

Gervase Avenue Reserve

Park upgrade

Consultation summary report

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Gervase Avenue Reserve off Pecham Street in Glenroy is a medium-large sized reserve, comprising of a playspace, seating, 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 Gervase Avenue Reserve consultation for both the playspace/gathering space upgrade as well as the proposed basketball court.

1. Background

This report covers a summary of each consultation stage for the Gervase Avenue 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 upgrade will only cover the reserve and playspace area, not the surrounding areas (e.g. roads, car parking, lighting, services etc)
- Sports grounds and their facilities will not be included
- Unless trees are dead or in decline, they will not be removed as part of the works
- The playspace and gathering space areas have been pre-determined by council to avoid the main road and overhead power lines / other services.
- No new elements can be positioned within the overhead power lines or gas line zones to comply with service authority requirements.
- There may be some park infrastructure elements to be upgraded as part of the works
- The final design must fit within the available budget.

Council's Open Space Design and Development unit have conducted four consultation phases with the local community for the Gervase Avenue Reserve upgrade, these being:

- **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.

- **Revised/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.

- **Revised Final Concept Plan Consultation**

A short consultation phase to advise the local community that the final concept plan elements had to be relocated to other land parcels in this reserve which are owned by Council. The nominated elements

have not changed, just the location. This was necessary owing to complex land ownership issues in Gervase Avenue Reserve.

Consultation timings

Initial consultation: 27 June – 25 July 2024 (completed)

Draft concept plan consultation: 1 – 29 November 2024 (completed)

Revised/final concept plan issued: December 2024

Revised final concept plan issued: April 2025.

For both the initial and draft concept plan consultations, postcards are distributed to households within 0.5km of Gervase Avenue Reserve, advising residents that they can provide feedback using Council's website, <https://conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/gervase-avenue-reserve-glenroy>. Posters are also to be displayed near the playspace.

A similar poster approach was undertaken for the revised/final concept plan and revised final plan. These plans were displayed on the website along with posters at site. The Open Space Design and Development team will be proceeding to detailed design and then procurement, once final approvals have been obtained from relevant service authorities. We will advise further when construction will be starting and finishing, once we know.

2. Initial Consultation Feedback Findings

Council received 18 feedback responses to the initial consultation. This feedback has been organised into the following categories (not in order):

- **Dogs and off-leash areas**

There were several concerns about loss of dog off-leash areas. We are not planning to change this provision at Gervase Avenue Reserve: the park overall will remain a dog off-leash. It is a large reserve so has plenty of space to support a variety of activities.

Dogs must not be within 15m of the playspace and must be on a leash in that area. This ruling will remain in place.

One respondent asked for a fenced dog area. We will not be providing additional fencing to isolate dogs from children but ask that dog owners manage their dogs in line with this park's dog policy. There are already two fenced dog parks in the north: one at Moomba Park in Fawkner and the other at Kingsford Smith-Ulm in Glenroy, in addition to other existing fenced dog parks in the municipality. Council will also be constructing a new dog park in Gowanbrae in 2025.

For a list of dog off-leash parks in the municipality you can view: <https://merri-bek.vic.gov.au/exploring-merri-bek/parks-and-gardens/park-amenities#autoAnchor2>

- **Upgraded playspace**

Many respondents were happy about the park being upgraded and noted that the equipment was quite outdated. Some have asked for accessible play equipment.

A few mentioned trampolines and a range of swings (with different types of seats). One person asked for more toddler friendly play equipment. Another asked for more adventurous play including a flying fox.

We will look at including play equipment to support a range of ages – from toddlers to teenagers. We may be able to include a flying fox as there is sufficient space in this reserve, budget dependent.

One individual asked for water play. There is insufficient budget to include water play in this upgrade. We can however include nature-based play using different materials to make the area engaging.

As this reserve has few shade trees near the proposed playspace and gathering space areas, we are also considering including a shade sail over the playspace and shelter over the gathering space. We will also provide additional shade trees near these areas including the basketball court.

