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Morris Reserve

Park upgrade

Consultation summary report

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Morris Reserve is a medium-sized reserve including a small playspace, seating, an oval with a circular gravel track and active recreation (including netball courts, oval and sports pavilions). There are also established trees and open lawn areas.

It has been assessed to be ready for a park upgrade according to Merri-bek City Council's Open Space and Playspace strategies.

This report provides a summary of the Morris Reserve consultation for this park.

1. Background

This report covers a summary of each consultation stage for the Morris Reserve park upgrade.

As mentioned on Conversations Merri-Bek webpage, the following elements of the reserve are not negotiable as part of this upgrade:

- The location of the playspace will need to be determined by Council.
- Very large play elements (like flying foxes) cannot be included in the playspace as there is limited space.
- Which park infrastructure upgrades will be determined by Council.
- Active sports elements (like sports fields, pavilions, changing rooms etc) cannot be included in this upgrade.
- No trees will be removed as part of this upgrade, unless they are found to be dead or in decline
- This upgrade will only cover the reserve area, not the surrounding streets.
- The final concept design must fit within the available budget.

Council's Open Space Design and Development unit have conducted one consultation phase to date with the local community near Morris Reserve, these consultation stages are:

- **Initial consultation**

Council have asked the local community what they would like to see included in the upgrade of this park. This information can be used as input to develop the draft concept plan. This stage has now closed.

- **Draft Concept Plan Consultation**

Using results from the initial consultation, Council has developed a draft concept plan using the local community's initial input.

- **Final Concept Plan Consultation**

This final concept plan reflects any modifications to the draft concept plan, incorporating the community's feedback where possible. This final concept plan closes the consultation process, prior to the team proceeding to detailed design.

Consultation timings

Initial consultation: 11 August – 6 September 2025 (completed)

Draft concept plan consultation: 17 October – 7 November 2025

Final concept plan issued: 21 November 2025.

For both the initial and draft concept plan consultations, postcards are distributed to households within 0.5km of Morris Reserve, advising residents that they can provide feedback using Council's website,

<https://conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/morris-reserve-pascoe-vale-south>. Posters advertising the consultation stage are also displayed near the playspace.

Once consultation completes, the Open Space Design and Development team will proceed to detailed design and then procurement. We will advise further when construction will be starting and finishing, once we know.

2. Initial Consultation Feedback Findings

Council received 32 feedback responses to the initial consultation, each with several suggestions. This feedback has been organised into the following categories (not in order):

- **Play equipment and other options**

Many respondents have requested providing swings, monkey bars and slides as part of the new playspace. We can look at including these. Monkey bars could be included in the playspace or as part of the fitness equipment. Most have asked for play equipment suitable for young children though a few have also asked for elements that would appeal to older children.

The available space for the playspace is not large owing to the sports requirements of this reserve, so we are limited in how much remaining space is available.

There is insufficient space to include a bouldering wall in Morris Reserve.

Similarly it is unlikely that there is enough space for water play.

- **Playspace location**

We are considering three possible locations for the playspace, namely:

- Retaining its current location (end of Wadham Street)
- Repositioning the playspace south-east towards the netball courts (currently open lawn area)
- Repositioning the playspace south-west set back away from the back of goal posts (currently open lawn area).

These options will be developed through the draft concept plan.

- **Drinking fountain**

Some respondents mentioned that having a drinking fountain with a dog bowl near the playspace encourages dogs to enter the playspace area. We agree that the current drinking fountain location is not correct and are planning to relocate it close to the edge of the circular gravel path. That way it can be shared by all. We are also going to upgrade it to a newer accessible product which is easier to maintain.

- **Fitness equipment**

Many respondents are keen to have fitness equipment included in Morris Reserve. We agree that this would be a good fit with this reserve and will look into accommodating one or more stations near the circular gravel path.

- **Additional planting**

Several respondents have asked for additional native trees and plants for nature-based play, to provide natural shade and improve biodiversity. One respondent highlighted that interpretative signage can also be included for education of children on natural spaces.

We will look at providing additional planting to complement the playspace and gathering space areas.

- **Shade over playspace**

Some local residents have asked about including a shade sail over the playspace. At this stage we are unsure if there would be sufficient budget to include this but it will be assessed as the design develops. It also depends on whether the playspace remains in its current location or is repositioned south-east closer to the netball courts or south-west, which are shaded by adjacent trees.

