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Bakers Reserve, Noble Park North  
Draft Concept Plan  
**CONSULTATION SUMMARY REPORT**

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# Bakers Reserve Draft Concept Plan

## CONSULTATION PROCESS

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*October - November 2023*

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Greater Dandenong have undertaken preparation of a Draft Concept Plan for Bakers Reserve, Noble Park North. Improvements to this reserve were identified as a priority action from the Greater Dandenong, Open Space Strategy 2020-2030.

### **CONSULTATION**

Greater Dandenong City Council asked the community to have their say on the Draft Concept Plan at Bakers Reserve.

The community consultation on the Draft Concept Plan was open for a four-week period Online via the 'Have your say' website from Thursday 2 October until Sunday 5 November 2023.

Various methods were used to promote and seek feedback on the Draft Concept Plan.

Council advertised the Draft Concept Plan via the City of Greater Dandenong 'Have Your Say' website with links to SurveyMonkey.

The consultation included:

- Notification posters erected at Bakers Reserve
- Information on Council's website, 'Have Your Say'
- Online survey via Survey Monkey.
- 819 x A4 mailout fliers delivered to the catchment around Bakers Reserve
- In-class workshop with 25 students from St Elizabeth's Primary School (Monday 30 October), and a workshop with students from Dandenong South Primary School.

In total there were 131 responses to the online survey for the draft Concept Plan and one email submission. The online survey response were a compilation of the community members and the feedback received from the St Elizabeth Primary School and Dandenong South Primary School students.



# Have your say

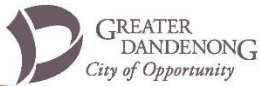
## Bakers Reserve

129-137 Bakers Road, Dandenong North

We are upgrading the open space at Bakers Reserve and we want your feedback. Your ideas will help shape the design of the open space.

For more information and to have your say, visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/bakers-reserve-consultation](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/bakers-reserve-consultation) or phone Council on 8571 1000

Submissions close on 5 November 2023






# Bakers Reserve

## Draft concept plan

September 2023



Legend:

-  New trees
-  Existing trees
-  Easement  
No build over

Additional Items:

- ① New futsal court with basketball ring
  - ② New play structures subject to future funding and consultation
  - ③ New play structures subject to future funding and consultation
  - ④ Existing picnic shelter and setting
  - ⑤ New BBQ
- New bench seats
  - New trees
  - New garden beds
  - New gravel path connections



# CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

## DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN ONLINE SURVEY

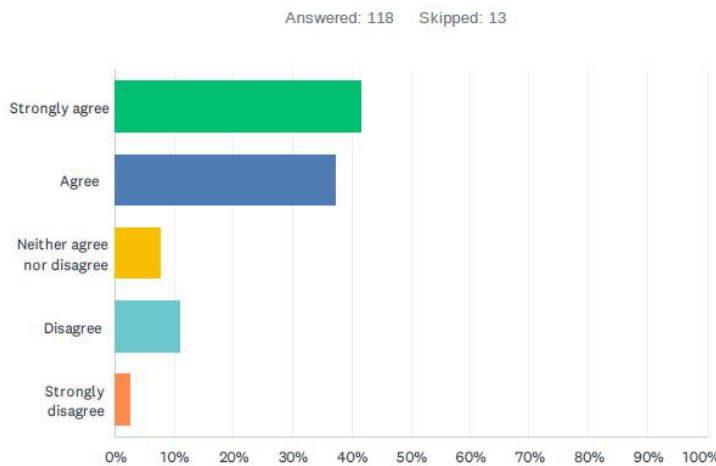
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The feedback on the draft concept plan has been informed by the community’s feedback and the school workshop with the students from St Elizabeth’s Primary School.

At St Elizabeth’s Primary School there were twenty-five (25) students and one teacher who participated in the classroom presentation. The students were part of the school’s leadership group which included children from prep to grade 6. The workshop was facilitated by Council’s Children’s Services Development Officer, and Council’s Senior Landscape Architect and at Dandenong South Primary School, Council’s Children’s Services Development Officer facilitated the workshop. The in-class presentations on the Draft Concept Plan were based on the online survey monkey questions. However, the workshops allowed for conversations between the students and delved further into the detail of the concept plan. Following this ‘deep dive,’ the students were then asked to review the draft concept plan and were asked whether they agreed or had further suggestions on how the plan could be improved. There was also an opportunity for the students to provide drawings on their ideas.

The feedback from the in-class workshops has been combined with the broader community feedback and entered into the online survey monkey data to inform and develop the revised draft Concept for Bakers Reserve.

### Q1 Do you generally agree with the draft concept plan?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly agree	41.53% 49
Agree	37.29% 44
Neither agree nor disagree	7.63% 9
Disagree	11.02% 13
Strongly disagree	2.54% 3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>118</b>

Overall, there was a high level of support for the direction of the concept plan at Bakers Reserve. This is supported by the written responses provided in Question 2, as well as further suggestions on how to improve the park.

**Q2 Do you want to tell us why?**

One hundred (100) people provided written responses on what they like as well as other ideas and opinions on the draft concept plan. The key themes from these responses have been summarized in the table below. Refer to appendix 1 for details of all collected responses.

Comment Themes	Number of comments
Support the concept plan, great for kids and families	39
Playground needs upgrading – a lot of families moving into the area and playground needs to cater for young and older children	32
Want the basketball / futsal court	15
More trees for shade, amenity and to shade the seating areas and playground	8
Keep a large open grass area for free play	5
Upgrade existing shelter and add a new additional shelter	5
Keep the spiral slide – it is a classic	4
Fencing along the street frontage – children’s safety and prevent balls going onto Bakers Street	4
More bbqs	4
Garden beds / Indigenous planting – less water and maintenance and amenity	3
Teenagers dominate use of the courts, need younger play area as well	3
Fitness equipment	2
More seats	2
Rubbish bins	2
Picnic tables	2
Walking path	2
More street lighting	2
Drinking fountain with a dog bowl	1
Colourful and bright surface treatments for court and playground	1
A fenced off-leash dog park area – many residents have dogs	1
Community garden	1
Cricket net	1
Half basketball court	1
Don’t support the basketball court and bbq area	1
Don’t support the separate elements	1
Public toilets	1

