make it feel like one space. It's also the safest location - away from traffic. Our kids (and many others) already refer to this area as their "secret base" using the fig tree and rock ledge as a makeshift cubby house. Unfortunately though it's often too wet and muddy to use, recreating this area into a year-round playspace would be fantastic. Location C would be my second preference because again it's near amenities and the pool and cafe! If this becomes the final location a fence separating the play area from the lower level carpark would be a must - it could also be great to incorporate the higher tier bbq area (towards the corner of the road) which is a neglected and ugly space. Location A is least desirable. Away from parking, amenities like the cafe, pool, seating and toilets. Other than a path I see little benefit in this as a location?

Contribution 1 of 4 | 12 August 2022

Location C selection



Tag	Percent	Count
Away from sport area	42.3%	11
Proximity to toilets	42.3%	11
Away from dogs	34.6%	9
Location	23.1%	6
Safety	15.4%	4
Green enclosed area	11.5%	3
Shade	11.5%	3
Proximity to BBQ	11.5%	3
Accessible	7.7%	2
Maintains open space	7.7%	2
Removal of existing playground not supported	3.8%	1
Better visibility	3.8%	1
Proximity to car park	3.8%	1

Example contributions

Leaves the rest of the park area for picnics, games with friends and dog walking. New park area needs to be fenced off. Enough area at top of park where existing park is. Also near toilets and BBQ area.

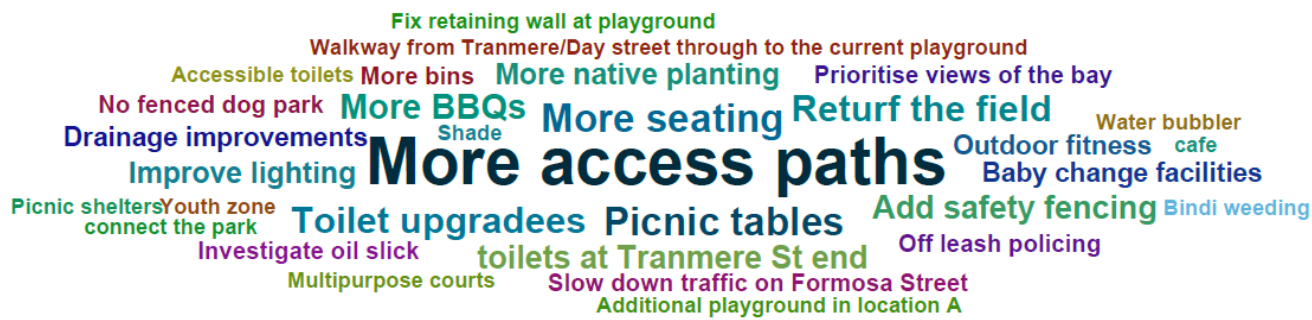
Close to toilets, under shade and out of the way from dogs who often visit the park.
Contribution 3 of 4 | 5 September 2022

I love the current location- it's safe, close to the toilets and bbqs and easy to get to
Contribution 2 of 4 | 5 September 2022

Shady area, close to drinking fountain, away from dog play area, near bbq area, makes the most sense to me
Contribution 1 of 4 | 3 September 2022

Other suggested improvements to Brett Park

Tags



Tag	Percent	Count
More access paths	27.3%	18
Picnic tables	12.1%	8
More seating	12.1%	8
Toilet upgrades	10.6%	7
Returf the field	10.6%	7
More BBQs	9.1%	6
Add safety fencing	7.6%	5
toilets at Tranmere St end	7.6%	5
More native planting	6.1%	4
Improve lighting	6.1%	4
Outdoor fitness	4.5%	3
Baby change facilities	4.5%	3
Drainage improvements	4.5%	3
Prioritise views of the bay	3%	2
Off leash policing	3%	2
Investigate oil slick	3%	2

