

PLAYGROUND AND PLAYSPACE STRATEGY 2020

Summary of Community Consultation & Engagement

The community consultation and engagement program for the Monash Playground and Playspaces Strategy included:

- **A community survey** available in hard copy at customer service centres, libraries, and aquatic leisure facilities and online at 'have your say'. Playgroups and school students were also directly targeted and encouraged to complete a shorter version of the on-line survey and provide a survey response. In total, **204 people** completed the survey.
- **Ongoing promotion** of the survey through Council's website, publications and social media e.g. article in the August 2019 *Monash Bulletin* and the summer 2019 edition of the *Monash Student Space* Newsletter.
- **Communications to existing networks** e.g. emails to members of Council networks and community groups such as Monash Playgroups, Primary and Secondary schools, Monash Age Friendly Ambassadors, Positive Aging Seniors Network and local schools.
- **Discussions with Council's advisory groups and networks** including the Disability Advisory Committee, Young Persons Reference Group, Positive Aging Reference Group and Gender Equity Advisory Committee etc.
- **Written submissions** – three written submissions were received.
- **Staff Workshop** - a staff workshop was held with officers.
- **Targeted consultation with key internal services** - targeted consultation was undertaken with Council officers to understand the key issues and opportunities that must be considered and responded to in a playground strategy. Throughout the development of the draft Strategy, regular discussions were held with Council officers from the Active Monash team and key meetings held with Strategic Planning, Sustainable Monash, Horticulture Services and Strategic Asset Management.
- **Targeted consultation in Monash schools and playgroups** – surveys and submissions from individuals and organisations visited included: Wellington Secondary College, Waverley Meadows Primary School, Glendal Primary School, Wheelers Hill Primary School and Cabena and Legend Park Playgroups.
- **Promotion** of the draft Strategy through Council's website, publications and social media e.g. article in the June 2020 *Monash Bulletin*.
- **Public exhibition of the draft Strategy** – the draft Strategy was advertised in the June Bulletin distributed to every Monash household and exhibited online at [Have Your Say](#) from 28 May to 3 July 2020.

Public Exhibition of the Draft Strategy

Council sought community feedback on the Council-approved draft via a public exhibition process.

The draft Strategy was exhibited online at [Have Your Say](#) from 28 May to 3 July 2020. At the close of consultation, 57 on-line submissions were received.

Overall feedback on the draft Strategy was very positive with comments received such as:

1. So great that toilets are being proposed for Galbally Reserve.
2. Excellent and required.
3. The park is fantastic.
4. I think the draft strategy is good.
5. The framework, objectives, assessment of supply and demand etc., all seem good.
6. Comprehensive. Agree with the playground themes in demand i.e. water play and more fitness and exercise stations are required to prevent obesity and related health problems.
7. Great! Love it!
8. Great to have a comprehensive strategy in place.
9. Overall I believe the strategy is well considered and documented.
10. We were really pleased to see such a well thought out plan and long term view for Monash playspaces.
11. I think it is very clear and easy to read.

Summary of Community Submissions

A summary of community feedback received on the draft Strategy (via the public exhibition process) is provided in the table below:

Key Theme/Issue	Specific Examples mentioned	No. of Submissions
Public toilets	Public toilets are required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Galbally Reserve (20 submissions) - In general (2 submissions) 	22 submissions
Feedback on specific playspaces	Feedback provided on a specific playspace such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Princes Highway Reserve (x3) - Argyle Reserve - Jells Park - Ashwood Reserve - Whitehaven Crescent Reserve - Bogong Reserve - Octavia Crescent (Gardiners Reserve) - Mayfield Park 	12 submissions
Lack of playspaces	Concerns regarding a lack of playgrounds in their area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oakleigh (2 submissions) - Huntingdale (3 submissions) - Hughesdale (6 submissions) - Glen Waverley (1 submission) 	12 submissions - Oakleigh Ward x11 - Glen Waverley Ward x1
Positive Feedback	Overall feedback on the draft Strategy was positive.	11 submissions
Design Considerations	Commented on design considerations such as fences, shade, inclusive design, age appropriate play equipment, paths and bins etc.	7 submissions
Other	Miscellaneous items such as community consultation	3 submissions

