



ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT

DA COSTA RESERVE PLAYSPACE

Report prepared for the Recreation and Youth Coordinator by
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INTRODUCTION

On Tuesday 6 October 2020, Council commenced public engagement on the proposed concept design for the new Da Costa Reserve Playspace.

Background

The existing Da Costa Reserve Playspace equipment was installed in 2001 and 2004 and has now reached the end of its asset life.

This is a very well used reserve and playspace by local residents and by families from Glenelg Primary School before and after school hours.

The new playspace concept design was presented to the community for their feedback.

For the purpose of the report a sentiment analysis has been provided for the qualitative data (the comments). This report provides a summary of the engagement methodology and engagement outcomes.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

This 23 day community engagement ran from 6 to 28 October 2020.

The views of the community were collected via:

- Council's website.
- Email submissions.
- Written submissions.
- Hard copy surveys – 8 were collected.
- In person at the drop-in session:
 - 4.30pm – 6pm Thursday 15 October 2020.

And promoted through:

- A registered user update to residents living locally
- Two corflute signs at Da Costa Reserve.
- Mail box drop to residents within a 300m radius of the reserve
 - 350 letter drops to properties
- Hard copy survey forms were available at the onsite community drop-in session and on request from community members.

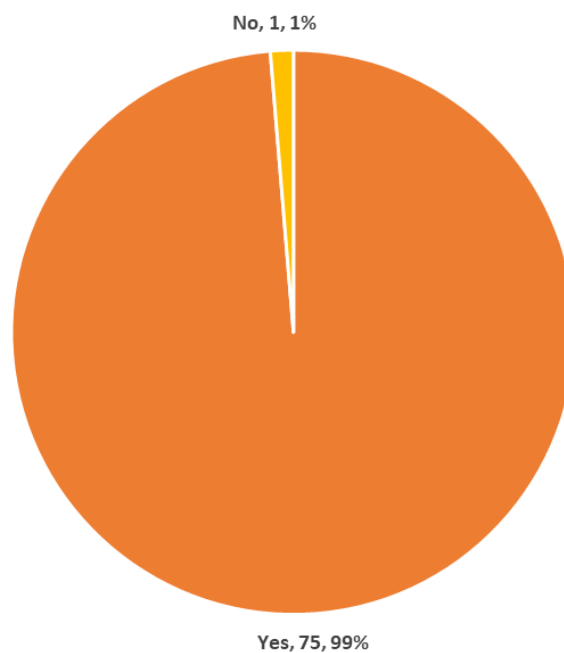
SURVEY FORMAT

Participants were asked how they currently use the Da Costa Reserve Playspace and to provide their feedback on the proposed concept design for the new playspace.

Survey Results

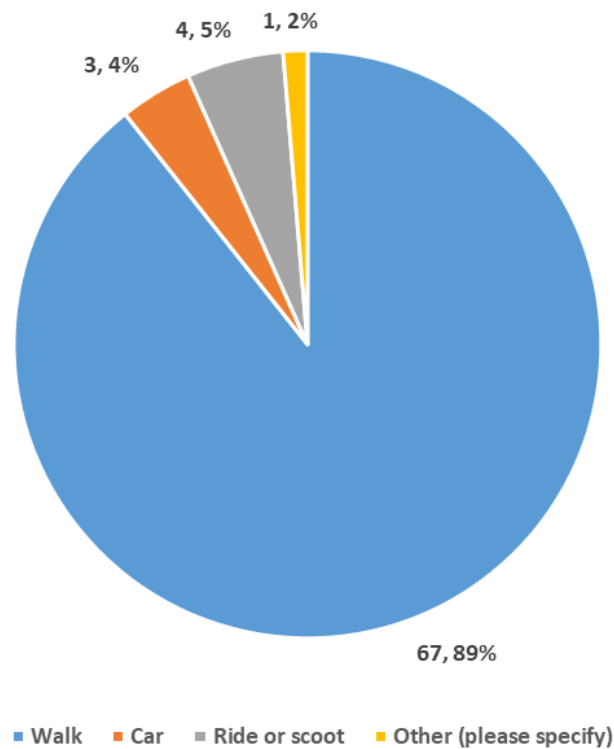
76 submissions were received during the engagement period. Below are the results

- **Do you currently visit Da Costa Reserve Playspace?**
 - 75 people (99%) said they do currently visit the playspace.
 - One participant (1%) said they did not visit the playspace.



