



# Noble Park Reserve - New Neighbourhood Playground Consultation Summary Report

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Greater Dandenong City Council asked the community to have their say on the draft Concept Plan for the new neighbourhood playground at Noble Park Reserve, Noble Park which will replace the existing playground, as seen in the photos above.

The development of the ideas for the draft concept plan was informed by the pre- design workshop with the Children's Advisory Group.

### **Children's Advisory Group Workshop - Pre Design Consultation**

The Children's Advisory Group Workshop was conducted by the Council on 18 November 2021.

The Children's Advisory Group Workshop is a regular event organised by Council's Children's Services Department to promote students/children's participation in all aspects of Council's business and planning. The forum is attended by students and teachers from local primary schools.

The workshop on the Noble Park Reserve Playground was attended by 43 primary school students from 5 primary schools; Noble Park PS, Wooranna Park PS, St Anthony's PS, Resurrection PS and Silverton PS.

Council officers asked the students to answer a series of questions with accompanying images on their preferences for different playground equipment elements and preferred colour theme. There was also an opportunity for open discussion and general feedback.

The feedback from this workshop was used to inform and develop the draft Concept Plan that was put out to community consultation from 13 December 2021 - 21 January 2022. Refer to Appendix 1 for the summary of this workshop.

### **Draft Concept Plan - Inclusions from the Children's Forum Workshop**

The key elements that were included in the draft Concept Plan as an outcome of the Children's Forum workshop were:

- 360 degree rotating swing
- Trampoline
- Bouncing and rotating spinner
- Triple bay swing
- Rope net climb with flexible and static elements - balancing, resting and climbing
- Play activity tower
- Musical interactive elements

### **Community Consultation on the Draft Concept Plan**

The community consultation on the draft concept was open for a six-week period from 13 December - 21 January 2022. Refer to page 3 to view the draft concept plan.

Various methods were used to promote and seek feedback on the concept plan.

The consultation included:

- Notification posters within Noble Park Reserve
- Information on Council's website
- Online survey via Survey Monkey

Council received

- 11 survey responses
- 1 email response

# DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAYGROUND

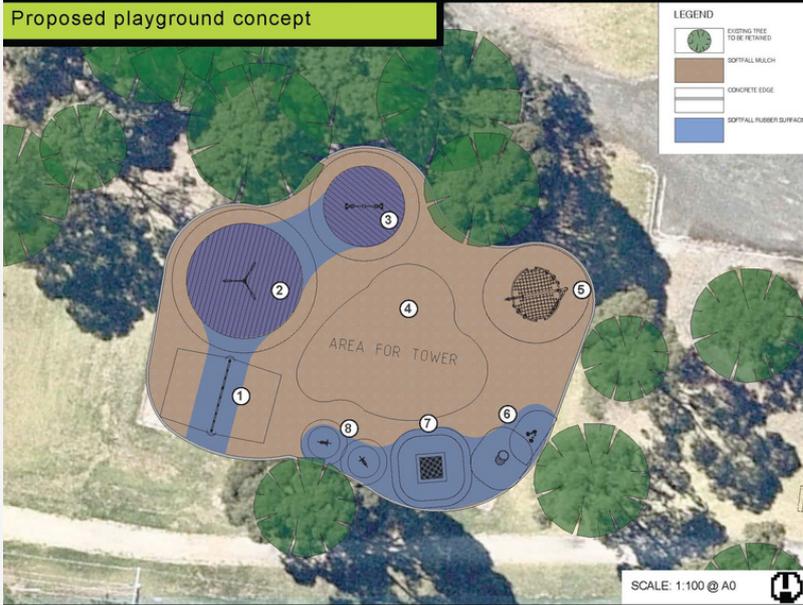
### NOBLE PARK RESERVE

46-56 MOODEMERE ST, NOBLE PARK  
(ACCESS VIA AENONE AVENUE)

Existing playground



Proposed playground concept



Examples of playground ideas



Location plan

#### Proposal

Greater Dandenong City Council is planning to upgrade the Noble Park Reserve neighbourhood playground.

The project will include a diverse range of new playground equipment.

It will also include shade sails over part of the playground area.

Council is seeking the community's feedback on the draft concept plan ideas as well as other suggestions you may have.

Your ideas will help shape the design of this new playground.

#### Ideas and opportunities for the proposed playground

- ① Triple bay swing (two flat seats and one toddler seat)
- ② 360 degree rotating swing
- ③ Bouncing and rotating spinner
- ④ Play activity tower with elements such as:
  - monkey bars, fireman's pole
  - climbing walls and steps
  - tunnel
  - platform decks at different heights
  - roof covering
  - small and large slide - wide/ enclosed slide
  - integrated play panels such as a shop front and driving wheel etc.
  - short length overhead track ride
- ⑤ Rope net climb with flexible and static elements - balancing, resting, climbing
- ⑥ Musical interactive elements
- ⑦ Trampoline
- ⑧ Two spring rockers

### HAVE YOUR SAY

To view the concept plan online and to have your say via the online survey, visit Council's website [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au) under the 'Have your say' Section.

