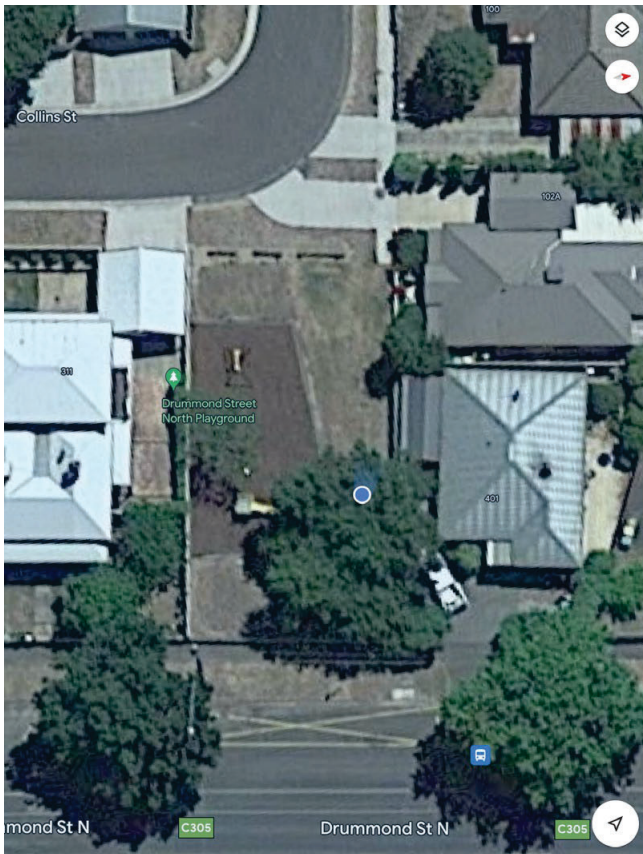


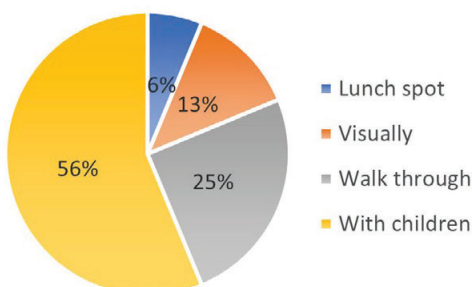


Drummond Street Reserve

Drummond Street Reserve is a very small reserve, about the size of an urban house block located in Ballarat Central. Despite its small size, it is well used and well regarded with the community with 14 surveys and had 2 visitors at the drop in session. The reserve contains a small playground with inaccessible edging, a picket fence and a large established tree.

How do you use Drummond Street Park?

The primary way that the community uses Drummond Street Reserve is with children for play (56%), as a walk through (25%) or visually (13%). The park is close to a very busy road but is bounded by a picket fence on the road side. The fence provides a protective barrier and has recently been replaced.



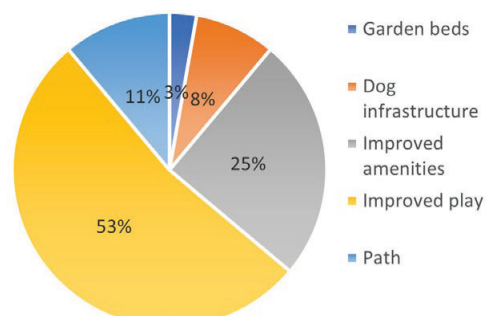
What would you like to see changed in the reserve?

In their responses regarding what should be changed or added to Drummond Street Reserve, community members identified two key areas – improved play offerings and improved amenities.

Detailed comments regarding what improvements to play included more imaginative and nature play, a play fort, swings to suit a group of users, see-saw, slide and a climbing net.

Improvements to amenities included request for a picnic shelter from wind and sun, bin/poo bags, communal semi-circular seating, picnic setting, sealed path and lighting.

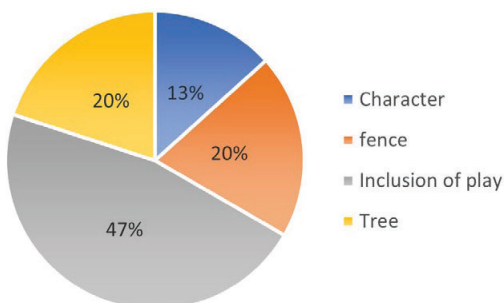
Some requests focused on greening and biodiversity with requests for nesting boxes, additional tree planting and some garden beds that offer visual appeal and attract birds and pollinators.





What would you like to see remain the same?

Respondents were very supportive of retaining the inclusion of play in the reserve with 47% of respondents identifying this as something they'd like to see remain. Other positives included the picket fencing barrier along Drummond Street (20%), the large established tree (20%) and the overall character of the small green open space.



Theme

There were several creative ideas for a theme for Drummond Street reserve including nature/jungle animals, French Provincial, flowers, whimsical play or Lake Wendouree.

Recommendations for Design

- Education about CoB's provision of lighting, poo bags, water play
- Sealed path connecting Drummond and Collins Street
- Bespoke timber 'serpentine' or circular seat in timber, something that can cater to a small, intimate group.
- Consider table with chairs
- Remove existing play equipment and raised mulch edge and replace with a nature themed, imaginative play area with a balance of activities – bouncing, balancing, spinning, swinging, climbing etc. Consider a fort. Incorporate plants into play. Elements can be spread out along the path or clustered
- Add tree planting and garden beds focusing on aesthetics, flowering plants that will attract pollinators
- Reach out to community living close by to get a neighborhood group to help with maintenance