



Community Engagement Report

Wattle Reserve Playspace – Phase 1

Consultation period – Thursday 25 September to 5pm Wednesday 15 October 2025.

Purpose of engagement

To seek feedback from the community on the design of a new playspace and landscaping at Wattle Reserve.

Overview

Community engagement for the Wattle Reserve Playspace project was hosted on our engagement platform:
www.yourholdfast.com/wattle-reserve-playspace

To encourage local participation, we held two onsite drop-in sessions at Wattle Reserve:

- **Thursday 2 October 2025**, 4pm–5pm (5 attendees)
- **Thursday 9 October 2025**, 10pm–11am (45 attendees)
- Letters were distributed to **households** within a **500-metre radius** of the reserve to inform residents and invite feedback.

In addition, on Tuesday 14 October 2025, an activity session was held with two classes of year 5 students at McAuley Community School.

The community were able to share their feedback by:

- An online survey on www.yourholdfast.com/wattle-reserve-playspace
- A hard copy survey
- Written feedback (via mail or email)
- In-person comments at the drop-in sessions

A total of **68 survey submissions** were received:

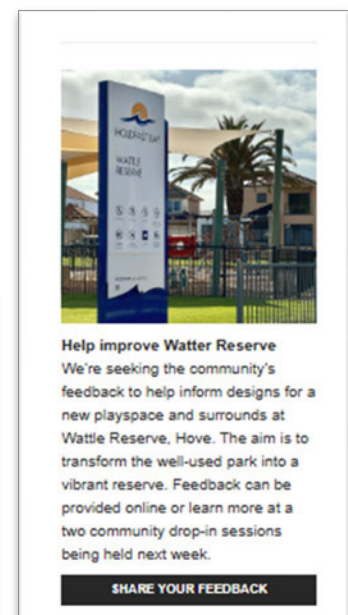
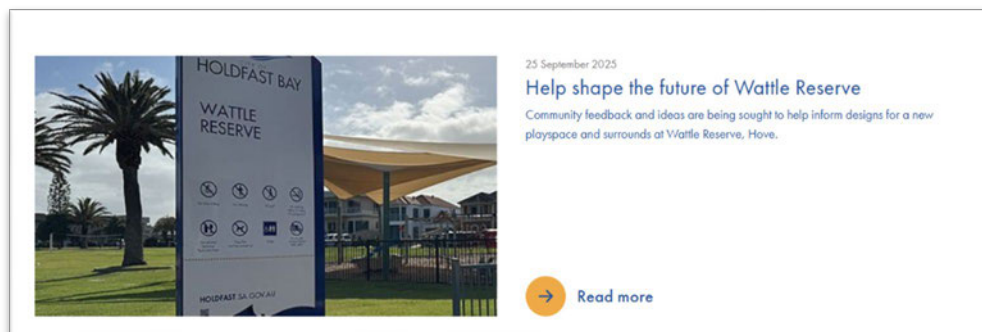
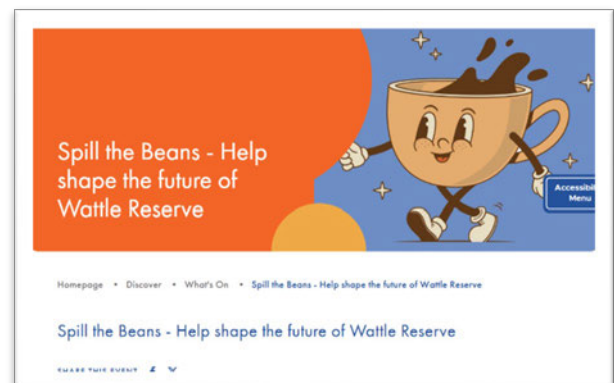
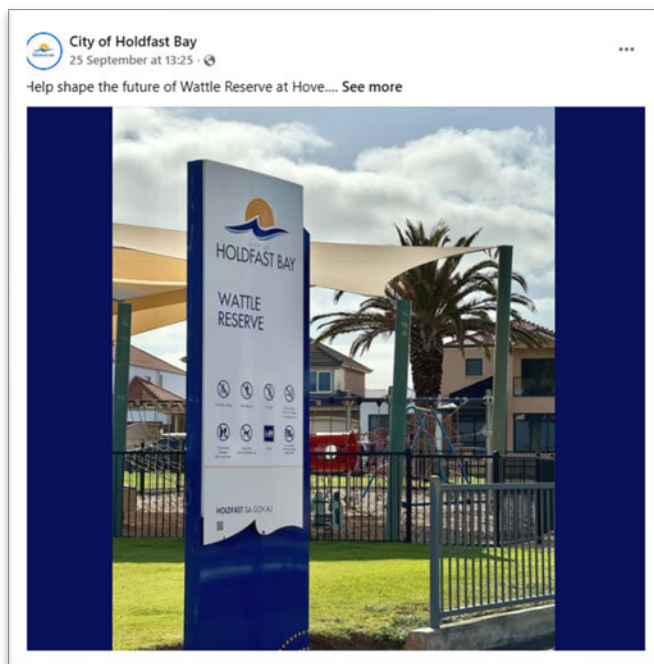
- **67 online survey submissions**
- **1 hard copy survey submission** (manually entered the online system)

Promotion of engagement

This engagement was promoted in the following ways:

- Homepage of YourHoldfast
- Council website homepage news story
- Council website homepage campaign (13 October to 15 October)
- Four corflutes displayed at Wattle Reserve with QR code and details of the drop-in sessions
- 160 subscribers who indicated interest in Glenelg emailed via the YourHoldfast database
- Displays at Holdfast Bay Community Centre, Brighton Library and the Brighton Civic Centre
- Letters delivered to residents within a 500-metre radius of Wattle Reserve
- Holdfast News on 26 September 2025
- Two Facebook posts on 25 September and 8 October 2025
- Two Instagram posts and stories on 25 September and 8 October 2025
- What's On event listing on the City of Holdfast Bay website
- Additional promotion including “*Spill the Beans*” campaign prior to the 2nd drop-in session

Examples of Promotion

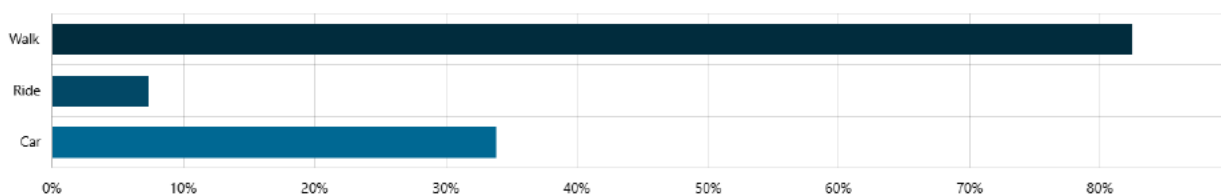


Survey Results

The following is a summary of results for the online and hard copy survey combined. Participants were asked to provide answers to several questions relating to likes or dislikes, themes, types of play equipment and other general comments regarding Wattle Reserve. See *Appendix 1 – Survey Results Response Data* for further details.