The following extracts from the feedback, reflect the general themes from the comments provided:

- *Definitely add a futsal court for our soccer loving kids*
- *It will create a lovely environment for children to play of all ages. The open setting supports a safe environment.*
- *The existing shelter needs an upgrade and we need to have more than one (shelter with bench and BBQ). I think some exercise equipment for all ages is a must, to encourage people to move more and be healthier! For eg. exercise bike, elliptical, etc like those we see in other parks. Upgrade the existing children's equipment and add more variety like some climbing structures, (again, things that would encourage more movement). I agree with the idea of more*

*big trees (for shade), garden beds and more benches. Make the pavement for the exercise equipment and children's playground colourful and bright so it's more inviting and motivating for people to play, exercise, have fun and live a healthier life!*

- *So many kids would utilise this park more if it was upgraded and more was added to it by way of mixed age group activities.*
- *There are so many young families and kids in the area especially being so close to a school. There is no desire to go and play on that very ancient playground, there is nothing appealing to the kids. With the new suggestions of futsal, basketball, new seating, new playground it can be a great meeting place after school for kids to play.*
- *Many kids are at the park daily playing soccer and at the playground. It needs an upgrade desperately.*
- *The park has so much space and so little to do. It needs more play areas and more shelters/seating/bbq areas so local families can come together and not be limited to just 1at a time.*

**Q3 Which sport do you like the best for the court?**



Soccer (Football) only



Basketball only



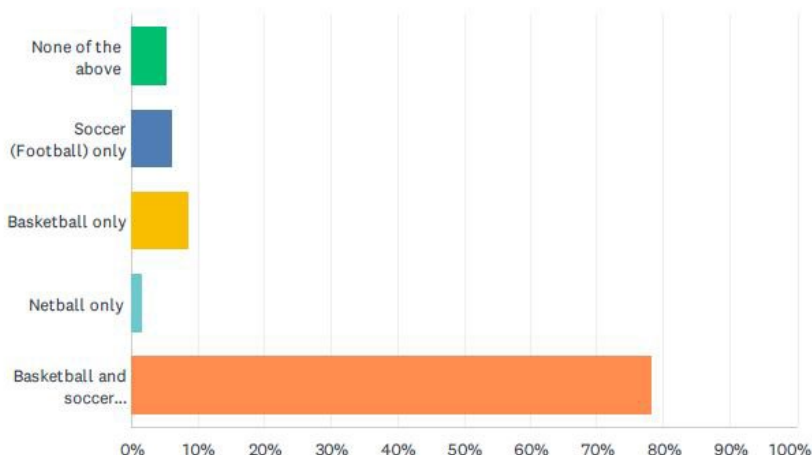
Netball only



Basketball and soccer combination

None of the above

Answered: 129 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	5.43% 7
Soccer (Football) only	6.20% 8
Basketball only	8.53% 11
Netball only	1.55% 2
Basketball and soccer combination	78.29% 101
TOTAL	129

Overall, there was a very high level of support for the basketball and soccer combination in the court design.

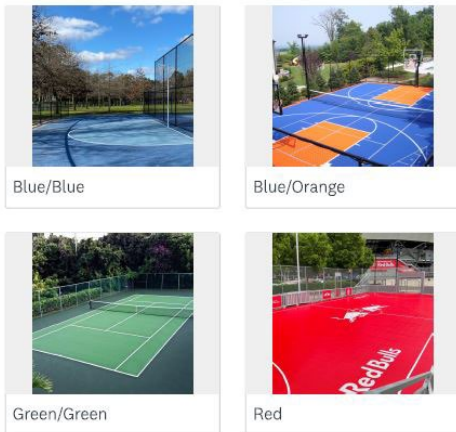
**Q4 If you answered, ‘None of the above’, please tell us why**

There were thirteen (13) specific comments to this question, which hare summarized as follows;

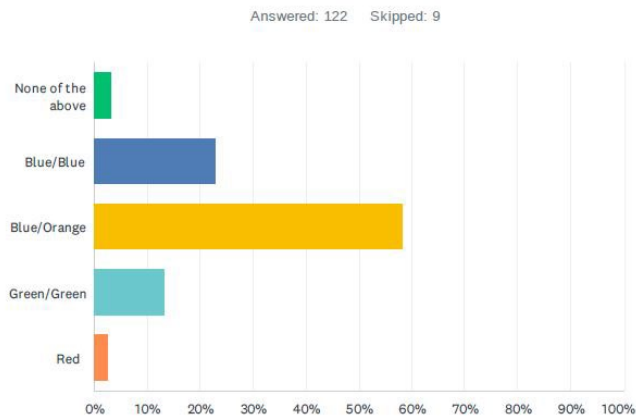
Comment Themes	Number of comments
Combination of soccer, netball and basketball to cater to more kids and especially girls.	3
Playground needs upgrading – a lot of families moving into the area and playground needs to cater for young and older children	2
Want the basketball / futsal court	2
Variety of activities provided to cater to all groups - inclusive	2
Teenagers dominate use of the courts, need younger play area as well	1
A fenced off-leash dog park area – many residents have dogs	1
Running track and fitness equipment to help with community’s fitness levels	1



**Q5 Which pavement colours do you like the best for the court?**



None of the above



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	3.28%	4
Blue/Blue	22.95%	28
Blue/Orange	58.20%	71
Green/Green	13.11%	16
Red	2.46%	3
TOTAL		122

There was a very strong preference for the court’s surface colour to be blue and orange.

**Q6 If you answered, ‘None of the above’, please tell us why**

There were only five specific comments provided to this question, with the majority of respondents skipping this question. The comments were:

- Keep grassed area for younger ones
- Aesthetics
- Green to look natural, otherwise blue
- Something to brighten up the park
- Don’t want a basketball court

**Q7 Is there any other feedback you would like to provide?**

There were sixty-eight (68) separate comments provided to this question. Refer to Appendix 1 for details of all collected responses. Notably, the themes that have been extracted from these comments correlate with the themes and comments received against Q2 and Q4.