- **Henley Street laneway**

Many respondents flagged the condition of the existing gravel path into the reserve from the Henley Street laneway. We will investigate replacing the surface with a concrete path which will make this accessway easier to use and reduce drainage issues from gravel entering the adjacent grated pit.

- **Scout Hall**

Many respondents asked about the removal of the scout hall, since it appears to be derelict and adds no benefit. We are following up with our Property team to understand the current arrangement with this building. Ideally the status over this building can be resolved soon, though it will be outside the scope of this park upgrade.

- **Drainage**

A few respondents commented on drainage issues in the reserve, especially at certain spots around the circular path. We will look at what improvements to drainage can be made.

- **Active sports-related requests**

Any active sports requests do not form part of the park upgrade scope of works. These requests have been forwarded to our Recreation team who manage active sports. This also includes condition of the netball courts which are outside the scope of our works for this park upgrade.

A few respondents have also asked about the removal of the shipping container and highlighting the anti-social issues around it. We have flagged this with our Recreation team whether it can be removed. We understand that at present the sports club is using it for additional storage.

- **Fencing**

We are not intending to provide fencing around the upgraded playspace. However if the playspace stays in its current location we will provide an improved barrier treatment where the end of the cul-de-sac meets the reserve.

- **BBQ**

It is unlikely we can include a BBQ in Morris Reserve at this stage as the gathering space is intended to be located near the playspace so there would not be sufficient space for all.

- **Seating**

A few respondents have asked for more seating around the reserve. We have noted that most of the existing seats are in poor condition so are intending to replace them with new seating.

As part of the playspace and gathering space upgrade we will also include additional seating in these areas.

We will endeavour to address as many of these requirements as possible in the Morris Reserve draft concept design.

3. Draft Concept Plan Consultation Feedback Findings

Council received 19 feedback responses to the initial consultation, each with several suggestions. This feedback has been organised into the following categories (not in order):

- **Play equipment and other options**

Overall respondents liked the play elements proposed on the draft concept plan.

One respondent asked for the monkey bars to be at a suitable height for younger children, which we can consider.

As some respondents have expressed a preference for timber and more natural materials, we have included as many elements as possible with timber and rope finish.

We have also included a musical play item and have changed the two small rockers for a large timber animal rocker that can support many children at once. We have also swapped the triple swing for a different product that includes a basket seat as well as sling and toddler seat.

We were considering providing some nature-based play in the shadier area set back behind the goal posts but remain concerned about balls from goal posts ending up in this area. Instead we have included a nature-based play area with the playspace and are considering including another picnic setting in this pocket, set far away from the goal posts to take advantage of the natural shade.

- **Shade**

A few respondents asked for a shade sail over the playspace and a shelter for the picnic settings.

We have already shown a shade sail over half of the playspace. We are unable to cover the whole playspace owing to proximity of tree root zones from established trees. We will assess if there are sufficient funds to provide a shelter over the picnic settings.

- **Drinking fountain location**

A couple of respondents asked for the drinking fountain to be relocated a bit further away from the playspace to discourage dogs from drinking there. This makes sense and we can reposition this unit closer to the picnic settings area so further away from the playspace.

- **Fencing**

One respondent asked if we can fence around the whole playspace. We don't feel that this is needed as there is clear visibility across the reserve for carers to see where their children are. The only exception to this is to provide a portion of low park fencing to separate the end of the cul-de-sac from the edge of the reserve for additional protection from the road. We can also soften this with planting. We are also considering providing similar low fencing along the front of the playspace area (where it meets the edge of gravel path facing the oval) to protect children from any cricket balls that might travel there.

Another respondent queried why the fencing along the edge of the playspace is necessary. We have considered other approaches such as landscape barrier treatments but feel that the fencing will be a better approach. We are only intending to include a low fence treatment.

- **Feature arbour**

One respondent questioned why the arbour into the reserve is needed. We were intending for this to be a simple design over the pedestrian gate to provide interest and draw attention to the reserve entry point and not intended to be a complex or costly element. We will only include this item should funds allow.

- **Seating**

One respondent mentioned that the seating locations appear to be random. We are intending to replace all existing seating in the reserve with new seats and to reuse the existing concrete slabs to bolt these down. So we are retaining seats in their current location. In addition we will be adding more seating around the playspace, gathering space and fitness equipment stations.

Another respondent mentioned that there are insufficient picnic settings. The plan shows two picnic settings, installed flush with each other to make a larger area. If there is further funding available, we will look at including another picnic setting elsewhere.

