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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 slightly blocking access through the maintenance gate. 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 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 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: 10 October – 31 October 2025

Final concept plan issued: 14 November 2025.

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

Council received 26 feedback responses to the initial consultation, each with a number of suggestions. Some of this feedback has been organised into the following categories (not in order):

- **Picnic setting or fitness equipment**

As part of the draft concept plan consultation, we asked whether people preferred a picnic setting area or fitness equipment, as there is not enough space for both.

We received 18 votes for the picnic setting and 7 for the fitness equipment.

Going by the majority voting, we will include two picnic settings in place of the fitness equipment.

- **Play equipment**

A few respondents asked for a sand pit to be included, which we will look at providing.

Some asked whether there was enough play for younger children on the draft concept plan. To date the proposed equipment is aimed at a range from very young to early teenage children, as much as space allows. For the very young, there are rockers, a cubby house and toddler swing. The combination unit aims to support both younger and older children.

Unfortunately there is not sufficient budget or space to include water play.

We will consider other engaging elements we can include to appeal to younger children, if budget allows, such as an animal sculpture.

- **Trees and shrubs**

A couple of respondents asked for additional trees and for shrubs to be included in the park, with a preference for native plants. The concept plan shows additional trees for biodiversity and shade. We are also intending to convert the western side of the reserve to be a mulched garden bed around existing and proposed trees with shrubs added. Only a few extra trees can be added on the eastern side of this small reserve to ensure that maintenance teams can maintain the reserve and to allow for an open lawn area for sitting.

- **Shade**

We have included a shade sail over some of the junior play area as requested in the initial consultation stage. Additional shade over picnic settings and seats will be provided by shade trees.

- **Ball sports**

A respondent asked for a half basketball court or knock-up wall or similar. As we mentioned during initial consultation stage, Ivan Page Reserve is a small reserve with neighbouring properties close by so it is not possible to include ball sports.

- **Drinking fountain**

One respondent asked if a drinking fountain can be included. We have included one on the draft concept plan, near the reserve entry from Menana Road.

- **Dog off-leash**

One respondent asked if this reserve can be made a dog off-leash park. It is not appropriate to permit dog off-leash in this small park, as dogs need to be always kept 15m away from the playspace and be on a leash in that area – and this is a small reserve.

For a list of dog off-leash parks in the municipality you can view:

<https://merribek.vic.gov.au/exploring-merri-bek/parks-and-gardens/park-amenities#autoAnchor2>

- **BBQ**

Unfortunately there is not sufficient space to include a BBQ at Ivan Page Reserve. Being a small reserve with residences on three sides, we also worry that unwanted BBQ smells could travel over to neighbouring properties being so close.

We will now proceed to develop the final concept plan.

4. Final Concept Plan

This final concept has now been developed and can be viewed in the Appendix as well as on the Conversations webpage.

Main changes from draft concept plan stage are as follows:

- **Picnic settings or fitness equipment**

In the draft concept consultation we asked whether the local community preferred picnic settings or a fitness equipment station, as there is insufficient space for both. The majority voted for picnic settings so two have now been included on the final concept plan.

- **Additional play elements for toddlers**

We have included a sand pit with log edging and a timber animal sculpture to provide additional play for toddlers as requested.

5. Next Steps

The Open Space Design and Development team have completed the final concept plan, to present to the local community. This plan will be displayed on Council's Conversations webpage as well as posters at site. This closes the consultation stages. We will now proceed to detailed design and procurement.

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

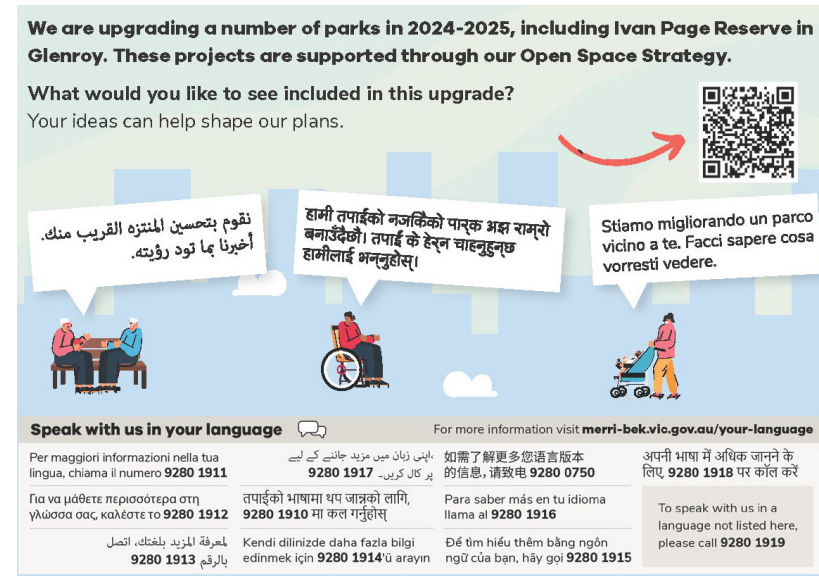


Figure 1: Postcards were issued to households within 0.5km of the reserve.

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.

Date Submitted	Screen Name	Description
		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

Ivan Page Reserve is getting a makeover!

We want to hear what you think



conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/parkupgrades



We are upgrading the playspace and park infrastructure at **Ivan Page 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 31 October 2025.

Join the conversation

We want to hear what you think!