Comment Themes	Number of comments
Playground needs upgrading – a lot of families moving into the area and playground needs to cater for young and older children. Flying fox, nature playground, ninja equipment and rope climbing equipment Want to participate in additional consultation for the playground	16
Support the concept plan, great for kids and families	11
Drinking fountain with dog bowl	6
More walking /circuit paths	5
More trees for shade, amenity and to shade the seating areas and playground	5
Upgrade existing shelter and add a new additional shelter	5
Want the basketball / futsal court	4
Public toilets	4
Variety of activities provided to cater to all groups - inclusive	3
More bbqs	3
More seats	3
More lighting along the walking path for safety	3
Keep a large open grass area for free play	2
Something for the girls, netball ring	2
Keep the spiral slide – it is a classic	2
Garden beds / Indigenous planting – less water and maintenance and amenity	2
Fitness equipment	2
More picnic tables for large families	2
Fencing the playground	2
Clear sight lines between playground and basketball/futsal court	1
Fencing along the street frontage – children’s safety and prevent balls going onto Bakers Road	1
Extra rubbish bin	1
A fenced off-leash dog park area – many residents have dogs	1
Cricket net	1
Half basketball court	1

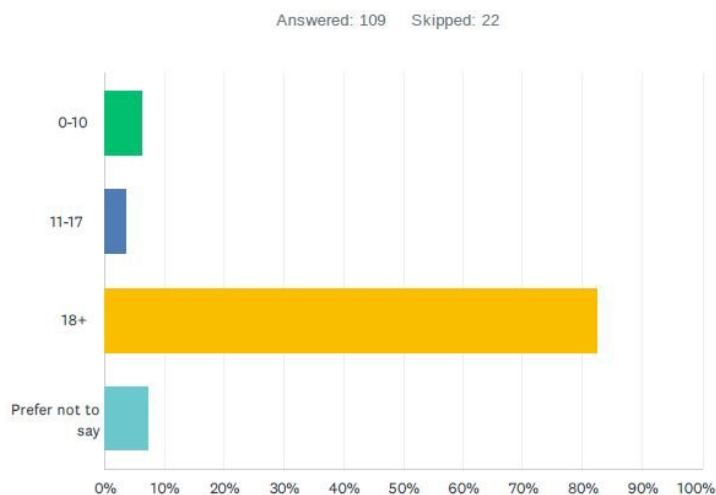
The following extracts from the feedback, reflect the general themes from the comments provided:

- *Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. This is a great initiative!*
- *Please update this park soon!*
- *As mentioned, please be mindful our children deserve and need a new vibrant complex for learning, exercise and to encourage outdoor activities and play. Please keep in mind both your children and older children/teenagers use this*

reserve and we encourage something for all. Thank you

- We really need new play equipment and shelter there
- Please ensure that the new trees provide shade but do not overpower the park and provide for an environment that could promote unsafe activity.
- A circuit path around the edge of the entire park for young kids with bikes as well as running type track for fitness.
- Don't overcrowd the space. The nice open grass is a feature of this space.
- consideration could be made to include some exercise equipment within the playground area.
- Great work. Well done. With the court and playgrounds, you will provide a space for all children of all ages in a nice setting for parents to sit and watch and get involved themselves.
- This reserve is frequented by school children and their families everyday so having a family friendly space is exactly what this area needs :) Thank you

**Q8 WHAT IS YOUR AGE GROUP?**



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-10	6.42%	7
11-17	3.67%	4
18+	82.57%	90
Prefer not to say	7.34%	8
TOTAL		109

Of the survey entries received, one hundred and nine (109) provided feedback on this question. Most of the feedback was from people over eighteen years old. However, there was a strong representation within the 11-17 age bracket as well as the younger primary school aged children of 6-10 years who were participants in the workshops with the two local schools.

# SUMMARY

## COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

Overall, there was strong support to make improvements to Bakers Reserve that increase the activities within the park as well as enhance the park's landscape amenity. The main themes and ideas that emerged from the community's comments to the survey have provided council officers with clear direction on both the design and staging of the projects for this park.

The final concept plan is aligned with the following parameters:

1. Allocated budget for 2023-2024 financial year
2. Neighbourhood level park - – Greater Dandenong Open Space Strategy 2020-2030 – Park Development Standards
3. Neighbourhood level playground – Greater Dandenong Playground Strategy 2013-23
4. Staging plan to inform future capital improvement works bids to Council

Summary of survey question outcomes on preferred equipment and colours:

**Q3 – Preferred sport for the court** - basketball and soccer combination

**Q5 – Pavement colour for the court** – blue / orange

### Stage 1 Works – 2023-24

1. A full-sized futsal court with an acrylic surface, two basketball/soccer goals, fencing and drainage
2. Concrete path from Bakers Road to the new futsal court

### Future Stage Works – Subject to Council funding

The following projects are subject to separate future capital improvement bids being supported through council's annual budget process.

1. Neighbourhood level playground
2. Enlarged picnic and bbq area with picnic table settings, BBQ, seats and drinking fountain
3. New gravel circuit walking path
4. Netball practice goal circle
5. New fitness equipment
6. Additional Park furniture – seats
7. Tree planting
8. Indigenous garden beds

The table below provides a council officer response to the summary of comments and the final park design.

### Summary of feedback provided

Comment Themes	Council officer response
<b>Basketball /Futsal Court</b>	
There was very strong support for the fenced basketball / futsal court as per the concept plan.	The revised concept plan includes the fenced basketball / futsal court.