If sufficient funds are available, we can add extra spectator seating for the sports oval.

- **BBQ**

One respondent asked if a BBQ can be provided. It is unlikely we can include a BBQ in Morris Reserve at this stage, with the gathering space positioned near the playspace. There is no electrical supply in the vicinity and insufficient funds to provide this as well as conduits and a BBQ.

- **Waste bins**

One respondent asked if we could include additional waste bins as one bin is not sufficient. We can look at adding an extra bin, either near the gathering space area or by the northern entry near the sports club.

- **Fitness equipment**

One respondent asked if one of the fitness equipment can be for lower body. This can do this, as we are proposing to have one fitness station for cardio (including lower body) and the other focusing on upper body.

Another respondent asked if one of the fitness equipment stations can be relocated further away from Marsden Avenue area to other areas of the reserve. We can look at repositioning this unit further away.

- **Circular path and drainage issues**

One respondent asked if the existing gravel path can be reconstructed as a concrete path, owing to the wet puddles that form along the path. We do not believe there is sufficient budget to replace the gravel circular path with a concrete path. This said, we are undertaking a drainage assessment of the whole reserve, so we can understand why these wet areas are occurring and to rectify issues identified.

- **Scout Hall**

One respondent asked about the status of the scout hall and whether it can be removed. We have been following up with our Property team to understand the current arrangement with this building. We are hopeful that its status can be resolved soon, though it is outside the scope of this park upgrade.

- **Car park and active sports elements**

One respondent asked if the car park can be extended to allow for additional visitors. Unfortunately the car park like the active sports elements (e.g. sports pavilion, netball courts etc) are outside of the scope of works for a park upgrade and would need to be addressed by Council's Recreation and Transport teams. Similarly the cricket nets are the responsibility of the Recreation team, we have asked them to inspect the nets to see if sufficiently taut and installed to specification.

There is not sufficient space to accommodate a tennis practice wall (a knock up wall) in the reserve as the reserve is at present. Should the scout club building be demolished in the future, this could be a possible location though this cannot form part of this current park upgrade as we don't know the timing of when the scout hall building could be removed.

A few respondents mentioned that the design was underwhelming as not much changed across the reserve.

It is worth noting that there are limited changes we can make to Morris Reserve without impacting the active sports elements (oval, pavilion, netball courts, cricket nets etc), as these areas are outside of our scope of works and we are unable to change them.

Similarly we cannot relocate the sports goal posts. We are unsure at this stage if nets can be attached to these goal posts as part of the park upgrade.

4. Final Concept Plan

On this Final Concept Plan we have added some additional seating, a third picnic setting, repositioned one of the fitness equipment units, altered some of the play equipment and added some additional products. A copy of this plan can be found in the Appendix.

5. Next Steps

The Open Space Design and Development team have now developed the final concept plan to present to the local community. This is being displayed using posters in the reserve and on the Conversations website. This concludes consultation for the park upgrade and we will now be proceeding to detailed design. Further updates over time for this project can be found on the Consultation webpage for Morris Reserve. Please note that this park upgrade is a two-year project so works may extend over two years.

6. Further information

Any questions can be directed to Council's Open Space Design & Development Unit via email openspace@merri-bek.vic.gov.au or by phoning 9240 111.

7. Appendix

Below is all feedback received from the community for each stage of consultation for the Morris Reserve and images of the postcards and posters issued.

