

Mildura Riverfront Adventure Playspace

Community and Stakeholder Consultation Feedback



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Consultation summary of events

Your Say Community Online Survey Oct 25 - Jan 26

- 304 Responses
- 1507 visitors to the Yoursay Page

Children's Voice Activity Sheet

- Consultation posters and activity sheets delivered to 12 local schools in a 5km radius including Mildura Special School
- 83 Responses
- 5 winners presented with vouchers

Inclusive Play Local Champs Workshop 18 February 26

- Mildura Special School
- Speech Pathologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Early Years Educator
- DIAC Rep

English & Cultural Learning Centre – 1st March

- Presented plans
- Students provided facebook responses.

Pop Up Community Engagement Sessions– Held at Jaycee Park Farmers Market on 6 December & 20 December 2025

Disability Inclusion Advocacy Committee (DIAC) 16 March 26

- Presentation of Designs
- Collated Feedback

Ngiwa Yarna 1 October 25

- Presentation of Designs
- Collated Feedback

Youth Council – Application was made but due to current demand they have declined.

Communication

- Consultation posters displayed onsite
- Posters displayed at Mildura Arts Centre, Public Library, Councils Multimedia Displays.
- Social Media Posts



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DIAC – 16 March 26 – Summary Notes

- PS summarised the consultation process including the community yoursay and stakeholder feedback. Identified that Jaycee Park is a regional level playspace, but Park for Play which is also a regional playspace will remain our primary all abilities playspace.
- Discussed toilet location and cubicle arrangement of 2x fully accessible/ family change and 2x Ambulant. Location is close to carpark, junior playspace and path network. Propose to discuss with engineering 2x disabled parking bays in close proximity.
- Discussed fencing feedback and that majority of responses favoured no fencing or partial fencing. PS informed the committee that there is currently no requirement for fencing as per the Australian Playground Standards. The requirement for fencing is on a case by case basis and risk assessment. Currently the playspace is not fenced apart from the junior play area. It is proposed to remove a couple of the existing equipment pieces located closer to Cureton Ave and provide a safer setback. Not fencing the entire playspace allows freedom of movement to access natural shade and open grass areas.
- Provided a summary of the discussions at the Inclusive play workshop on the 18 February.
- Updated Schematic Concept was presented, committee to consider and provide any additional comments or feedback by 20th March
- Confirmed next steps with design to be tender ready by August subject to Council Approval September.
- Engineer Liam Wood confirmed design for Cureton Avenue pedestrian path is complete but requires funding which is separate from the Playspace budget.
- Additional comments received
 - o Existing path at back of playship is too steep and may require a landing. PS advised that all new paths would be designed to a maximum grade of 1 in 20 and landings would be accommodated as per the disability access code AS1428. A new primary path at a lesser grade will be provide through the main spine of the playspace.
 - o What can be done to ensure parental, and carers take responsibility of children in their care. PS explained that a larger fenced area is included that is larger than the existing Jr fenced area. This will provide a safer space for children that may tend to wander. Picnic Shelters and seating will be positioned at key entry thresholds that will provide passive supervision and eyes on the park. Consideration will be given to providing park signage that can explain parents and carers responsibilities.
 - o Comment was made to support for retaining the train. PS advised that the removal/ relocation of the train was identified in the Riverfront Masterplan. It is currently outside of the project scope.
 - o Comment was given to finding syringe needles in bark chip and if alternative surfacing was being considered. PS advised that from an accessibility point of view rubber softfall would be included. But is costly so organic softfall mulch would still be used. To counter antisocial behaviour operational inspections will be greater than is currently allowed for as it is likely to have a significant increase in patronage. This increase in use will also improve passive surveillance and the new spine path will improve foot traffic. CCTV and Solar lighting is also being considered which will help improve eyes on the park.
 - o The existing drink fountain is not accessible and often muddy; it isn't able to be used by someone in a wheelchair. PS advised that a new DDA accessible drink fountain will have a concrete surround and accessible from the primary path. Will discuss further with operations and facilities.

Inclusive Play Local Champs Workshop 18 February 26

Mildura Special School, Speech Pathologist , Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Early Years Educator

- MRCC Staff to engage more directly with English and Cultural Learning Centre. Aiming to get some valuable feedback that can inform how signage and comms boards can be considerate for all
- We talked about activity panels/ sensory walls and how they should consider wheelchair users and all ages not just toddlers, “these can often be babyish”
- Create tactile paths
- Create experience that allow for wheelchair access, that can create side by side play. I.e sand play table with pulley system. Water play trough that allow wheelchair access
- Ensure a variety of swings is provided
- A double flying fox should have a disability seat and be accessible by a wheelchair.
- Provide a diversity of seating spaces for social interaction but also for quiet refuge
- Elderly should also be considered. Petter confirmed that DDA seats would be specified. Also a DDA bbq should be included.
- Accessible paths should be provided to all the major play experiences. Not everyone will be able to play on everything but there is something for everyone.
- A 3 on 3 basketball would be a good addition for all ages of the family to utilise the space.
- With swings make sure they are usable for all sizes. A Hard rigid seat is preferred over a strap seat.
- Consider visually impaired. Mildura Special School had some additional info that could be beneficial. Ensure accessible flush access to key experience. Contrasting surfacing to edges.
- Peter advised group to check out Touched By Olivia playspace as great examples of inclusive playspaces around Australia. [Livvi's Places - Touched By Olivia](#)
- Fencing was a hot topic and the group felt that fully fencing would be essential to make sure it appalled to all sections of the community. Partial fencing is a compromise if sized appropriately but would diminish the appeal.
- Discussed toilet location and were supportive of a new toilet at the western end of the carpark closer to the existing Jr playspace fronting the carpark. Proposed that spaces in this vicinity could be converted to disabled parking.