Community Submissions Received and Recommended Changes to Draft Strategy

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1	Ashwood	Arthur St	I would like a water fountain in all play space areas, especially Ashwood drive park.	In accordance with the Minimum Playground Provision Standards, water fountains are to be routinely provided at all Neighbourhood, District and Regional playspaces. Ashwood Drive Reserve is classified as a 'local' playspace but is situated on the popular Gardiners Creek Trail and an increase in minimum provision standards is supported here.	A water fountain has been installed at Ashwood Drive Reserve.	Specific playground 2 (Ashwood)
2	Ashwood	Barnes Ave	I'd like more fences for playground next to highways	Monash's Playground Design Standards (sections 1.11 & 1.16) details Council's position with regards to the provision of fencing around playspaces. In accordance with Monash's Playground Design Standards (section 1.16, fencing or barriers will be considered as part of any playground upgrade when a safety concern cannot be managed with effective design e.g. to prevent children running out onto busy roads. Council also looks to provide a limited number of fully fenced playspaces to support families that have children with special needs who require the security of fencing for safety reasons e.g. Wellesley Reserve, Viewpoint Reserve, and Cheel Street Reserve playspaces.	Nil	Design Considerations 5
3	Ashwood	Scenic Drive	<p>Great! Love it! Definitely need more tables, seats, amenities, shade.</p> <p>I don't think that outdoor BBQs are used that much, but definitely more seating - whether for groups or for individuals or twos.</p> <p>Deciduous trees are preferable to evergreen. We like the sunlight in winter. It's not so pleasant sitting under heavy foliage in winter.</p> <p>It would be good to also provide poles that you can tie up your dogs to.</p> <p>Love the integration of nature and sensory gardenscape.</p> <p>We need more well planned and equipped SKATE PARKS that are suitable for bikes and skate boards to accommodate active teens (and even young adults). Frankston, Noble Park and Box Hill have some of the better designed ones with appropriate range of skill</p>	<p>Comments noted. A new large-scale skatepark has recently opened in the City at Waverley Park (access from Gate 7 Drive, Mulgrave).</p> <p>The community consultation for the Strategy has confirmed that water play and fitness/exercise equipment are important. These elements will be considered in designs for future District and Regional scale playspaces developments. Recommendations 34-36 in the Strategy also aim to address the need for more fitness/exercise equipment in reserves.</p>	Nil	Positive 7/ Other 1

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			<p>levels and adequate space for the 'jumps'. The one that we currently have at Central Reserve is not suitable because of its design - inadequate space for the intended 'stunts'/challenge it is purportedly designed for.</p> <p>I also support the addition of more outdoor fitness equipment like the ones at Jingella Reserve that adults can use. The chin up bars and parallel bars are pretty popular with many adults and children.</p> <p>During my walks in the neighbourhood, I have noticed that there is an active community of bike (bicycle) riders in the Ashwood area who have 'dug up' and created their own knolls and hillocks for their jumps in public green spaces.</p>			
4	Burwood	Barnes Ave	<p>I think our end of Monash is quite undernourished as far as play space perhaps as we are on the edge of the council lines.</p> <p>We have a playground at the end of Octavia court which we have used for many years and is well frequented. Unfortunately this has not a single upgrade in the 15 years we have lived here and according to other neighbours a long time prior to this also. Would be great to see this have a facelift.</p>	Octavia Court (Gardiners Reserve) playspace is a priority site for upgrade in the Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2 of the Strategy) and consultation is due to occur in 2020/21 and construction 2021/22 subject to funding.	Nil	Specific Playground 4 (Gardiners Reserve aka Octavia Court)
5	Chadstone	Jacana	We desperately need toilets at Galbally Reserve in Hughesdale. We are at the park several times a week. Really can't understand how toilets were not in the original plan!	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 8

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6	Chadstone	Batesford Road	<p>I endorse recommendations, but wish to reinforce the following points:</p> <p>1. The importance of, not just consulting the community, but working WITH the community at all stages of strategy implementation. (Do it 'with' us, not 'to' us).</p> <p>2. The importance of ensuring adequate supporting infrastructure. There is no point having excellent playgrounds if the community cannot access them. With regard to Chadstone, this means specifically: a) installation of a public toilet in the Batesford Hub precinct, and b) improvement to the safety of the pedestrian crossing on Power Ave, Warrigal Rd end, to ensure safe access to the excellent playground at Holmesglen Reserve.</p> <p>3. Ensuring facilities are INCLUSIVE of all ages, abilities, cultures.</p>	<p>1. The playground consultation process for each individual playground provides multiple engagement opportunities for local residents and children to Have Your Say on the design, key themes and specific play elements to be incorporated into their local playground. 2. The Strategy aims to provide a range of flexible and diverse play experiences throughout the municipality. The primary design focus or target group for each playground is informed by the playground's classification (recommendation 2).</p> <p>The Playspace at Batesford Hub is classified as a neighbourhood scale playspace. The playground Classification standards would look to provide public toilets at all District and Regional playspaces. 3. Inclusive playground design is embedded in Monash's Playground Design Standards which informs the development of all new playspaces.</p>	<p>Request to improve the safety of the pedestrian crossing on Power Ave, Warrigal Rd end, to ensure safe access to the excellent playground at Holmesglen Reserve to be referred to Council's Traffic Engineers for consideration.</p> <p>Engineering response: Council is currently working with the Department of Transport and traffic consultant with the view to improve the traffic operation and pedestrian access at the Warrigal Road and Power Avenue intersection.</p> <p>Refer request for public toilet at Batesford Reserve for consideration in the Public Toilet Strategy.</p>	Other 3
7	Clayton	Kanooka Grove	<p>I think the draft strategy is a good, it would be great to also include nature based plays. E.g. where there are trees allow children to construct things with sticks and leaves. Sufficient spaces to allow hide and seek. More climbing and swinging equipment are in line with the physical nature of things.</p> <p>I am also surprised that the number of schools whose views are sought are smaller than I would have liked. E.g. what about Clayton North primary school and Oakleigh Primary School? Thanks.</p>	<p>Nature based play is considered integral to providing holistic play opportunities to cater for the full spectrum of children's development needs. Nature play is embedded into Council's Playspace Design Standards and Playground Classifications. The playground consultation process for each individual playground also provides further engagement opportunities for local residents and children to Have Your Say on the design, key themes and specific play elements to be incorporated into their local playground.</p>	Nil	Positive 5
8	Glen Waverley	Avon	<p>As long as you keep 5g towers away from us and playgrounds. We do NOT CONSENT TO THIS AS THEY ARE DANGEROUS.</p>	Feedback noted.	Nil	Design Considerations 3