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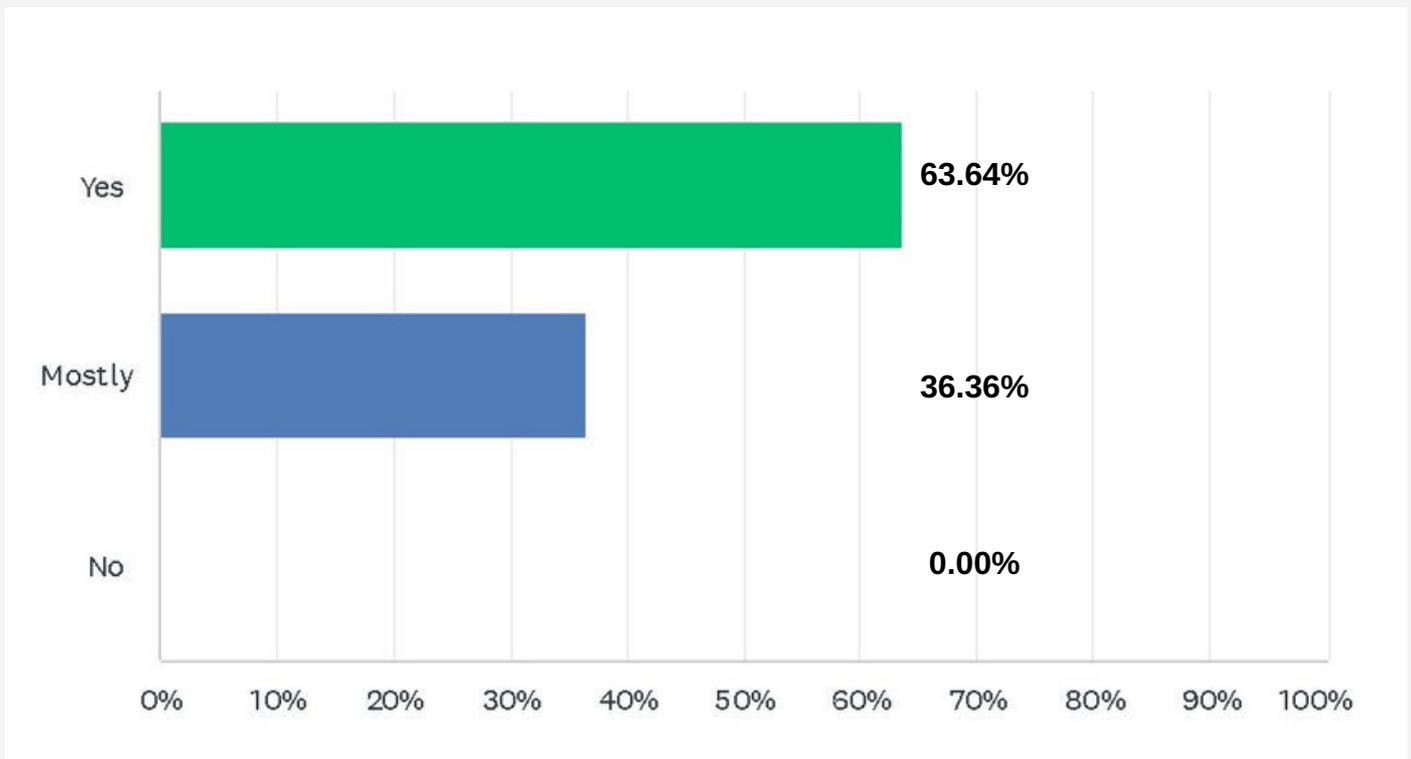
Submissions close Friday 21 January 2022

## RESULTS

Council received

- 11 survey responses
- 1 email response

### *1 - Do you agree with the concept plan Council has developed?*



Survey Responses

## RESULTS CONTINUED

### *2 - If you answered 'mostly' or 'no' please explain your reasons why*

Would like to see increased tree canopy and garden spaces. Will there be bbq and picnic areas for local residents to gather and connect?

The scout hall next to the park uses this area often. It would be good to see a more diverse range of equipment.