7a Initial Consultation

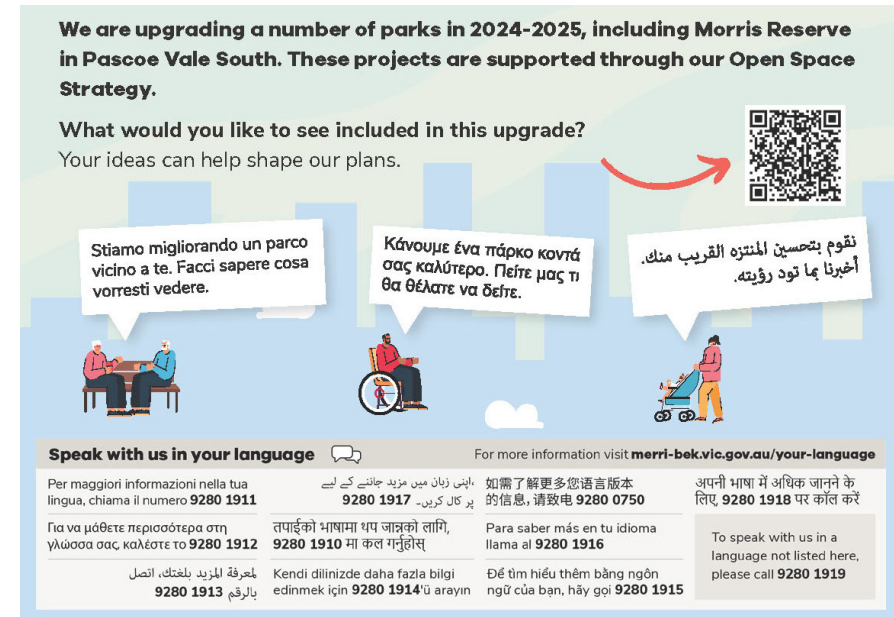


Figure 1: Postcards were issued to households within 0.5km of the reserve.

Below is feedback received for the Morris Reserve initial consultation:

Date Submitted	Screen Name	Description
27/08/2025	Winona Grove	We are regular visitors of Morris Reserve with two young children that love to use the swings, monkey bars and slide. Please keep these much-loved features of the playground equipment and perhaps consider extending the options so that there are specific play areas for the little ones, and older kids. It would be great to see some nature and water play included in the upgrade. A water pump such as at Service St (Coburg) or Dunstan would be awesome and stop the little ones from using the dog water station. Also moving the dog water station to be away from the playground would be a good idea. It would be fantastic to have BBQ and undercover facilities, similar to Dunstan which would undoubtedly increase community engagement. Please consider the installation of shade cloth as this is often a barrier for accessing playgrounds in the summer. Similar to other comments here, I would love to see more native trees and plants and to create a space for kids to explore with their natural environments. Additionally, it would be great to include some exercise equipment and lighting for night time walks and more seating around playground area.
27/08/2025	SJ	We have been living locally since my children were born and they are now kinder / early school aged. The best thing about the current playground is that it caters to a wide age range of children so even though it's undeniably time for a refresh and update as the materials have degraded over time, it would be a shame if it was replaced with anything to a lesser standard or amenity. We love the current setup of the swings and my children are always disappointed if we visit a park without a traditional swing set (and instead have a net swing, definitely an inferior swing). Additionally the monkey bars and slides are forever an important feature at a playground. The Crosskeys Reserve playspace is a big favourite with my kids however it is a great alternative park to have within walking distance so I would consider what's there and implore you to do create something different so we have a variety of options. Equally I would consider the "upgrade" that was made at Anderson Park in Brunswick East, which in terms of play amenities. This renovation was a significant downgrade to the playability of the park. The cubby house section was removed and replaced with aesthetic single strand balancing ropes. This park has definitely lost its appeal with my children. I agree with some of the additional comments recommending paving down to Henley street and also around the perimeter of the oval. The scout hall adds no current value to the community. Overall we are very excited for this next chapter for our beloved Morris Reserve.
25/08/2025	Marsden	A plan to put the footy goals back at the end of cricket season would be appreciated. Removal of the old scout hall and replacement with a native discovery trail. Something for kids and adults to explore. More plants and trees to encourage birds and bees. Improving the Henley street entrance so there are less puddles and easier for prams will help families. The location of the playground is good but a fence would assist those with young kids.
25/08/2025	Laura	Quick summary :) -fence around the upgraded playground -more dog bowls (positioned away from the playground please) -dog bags supplied to encourage people to pick up after their dog -BBQ/entertaining area -more seating and shade around the reserve -removal/repurpose of scout hall -removal of shipping container (kids climb it) -signs to deter kids from riding their dirt bikes on the oval (this is happening a lot lately) Thanks!

