



Merri-bek
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Ivan Page Reserve

Park upgrade

Consultation summary report

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Ivan Page Reserve is a small park off Meanana Road in Glenroy, consisting of a small 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 Ivan Page Reserve consultation for this park.

1. Background

This report covers a summary of each consultation stage for the Ivan Page 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.
- Park infrastructure upgrades will be determined by Council.
- This upgrade will only cover the reserve area, not the surrounding streets.
- We have found a tree in the reserve that has been planted in an inappropriate location. This tree will need to be removed; however new trees will be planted as part of the upgrade.
- 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 Ivan Page 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 will develop a draft concept plan using the local community's initial input.

- **Final Concept Plan Consultation**

This final concept plan will reflect any modifications to the draft concept plan, incorporating the community's feedback where possible. This final concept plan will close 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: September 2025 (dates to be confirmed)

Final concept plan issued: October 2025 (dates to be confirmed).

For both the initial and draft concept plan consultations, postcards are distributed to households within 0.5km of Ivan Page Reserve, advising residents that they can provide feedback using Council's website, <https://conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/ivan-page-reserve-glenroy>. 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 15 feedback responses to the initial consultation, each with a number of suggestions. This feedback has been organised into the following categories (not in order):

- **Play equipment**

Many respondents have suggested a range of equipment to suit a variety of ages, including monkey bars, swings, balancing, climbing including spider ropes, slides, tubes, bridges and trampoline.

These suggestions are great and we'll work out how we accommodate these requests.

At this stage we doubt there is enough space to include a circular concrete track for bicycles, scooters or roller skates, without losing more open lawn areas. It seems unlikely owing to the small size of this reserve.

Similarly there is not enough space or budget for water play or large play items like flying foxes in this small reserve.

We probably will not include musical play items owing to the proximity of neighbouring properties, which could be annoyance if they are played late at night.

- **Ball sports**

A few respondents asked for a half basketball court or similar. As Ivan Page Reserve is a small reserve with neighbouring properties close by, it is not possible to include ball sports.

One resident mentioned that there did not think table tennis would get well used, though there could be space for this type of play item, being smaller.

- **Gathering space**

Several respondents asked for a drinking fountain and improved picnic and seating.

We are planning to provide a replacement gathering space area with new picnic settings, seating and an accessible drinking fountain. This will be located near the playspace with seating.

We do not think there will be sufficient budget for a shelter at this stage.

- **Shade**

We are unsure if there will be sufficient budget to cover a shade sail over the playspace, but will assess through the draft concept design stage.

- **Fencing**

Several respondents have asked for park fencing along the frontage of this reserve with lift-up latches on pedestrian gates. This can be considered as the current post and rail fencing is in poor condition and would need to be replaced.

- **Litter**

A few respondents mentioned the litter in this reserve and that often people are leaving their household bins by the waste bin. We will continue to monitor waste dumping and consider what methods we can use to reduce littering. That said, this seems to be a common problem in many reserves with no easy solution.

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

3. Draft Concept Plan Consultation Feedback Findings

A summary of feedback responses will be added here once this stage has been reached.

4. Final Concept Plan

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5. Next Steps

The Open Space Design and Development team have completed the initial consultation stage and will be developing a draft concept plan to present to the local community. This will be advertised using posters in the reserve and using postcards distributed within 0.5km of the reserve. Both of these will include a link to the Conversations webpage where local residents can provide their feedback on the plan.

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 Ivan Page Reserve and images of the postcards and posters issued.

7a Initial Consultation

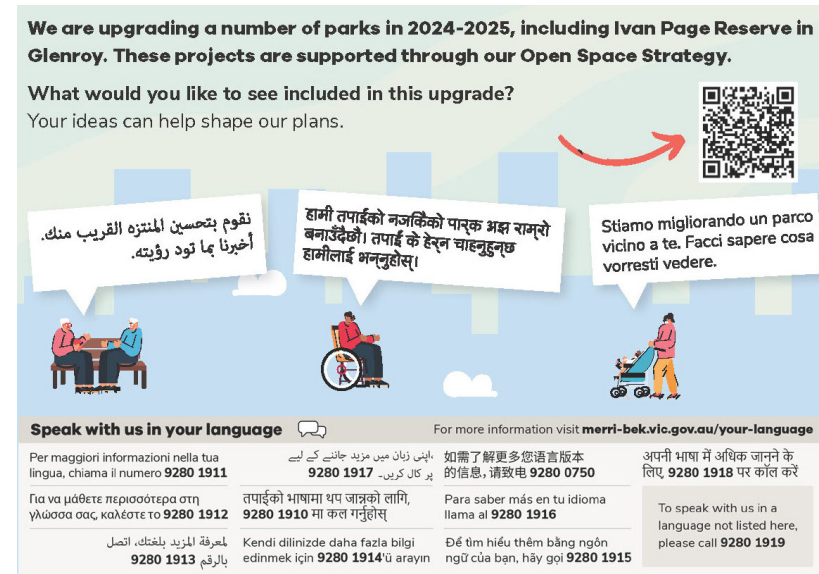


Figure 1: Postcards were issued to households within 0.5km of the reserve.