<b>Playground Upgrade</b>	
There was very strong support for the playground to be upgraded.	It is acknowledged that the provision of an upgraded playground is very important to the community.  The 2023-24 budget for the Bakers Reserve improvements is too small to allow for the construction of a new playground as well as the other park improvements proposed for stage 1 works.  A new playground, including consultation on its design will be subject to a future capital improvement bid being supported through council's annual budget process.
<b>Keep a large open grass area for free play</b>	
	The revised concept plan includes a large area of open grass for informal play.
<b>Picnic and BBQ facilities, more seating and bin</b>	
The provision of picnic and bbq facilities, seats and an extra rubbish bin were seen as an important improvement to the park to support community gatherings.  More picnic tables for large families	The revised concept plan will include additional picnic tables, a bbq, seating and an extra bin.
<b>An additional shelter</b>	
Request for an additional park shelter to cater for the number of gatherings occurring at the reserve	The revised concept plan includes an additional shelter.
<b>Drinking Fountain</b>	
Request for a drinking fountain with a dog bowl	The revised concept plan includes the provision of a drinking fountain.
<b>More trees and indigenous planting</b>	
Increase the number of shade trees	The revised concept plan includes the increase in tree planting across the reserve. New canopy trees will be planted in stage 1 works to increase the provision of shade. The tree planting will retain an open grass area for informal recreation, whilst increasing tree planting to shade the seating areas, playground and picnic area.  The revised concept plan includes garden beds. Garden beds would be installed at a future time, subject to funding.
<b>A circuit path</b>	
Improvements to the path network within the reserve to provide more exercise options for residents	The revised concept plan includes a new circuit walking path.
<b>Lighting over main park footpath (safety)</b>	
Request for a light for safety reasons	Lighting is generally not placed within council's reserves and would be subject to further review and observation of the activity levels once the new infrastructure has been installed.
<b>Fencing along the street frontage</b>	
Fencing along the street frontage – children's' safety and prevent balls going onto Bakers Street	The revised concept plan will include fencing along the Bakers Road street frontage
<b>Fitness Equipment</b>	

Request for fitness equipment	The revised concept plan includes an area for fitness equipment.
<b>Separate netball practice goal</b>	
There were a small number of requests for a separate netball practice goal circle to cater for girls visiting the park.	The revised concept plan includes a separate practice netball goal circle.
<b>An off-leash dog park area / regulatory signage</b>	
The community noted that there are a lot of dog owners in the area who visit the park to exercise their dogs. A dog off leash area has been requested.	<p>The revised concept plan does not include a dog off leash area. A dog off leash area is not supported, as it is not identified in the Dog Off Leash Strategy 2019 as a future dog park.</p> <p>The provision of regulatory signage to keep dogs on their leash is subject to further discussions with Council's Animal Management team and a review of the Dog off Leash Strategy 2019 and a separate budget proposal.</p>
<b>Community garden</b>	<p>The revised concept plan does not include a community garden.</p> <p>Council has a policy for Community Gardens and how a group needs to apply to council for such a use to be considered.</p>
<b>Practice cricket net</b>	The revised concept plan does not include a cricket net, due to lack of support and the reserve not having sufficient space for this facility.
<b>Half Basketball court</b>	<p>The revised concept plan does not include a separate half basketball court.</p> <p>The revised concept plan has a fenced full size futsal court.</p>
<b>Public toilets</b> Request for a public toilet	A public toilet is not supported for this reserve. Council's Public Toilet Strategy 2020 -30 does not identify this reserve as a location for this facility.

POST CONSULTATION - **REVISED CONCEPT PLAN**




# Bakers Reserve

## Concept Plan

March 2024



Legend:

-  New trees
-  Existing trees
-  Easement  
No build over

**Stage 1 Works - 2023-24**

- ① Futsal Court
- ② Concrete path connection from Bakers Road

**Future Stages - Subject to Council funding**

- ③ New neighbourhood level playground
- ④ Netball court practice goal
- ⑤ Fitness equipment
- ⑥ Granitic circuit path
- ⑦ Additional park furniture - picnic tables, benches
- ⑧ BBQ and drinking fountain
- ⑨ Garden beds  
Additional tree planting

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## APPENDIX 1

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## Q2 Do you want to tell us why?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 31

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Playground	11/13/2023 11:01 AM
2	Playground	11/13/2023 11:00 AM
3	Playground	11/13/2023 10:59 AM
4	Mostly teens come and hog the courts and make it not fun so a playground would be nice	11/13/2023 10:59 AM
5	Court	11/13/2023 10:58 AM
6	Playgrounds are more preferable, others may hog or hold control over the courts	11/13/2023 10:55 AM
7	Court	11/13/2023 10:54 AM
8	Playground	11/13/2023 10:53 AM
9	It is important to note both small age children and teenagers use this park daily. The playground should not be "subject to finance" considering the amount of taxes and rates we pay. We request for both a playground and a soccer ground to be fulfilled for our generation of children in this area, there is no other upgraded park in the area which is disappointing.	11/4/2023 12:43 PM
10	The existing shelter needs an upgrade and we need to have more than one (shelter with bench and BBQ). I think some exercise equipment for all ages is a must, to encourage people to move more and be healthier! For eg. exercise bike, elliptical, etc like those we see in other parks. Upgrade the existing children's equipment and add more variety like some climbing structures, (again, things that would encourage more movement). I agree with the idea of more big trees(for shade), garden beds and more benches. Make the pavement for the exercise equipment and children's playground colourful and bright so it's more inviting and motivating for people to play, exercise, have fun and live a healthier life!	11/4/2023 7:17 AM
11	Not keen on the idea of a basketball court, so many children use the grassed areas playing different types of ball games	11/3/2023 8:29 PM
12	It will make the park looks better and families specially kids will have more fun.	11/3/2023 6:43 PM
13	A fenced off area for dogs off leash area is required, as many property owners in area haves dogs.	11/3/2023 3:14 PM
14	It will create a lovely environment for children to play of all ages. The open setting supports a safe environment.	11/3/2023 7:36 AM
15	Better for kids and families	11/2/2023 8:12 PM
16	Definitely add a futsal court for our soccer loving kids	11/2/2023 7:52 PM
17	So many kids would utilise this park more if it was upgraded and more was added to it by way of mixed age group activities.	11/2/2023 1:46 PM
18	More opportunity for exercise	11/1/2023 10:58 PM
19	Because the playground is older then me	11/1/2023 6:14 PM
20	Keep the round and round slide uts a classic and the playground equipment isn't so old it needs replacing.	11/1/2023 11:22 AM
21	It gives the kids more options	11/1/2023 9:16 AM
22	There are so many young families and kids in the area especially being so close to a school. There is no desire to go and play on that very ancient playground, there is nothing appealing to the kids. With the new suggestions of futsal, basketball, new seating, new playground it can be a great meeting place after school for kids to play.	11/1/2023 8:03 AM
23	A lot of mothers with toddlers are going in there	10/31/2023 8:30 PM
24	I live close by and we need a new play ground. That area is so outdated and the play equipment looks dangerous for the children	10/31/2023 5:04 PM