Date Submitted	Screen Name	Description
16/08/2025	Karen Afford	My grandkids like coming to this playground the most in the area as it has the best combination of monkey bars. While I welcome a new playground, I am concerned that a new playground with not be as entertaining for my kinder and school aged grandchildren. I think having deliberate areas for different age groups would also be a welcomed idea so that you don't have the little children being knocked over by the older children. Perhaps a fenced area and seating would also be welcomed to provide a safe space since many dogs without leashes work through the playground to get themselves a drink. God bless.
15/08/2025	Marsden Ave	Can you look at demolishing the old scout hall. It serves no purpose other than being a target for graffiti. Would be good to see more large trees for shade or shade cloths, BBQ shelter and modernised play equipment. The current location of playground is ok as Wadham St is a dead-end street and relatively quiet.
14/08/2025	Henley St resident	A new environmentally friendly built playground that keeps children active and stimulated is an absolute must. The equipment hasn't changed since my kids were born 20yrs ago! They had great use of it, but it is old and outdated now. Maybe consider a fence around the playground and keep it as a 'no dog zone'. And move the dog water bowl away from the playground. A better drainage system for the oval and the gravel pathway would be great. After rain it becomes a soggy mess and puddles pool on the gravel pathway. Water also pools on the courts. The new courts are great though - my daughter uses it for shooting practice. It would be great if they were lit up at night to encourage more public use - I've seen keen basketballers playing in the dark... I agree with other neighbours to concrete the pathway from Henley St - it's a very well used thoroughfare. It definitely would be good to repurpose the scout hall - what an eye sore and a waste of space it is! Is it owned by the council? It could be set up as a community centre that could be booked for gatherings - like the one at Jacob's reserve. The solar lighting over the gravel pathway is great but needs to be maintained - there are often lights that aren't working. I love the idea of a BBQ and shelter to promote more outdoor gatherings. Dog owners like myself use the park regularly to walk our furry friends. Majority of us are responsible dog owners, but I admit I do see some irresponsible owners who do not appropriately control their dogs or pick up their dog's poop, so maybe a ranger should walk through every now and then. I am excited for the Morris Reserve upgrade and look forward to seeing the community enjoy it.
14/08/2025	Resident	In any equipment upgrades or changes, retaining both sets of monkey bars is a must. They are the most sought-after equipment from ages 4 + at the park. There are constant lines to have a go! The following are encouraged 1. Repositioning of the park further back 2. Seating options for parents to watch their kids 3. A BBQ area 4. Repurpose the old scouts hall 5. Upgrade the Henley accessway for pram/wheel access
14/08/2025	Your local neighbour	A higher fence behind the basketball rings so the ball doesn't keep bouncing over. My daughter would love a better playground with a spider swing and softfall rather than bark. Maybe a running track in lieu of the rocky path. Some fitness equipment will be great.

Date Submitted	Screen Name	Description
13/08/2025	Concerned resident	Would appreciate less plastic play equipment and more wood based. A playground like Bulleke-Bek Park Playground in Brunswick is ideal to be inclusive of children of all ages. Location of playground should also stay the same. Surrounding grass area should be kept short more regularly as many dog owners are irresponsible, especially near the cricket clubhouse. Basketball nets should be put up. Tennis nets should also be put up. The shipping container is an eyesore and should be removed. Too many youths are climbing on it and hitting it to make loud noises.
13/08/2025	Sandra Joson	It would be great to see fitness stations added to Morris Reserve, including higher monkey bars suitable for teens and adults to use for pull-ups and other bodyweight exercises. These kinds of facilities encourage outdoor fitness, support healthy lifestyles and make the space more inclusive for a wider age group. In addition to the fitness stations, a flying fox would be a great idea for Morris Reserve. It is perfect for kids aged 8–12 who want some fun and excitement while staying active. It encourages outdoor play, helps build confidence, and is always a hit in parks. It would be a great way to make the park more fun for older kids!
13/08/2025	Clelia	We'd like to see the walkway from Henley St concreted. Also the walking track around the oval either paved or another better surface
13/08/2025	Chairmooley	Please upgrade the laneway ramp from Henley St . It always washes out in high rain and is difficult for prams and trikes etc to use safely. It hasn't been upgraded effectively in over 49 years. BBQs and shelter as well as increasing the native plantings for kids real adventure.
12/08/2025	jimjam	The cricket nets seem to drain very poorly and have an inconsistent bounce; these should be completely fixed as there are many cricketers that this is the local ground for
12/08/2025	R25	What's happening with the old run-down Scout Hall? Please either do it up and make it available for local groups OR knock it down to accommodate the moved playground from the end of Wadham St and/or car parking
12/08/2025	R25	1. Move the playground away from the end of Wadham St to the area over by the Netball Courts. This would make life easier with all facilities in the same location 2. Enlarge, modernise and FENCE the Playground. A lot of dogs enjoy the park and often run through and regularly urinate in the playground. 3. More park seating to take advantage of the SUN and SHADE
12/08/2025	Loppy	I'd love to see a riverbed space that flows into a kind of maze made of vegetation. Somewhere to play juggle and lions hiding in the long grass. A community herb and vegetable garden would be a stunning addition too. Wicking beds with benches to rest on.
11/08/2025	Andie	I've never had an issue with the playground location. The dead end of the road is not busy. I like that it's away from the sports field. I've found the current play equipment a good mix for small and older children. I'd like more native shrubs & ground covers especially on the east side where previous works removed plants and they've never been replaced. Bird attracting bushes would be good.