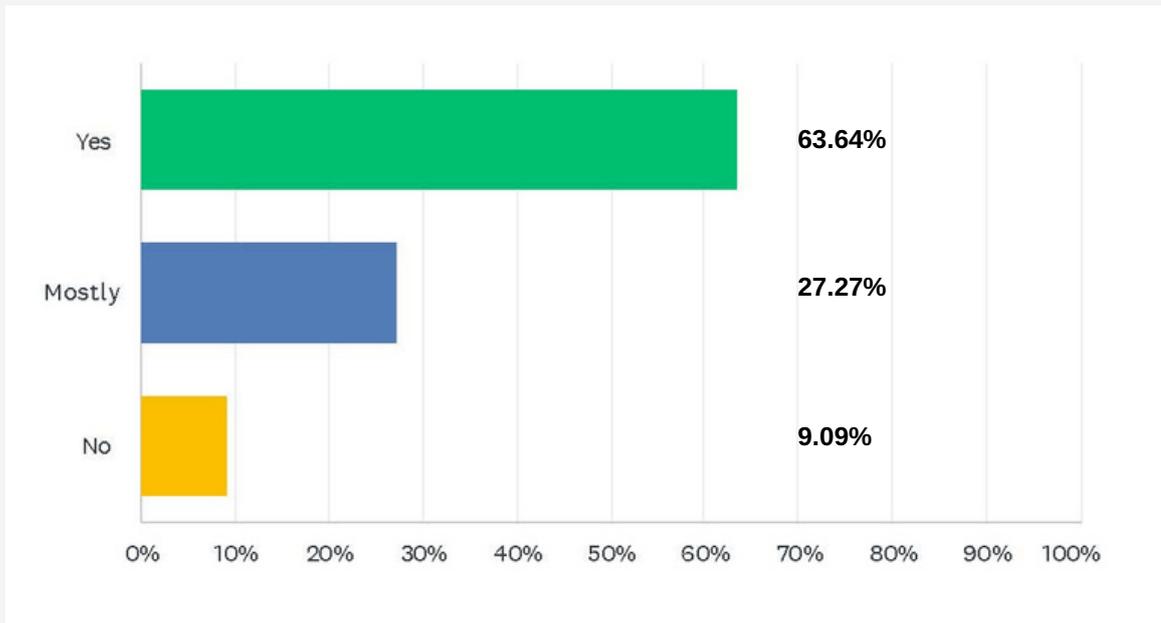
I agree mostly with the concept for the noble park reserve upgrading but ideas two and three look quite similar to each other, though idea 2 does not bounce but they both spin and in my opinion if you have two similar pieces of equipment in the same park your basically just making room when you could use that space for other things , that could make the park better and more fun.

I want a basketball court



## RESULTS CONTINUED

### 1 - Do you agree with the equipment examples Council has provided?



#### Survey Responses

### 2 - If you answered 'mostly' or 'no' please explain your reasons why

Appreciate the diversity of equipment for young children but what's available for youths and adults? Would like sports/fitness equipment that support adults incl. parents to get active, and increase active recreation opportunities when visiting the reserve.

I would like to see more climbing gross motor equipment maybe some adult exercise. And some bike paths.

I agree with most of the equipment examples but there is nothing for adults like why would an adult what to go on a monkey bar/ fireman pole the only possible reasons is to go on with their kids or to help get them down if they get stuck. A park is not just for the kids it should be able be used for all ages the young and the old. So how do we add equipment for adults just simply add some exercise equipment like a exercise bike because, not all adults have enough money to buy their own or they don't have enough space at home.

Because there is no basketball court

### 3 - Additional Comments?



Very happy that Council is finally updating this playground as it was quite dated and some equipment was damaged/faulty. Would be nice if some play equipment could be for older kids 7plus



all the equipment above is for kids to have fun and to get some memorable experiences but in your examples there is nothing for disabled kids even tho some kids are disabled that doesn't mean they should miss out on going to the park because I strongly believe that all kids should have a chance to go to the park and enjoy like other kids.



Please include uneven floor surface can create movement stepping stone, bridges. Consider children playing follow the leader or off ground tiggly



The plan is wonderful only few additional points.....  
as one side of park is adjacent to the Corrigan Road and traffic is busy there .....autistic child started running toward the road .....safety made me scared as there is no safety bar or pedestrian crossing near the park i would highly suggest to consider safety from Corrigan road.  
Installation of more benches and shades for people who want to sit in the park.  
There is no wheelchair access inside the park and near the play area if person with disability want to accompany child its hard to access through wheelchair or stroller.  
Please consider some water station for kids or water play area for small children as well .