1. How do you travel to Wattle Reserve

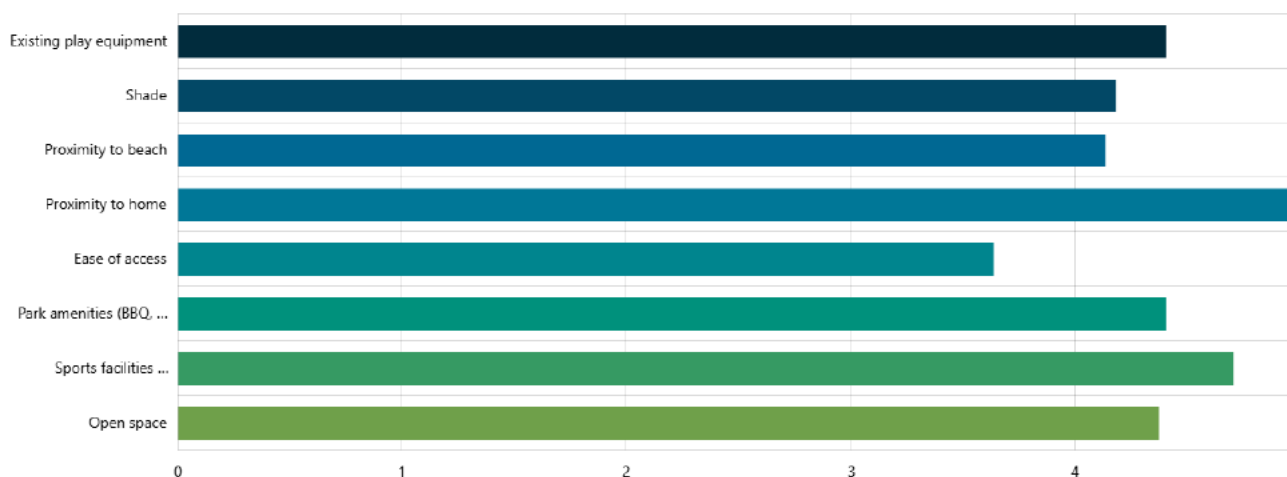
68 participants answered.



Answer	Percent	Count
Walk	82.35%	56
Ride	7.35%	5
Car	33.82%	23

2. Please rank the following features of Wattle Reserve from 1-8, with 1 being the most important.

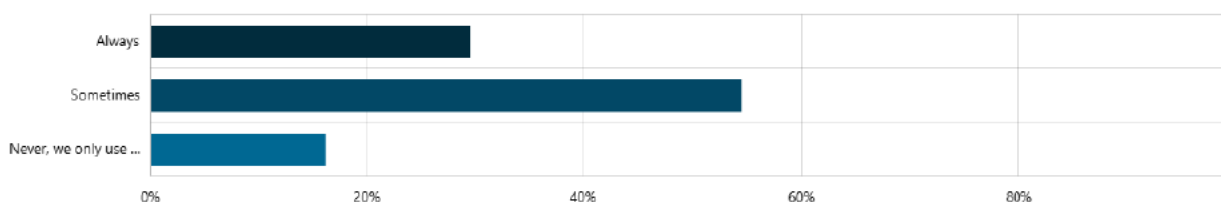
67 participants answered.



Name	Average	Weighted	Score	Final rank
Existing play equipment	4.32	4.68	4.40	4/5
Shade	4.63	4.38	4.18	6
Proximity to beach	4.60	4.40	4.13	7
Proximity to home	3.63	5.37	4.97	1
Ease of access	5.14	3.86	3.63	8
Park amenities (BBQ, shelter, toilets, picnic settings)	4.39	4.61	4.40	4/5
Sports facilities (pickleball court, volleyball net, basketball and netball halfcourt)	4.15	4.85	4.70	2
Open space	4.27	4.73	4.37	3

3. When you visit Wattle Reserve, how often do you use the facilities other than the playspace? (e.g. drinking fountain, BBQ, toilets, sports equipment, kickabout space)

68 participants answered.



Answer	Percentage	Count
Always	29.41%	20
Sometimes	54.41%	37
Never, we only use the playground	16.18%	11
Total	100.00%	68

4. Please provide comments on what you currently like in the playspace and wider reserve: 67 participants answered. There were 5 key themes that participants liked about Wattle Reserve identified. See Appendix 1 – Survey Results Response Data for further details.

Theme	Number of times raised
Open space	22
Grassed area	18
Pickleball	17
Basketball	16
Fully fenced	13

Other items raised included shade, the BBQ area as well as the swings and boat in the playspace.

5. Please provide comments on what you currently do not like in the playspace and wider reserve:

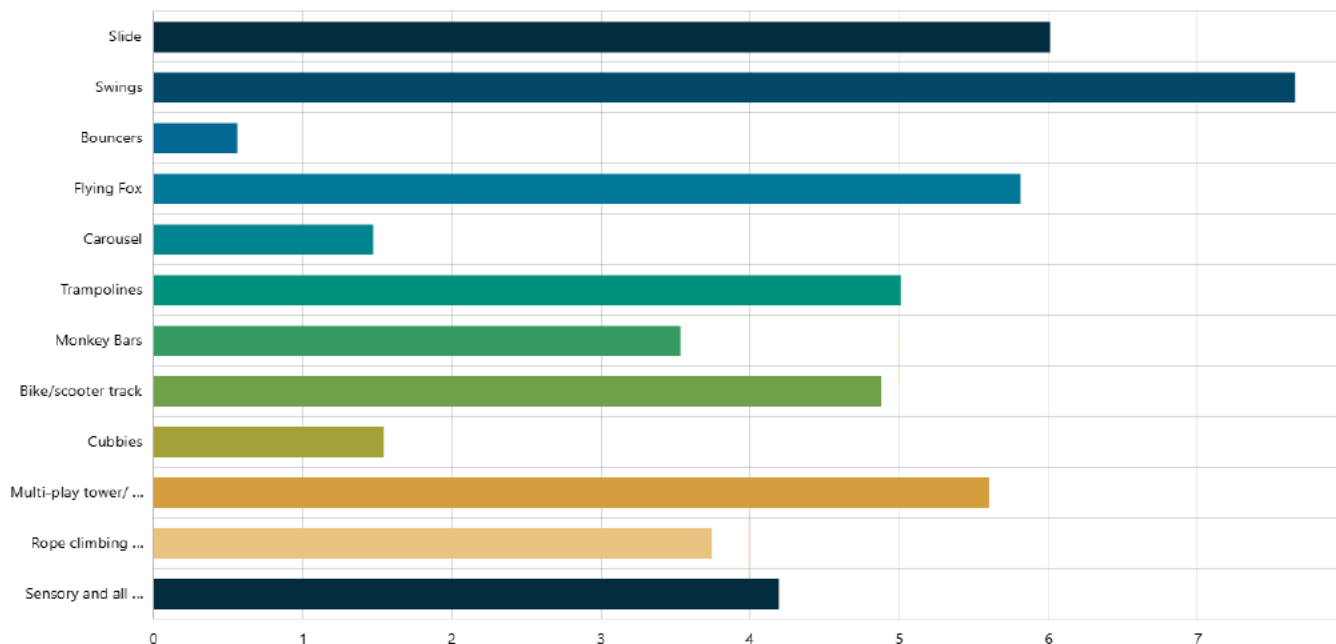
63 participants answered. Five key themes were identified in the comments. See Appendix 1 – Survey Results Response Data for further details.

Theme	Number of times raised
Old/outdated play equipment	23
Play equipment not suitable for young children/toddlers	20
More seating	7
Concerns for the rope/netting play equipment features	6
Play equipment of suitable for all age ranges	6

Other topics included requests for the toilets to be upgraded, more courts for pickleball and volleyball and replacing the softfall (currently wood chips) with something more suitable (rubber softfall).

6. What play equipment would you like to see in the new design?

68 participants answered.



Play equipment	Average	Weighted	Score	Final Rank
Slide	3.02	9.98	6.01	2
Swings	2.60	10.40	7.65	1
Bouncers	3.50	9.50	0.56	12
Flying Fox	3.13	9.88	5.81	3
Carousel	3.91	9.09	1.47	11
Trampolines	2.97	10.03	5.01	5
Monkey Bars	3.00	10.00	3.53	9
Bike/Scooter Track	2.94	10.06	4.88	6
Cubbies	3.45	9.55	1.54	10
Multi-play Tower/Structure	2.97	10.03	5.60	4
Rope Climbing Structures	3.59	9.41	3.74	8
Sensory and All Access Play	2.44	10.56	4.19	7

7. Are there any other play equipment you would like to see?

14 participants answered. Suggestions and concerns raised included:

- **Swings and water play** (e.g. sand, mud, pumps) were positively mentioned.
- **Low climbing equipment** and easy access features (like rope steps with steps) are preferred for younger children.
- **Rock walls, climbing towers, and random poles** are considered either **too common** or not engaging.
- Equipment that only **caters to one age group is seen as limiting**.
- Hidden or enclosed equipment makes supervision difficult.

See Appendix 1 – Survey Results Response Data for further details.

