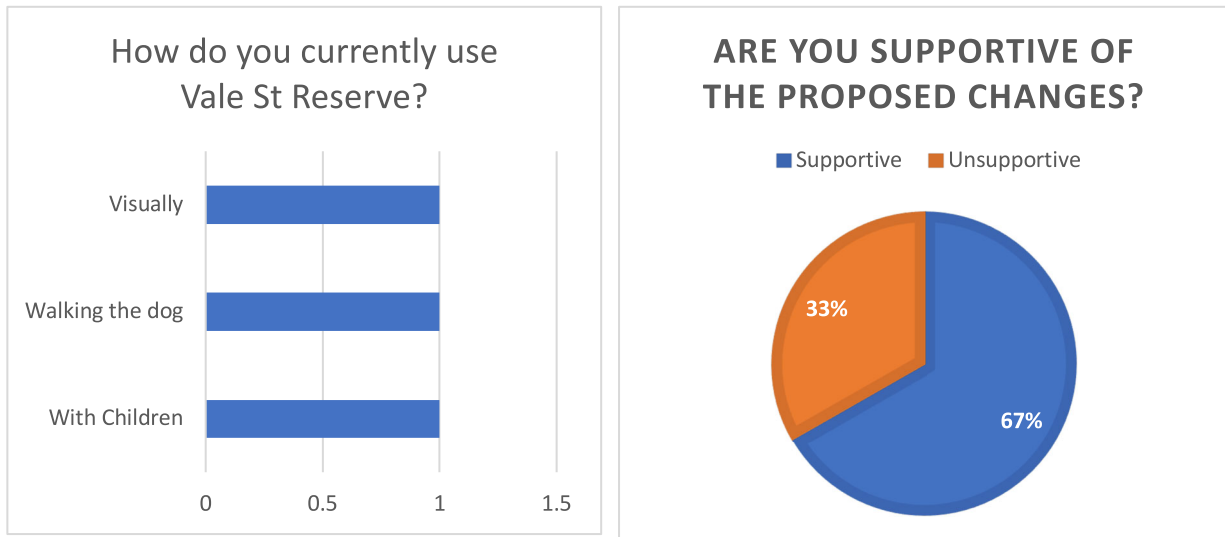


Vale Street Reserve

Vale Street Reserve had a low level response with three surveys completed regarding the proposed improvements. Use of the park was evenly split amongst those who visit with children, to walk the dog and visually to observe nature.

Support was moderate to low with 67% of the respondents indicating they were satisfied with the outcome.



Proposed Changes

Of those expressing a preference, there was support for :

- Indigenous tree planting
- Increased play opportunities either formal or nature based.

Proposed Changes Vale Street Reserve	Support	Action / Comment
Couldn't see the design	1	Please refer to MySay Ballarat where the designs are reproduced digitally and can be enlarged.
What trees will be planted?	1	Clarify in final design outcome.
Use the land for social housing with a cycling path on one side.	1	Outside of project scope/budget. Not appropriate for a local/neighbourhood park.
Many people have backyards so public play is not necessary.	1	City of Ballarat has made a commitment to providing recreation facilities within 500 m of homes.
Path connecting Arthur Street to playground is necessary.	1	This is provided in the design outcome.
Footpath (concrete) required on western side of Vale Street	1	Outside of project scope/budget. Not appropriate for a local/neighbourhood park..
Add bin	1	Outside of project scope/budget. Not appropriate for a local/neighbourhood park.
Include more nature based or formal play elements in planted out areas	1	Incorporate into final design outcome.
Additional play offerings are required.	1	This will be provided through nature play.

Ensure habitat is left for wildlife	1	Noted. Habitat provision will remain a part of the final design outcome.
Preference for indigenous trees.	1	Noted. Thank you.
Instead of native planting in splitter island, use indigenous.	1	Noted. Thank you.
Add ground cover/mid story plantings to increase biodiversity.	1	Mid story planting can obscure sight lines and must be carefully considered in small parks due to the need to retain clear lines of sight for safety and passive surveillance.

Recommendation Vale Street Reserve

The following changes are recommended for Vale Street Reserve are:

- Review the design including additional nature based play outcomes
- Include a tree planting palette of indigenous trees and low planting for habitat provision where possible.

Actions

- Make minor changes in line with recommendations as budget allows.
- Post final design outcome to MySay.
- Proceed to tender and implementation.