- **Paths**

A few individuals mentioned the need for a connecting path through the reserve as there are few footpaths. We agree that this needed, especially to allow for those in wheelchairs and with prams.

We are planning to include a connecting path running through the reserve to link up the playspace, gathering space and basketball areas.

- **Gathering space and seating**

A few respondents have mentioned that the picnic areas and seating are not sufficient to support locals. We agree and are planning to provide a larger gathering space area and additional seating around the relocated playspace. There will also be seating near the new basketball court.

- **Fencing**

One respondent asked for fencing to separate dog off-leash areas from the playspace area.

We are not intending to provide additional fencing to separate areas in this reserve. It is a large reserve space which can support different activities already. We are intending to relocate the playspace away from its current location as it is too near to the main road. Instead, we are planning to relocate it to a quieter location, nearer to a smaller local road and will look at natural barrier treatments to create a sense of enclosure and provide interest (e.g. grass mounds, garden beds with trees/shrubs, rocks and logs).

- **Basketball**

One individual mentioned that they recently requested having a basketball court included in Gervase Avenue Reserve so are happy it will be provided. We will be determining a suitable location for the basketball court which is not too close to the playspace/gathering space areas whilst still connected to the proposed access paths.

- **Other sports**

One respondent asked for additional sports such as futsal, hockey or a fenced off tennis court.

Sports facilities are not part of the scope of works for a park upgrade. We can consider including smaller-scale items such as fitness equipment or table tennis.

- **Lighting through the reserve**

One individual asked for lighting near the playspace. We would not support lighting this area as Council's open space lighting policy only allows for illumination of paths, not playspaces or gathering spaces at night. As we are planning to provide a connecting path through the reserve, linking the playspace and gathering space, we can consider providing lighting along this path.

- **Natural elements**

A few individuals asked for connection to the adjacent wetlands and to reflect wetland flora and fauna themes in the playspace, which can also serve as an educational element. This can be considered in the design. One person mentioned that introducing a winding tree-lined path would make the space more engaging, which makes good sense.

We are also planning to include several new garden beds with shade trees and shrubs, positioned near the new playspace, gathering space and basketball areas. Any additional planting must be carefully positioned away from the overhead powerlines and access routes that the service

authorities use. Including natural elements such as logs and rocks around garden beds can provide interest as well as natural barrier treatments. They can also support biodiversity and provide habitat for small creatures.

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

3. Draft Concept Plan Consultation Feedback Findings

Council received 13 feedback responses to the initial consultation. Overall, the majority liked the plan to relocate the playspace further away from local streets, including shade elements, additional trees, garden beds and seating. Everyone was very happy about the proposed basketball court.

This feedback has been organised into the following categories (not in order):

- **Dogs and off-leash areas**

Some respondents asked for a small dog park. We will not be providing a dog park at Gervase Avenue Reserve as there are already two new fenced dog parks provided in the north of the municipality: one at Moomba Park in Fawkner and the other at Kingsford Smith-Ulm in Glenroy, in addition to other existing fenced dog parks in Merri-bek. Council will also be constructing a new dog park in Gowanbrae in 2025.

For a list of dog off-leash parks in the municipality you can view: <https://merri-bek.vic.gov.au/exploring-merri-bek/parks-and-gardens/park-amenities#autoAnchor2>

We are not planning to change the dog off leash areas at Gervase Avenue Reserve: the park overall will still have large areas to support a variety of activities including dog walking.

That said dogs must not be within 15m of the playspace and must be on a leash in that area. This ruling will remain in place.

- **Lawn areas**

One respondent asked for the lawn areas to be flattened and resown with new grass.

When we undertake the playspace/gathering space upgrade we can improve the adjacent lawn areas to help support the use of ball play and other passive recreation.

However, we can't undertake lawn improvement to the entire park. Some areas of the park – especially under the power lines are under the jurisdiction of the electricity authorities who will still require periodic maintenance access.