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MRCC Ngiwa Yarna 1 October 26

- Presentation provided overview of project, including funding that was earmarked for Nowingi is transferred to Jaycee Park location. The design will entail a stage 1 which is inspired by the Nowingi design, stage 2 will lobby for additional funding to enhance the playspace further and provide additional supporting facilities.
 - Reference Port Adelaide Aboriginal Cultural Centre playspace Yitpi Yartapuultiku Playground Port Adelaide | Adelaide for Kids – The Ultimate Family Guide | Kids in Adelaide
 - Would be good to include youth aged activities including Basketball
 - Committee to review and consider further opportunities, images or known projects which be shared for inspiration.
 - Consultation subject to council endorsement of the Engagement Plan early October is to engage with Children, stakeholders and the wider community from Mid-October – Mid December
 - Plan to keep committee up to date on developments.
 - Plan to do a EOI for Aboriginal Artists once funding for elements is secured.
 - Plan to identify opportunities for cultural arts in the design and lobby for grant funding.
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- PS followed up with Councils Aboriginal Liaison Officer on the 11.02.26. Discussed future opportunities including meeting with Elders in preparation of an artist brief to develop theme and scope for call to artists. Discussed creation story at meeting of two waters (Wentworth) and the hunt featuring Ngarrindjeri and his brother that chased Pondi (Giant Murray Cod). Pondi fled downstream creating the rivers and landscape until it reached the Coorong near the sea. They captured Pondi and shared the meat. A portion was also thrown back into the river and this help create the water ecosystem. Ngarrindjeri returned to the meeting of the two waters. This story or other opportunities can be explored further with Elders Council (soon to be established by FPMM) and incorporated into the Artist Brief.



English & Cultural School 1 March 26

Sand and water play, plant cubbie, embankment slide, nature play challenges....

NATURE PLAY is exactly what we need - there's not enough locally for little toddlers and even babies or people with a disability who get a lot from sensory play in nature. Simple structures at ground level (my little toddler can't climb alone). Structured nature play like this is nice because there's a bush vibe without fear of snakes, prickles, and other unknown dangers

You



1. Basketball

2. Musical elements

3. paddle steamer

12:01 am

And the Maze So many good choices

12:04 am

Hi Danielle and everyone Love them all!! But I must choose 3 Musical elements Basketball Maze Thank you

Hello Danielle and everyone 1-large combination unit 2-double flying fox 3-coconut swing

Hi Danielle and everyone 1.Nature play challenges 2.Sand play 3.Paddle steamer themed unit

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I think these three options together would make the park fun for many children and families. Thank you for asking for our ideas.

I would like to see:

The double flying fox.

Basketball

Rope course

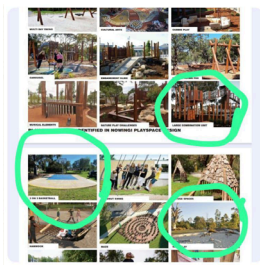
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well. This is my advice: TALL COMBINATION UNIT, ROPE COURSE and BASQUETBALL.

Hi Dani and all. I love them all but especially the maze the cubby house and the musical elements.Denise xx

My three favourites are:
1. Rope Course – It looks exciting and helps children build confidence and balance.
2. Water Play – This would be amazing in Mildura's warm weather and very popular with families.
3. Large Combination Unit – It offers different activities in one space and would suit various age groups.

I think these options would be fun, active, and inclusive for many children.



Hi everyone. I'd like to share my preferences. I think a game where children overcome obstacles is very entertaining. I chose the sand area because it's also very important for developing creativity and is fun for younger children. Finally, the basketball court (which could also be multipurpose) to motivate children, teenagers, and adults to play sports. I think these three games cover a wide age range: fun for everyone! Although I think the other options are also very good. Maybe, as a complement, I would include paved paths so children can ride bikes, scooters, skates, etc.

These are my three favourite ideas for the park.

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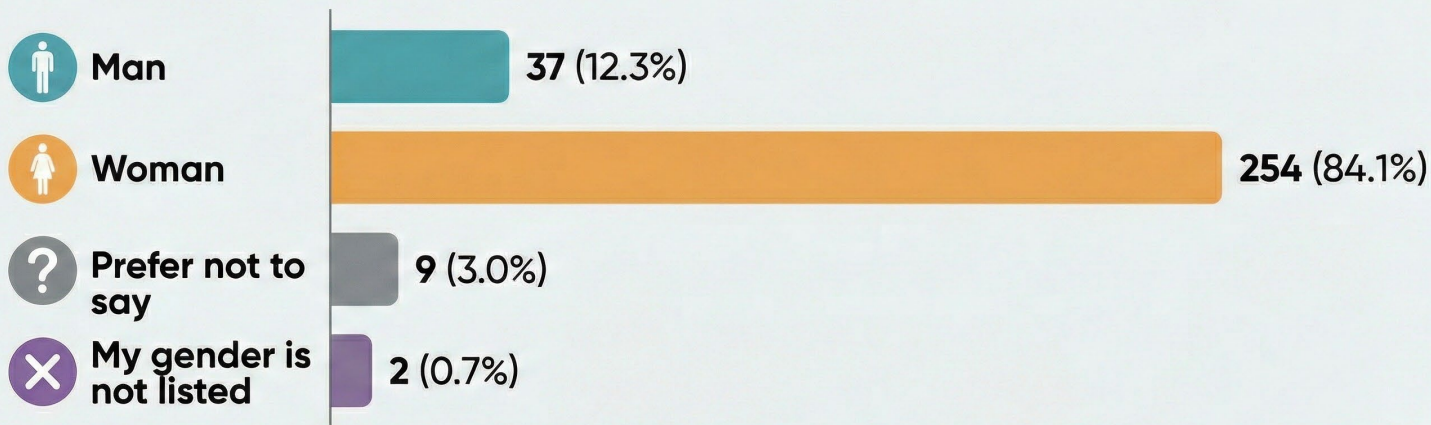
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My choices are guided by my grandchildren. nature play, musical elements and maze.

