

Engagement – Brolga Reserve, Carrum Downs



Project Title

Brolga Reserve – new play space and park improvements

Project overview

Brolga Reserve is a linear park that provides open space and play activities in Carrum Downs with five local roads that connect the park to the neighbourhood.

The nearest playground is located 300 metres away at Botany Park.

As part of Council’s commitment to improving play and based on recommendations in the City of Frankston Play Strategy (2021) and due to the condition of the existing play equipment, the refurbishment of the play space and park at Brolga Reserve has been highlighted as a priority.

The design of a new play space and park improvements at Brolga Reserve will be guided by your feedback, the City of Frankston Open Space Strategy (2016), the Play Strategy (2021) and the Community Vision (2040).

Engagement purpose

To understand the community’s vision for Brolga Reserve and to use this information to prepare a concept plan outlining proposed park and play space improvements.

Quick Engagement Stats

Feedback Received between 02/08/2021 and 26/08/2021.

The website received 784 views and 46 contributions.

Nine questions were asked to which Council received 46 responses. A brief overview is listed below:

- 76% were local residents
- 29% of people loved the large open space as their favourite feature of Brolga Reserve
- 41% of respondents commented on the lack of variety of play experiences
- Swings and slides were the most requested equipment
- There was an even split about whether the park should have two separate play spaces (existing conditions) or one single play space.

Community Consultation Process

Postcards and park signage

- Postcards delivered to 460 surrounding homes with information about the project and a call to action to visit Engage Frankston to tell us what you think.
- Signage in the park with project information and a QR code enabling residents to visit Engage Frankston.

Online engagement

Overview of online engagement

- Via Engage Frankston website
- Via Facebook Frankston City Council post

Summary of outcomes

Community Outcomes

Summary of how the engagement influenced the project

A majority of comments were positive, welcoming the upgrade. There were also requests to make the play space larger and include more activities.

The comments and feedback received could generally be grouped into four themes:

- Shade and trees were important;
- Requests to include a diversity of play opportunities with a focus on slides and swings;
- Requests for improved park furniture;
- Play for different age groups.

How the engagement influenced the project:

Based on feedback received from the community, the following changes have been made to the concept plan:

- Play for all ages has been designed;
- A diversity of play opportunities will be created with a number of different types of swings and slides and nature play;
- The location of equipment will take advantage of existing shade from mature trees;
- A picnic shelter will be constructed.

Recommendations & Next Steps

Recommendations

Summary of the recommendations

- Many requests have been incorporated into the final concept plan.

Next Steps

It is anticipated that construction will start in June, 2022 and take approximately 12-weeks to complete.

Detailed construction information will be provided to the community before construction starts.