- **Play equipment**

One respondent asked for including a baby/toddler seat with the swing. We can swap out the large basket swing for a standard swing with toddler seat and sling seat if this is preferred.

- **Fencing around playspace**

One respondent asked for fencing around the playspace to prevent them wandering on to the local roads. We are planning to retain the existing fencing near the existing playspace area but as the new playspace will be relocated further into the reserve, we are not planning on including additional fencing. We are looking at using natural barrier treatments including mounded garden beds, additional tree planting with rocks/rocks around the southern boundary of the playspace to help retain children.

- **Additional seating and gathering space areas**

One resident asked for an additional shaded seating and gathering space area in the western side of the reserve, to complement the area to the east. Although we agree that this would be a good idea,

we are required to keep the western area free of additional elements owing to mandates from the electricity authority who periodically need access through this area and own most of this land portion. This authority accepts a connecting path across the reserve including through the western side and (we are hoping) can approve for some low shade trees along this path. Though it does not look like they will accept seating and other elements.

We will see if other additional seating around the playspace/gathering space can be provided, budget dependent.

- **Basketball court orientation**

One respondent mentioned that the basketball hoop could be located on the south side of the court, rather than the north side. This is a useful suggestion and we will look at repositioning the pole as suggested.

- **Basketball net**

One community member asked for a metal net for the basketball ring rather than a string net. This is good knowledge and we will investigate this with basketball suppliers as we progress with the design and procurement.

- **Path connections**

One respondent has asked for a paved path to exit on the Gervase Avenue/Pecham Street corner. We are planning to provide a connecting path from Pecham Street and there will be a main path connection through the reserve connecting Becket Street North and Augustine Terrace. We can't provide a connecting path from the corner of Gervase Avenue and Pecham Street as we are planning to include large garden beds along the southern edge of the playspace for shade and as a landscape barrier treatment for the playspace.

However, we can look at including an additional connection from Gervase Avenue to the gathering space, provided this path is clear of the bus stop area.

We cannot include a path from Becket Street North to Langton Street as these land parcels are under the jurisdiction of the electrical authority.

- **Exercise fitness stations**

One respondent asked for exercise fitness stations to be included in the design. We agree that this would be a good idea though there is not sufficient budget to allow for this, at this stage.

We have earmarked the area where the existing play equipment is located as a suitable spot for exercise stations should additional budget be obtained in the future.

4. Revised/final Concept Plan

Using the feedback received from the earlier consultation stages, we made some amendments which are shown on the final concept plan. You can view this in the Appendix.

5. Revised final Concept Plan

This is the last concept plan for Gervase Avenue Reserve, showing the upgraded elements in their revised locations. You can view this concept plan in the Appendix.

5a Revised Final Concept Plan Consultation Feedback Findings

Council received 3 feedback responses to the final revised consultation.

This feedback has been organised into the following categories (not in order):

- **Lighting and path alignment**

One respondent asked for lighting along the new pathway. It is doubtful that we can stretch the budget to include this as well as get its approval from the electrical service authority, owing to proximity of the overhead powerlines.

The path has been aligned to connect the playspace, gathering space and basketball court towards Jacana Station. We have also had to keep the path on the council-owned land parcels as well as keep a clearance away from the overhead powerlines to comply with the electrical service authority requirements.

- **Rubbish bin inclusion near old playspace area**

Another person asked if we can include a rubbish bin near the old playspace as part of the works. We can look at including one.

- **Native garden without seat near old playspace area**

Another respondent preferred to have no seat provided near the old playspace and instead to have this area converted to be a native garden.

We are thinking it is better to include a seat in this area as there may be other local residents who prefer to sit somewhere quieter which is away from the playspace, gathering space and basketball court.

We are intending to include native trees in this area (as shown on the plans). Whether additional native shrubs can also be provided will have to be assessed as the project progresses.

6. Next Steps

The Open Space Design and Development team have completed consultation and developed the final concept plan. We are now starting on detailed design and procurement and will be completing final approvals from relevant service authorities who own the other land parcels in this reserve.