8. Is there any play equipment you do not want to see and why?

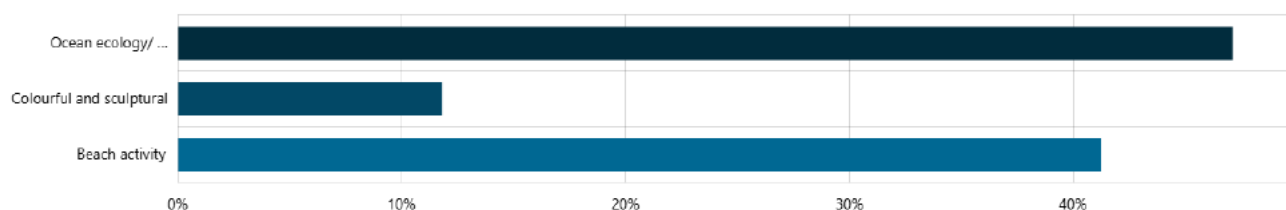
24 participants answered. Suggestions and concerns included:

- **High climbing structures** (e.g. towers, nets, rock walls) **too challenging for toddlers** or unsafe for young children and hard for adults to assist.
- **Carousels** were cited for causing injuries, including head trauma and ambulance incidents.
- **Hidden or enclosed structures** are difficult for supervision and quick access to children.
- **Tall towers** may obstruct coastal views.
- **Rope-only access** and easier alternatives should be included for younger children.
- **Bike/scooter tracks** are not needed, may attract older teens, reduce picnic space, and raise safety concerns.
- **Plastic equipment** and **sensory posts** are seen as low-value or undesirable.
- **Older kids** prefer **hangout spaces** over traditional equipment

See *Appendix 1 – Survey Results Response Data* for further details.

9. Please select your favourite theme:

68 participants answered.



Answer	Percentage	Count
Ocean ecology/ nature inspired	47.06%	32
Colourful and sculptural	11.76%	8
Beach activity	41.18%	28

10. Do you have any other ideas for a playspace theme?

17 participants answered. Common suggestions included:

- Sport theme
- Beach theme
- Native animals
- Marine theme
- Marine sealife (starfish, whales, dolphins and other sea creatures)
- New and creative
- Water play

Other comments to this question included, no bark chips (not great with kids walking, use natural colour schemes and to keep the playspace gated).

Participants could also upload their ideas, see *Appendix 2 – Survey Results Participant Attachments*.

11. What other local playspaces do you like?

52 participants answered. Below are the five most mentioned spaces.

Playspace	Number of times raised
Angus Neill	12
Bindarra Reserve	5
Hendrie Street Reserve	4
John Miller	4
Da Costa Reserve	4

11a. What do you like about them?

49 people answered. Below is a summary of the common themes.

Play Equipment Variety

- Equipment suitable for multiple age groups, especially toddlers to older children
- Imaginative play elements like castles, pirate ships, and nature play
- Adventure features like climbing walls, tunnels, ninja courses, and flying foxes

Natural & Open Design

- Nature play with wooden elements, sand, water, and grass hills
- Open grassy areas for picnics, ball games, and relaxation
- Natural colour schemes and low-rise equipment

Facilities & Safety

- Fenced playgrounds for safety
- Shade sails, tree cover, and seating
- Toilets, BBQs, and easy parking
- Bike/scooter tracks (in some cases)
- Inclusive design for prams and wheelchairs

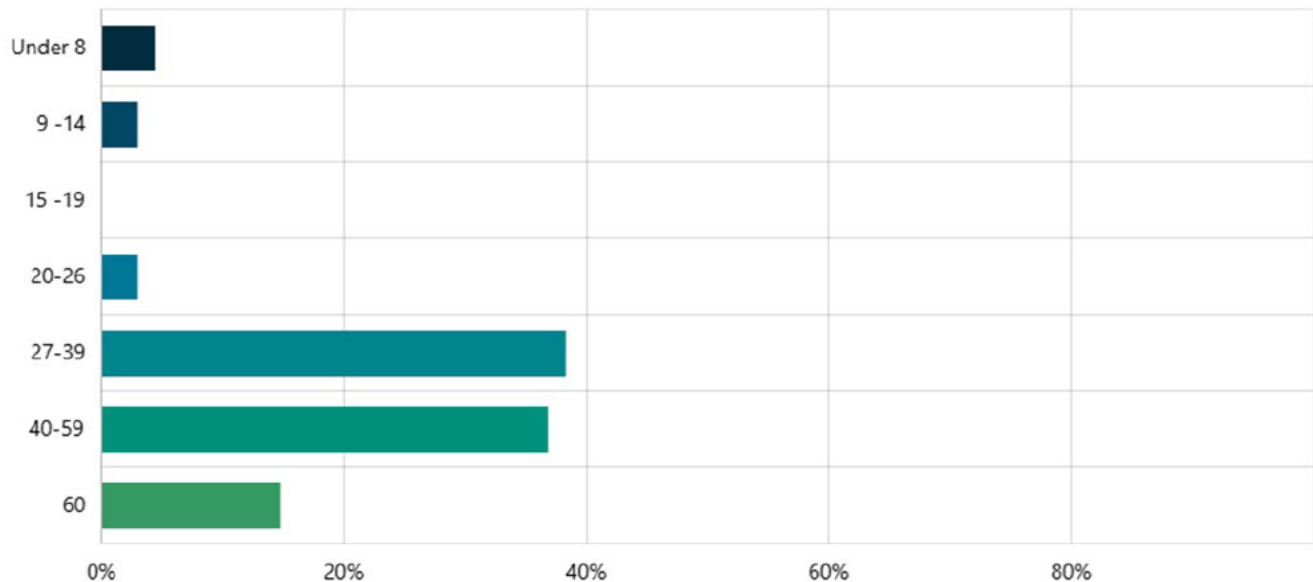
Extra Features

- Cafes and food options nearby
- Art pieces, music speakers, and interactive elements
- Community feel with shared toys and social spaces

Survey Participant Demographic Information

Age Group

68 participants answered. Below are the age groups of survey participants. Most participants were aged between 27-39 (38.24%)



Age Group	Percentage	Count
Under 8	4.41	3
9 -14	2.94	2
15 -19	0	0
20-26	2.94	2
27-39	38.24	26
40-59	36.76	25
60	14.71	10

Participants were also asked if they bring children to Wattle Reserve. 60 survey participants bring one or more children with the common age bracket being from 1 to 9 years old.

Suburb

84% of submissions were received from City of Holdfast residents and 13% of submissions were visitors to the City of Holdfast Bay.

Suburb	Count
Brighton	4
Glenelg East	1
Glenelg South	2
Hove	37
North Brighton	6
Seacliff	4
Somerton Park	3

Suburb	Count
Camden Park	1
Dover Gardens	1
Flagstaff Hill	1
Glandore	1
Glengowrie	1
Oaklands Park	1
Plympton Park	2
Sturt	1
Warradale	2

Website Statistics

Below is the information regarding how people access and viewed the project page.

406 views	365 visits	282 visitors	20 followers
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Views – The number of times a Visitor views any page on a Site.

Visits – The number of end-user sessions associated with a single Visitor.

Visitors – The number of unique public or end-users to a Site. A Visitor is only counted once, even if they visit a Site several times in one day.

Followers – The number of Visitors who have ‘subscribed’ to a project using the ‘Follow’ button

How people accessed the website

Below shows how people accessed the website.

Direct	223
Social media	100
Websites	36
Search engines	6

Other Consultation Findings

Clover Green Space, engaged to undertake design, attended the drop-in session and facilitated a school activity at McAuley Community School to assist in the development of a design.

Drop-in Session

Drop-in sessions were held at Wattle Reserve on two separate occasions being:

- Thursday 2 October 2025, 4pm–5pm (5 attendees)
- Thursday 9 October 2025, 10pm–11am (45 attendees)

As part of the community engagement process, a **‘sticky dot’ exercise** was conducted to gauge public preferences for various **play and amenity elements**. Participants were invited to place **green dots** on images representing their **favourite elements**, and **red dots** on their **least favourite elements**. This interactive method provided clear insights into community priorities.