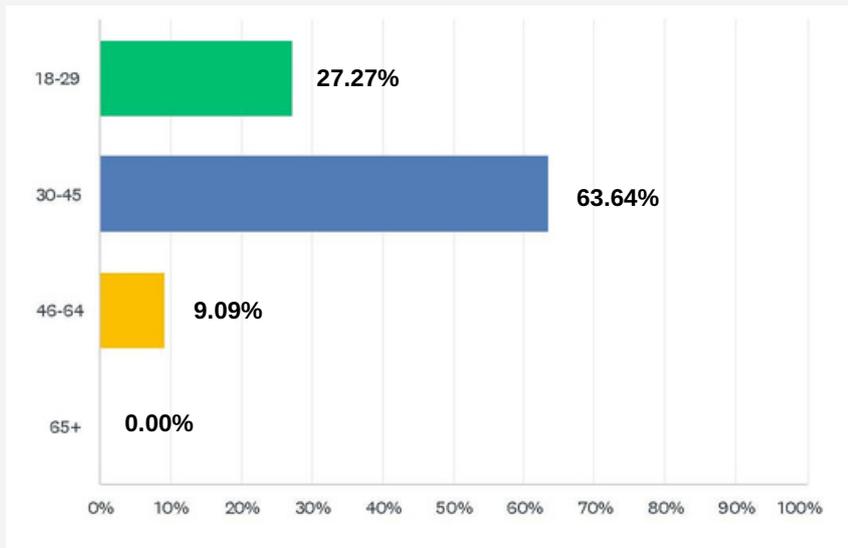


Would like to see:

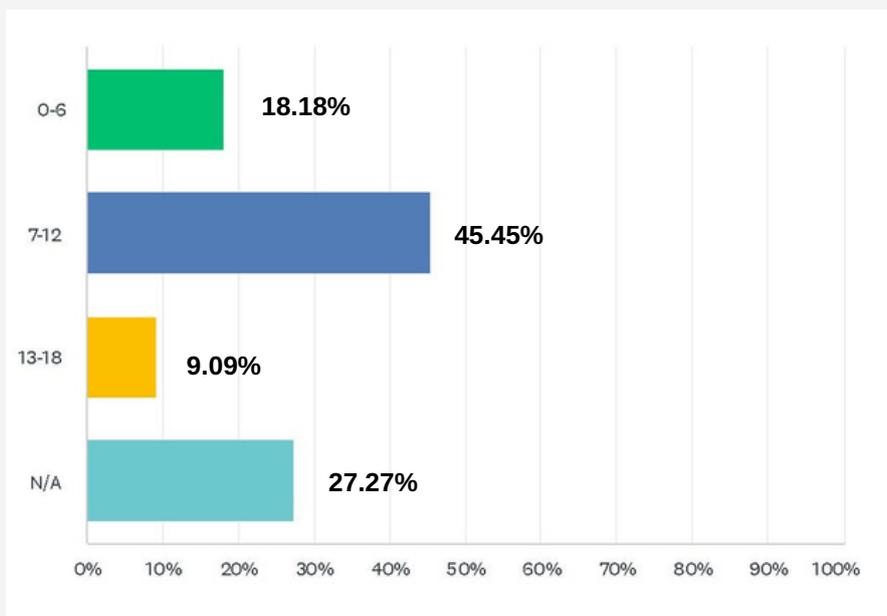
- hop scotch/ four square
- running track
- bird nest swing, trampoline
- fitness equipment
- nature/ animal theme - colour
- nature play elements? - rocks/ stepping stones
- cubby house/ telescope/ puzzle interactive panels

## RESULTS - SURVEY

### 4 - What is your age group?



### 5 - What is your children's age group?



### 6 - Postcode of respondees

All respondees gave their postcode of 3174 (Noble Park)

## ***Council's Response to Comments Raised***

### **SUMMARY**

Overall, there was a high level of support from the community for the draft concept design proposed for the new neighbourhood playground. The majority of people agreed with the draft concept and proposed equipment. Those who mostly agreed with the concept plan and playground equipment provided specific comments, which have been captured earlier in this report.

Of the 11 responses to the survey and 1 email response, 6 survey respondents and the email respondent provided a range of specific playground equipment requests and broader park development requests for consideration.

In summary, these are related to the following 5 themes:

#### **1 Playground Equipment**

- Equipment for older kids
- Equipment for disabled children - accessible
- More climbing equipment
- Nature play elements - rocks/ stepping stones
- Hopscotch / four square
- Birds nest swing
- Cubby house, telescope, interactive elements

#### **2 Fitness Equipment**

- Provision of fitness equipment, eg exercise bike

#### **3 Basketball Court**

- A basketball court

#### **4 Park Amenities**

- More seating and picnic tables, new bbqs and drinking fountains
- Shelter
- Lighting
- Fencing - especially Corrigan Road end of playground
- Bike and walking paths, including wheelchair accessible paths to the playground and picnic area

#### **5 Landscaping**

- More flora - plants and trees
- Nesting area for birds

## ***Council's Response to Comments Raised***

### **COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THESE FIVE THEMES**

#### **Community Comment: Playground Equipment**

- Equipment for older kids
- More climbing equipment
- Equipment for disabled children - accessible
- Birds nest swing
- Nature play elements - rocks/ stepping stones
- Cubby house, telescope, interactive elements
- Hopscotch / four square

#### **Council Response:**

The provision of equipment for older kids and climbing equipment are included in the draft concept plan and will be more broadly developed with the inclusion of elements in the activity tower.

