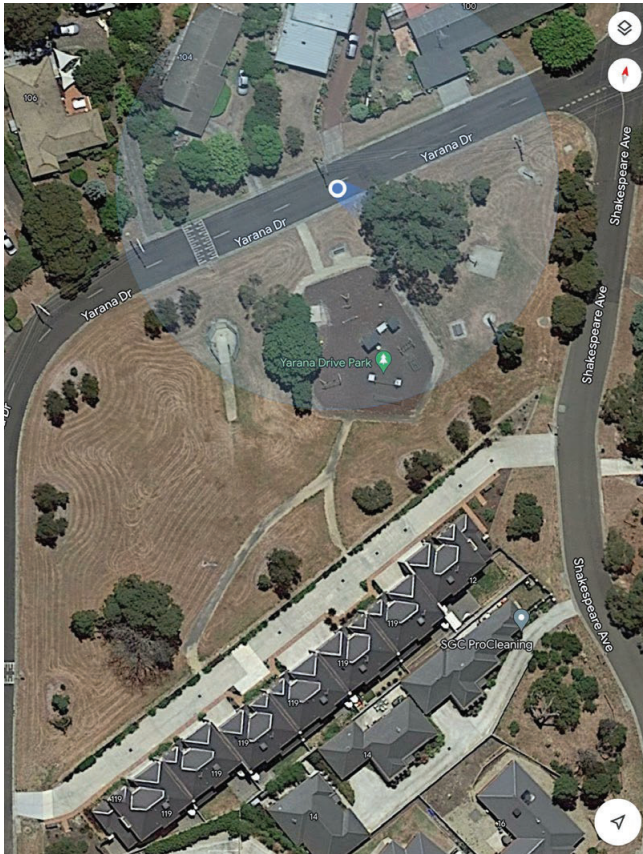




Yarana Drive Park

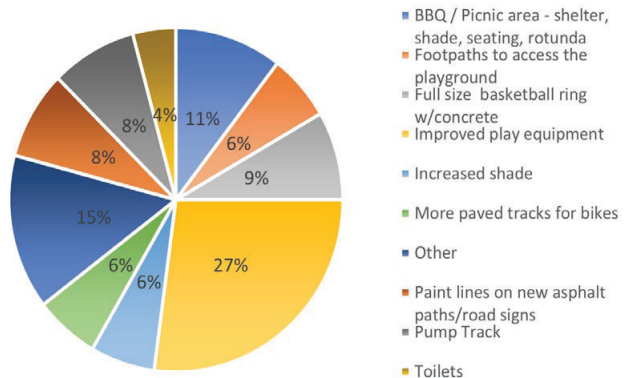
Yarana Drive Park is located in Mount Helen and was the second most commented on park with 21 completed surveys and 3 drop in visitors. It is a medium sized reserve with a sloping aspect and several large, established trees. There is a reasonably sized existing play ground surrounded by a new asphalt path, older cricket nets and small basketball hoop.

How do you use Yarana Drive Park?

The overwhelming use for Yarana Drive Park is with children (85%) be it frequently or infrequently. Secondary user groups were those who used the reserve for exercise, quiet contemplation, decompressing and visually.

What would you like to see changed in the reserve?

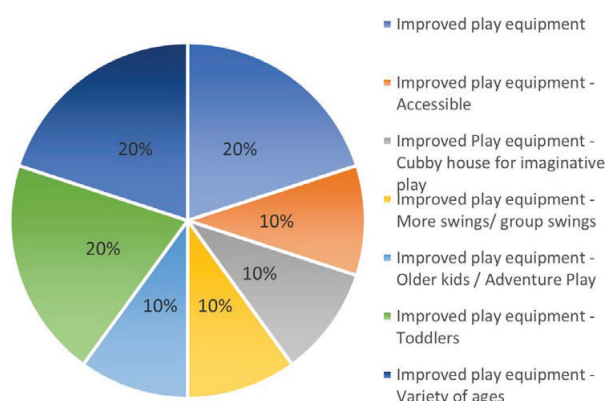
The most requested changes for Yarana Drive Reserve were improved play equipment (27%), BBQ/ picnic shelter (11%) and a full sized basketball ring (9%). Given the intense use of the reserve by and with children, many of the comments focused on improvements to play. Popular requests included line marking on existing paths for children's bikes, more adventurous play for older kids, a cubby house and equipment for group play. Collaborative design focusing on children and their caregivers would help to streamline the improved play offerings. A deep dive into the requests for improved play show that a diversity of play is required to suit multiple ages, activity levels and styles.





What would you like to see remain the same?

The highest valued aspect of Yarana Drive Reserve is the large open space with 67% of respondents noting it for retention. Other popular features are the existing play equipment and the basketball court.



Theme

The overwhelming majority of respondents favoured 'Aussie Bush' as a theme for the reserve with a focus on koala and kookaburras. Sustainability and biodiversity were also recommended. Increasing the amount of flowering native trees was specifically requested. The trees would increase the amount of bird life that visit the reserve enhancing the experience.

Recommendations for Design

- Engagement with kids of all ages
- Review the layout and size of the existing play equipment. Make changes to equipment that has reached the end of its useful life expectancy and intersperse with new equipment, nature play and iconic features to create a sense of place.
- Consider equipment that allowed for group play
- Full height basket ball area with paved court
- Consider removing cricket nets
- Consider a set of swings to allow for group play
- Line marking on existing paved paths to suit learn to ride bikes and consider a better network of footpaths
- BBQ shelter/picnic area
- Seating nooks for contemplation and respite
- Increased planting with a native planting palette designed to increase bird and insect life
- Active play equipment for older kids
- Rubber matting under swings
- Clusters of plantings to be seen from windows
- Improve accessibility with accessible play equipment and mulch edging
- Retain open feel and unprogrammed open space
- Consider wayfinding to enhance connectivity with adjacent open spaces.