Top Ranked Elements (Green Dots):

Play Elements:

- Multi play tower (17 dots)
- Flying fox (17 dots)
- All abilities play (13 dots)
- Monkey bars (12 dots)
- Rope play tower (12 dots)
- Scooter and bike track (10 and 9 dots on each image)
- Basket swing (10 dots)

Other Amenity:

- Improved paths (11 dots)

A summary of consultation findings from the drop-in sessions can be found in *Appendix 3 – Consultation Summary* (supplied by Clover Green Space).

School Activity Session

The school activity session was held at McAuley Community School with two classes of year 5 students on Tuesday 14 October 2025. Each student was given a worksheet with three questions and tasks associated:

1. How Do You like to Play? Ranking play equipment 1-5
2. What Theme Do You Like? Circle your favourite theme
3. Where Do You Like to Play? Describe or draw your favourite playspace

The students then broke into groups to ‘Design Your Own Playground Island’. Emerging themes included:

- Sport and Bikes
- Ocean Playground
- Sealife Park
- Adventure Park
- Intarsia – Everything
- Beach Adventure

Students expressed a clear preference for active, adventurous, and nature-inspired play. Popular elements included scooter and bike tracks, flying foxes, trampolines, monkey bars, and large slides, while ocean and beach-themed environments emerged as the most favoured design themes.

The "Playground Island" group task highlighted students' creativity and consideration for a range of age groups. These findings offer strong guidance for the Wattle Reserve upgrade, supporting a design that is dynamic, inclusive, and reflective of the play needs and interests of the local young users.

See Appendix 3 – Consultation Summary for detailed breakdown of consultation findings from the Drop-in Sessions and the School Activity Session.

Appendix 1 – Survey Results Response Data

Please note all comments are written verbatim. All personal details have been redacted.

Question 4. Please provide comments on what you currently like in the playspace and wider reserve:

1.	Volleyball court and pickle ball
2.	I would like another BBQ & Cover area near the playspace I like all the play fields (Court, Basketball/Netball rings Volleyball net.
3.	Court Open space Facilities Play equipment
4.	The swings and the rocking boat
5.	I like the pickle ball court and the amount of space in the area. Another pickle ball court would be great
6.	Pickle ball court and location. Good parking
7.	Tunnel slide Inground trampoline Swings with box seat Low monkey bars/climbing frame Cubby house Rubber climbing structure
8.	Like the variety of things, playground, basketball ring, grassed area, bbq
9.	Open space variety of courts
10.	I like the palm trees and shade structure for shade too. Mostly like it cause its close to where I live, has a nice view and open grassy space.
11.	Swings, boat
12.	The play space, not much at all. The open grass area and basketball court is great.
13.	The open grass area to sit and for the kids to run around.
14.	I like all the above features of the Wattle Reserve – a perfect addition would be fitness equipment to be used by the keep fit enthusiasts while the children are enjoying the play equipment.
15.	Wattle reserve is a nice place in a good location close to the beach and our house. It has a lot of space to hold events like party's and BBQs. It has a nice and well looked after environment. It has a lot of space to do sports and just even playing games the park suits most people, and is a very good edition to the wattle area.
16.	I like the volleyball net and basketball and pickleball. I like the that the playground is fenced.
17.	Nothing – the playground is outdated and useless. The wider reserve is fine
18.	The Pickle Ball court is a great improvement on the old half court that was there.
19.	Pickleball court
20.	Proximity Grass area
21.	Green space, shade covering the playspace
22.	The play space being fully fenced
23.	Please have more pickleball courts and more shade
24.	We love the pickle ball court and the basketball court. Being able to kick a football in the open space is great when you don't have a big backyard.
25.	We really appreciate that the playground is fully enclosed, providing a safe and secure environment for the children to play freely. The children particularly enjoy spending time on the boat and the swing, which encourage both imaginative play and physical development. The open grass area is another highlight, offering plenty of space for running, group games, and outdoor learning experiences. This combination of

	structured play equipment and open natural space supports a balance of creativity, exploration, and active movement for all children.
26.	Fenced playground (but needs an upgrade), Wide open space for kids to run around and play ball, Seats and tables for picnics
27.	basketball court, swings and climbing
28.	Fenced area, shade cloths, swing set, boat
29.	The lawn area is well maintained and there is ample parking. Great spot near the beach. Having the playground fenced is also amazing! It makes the time at the park with little ones that little more relaxing
30.	Fenced
31.	That the playground is locked in. And grass area
32.	Fencing for safety and the play area is shaded
33.	Pickleball court is excellent, as are the netball/basketball hoops and volleyball net
34.	Play space – nothing Reserve – pickle ball court, basket ball hoop
35.	Grass/open space Pickle ball court Basketball hoop
36.	I like how there are swings in this play space but the swings are old and rusty. I love the open space and grass. The grass is great for everyone! I also love the volleyball net because me and my friends play every few days on it.
37.	The basketball court. The toilets and water fountain. The tennis court and the big open grass area
38.	Open space, green grass, pickleball court, cleanliness of facilities
39.	Open space, cleanliness of facilities, good sporting facilities
40.	LOCATION – NEAR TO HOME
41.	I'm pen space for picnics and events
42.	Pickleball and basketball courts. Green space. Fenced and shaded play space
43.	The grassy open space, amenities and sports facilities.
44.	Volleyball net gets used all the time, so does the pickle ball and basketball area We use the dog bags and the bins too Birds love the palm trees Picnic bench and bench seating useful
45.	I like that it is a good destination in of itself rather than being something on the way to something else, ie it is a good place to visit.
46.	The kids love the swings and the climbing nets. The tennis court is very useful too. We love the palm trees as the provide some shade too.
47.	We do not use the play space The open space is great for dogs, families. Love the big palm trees too. It's an amazing place for watching sunsets over the sea
48.	The grass space, courts and it often has a coffee van
49.	As our children are older we enjoy being able to use the basketball, [REDACTED] and volley ball net. Having the toilets is a big bonus. Love the open space so that families can come together. Would love another pickleball court and would like to see the coffee cart back on weekends. For the play space would love to see more of a nature play space.
50.	Ability to sit in a shade while kids play around the open lawn.
51.	Being near the beach and my house
52.	My husband uses the pickleball court three times a week. I walk my children to the park several times a week too. I love the open space where my kids can just run. I love the three big palm trees.

	I love the enclosed playground area. I love the view of the sea from the grass. We often get a picnic rug and just eat our lunch there.
53.	Lots of grassy area. Have only been once.
54.	Play space is tied and needs upgrading. Open space is a great asset at this reserve with the pickle ball and basketball court
55.	It is the only playground in walking distance from McAuley Community school. Whilst it is and outdated play space, and does need a re-do, it could be a great place for family to connect after school, and during for smaller kids. The toilet is a must and is used by the school for their beach education, which is vital to ensure they are meeting the needs of their community. Love the flow over to the beach with the traffic directed away from the stretch.
56	Large space
57.	Sports BBQ Toilet
58.	Please please please keep a basketball court
59.	We have only really used it when we are walking past and needed to use the toilet or sit down for a bit. I think I've taken my 4 year old on the playground once before too but it's not our favourite playground in that area.
60.	The swings The spring riders (boat and koala) The slide
61.	Play equipment (fenced/enclosed) Shade Toilets Open space Seating for parents
62.	Great views, good to have toilets and benches
63.	The play space needs to be revamped. It is quite dated and not nearly good enough for the area. Take a look further down the road at Brighton/14eacliff etc. it needs better play equipment for young kids, whilst keeping the court area & toilets etc. this playground has been outdated for so long and would be used more if it were updated. I've been waiting years for this to happen.
64.	The playground is fenced
65.	the playground but definitely could be improved ./ made larger, however I do like that it's always a quiet playground and not too many people there
66.	Close to home
67.	Open grass area for picnics Toilets Bbq Basketball ring With regards to question 10, visiting the play equipment would be ranked #1 if it were better. We instead visit for the open space

Question 5. Please provide comments on what you currently do not like in the playspace and wider reserve:

1.	Need 2 volleyball courts .
2.	I need a seat or bench in the playground for grandparents
3.	It's been designed in a way where it doesn't cater to either small kids or big kids. The ropes are difficult to maneuver for the small kids which takes out a big majority of things for them. However the ropes are not super challenging for the big kids either so it doesn't suit them well either. Tries to cater for both types but doesn't do so effectively

4.	The play equipment is a little old and dated. No play/ sensory equipment for babies/toddlers
5.	Play equipment is basic and doesn't provide sufficient engagement for range of ages. Ensuring play space is expanded to provide new, expanded and interesting equipment for a range of ages. In particular small children (ie 1- 4 yrs). Eg mum&me swings, see-saw (similar to da costa reserve), basic water play, sealed figure 8 pathway for small balance bikes, tricycles and scooters. Currently there is a lot of open grass space that is under utilised - swapping this out for expanded play ground that is securely fenced and shaded. Maybe relocate away from Wattle Ave and position further along Pearce St.
6	The net structure is pretty unsafe There's nothing interesting for toddlers
7.	The playground isn't suitable for younger children
8.	Play equipment for little kids could do with an upgrade
9.	I only have a little baby so I don't know what she prefers yet. Maybe more benches? Toilets get kinda grubby sometimes too.
10.	More play equipment can be added like monkey bars, more slides
11.	Play space is not good for young kids (or any age really). Bark chips as a "floor" get in kids shoes and on their clothes.
12.	The play equipment is quite old and was broken the last time we visited the park. There are not many options of play equipment for the kids to play with in the playground.
13.	Not applicable - playspace and reserve are an attraction for locals and visitors alike.
14.	In my opinion I feel like the play space should expand and target a wider range of children. Right now the wattle play space is more for younger children and infants, I want people to expand that area and add equipment that a wider range of people can play on. For example monkey bars, bigger slides ect... But as well as maybe something more unique, like a rock climbing wall with a mat and harnesses also located in the park.
15	The play equipment - it's not great for little ones
16	Playground is mostly hard plastic, highly inaccessible to toddlers (the slide is not easily accessible), the shade cloth results in very little shade, there is no nature play, water play or environmentally friendly elements.
17.	The play space has not been updated for many years. The boat and the koala rocker are often broken. The seesaw was never replaced. Overall, it is not conducive to imaginative play
18.	Only one court
19.	Toilet Baby equipment Old
20.	Fence gate is typically struggling to lock.
21.	A rope ladder leading up to slippery dip
22.	We definitely do not like the current play equipment.
23.	We feel that the playground could benefit from more variety to better meet the needs of all children, particularly the younger age groups. At present, the options for play are somewhat limited, which can make it difficult to keep children consistently engaged. While the boat does provide some opportunity for imaginative play, there are few other resources or structures that allow children to explore creativity, role play, or storytelling in their play. A wider range of equipment and materials that encourage open-ended and imaginative play would help enrich the environment, making it more stimulating and inclusive for children of different ages and interests.
24.	Playground needs an upgrade Toilets need an upgrade
25.	climbing nets
26.	Rope climb to access slide - younger children can't manage

27.	The playground is very basic. It needs more activity, Slides, climbing etc. needs to be larger to compete with Brighton and Seacliff parks. Potentially a big kid and little kid play equipment. The fenced area should be larger to inc some grass space For mums to set up rigs etc and still be in arms reach to their child. Better and cleaner toilets like at Brighton.
28.	Play equipment is old and outdated.
29.	The playground is small, isn't safe for young kids. Needs to be more play equipment for young kids
30.	Very limited things to play on
31.	Grass space is somewhat awkward to use, as it is between the volleyball and bball courts, and the balls often get hit into the open grass areas. The covered picnic area makes up for this however. A second pickleball court would be great it is often already taken when we get there.
32.	Playground 1. Outdated & rubbish play equipment 2. Concrete block at gate (limits access) 3. No seating / bench in gated area 4. Limited play equipment for kids less than 4 years 5. Gate always broken There are nicer playgrounds in Elizabeth, Salisbury and Davoren Park
33.	Playground - run down, almost nothing to do for under 5 age group. Under 3 age group have difficulty accessing slide. The boat is often filled with rubbish or broken by delinquents. We have seen condoms in it. Since last being repaired the swings have been orientated the wrong way. Any young child swinging in the seat for small children now has to face the houses on Wattle road. Once inside the fenced area there is no seating for anyone! Nowhere to sit and breast feed or just to sit holding younger children. Yet there are 3 benches along Wattle road on which no one ever sits! They're a hazard given any car coming around the corner could collide with them. People take that corner at speed. The concrete block surrounding the entire play space makes it challenging to access the playground with a pram or wheel chair. One has to lift the pram over the concrete. The gate to the playground is frequently broken or latch is not working. In summary, It is the worst playground west of Adelaide. Furthermore, less could be spent on upgrading the BBQ area or such things at the wattle reserved. Local residents have their own BBQs at home and the people living in the esplanade homes are probably sick of tourists cooking and throwing parties on the lawns out the front of their homes...
34.	I don't like how the swings are old and rusty as well as the spiderweb.
35.	No lighting at night. Would love some lights for the basketball and tennis courts. The lights would not affect anyone in the area as they're the furthest from houses. perhaps a larger full size basketball court or just extend it to have another basketball court on the opposite side of the current court. Basketball court always being used. Netball side never used
36.	Lack of coffee van, speeding cars along Wattle Avenue passing the reserve.
37.	Lack of coffee van in the area. Concern about safety of children due to speeding cars turning from the esplanade onto Wattle Avenue, suggest speed ramps or other speed controls on the road next to the playground.
38.	LACK OF PARKING
39.	Picnic and attend events
40.	Would like a bigger playground, still fenced and shaded.

41.	The playground is very old and outdated and our children do not enjoy playing on it. The equipment is very limited, and it is a very small playspace considering the size of the reserve.
42.	I don't like the wood chips in the playground area and the fence is often broken. The swings and rocking boats are old and not very fun. The volleyball area should have some markings for the area of the court and the net often breaks and needs repairing.
43.	Some larger trees would be nice to provide more shade in the sunnier times. I would agree that the current play equipment is at end of life.
44.	Lack of variety of equipment in the play space. No nature play style equipment. Equipment is breaking (including the gate)
45.	There is not enough shade and not enough seating The play space equipment is ageing and out of date
46.	No fences and playground is not suitable for young kids
47.	The playground does not look engaging for children and needs updating.. The pickleball court is often taken and hard to get access too as it is so popular. Do not like that the coffee van is no longer there .
48.	Barkchip is risky to walk on. Dogs contaminate space with urine and faeces.
49.	The playground has limited options. I think we could create an area similar to Angus Neill Reserve, with sand and a fountain for the kids to play.
50.	The drink fountain, toilets, playground and shelter area feel old and dated. My son likes to run and sometimes he runs towards the road following a ball and there's no fencing surrounding the place. Some bins on the southern side of the park would be handy. Given the variety of sporting activities on this park, some aesthetic seating that allowed you to watch friends / family playing a game of pickleball / basketball / volleyball would work nicely. I don't like how the park is so big that if I'm eating on the bench / cooking dinner / under the shelter I can't really see my kids on the playground. I don't like how close the shelter is to the road ... my 1.5 year old just runs straight to the road. Kicking a ball in such a space surrounded by road ends up with the ball on the road. Would also be nice to add some more plants / greenery
51.	It's old and tired. Not very amusing for kids. Not good for wider age ranges.
52.	Always needs more shade, more trees. The playground doesn't work for small children and would be a perfect place for young families to get out near the beach, a bit like Angus Neill
53.	The bark underfoot near the playground, you can't walk easily around to help your child. The playground needs to be updated as it isn't very engaging for children
54.	Lack of shade Lack of shelter More bbq required
55.	We use the basketball court all the time
56.	Seems like the space is a bit wasted. The playground seems outdated and basic compared to nicer playgrounds around. The large green space is lovely but I don't have much use for it with my small kids
57.	The rope climbing is far too difficult for the age range that predominantly uses the playground. Therefore the slide is essentially useless. I often see parents, myself included, lifting their children to the top of the slide because the rope climbing is too difficult for them.
58.	Needs modernizing / upkeep Lots of wasted space

	More seating for parents More shaded seating / BBQ areas
59.	Would be good to have more Benches and maybe expand the playground
60.	The play space is outdated and boring for children. Needs updating and to include slides, trampolines, climbing, things for toddlers - older children as well. Swings
61.	My kids are very young so they only use the ride on boat at the minute, unfortunately it's not a younger children playground.
62.	Lack of toilet facilities. Poor cousin to all Holdfast Bay reserves along the beach with old limited play equipment. All other beachside reserves are great and this one needs to be of the same standard. No disability ramp access to the beach, No flashing lights on the pedestrian crossing.
63.	Play equipment at end of life span Not appealing to children Not suitable for you children (3 and under) Not enough equipment Not enough shade Bark chips for young children aren't kind on small children so a mix of surfaces would be appreciated

Question 7. Is there any other play equipment you would like to see?