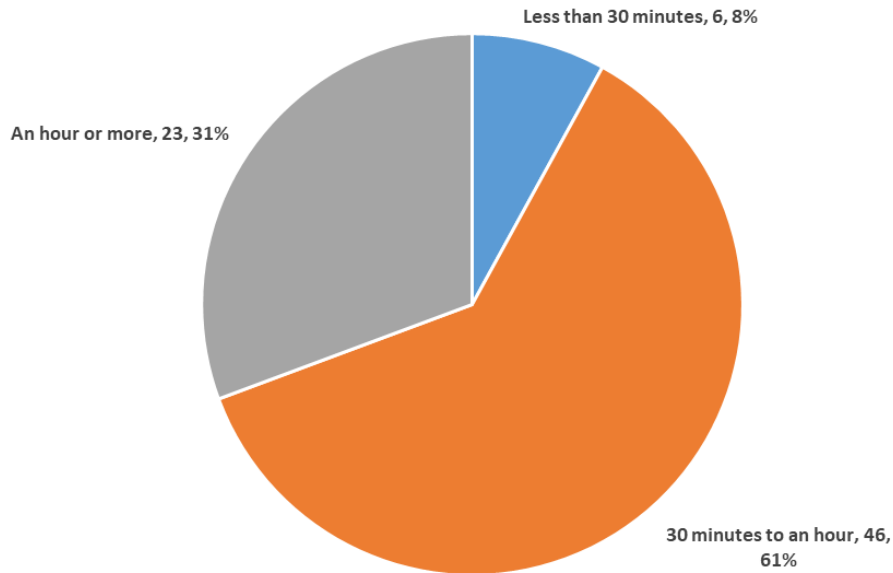
- **How do you normally travel to Da Costa Reserve Playspace?**

- 67 participants walk to the park (89%).
- One participant selected other (1%): *'Would use a scooter but no footpaths past middle Wyatt St'.*



- **How long do you usually stay at Da Costa Reserve Playspace?**

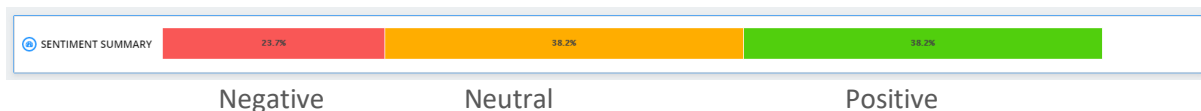
- 46 participants (61%) stay for 30 minutes to an hour.
- 23 participants (31%) stay for an hour or more
- Six participants (8%) stay for less than 30 minutes



Comments

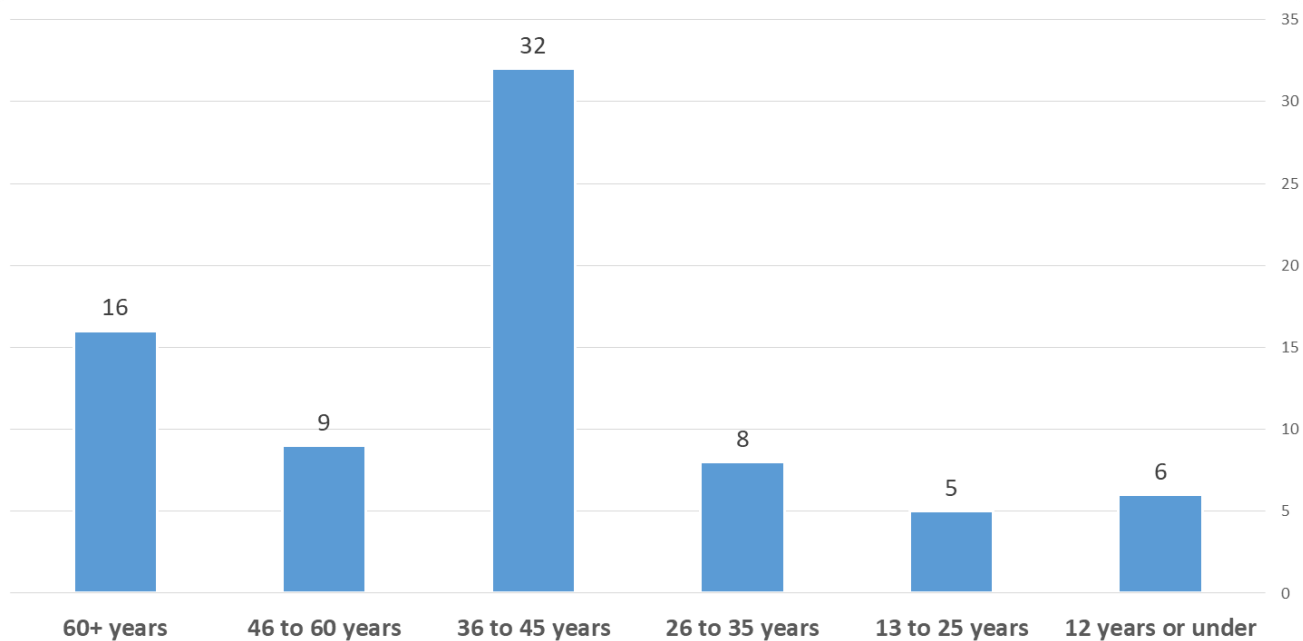
Comments and feedback regarding the proposed design for the new playspace have been categorised by sentiment. Please read the appendices which sorts responses in to negative, neutral or positive towards the new design:

- 38% of participants spoke positively about the proposed design saying they liked or really liked the design and range of opportunities available and were pleased about the redevelopment happening ([see appendix 1.](#)).
- 38% of participants comments were neutral with many talking about other amenities and features they would like to see included in the redevelopment ([see appendix 2.](#)).
- 24% of comments stated disappointment with the current design with many saying that they were expecting a larger scope, more natural elements and/or that the proposed design doesn't improve on the existing space ([see appendix 3.](#)).