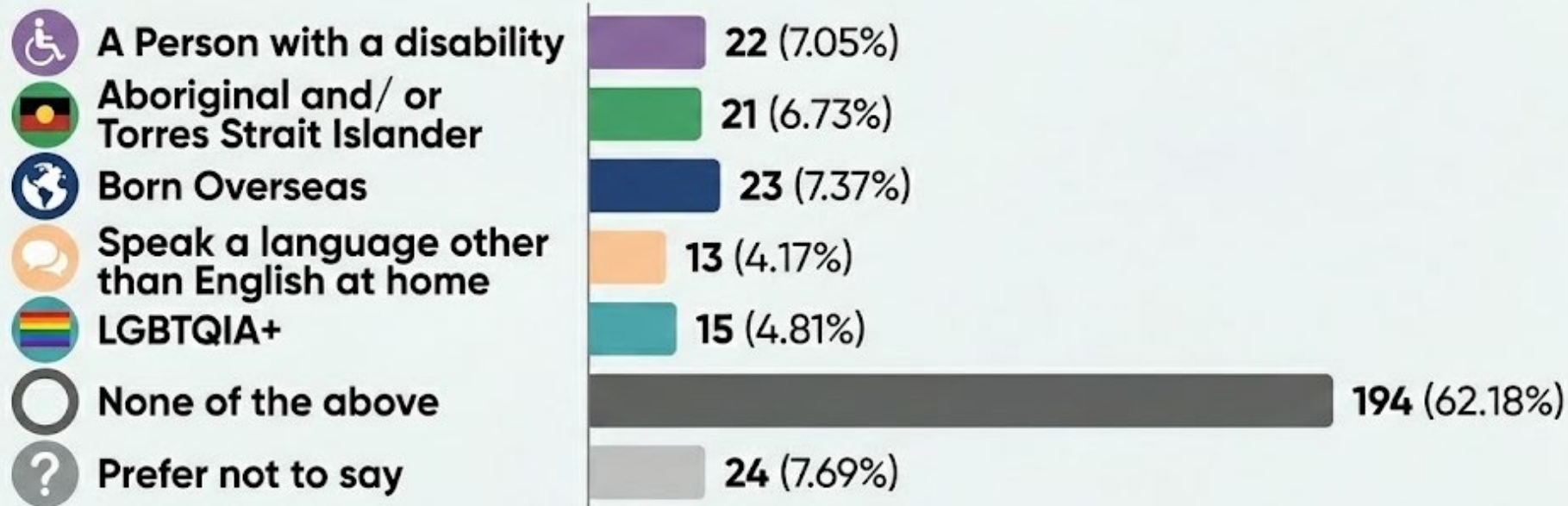
I agree with Kathy and feel a paved path for bikes,scooters etc so that children have an area that they can practise their skills or develop them without the need to be in amongst people walking, jogging etc.



Jaycee Park Playspace Consultation: Participant Gender Profile



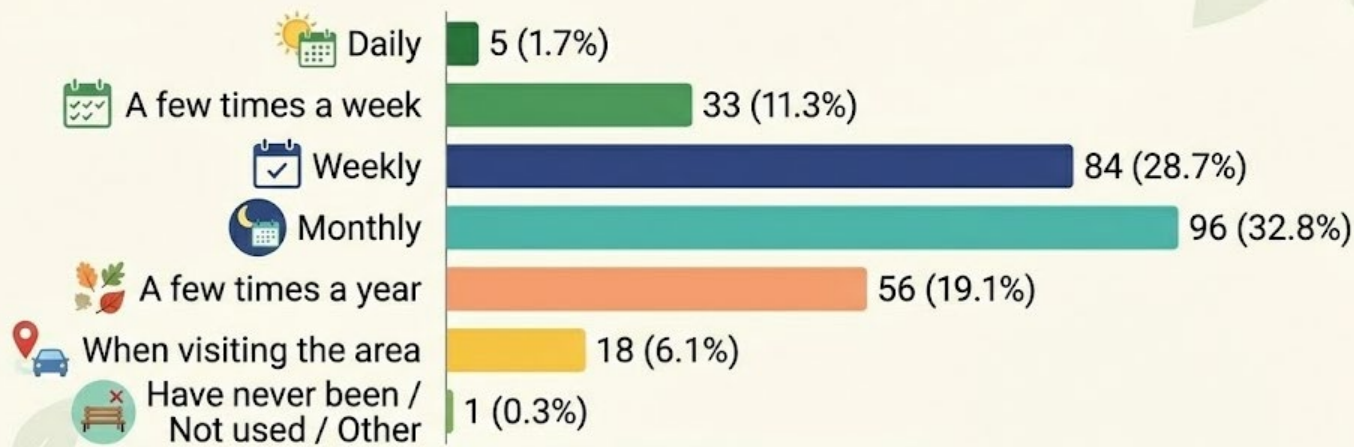
Jaycee Park Playspace Consultation: Participant Identification