Below is feedback received for the Ivan Page Reserve initial consultation:

Date Submitted	Screen Name	Description
29/08/2025	Claire	Would love to see more equipment for different ages. A riding track, water play and half basketball court would be game changer for us, our little family would be able to use this park far more often! Thanks!
28/08/2025	Matt	A kids bike track would definitely be appreciated by locals. Due to the pokey nature of this park it's often a stop-off for families walking or riding somewhere else. This would make for a perfect reason to stay for a bit, while also helping define the space better. A drinking fountain, appropriate bins, more adaptable seating and some kind of shade might convince people to actually use the space, as currently it's uncomfortable to be there longer than 15 minutes or so. The play equipment itself is obviously nearly rusted through so new gear would go a long way to keeping local families excited to visit.
28/08/2025	Fern1488	Updated seating areas and play equipment. Make a space where families can bring a picnic and enjoy in a clean and safe environment
27/08/2025	Mia and Lina	They would love to have a nice slide and swings a path for bike rides or roller-skating practice, water, nice bathroom, jumping and monkey bars games off course a flying fox and picnic areas and games where you can twist a lot. All if there is enough money. Thankyou!
27/08/2025	SH	A water play area would be amazing, similar to the upgraded water play space near Melbourne Ave. this space gets very hot in summer with little to no shade, so a water play zone would be a nice relief. A half-court basketball court would also be amazing as there are loads of primary school kids around who would benefit from this. Any update to play equipment would be incredible - woodlands park reserve as an example. Thank you
22/08/2025	Ana local	I have 3 kids, varying ages. It would be nice for them all to play. The Kingsford-Smith playground is good; A point of difference would be nice? Like a bike loop or similar? Just don't make it like the Belair Ave one near the shops - what a joke of a 'playground'! The ana area was built by Reg Ansett for his workers... maybe a plane theme?
22/08/2025	Meg	As already submitted, it would be great if the new equipment could cover a broader range of ages. Ideally, a smaller, separate playground for younger toddlers could sit next to the play equipment for older children. Example: Woodlands Park in Essendon. Some nature play, such as logs and/or tree stumps to walk on, would also be fantastic. Example: Kingsford-Smith-Ulm Reserve, JP Fawkner Reserve.
22/08/2025	Jamie	My 10 year old son has suggested a wall and flat surface for games like down ball. A basketball hoop/half court. A track for riding scooters or bikes.
19/08/2025	FC	I visit this park around five times a week with my dog and son. At present, it is often quiet due to the limited play equipment and the popularity of Kingsford Smith Playground, but it has huge potential. I especially like the large grassy area at the back which is great for ball games. Inspiration playgrounds: Raeburn Reserve, Austin Crescent, Stevenson Reserve, Harmony Park, Woodlands Park, Bryant Family Reserve. Ideal Play Equipment: Swings: 2 belt, 1 toddler bucket, 1 inclusive seat with harness. Monkey bars Balance beams, stepping pods, wobbly bridges. Climbing net or spider web. Multi-age structure with slides, tunnels, climbing walls, and bridges. Upgraded bins and water fountain.

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		Nice-to-Have Features: Musical play panels (drums, chimes, xylophone). Interactive play panels (gears, mazes, tic-tac-toe). Vehicle-themed spring riders. Not Recommended: A table tennis table, as it would likely not be used. Key Recommendation – Fencing: The most important improvement would be fully enclosing the playground with a high, pool-style fence. This would improve safety and inclusivity for small children and those with additional needs. Stevenson Reserve is a strong example of how this works well for families. Features should include a single-entry gate with a high latch, plus a wide lockable gate for maintenance access. If budget is limited, fencing should be prioritised over shelters or rubber/synthetic surfacing, as grass and tanbark are sufficient. Seating: Two simple square benches in the centre of the park, similar to Stevenson Reserve, made from graffiti-resistant and easy-to-clean materials. This space could be a fantastic community hub with the right investment in safety, accessibility, and versatile play equipment.
18/08/2025	Ruwen	The park is big. More play equipment would be great, like something to climb and to jump. And as suggested in another post, a circular track to use the scooter or bicycle would be great. Service Street Park is indeed a great example The rubbish in the park is unfortunately due to some people trying to squeeze their household rubbish into the bin, then the birds pick open the plastic bags and the rubbish is everywhere. Not sure what to do about it...
17/08/2025	Thomas	A little trampoline - great way to burn energy of a toddler and requires small space only. A small rubber run track around the park - this would be great and safe way for toddlers to learn how to ride bikes and scooters. Flying fox - a novelty, you don't see this at many parks but it would be lots of fun for kids
17/08/2025	grandma	Love this little park. am grandma to four under 4 and enjoy bringing the littlies there however it does my head in having to clean up the grounds before I let them loose - there are always dead tapes, smashed glass, bottle tops and buttons in the grass. there's a bin but sadly not used much so it'd be great if council could send out more regular cleanup//sanitation crews (and maybe CCTV?)
14/08/2025	Vishalk	I take my 2 kids here quite often and we run out of options after getting them engaged after a while with the current play equipment and therefore would like to see more items included so that going to this park will be more fun for the kids. Seating spaces definitely required and also some BBQ facilities would be great. Soft flooring and bigger slides, spider ropes etc that will be nice for kids 5 and over would be much useful for all. Thank you
13/08/2025	Hannah	A gated park is always great for speedy little ones. It would be great if it could be similar to Service Street park in Coburg. Nice grass areas with a playground with soft flooring would be much appreciated. I'm a local mum and know how great it will be to pick up coffees and treats from the new cafe before heading to the park to eat/drink at a table while the kids play. It will definitely be a busy meeting place. Bliss!
11/08/2025	Jiae Bak	Glenroy is growing suburb with lots of young families moving in. As mother of 2 young children under 5, I would like to see this playground to serve both my kids at the same time. Grass area or rubber paved area would be good for little crawlers. We used to live near Reyner Reserve playground and it was perfect little local playground. Shelter with tables and chairs would be excellent for elderly who looks after their grandkids as well.

7b Draft Concept Plan Consultation

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7c Final Concept Plan

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