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25	It's boring now	10/29/2023 4:14 PM
26	Many kids are at the park daily playing soccer and at the playground. It needs an upgrade desperately.	10/29/2023 3:25 PM
27	Please leave the slide at least.. there is no other slide like this in the community and it has brought joy to so many children and so many childhood memories have been shared	10/27/2023 11:18 PM
28	There are certain item that haven't been considered like fenced area for children as the reserve is next to the street. There is a wonderful playground Waverley park lake playground as per reference, catering for older and young children.	10/26/2023 3:49 PM
29	The playground is frequented by school children and local children and is in desperate need of an upgrade.	10/24/2023 9:28 PM
30	Its helpful for the school.	10/24/2023 5:16 PM
31	The play ground needs to be updated first before added soccer pitch as the kids including my own from st Elizabeth use this park every day after school. It's old and hot! The slide is metal and the kids burn going down that slide. There needs to be more play ground for the little kids and older kids	10/24/2023 11:15 AM
32	So many families and children live in the area and can utilise this space. It is in desperate need of an upgrade and it would improve the area	10/24/2023 7:17 AM
33	My children go to St Elizabeth's and it will be a nice place for children to gather after school.	10/23/2023 8:07 PM
34	The addition of trees and amenities is needed, however an expansion of play equipment such as climbing equipment, swings, rubbish bins, walking track would add further value to the park.	10/23/2023 7:51 PM
35	Every thing needs update	10/23/2023 7:50 PM
36	This playground is due for safety upgrade and needs more street lighting as well as fencing for small children	10/19/2023 10:15 AM
37	Would love more inclusion of indigenous vegetation to connect habitat patches to a wider habitat corridor for native wildlife	10/18/2023 7:38 AM
38	We would strongly agree if there were more picnic tables and fencing to prevent balls onto the road.	10/17/2023 7:21 PM
39	Needs a lot more bbq areas shelter areas. Needs separate areas for toddlers and older kids Needs a gym area Needs sensory areas Needs wildlife areas possible mini pond Merrygoround In ground trampoline Cubby house Fruit trees, community garden for st Elizabeth's Climbing frames Flying fox Sandpit with inbuilt diggers Maze area Create the space to have a theme to make it a landmark for example dragon dinosaur fairy garden farm or zoo animals out of space	10/17/2023 6:41 PM
40	It's an old park .strongly recommend for renovations.	10/17/2023 9:16 AM
41	We need more parks that have basketball and soccer area as well has swings.	10/16/2023 10:15 PM
42	Local kids play soccer everyday after school fhtsul court good idea	10/16/2023 6:05 PM
43	disagree with the extra path as it cuts down on the greenery area, agree on the new play structures (flying fox, cubby with slide, bridges would be amazing) and agree on the BBQ and sheltered area. how many BBQ and tables would there be?	10/16/2023 4:10 PM
44	Helping the community with kids as I have kids myself	10/16/2023 1:02 PM
45	Needs upgrade. So many kids want to play but it's boring	10/16/2023 11:46 AM
46	The park has so much space and so little to do. It needs more play areas and more shelters/seating/bbq areas so local families can come together and not be limited to just 1 at a time.	10/16/2023 11:35 AM
47	The playground needs an update to suit preschoolers and primary school children - one that is natural in design. When I walk past the park each evening I see upwards of 15 children playing soccer - permanent nets would be wonderful for them.	10/16/2023 7:57 AM
48	Upgraded	10/15/2023 10:21 PM
49	Needs new facilities for the kids	10/15/2023 9:18 PM
50	Offers variety for all ages	10/15/2023 9:05 PM

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51	That will make it much more useful and family friendly	10/15/2023 8:23 PM
52	Better use of a large open space	10/15/2023 8:20 PM
53	Please keep original big slide. It has been there for over 35 years and is a staple of this park. I loved it as a kid and my kids love it 35 years later. A paint job would make it look more up to date. No other slide like it in the area.	10/15/2023 8:04 PM
54	The park is in need of upgrading.	10/15/2023 7:55 PM
55	Love the idea of a futsal/basketball court. Would love the playground to be accessible of all ages.	10/15/2023 7:50 PM
56	way better than present	10/14/2023 12:56 PM
57	there are always always always kids there afterschool playing soccer! i would be worried about when multiple groups are there and only one can have the futsal area there would be less empty space for others to share and play? lots of families are around who go there to play casually too.	10/14/2023 9:24 AM
58	I believe it will be over vegetated. At the moment it's easy to see through the park and all the children (roughly 30 or so) create their own soccer pitch size depending on how many kids are playing. If there are more garden beds and trees, this will limit their space. That also raises concerns as to the size of the proposed pitch. Will it be big enough to accomodate all the kids that play there?	10/13/2023 1:30 PM
59	The existing slide and swings is not enough for the many children who play in the park daily. The new structures (2 & 3) should be prioritised in order for our children and grandchildren to enjoy NOW while they are still young. They frequent the playground after school and would get hours of enjoyment from the proposed changes.	10/13/2023 10:16 AM
60	Too many trees in the existing plan. Kids should be able to run around freely, without getting injured from all the the trees around. Would strongly recommend a cricket net in one corner of the park and a running track. This will leave enough space for a soccer field. This provides options for kids who may not be interested in soccer. Cricket net is a great option for kids who may not be fit to play soccer at present but as their fitness improves can progress to soccer.	10/12/2023 9:54 PM
61	Great plan as lots of kids play football (soccer) at this park so a mix of a court for both football and basketball is great. Would recommend the court to be more in the centre though and have the play equipment around the court. But great nonetheless.	10/12/2023 11:42 AM
62	I agree that this park needs to be updated, although it would need more shaded seating, water facilities	10/11/2023 10:26 AM
63	It's great to have an updated play area in a central location for noble park north / Dandenong north residents	10/10/2023 7:00 PM
64	Our children walk there everyday to play. It is so disappointing to see the old swing,slides. We need an update	10/10/2023 3:58 PM
65	Looks ok.	10/9/2023 11:04 PM
66	Playground is very outdated and and no suitable for all ages. There's no local playground that are toddler friendly	10/9/2023 7:31 PM
67	We need basketball court as we dont have any nearby basketball court.	10/9/2023 7:17 PM
68	I've been wanting basketball hoops there for some time	10/9/2023 4:07 PM
69	Will there be a small fence around the basketball court? I think it is required so the ball doesn't go on the main road. Or even a fence at the front of the park. I have seen children run onto Bakers Road to get the ball without looking for cars. Without the fence, I don't think it should go ahead as it will have twice as much ball activity.	10/9/2023 2:14 PM
70	I think we are in desperate need of updated playground and play spaces in the area	10/9/2023 1:56 PM
71	It's an improvement to what's currently at the park. However, due to the size of the area I feel that more children activities could in included.	10/9/2023 12:54 PM
72	Great area for bbq and family gatherings	10/9/2023 12:24 PM
73	The new improvements will hopefully make it more inviting for families to use the facilities.	10/9/2023 12:12 PM
74	i request to add half basket ball court becuase we have to drive to mulgrave to play basketball	10/9/2023 11:26 AM