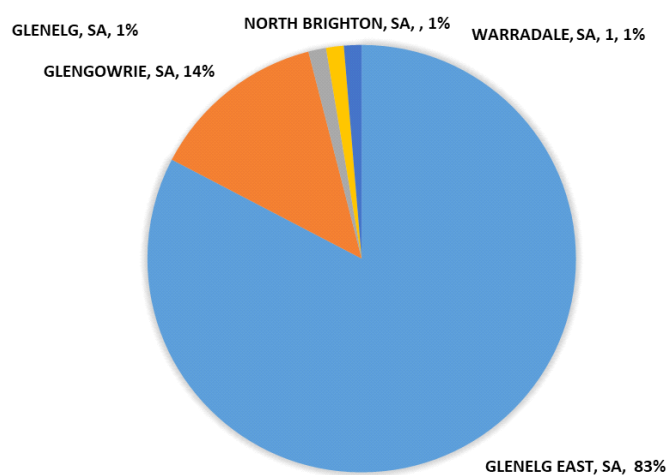
Age

- 32 participants were between the ages of 36-45 (42%)
- 16 participants were 60+ (21%)



Suburb

- 63 participants (83%) identified as being from Glenelg East
- 11 participants (15%) were from the City of Marion (Glengowrie and Warradale)



HOW THE FEEDBACK WAS RECEIVED

- Two emails (one email has been added to survey results) see appendix 4 for email submission). A third email was received after the engagement closing date.
- Eight hard copy surveys
- 68 submissions via Your Holdfast online survey.
 - The project page was visited 290 times.
 - Traffic to the site came from the engagement newsletter, directly and Google
 - 11 people downloaded the proposed design
 - 52 people viewed the FAQs.
 - This engagement acquired one new registrations.

SUMMARY

The most prominent feedback received was that participants (23) raised the importance that natural or synthetic shade be included as part of this redevelopment, to allow children and families to use the space during warm weather and to protect users from dangerous UV rays. Some suggested trees and shade centric landscaping as part of the redevelopment. Fifteen participants asked for more benches and seating.

There were both positive and negative sentiments towards the flying fox concept however the positive outweighed the negative (13:4). Concerns for the flying fox included scale and location.

The theme of a nature playspace was raised by 15 participants, following the recent trend towards more natural themed play areas, and 11 stated that they would appreciate a more natural colour palette.

Also noted was the request for:

- More opportunities for toddler play and junior and senior play areas to be separated as they are within the current playspace.
- Monkey bars included in the new playspace design and five thought there should be more on offer for older ages.
- Addition of bike/scooter tracks and more accessible pathways for wheelchairs and prams to access the playspace.

N.B Comments were also made regarding the basketball half court which is out of scope of this engagement. Comments related to expressing that the basketball half court be maintained, the size of the court, and the proximity in regards to the playspace. The existing basketball court is being maintained at the existing footprint and height and the court has recently been resurfaced.

Appendix

Appendix 1. (all comments are written verbatim)

Comments classified as positive toward the proposed concept designs (29 Comments/39%)

1. Looks great, but what's wrong with what we have? how much will this cost us?
2. The play area desperately needs some shade. Often our stay is cut short due to it being too hot and not having any shady area to have a rest. PLEASE consider a good shade structure. The concept pictures look like the play area is geared to older children. We very much like the small area which is geared towards toddlers in the current playground- even putting in a little boat or car for the children to pretend to drive would be wonderful. At other parks that we visit, boats / cars are great places for little kids to congregate and play for a good stint of time. Please don't forget about the little toddlers in this upgrade. We are super excited about the upgrade but it would be sad for the little ones to miss out. Thanks for your time and for involving residents in the process, we really appreciate it.
3. Play equipment looks great, my kids will love it. They'll be especially excited about the flying fox (older kids) and my younger toddler will love the climbing.
Would like to see some benches for the adults and even a shaded picnic table (or two).
I am particularly happy there is not water play with sand at this park. There are plenty of other parks with this available and quite frankly I don't want to have to pack a change of clothes and a towel every park trip (I can go to the beach for unlimited sand/water play!!) and honestly having a toddler water sand parks have been a lot of hassle.
A little scooter path around the inside of the perimeter would be great too.
Thanks.
4. It looks really good so don't change the design. I'm sure my grandchildren will absolutely love it.
I'm happy that I cannot see a water and sand play area, because I try and avoid playgrounds with these in the winter as it's too cold for the children to get all wet and cold and have to leave early.
5. Those designs are great for the young children but adding a flying fox like the old gum tree park would also be great for the older kids. I think keeping the basketball half court is great as that is very popular.
6. It looks great. I understand that shade is not a part of this redevelopment but think it would be wise to plan the development with an option for adding shade at a later stage as it is not a shady playground at all.