Slow down traffic on Formosa Street	3%	2
No fenced dog park	3%	2
More bins	3%	2
Walkway from Tranmere/Day street through to the current playground	1.5%	1
Youth zone	1.5%	1
Water bubbler	1.5%	1
Accessible toilets	1.5%	1
Multipurpose courts	1.5%	1
Additional playground in location A	1.5%	1
Fix retaining wall at playground	1.5%	1
connect the park	1.5%	1
Picnic shelters	1.5%	1
cafe	1.5%	1

Email submissions

3 submissions received, with the following feedback:

1. Objection to the recent removal of off-street parking on Formosa Street near Park Avenue (on park side), which has resulted in an increase in the speed of vehicles entering this part of Formosa Street and not stopping at the “no stopping” sign because there are no longer cars parked opposite the intersection. Also due to the enlarged roadway, cars entering this end of Formosa Street appear to be speeding from Day Street, again under the impression that the road is wider (which it is) and they do not take caution. Participant is seeking investigation into this matter, as any upgraded playground could result in additional visitors.
2. Request to fence the park for safety along Sister Crescent and the direct access to Henley Marine Drive needs attention.
3. Support for Location A – citing access, locality, and proximity to more residents. Request for a barbecue in that area too. Opportunity to leave the existing playground as is and add a second playground at Location A.

Participant data

6. Do you use Brett Park playground? Required

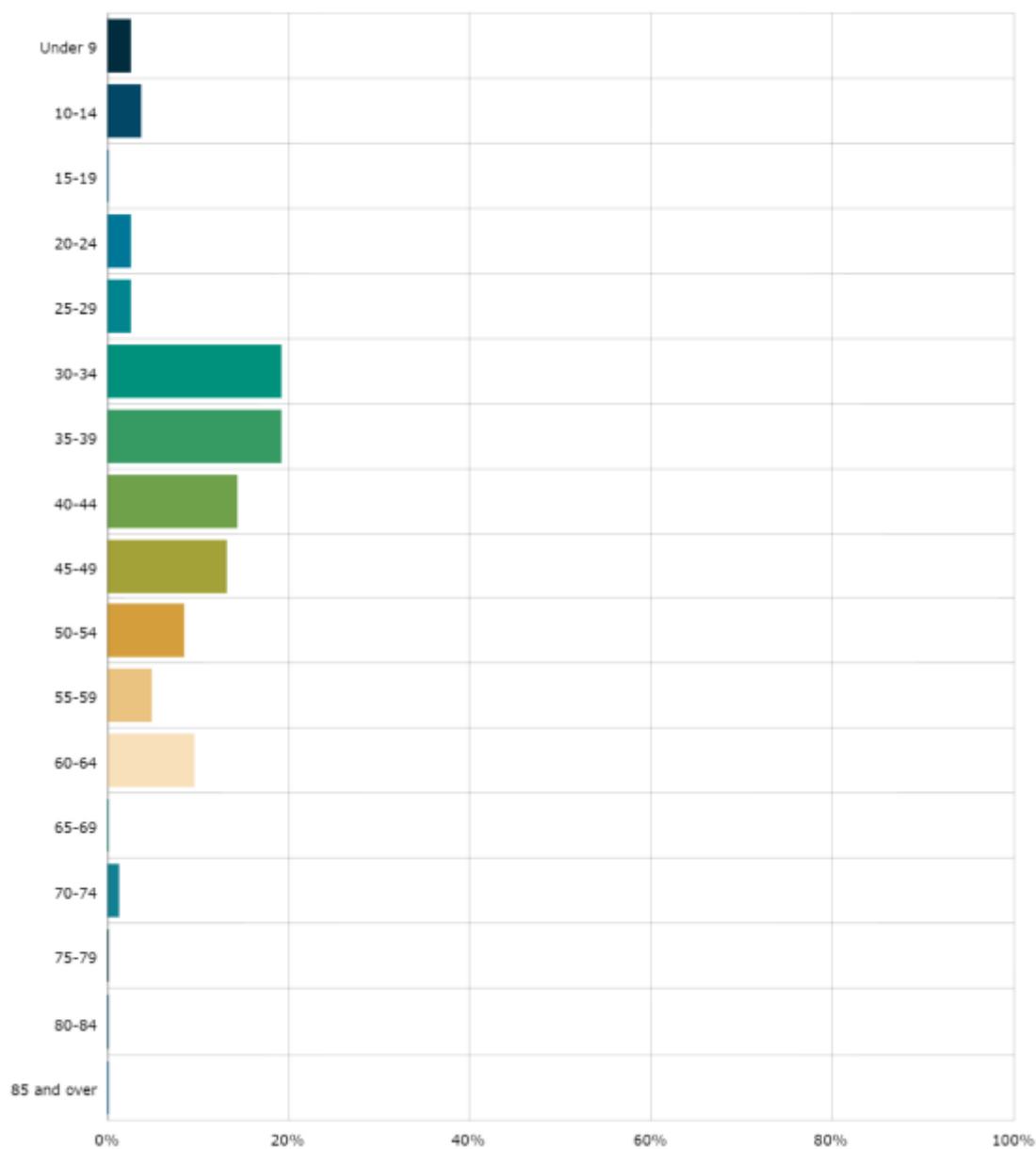
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No	41.18%	35
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3. Age Group Required