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9	Glen Waverley	Bogong Avenue	I would like to see upgrades and added play equipment to the Bogong Reserve playground. Bogong Avenue Glen Waverley. There seems to be a lot of upgrades in the Oakleigh Area but nothing in our area where a lot of children like to play.	Bogong Reserve Playspace is a priority site for upgrade in the Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2 of the Strategy) and consultation is due to occur in 2021/22 and construction 2022/23 subject to funding.	Nil	Specific Playground 3 (Bogong)
10	Glen Waverley	Camelot Drive	Comprehensive. Agree with the playground themes in demand i.e. water play and more fitness and exercise stations are required to prevent obesity and related health problems. There is lack of play spaces in Glen Waverley!	The community consultation for the Strategy has confirmed that water play and fitness/exercise equipment are important. These elements will be considered in designs for future District and Regional scale playspaces developments. Recommendations 34-36 in the Strategy also aim to address the need for more fitness/exercise equipment in reserves.	Nil	Positive 6 / Glen Waverley Ward 1
11	Glen Waverley	Sagamore Court	First of all each park and playground should be located strategically where its within 1km of a walk from majority of the household. This will encourage families to walk to the playground/park and enjoy their time together and meet the neighbourhood. Secondly there has to be 1 large playground centrally or strategically located in 2 to 3 different areas within the council jurisdiction. This playground must include summer sports that are fountains, small open play areas with young kids' water slides. Kids centric water fountain where kids can play with the water and get wet during hot summer. Allow BBQ facilities in each of the park for the residents to enjoy BBQ meal outside with their neighbourhood. Some parks may include verge garden that can be managed and used by the local residents with the support from council as part of the park management. Volunteers can be engaged to look after those areas.	Comment noted. Playground provision standards are detailed in the Strategy and the development of any new playgrounds strategically consider existing playground and open space provision gaps as identified in the Strategy.	Nil	Other 2
12	Hughesdale	Kangaroo road	Yes please!!! Toilet facilities are very much needed at Galbally reserve for our kids - lots of children from Hughesdale kinder use the park before and after kinder sessions.	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 1

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13	Hughesdale	Darling Street	Definitely need toilets!!	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 2
14	Hughesdale	Euston Road	So great that toilets are being proposed for Galbally Reserve. This has been a much discussed and needed item at a now very popular park. Thanks Monash!	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Positive 1 / Toilets Galbally 3
15	Hughesdale	Euston Rd.	Public toilets in Galbally Reserve would be amazing - I go there often and in the absence of toilets there or anywhere nearby, poor toddlers often need to relieve themselves behind trees etc. Public toilets would also make the bib facilities much more practical.	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2)	Nil	Toilets Galbally 4
16	Hughesdale	Kangaroo Rd	Please provide toilets to the playground near Hughesdale station. Thank you.	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 5
17	Hughesdale	Hotham	We would like to see toilet facilities installed at the park next to Hughesdale train station. Kids won't make it in time to walk 7 mins to the train station. A must needed toilet is essential to this park!!	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 6
18	Hughesdale	Callander St	Would love toilets at Galbally reserve. It's a wonderful playground otherwise!	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 7
19	Hughesdale	Kangaroo Road	Excellent and required.	Thank you!	Nil	Positive 3
20	Hughesdale	Arthur Street	Galbally Reserve needs public toilets installed. The upgrade of the playground in 2019 has been a positive development for the Community which now sees the park accessed by many more families. The fact that there is an area for food preparation with the shelter and barbecue, is an important reason to also have access to toilets at the reserve. In addition, there has been a significant increase in people using the rail path next to Galbally Reserve, with many walkers, runners and riders passing by who could also benefit from toilet facilities being installed.	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 9
21	Hughesdale	Fintonia Street	Thank you for making this a priority for council. We wholeheartedly back (in particular) the installation of toilets at Galbally Reserve. Please ensure the toilets are installed in this fabulous park which is always busy with families, and significantly requires toilet facilities.	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 11