1.	Second Volleyball court
2.	CALISTHENICS/EXERCISE AREA (eg. Pull up bar; parallel bars) A PROPER SEE-SAW
3.	Can't think of anything else other than what has been listed
4.	The above are great ideas. Particularly need equipment to climb on. If monkey bars, make it low or a frame structure.
5.	Rock climbing wall
6.	As a sixth option, I would love to see the sensory area
7.	Rock climbing wall with harness and mat
8.	Sandpit
9.	A Seesaw
10.	More pickleball courts
11.	Netball ring
12.	Seasaw
13.	Pickleball
14.	A water play area
15.	Water play areas
16.	Something that creates imaginary play, (like the little boat has).
17.	fortress and tunnels
18.	Games (Connect4, Naughty & Crosses)
19.	The boat should stay.. just needs to be refurbished
20.	All of the above is great and any of them would be great. If not all!
21.	Natural space created with mounds and tracks
22.	Scooter track
23.	I think there should be a big slide so kids can have fun and be brave. I also want to see a spider web rope swing.
24.	Gymnastics bar
25.	Wooden log stepping stones, tunnel slide, table tennis table, parkour jump ramps, soft fall instead of woodchips
26.	Nature play (water pumps, rock beds, balancing logs)
27.	More nature play
28.	Sand and fountain

29.	Something fresh and creative - water play? Especially since the area can feel quite dry and open in the summer, love those circle netted swings
30.	A basketball ring that can be adjusted in height. Stairs for toddlers to climb up to go down slide.
31.	Water play
32.	Balance bridge
33.	My kids love imaginary play and balancing equipment
34.	Wading pool. Equipment for both older kids and younger (different areas)
35.	Large natural climbing structures with slides or tunnels to tunnels to run through
36.	Nature play equipment, water features/wooden logs to step/climb across
37.	Trampolines are always enjoyed
38.	Water play for the hot days

Question 8. Is there any other play equipment you would not like to see?

1.	Climbing towers and rock walls - already a lot around
2.	No high unprotected drops. No high climbing. All low. Need to consider kids heights and ages, the previous net structure is not for younger kids and there is nothing interesting for younger kids to do so they go on the net.
3.	Metal equipment that gets hot
4.	Rope equipment
5.	Climbing equipment that is so high that you can't help kids (grandkids) if they get stuck.
6.	climbing nets
7.	Rope steps to climb up only.. there Must be steps or easy climbers for younger kids.
8.	Swings
9.	Carousel - dangerous. Head injury risk
10.	Carousel - risks of injury to head when child falls partially off it. I've seen this happen at the John Miller Reserve playground
11.	Bike or scooter track isn't needed and would potentially take up too much space. The grass area where everyone has picnics and relaxes is a large part of why people love the spot
12.	No bike/scooter track encouraging older teenagers. No tall tower equipment which may obscure coastal views.
13.	bike or scooter track due to attracting older teenagers
14.	Bike and scooter track due to safety reasons
15.	plastic
16.	Older kids don't use equipment, need space to hang out instead.
17.	Carousel - ends up with just being teens being silly (one at somerton park). Anything with hidden parts where you can't see people when inside or anything where you can't access your kids quickly or you have to do with them eg, a tall tower
18.	Rock climbing walls, ropes, anything difficult for toddlers to climb up.
19.	Random poles that actually have very limited interaction.
20.	Something too hard for my 3 year old- at times playgrounds only cater for one age bracket.
21.	Water Play pumps/ sand / mud
22.	Equipment that is high off the ground with drop offs that can injure little ones
23.	Carousels seem to cause us a lot of injuries and one ambulance trip so far

Question 10. Do you have any other ideas for a playspace theme?

1.	sport theme
2.	I think the beach theme would suit the area well
3.	native animals? but marine theme shown above is probably better.
4.	Not really but I really like adding in a really creative element to the play space
5.	No bark chips. Not great with kids walking
6.	Ocean with starfish and other sea creatures
7.	Natural colour schemes, low rise - as seen at Angus Neill Reserve.
8.	Natural theme, suggest a dolphin theme
9.	No these look great 👍
10.	Dolphin pod as ride on equipment
11.	Water play, work with the three palm trees,
12.	Sealife, whales, dolphins. Possible a space to memorialize the algae bloom and our lost seal that was an icon of the area.
13.	Ocean Beach Sports
14.	The beach, hamptons type of vibe is cool
15.	Gated playground
16.	The beach and ocean themes are amazing
17.	Beach and marine life

Question 11 and 11a. What other local playspaces do you like? What do you like about them?

	Playspace	What you liked about them?
1.	St Kilda and Glenthorpe and Morialta	Natural; open space; large slides
2.	Brighton oval play space	Enough equipment that caters to children of most ages under 11
3.	Wigley Reserve. Da costa reserve	Open space and variety of equipment. Basketball courts and gym equipment.
4.	Da Costa Reserve, Apex Park	Variety of activities and space is generous
5.	GlenThorne, Hendrie reserve, Old Gum tree reserve	Play spaces work best when open to interpretation rather than clearly dictating how to play. This encourages imaginative play. The nature play spaces at glenthorne and hendrie can be used in any way the kids imagine. Hendrie has a great hilly concrete bike track. The big wave seat at Henley square is also a great climbing piece. Old Gum tree reserve in Glenelg has a flying fox with a bucket seat with seatbelts.
6.	Princess Elizabeth Playspace (35 South Terrace)	The castle-shaped playground there is very imaginative, love the long winding silver slide!
7.	Hendrie Street Reserve in Marion, Glenelg Foreshore Playspace, John Miller Reserve	They offer wide range of play equipments, open space, bike track and many more features.
8.	Bindarra Reserve	The openness (no fencing) The shade cloth sails
9.	Hamilton St Reserve	Varied Two toilets
10.	Angus Neill Reserve	Large sandpit, water play, the covered pergola areas are close to re play areas etc
11.	Bandara Reserve playground	Lots of choice for activities
12.	Beach, Tonsley skating	Fun All ages
13.	Bindara Road Brighton	A good mix for all ages