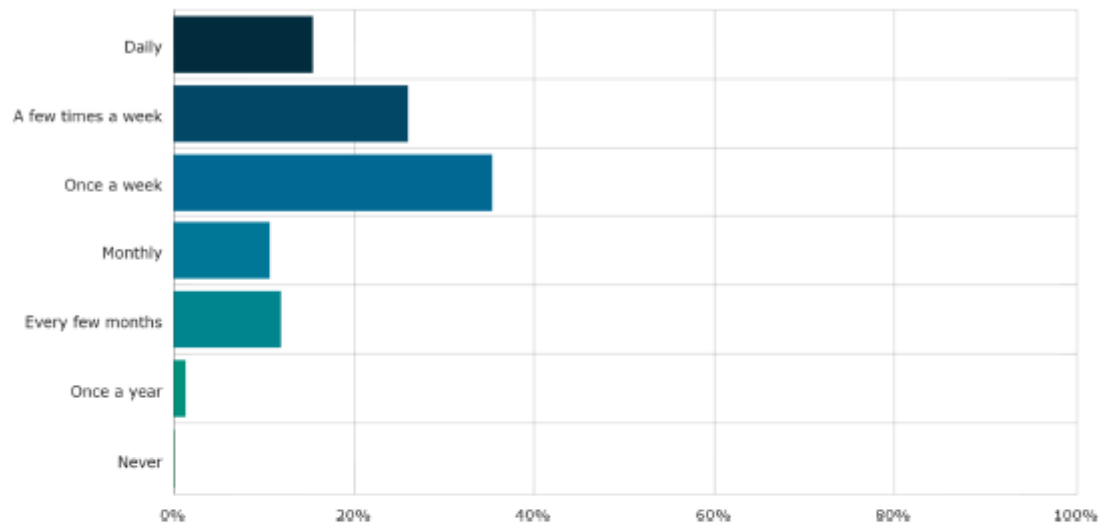
Select Box | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 84 (98.8%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Under 9	2.38%	2
10-14	3.57%	3
15-19	0%	0
20-24	2.38%	2
25-29	2.38%	2
30-34	19.05%	16
35-39	19.05%	16
40-44	14.29%	12
45-49	13.10%	11
50-54	8.33%	7
55-59	4.76%	4
60-64	9.52%	8
65-69	0%	0
70-74	1.19%	1
75-79	0%	0
80-84	0%	0
85 and over	0%	0
Total	100.00%	84