Date Submitted	Screen Name	Description
		Seating in both shaded and sunny areas for Summer & Winter - under the deciduous tree would provide both. Yes, I'd like more shade trees and garden beds.
11/08/2025	gurt	On behalf of the children that go to the park we would all like to see an improvement of the play equipment as it is all very outdated and rusty thanks, your local kid
11/08/2025	Suze	The entry/exit from Henley street to the park could do with a concrete ramp with a handrail as the ground is not even so it is not user friendly for prams or people with mobility issues. The seats need to be upgraded as timber falling off some of them. Extra seats are needed around the walking track. The dog water post is in a bad spot. Put it somewhere else. Doggie bags are needed to encourage owners to keep the park clean. A sensory garden for the kids. Murals painted on the old scout hall to hide the ugly building. The drainage at the park is bad after heavy rains in certain spots. This would be a big job to fix.
11/08/2025	Mel	Some equipment for older children is essential. Soccer goals as well, rather than just footy goals would cater to a wider range of children/teens also. McDonalds and De Chene grounds are in dire need of upgrades also, soccer training gets cancelled as soon as it rains and the grounds flood, thank you!
11/08/2025	Dee	There is so much opportunity for a wonderful community outdoor space just waiting to be invested in. Moving into the area 3.5yrs ago, we don't utilise Morris as much as Dunstan Reserve because there is no life or comfort at Morris. I would love to see the playground improved to cater for younger and older children, with the inclusion of a water pump to provide sensory play as well as watering the garden beds. Native plants and additional trees would support the feeling of separating the play space from the rest of the precinct and attract the local native birds. If possible, having the playground enclosed to keep the friendly dogs off lead away from the children. Multiple swing options and an interesting slide for the older children, as well as a smaller slide for younger children. An undercover area with tables, seating and BBQs would attract families and community members from the local schools and sporting clubs. I think this would add value to the area, encourage a safer and inclusive area for all to enjoy. I know I struggle to access the area with my small children as it is usually so quiet and there is the odd single male hanging around. Finally, the addition of exercise equipment is great to support those trying to improve their fitness and compliment going for a run around the oval.
11/08/2025	Cassawall	Dogs aren't allowed within 15m of a play area, yet for some reason the dog water bowl is in the playground. Maybe let's move it elsewhere. Fence the playground so it is safer. I think the current location is good. The road is a cul-de-sac so very little traffic unlike the other side where the car park is dangerous if kids were involved. The building in the park could do with a revamp. not sure if it is used at all. But it is an eyesore and collects trash on the far side.
11/08/2025	Jon	Merri-bek council routinely fails to include shade covers over kids play areas, like their policy is for kids and parents to get skin cancer. PLEASE INCLUDE PROPER SHADE COVERS IN MERRI BEK KIDS PLAYGROUNDS!!!!
11/08/2025	Gabbie	Morris Reserve is good for its open spaces and little mini forest behind the netball courts which is great for kids to explore but it would be great if there was more nature that can be explored for kids. Signage that talks about the plants and animals would be beneficial to both parents and kids. Nature trails/treasure hunts would also be amazing. Tactile interactive elements amongst the plants and trees that helps kids learn about nature would encourage more interaction and exploration. A wetlands would be incredibly beneficial.

Date Submitted	Screen Name	Description
		Would love the new play areas to have a great range for all ages, with risky play too. And shade sails or shady trees over the playgrounds. This is one of the biggest things I look for in the summer!
10/08/2025	Timcole	A bouldering box like at Dunstan, nature/water play areas near cricket nets, BBQ area, fitness equipment, native planting all over and removal of cowitch tree near laneway.

7b Draft Concept Plan Consultation



We are upgrading the playspace and park infrastructure at Morris Reserve in Pascoe Vale South.

We have used your initial feedback to develop a draft concept plan and would like your feedback on the design.