14.	Next to BSLC and Angus Neil reserve further down the road	A variety of play equipment and open space
15.	Angus Neil, Glenthorne Adventure play ground	Angus Neil - The amount of imaginative play they have on offer Glenthorne - The adventure quality for the older children
16.	John Miller Reserve at Somerton park	Good combination of play equipment, (in ground trampoline and carousel spinner), fenced playground, Good surface that adds to safety. Open space for picnics and ball games.
17.	Belair Adventure playground and Hendrie Street Playspace	Belair Adventure playground because of the fortress and tunnels. Hendrie Street because of the big spaces and lots to do for all ages
18.	Angus Neill Reserve, John Miller Reserve, Bindarra Reserve	Variety of equipment catering from toddlers to older children
19.	Brighton and Seacliff. The playground behind Brighton football club	The equipment, the large space, the fencing and facilities
20.	Brighton jetty park and new west beach	Suitable for multiple ages. Swings further away from the rest of the playground would be ideal. Brighton is not great for this
21.	De Costa, Brighton and west beach (beach front) with cafe!	Locked in, cafe!!!! And good equipments and all ages
22.	Noarlunga	
23.	Some spaces in other areas ... Wilfred Taylor at morphett vale and the wooden park at port Noarlunga	Lots of equipment and good spaces for varying ages. Equipment is well spaced so that younger children can play safely and not be intimidated by older more experienced kids but there is still something for a variety of ages
24.	Glenelg, Moseley Square playground	Creative use of space; tunnels, sldies, looks like fun, but not an eyesore either
25.	Wigley Reserve, big gumtree	Lots to do for younger children who use the playground the mos.
26.	Big gumtree playground. John miller playground	Safe for younger children. Multiple play options. Fenced. Modern. Easy to access with pram or wheelchair
27.	Angus Neill Reserve	Natural colour schemes- no bold colours.Low rise play equipment. No bike or scooter track.
28.	PARTRIDGE HOUSE	CLOSE PROXIMITY TO HOME
29.	Next to Brighton lifesaver club	Interactive, structure, multiple activities
30.	Marshmallow Park Adelaide	Nature focus and sensory activities. Big open space that has shade, facilities and is fenced.
31.	Glenthorne Playground, Alpine Rd Reserve	Nature Play, Ninja Warrior Course, that they incorporate lots of wooden elements of nature, not brightly coloured metal but wooden equipment and include equipment for older children
32.		Sorry, forgot to add dimensions - 9m x 18m volleyball court to be marked out on the grass please
33.	Hamilton Park Reserve in Warradale and Avenue Road Reserve Cumberland Park.	I really like the bike and scooter track like in Hamilton Park Reserve in Warradale, however there is more space here to make it bigger which would be good. We would need to add some covered bike racks to encourage people to ride rather than drive (ie the parents who will ride with their kids to get there but not go on the track). Having some covered/shaded benches for parents to sit on would be a good way to make them stay longer and help wear the kids out! 😊 Also the big adventure tower in Avenue Road Reserve in Cumberland Park is a great piece of play equipment.
34.	Angus Neill Reserve	The nature play items. The grass hill
35.	Angus neill	Play space for all ages, lots of grass area

36.	Love the new aboriginal playspace in Port Adelaide	Love how the natural elements are build in the play space. Love that children can explore, engage with the equipment and climb, build and learn.
37.	Angus Neil Reserve	Large open space Climbing wall Tree shade
38.	Angus Neil reserve - Seacliff	The part with sand and fountain
39.	Angus Neill Reserve, The Square at West Beach Parks	The water play, the kids toys left for others to play with, absolutely LOVE the Square at West Beach Parks - love the cafe on site, the art pieces, the bike track space, the music speakers playing, all the benches, the choice of play equipment I like when natural woods and tones are used rather than harsh bright dating colours. I think we also need to consider that this park has many properties looking closely over it - something visually appealing for them is important.
40.	Da Costa Reserve Playground	Lots of grassy space, bbq, benches and toilets. Full fenced playground. Basketball ring. Different size slides and something for all age groups. Trees for shade. Easy parking. West beach playgrond Harold and Cynthia reserve also for height adjustable basketball ring, lookout ramp, swings, big slide and interactive drums.
41.	Splash pad and Glenelg	Not a lot of water play in Adelaide. Would be great to get an actual water playground/splash area.
42.	The play space near Marino hockey club	It has a wide variety of items great for lots of ages
43.	Angus Neill reserve, St Kilda Adventure Playground, the old gum tree,	Play equipment for small kids eg. Small slide and stairs Sandpit Make believe play (pirate ships) Swings Grassed area to sit on Shady areas
44.	John miller reserve, Henrie street reserve, Dulcie Perry park, Ballara reserve	Variety, age appropriate equipment, gated
45.	Bindarra Reserve. Stanley Street Reserve. The wooden playground Noarlunga, Wilfred Taylor Reserve, tusmore wading pool.	Fenced play areas Lots of play equipment and variety Shading Seating toilets and BBQ/ picnic Overall feeling - clean, pleasant, modern, nature
46.	Morialta Conservation Park. st kilda	Large areas and lots of different equipment
47.	The one further down at somerton park, Brighton, seacliff. Hendrie St reserve is good, bee hive playground	They are interesting, have lots for kids to do and varying ages
48.	We go to Dulcie Perry park a lot	Suits a variety of ages
49.	stanley street reserve, angus neill reserve	stanley street reserve - little hidden bees for the kids to find, pretend shop, climbing structure but good for all ages angus neill reserve - the sandpit with communal toys/trucks and water pump

50.	All other Holdfast beach side play spaces except Wattle Reserve	
51.	The Square at West Beach	It has a mix of open picnic space on grass, bike/scooter riding paths and play equipment. My children enjoy traditional things like swings and slippery dips, and more challenging climbing structures. It has great shade and picnic tables, BBQs, toilets, water fountain, dog friendly(!). Also love that it has a cafe. It would be great if wattle reserve could support a small takeaway cafe or food trucks. Would especially like to see more food/music and art festivals held on the grass here too

Appendix 2 – Survey Results Participant Attachments

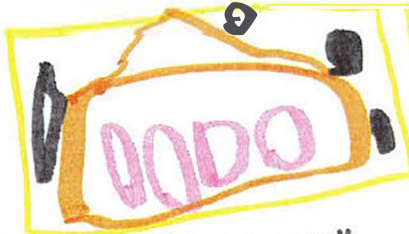


FIGURE 1: SUPPLIED BY SURVEY RESPONDENT

IF YOU WERE A
PLAYGROUND
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WHAT WOULD YOU BUILD?



"A roundabout"



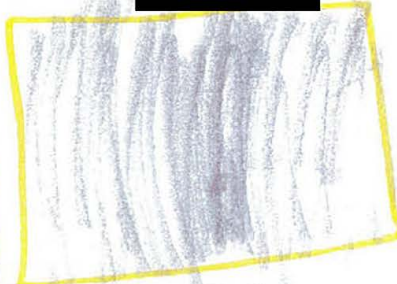
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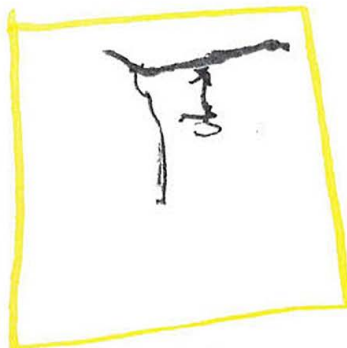
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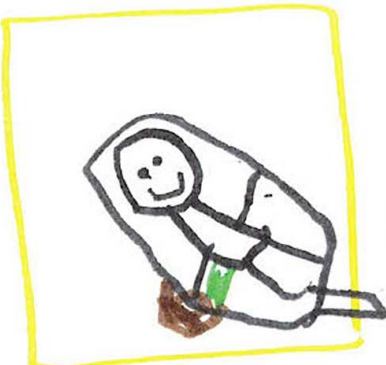
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-Zara V



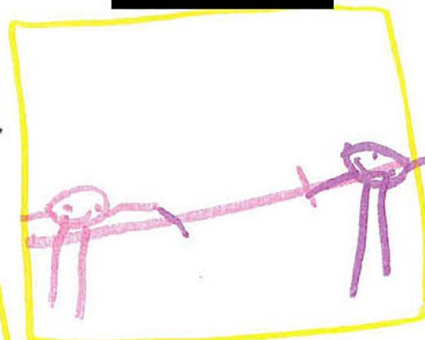
"A cubby house"



"Flying fox!"



"A tree house"



"See saw"



"A donut shop"

Appendix 3 - Consultation Summary



Wattle Reserve Playspace Upgrade

Consultation Summary

During the consultation period for the Wattle Reserve Playspace Upgrade, park users were consulted through a range of methods:

- **Online survey consultation, open from 25th September – 15th October 2025**
- **Community onsite drop-in, held 2nd and 9th October 2025**
- **School consultation, conducted on 14th October 2025**

Community Drop-in Consultation Findings:

On Thursday 2nd October from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Thursday 9th October from 10:00am – 11:00am Clover, in partnership with the City of Holdfast Bay, conducted a community consultation 'Drop-In' session at Wattle Reserve in Hove. The session featured interactive display boards and provided an opportunity for reserve users to share their feedback, concerns and ideas regarding the proposed upgrade.