Construction will be planned thereafter.

7. 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.

8. Appendix

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

8a Initial Consultation



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

Below is feedback received for the Gervase Avenue Reserve for initial consultation:

Date Submitted	Screen Name	Description
19 July 2024	Rebecca	There have been some great suggestions on adding natural elements to incorporate the local wetlands and increase the amount of trees and shrubs in the area. Large trees will provide shade and interest for the people using this area long term. In terms of the play space, I'd like to see a lot of natural elements incorporated like tree stumps, hills and rocks to support children's physical development. Equipment that is inclusive of a range of physical needs is important, as is access to the area. I'd also like to see more natural items used for the equipment, such as timber and ropes (inspired by the Royal Park Nature Playground). This is along a main entry point into Glenroy so investment into the beautification of the space will make the suburb more inviting.
13 July 2024	Sara	So happy the reserve will finally be upgraded as the equipment is quite outdated and not sufficient for the families who use the reserve. Play equipment that is accessible and inclusive for all different people would be amazing and beneficial to the community. Trampolines in the ground and swings that have adequate safety harnesses and back support for all different ages of children.
12 July 2024	XOT1C	Love the location! Although I understand it needs to be placed away from the road. Def need more tables and seats to sit at, paths to push strollers and prams, adequate fencing around it, shady spots to sit under, trees, oval space to play footy, better more engaging equipment for children, an undercover space to host parties/ small events, bbq spot. We love, love, love BLENHEIM Rd Reserve in Newport! It's actually perfect as it really ties in nature and family perfectly!
10 July 2024	Lindy	I recently wrote to Merri-bek Council to request somewhere to practice shooting hoops with my son in the Valley area and was happily and promptly advised that the Council is thinking of installing a half court in Gervase Avenue reserve as part of an upgrade. I think this is a great idea. There are lots of families in the area and only growing.
9 July 2024	Joe Failla	This is all great. Having additional sporting areas, such as a mini soccer/hockey court as well as maybe a small fenced off tennis court. Utilizing the space to its entirety and providing softer grass and maybe some wetlands to the sides of the path.
4 July 2024	Rhonda	What a fantastic idea to make improvements to this space. There are a lot of people who walk their dogs to this park. Please make a fenced dog area that allows our dogs to run around and enjoy the outdoors behind the safety of a fence. Keep the dogs safe and the children who use the playground.
3 July 2024	Seh S.	Development initiatives are good, but not when it takes away the current facilities! Please consider keeping the off-leash dog park intact for our beloved fur babies who need it for their well-being too! It can be a bit harsh for dog owners when after a long day's work, you cannot take out your dog for some fresh air in a safe space
3 July 2024	Wasia	Please make a fenced off area for dogs to run around and play in, and please make sure the area is large enough.
3 July 2024	Ainul	Thanks for taking the initiative to improve facilities in the park; however, please don't take away the play area for dogs from this park. This park is enjoyed by a lot of dog owners with their dogs throughout the day, may be more than children or adults. Other facilities are more than welcome but please keep a designated area of the park open for dogs for off leash activities.
3 July 2024	Mayukh	Please don't take away a lot of space from the dog off leash area. This is a great space for the people with dogs for quick morning and afternoon play sessions, walks etc. A good thing would be to fence a little bit of area for a dog play zone to keep it separate from the kids play zone and basketball area. In that way, everyone will be safe to do what they want and enjoy their time.