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22	Hughesdale	Neerim Rd	Would love to see toilets installed at Galbally Reserve.	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 12
23	Hughesdale	Darling street	Please install much needed toilet facilities at Galbally Reserve.	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 14
24	Hughesdale	Federation Walk	There has been some great work done at the new park in Freda St, Hughesdale (near the kinder). However, it was very disappointing that toilets were not installed at the time. The park is designed for kiddies, and kiddies NEED!! to have toilets CLOSE BY!	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 15
25	Hughesdale	Willesden Rd	We say every second day how good this park is now but why the hell didn't they put toilets there. If you put in a BBQ for people to relax and hang out a toilet is essential. It is the meeting place of Hughesdale residents!	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 16
26	Hughesdale	Willesden Road	I believe the recommendation for Galbally reserve to have standalone toilet facilities is crucial. This is a frequently used playground; even more so due to the high usage by parents and children of the nearby Hughesdale Kinder. Additionally, I believe it is important to consider the addition of hand sanitising stations in all local playgrounds, including but particularly in those without toilet and hand washing facilities.	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2). Hand sanitising stations are not included in the Minimum Playground Infrastructure Standards but can be considered in the public toilet design component for future District and Regional Playspace Upgrades subject to funding.	Nil	Toilets Galbally 17
27	Hughesdale	Warrigal Rd.	Would like toilets at Galbally Reserve.	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 18
28	Hughesdale	Normanby Street	Please provide a toilet for your playgrounds.	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 19
29	Hughesdale	Dalston	Toilets are required at Galbally Reserve.	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 20
30	Hughesdale	Kangaroo Road	The park is fantastic. Could we also please get a toilet and a zebra crossing for the walkway over to Hughesdale Kinder. Thanks.	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Request for a zebra crossing for the walkway over to Hughesdale Kinder to be forwarded to Council's Traffic Engineers for consideration. Engineering Response: There are requirements set by the Department of Transport before considering the installation of a zebra crossing. The requirements are 60 persons per hour on any one	Positive 4

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					hour of an average weekday and the number of vehicles per hour exceeds 500. Freda Street is a local road and it does not have a constant flow of people crossing the road (like activity centre) and hence we are unable to install the zebra crossing at this stage.	
31	Hughesdale	Poath	<p>The framework, objectives, assessment of supply and demand, etc., all seem good, and I appreciate the focus on the importance of playgrounds for children's development and social cohesion. But then the Redevelopment Program doesn't match the assessment of supply and demand, which makes the whole strategy seem a bit pointless. On p20, the strategy lists Notting Hill, Clayton, Hughesdale, Oakleigh East/Huntingdale and Chadstone as having an undersupply in open space (and that this mirrors gaps in playground provision). It also says that Clayton, Oakleigh/Huntingdale, Notting Hill and Hughesdale should be prioritised for open space improvements such as playgrounds. Yet in the Redevelopment Program, there are very few playgrounds listed for these suburbs/precincts. Hughesdale has no redevelopments listed (except for the addition of a toilet at Galbally Reserve). Clayton has two playgrounds slated for redevelopment, and Oakleigh, Huntingdale and Oakleigh East have only one each, while Notting Hill and Chadstone have none listed. Meanwhile, Glen Waverley - which hasn't been assessed as a priority area - has eight listed for redevelopment (plus a toilet for GW North Reserve), and Mulgrave Ward - which was assessed as having the most playgrounds per capita in Monash - has six playgrounds listed. As a Hughesdale resident, I'd love to see Argyle Reserve improved. The existing playground is small, dated, damaged and very limited in terms of the age range it appeals to. It's situated next to a much-used soccer field and is the only playground within 1km of Hughesdale PS (barring the lone swing at the Bowmore Reserve pocket playground), and thus a</p>	<p>The Strategy recognises there are gaps in playground provision in parts of the Oakleigh Ward including Hughesdale. Recommendations 27 & 30 prioritise the development of new playgrounds here subject to funding and potential land acquisition.</p> <p>The Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2) prioritises existing playgrounds for upgrade based on Council's adopted Capital Works Priorities Framework (2018) which identifies capital works priorities for sport and recreation assets (such as pavilions, sports lighting, playgrounds and sport and recreation infrastructure) by applying a transparent framework to rank projects in order of redevelopment priorities based on a clear and justifiable methodology. Refer to: https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/leisure/recreation-strategies/active-monash-capital-works-priorities-framework.pdf</p>	<p>Notting Hill Neighbourhood House (including Westerfield Drive pocket park) with the view to consolidating play equipment on-site and developing a new local scale public playground on the corner of Samada Street and Westerfield Drive.</p> <p>Based on community feedback and the recognised gap in open space and playground provision in the Oakleigh Ward, especially Hughesdale, elevate Argyle Reserve playspace as a priority for redevelopment and include it in the Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2 of the Strategy) for design in 2023/24 and construction in 2024/25 subject to funding.</p> <p>Maintenance items at Bowmore Reserve playground (i.e. covering on the chain, depressions under swings) to be referred to playground maintenance staff for immediate attention.</p>	Oakleigh Ward 5 (Hughesdale)