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Figure 2: Postcards were issued to households within 0.5km of the reserve.

7c Final Concept Plan

Below is feedback received for the Morris Reserve draft concept consultation:

Date Submitted	What do you think of the draft concept plan?
7 November 2025	Really like the fish trap climber and ladder spinner that's proposed. Our kids love the monkeys bars but find the existing ones too high to reach. They have asked for monkey bars that are able to be reached by smaller kids (from around 100cm tall). Platform seats a plus- versatility for play (stage, picnic etc). Good amount of seating around the playground for parents to relax whilst supervising their children.
6 November 2025	I think the additional lighting, water drinking station and fencing towards Wadham are all practical ideas. I appreciate the playground equipment and the exercise stations. Is there a reason for not fencing the entire playground? And is there scope to address the BBQ request?
6 November 2025	Thanks so much for planning to upgrade the park. I think the fenced playground is a great idea, as well as the fitness equipment and more plantings and seating. It is good that the drinking fountain is being moved but will it be outside of the playground area? - lots of dogs use the dog bowl feature, maybe there could be 2 drinking fountains? The drainage at the netball courts definitely needs to be fixed.
4 November 2025	I'm Brendon Agpasa from Wollert in Victoria, we have new and improved plans for Morris Reserve to include Platform seats, Backed seats, Fitness equipment, garden beds, play equipment, picnic settings, BBQ, drinking fountain, bushwalking and sports (netball court, basketball court, sportsfield, cricket nets, combining cricket oval with footy oval) under near-park as well, I am so proud of you, from all at our plan for local park.
29 October 2025	Overall the play equipment looks like a great addition but as a dog owner who frequents this park once sometimes twice a day, I am concerned on the location of the water tap- is this inside or outside the playground? It is best outside for access- (or even better another one to be placed on the other side away from the playground) . Also it's better that the bowl could be one you lift up to replenish the water (not like the one at cross keys playground that keeps breaking all the time -or filled with barks from the kids I have witnessed doing and can't be tipped out and re filled with fresh water-a terrible design in my opinion. Also can dog bags please be supplied ? I do bring my own but this may encourage others to pick up after their dog and be more responsible as this appears to be an issue. Thank you
25 October 2025	Fairly basic and bland play space. Even for a local level play space. Use of natural elements such as boulders/log, as well as garden beds with trees through to break up the sea of mulch and provide shade. Rubber throughout to improve accessibility. Fitness trail can be found can cross keys reserve, is it better to put the money back into play? Improve flow and layout, very stark. Seat locations appear random. Hopefully a bit more thought goes into this, however I appreciate the effort from the LA team.
23 October 2025	Great to see picnic tables included, would be good to have a few more picnic tables spread throughout the area, maybe positioned away from the dog drinking fountain. As the oval is regularly used for cricket and football matches, adding more seating around the perimeter would be a great improvement for spectators and visitors. I also love the new fitness stations around the oval, they are a fantastic addition, and I'm looking forward to using them. It's also great to see a good mix of play equipment for different age groups. Lastly, adding more bins around the oval would help, as the single bin currently there often becomes full and quite smelly. Planting of more natives and bush play zone for kids to explore would be wonderful too.
22 October 2025	Looks great. With the fitness equipment I saw two sets upper body equipment. Can one be for lower body?