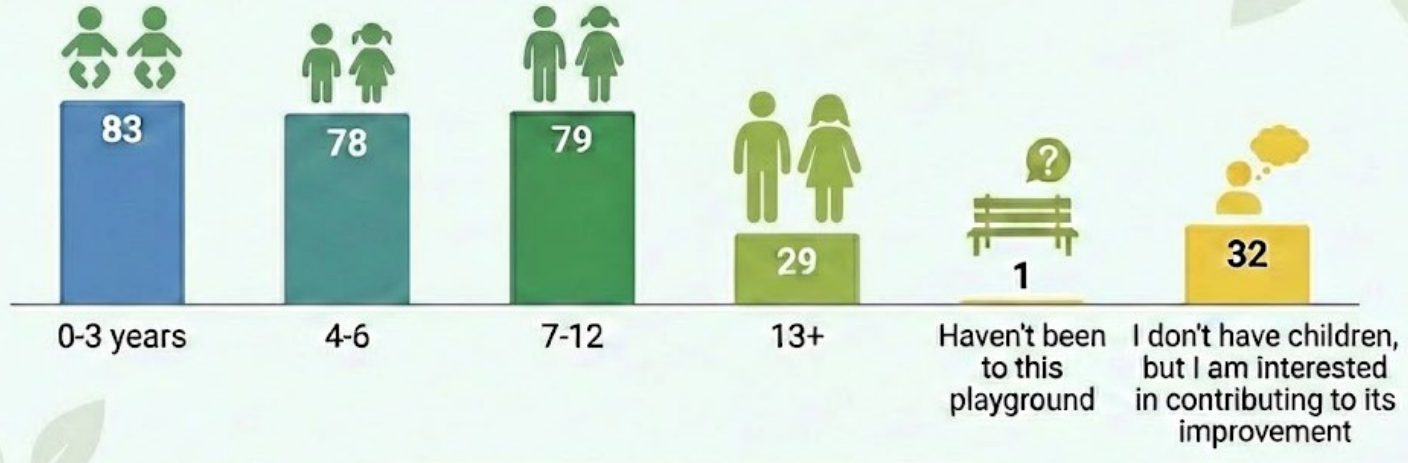
Jaycee Park Playspace Consultation: Mode of Transport