I would love to see the basketball court moved further away from the playground. It attracts teenagers and I don't like my toddler overhearing their swearing.

I'd have loved to see a little bike/scooter path inside the fenced area - even as simple as Baddam's Green
7. The concept design looks contemporary and appealing. My only addition is that the future design incorporates an element of sustainability, i.e. planter boxes with lemon trees, etc. It is also commendable that the half court basketball will be upgraded as it is a popular attraction.

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| 8. | While the design looks great for younger children, our family and many others would very much appreciate options for older children. A full size basketball court (or at least a full height ring on a half court) would be used by so many children of varied ages and would offer an outdoor activity option for pre-teens and teens, who are the age group the community need to target and encourage to stay in sport. Especially in this era of electronic options I can't emphasise strongly enough how important this would be. The flying fox is a great inclusion. |
| 9. | Looks great. Very pleased to hear the playground will be upgraded |
| 10. | I think it is great, there are many children in the area of ranging ages and at present the equipment is really set up for smaller children only. The inclusion of a flying fox is sure to be a hit. The only other thing which could be good for all age groups is some kind of track/jumps for scooters skateboards however not a skate park as that would not be aesthetically pleasing and could draw the wrong demographic. |
| 11. | Great concept design and we love the fact it will appeal to both young and older children.

Love the flying fox! Will be a huge hit!

Other inclusions we would love to see: Shade sail for sun/rain, more seating for parents, trampolines, and possibly a scooter/bike path or track |
| 12. | It looks fun |
| 13. | Design 3 looks the best. The Playground needs upgrading, however the basketball court should be left alone, as it is a true community treasure. |
| 14. | I am not a big fan of the variety of colours going on (it's a bit too much in my opinion), but besides that it looks pretty cool. My kids (3 and 4) like the look of it. How about a shade cloth so the kids can play during the hot summer days in the afternoons as well? |
| 15. | Nice bright colours. How much equipment will be for 1-2 year olds? There are a lot of children this age group that use the play space. |

16. Great to see the play space being updated, it's a very popular playground that we attend multiple times a week. The design is nice however it is targeted more for older/school age kids, whereas currently the playground provides a separate space for younger toddlers which increases safety for both young and old children. Many younger children use the playground, not just school age and the smaller area in the proposed design that's designed for younger children is quite small compared to what's available for the older children and it being connected to the older kids area is not ideal.

Some seating in the play space would also be preferable.

A current issue is that as the palms inside the play space frequently have pigeons in them and also nests therefore there is frequently droppings in the play area which can pose a health risk. It also makes the play space quite dirty all year round. It's difficult to tell in the designs what is happening with those.

The current sandpit also provides a lot of entertainment and it would be great to have a sandpit area still in some capacity if possible.

This design doesn't show what is being done with the adjoining basketball court, which often has basketballs going over the fence and into the playground. Some space between the basketball court and playground would be safer.

Keeping the fence is necessary and I'm pleased to see this has been kept in the design

An extra basket swing is a good addition

Accessibility for all members of the community also needs to be considered, with there being no ramps incorporated for wheel chairs. I understand there is a budget however some consideration towards inclusivity and accessibility should be evident and it isn't.

17. Looks really lovely. Do wish for shade. Hopefully still enclosed play area.

18. All looks good, please include monkey bars though...,

My kids will be devastated if they are taken away, I personally think they are amazing for building strength and coordination

19. Playground space looks good, it would be great to also keep space for open area/grass for people who want to picnic with you g children and have the security of the fence. Also maybe a few benches for parents to sit on.

20. It's creative

It would be fun monkey bars would be good

21. Looks good. Very pleased we are getting a Flying Fox. My wife and I use the playground with our grandchildren

22. Like the flying fox & play areas. Many kids in the area would really love a bike pump track.

Many children have been building a make-shift dirt track behind 'break out park'

It would be great if a proper one could be built

Exercise equipment would also be great

23. This proposal looks fantastic and my children will love it but someone has seriously dropped the ball while doing their risk assessment for this redevelopment.

Given melanoma is the most common cancer in young Australians aged 15 to 38 and kills more young Australians aged 20 to 39 than any other single cancer, don't you think you have a duty of care to ensure all new outdoor developments incorporate well-shaded areas to help prevent more lives from being lost in the future?

I would suggest either removing a piece of equipment or reach out to the community for additional support/funding to ensure some shade can be incorporated into the development.

I am happy and willing to help with this process as the national distributor for Hamilton Sunscreen.

Please feel free to contact me on [REDACTED] to discuss further.