The playground layout will be reviewed to incorporate the inclusion of accessible equipment and more access from the footpath in the updated design.

The inclusion of a birds nest swing will be added into the swing set, which will provide more inclusive play for all, as well as path connections from the playground to the existing path network.

Nature play is not included in the design of this neighbourhood playground due to budget constraints and accommodating the playground equipment elements that were more highly sought by the community. A future stage 2 nature play area is not precluded from being developed at a future stage, subject to funding. It can also be included as a suggestion in the future development of a park master plan for Noble Park Reserve.

The provision of cubby house elements, telescope and interactive elements will be more broadly developed in the design considerations for the activity tower design.

The provision of hopscotch / four square is not included in the playground design as it is not part of the scope for a neighbourhood playground. Hopscotch / four square will be considered as a future idea in the development of the broader park master plan for Noble Park Reserve.

## ***Council's Response to Comments Raised***

### **Community Comment: Basketball Court**

#### **Council Response:**

A basketball court is not included in this design as it is not part of the scope for a neighbourhood playground. A basketball court will be considered as a future idea in the development of the broader park master plan for Noble Park Reserve.

### **Community Comment: Fitness Equipment**

#### **Council Response:**

Fitness equipment is not included in this design as it is not part of the scope for a neighbourhood playground. The provision of fitness equipment will be considered as a future idea in the development of the broader park master plan for Noble Park Reserve.

### **Community Comment: Provision of more tree planting for shade and walking paths**

#### **Council Response:**

Shade sails are part of this playground redevelopment.

The revised design will include opportunities for the provision of additional shade with tree planting.

The provision of walking and bike paths will more broadly be included in the development of the broader park master plan for Noble Park Reserve.

### **Community Comment: More BBQ facilities, picnic tables, seating areas and drinking taps**

#### **Council Response:**

The design of the bbq and picnic area will be reviewed to include additional bbqs, picnic tables, seating and drinking fountains as part of the broader park master plan for Noble Park Reserve.

The provision of additional seating around the playground will be reviewed in the final concept plan for the playground. More broadly, seating will be included in the development of a future master plan for the reserve.

### **Community Comment: Fencing**

#### **Council Response:**

The provision for and the location of fencing will be considered as part of the broader park master plan for Noble Park Reserve and upon evaluation of the playground and surrounds post construction.

## ***Post Consultation - Revised Final Concept Plan***

The main themes and ideas that emerged from the community's comments to the survey have provided council officers with clear direction on the design improvements and opportunities that are required to finalise the neighbourhood playground design.

As an outcome of the comments and council officer's assessment of the feasibility of the ideas, the following elements will be addressed and included in the revised final design for the playground.

These elements are:

- The provision of a birds nest swing and inclusive rocker in the design to increase the inclusive play elements
- Review of the connecting paths to improve accessibility to and within the playground.
- The detailed design of the activity tower will take into account the more detailed elements, such as interactive panels and diversity of play components.
- Shade sails are part of the playground design budget and will be constructed with the playground.
- Further tree planting options will be developed for the broader park concept plan to increase shade.

**The revised final concept plan for the playground that has been prepared in February 2022 can be viewed on the following page.**

# Revised Final Concept Plan - February 2022



Examples of possible equipment ideas for the playground that Council are considering:



Concept plan



- ① Triple bay swing (1 x flat seat, 1 x toddler seat and 1 x basket swing)
- ② 2 x musical interactive elements
- ③ 1 x spring rocker
- ④ Wide all accessible trampoline
- ⑤ Play activity tower with elements such as:
  - monkey bars, fireman's pole
  - climbing walls and steps
  - tunnel
  - platform decks at different heights
  - roof covering - optional due to shade sails
  - small and large slide - wide slide and enclosed slide preferable
  - integrated play panels such as a shop front/ driving wheel/ noughts and crosses etc.
  - short length overhead track ride