Jaycee Park Playspace Consultation: Frequency of Use



Jaycee Park Playspace Consultation: Age of Children/Users

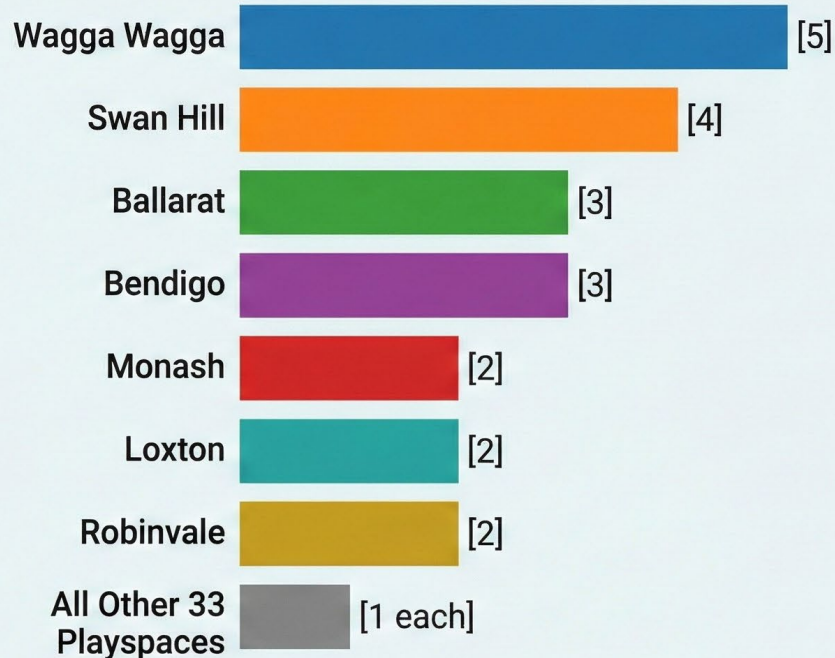


Recommended Playspaces

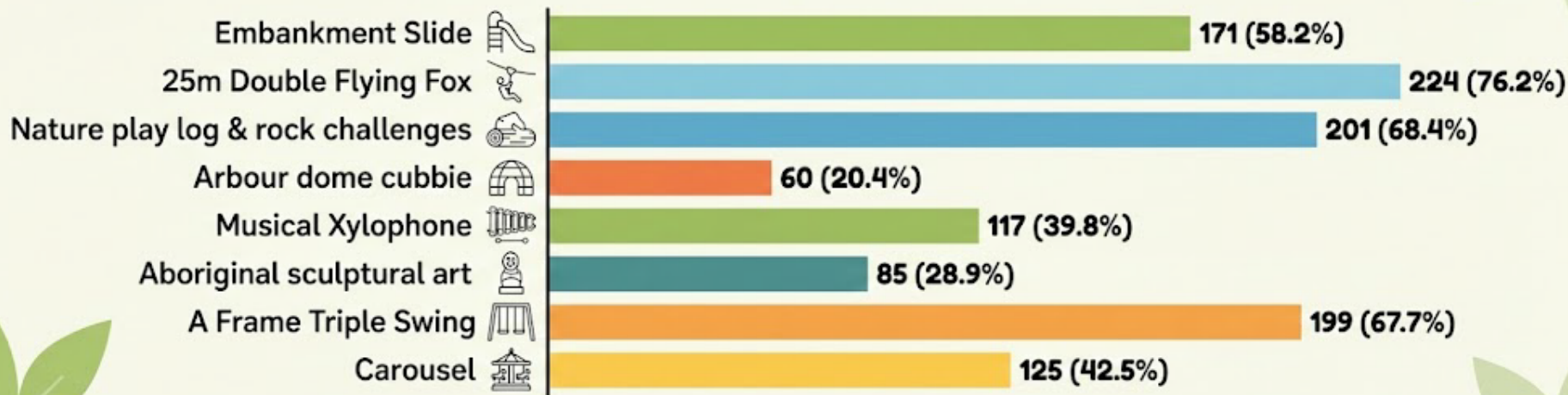
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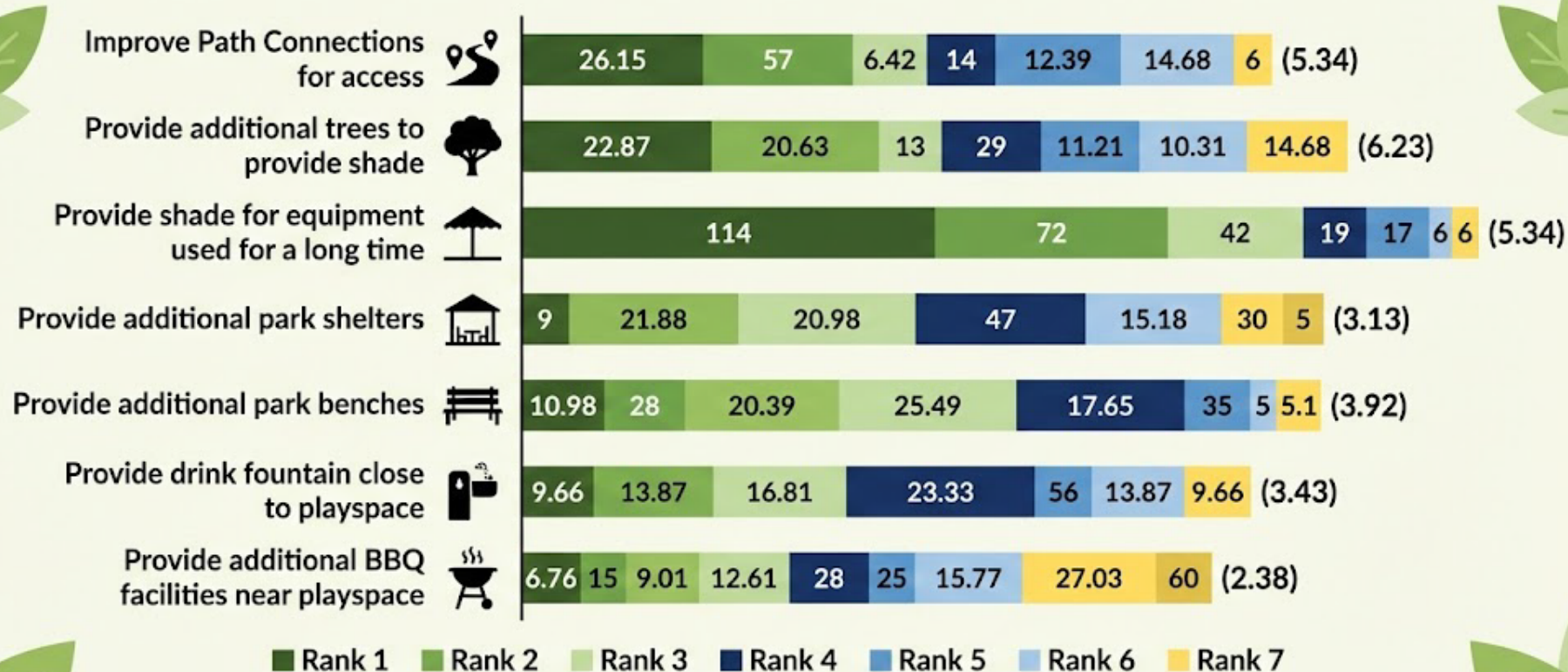
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Jaycee Park Playspace Consultation: Preferred Play Experiences



Jaycee Park Playspace Consultation: Improvement Category Rankings



FACILITIES AND AMENITY



TOILETS & CHANGING FACILITIES

CLOSER to play areas
Overwhelmed during markets

Requests:
Toddler-sized, low basins
Family rooms
Accessible

Current: **DIRTY/UNHYGIENIC.**



SHADE & CLIMATE RESPONSE

NON-NEGOTIABLE
in Mildura

OVER play equipment, tables,
BBQs, seating, quiet gardens

WATER PLAY & drinking
fountains **ESSENTIAL.**



SEATING, BBQs & GATHERING SPACES

MORE tables, chairs, benches
NEAR PLAY

MULTIPLE SHELTERS
with BBQs

SPACES FOR:
Birthday parties
Family gatherings
Group meet-ups



CLEANLINESS, MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

MORE BINS, FREQUENT CLEANING

Concerns:
Rubbish accumulation
Food grime on play equipment.



PATHS, ACCESS & PARKING

ALL-WEATHER PATHS

PRAM-FRIENDLY
connections (including hill)

MORE PARKING needed
(holidays/markets)

IMPROVED ACCESS for
families, older users,
mobility needs.



FOOD & VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES

ICE-CREAM BOOTH
highly desired

MORE KID-FRIENDLY
food choices

ENSURE no negative
impact on Market.