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			<p>very popular destination for siblings of soccer players, and students heading home from school, but there's not enough equipment to cater for more than a handful of kids at a time, meaning many miss out, or have to wait for ages. The playground has lots of potential for improvement/development. It has heaps of space around it, together with parking and toilets (that are open during soccer games, etc.). Infrastructure has been removed recently (the cricket cages), but nothing much added for a long time. The covering on the chain for the kids to slide down from the slide/climb/bridge structure has been damaged for more than eight years. Black tape was used to cover the chain where the rubber casing is missing, and when even this tape was significantly torn a few years ago, I contacted Council and was told it would be temporarily fixed with more black tape for a short time until it was permanently fixed. The black tape is still there, with no signs of it ever being permanently fixed. The swings are harder and harder for small children to access because of the growing depressions underneath the swings where the soil has been worn away, increasing the distance between the bottom of the swing and the ground (so little legs can't reach). Hughesdale's love Galbally Reserve, but for those of us at the south end of the suburb, it's not quite within 1km (its indicative catchment area), and is a bit far to take kids on foot. There's very little parking if we were to drive there, and we have to navigate lots of roads to cycle or scoot there. It becomes a place for an occasional 'excursion' rather than a regular play in our local or neighbourhood park.</p> <p>It can also become very crowded, given it's Hughesdale's only playground of reasonable size and scope, and it's along the Rail Trail, so families from other suburbs use it too.</p>			
32	Hughesdale		<p>Would be great to see the playground at Argyle Reserve redeveloped.</p>	n/a	<p>Based on community feedback and the recognised gap in open space and playground provision in the Oakleigh Ward, especially Hughesdale, elevate Argyle Reserve playspace as a priority</p>	<p>Specific Playground 5 (Argyle Reserve)</p>

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					for redevelopment and include it in the Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2 of the Strategy) for design in 2023/24 and construction in 2024/25 subject to funding.	
33	Hughesdale	Simmonds St	I find it disappointing that Hughesdale is listed as a priority suburb but then nearly all developments are happening in non-priority suburbs. Hughesdale and Oakleigh have a distinct lack of good quality parks in comparison to other Monash suburbs and this needs to be addressed.	The Strategy recognises there are gaps in playground provision in parts of the Oakleigh Ward including Hughesdale. Recommendations 27 & 30 prioritise the development of new playgrounds here subject to funding and potential land acquisition. Note: Galbally Reserve playspace in Freda Street, Hughesdale has also recently been upgraded and the Strategy recommends the installation of public toilets here to deliver a District level destination playground in Hughesdale. There are also playgrounds at Argyle and Bowman Reserves in Hughesdale.	Based on community feedback and the recognised gap in open space and playground provision in the Oakleigh Ward, especially Hughesdale, elevate Argyle Reserve playspace as a priority for redevelopment and include it in the Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2 of the Strategy) for design in 2023/24 and construction in 2024/25 subject to funding.	Oakleigh Ward 8 (Hughesdale)
34	Hughesdale	Poath	Upgrade to Argyle reserve Toilets at Galbally	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2)	Based on community feedback and the recognised gap in open space and playground provision in the Oakleigh Ward, especially Hughesdale, elevate Argyle Reserve playspace as a priority for redevelopment and include it in the Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2 of the Strategy) for design in 2023/24 and construction in 2024/25 subject to funding.	Specific Playground 7 (Argyle) / Toilets Galbally 21
35	Hughesdale		Great to have a comprehensive strategy in place. Disappointed that few upgrades are planned for Hughesdale / Oakleigh are despite being identified as an area of undersupply with high population growth forecasted. Argyle reserve in Hughesdale desperately needs an upgrade.	The Strategy recognises there are gaps in playground provision in parts of the Oakleigh Ward including Hughesdale. Recommendations 27 & 30 prioritise the development of new playgrounds here subject to funding and potential land acquisition. Note: Galbally Reserve playspace in Freda Street has recently been upgraded and the Strategy recommends the installation of public toilets here to deliver a District level destination playground in Hughesdale. There are also playgrounds at Argyle and Bowman Reserves in Hughesdale.	Based on community feedback and the recognised gap in open space and playground provision in the Oakleigh Ward, especially Hughesdale, elevate Argyle Reserve playspace as a priority for redevelopment and include it in the Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2 of the Strategy) for	Positive 8/ Oakleigh Ward 9 (Hughesdale)

