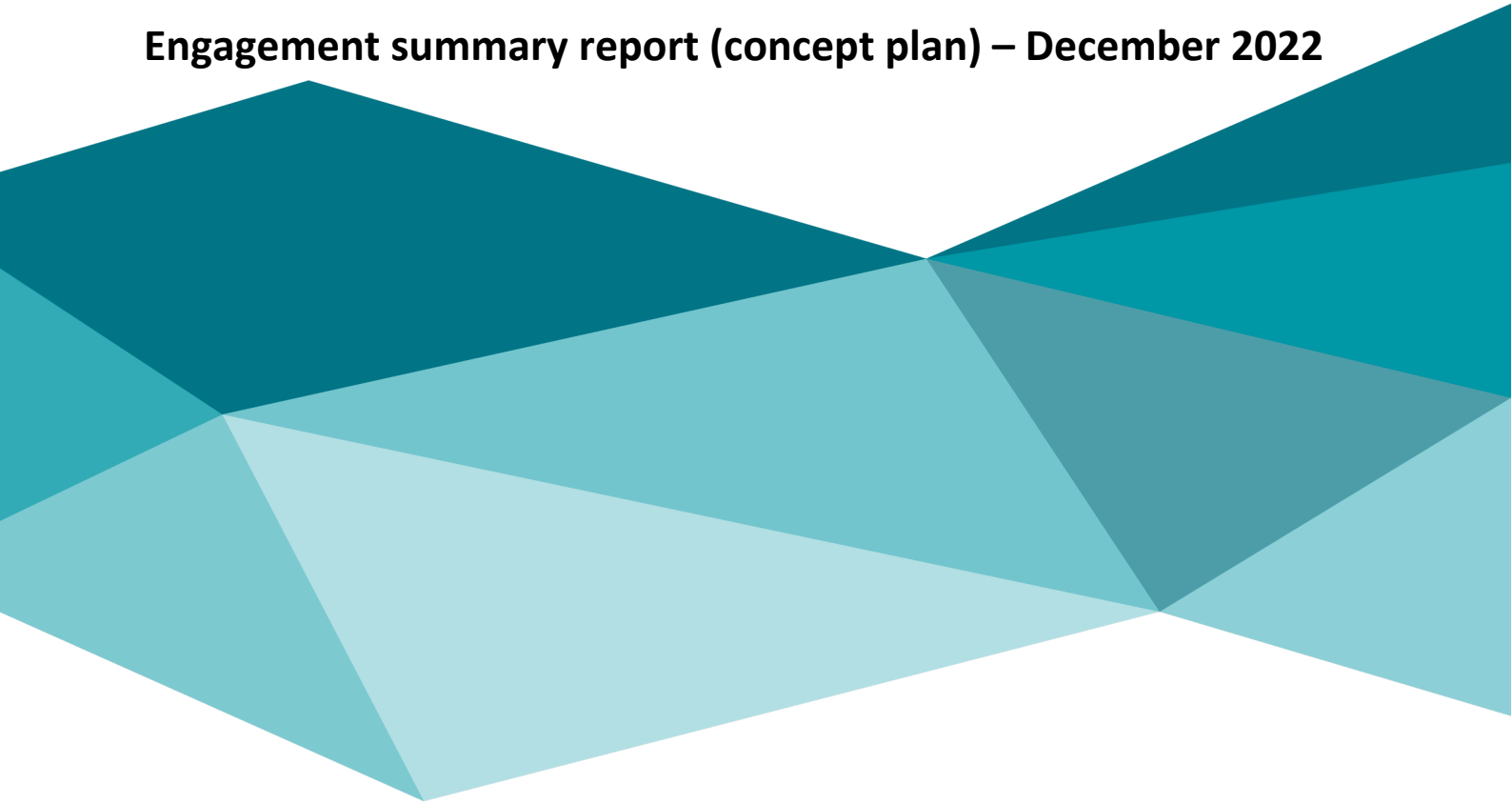


Little Page Street Reserve Play Space Upgrade



Engagement summary report (concept plan) – December 2022



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Executive summary

Little Page Street Reserve is a small pocket park located on Little Page Street in Albert Park. The reserve currently comprises a bench seat and four established trees, contained by a low timber retaining wall and surrounded by post and rail fencing. Up to July 2022, the reserve also included a small play equipment unit for young children and a spring rocker, however the reserve was closed, and the play equipment items removed due to the impacts of the root system of the large Casuarina tree on the compliance of the play equipment softfall. At this time, a garbage bin was also removed from the reserve.

The City of Port Phillip is upgrading Little Page Street Reserve as part of the Playground Renewal Program with an aim to have a green city, with space for everyone to enjoy the outdoors and participate in whatever recreation they prefer.

Council's Play Space Strategy (2011) classifies the Reserve as a **Local Play Space**. Local play spaces are intended to be used primarily by people who live within walking distance of the spaces. If the play space meets their needs, the local target audience is likely to access the same play space regularly and are likely to feel a strong sense of ownership over the space. Local play spaces are partly defined by their size, being at the smaller scale both in overall area as well as in the play elements provided. Due to the small size of local play spaces and the limited number of play elements able to be incorporated, the age group focus needs to be relatively broad. However, there should generally be an emphasis on younger age groups, particularly the pre-school years (0-4 years).