Date Submitted	Screen Name	Description
1 July 2024	TC	The playground equipment is very outdated so great to hear that they will be upgraded as a lot of kids use this playground. It would be great if a round nest swing is included that can be used by smaller babies, kids. The playground area needs better lighting specifically for winter days when kids still like to have a play in the evening. Needs better protection under monkey bars in case of any accidents. There's a grass clearing with a path opposite to Gervase reserve. There's no footpath running on the east side of the Becket St. Please consider adding a path there which will make it safer people with a pram or wheelchair, mobility scooter to use. We currently have to travel on the road by foot and there are cars parked on either side most times. A photo is included to explain the section that needs a joining foot path.
1 July 2024	Miriam	Further fencing from the main road is needed for this park but please don't take too much space from the dog friendly area. This is a great space at the moment for walking dog off leash and easy play. Potentially put fence between playground and dog area.
30 June 2024	B	Definitely needed, the play equipment is outdated and not toddler friend. And adventure track, bike track, a big flying fox. Slides, water play for summer times. Playground equipment for all ages. Work out station for the parent. Bbq, shade, fenced in play area. Dogs of lead fenced in park. All options are great as there is a real family feel around the area but just lacking in that depart.
30 June 2024	Nigel	I think any plan for the playground should have it being fully enclosed. It's no secret that Gervase Avenue attracts a lot of traffic and is used for a thoroughfare. The speed bumps are useless as cars just position their wheels around them and don't slow down. Having a fully enclosed fence around the play area similar to others in Brunswick such as Anderson reserve eliminates any risk. Having bbq facilities will also improve community feel for the area and has improved other playgrounds such as Kingsford Smith Ulm.
28 June 2024	Brad	I wrote in today about this park needing so desperately to be updated, and to my surprise Phil, wrote back promptly to inform me it is being updated! I'm rapt as this has been such a waste of space for so long! Definitely need a basketball court, where me and the boys can shoot some hoops, and putting the play area away from the main road is a great idea, for families with young kids. This will certainly attract more families as its too close where it is to the road. Why not put tennis courts in also, like what they have in Gowanbrae to incorporate the basketball court too. Could have the same set up with lights that can be paid to put on. I'd certainly use this and know heaps that would too! A structured winding tree lined path through would be awesome, as just a grassy area, looks so boring and uninviting. I look forward to the final draft.
28 June 2024	Jay	This area would benefit from having some more trees and shrubs to give it a more natural feel. Just lawn isn't great. More cover, benches, and places to relax that aren't for kids would be great to provide really accessible greenspace.
28 June 2024	RenSar	Being close to the wetlands, this is a perfect opportunity to incorporate education and swamp/wetland creatures into the new playground design. Frog ride-ons, dragonfly artwork, etc. This whole grassy park area could be wetland-centred and include wooden raised walking tracks, dry rock creek beds, rotundas with information, bbq area with plenty of seating and coverage and low-level shrubbery, artwork coverage (see example in picture). With the space, you could also put adventure park equipment like flying foxes, ground level trampolines, skate park area, art installations and linkage to the wetlands and Moonsee Ponds creek trail. To top it all off, we need a lot more native trees in the area where possible that it won't get in the way of the overhead powerlines.

Date Submitted	Screen Name	Description
25 July 2024	Graeme	Please can you provide a new seat, picnic table and drinking fountain in the park upgrade.

8b Draft Concept Plan Consultation

Gervase Avenue Reserve is getting a makeover!

We want to hear what you think

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We are upgrading the playspace and park infrastructure at **Gervase Avenue Reserve in Glenroy**.

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

Submit your feedback before 5pm Friday 29 November 2024.

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

8c Draft Concept Plan Consultation Responses

Below is feedback received for Gervase Avenue Reserve during the Draft Concept Plan consultation:

Date Submitted	Description
26 November 2024	I'd like to see the grassy area flattened and resowed with new grass. At the moment it's too easy to twist an ankle or suffer a serious knee injury on the pockmarked ground. With nice flat ground one could actually go out a kick a ball with their kids since most of us have very small backyards in the area.
26 November 2024	There is no mention of a swing with the baby seat and the other standard seat similar to what is there already. Please include that. The kids love it and my kids look forward to the swing everyday. That's the most used equipment in the play area
18 November 2024	Really love this focus on pushing the play area further away from busy street but not close to power lines. Love the focus on shade, trees, native gardens, seating, upgraded playground and a new basketball court. Fantastic. Can we also have perimeter fencing to stop children wandering on to these busy roads?
11 November 2024	Looks excellent. Can't wait for it to be finished! Particularly the basketball court.
11 November 2024	Some additional undercover seating and barbecue areas would be welcomed - potentially even a secondary space to the west of the new playground to complement the space already shown to the east. A walking path from the corner of Gervase Ave and Becket Street North would also be great - to improve connectivity through the park. The basketball hoop may also be better served being located facing southwards, instead of northwards - to minimise solar impact on users of the space, and to move the pole away from the walkway.
9 November 2024	It's great. Love the basketball area. One thing please please please can you get a metal net for the basketball ring. A normal net will break or be broken but a metal net would last a while. As a hooper a net is key. Nothing worse than going to a rec centre like the one in Greenvale and not knowing if your shot went in or not.
8 November 2024	Please provide a paved path to exit the new area onto Gervase/Pecham corner. You can see from the worn-down goat track in the existing space that for years this is the path that is predominantly used. Will the goat track travelling from Becket to Langton St also be upgraded and paved? The current existing open space is terrific to go kick the ball with the kids and have a run around, so hopefully some space will be saved. How is the park going to be fenced along Gervase avenue? It would also be great to see some exercise equipment stations added to the design. What planning provisions have been made for the off-leash dog park area to be relocated?
5 November 2024	Can we have a small area gated off so we can let our little furry friends off leash please ? We don't have a close little dog park/play area.
5 November 2024	More seats, bbq areas, more maintenance and cleaning by council
4 November 2024	Hi, will there be a standard swing similar to what is already there for toddlers and bigger kids? That's most toddlers favourite at the park right now. Therefore, this is what the kids enjoy the most than a nest swing.
31 October 2024	I would love to see a walking track around the Gervase avenue park itself to encourage local and accessible opportunity for exercise in a pleasant space. As a type one diabetic, often walking long distances can be difficult, but somewhere to do laps around a park or a track close to home would be very convenient. I also see this as being a great opportunity for when my baby is born to do laps and walk around a park with a pram close to home.
30 October 2024	Gervase Ave park really needs a fenced dog area, it prevents accidents with cars or children. Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve Dog Off Leash Area is excellent.
30 October 2024	Hi, I was hoping for a fenced off area for a small dog park. Gervase Ave park is off leash dog park area. In saying that, I am unable to use the area because my dog could run on road or issues with people at the playground. Gervase Ave park needs to be fenced, especially for children as it has too easy of access to the road. I live in the end of Pecham St, I face Gervase Rd park. The dogs and children need a more secure area. People use it as off leash dog park, because it is. They will probably continuing using as off lead area. It needs to be considered in the draft plan, for the safety of children and people's dogs. There is a lot of land close to Augustine Crescent, to the left of Gervase Ave.

8d Revised/final Concept Plan

FINAL CONCEPT PLAN

Council is upgrading the playspace and park infrastructure at Gervase Avenue Reserve, Glenroy. We have listened to your feedback to develop this final concept plan. We will now proceed to detailed design and procurement.

You can review this plan on:

<https://conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/gervase-avenue-reserve-glenroy>



Proposed upgrades:

- Upgraded gathering space area on gravel paving with picnic settings, shelter and concrete slab for personal BBQ units. Seating area near playspace with platform seats, drinking fountain near playspace entry
- New gravel and concrete paths through the reserve with pram crossings, connecting to the playspace, half basketball court and gathering space
- Upgraded playspace aimed at junior to early teenage year olds (includes double flying fox with accessible seat and pommel seat, tower combination unit with slides, double swing with toddler and sling seat, spinning unit, cubby and rockers) A shade sail is provided over junior play area. Rock and composite edging to retain the softfall mulch
- New half basketball court with seating and natural shade
- Additional native trees and shrubs to provide shade and colour. New trees also to provide natural barrier from half basketball court to playspace and gathering space.

We will also be relocating the playspace and gathering space areas away from the road boundary, whilst keeping clear from overhead powerline zone.