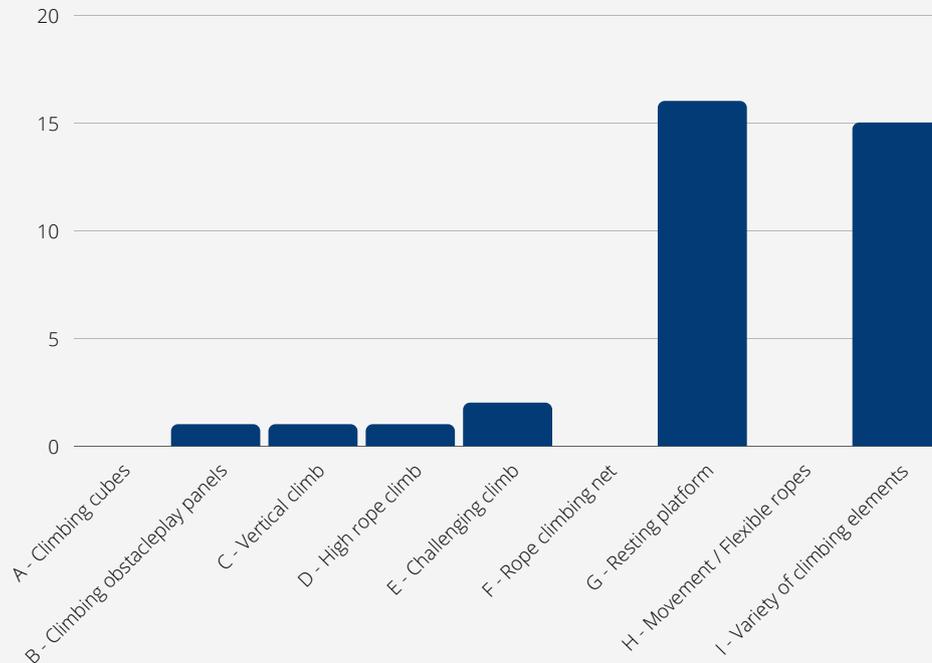
- ⑥ Rope net climb with flexible and static elements - balancing, resting, climbing
- ⑦ 1 x accessible rocker with wider seat and full back support - approx. with wider width 560mm
- ⑧ 360 degree rotating swing
- ⑨ Bouncing and rotating spinner
- ⑩ Seat and access path

# **APPENDIX 1- PRE DESIGN WORKSHOP SUMMARY CHILDREN'S ADVISORY GROUP WORKSHOP**

# RESULTS: CHILDREN'S ADVISORY GROUP WORKSHOP

43 participants in the Children's Forum Workshop November 2021

## 1 - Which climbing structures do you like best? Pick two



# RESULTS: CHILDREN'S ADVISORY GROUP WORKSHOP

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## *2 - If you could have only one, would you prefer trampolines or a flying fox?*



Trampoline



A

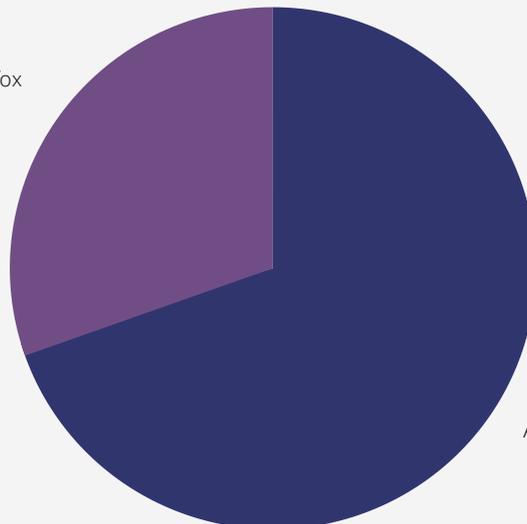


Flying fox



B

B - Flying fox  
30.4%



A - Trampoline  
69.6%

# RESULTS: CHILDREN'S ADVISORY GROUP WORKSHOP

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## 3 - In addition to a standard swing set...which swing would you prefer ?