4. How often do you visit Brett Park? Required

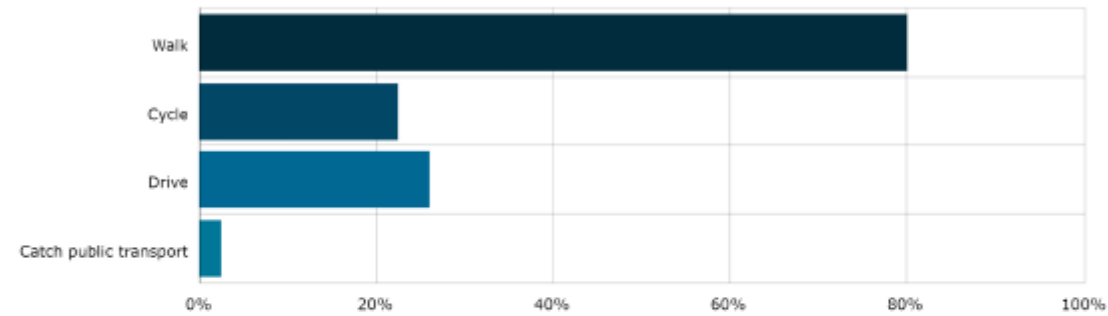
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Daily	15.29%	13
A few times a week	25.88%	22
Once a week	35.29%	30
Monthly	10.59%	9
Every few months	11.76%	10
Once a year	1.18%	1
Never	0%	0
Total	100.00%	85

5. How do you get to Brett Park? Required

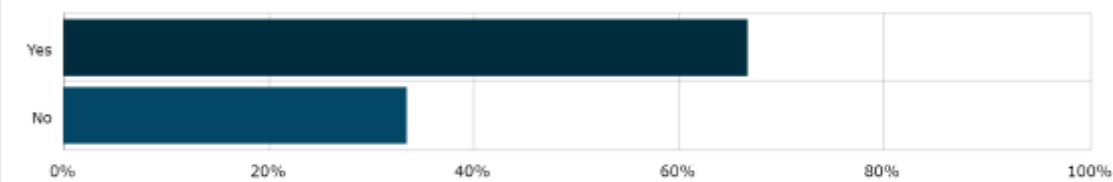
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 85 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Walk	80.00%	68
Cycle	22.35%	19
Drive	25.88%	22
Catch public transport	2.35%	2

9. Do you take any children to Brett Park playground? Required

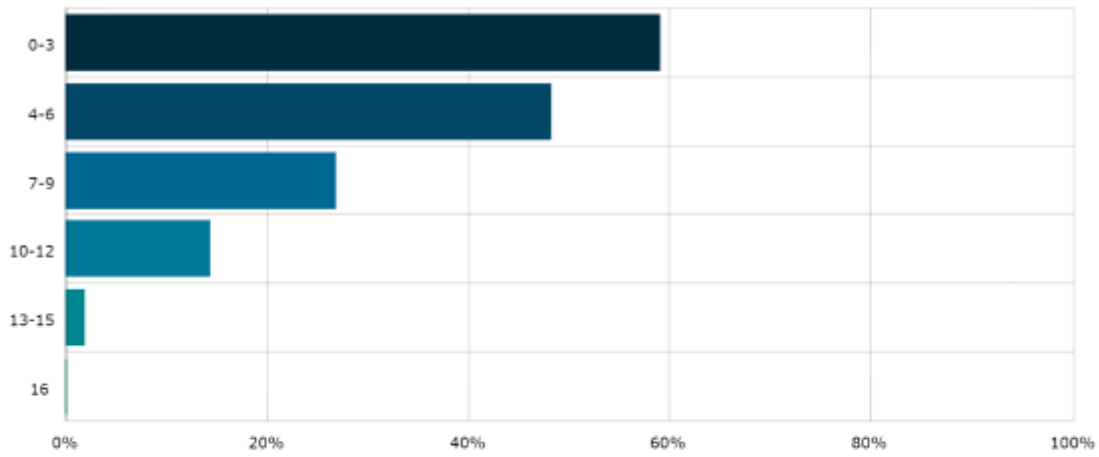
Select Box | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 84 (98.8%)