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75	Needs more functionality for the space for everyone to use. It would also be nice to have a water fountain that can also be used for dogs as it's a popular location where dogs are walked around	10/8/2023 12:23 PM
76	The park is old and tired and in desperate need of an upgrade This is a popular park for the school kids at St Elizabeth's.	10/7/2023 8:01 PM
77	When we got the flyer, before we went to the website my wife and I discussed what we would want for the reserve. We said: basketball court and futsal court, as well as playground equipment suitable for 3-4 year old kids and also other equipment for primary school kids. We are very pleased to see the concept already has the court and might be able to do the equipment. We strongly endorse the concept and look forward to what it will bring to our local community.	10/7/2023 8:33 AM
78	I don't think the basketball ring and bbq is necessary as this will attract more adults to the park. I've been living three houses down from the park for nearly 23 years and it's always been nice she quiet and full of children mostly under 12 with supervising adults only	10/6/2023 12:32 PM
79	A lot of green space that has no use at the moment. A lot of kids already playing soccer etc with temp goal posts already their.	10/6/2023 9:35 AM
80	More could be done with this space as there are some age demographics that the spaces requirements are not being met.	10/6/2023 9:14 AM
81	The most important thing is the playground. The swings are too low and my 3yr old scraps her legs on the ground. The slide is miles too high and very dangerous for little ones.	10/5/2023 5:35 PM
82	This is the first time that the locals have been asked about our park and its proposed upgrade. This park is well used by local families, so an upgrade would be warmly welcomed. The park has lacked trees and shrubs, so additional plantings would add to the aesthetics and shelter on warm days.	10/5/2023 5:22 PM
83	There have been an increase of younger families moving into the area. I would like to see the sheltered area increased as more than one family use the park. An increase in the number of rubbish bins would also help during the warmer months. There are a larger number of children who play soccer in this area. Maybe a smaller size soccer goal with net on the southern side of the park would do justice for the children. Also a camera to oversee the park would be a great investment to prevent vandalism and unwanted guest that use the park in the evenings. Especially during summer. Maybe a few less garden beds as they require maintenance during the year. Also with the improvements, better lighting using LED technology would be cheaper than what is currently being used.	10/5/2023 2:18 PM
84	Great space for kids	10/5/2023 11:29 AM
85	It's down and looking tired it needs a new lease of life,	10/2/2023 8:33 PM
86	Love the fact that the kids within the community will have a place that they can enjoy with the whole family	10/2/2023 7:19 PM
87	My children attend St Elizabeth's and every day we attend the park for a play. The slide is still made of metal and in hot days they burn their legs. There is no shade near the play equipment. Also when other people attend there is no we're for the adults to sit except on the grass	10/2/2023 5:33 PM
88	The play structure hasn't been described in detail which really restricts my ability to ascertain if it's fit for purpose or generally a waste of funding. The younger kids have options of small swings and slides and players.. the older kids need equipment- climbing activities and obstacle courses to promote play and fitness from a young age. At the moment there is very minimal in our area for kids 7 onwards. The portobello playground in Clyde is a great example of a playground that is inclusive to all age groups. Thanks	10/2/2023 4:29 PM
89	More trees added	10/2/2023 4:20 PM
90	Don't like the park's separate You will be running from one to the other chasing ur child or looking for them	10/2/2023 2:20 PM
91	Be good to have an upgrade for the community it has a large area that can be utilised better than what it is	10/2/2023 1:03 PM
92	Be great for the area	10/2/2023 1:01 PM
93	The draft plan only includes a futsal and basketball court with only a proposal for a future upgrade to the playground. There is no single good park in this area that attracts children and families, all the parks are poorly fitted out, do not attract families and do not feel safe as they are isolated due to the lack of people who go there. Given the number of young	10/2/2023 12:52 PM

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families and the primary school aged children (school is almsot next door) the council should be prioritising a new playground with equipment that caters for children of this age demographic. The basketball and futsal court will only attract older children, again, leaving young children and families not catered for in these plans.

94	Love the idea of a basketball and soccer pitch combined, too much greenery for my liking. The kids love playing on the big twirly slide so that must be kept ir upgraded to something similar. A sensory garden with some sand or water play would be nice too. Extra shelter would be needed if the proposed BBQ area is to go ahead. One gazebo is simply not enough. Is there room for toilets?	10/2/2023 12:13 PM
95	The playground has been the same since my husband went to school back in the 80s. It is such a big area, more can be done for families. We go to the park everyday after school and it would be fantastic to see some upgrades and additional facilities, particularly the basketball court and futsal court.	10/2/2023 12:01 PM
96	The additional play areas for children and the upgrade of the playground.	10/2/2023 11:22 AM
97	Love a basketball court It desperately needs an upgrade. The current slide to so dangerous, the statues as well. This could be a great location but it's so out dated and run down.	10/2/2023 11:04 AM
98	I like the idea of the futsal/basketball court & the bbq facilities. It would be great to have new playground equipment as what is there (the tall slide) is really dangerous	10/2/2023 10:44 AM
99	The draft plan incorporates a few different areas for different age/needs. It looks great! My only concern is playground funding/consultation. Could you please clarify what this means in terms of construction of a new playground? Thank you	10/2/2023 10:22 AM
100	Futsal court is unique and will attract people from all over the neighborhood and surrounding schools. The parks been neglected for a long time.	10/2/2023 9:19 AM