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					design in 2023/24 and construction in 2024/25 subject to funding.	
36	Huntingdale	Greville Street	It's a shame that Huntingdale is completely ignored as a suburb which is seeing an expansion in young families. We have one playground for the suburb and it is tired, dated and unimaginative. As a family with young children who moved to the area in the past few years, it was a major concern about investing in the area and the fact that we have to drive our kids to a half decent playground is just sad. We had better outdoor spaces, parks, walking tracks and most certainly playgrounds when we lived in Abbotsford!!	Garnett Street Reserve (Huntingdale) and Princes Highway Reserve (close by in Oakleigh East) playspaces are considered priorities for upgrade and are in the 5 year Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2) of the Strategy.	Reclassify Princes Highway Reserve (Oakleigh East) to a District standard in the Strategy which will serve the Huntingdale community.	Oakleigh Ward 1 (Huntingdale)
37	Huntingdale	Greville Street	We were really pleased to see such a well thought out plan and long term view for Monash playspaces. As an owner occupier for the last & years in Huntingdale, and parent of young children, we would like to see the Garnett St playground redevelopment prioritised given its location next to the maternal health centre and childcare facility. We would hope for something similar to the Burlington St play space with fencing or shrubbery given the twin St location between Garnett St and Greville Streets. We also believe that the Princess Highway reserve play space should be commenced earlier. With the sports grounds having received significant upgrades, this play space is in desperate need of attention, shade and a refresh to accommodate the many families in the area and encourage full use of the Facility. Thank you for your consideration.	Garnett Street Reserve (Huntingdale) and Princes Highway Reserve (close by in Oakleigh East) playspaces are considered priorities for upgrade and are in the 5 year Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2) of the Strategy.	Reclassify Princes Highway Reserve (Oakleigh East) to a District standard in the Strategy which will serve the Huntingdale community.	Positive 10 /Oakleigh Ward 10 (Huntingdale)
38	Huntingdale	Beauford	I think it is very clear and easy to read. I do believe however there should be more emphasis on Huntingdale as the oval closest to us has only a plastic playground which looks to be 10-15 years old.	Garnett Street Reserve (Huntingdale) and Princes Highway Reserve (close by in Oakleigh East) playspaces are considered priorities for upgrade and are in the 5 year Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2) of the Strategy.	Reclassify Princes Highway Reserve (Oakleigh East) to a District standard in the Strategy which will serve the Huntingdale community.	Positive 11 / Oakleigh Ward 11 (Huntingdale)
39	Mount Waverley	The Highway	We need more inclusive playgrounds for children with disability and more accessible toilets! Also need more shade for hot summer days.	Inclusive playspaces is embedded in Monash's Playground Design Standards, Minimum Playground Infrastructure Standards and Strategy recommendations. The need for public toilets and shade structures at destination playgrounds is also acknowledged and in Minimum	Nil	Design Considerations 1 / Public

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				Playground Infrastructure Standards for District and Regional playspaces. A recommendation pertaining to the installation of public toilets at destination playgrounds is addressed in recommendation 10 of the Strategy.		Toilets General 1
40	Mount Waverley	Cranleigh Grove	When a children's park is developed it needs to cater for all ages from 2-15 yr olds. Some of our recent parks have focussed on older children.	The Strategy aims to provide a range of flexible and diverse play experiences throughout the municipality. The primary design focus or target group for each playground is informed by the playground's classification (recommendation 2). All playgrounds are designed and maintained in accordance Monash's Playground Design Standards and relevant Australian Standards. Recommendation 23 responds to the need for more sensory playgrounds in Monash.	Nil	Design Considerations 4
41	Mount Waverley	Sadie	Reserve 40 - Mayfield Drive needs upgrading	Mayfield Park (ID#40 in the Strategy) has recently been upgraded (in 2017) to a neighbourhood standard and the overall feedback received on this new playspace has been very positive.	Nil	Specific Playground 6 (Mayfield Park)
42	Mount Waverley	Amesbury	Council should be more INCLUSIVE and design play equipment that caters for adults and the elderly. There are many examples of this in the new sky rail playgrounds under Carnegie station and Clayton station.	The community consultation has confirmed that inclusive playspaces and fitness/exercise equipment are important. Council's commitment to delivering inclusive playspaces is outlined in Monash's Playspace Design Standards. Fitness elements will be considered in designs for future District and Regional scale playspaces developments. Recommendations 34-36 in the Strategy also aim to address the need for more fitness/exercise equipment in reserves.	Nil	Design Considerations 6
43	Mulgrave	Aintree Ave Mulgrave	I'm a local from Mulgrave on Whitehaven Cres there is a park so old and run down so much space could we maybe get an outdoor soccer pitch and basketball court spice it up abet get more people using this old run down park I myself am a father and want more outdoor areas.	Whitehaven Crescent Reserve playspace is identified as a playground upgrade priority and will be redeveloped in 2020-21 subject to funding (Appendix 2).	Nil	Specific playground 1 (Whitehaven)
44	Murrumbeena	Rosella St	Would love to see a toilet in Galbally park. Thanks.	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 10
45	Murrumbeena	Lawrance street	I believe a toilet would be a good idea. Thank you!	Public toilets for Galbally Reserve is recommended in the Strategy (Recommendation 10 & Appendix 2).	Nil	Toilets Galbally 13
46	Oakleigh	Burlington	Looks great. Toilets. Required.	The need for public toilets at destination playgrounds is acknowledged and is addressed in recommendation 10.	Nil	Positive 2 / Toilets General 2
47	Oakleigh	North Rd.	Needs to be more parks around me.	The Strategy recognises there are gaps in playground provision in parts of the Oakleigh Ward. Recommendations 27 & 30 prioritise the development of new playgrounds here subject to funding and potential land acquisition.	Nil	Oakleigh Ward 2 (Hughesdale)