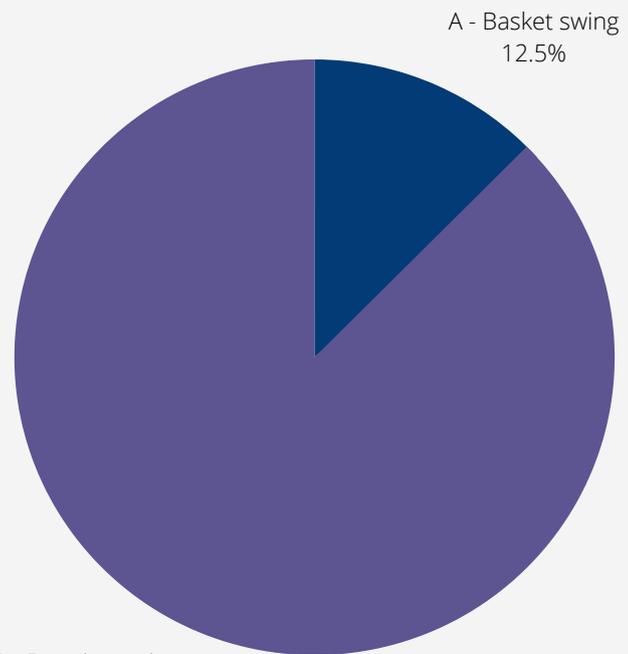
Basket swing

A



Rotating swing

B



B - Rotating swing  
87.5%

# RESULTS: CHILDREN'S ADVISORY GROUP WORKSHOP

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## 4 - Which slide do you have most fun on?



Double slide



Wavy slide



Open spiral slide



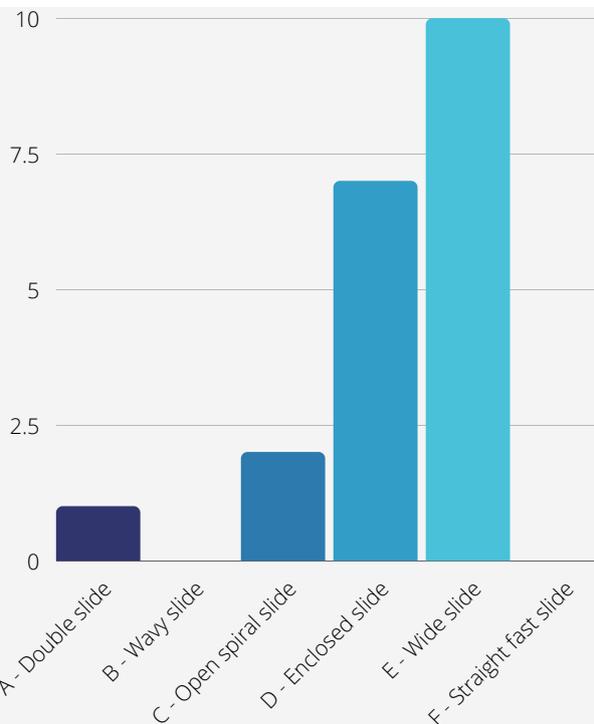
Enclosed slide



Wide slide



Straight fast slide



# RESULTS: CHILDREN'S ADVISORY GROUP WORKSHOP

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## 5 - Which three elements in a play tower are your favourites?