In total approximately **30 participants**, including children, engaged in discussions throughout both sessions, offering valuable insights to help inform the future design and development of the playground.

During each session we encouraged reserve users to partake in an activity to help promote discussion and quantify comments. Exercises which the public were encouraged to partake in were:

- Placing a sticky dot on their favourite play and park furniture images
- Providing additional comments recorded on sticky notes
- Children making their own 'dream playspace' using kinetic sand and natural materials

Summary of Results

Sticky Dot Exercise

As part of the community engagement process, a '**sticky dot**' exercise was conducted to gauge public preferences for various **play and amenity elements**. Participants were invited to place **green dots** on images representing their **favourite elements**, and **red dots** on their **least favourite elements**. This interactive method provided clear insights into community priorities.



Top Ranked Elements (Green Dots):

Play Elements:

Multi play tower (17 dots)

Flying fox (17 dots)

All abilities play (13 dots)

Monkey bars (12 dots)

Rope play tower (12 dots)

Scooter and bike track (10 and 9 dots on each image)

Basket swing (10 dots)

Other Amenity:

Improved paths (11 dots)

In summary, these results show a strong preference for active, inclusive, and adventurous play options, particularly multi-functional structures and equipment catering to a range of abilities and age groups, as well as a desire to enhance accessibility and connectivity throughout the site.

Interestingly, there were relatively few red dots placed overall, indicating limited strong opposition to the elements presented. The image that received the highest number of red dots (7 dots) was the rope play tower—a feature that also attracted a number of green dots (12 dots). This suggests mixed community feeling toward rope-based play elements.

It's worth noting that the existing playground equipment is already predominantly rope-based. Several users commented that this type of play is difficult to navigate and not ideal for all age groups or abilities, which may explain the divided response and the higher number of red dots on this particular element.

Additional Comments Recorded on Sticky Notes:

During the Drop-In Sessions, a wide range of suggestions and feedback was received and recorded on to sticky notes. These notes capture desired improvements to Wattle Reserve. The feedback reflects a strong community interest in enhancing the play experience for all ages, improving accessibility, and upgrading supporting amenities.

A summary of comments are as follows;

1. Play Equipment and Features

- Popular existing features to retain:

- The boat structure and rope play elements were positively mentioned.
- Requested additions and improvements:
 - Flying fox / cable ways (multiple mentions)
 - Monkey bars (multiple mentions, including high and low variations)
 - Swings, tunnel slides, cubby houses, and see-saws
 - Nature play and water play, including water pump features
 - Outdoor gym equipment for adult use
 - More equipment suitable for toddlers (18 months +)
 - A broader range of play options to cater to 1–12-year-olds
- Inspiration drawn from other successful playgrounds nearby, including Bindarra and Brighton Football Club playgrounds

2. Pickleball Facilities

- Seemed to be a demand for more pickleball courts

3. Amenities and Comfort

- Shelters: Requests for additional shelters, including one closer to the playground, and comments that the BBQ is too far from the play area
- Seating: More benches and picnic tables, particularly inside the playspace for supervision and comfort
- Shade: Increased shade trees and coverage throughout the area
- Toilets: Need to upgrade the existing toilet facilities (this will be achieved within a different Council project)

4. Safety and Accessibility

- Hesitant to remove any fencing, with it being more favourable to retain fencing around the playground to improve child safety
- Concerns about dogs off-leash and the need for safety from animals
- Pedestrian safety improvements, including flashing lights at crossings and speed humps to reduce traffic speed
- Improved kerb ramps and paths to support seniors and pram access

5. Food and Social Amenities

- Designated food van area with power access (mentioned twice)



- Requests for bike parking to encourage active travel
- BBQ facilities closer to the main play zone

To view the complete summary of all recorded comments, please refer to the [appendix](#).

Conclusion

Community consultation activities, including a sticky dot exercise, written comments, and a children's play activity, provided valuable insight into community preferences for the Wattle Reserve upgrade.

There was a clear preference for **active, inclusive, and diverse play options**, with top-rated elements including the **multi play tower, flying fox, all-abilities play, and monkey bars**. Improved paths were also a popular amenity.

Overall, the community supports a more inclusive, accessible, and better-equipped reserve that caters to all ages.

School Consultation Session

Clover with the City of Holdfast Bay held a school workshop with 60+ year 5 students at the McAuley Community School on Tuesday October 14th 2025.

The session was really positive with all students having visited Wattle Reserve and excited for a new playspace upgrade.

The session involved two activities:

1. Individual worksheets which determined what play elements they like to play on, what play themes they prefer and a description of their favourite playground
2. Group design task which involved each group designing their own 'playground island'

Outcomes from Activity 1: Individual Worksheets

Each student was given a worksheet with three questions and tasks associated:

1. How Do You like to Play? Ranking play equipment 1-5
2. What Theme Do You Like? Circle your favourite theme
3. Where Do You Like to Play? Describe or draw your favourite playspace



1. How do you like to play?

The outcomes from activity 1 tells us that scooter tracks are a clear favourite, with slides and flying fox also ranked as number one in a majority of worksheets.

The touch/sensory and quiet activities although receiving some 'votes', received no 'number 1' votes, suggesting they are the least popular items in terms of top preference.

2. What theme do you like?

Activity 2 asked students to indicate their favourite theme by circling their preferred option. The results showed a clear preference, with **21 students selecting the 'Ocean Ecology' theme** and **16 students choosing the 'Beach Activity' theme**. Only 5 students chose the colourful/sculptural theme. The outcome highlights a stronger interest in ecological/marine life theming and beach inspired theming over the more abstract, colourful approach.

3. Where Do You Like to Play?

This activity provided students with the opportunity to reflect on the types of playgrounds they enjoy and identify the specific elements they find most engaging. A recurring theme that emerged was the popularity of spinning elements, particularly "the tornado," as well as upper body equipment such as push-up/ pull-up bars and monkey bars, play equipment that students regularly play on at school. A number of students also expressed their ideas creatively by drawing themed play equipment, including imaginative concepts such as dinosaur slides and ninja-style obstacle courses. In response to this feedback, the concept design phase will explore the inclusion of a spinning element and monkey bars to align with students' preferences and play behaviours.

Outcomes from Activity 2: Playspace Island

'Design Your Own Playground Island' gave students an opportunity to work in groups and develop their own play theme and playspace suited to their chosen island theme. The students cut out images of play pieces as well as drew their own play elements, pathways and design ideas directly on to their 'island'.

The activity sparked creativity and encouraged thoughtful design, with many students considering not only their own preferences but also the needs of other age groups. It also provided a valuable opportunity for Clover and Council representatives to engage with students and better understand what play elements and environments appeal most to them.

Key Play Elements Identified:

Popular features repeatedly suggested by multiple groups included:

- **Trampolines, basketball/handball courts, flying fox, slides, monkey bars, soccer, and bike/skate/pump tracks.**
- Other suggested elements: skate park, footy area, large slides (10ft–20ft), swings, chill zones, picnic areas, combat zone, rock climbing, see-saw, animal-shaped sandpit, tornado spinner, pull-up bars, adventure course, wave pool, parents' areas, café, big climber, and themed items like dragons.
- Natural and interactive features included: lake, paths and steppers, bridges, trees, and seating.

Emerging Themes:

- **Sport and Bikes**
- **Ocean Playground**
- **Sealife Park**
- **Adventure Park**
- **Intarsia – Everything**
- **Beach Adventure**

These reflect a strong interest in active play, adventure, nature, and imaginative environments.

Conclusion

In summary, students expressed a clear preference for active, adventurous, and nature-inspired play. Popular elements included scooter and bike tracks, flying foxes, trampolines, monkey bars, and large slides, while ocean and beach-themed environments emerged as the most favoured design themes.

The "Playground Island" group task highlighted students' creativity and consideration for a range of age groups. These findings offer strong guidance for the Wattle Reserve upgrade, supporting a design that is dynamic, inclusive, and reflective of the play needs and interests of the local young users.