Local Play Space Summary:

- Relatively small scale
- A particular focus upon pre-school age groups (although can cater for other age groups as appropriate)
- An opportunity to reflect local context, provided through off the shelf equipment
- Opportunity to respond to local interests
- Basic facilities to cater for short stays and a small number of visitors
- Access approximately 400m walking distance
- Integration with trees and planting where opportunity exists.

This document has been compiled following the conclusion of community engagement (Consultation) for the Concept Plan for Little Page Street Reserve which was undertaken from 5 December 2022 to 18 December 2022 (inclusive). During the engagement period, **ten (10) participants** completed a survey through Council's online engagement platform - Have Your Say Port Phillip and provided feedback on the Concept Plan.

The information received from the community during the consultation period will be considered and used to help finalise the design. Every effort has been made by the authors of this document to represent accurately participant feedback and insights.



Engagement approach

The community was informed about the engagement process in the following way:

- Signage displayed in the reserve;
- A postcard letterbox drop to residents and businesses surrounding the reserve within area bordered by Page Street, Victoria Avenue, Danks Street and Philipson Street;
- Email notification to followers of the project on Council's Have Your Say webpage;

The community were asked to respond to three questions about the Concept Plan:

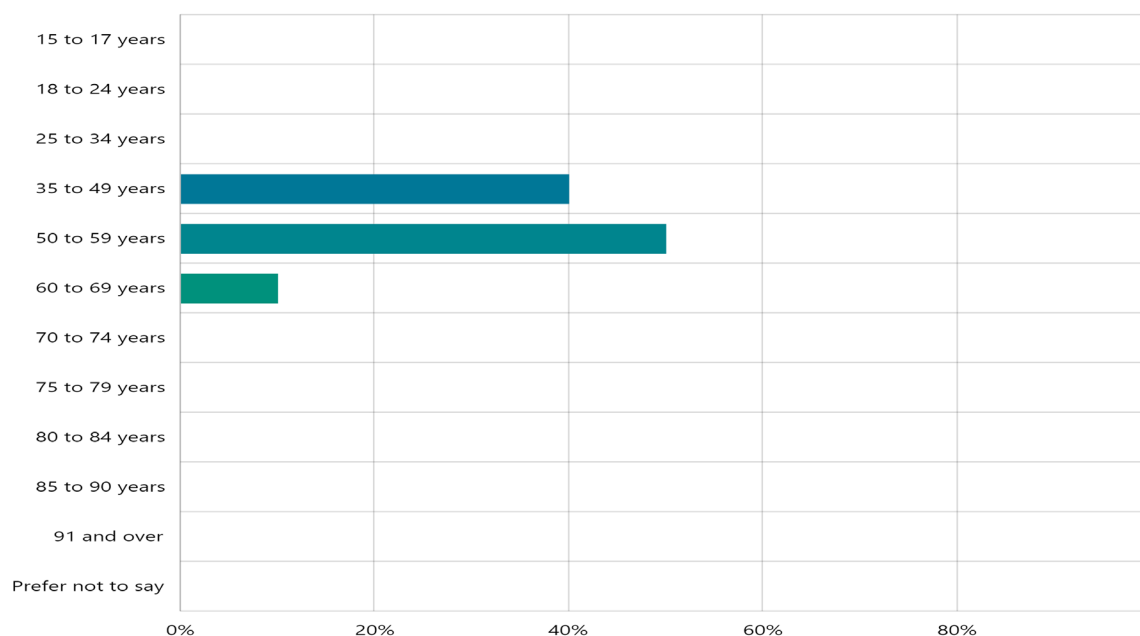
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2. Would you like to see a bin placed in the reserve?
3. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

Who we heard from

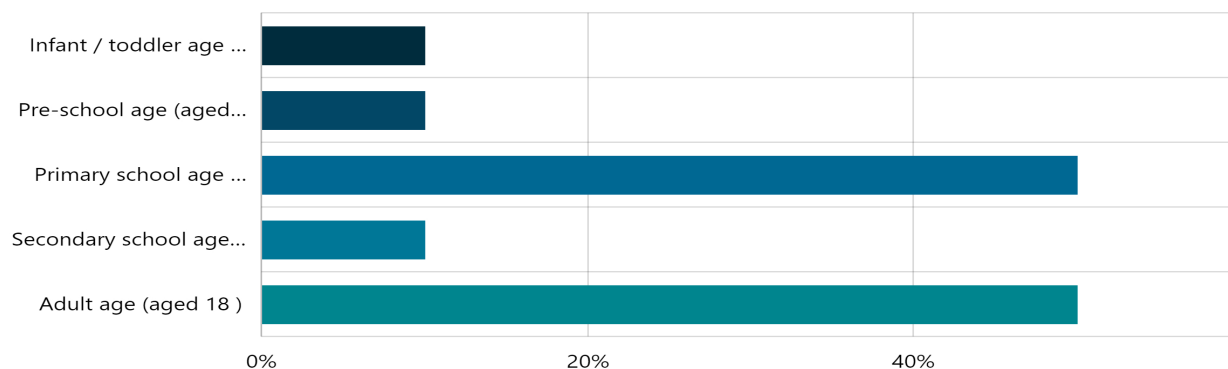
The survey on Council's Have Your Say consultation platform was open from 5 December to 18 December 2022. During this time, a total of **ten (10)** people responded to the survey.