24. it looks great, an added necessary inclusion would be seating for adults watching the children.
25. Looks great! You've kept the swings which are always popular and it looks like there is different areas for the differing age groups and abilities. Generally from what I have seen on our many visits is that it is mainly kindy to lower/middle primary school kids who are the main playground users at Da Costa. Will there be plenty of benches at different angles within the playground area for parents and other children who are not playing (or too young) can sit at, but still be watching and close to children on the equipment (aka - Blackwood tree top does this REALLY well)?
26. I love the new playspace. I can't wait to try it out.
A shade cover or a covered place for a rest would make it even better.
27. Great to see it with a full fence. With 3 under 5 I need a fenced area
Would be good to have shade
A seat Would be great, have seen lots of grandparents there with children. And I have MS so often looking to sit and watch when possible to
28. We really like the new playspace but hope the basketball ring stays and if so it could be upgraded as well. We are very excited about the zipline.
29. We are really excited about an upgrade to this playground as we live [REDACTED]. I would have liked to have seen more of a nature play space with water/sand play be included in the proposed plan. It seems that other playgrounds in the Holdfast Bay council have included these to cater for a variety of children's needs, however this seems as though it is just replacing a playground. The surrounding area mainly consists of heritage housing and feel a more nature/wooden inspired playground be integrated in some ways within the proposed plan, for example Hendrie Street Playground and Appleby Road Reserve. We like the current design, however would like to have the above additions to complement it.

Appendix 2. (all comments are written verbatim). Comments classified as neutral (29 Comments)

<p>1. Please also update the Basketball court and ring - we love meeting our friends there and playing basketball with them. We also like play equipment for parkour - climbing, swinging (hanging), jumping, balancing. We are 8 years old and 11 years old. Thanks!</p> <p>2. I am unsure about having the low level shrubs blocking the view of the play ground. I live [REDACTED] and have always been pleased that the park is open and children in view and safe.</p>
<p>3. New design requires shaded play areas including shade area for carer/parent. Would like to see a track for bikes and scooters inside fenced area.</p> <p>4. New playground should have at least partial shade otherwise it will be under utilised.</p> <p>5. I was hopeful of seeing an adjustable height basketball ring. The current ring is consistently used by numerous young people, my grandchildren among them.</p>
<p>6. Definitely need some sort of shade sail over open equipment</p> <p>7. As a local resident [REDACTED], the main issue I have with this new playspace is the increased traffic that parks around this reserve. The footpaths are not in a very good state and the onstreet parking makes it dangerous for kids that walk/ride around this park. If something can be done to assist with carparking around the park perimeter then it would be greatly appreciated.</p>
<p>8. Please consider a pram friendly path to the entry gate. Pushing over the grass is difficult. Please do something about the feral pigeons. They are dirty and should not be in an area designed for young children.</p> <p>9. It would be great to have</p> <p>more shade either trees or shade cloth.</p> <p>A few chairs and tables</p> <p>Footpaths for scooter riding</p>
<p>10. It is good to have some swings for older kids. Can you please keep the basketball ring.</p> <p>11. We believe the basket ball area needs to stay or even be expanded it is well used by all ages The equipment within the playground area is quite sufficient and in working order maybe just an upgrade of these items</p> <p>12. It is orientated to a vey young age demographic. We have been going to this park since my kids were toddlers and my son still goes here to kick the football and play on the basketball courts at 13, I sincerely hope they are not losing the court. My daughter would miss the fact that there are no monkey bars, she has been using them since she was 4 and still does at 10!</p>

<p>13. We have 3 kids- 10,7,2. Flying fox is great for older ones. Is it possible to not use bark- hard for kids with a disability. Our Youngest daughter will use a walker/wheelchair. Is there any chance of a mini pump track- similar to the one at Jervois st park in Marion Council area. Chairs for adults to sit on within the park area. Keep basketball ring. Any water play would also be great. Not a fan of that high climbing web.</p> <p>We are filling this in as a family.</p> <p>Many thanks!</p>
<p>14. It is hard to tell from the mock ups. However I would like the council to ensure there is adequate challenging equipment for 7-12 year olds.</p> <p>15. It's okay. It's definitely not what I had in mind as I would prefer a more of a "nature playground" such as Jervois Street reserve in Plympton. It does remind me a lot of Sandison reserve in Augusta Street which is also in walking range to our house, which makes it feel like "just another playground". However, I do like the fact that it looks diverse and inviting for a range of age groups which is something the community and our families can benefit from and grow with.</p>
<p>16. It would be good to have easier pram access to the park. There's currently only 1 ramp from the street (west side), which is not near the playground. Can one of the swings please be for younger kids (i.e. chair back and chain)?</p>
<p>17. Some playgrounds cater well to older children eg. 8-11 year olds as well as the preschoolers and junior primary age group. A good example of this would be Bonython playground opposite the coke factory on the city fringe. Perhaps some more natural concepts instead of all plastic could be considered to promote an eco friendly feel. My girls are 8 and 10 and are still very much avid playground users. This would be slightly young for them i think.</p> <p>18. This looks okay. You must include a basketball ring as I often seen people using this.</p>
<p>19. My children are 8 & 10 and enjoy the climbing nets as well as flying foxes. They also enjoy nature play, water over rocks, and being creative through their play building huts out of sticks etc.</p>
<p>20. Please consider shade sails or something to providing shade.</p> <p>Most children we see playing there are of pre-school age, so we would appreciate appropriate equipment ex a merry-go-round, see-saw, swings and slides etc.</p> <p>Most of the proposed equipment are too advanced for the little children playing there.</p> <p>21. Could be a little more natural</p>