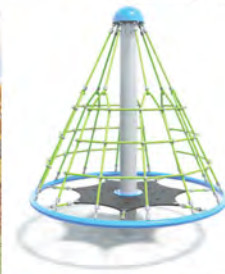
Example images



Photo: Mama Knows North website



New half basketball court with noise reducing backboard and steel chain net



New concrete and gravel access paths through reserve



Upgraded playspace aimed at younger to younger teenagers. Also includes adventurous play. Shade sail over junior play area



Gathering space with picnic settings and shelter. Other seating areas and accessible drinking fountain



Additional native flowering trees and shrubs for provide shade and interest



Figure 3: Posters displayed at site and on the Conversations webpage.

8e Revised final Concept Plan

FINAL CONCEPT PLAN

Council is upgrading the playspace and park infrastructure at Gervase Avenue Reserve, Glenroy. Following development of the final concept plan, we have had to relocate the playspace/gathering space to avoid land ownership issues affecting the central area of this reserve. We will now proceed to detailed design and procurement.

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<https://conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/gervase-avenue-reserve-glenroy>



Proposed upgrades:

- Upgraded gathering space area on gravel paving with picnic settings, shelter. Seating area near playspace with platform seats, drinking fountain near playspace entry
- New gravel and concrete paths through the reserve with pram crossings, connecting to the playspace, half basketball court and gathering space
- Upgraded playspace aimed at junior to early teenage year olds (includes double flying fox with accessible seat and pommel seat, tower combination unit with slides, double swing with toddler and sling seat, spinning unit, cubby and rockers) A shade sail is provided over junior play area. Rock and composite edging to retain the softfall mulch
- New half basketball court with seating and natural shade
- Additional native trees and shrubs to provide shade and colour, New trees also to provide natural barrier from half basketball court to playspace and gathering space.

We have had to relocate the playspace and gathering space areas away from a central reserve area to avoid land ownership issues, whilst keeping clear from overhead powerline zone. Existing playspace to be reinstated as garden bed area with new seating.

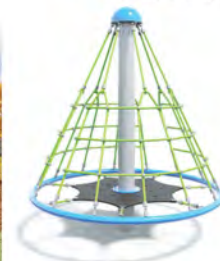
Example images



Photo: Mama Knows North website



New half basketball court with noise reducing backboard and steel chain net



New concrete and gravel access paths through reserve



Upgraded playspace aimed at younger to younger teenagers. Also includes adventurous play. Shade sail over junior play area



Gathering space with picnic settings and shelter. Other seating areas and accessible drinking fountain



Additional native flowering trees and shrubs for provide shade and interest



Figure 4: Posters displayed at site and on the Conversations webpage.

8f Revised Final Concept Plan Consultation Responses

Below is feedback received for Gervase Avenue Reserve during the final stage of consultation:

Date Submitted	Description
22 April 2025	A path with sufficient lighting is needed from the corner of Gervase & Peckham through to the park between Beckett St N & Langton St. This is already an unofficial throughway for people from Augustine Terrace to Jacana station (the route of which is able to be seen on Google earth, given it's so worn into the grass). Ensuring people are easily able to & more importantly safely get to the station is crucial. The proposed positioning for the path is not on the most direct route for most houses in the Valley and so will simply not be used. There is already no bus access to Jacana station from this side of Pascoe Vale Rd. Why make it more difficult for commuters?
8 April 2025	Can we please also include rubbish bins at the covered eating spot near the playground?
8 April 2025	It's such a shame that the new area will be hidden away from Gervase Avenue. I'm not sure what rules are in place for the existing space, however please do not put the bench seat in and leave it as is. It would be great to see more shrubs and trees lining the reserve. I would also really like to see the nature strip along Gervase Avenue turned into a native garden to create a wildlife corridor. It is one of the main entrances to this part of Glenroy and we really need some attractive spaces and greenery amongst all the grey townhouses. It makes sense to do this work while you have the heavy machinery there to rip up the grass for the play space.