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48	Oakleigh	Bishop Street	<p>While the strategy on the surface appears to be recognising the equity or not of open space and playgrounds in the City if Monash I feel that it does not really show the full extent of inequity. Beautiful natural and bushland spaces are located all over Mt Waverley and the northern and Eastern sections of the city of Monash - places like Valley Reserve, Jells Park, and Damper Creek to name a few. Many of these link up which makes them often beautiful spaces where people can take a long walk, play or relax. I often use these spaces, BUT I have to drive there. There are none of these bushland, natural, or beautifully landscaped open spaces in Oakleigh or South Oakleigh.</p> <p>The natural resolution to this problem would be to acquire the land at Golf Road/ Beryl Avenue Oakleigh South to develop as a community open space with a playground, bush setting, landscaping, BBQ's and seating. In addition I feel a basketball hoop and skate park would service the many teenagers living in the area that currently have nowhere to skate.</p> <p>Oakleigh has been recognised as the area that will have the greatest population growth in the next few years and I believe it would be negligent of council to not acquire this land while it is still undeveloped. In addition I would like to see a policy from council to provide landscaping into parklands such as Scammel Reserve to make it a more appealing place to be.</p> <p>The playground at Warrawee Park is very "square" and lacks imagination. A creative open play space such as the amazing playground in Valley Reserve would make this space far more interesting and actually provide stimulation and adventure into minds both young and old.</p>	<p>The Strategy recognises there are gaps in playground provision in parts of the Oakleigh. Recommendations 27 & 30 prioritise the development of new playgrounds here subject to funding and potential land acquisition.</p> <p>The Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2) of the Strategy also recommends the upgrade of Progress Park (Oakleigh South, directly opposite the corner of Beryl Avenue and Golf Rd) with community consultation and design to commence in 2020/21 and construction in 2021/22.</p> <p>The consultation will consider the local community needs for specific play elements and outdoor recreation opportunities.</p>	Nil	Oakleigh Ward 3
49	Oakleigh	Abbeygate	<p>More playground improvements required in Oakleigh and Hughesdale please. The little playgrounds around Abbeygate Street are in need of an update.</p>	<p>The Strategy recognises there are gaps in playground provision in parts of the Oakleigh Ward including Hughesdale. Recommendations 27 & 30 prioritise the development of new playgrounds here subject to funding and potential land acquisition.</p>	Based on community feedback and the recognised gap in open space and playground provision in the Oakleigh Ward, especially Hughesdale, elevate Argyle Reserve playspace as a priority for redevelopment and include	Oakleigh Ward 6 (Hughesdale)

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					it in the Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2 of the Strategy) for design in 2023/24 and construction in 2024/25 subject to funding.	
50	Oakleigh	Queens Ave	Great that it identified Oakleigh and Hughesdale as areas for more playgrounds, but most planned ones seem to be in the Glen Waverley area?	Galbally Reserve playspace in Freda Street (Hughesdale) has recently been upgraded and the Strategy recommends the installation of public toilets here to deliver a District level destination playground in Hughesdale. There are also playgrounds at Argyle and Bowman Reserves in Hughesdale. The Strategy recognises there are gaps in playground provision in parts of the Oakleigh Ward including Hughesdale. Recommendations 27 & 30 prioritise the development of new playgrounds here subject to funding and potential land acquisition.	Based on community feedback and the recognised gap in open space and playground provision in the Oakleigh Ward, especially Hughesdale, elevate Argyle Reserve playspace as a priority for redevelopment and include it in the Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2 of the Strategy) for design in 2023/24 and construction in 2024/25 subject to funding.	Oakleigh Ward 7 (Hughesdale)
51	Oakleigh East	Dublin	I think it's high time you invest in this. I often travel to other councils to use their playgrounds. You reference Reg Harris as being a good example. Please reconsider. It is a playground for 6 years plus and dangerous for toddlers. The section they can use is so limited and links right to the rope bridge where toddlers can fall right through. I live around the corner and never go to this park to use the playground. A lot of the strategy states "investigate" so I'm not sure how committed this council is to the plans. Sensory play spaces are a must and severely lacking in Monash, Markham reserve is a great place. Overall I think that you need to create a space that families can which include amenities. Nothing worse than being at the park and not having child friendly bathrooms or no shelter from rain if caught out. Look at introducing booking system for gatherings - might also help if we ever have another pandemic.	The Strategy aims to provide a range of flexible and diverse play experiences throughout the municipality for a range of ages and abilities. The primary design focus or target group for each playground is informed by the playground's classification (recommendation 2). All playgrounds are designed and maintained in accordance Monash's Playground Design Standards and relevant Australian Playground Safety Standards and are deemed compliant by independent expert playground auditors. Recommendation 23 of the Strategy responds to the need for more sensory playgrounds in Monash.	Investigate the feasibility of booking system for rotundas and picnic shelters in public open space.	Design Considerations 2