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Yes	66.67%	56
No	33.33%	28
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10. How old are they? Required

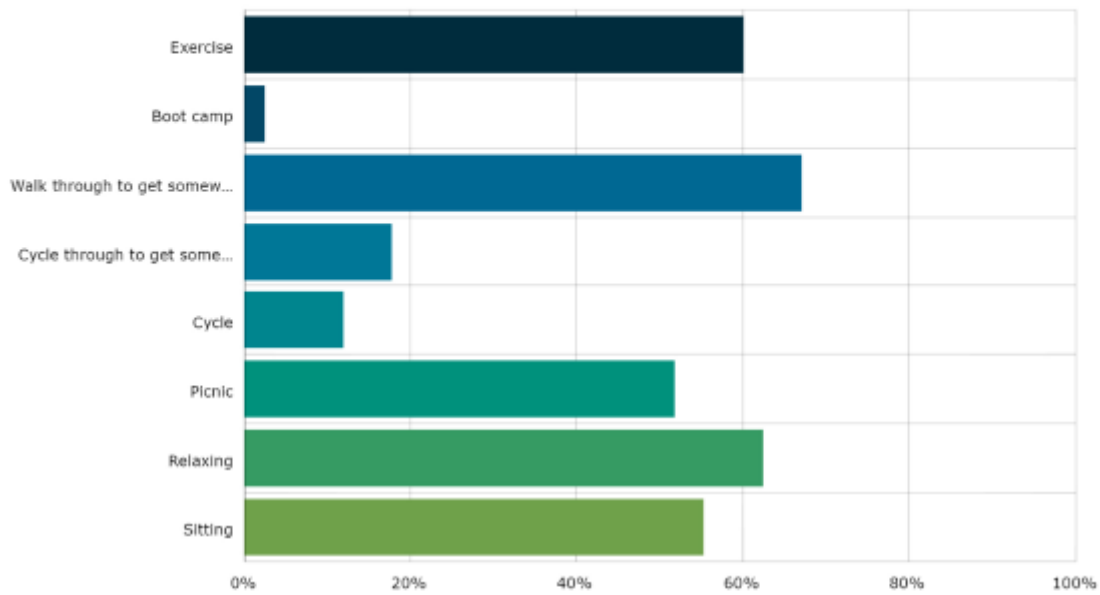
Multi Choice | Skipped: 29 | Answered: 56 (65.9%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
0-3	58.93%	33
4-6	48.21%	27
7-9	26.79%	15
10-12	14.29%	8
13-15	1.79%	1
16	0%	0

20. What else do you do in Brett Park? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 85 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Exercise	60.00%	51
Boot camp	2.35%	2
Walk through to get somewhere else	67.06%	57
Cycle through to get somewhere else	17.65%	15
Cycle	11.76%	10
Picnic	51.76%	44
Relaxing	62.35%	53
Sitting	55.29%	47