Date Submitted	What do you think of the draft concept plan?
20 October 2025	Looks great. The carpark needs extension to accommodate the extra use of the ground.
20 October 2025	We live on Marsden Avenue and the noise from the courts are already unbearable. Putting fitness and other things behind our home will significantly affect our quiet enjoyment and add further noise. We already have a lot of hoons that come late at night and cause mayhem at Morris reserve with glass bottles being thrown onto our property which is a huge safety concern. There is ample room near the club rooms and freeway fence where it doesn't affect residents. Happy to assist in contributing to where it should be placed. Please strongly consider this as we live here and we know the unwanted scenarios that we will be facing if this goes through.
20 October 2025	Looks good. A concrete pathway around the oval would be a good idea. Better for prams. It gets muddy puddles on the present one.
19 October 2025	The Draft Plan is underwhelming, I thought more could have been done and the park re-arranged to suit everyone's requirements. Most of all, I cannot understand the strip of fence down one side of the playground. What is this supposed to do ? The park is at the end of a quiet dead end street. The fence will do nothing other than restrict access to the park and instead channel everyone down the path when entering and leaving. Put the money to better use like additional playground items or reserve seating. The other item which I feel is unnecessary is the Feature Arbour over the park entry. Totally unnecessary and another waste of money ! We have a sports / dog park , it's not a Bush Playground or ""Disneyland "" Do away with this also and put the money into additional equipment or seating. Another idea is move the goal posts to the opposite side of the reserve, then move and enlarge the playground around further into the corner of the reserve behind where the current goal posts are now.
19 October 2025	Strong preference for play space to be more natural/organic, both in feel and presentation. Make it as one with nature. Use of wood rather than metal materials is strongly sought and encouraged. Include nature play aspects - rocks and water. And there is plenty of space for a well wanted flying fox, even if that is in the vacant space to the north-east of the playground (between the playground and the multi-purpose courts). The playground should also be fenced off: this is a dog off leash park and despite the prohibition of dogs within 20m of the play space, dogs in the playground and urinating on and near the equipment is regular and common. And if possible, a large net needs to be installed behind the football goal posts near the playground as when they are in use (which is very regular as it is a draw card to the oval), the balls do fly into the playground. This can be easily avoided, allowing the popular goals to be used, but also keeping the area space for pedestrians and children.
19 October 2025	This plan includes some great needed changes that will definitely improve usage of the reserve! A lot of people have asked about the scout hall, what is the council's response to this? And also the drainage of the park? Please have a look at it after heavy rain and you will see where there are muddy puddles pools. Understandably this is a bigger problem to solve, but it would be good to hear acknowledgment of the issue and of a future plan to fix it.
19 October 2025	There is not enough seating. 1 picnic table is not enough for the volume of families and facilities, and none are shaded.
18 October 2025	Playground looks good but please I beg you fix the cricket nets, it's not safe for my children to practice in them despite them being brand new.
18 October 2025	Drinking fountain for dogs needs to be 15m from playground. A barrier fence around playground to prevent dogs running into it. Toilets near playground, not opposite side of park.

Date Submitted	What do you think of the draft concept plan?
18 October 2025	How about inclusion of tennis practice wall?
18 October 2025	Great draft. Agree shade is vital so a large sail covering the play equipment would be ideal. A shade over some table & chairs would be great for picnics.

7d Final Concept Plan

Final Concept Plan

Council is upgrading the park and playspace at Morris Reserve, Pascoe Vale South. We have developed this final concept plan using your feedback on the draft concept plan.

You can view this consultation:

<https://conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/morris-reserve-pascoe-vale-south>

Proposed upgrades:

- Upgraded playspace aimed at junior children includes combination unit with climbing, tunnels, monkey bars and slide, triple swing (basket, sling and toddler seat), climbing spinning unit, large timber animal rocker, timber/rope fish trap climbing unit, balancing play and musical play. A shade sail is provided over much of the playspace. Rocks and logs used to retain the softfall mulch. Park fencing along the roadside edge and along the playspace frontage



Proposed upgrades:

- New picnic settings with connecting path and natural shade
- Replacement seating throughout the reserve
- Replacement drinking fountain relocated by edge of gravel path, further from playspace
- Replacing the Henley St laneway with concrete and replacement fixed bollards and improving the paving/drainage near the netball courts
- Two fitness stations offering cardio/strength as well as lower/upper body training
- Additional trees and shrubs to provide shade and colour
- Replacing old post & rail fencing by car park with boulders. Replacement park signs.

We are also investigating all the drainage in this reserve to make improvements where possible. Also considering other ways to improve safety and attractiveness of narrow access lane behind the Scout Club, including street art and solar lighting.

Council is looking at resolving the old Scout Club building as a separate project.



example images



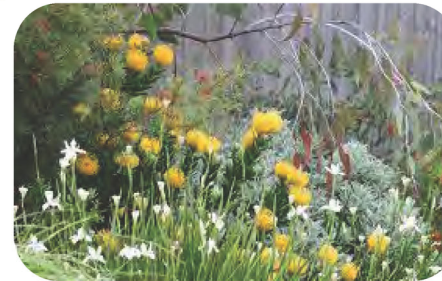
Upgraded playspace for younger children offering range of equipment and including shade sail. Fauna and creek themes with as much natural materials as possible (timber / rope). Rock and log edging to retain softfall mulch



Fitness stations offering cardio/strength for both upper and lower body fitness



Street art using fauna and creek themes to improve appearance of laneway area



Additional native flowering trees and shrubs for provide shade and interest