MARKET INTEGRATION

CONTINUED MIXED-USE
role

MAINTAIN OPEN SPACE
AVOID INTERFERENCE
with market

EXISTING TOILETS
accessible.



LANDSCAPING, ENVIRONMENT & GARDEN SPACES

MAINTAIN NATURAL FEEL
KEEP EXISTING TREES
ADD GARDEN POCKETS,
community garden.

SHADE TREES, additional
planting essential.



SAFETY & INCLUSION

SAFETY OVER AESTHETICS

INCLUSIVE DESIGN

USABLE YEAR-ROUND

NO DOGS in play area
(service dogs OK).

SAFETY, INCLUSION & ACCESS



SAFETY & FENCING

STRONG DEMAND for full fencing of **CORE** play area. **Essential for:** Elopers, ASD, ADHD, multiple children. High-risk surroundings. **Opposition:** 'ruins open feel'. **Compromise:** Fence core area, use

⊙ Fully fenced play area ⊗ No fencing



INCLUSIVE PLAY & ACCESSIBLE EQUIPMENT

Play for **ALL ABILITIES**. **Equipment requested for:** Physical disabilities, developmental delays, high needs, bigger bodies. **Examples:** Disability swing, seated flying fox, challenging elements. Professional OT/PT guidance needed.



LIGHTING, SECURITY & SURVEILLANCE

CONCERNS: Poor lighting, activity in bushes, safety after dark. **Community SUPPORTS:** Improved lighting, CCTV, Better passive surveillance.



ACCESS, PATHWAYS & MOVEMENT

PRAM-FRIENDLY & WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE paths. Connection up the **HILL**. **WIDE PATHS** for all devices. **DURABLE** surfaces (no mud). Better traffic management during markets.



MARKET SAFETY & ACCESS DURING CONSTRUCTION

MINIMAL DISRUPTION desired. Preference to **STAY ONSITE**. Safe vehicle access, Rollover kerb, Integrated stall areas, Buffer from playground.



SOCIAL INCLUSION & CALM SPACE DESIGN

REQUESTS: Communication boards/cards for non-verbal. **SIGNAGE** welcoming all. Clear sightlines for supervision. Shelters for monitoring. **SENSORY REGULATION** spaces.

PLAYVALUE & COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

MULTI-AGE PLAY VALUE



ONE PARK FOR ALL AGES.
Equipment for toddlers, children, teens, adults. Spaces for parents to play WITH kids.
Older teens: Ninja elements, high ropes, pump tracks, multi-sport courts.

HIGH PLAY VALUE, CHALLENGE & "RISKY PLAY"



Build resilience with **SAFE RISKY** play. Stretch muscles & courage.

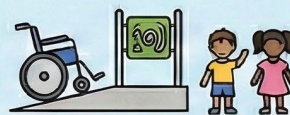
Requests: Large slides, tall towers, rockwalls, double flying foxes, inground trampolines, hamster wheels.

NATURE PLAY & LANDSCAPE INTEGRATION



MASSIVE SUPPORT for natural materials (timber, rocks).
Non-linear exploration.
Blend with riverfront.
Integrate cultural layers (artwork, storytelling).

INCLUSIVE PLAY (ALL ABILITIES)



NO CHILD LEFT OUT.
Ramps, transfer-friendly, wheelchair swings, quiet sensory zones, accessible slides.
Neurodiversity-friendly cubbies, music play. Adult dignity needs.

TODDLER & EARLY YEARS PLAY



HUGE DEMAND for expanded toddler area.
Low, safe climbing, small slides, bucket swings, ground-level sensory play.
Shade is essential.

WATER PLAY (MIXED OPINIONS)



LARGE SUPPORT due to climate. Integrate with nature/sand.
CONCERNS: Getting wet when running errands, hygiene risks with sand.
MUST BE: Safe, shaded, optional.

CULTURAL IDENTITY & SENSE OF PLACE



Highlight First Nations culture through artwork, play, story trails.
Collaborative design.
Avoid gimmicks.
Integrate natural interpretation.

LAYOUT, FLOW & CONNECTED PLAY ZONES



POCKETS OF PLAY spread through park, not one super-cluster.
Windy paths for scooters/bikes.
Clear sightlines for supervision.
Compatible mixed-age zones.

ADDITIONAL DESIRES



MORE SWINGS (parent/child), seating near play, interactive tech,
MORE SHADE over all areas.
High-quality, long-lasting equipment.

Jaycee Park Playspace Consultation: Importance of New Toilet Facility

How important is it to have a new toilet closer to the playspace and remove the existing. Noting that a new toilet facility is also located at Powerhouse Place behind Shippy's Café.



Extremely important Very important Moderately important
Slightly important Not important at all

Over 60% have indicated that is very important or better to have a new toilet **closer** to the new playspace.

Upgrade Status: The MRCC *Public Toilet Strategy* explicitly recommends upgrading the facility from "Standard" to "**Premium**" status.