22. Shade should be included or planned for in the immediate future. Even at the expense of some equipment. The design of recently installed play areas in Marion council using wood and with shade is more appealing and more conducive to safe, sun-smart and comfortable play.
Family of ours live [REDACTED] old gum tree park and the flying fox is fantastic with no complaints from them regarding noise. A great idea.
23. My issue is that shade should be a top priority
The slippery slide needs to have a barrier to stop kids climbing on top of slide & putting themselves at danger!
Trees should be planted, not shade cloth
Love the bright colours
Reduce speed around perimeter of playground & perhaps restrict parking to one side of road.
24. Regarding swings, a bucket seat for toddlers would be needed
Shade at some point would be great
Flying Fox takes up a lot of room and budget, could this be spent on more play options.
25. Please provide shade. This is a very important issue. There is currently no shade over the current playground and no large trees to provide shade over the equipment. It's imperative that shade is provided over a kids play area, especially since summers are getting hotter.
26. This new design, whilst it states it continues to cater for 2-12 years, appears more suited to older children, particularly with the removal of the sandpit. Many young children, not just school children use this playground and therefore I would like to see more equipment suited to 2-5 age range included please. The sandpit would be great to keep in some form.
- Additionally this playground has alot of similarities to the Sandison Reserve playground, particularly with the climbing structure and sea saw. Given the playgrounds are closely located, it would be nice to see some more differences to provide more variety of play equipment in the suburb.
- Seating as well as a bin close to the entrance would also be great as the playground often has alot of rubbish as it appears the current bin in the park is located too far from the playground.
27. The flying fox is good as it is something different. Also the climbing structure is good and the swings. However, the plastic play equipment is a bit boring and it would be better if this was replaced with more nature based play ideas instead.

28. I have three young children and am a Glenelg East resident [REDACTED] The playground looks very fun and colourful, but not really unique or sympathetic to the residential character of the area. I would much rather see a more natural play space. It's hard to tell what the tall orange things are in the distance. It would be great to have some picnic tables included within the fenced area also.

29. "Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed concept design.
To confirm previously advised information, the upgrade will
Be within the existing footprint
Retain the current tubular fence line
Replace existing equipment
Updated information on the Council website re Da Costa upgrade give Flying Fox dimensions as:
Length: 21.85m
Width: 0.33m

Height: 3.91m

Having attended the Da Costa drop-in session on the 15 October and spending an hour during school holidays at the Old Gum Tree Reserve I provide the following feedback.

Of the 4 images provided in the concept design it looks like there is a substantial, hard edge (concrete?) between the grassed area and the wood chip. Is this likely to be a trip hazard? There is no hard edge between the woodchip and grass in the current playspace.

More seating, similar to what is already in place, in the shade would be a welcome addition.

I agree with the listed pieces of equipment but see the inclusion of the flying fox as introducing a new element outside of the parameters. It was disappointing that a top down view was not provided so you could see how and where each piece of equipment was positioned in the space and in relation to surrounding streets.

Flying Fox

The Old Gum Tree Reserve is a larger area, linear in shape and therefore accommodates the flying fox length without the entire structure (including the substantial launch ramp) dominating the space.

The structure is also well away from other play equipment.

Will Da Costa have a similar high launching ramp?

How does this compare with the Old Gum Tree flying fox? I'm curious how a 21.85m flying fox will fit into the existing Da Costa playspace. Da Costa is a different configuration of space, far smaller in area, an irregular octagon in shape. The current fence lines range from the smallest of 8 metres to the longest of 17.5metres. This effectively means the flying fox cannot run along an existing fence line, but will need to be placed diagonally or along the longest diameter (about 35 metres), resulting in the space being dissected in two.

This is not ideal to have the play space with equipment on one side, a central flying fox and equipment on the other side. Young children have tunnel vision and if running towards another piece of equipment are unlikely to be aware of someone whizzing across their path.

If the length is reduced, does it then become irrelevant, and unattractive to kids, thereby becoming a piece of equipment that takes up valuable space and has limited play value.

I don't believe a large structure that dominates the playspace and one that has high visibility from the streetscape is appropriate for an Historic Conservation Zone. While I appreciate the need to update, this should not be an invitation to develop without sympathy to and in keeping with the surrounding environs.

Currently flying foxes/zip lines are already at the Old Gum Tree Reserve (2.4km away, and 5 minutes by car) and Hamilton Park Reserve, (2.4km away, and 4 minutes by car). Is it really necessary to have yet another flying fox?

