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ATC Cook Reserve

Park upgrade

Consultation summary report

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ATC Cook Reserve is a medium-sized reserve including a small playspace, gathering spaces with a shelter, fitness equipment, car parks and an oval with a circular gravel track. There is existing seating, established trees, garden beds and open lawn areas.

This park 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 ATC Cook Reserve consultation for this park.

1. Background

This report covers a summary of each consultation stage for the ATC Cook 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 room.
- Final 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 trees 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 ATC Cook 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/procurement.

Consultation timings

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

Draft concept plan consultation: 27 October – 21 November 2025

Final concept plan issued: 5 December 2025.

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

Following completion of consultation, 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 27 feedback responses to the initial consultation, each with a number of suggestions. We have also engaged directly with the Glenroy Specialist School for their input. All feedback has been organised into the following categories (not in order):

- **Anti-social behaviour**

This has been noted occurring especially in the car park and near Heather Court by various respondents.

As a separate initiative, Council will be installing wheel stops and tree cut-outs with barriers in car park bays to reduce hooning in the car park. We are also looking to include lighting in the car park, if funds allow. This project will be actioned by our Transport team. Details of proposed works is shown on the Conversations webpage.

We will also be looking at improving the end of Heather Court where it meets the reserve to reduce anti-social behaviour occurring there, including fencing, solar lighting and removing the informal parking area.

We will be looking at other methods for addressing anti-social behaviour including drug taking and illegal motorbike riding through the reserve, through this design.

It is unlikely we will be installing CCTV in the reserve as we are focusing the budget on what park infrastructure we can improve. We have found in the past that CCTV provides limited benefits, especially if there is insufficient lighting (which we are also looking to address).

We will follow up with the relevant teams if the maintenance gate can be locked at night to reduce hoon behaviour.

- **Accessibility and Safety**

Many have asked for accessible paths to connect various areas of the reserve and to address the uneven gravel path around the oval.

We are planning to replace the existing circular gravel path around the oval with a concrete path to make the reserve more accessible, including linking the rear of Glenroy Specialist School with the reserve, as they currently cannot enter it directly. We have noted that the gravel path is in particularly poor condition along the southern end. We will also be improving the other gravel connecting paths.

- **Barrier treatments (fencing and gates)**

A few have asked for fencing to protect children in the playspace and protect the park from illegal vehicle entry. As part of the playspace upgrade we will look at improving barrier treatments near

Daley Street. Improved barrier treatments are also needed between the car park and along the eastern side of the reserve.

It is doubtful we can provide barrier treatment around the oval.

- **Bins and Rubbish Collection**

Many respondents have commented on litter dumping (including glass and syringes) in the reserve and asked for an increase in litter collection. Some reserve areas seem to be targeted more for dumping than others, such as over the fence between Ballerdt Mooroop & ATC Reserve and in the car park near Ash Court.

Some have asked for additional bins. This will need to be carefully considered as it might exacerbate litter dumping in the park, rather than improving the situation. We are planning to reposition the waste bins near the gathering space to a better location near the entry from Daley Street.

- **Lighting**

Some local residents mentioned how some areas in the reserve feel unsafe at night and in the winter months, especially in the car park in Ash Court. We are looking into including lighting in the car park if funds allow. At this stage we do not think there will be sufficient funds to cover lighting around the rest of the reserve. Lighting near the end of Heather Court is also being considered.

- **Playspace shade**

Several respondents have asked for shade cover in the playspace. We will look at including small shade sail areas over junior play. As there are many existing trees adjacent (which offer some shade), we need to ensure that there is sufficient clearance from them so that footings do not cause damage to their root zones. Additional shade trees can also be included.

- **Gathering space and seating near playspace**

A few have commented on how the BBQ and bins are too close to the playspace and that there is inadequate seating near the playspace.

We will be addressing both the gathering space and playspace: moving the BBQ, bins and picnic areas further away from the playspace, to allow for the playspace to be enlarged and for more separation between both areas. Additional seating will also be provided near the playspace.

We are unlikely to include another shelter near the gathering space as Council already provided a new shelter two years ago nearby. This will be assessed through the next stages of consultation.

- **Playspace equipment**

A few respondents have commented on how the existing playspace is tired and offers little to younger children, especially those under 3 years old.

We are planning to upgrade the whole playspace with new equipment, providing for both younger and older children, as much as space and budget allows.

One respondent asked for a sand pit which we can consider and a multi-unit swing set. We will address these requests with a range of products that maximise play value and can fit into the space.

Another respondent asked for inclusive play equipment. We are looking at including a few inclusive play items, to encourage Glenroy Specialist School students to also use the playspace. This will need to be as space allows, since the playspace footprint in ATC Cook Reserve is not very large and is surrounded by many established trees (which we will be retaining).

- **Water play**

A few respondents have asked for water play to be included in the playspace. Unfortunately, there is not sufficient space or budget to include water play in this reserve. We will however look at other sensory play items with which to engage children.

- **Fenced dog park**

A few respondents asked for a fenced dog area. We will not be providing a fenced dog park in ATC Cook Reserve and ask that dog owners manage their dogs in line with this park's dog policy. There are already four new fenced dog parks in the north: one at Sewell Reserve in Glenroy, Moomba Park in Fawkner, Kingsford Smith-Ulm in Glenroy and in Gowanbrae, in addition to other existing fenced dog parks in the municipality.

