

# EASTERN RESERVE PLAYSPACE UPGRADE CONSTRUCTION COMMENCING APRIL 2013

**Community consultations** for the upgrade of Eastern Reserve playspace and park were held in November 2011 and March 2012 within the park. In addition, online feedback and survey responses were received from the 'Have Your Say' page on Council's website. The design plan is based on feedback from these consultations. Natural elements including garden beds, rocks and log stumps will be incorporated within the play area.

## FEEDBACK RESPONSE

**Play Equipment:** More than 50 per cent of the community were unhappy with the existing play equipment and wanted to see a more exciting, engaging and challenging playspace. The most requested play items were climbing equipment, followed by swings with seats for toddlers. Moving equipment such as spinners and rockers and traditional play equipment like monkey bars were also popular. Requests to provide equipment for children of all ages, not forgetting older children aged 8 years+ by providing climbing structures & ball-play equipment.

**Park Facilities:** 75 per cent of respondents requested that the existing fencing be extended, but not to completely enclose the reserve, leaving an open section opposite the kindergarten.

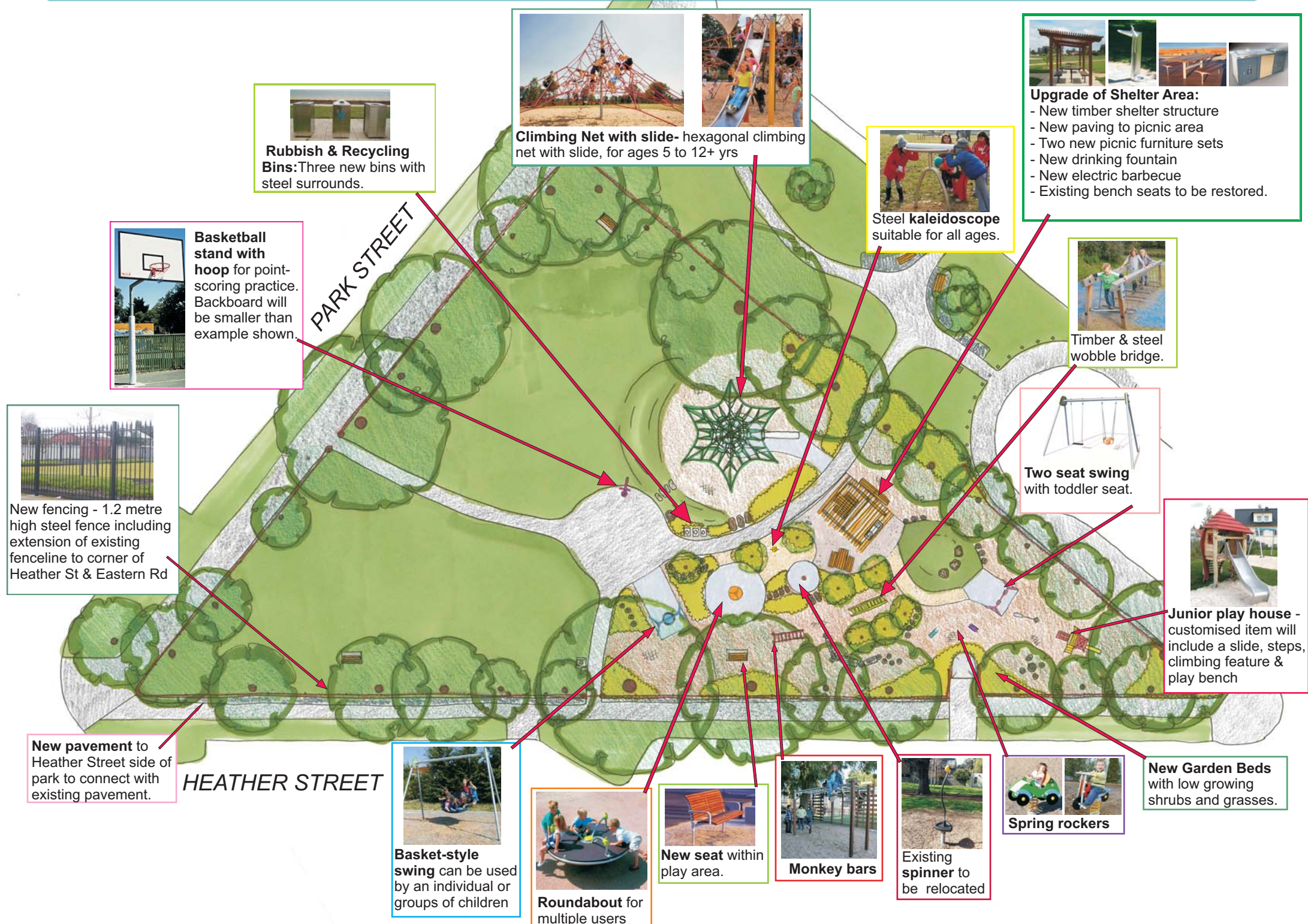
Many respondents requested that the existing shelter area needed upgrading to include picnic tables and seats. 64 per cent of respondents requested a barbecue be installed. A drinking fountain and more seating were popular requests.

**Dogs:** Feedback included comments both for and against dogs in the Reserve, with some comments referring to the limited number of dog off-leash areas in South Melbourne.

The design plan proposes fencing to the northern half of the Reserve (north of Park St) to help create a safer environment and activate this space for a range of potential active and passive recreation. Further community consultation regarding the proposed fencing will take place in May.

Following completion of works at the northern side of Eastern Reserve, this area has been identified as a potential location for an off leash dog trial.

Come along to the community drop-in session on Saturday May 11 onsite at Eastern Reserve (north) between 10am - 12pm.



**Construction** will begin in April and is due for completion in July. During construction, areas of the park will be fenced off for safety, whilst still allowing for access to lawn areas of the reserve.

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