Everyone will have a differing view of how to utilize the play space. Perhaps the uniqueness of Da Costa could be what defines it as different - as a peaceful gentle place to visit and play with children and grandchildren.

In closing and though not related to the playspace, congratulations with the resurfacing of the basketball court. It looks great, was completed quickly and is back being used by the community."

Appendix 3. (all comments are written verbatim). **Comments that were classified as negative towards the proposed design (18 comments)**

1.	Was expecting/hoping for a more "nature play" space for the young kids (under 7). The basketball court is heavily used by local school kids (10yo and up) and should be kept/expanded - maybe have 2 of them. I'd like to see something for kids to scooter/skateboard/ride around - maybe a track around the playground, maybe even a "beginners" skate/scooter bowl. Like the Jervois St South Plympton park?
2.	I think a more nature play based approach with equipment and colour palette would be better.
3.	How much is this going to cost ? The current facilities do not appear to be anywhere near the end of their life. The schematics seem to indicate a younger age group than currently covered. Minimal provision for natural shade. Isn't there going to be a facility added to Glenelg Oval, just 500m away.
4.	Its fine, just not very inspiring. We have a two year old son and visit regularly as we are only a block away. The proposed design looks like the old one with a coat of paint. I understand that money is tight so depending on how much it costs would determine my overall opinion.
5.	<p>It is such a shame to see such a plastic eyesore when there has been so many beautiful nature playgrounds successfully installed across councils in Adelaide recently. I feel that this playground completely misses the mark for what families are looking for lately (ie look at the success of playground like Morialta).</p> <p>This is such a beautiful park in a character area and we would MUCH prefer to see a nature playground here using natural resources.</p>
6.	I visit the playground with my grandkids and find the reserve is already one of the best playspaces of any in this area with so many climbing areas,slides and sandpit .The concept designs,while colourful,appear to make the area more concentrated and I would be happy if it were left as is.
7.	It seems smaller than the existing playground. The current playground is quite spread out so if multiple families are there, they all have something to do. Our children really love the monkey bars - less and less playgrounds include them, it would be a shame to see them removed from this space too.

8. Thanks for consulting the community re input.

The proposed concept seems less challenging than the existing structure.

A positive of the current layout is there is separation between the smaller equipment, more suitable for toddlers from the main, the proposed layout does not have such separation.

Key features missing in the proposal are a sandpit and some more challenging climbing equipment, such as monkey bars.

The colour scheme whilst bright would naturally be attractive to kids however maybe too bright for residents who over look the play space. A more conservative approach on the larger main structures, similar to Sandison Reserve, where the large slide and structure are deep greens and blend nicely with the wider reserve. I think colour is still required, however the balance is out in the proposal.

It would be nice to maintain the height of the existing swings in the current reserve, too many play grounds the swing height is too low and limits the scope for use for 6 plus year olds.

I can't see any park benches in the proposal, whilst seating options currently exist.

9. It would be great if the playspace had more of a "natural" look i.e. wood and natural materials and colours rather than bright colours and plastic. This would be more in keeping with the character of Glenelg East and surrounds.

A shade should be considered for future planning. It is near impossible to use this playground in the summer months.

Seating for parents/adults should be considered. This is insufficient in the current play space.

My kids would love to see MONKEY BARS included in the design. This is the most used aspect of the current playground from my kids point of view and also what I see a lot of other children utilising.

10. Could be larger playground

No Flying Fox - too noisy for residential area - enough noise on Farr Tce now our bedrooms are out front

11. We think it's unattractive and doesn't reflect current nature play /play spaces

Plastic - unsuitable/not eco friendly

No shade - unacceptable in 2020

It's like for like - not an improvement

12. We have waited a long time for a redevelopment of this playground. Other parks in the council area have had two new playgrounds since this one was updated & this looks like a mess to me. It seems to be trying to be too many things & all mixed up. I like the idea of appealing to a variety of age-groups but I think the age-group areas need to be more separated. The basketball court is still so close that balls will continue to fly into the area & hit children. It appears to be a rushed effort with too small a budget & needs a lot more thought & planning. Why any new outdoor area would not include shade in this day and age seems ill conceived.

13. The proposed Flying Fox location

I have a safety concern regarding the location of the Flying Fox in relation to young children who are playing within the enclosure.

Most other pieces of play equipment proposed whilst challenging to children, don't appear to present a problem to others whilst in use.
They look new and exciting.

However the use of the Flying Fox is a different issue.

Have you taken into consideration measures to separate those children who are not riding it but are near by and could inadvertently wander into the Flight Path of another child who is riding it.
The collision between these children could result in serious injuries and trauma.

I would have thought placing the Flying Fox outside and some distance away from the enclosure would be a safer option.

Flying Fox noise

When the Flying Fox is being used will there be noise generated that could impact on surrounding homes?
Such as a loud noise that could be generated when it comes to a sudden stop at the end of the ride.