Floating steps



Interactive play panels



Firepole



Monkey bars



Game play panels



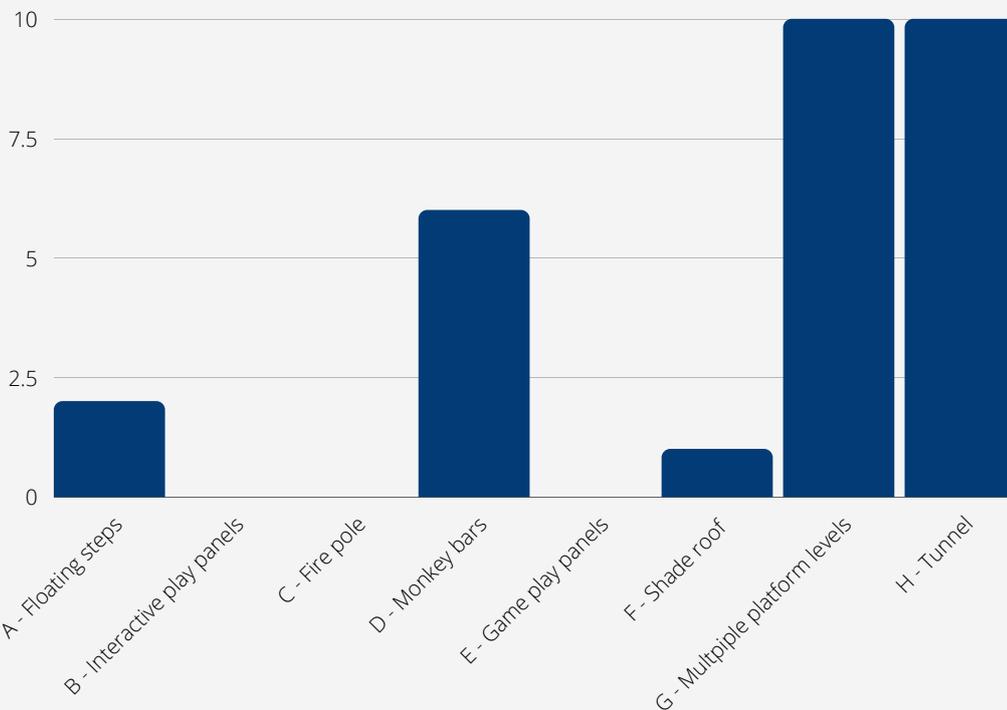
Shade roof



Multiple platform levels



Tunnel



# RESULTS: CHILDREN'S ADVISORY GROUP WORKSHOP

## 6 - Which spinner would you like to see in the new playground?



A

Up/ down spinner



B

Rope spinner



C

Group spinner



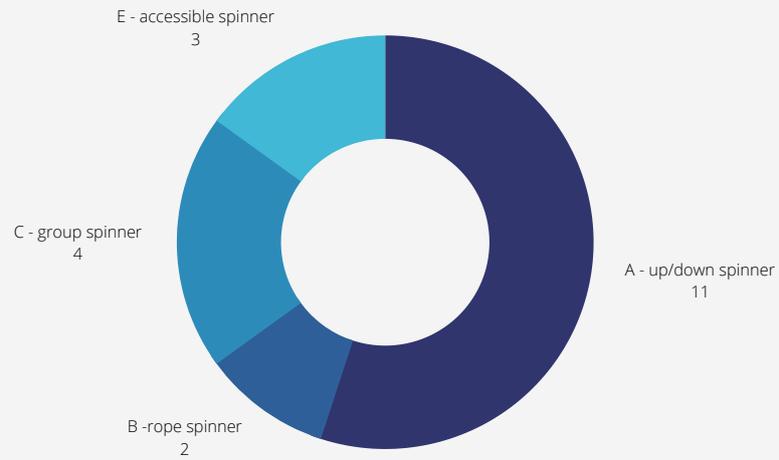
D

Solo spinner



E

Accessible spinner



# RESULTS: CHILDREN'S ADVISORY GROUP WORKSHOP

## 7 - Which of the colour themes is your favourite?



Green, blue, yellow



Orange and blue



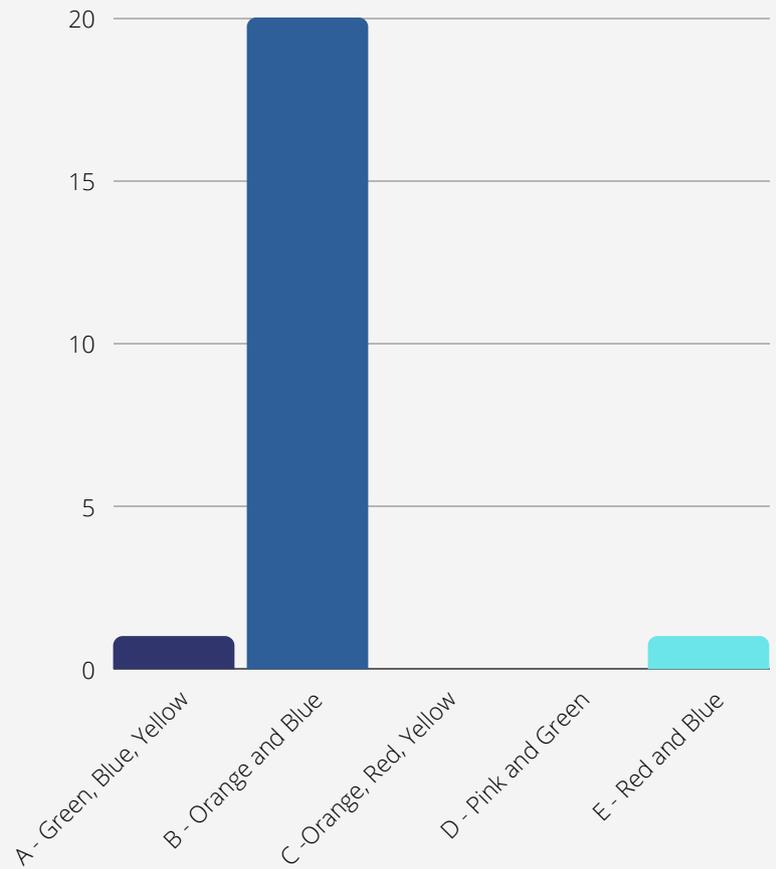
Orange, red, yellow



Pink and green



Red and blue



## **RESULTS:**

# **CHILDREN'S ADVISORY GROUP WORKSHOP**

### *Additional suggestions*

- Equipment for older kids, flying fox, pump track
- sensory playground space
- slides
- water play
- sand pit
- fire man pole, musical elements, nursery rhymes, foam grounds, soft fall
- Gazebo, new BBQ area with redesigned table
- More benches
- Drinking fountains
- More flora - plants and trees
- Nesting area for birds
- good lighting
- a little waterfall