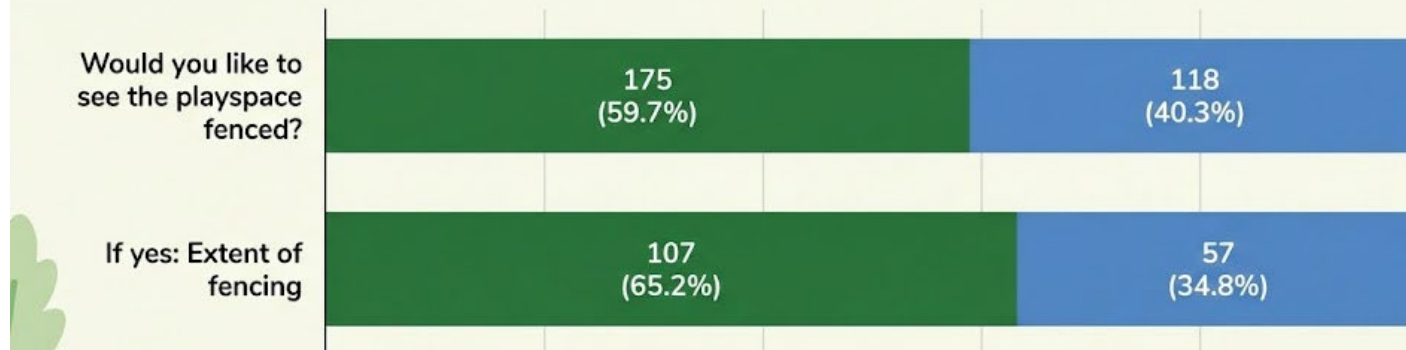
Visibility: Toilets should be sited in visible locations with natural surveillance from public areas, rather than in isolated corners, to improve perceptions of safety.

Configuration: The strategy suggests incorporating new design elements that stray from the traditional "brick block" style, which is often perceived as unsafe.



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Jaycee Park Playspace Consultation: Fencing Preferences



175 have indicated they would prefer to see the playspace fenced whilst **118** would prefer not to have any fencing.

In the following question those that voted yes to fencing confirmed that **107** are in favour of fully fencing the entire playspace vs **57** who voted for partial fencing.

When you combine partial fencing **57** votes with no fencing **118** votes this tallies to **175**

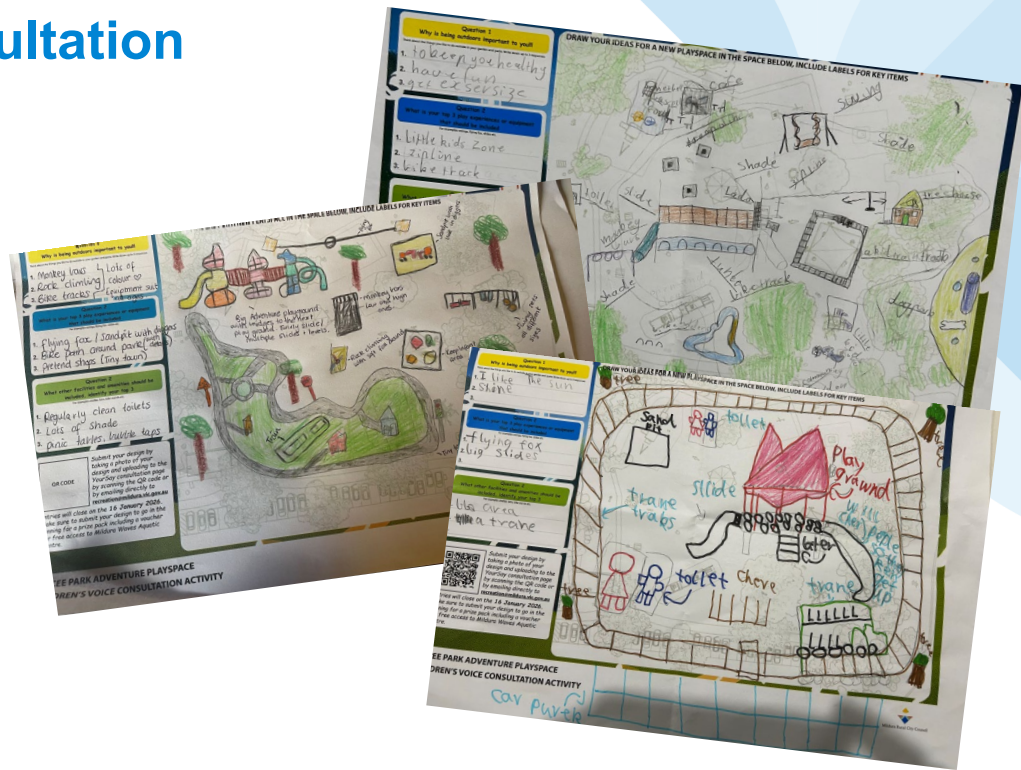
Combining Full fencing voters **107** with Partial Fencing **57** this equates to **164**.

No Fencers **118**
Full Fencers **107**
Partial Fencers **57**



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Children's Voice Activity Consultation



83x Children's voice Activity sheets submitted from local children. Included questions around the importance of play outdoors, play preference and what supporting facilities should be included. These ideas were captured through drawings and annotations. The occurrences were quantified.