Of these respondents, all said that they live in City of Port Phillip. Of these, **nine (9)** were from Albert Park, and **one (1)** was from Port Melbourne.

All respondents were adults over 35 years old



This included **seven (7)** respondents with children 12 years old and under, **one (1)** respondent with a child in secondary school.

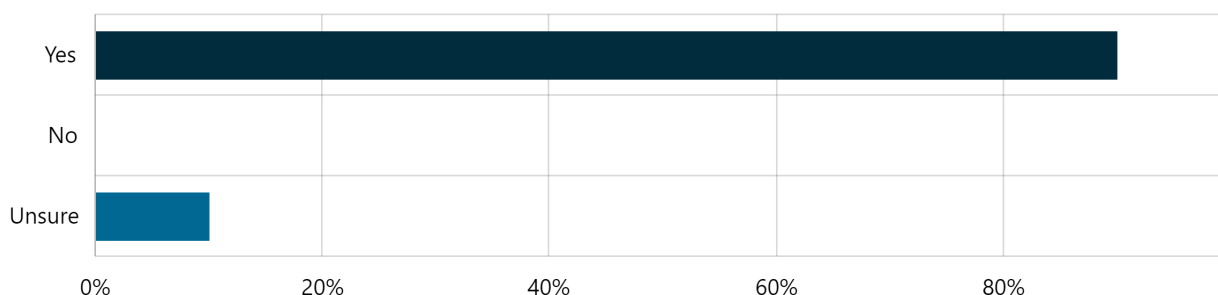




Engagement findings

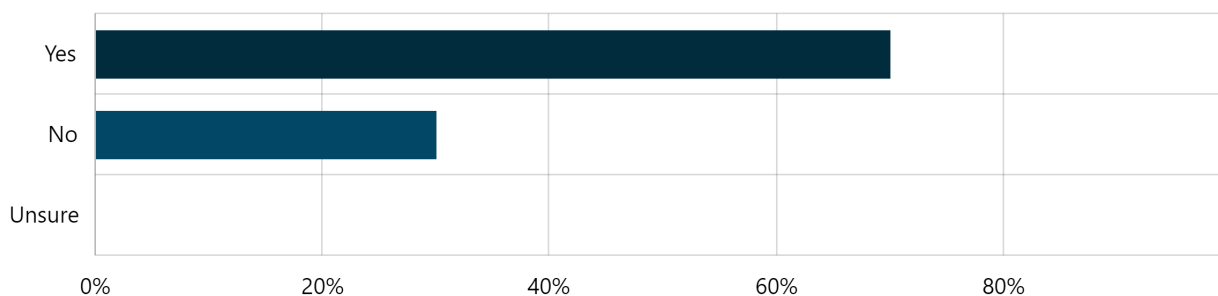
Question 1 - Do you support the rejuvenation of this local play space?

- **90%** responded **yes**
- **10%** responded **unsure**



Question 2 - Would you like to see a bin placed in the playground?

- **70%** responded **yes**
- **30%** responded **no**



Question 3 - Is there anything else that you would like to tell us?

Feedback was provided from **nine (9)** of the respondents. Feedback has been categorised into the following themes; trees, play equipment, park amenities and other in the table below:

Theme	Responses	Feedback
Trees	4	<p>Four respondents noted that the trees, in particular the Sheoak are too large for the space and is impacting the reserve and surrounding properties and infrastructure, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • branches growing over property boundaries • roots damaging the water main and other underground services

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • concern that roots may be damaging house foundations) • surface roots creating an uneven/unsafe surface. <p>Three of the respondents noted that the tree should be removed and replaced with a smaller shade tree.</p>
Play equipment	2	<p>One respondent noted that a plastic slide should be used instead of a metal slide.</p> <p>Following play items requested for inclusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a swing • a table tennis table • more equipment • equipment for a broader age range.
Park amenities	3	<p>One respondent noted that the bin encouraged dumping in the reserve.</p> <p>Two respondents requested more seating. Other requests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a picnic table • park lighting to prevent crime • a veggie patch
Other	3	<p>Two respondents noted that the reserve is derelict/in desperate need of upgrade.</p> <p>One respondent noted that it typically seems to be used as a place to exercise dogs rather than children, and consequently there is often dog poo that hasn't been picked up.</p> <p>One respondent noted that the reserve is currently mostly used as a gathering space by people drinking /smoking/ drug-taking in the afternoon and evenings.</p>