



Engagement Snapshot

Ken Douglas Reserve Upgrade

Stage 1

About the project

Ken Douglas Reserve Playground is up for renewal in the coming months and we are also looking to make some improvements to the reserve.

Ken Douglas Reserve is located in Mount Pleasant. It is a partially fenced, local park with a small playground and plenty of trees and shade.

During September 2021, we invited local residents of the area to share their ideas for the upgrade via an online survey.

Site challenges

The bore water source used in this reserve has a high iron content, staining park infrastructure and affecting the type of plants which can grow. Currently the dominant species within the park are the Casuarina trees which inhibit the growth of understory planting.

Who we informed

129 households received a direct invitation via email

194 Melville Talks page visitors

3,827 eNews subscribers

Who we spoke to

91% of participants informed us that they were local residents

What happens next?

All feedback is under review with the project team. The community will be invited to vote on their favourite design option later this year.

Participation Results

Your feedback

Community participants

57

Surveys received

52.63% use the playground

68.42% would like to keep the playground

31.58% would like the playground removed to improve biodiversity

59.65% would like a combination of traditional park and bush park features

If the playground stays, 60% of respondents would like a combination park: a bush park with a small playground and a few nature play items.

Concerns around:

- Fencing - respondents would like to see the fencing upgraded/completed so that the park is fully enclosed
- Grass - respondents would like to see the grass established to create an inviting space to sit
- Playground - respondents would like to see the playground upgraded or well-maintained

Ideas for consideration

- Picnic facilities (table and seating) 52% of respondents requested picnic, seating, or table and chairs
- BBQ facilities
- Dog waste bags
- Bin
- Drink fountain
- Plantation of more plants, shrubs and trees
- Increased shade
- Loop track for bikes and scooters
- Fenced dog area