Scan the code or visit:



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

Below is feedback received for the Ivan Page Reserve draft concept consultation stage:

Date Submitted	What do you think of the concept plan?	Picnic setting or fitness equipment
3 November 2025	Great, would be great for this park to have new play equipment for the kids	Picnic setting
30 October 2025	Picnic setting as fitness equipment is rarely used and becomes rusty.	Picnic setting
27 October 2025	It's great, however, it's the space allows, it would be wonderful to have a half court for Basketball	Picnic setting
25 October 2025	The inclusion of picnic and BBQ area would be great	Picnic setting
25 October 2025	Overall is an improvement, would be good to include a trampoline, a wall that tennis balls can be bounced against and make it dog friendly. The quality of equipment should be sustainable and colours should blend into the environment similar to Gum Nut park in Donnybrook and the park in Parkville. Bright plastic colours should be avoided. Increase spots to sit through use of rocks, stumps etc.	Fitness equipment
24 October 2025	Having a fitness equipment station is often a nice idea but it doesn't get used or maintained well. I would rather have more decked seating and shaded area. I would also expand the footpath around the entire park to allow members to walk a full circle.	Picnic setting
24 October 2025	I would prefer the Combination unit with slides to be more eco-friendly and preferably make them Montessori style so younger kids could enjoy them more. Thank you :)	
24 October 2025	Good plan	Fitness equipment
22 October 2025	Looks good but a sand pit might be nice in the junior play area	Fitness equipment
20 October 2025	Love the fitness station , so carers can be entertained. Hope there is more things than rockers for younger toddlers. Equipment looks like more focused on bigger kids. Maybe the round swing that they can lay down or sit down with carer?	Fitness equipment
20 October 2025	Looks great and friendly for all ages!	Picnic setting
20 October 2025	This is a great use of the whole space in this playground. I especially like the concrete entry, the thoughtful collection of playground equipment, the shade sail and the garden beds. Personally I believe it will be much more beneficial to have a picnic setting than a fitness station. For young families, it is more beneficial to have a space to sit and eat to make the most of the playground area. This would also support the cafe in the Menana Rd shops. The fitness stations would have limited	Picnic setting

Date Submitted	What do you think of the concept plan?	Picnic setting or fitness equipment
	utility in comparison. Shaded picnic settings would be ideal, but I acknowledge the space and budget is limited.	
20 October 2025	The plan is a great improvement on the current play space. The monkey bars, balancing logs, stilts, climbing equipment and swings are all things that my children get excited about and that keep the interest of older children. As there are so many children's activities for a range of ages this would be a great setting for birthday parties so I think a picnic setting would be more suitable than the fitness station in this case.	Picnic setting
19 October 2025	I think it looks good overall. I don't think all of the play equipment is necessary and some of the space could be better used with more plants to provide nicer green space. My strong preference as a resident who lives nearby would be for all new plants to be indigenous to this area. I doubt a picnic setting would get used much given the nearby much bigger park Boeing reserve, so I think a fitness station would be a better choice and more likely to get used regularly. The seating described would likely be enough for parents watching kids on the play equipment.	Fitness equipment
19 October 2025	This plan looks like a nice upgrade to the park, however there could be more trees to provide shade within the play area. Shade cloths are great, but don't have the same cooling effect as trees which also offer space for our native birds. There is a lot of play equipment and kids can make fun amongst plants not just built equipment. There could easily be less equipment and more natural play space. I would prefer a fitness station as the Boeing Reserve nearby offers plenty of picnic space which is much nicer than what this small park can offer. It is essential to me that all plants added to the park are native, and where possible indigenous to the area. This park offers a great chance to provide for our local wildlife.	Fitness equipment
18 October 2025	It would be great to incorporate a small off the lead area for dogs, and some drinking fountains	Fitness equipment
18 October 2025	Thank you for the plans to upgrade Ivan reserve! This is looking great. A water pump play area would be great please! and a bbq! thanks so much	Picnic setting
18 October 2025	It's Brendon Agpasa from Wollert in Victoria to have picnic setting and fitness station to include gym playspace, seating tables, Accessible drinking fountain, near-bushwalking, walking path, Picnic shelter, and the BBQ section of cooking food as well, it's been excited well with a mix between picnic setting and fitness station under the new and improved Gathering space at the Glenroy's local park.	Picnic setting
18 October 2025	We're so looking forward to this being done. Thank you! With a cafe having just opened near the park, I think a picnic setting is more suitable. There is exercise equipment at other parks in Merri-bek and I barely see it being used!	Picnic setting

Date Submitted	What do you think of the concept plan?	Picnic setting or fitness equipment
16 October 2025	More shade and tables please	Picnic setting
12 October 2025	It would be good to have a bbq at the park for families to use	Picnic setting
11 October 2025	It's great. I think more gardens would be great. Not sure if workout/fitness equipment is really needed – it's a small neighbourhood park, not really on a thoroughfare for walkers etc. Currently the bins in this park are always overflowing. I think people just dump rubbish, looks pretty bad. Hoping the fence curtails this a bit.	Picnic setting
10 October 2025	Picnic setting please! It will be utilised more	Picnic setting
10 October 2025	Think it's great - and I would prefer picnic setting over the fitness station	Picnic setting
10 October 2025	Looks good	Picnic setting
10 October 2025	It looks good - lots of play equipment. More shade and picnic areas - I don't ever see people using fitness equipment at other locations	Picnic setting

7c Final Concept Plan

The final concept plan is shown here as well as on the Conversations webpage for Ivan Page Reserve.