5x Drawings were selected at random from the 83x submission

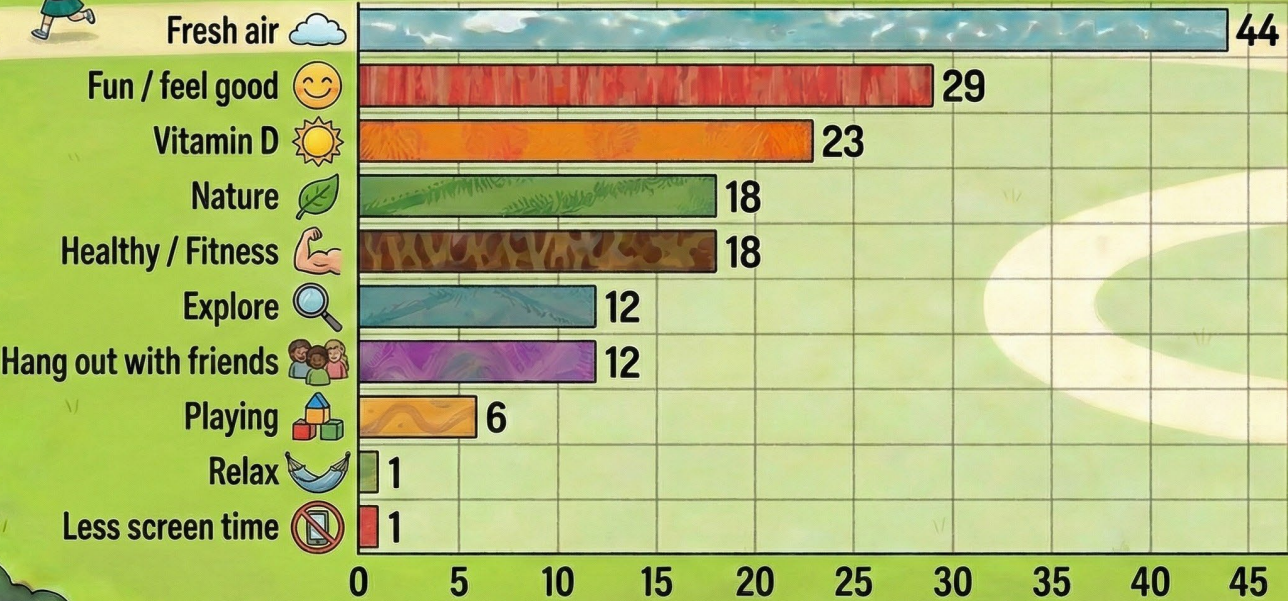


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Children's Voice Activity Consultation

Why is Outdoors Important to You?

Survey Results - Vote Count



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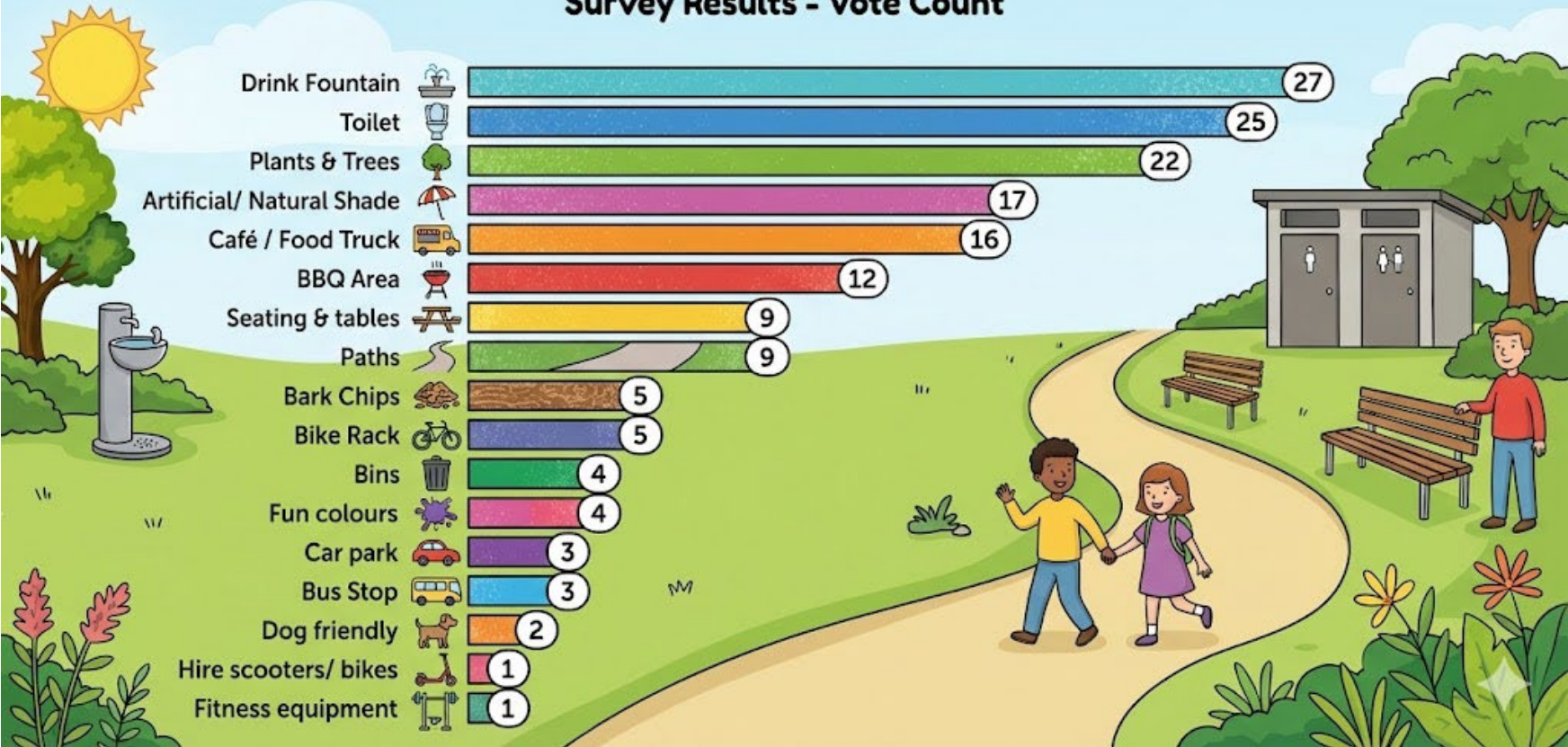
Top Play Experiences & Equipment

Survey Results - Vote Count



What other facilities and amenities should be included?

Survey Results - Vote Count





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