## Q4 If you answered 'None of the above', please tell us why.

Answered: 16 Skipped: 115

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Playground	11/20/2023 4:20 PM
2	Both soccer and basketball	11/4/2023 12:43 PM
3	As per the above answer, young children play in this park, putting courts in will attach older children or group of people, pushing the younger ones out	11/3/2023 8:29 PM
4	Dog off leash area fenced	11/3/2023 3:14 PM
5	Variety	11/1/2023 10:58 PM
6	toddlers play area	10/31/2023 8:30 PM
7	Na	10/24/2023 7:17 AM
8	Combination of soccer, netball and basketball would cater to more kids.	10/15/2023 8:04 PM
9	Many kids now a days kids are obese, and it is not fair for them to not be able to play sport like Cricket that would help them to build up their fitness level. A running track, chin up bar and parallel dips will also help adults improve their fitness levels.	10/12/2023 9:54 PM
10	Basketball court would be great, soccer goals on grass area would be better	10/11/2023 10:26 AM
11	Soccer, basketball something for the girls as well. Badminton selection?	10/10/2023 3:58 PM
12	-	10/9/2023 1:56 PM
13	N/a	10/2/2023 7:19 PM
14	Being inclusive of all play is key to attract communities with varying needs and wants.	10/2/2023 4:29 PM
15	I would rather see plans focus on upgrading the playground with new equipment. A basketball/soccer area caters for a very small group of children (older age) rather than the majority of children.	10/2/2023 12:52 PM
16	i'd like courts where it includes soccer, basketball and netball	9/27/2023 10:33 AM

## Q6 If you answered 'None of the above', please tell us why.

Answered: 7 Skipped: 124

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Same as the prior answers, keep the grassed areas for the younger ones	11/3/2023 8:29 PM
2	Aesthetics	11/1/2023 10:58 PM
3	Green to look natural - otherwise blue.	10/16/2023 7:57 AM
4	Something to brighten up the park	10/11/2023 10:26 AM
5	-	10/9/2023 1:56 PM
6	I don't think there should be a basketball court at all	10/6/2023 12:32 PM
7	N/a	10/2/2023 7:19 PM

## Q7 Is there any other feedback you would like to provide?

Answered: 68 Skipped: 63

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	See email and attachment with examples from other councils; Thank you for responding to my enquiry, it is greatly appreciated. I have sent numerous emails to the council in relation to this park over the years and have yet to receive a response till yesterday. Myself and other parents/ locals use this park daily and believe it can be used as a multi-functioning park/playground/utilities(Mini soccer field). Aswell as access to water, and toilet facilities. Please see attached some ideas from myself and other parents. I think an upgraded playground, as the current playground is old and outdated, furthermore dangerous. I believe we can incorporate, a few different spaces and areas for all ages and abilities. This park in particular is a meeting point for both parents and students from Nazareth and St Elizabeth's. A local neighbour has purchased their own soccer goals for the children to play soccer. I can understand we may have difficulties to fit a playground as large as Thomas Street – Playground or Jells Park on this block of land, but if we can incorporate a bit of everything for everyone's' needs. A lot of our local playgrounds have been neglected for many years. We have been attending this park since my eldest son was a toddler five years ago, and have a lifetime to go. It is in desperate need of an upgrade. We have so many young local families in this ward. I would love to speak with someone in the appropriate department to discuss this further.	11/13/2023 11:09 AM
2	People prefer playgrounds more than courts	11/13/2023 10:55 AM
3	As mentioned please be mindful our children deserve and need a new vibrant complex for learning, excercise and to encourage outdoor activities and play. Please keep in mind both you children and older children/teenagers use this reserve and we encourage something for all. Thank you	11/4/2023 12:43 PM
4	Thank you for the oppportunity to provide feedback. This is a great initiative!	11/4/2023 7:17 AM
5	There has been no lighting the park for a long time for the walkway and is in darkness all the time, a safety concern	11/3/2023 8:29 PM
6	Please ensure that the new trees provide shade but do not overpower the park and provide for an environment that could promote unsafe activity.	11/3/2023 7:36 AM
7	Public toilets would be great	11/2/2023 8:12 PM
8	would like to have fences installed for off leash pet Dog. Thank you.	11/2/2023 3:57 PM
9	Again if more could be added by way of swings/slides/monkey bars	11/2/2023 1:46 PM
10	No	11/1/2023 10:58 PM
11	I would really like if you could add a water fountain	11/1/2023 7:49 PM
12	Flying fox	11/1/2023 6:14 PM
13	Nature playground if you are going to upgrade. Use logs rocks and other interesting items.	11/1/2023 11:22 AM
14	Please make this happen it would be great even with Nazareth around the corner those kids can also utilise the courts.	11/1/2023 8:03 AM
15	We really need new play equipment and shelter there	10/31/2023 5:04 PM
16	More undercover tables would be great. Water fountain.	10/29/2023 3:25 PM
17	Please include shaded areas and playground equipment for little ones and a sandpit would be amazing	10/26/2023 3:49 PM
18	It would be great to also include some drinking taps and some shaded seating and paths for parents with prams. When building the playground it would be great to suit it to younger children as it's near the primary school and many young children need a space to play as well. A lot of playgrounds are aged at older kids which pushes young kids out due to safety. Would be good to have a playground with toddler friendly equipment also as parents play whilst waiting to collect their older children and would encourage people to park further down from primary school.	10/24/2023 7:17 AM