14. It looks so plastic and the colours are terrible. Why can't you build a natural playspace that blends in with the surrounds. This doesn't fit in with the style of housing that surrounds the park - most of which are in a character zone. It would be an eye-sore.
15. UGLY To much plastic to hot in summer needs sail shade looks too.fake kids need more of an adventure playground why not some wooden structures it's a play ground not Disneyland

16. I'm disappointed in the design. There is no shade and no seating. There is so much plastic, and a lack of nature based play. The sand pit has also been removed, which limits the play area for toddlers. I'm not exactly sure what is better about this design, compared to what is currently there.

17. How come there is a bobcat there starting work before the close of consultation.
We think the proposal is bloody ugly and a pleased it is not in the view from our house.
The gate need to be locked at sunset and reopened at sunrise by your security staff.
The local hoods (kids) hang around the BBQ shelter at night.
It is a shame that you want to spoil a beautiful park with such a ugly eye saw.

Spending money on fixing the speeding through traffic would be far more beneficial to residents.

18. We live [REDACTED] and my kids would just love this, however visually it will make the park very unattractive. Some thing like this belongs at the oval, not in a suburban park like Da Costa. We know that Glenelg primary school uses the park as an additional play area and such a obstruction what be a disaster for the amenity of the area.
- We know when selling properties extensive playgrounds in suburban parks detracts from the value of properties. Our friends that live on Da Costa says the BOOT Camp groups are a big enough deterrent to the amenity. If you proceed with the playground you should revoke the licences for the BOOT camp group. Putting this monstrosity at the oval would achieve better utilization and value for ratepayers money. We have probably wasted our time as it appears you have already started work.

Appendix 4. emails received

Da Costa Reserve Playspace Redevelopment

I am writing about the Da Costa Playspace Redevelopment following the community consultation event my wife and I attended at Da Costa Reserve on 15th October. It quickly became clear to me that those running the event were poorly prepared with out of date information and the event was just a token consultation. Out of frustration I made some remarks that were not said in the right spirit and I chose to leave. My wife stayed and from our discussion afterward I believe others shared my view about the event. We understand some residents are not in favour of any playspace, some are happy with no upgrade and yet others have a range of possibly conflicting views. We live [REDACTED]. Our children spent many happy hours playing there and our grandson now has the same experience. We understand how important the playspace can be. Living across the road from it has its problems, such as parking, light through our bedroom window, night time activities and parties, but we are part of the community and enjoy hearing happy children so we would much rather put up with these small inconveniences than not have a playspace at all. My wife has been a teacher and has an understanding of the developmental stages of play that children experience. Catering for 2 to 12 year olds would be a challenging task at the best of times and virtually impossible on a footprint of this size. When 20 or more school age children descend on this playspace after school, as frequently happens, and join the preschoolers already playing there, the outcomes for all are less than desirable. While catering for 2 to 12 year olds is possibly achievable in an area the size of Bonython Park, it is unlikely to work in Da Costa Reserve. It would make more sense to target a smaller age range, or particular age ranges, and plan and build it properly. My particular concern is with the process. I mentioned previously that our children used the current playspace. They are now 38 and 40 years old and we remember the new equipment being installed. If we recall correctly this would mean the current equipment was installed around 1994 not 2004 as indicated by council staff. It is interesting to note that since 1994 we are aware that most other playspaces within the council area have been redeveloped not once but twice and new playspaces in beachside areas have been developed. We live in a local heritage area with its planning restrictions and the Da Costa Reserve is central to it. In what appears to be a rush to spend federal government funds, expediency is overriding everything else. The process applied to the redevelopment seems inconsistent with the supposed heritage value of the area. It doesn't worry me how little or how much money is spent on the redevelopment. The important thing is a proper management and consultative process that results in the best outcome for the available funds. As a project manager for many years I don't see this happening. You are probably wondering why I don't just complete a survey instead of writing a letter. The problem is we don't know if the survey reaches those it needs to reach. This letter is therefore being sent to the people that I

believe need to know about the residents' concerns and who can begin to manage the process in a professional manner.

At the previous council elections the majority of our current councillors put the case that we needed better representation, yet as far as I can see they are silent when it comes to this important redevelopment in a local heritage area. Talking to other residents we are aware previous feedback has offered a range of differing views and given this level of concern we would have expected our councillors to have attended the meeting or be otherwise publicly involving themselves in this matter. We were very surprised when work commenced on the basketball court before the consultative meeting. Given safety and other issues that have been raised about the basketball court at the meeting I believe all work on it should be stopped until satisfactory solutions have been found to all the issues surrounding it and the overall playspace. This would minimise council's risk and costs if the basketball court has to be moved. Given the level of concern about the overall playspace I believe it would also be prudent to abandon the 28 October feedback deadline and to hold another genuinely consultative meeting. The comments I made at the meeting before I left were to do with the fact that as residents we are the stakeholders in our community and the council work for us rather than dictate to us. While specific expertise within council must necessarily override residents on some matters I'm not sure why it would need to be the case on this yet that seems to be happening. I look forward to a meaningful consultation process and an outcome that meets agreed community expectations.