

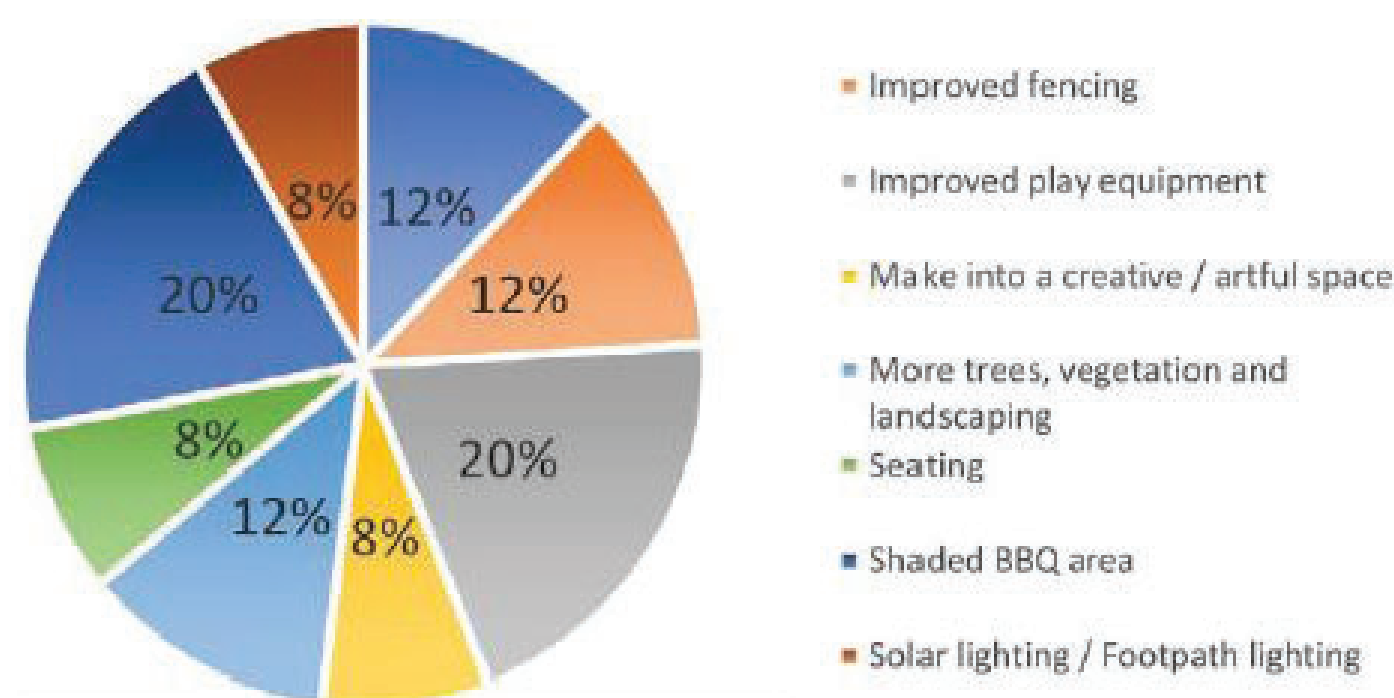
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS PROGRAM

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This is your opportunity to review the draft concept and provide us with your feedback or ideas

The City of Ballarat has an ongoing program to improve neighbourhood parks. Each year we will design and implement changes to 5 to 10 reserves where the need is greatest. Victoria Street Reserve has been identified for upgrade.

Last year, we asked the community about how they used the park and how they would like to see it developed. The key changes the community asked for included:



We have taken the feedback into consideration and created a new park space. We want to know what you think about this proposal?

WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK?

Neighbourhood parks are the municipality's smallest open spaces. A neighbourhood park may have a small playspace catering to frequent, short duration visits from those nearby. Being designed for short visits, they typically do not include public toilets or BBQ facilities.



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KEY FEATURES AT VICTORIA STREET RESERVE

- an accessible, all-weather concrete path from Victoria Street to Owen Court and Jenkins Drive.
- a picnic settings and seating nodes along the pathway provide an opportunity for people to gather and rest.
- an updated accessible playspace setback further into the reserve with new natural play elements including swings, spinner and mounded slides as well as nature play elements.
- new tree and garden bed plantings with a range of species for shade, colour and habitat.

VICTORIA STREET RESERVE, SEBASTOPOL

CURRENT FEATURES

Victoria Street Reserve is a 2 hectare reserve setback from Victoria Street in Sebastopol. The reserve also fronts Jenkins Drive, Owen Court and Parkgate Lanes. The playground contains a small playspace.

TIME FOR A CHANGE

The swing and spinner in the playground and the edging have all reached their end of life and need removal.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Photo of existing conditions looking towards Victoria Street playspace and the existing play equipment located at the northern end of the reserve - November 2023.

A PARK FOR EVERYONE



A well designed park offers a range of activities including swinging, climbing, balancing over different materials for children to learn how to move their bodies.



Parents or carers are given seating options in close proximity to the play space to rest and supervise from.



The provision of an all-weather path invites the community to move safely through the space and to engage in exercise.



Several seating and picnic nodes are positioned along the path to provide the opportunity for gathering and rest for all of the community.



Additional tree planting and garden beds provide seasonal interest, shade and biodiversity benefits for birds and pollinators.

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PHASES OF ENGAGEMENT



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DETAIL PLAN

DATE
May 2024
SCALE
NTS @ A3

SO WHAT NEXT?

During May we will be asking the community to review and share your feedback. Works are expected to be undertaken in early 2025. We appreciate the time you take to share your feedback with us.

HOW CAN I PROVIDE FEEDBACK OR ASK A QUESTION?

You can contribute on our MySay page.

- <https://mysay.ballarat.vic.gov.au>
- or follow the QR code below
- citydesign@ballarat.vic.gov.au
- phone (03) 5320 5500.

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PRECEDENT IMAGES & IDEAS



Mound slide with scramble play



Spin swing



Triple swing set



Nature play provides a space with elements like timber logs or large rocks. They offer opportunities for social, imaginative and cognitive play to occur.