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19	Please update this park soon!	10/23/2023 8:07 PM
20	I really hope that this is actioned. We have been waiting for years for a number of parks to be tended to and it never gets past the planning phase.	10/23/2023 7:51 PM
21	Can you please add drinking water toilet and hand washing facilities . Can Garden beds have colour of kangaroo paws and other natives colour for the wildlife . Sculpture and art is needed to influence diversity and inclusion of migrants from Bosnia and Herzegovina.	10/19/2023 10:15 AM
22	Parks and reserves are the perfect opportunity to engage members of the public about the benefits of creating habitat for native wildlife, and using indigenous plants	10/18/2023 7:38 AM
23	Fencing would be great along with more picnic tables for large families	10/17/2023 7:21 PM
24	Please do it asap.	10/17/2023 9:16 AM
25	A circuit path around the edge of the entire park for young kids with bikes as well as running type track for fitness.	10/16/2023 6:05 PM
26	Please keep the big slide	10/16/2023 11:46 AM
27	This is the closest playground to our home, there aren't many in the area. We walk through the park everyday and I pick up my daughter from the playground after school. Many children play there after school, and play soccer there after dinner. When my other daughter was 2 she hurt herself going down the slide and it was a huge struggle to stop my toddlers from going up the steep stairs. There wasn't many options for play as both sets of equipment are very limited. As an occupational therapist, I know the importance of outdoor play for child development. Please consider natural elements in the design of the playground. Jells Park playground is a great example. Thank you for considering the changes, and looking forward to an upgraded space for our children and families to gather... to increase community connection.	10/16/2023 7:57 AM
28	We need restroom	10/15/2023 11:03 PM
29	It would be nice to see updated play equipment such as in the new playgrounds and ninja circuit type area, rope climbing equipment.	10/15/2023 10:57 PM
30	No	10/15/2023 8:23 PM
31	More wooden equipment that's accessible for all abilities. Added gazebos for more families to use with additional BBQs Long row of swings Dry creek bed water play	10/15/2023 8:20 PM
32	Don't overcrowd the space. The nice open grass is a feature of this space.	10/15/2023 8:04 PM
33	Adding a bike path around the Park would be great.	10/15/2023 7:55 PM
34	N b nice to have a drinkin fountain	10/14/2023 3:32 PM
35	consideration could be made to include some exercise equipment within the playground area.	10/14/2023 12:56 PM
36	I'd like to see a walking path around the perimeter of the path. Many of us parents accompany our children to play and it would be a good opportunity to get some steps in while they are busy playing.	10/13/2023 1:30 PM
37	Please prioritise the new structures.	10/13/2023 10:16 AM
38	Cricket net will be very inclusive along with some options for adults to be able to exercise.	10/12/2023 9:54 PM
39	Great design. A flying fox would be great too if possible.	10/12/2023 11:42 AM
40	I would love to see this upgraded, it has been the same for so many years. I hope some of the other outdated parks get a makeover soon too!	10/11/2023 10:26 AM
41	Something for the girls as well	10/10/2023 3:58 PM
42	I want a basketball court	10/9/2023 4:07 PM
43	I think the park requires a second bin. It seems to overflow and rubbish goes everywhere. I think the slide should stay with some updates. Our children used it regularly and was a great slide.	10/9/2023 2:14 PM
44	If the playground could be enclosed that would be greatly appreciated	10/9/2023 1:56 PM
45	I feel that due to the size of the area that a few more timber activity structures & shade shelters could be considered.	10/9/2023 12:54 PM
46	2 bbq's and larger shelter area would be ideal for the area.	10/9/2023 12:24 PM

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47	No	10/9/2023 12:12 PM
48	plz add half basket ball ring	10/9/2023 11:26 AM
49	A water fountain that can also be used for dog walkers who can allow their dogs to drink from as it's a popular place for owners to walk around or rest with their pets	10/8/2023 12:23 PM
50	Great work. Well done. With the court and playgrounds you will provide a space for all children of all ages in a nice setting for parents to sit and watch and get involved themselves.	10/7/2023 8:33 AM
51	Think a netball ring should be placed there also because there is not many netball rings around this area.	10/6/2023 9:35 AM
52	More than one BBQ facility is required at this space. Accessible Toilet Facilities needed Install outdoor gym equipment suitable for adults, promoting fitness and wellness among park users (High demographic in the area) also needed.	10/6/2023 9:14 AM
53	Please consider fencing off the playground as many older kids play ball on the grassed area and it can be dangerous for little ones. We live on the street and sadly rarely visit the park because the playground is not safe and it's very open meaning little ones on the playground are accessible for older kids/balls and dogs etc.	10/5/2023 5:35 PM
54	Some lighting on a timer so as not to be on all night. For example, until 9:30pm. More scattered seats in amongst the trees, to provide a peaceful garden setting in which to sit.	10/5/2023 5:22 PM
55	Living only a few houses away from the park, it's a great area to live in. If the council could organise regular police patrols during the evenings. Myself and a few other neighbours clean up rubbish and drug implements on both the nature strip and inside the park during the warmer months. Better lighting and cameras will help deter these unwanted guests.	10/5/2023 2:18 PM
56	Need to ensure area is protected from young drivers & cars parking there during night time hours & disrupting neighbourhood with loud engine noise	10/5/2023 11:29 AM
57	It's a popular park but just didn't have the facilities to accommodate	10/2/2023 8:33 PM
58	N/a	10/2/2023 7:19 PM
59	I would love it if you could seek feedback at a later stage again with finite plans and budgets approved.	10/2/2023 4:29 PM
60	More trees	10/2/2023 4:20 PM
61	Playground area needs a lot more stuff	10/2/2023 2:20 PM
62	chairs and picnic tables shade cloths etc	10/2/2023 1:03 PM
63	Whilst it may be great having a basketball court, it really doesn't cater for the wider demographic within this area. Please consider a plan that has a focus on the wider community of school aged children and the equipment that caters for them. This will attract more children/families to the park and essentially add value to this family orientated community.	10/2/2023 12:52 PM
64	Public toilets/ rest rooms would also be great to have here. More than one gazebo is needed if a BBQ area is to go ahead	10/2/2023 12:13 PM
65	Can't wait for the upgrade, somewhere safe for the kids to play.	10/2/2023 11:04 AM
66	This reserve is frequented by school children and their families everyday so having a family friendly space is exactly what this area needs :) Thank you	10/2/2023 10:44 AM
67	Clear line of view from futsal court to the playgrounds. For parental supervision.	10/2/2023 9:19 AM
68	when will this be ready? I am SO excited Also, when you do the new playground, can i have a say then?	9/27/2023 10:33 AM