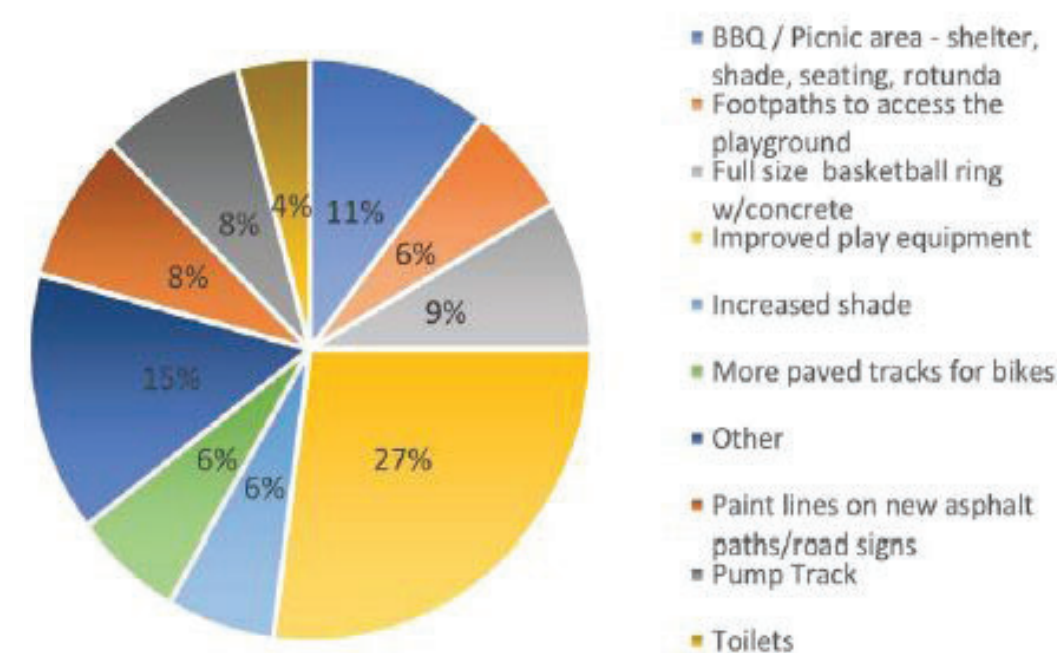


**WE  
NEED  
YOUR HELP!**

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. Drummond 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.

**YARANA DRIVE PARK,  
MOUNT HELEN**



**KEY FEATURES AT YARANA DRIVE PARK**

- an accessible, all-weather path into and through the park.
- replace the old basketball hoop with a new 3x3 basketball court. Remove the old cricket net to allow open lawn area for active play and relaxation.
- the existing playspace equipment is not due for renewal. Playspace has been expanded around this to add some nature play elements.
- a picnic setting and two park seats, including one near the play space for supervision and one at the western end for those wanting to enjoy the park.
- new tree and garden bed plantings with a range of species for shade, colour and habitat.

**CURRENT FEATURES**

Yarana Drive Park is a 0.5ha park, situated in Mount Helen, bounded by Yarana Drive and Shakespeare Avenue. The park contains a playspace, small basketball hoop, cricket net and a park furniture.

**TIME FOR A CHANGE**

The playground elements will be retained and the basketball hoop will be replaced with a 3x3 court. The path network will provide rationalised points to the park. Understorey planting will soften edges.



Photo of existing conditions looking into Yarana Drive Park and the existing play equipment located in the centre of the reserve - November 2023.

**A PARK FOR EVERYONE**



A well designed park offers a range of activities over different materials for children to learn how to move their bodies. The open grassed area and 3x3 basketball court allows for people to run around or develop their sporting techniques.



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.



A park seat at the western end, set next to garden beds and new trees will provide shade and rest for all the community.



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

YARANA DRIVE PARK,  
MOUNT HELEN



PHASES OF ENGAGEMENT



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](mailto:citydesign@ballarat.vic.gov.au)
- phone (03) 5320 5500.



PRECEDENT IMAGES & IDEAS



3x3 basketball court to replace existing elements.



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

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