Project page traffic

Performance Summary



792

Views

664

Visits

543

Visitors

88

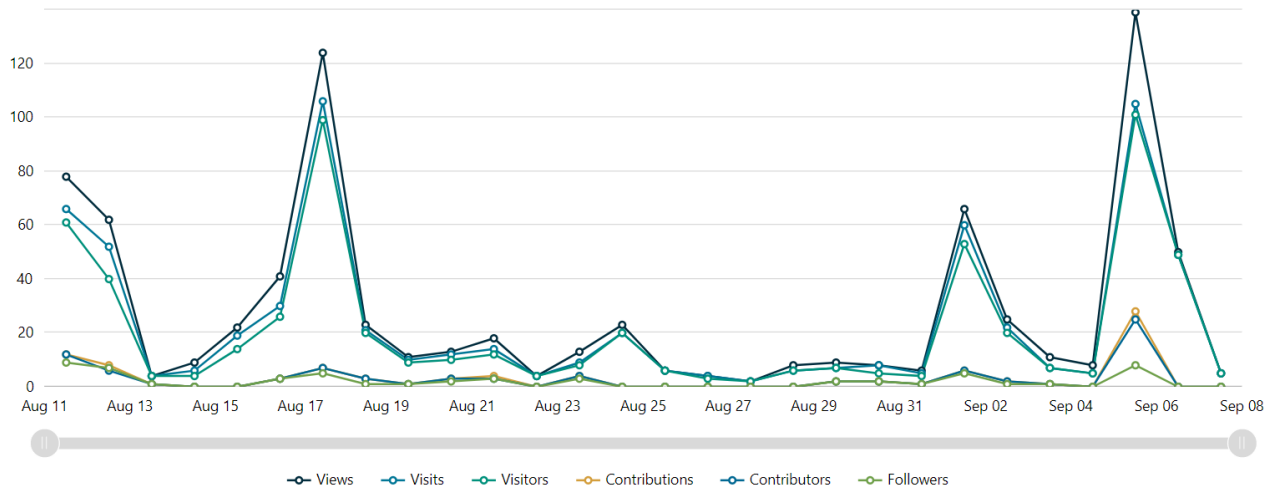
Contributions

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Contributors

55

Followers



Referral Types



● Social Media
● Direct
● Search Engine
● Websites
● Campaigns

- Site poster
- September 2022 print newsletter
- Notification letter

Brett Park Adventure Playscape

A new place to play is coming your way!

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Have Your Say

Share your feedback by Sunday, 4 September:

📍 Drop in at the current playground on Saturday, 20 August 10am – 12pm

🔗 collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au

✉ council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au

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📍 Locked Bag 1470, Drummoyne NSW 1470



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Example of nature play at Wangel Reserve, Mortlake.

Exciting plans for Brett Park

We want to transform Brett Park Playground in Drummoyne into an adventure playscape! We're proposing to create a new natural play environment that consists of tree logs, natural timber, rope elements, boulders, plants, water, sand and sensory play instead of traditional plastic playground structures.

We're currently reviewing community feedback on playground location, accessibility requirements and types of play to develop initial concept plans before sharing them with you for further feedback. Visit bit.ly/brettpark for details and "Follow" the project to get updates delivered to your email.

11 August 2022

The Resident
Drummoyne NSW 2047

Dear Resident,

Brett Park Adventure Playscape

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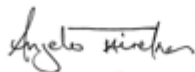
We are aiming to design, install and open the playground for the community to use by October 2023.

We invite your ideas and feedback on this proposal before submissions close on Sunday, 4 September 2022 in the following ways:

- In person: at the existing playground on Saturday, 20 August from 10am–12pm
- Online: collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/brettpark
- Email: council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au (subject: Brett Park Playground Renewal)
- Phone: 9911 6555
- Mail: Locked Bag 1470, Drummoyne NSW 1470 (attn: Parks & Recreation Team)