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52	Oakleigh East	Stewart Road	It is encouraging that Carlson Reserve is finally getting an upgrade in the 21/22 FY. Given the growth projected for Oakleigh East, it would be preferable to have Strelde Avenue's park reclassified and then appropriately upgraded.	Carlson Reserve and nearby Princes Hwy Reserve playspaces are larger destination playspaces that are priority for sites for upgrade in the Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2 of the Strategy). Strelde Avenue in Oakleigh East is a classified a pocket park and is not considered a priority for upgrade in the short-medium term.	Nil	Oakleigh Ward 4
53	Oakleigh East	Lerina St	I believe the Strategy has not captured the impact of surrounding sporting infrastructure on the patronage of many playgrounds. Princes Hwy Reserve is a prime example: 2x football ovals, cricket pitch and darts league result in very high visitation of the playground. This is a positive outcome. However, the playground is dated and has no provision for shade. It would greatly benefit from being immediately rezoned and prioritised as a 'district' playground, due to the proximity to the ovals. Finally, due to this proximity to sporting amenities, it is often used for fitness activities (chin-ups on monkey bars, step-ups on platforms). There is ample space to build a fitness station for use by local sporting clubs and families visiting the park.	Princes Highway Reserve is a priority for upgrade and has been listed in the 5 year Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2) of the Strategy. The proposed timing for this is for design work in 2023-24 and construction in 2024-25. This site has potential to be upgraded to a District standard and consider the incorporation of outdoor exercise equipment.	Reclassify Princes Highway Reserve to a District standard in the Strategy. Based on community feedback, the status of Princes Highway Reserve playspace (Oakleigh East) will be reviewed in accordance with Council's Capital Works Prioritisation Framework (2018) to ascertain if it can be elevated in the priorities rankings and brought forward in the Playground Upgrade Program.	Specific Playground 10 (Princes Hwy Reserve 1)
54	Oakleigh East	Lerina Street	I feel that Princes Hwy reserve has been neglected for too long while many other playgrounds get the complete revamp. Living only doors from this park and opting to take my children to other council parks is unfair. Considering the size and the sporting facilities available at this park, please rezone it as a District Park. It draws so many people to it each day, to well and truly past sun-down. It saddens me to think that plans for the playground are many years away!!!	Princes Highway Reserve is a priority for upgrade and has been listed in the 5 year Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2) of the Strategy. The proposed timing for this is for design work in 2023-24 and construction in 2024-25. This site has potential to be upgraded to a District standard.	Reclassify Princes Highway Reserve (Oakleigh East) to a District standard in the Strategy which will serve the Huntingdale community.	Specific Playground 11 (Princes Hwy Reserve 2)
55	Oakleigh East	Coane Street	Really? Plans for fixing Princess Hwy Reserve playground not until 2024??? The poor children who will continue to miss out for years to come!! What a joke! Make it a district park already!! I'm sure you already know that this park can certainly classify as a district park. Put the \$\$\$ it deserves into it!!	Princes Highway Reserve is a priority for upgrade and has been listed in the 5 year Playground Redevelopment Program (Appendix 2) of the Strategy. The proposed timing for this is for design work in 2023-24 and construction in 2024-25. This site has potential to be upgraded to a District standard.	Reclassify Princes Highway Reserve (Oakleigh East) to a District standard in the Strategy which will serve the Huntingdale community.	Specific Playground 12 (Princes Hwy Reserve 3)

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56	Wheelers Hill	Sunnybrook	The Jells Park playgrounds are all showing their age and not meeting standards. Yabbie Hill in particular is termite-ridden and terrible. Many swings in parks in the area are at the wrong height for children - from too low at Jells Park, to too high at Bowden Court Playground.	The playspaces in Jells Park, near Madeline's Café, are managed and maintained by Parks Victoria. The regional playspace is scheduled for a significant upgrade in the next 12-24 months. For more information refer to: https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/projects/jells-park-playspace	Nil	Specific Playground 8 (Jells Park)
57	Wheelers Hill	Jacaranda Road	<p>Overall I believe the strategy is well considered and documented. I would just like to make a couple of comments.</p> <p>In the document Proposed Playground Classifications and Design Focus, I feel that the Primary Design Focus/Target group for Pocket playgrounds does not reflect the actual use of the park by families. I live next to a pocket park, it is my observation that parents bring their children as a group and they range in age from toddlers through to early Primary - Schoolers. The older children will not be catered for in the proposed classification. Therefore I suggest the pocket parks be expanded to include Early Primary school children and this may also mean an adjustment to the number of pieces from 3-5 to 4-6</p> <p>In the document Proposed Playground Services Levels & Supporting Infrastructure Provision, I believe that Table 2 should be improved by adding concrete paths to provide all weather access to all parks as they become very boggy in wet weather. Also as somebody who regularly picks up rubbish from the park next to my house I would like to see the inclusion of rubbish bins in parks.</p>	<p>The Strategy aims to provide a range of flexible and diverse play experiences throughout the municipality. The primary design focus or target group for each playground is informed by the playground's classification (recommendation 2).</p> <p>This is indicative only, each unique playground consultation and design process considers the local community's requirements in accordance with Monash's Playground Design Standards and play elements and opportunities that cater for children of different ages and stages of development.</p> <p>The Strategy recommends rubbish bins be provided at larger-scale playspaces including all Neighbourhood, District and Regional Playspaces (refer Recommendation 3).</p>	Nil	Positive 9 / Design Considerations 7