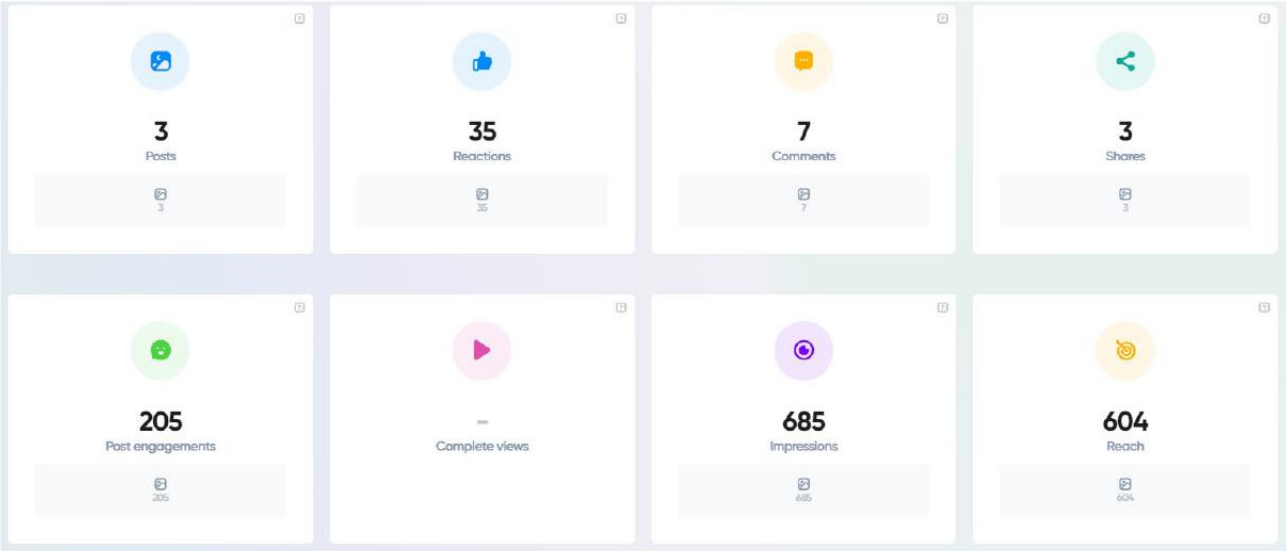
For further enquires you can contact our Landscape Architect, Catherine Yang, on 9911 6555.

Kind regards,

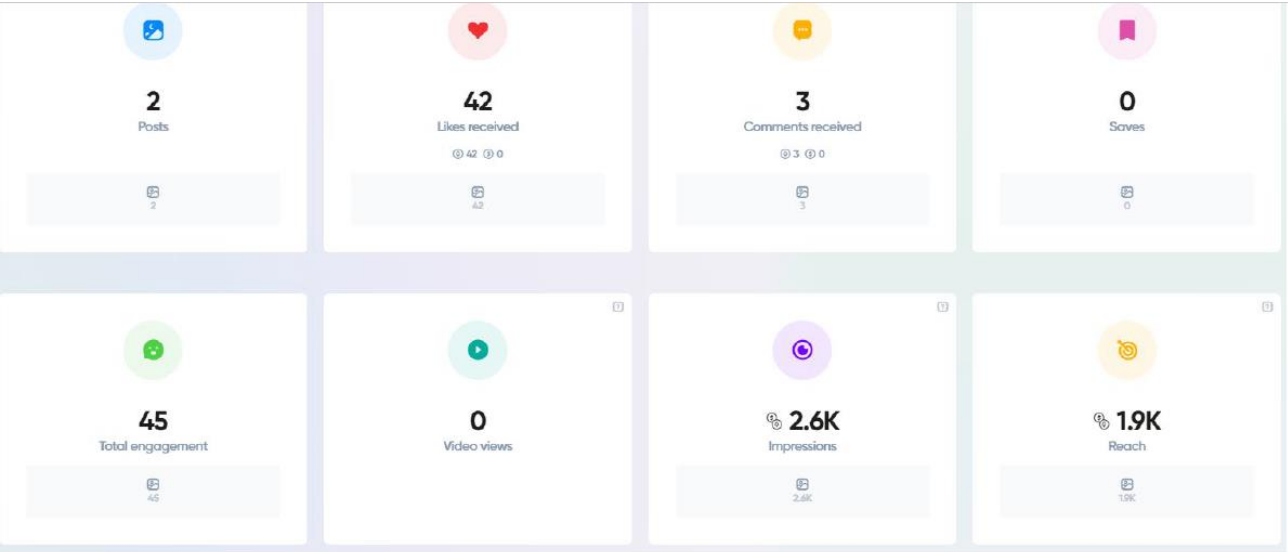


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