For a list of our dog off-leash and dog parks are located, you can view:

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

- **Basketball court improvements / futsal soccer pitch / rebound wall**

A few respondents have advised that the basketball court is in poor condition. We will assess the court's condition to see if small improvements can be made to the existing half court. It is not possible to increase it to a full basketball court as insufficient space and budget.

A rebound wall or futsal are interesting ideas, if a suitable location in the reserve can be identified. This could be using the south-west corner of the car park where we are considering closing this to vehicles as part of the car park improvement works (separate project).

- **Improved parking along Daley Street for accessibility**

A respondent has asked about having additional disabled car park bays, including one suitable for a large van. Another has asked if the current angled bay alignment can be altered as cars tend to extend beyond the bays and restrict the footpath access.

These requests are worth understanding and we have passed to our Transport team for investigation as they would need to be undertaken as a separate project.

- **Public toilet**

Unfortunately, we cannot address improvements or additions to the public toilet as part of this upgrade. Please report any issues with its working order as soon as you identify it so they can be actioned promptly.

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

3. Draft Concept Plan Consultation Feedback Findings

Council received 7 feedback responses to the initial consultation, each with a number of suggestions. We have also consulted again with the Glenroy Specialist School for their inputs. All this feedback has been organised into the following categories (not in order):

- **Large canopy trees**

One respondent asked for additional large canopy trees so the park feels less exposed.

We are intending to plant additional trees as part of the park upgrade and will add additional along the edge of the upgraded circular path and intersections with other paths, so more pleasant in the summer months. However some areas need to remain open of tree cover so that they can be used for active sports.

We can also reposition the picnic settings so they are more in the shaded areas.

- **Communication boards**

One respondent asked for an accessible communication board to be provided in the park. We agree that this is a good idea and are planning to include one near the playspace. We will develop the symbols on this together with the Glenroy Specialist School.

- **Additional play items**

One respondent asked for additional play items such as a rock scramble area, scooter track, trampoline, flying fox and timber carved elements.

We are looking to include a timber carved element in the playspace, possibly a sculpture or a seat suitable for children. We are also including two timber tactile totems at each end of the circular track for further engagement. The playspace edging will be made up using large logs and rocks which can form part of a rock scramble play. We are unsure at this stage we can accommodate a trampoline, without removing other play items.

It is not possible to include a flying fox in this playspace as they require a very large footprint (typically 27m in length) which is not available in this park. We are however installing a new playspace at Gervase Avenue Reserve in Glenroy which includes a flying fox. This upgraded playspace will be open to the public by mid-December.

Similarly there is no space for a scooter track. However the upgraded circular path will be constructed in concrete so can be used for this purpose.

It is worth remembering that although we have enlarged the playspace footprint on the concept plans as much as we can, we also have to allow space for the gathering space, keeping clear of existing tree root zones (of which there are many) and clearance from the active sports area/circular path.

Another respondent asked for a big swing (a large birds nest swing?). We cannot fit a large birds nest swing in this playspace as it takes up a large amount of space. However we have included a triple swing including a sling seat, toddler seat and basket seat. The basket and sling seat are both also suitable for adults.

The same respondent asked for a bridge to travel through the playspace. We are unsure how this could be accommodated as space is tight. We are considering a second connection point through to the accessible playspace from Daley Street. They also asked about musical play – we have included a musical play item. We doubt that a garden with interactive art can be fitted in as well. We can add some interesting shrub planting around parts of the playspace, though as much of it will be under tree shade, semi-shade loving plants would need to be selected.

Another respondent asked that the playspace will be inclusive of all ages. We are endeavouring to provide equipment to suit a range of ages though from the earlier consultation stage, we heard that people wanted more equipment suitable for younger children.

One respondent asked if water play can be included as well. There is not the space to accommodate water play. We have however included a sand pit that young children can enjoy.

- **Shade**

One respondent also asked about shade. We have already included two shade sails over the junior play area. Other parts of the playspace are shaded by existing trees. We are checking if a small shelter over one of the picnic settings can be provided though also looking at repositioning the picnic settings closer to tree shaded areas.

- **Drinking fountain**

Another respondent asked whether a drinking fountain can be provided near the sand pit. We cannot provide a third drinking fountain in this area as there is already a drinking fountain near the fitness equipment and a drinking stand near the toilet block – both of which are close by.

- **Running track ground markers**

One respondent asked if the circular track around the oval can be made to 500m in length.

Although we cannot change the length of the circular track, we can reposition the ground marker at the 500m mark.

- **Netball half court and basketball half court**

One respondent asked for a netball half court and basketball half court.

There is already a basketball half court in ATC Cook Reserve, to the west of the shelter near Daley Street. It is doubtful we can fit in a netball half court at this stage.

That said, there is a separate project to upgrade the car park area in this reserve, with consideration of including a different ball sport in the south-west corner (reclaimed corner of the car park).

4. Final Concept Plan

We have made amendments on the final concept plan to reflect feedback from the draft concept plan.

This includes:

- Adding additional shade trees around the periphery of the circular path (where not obstructing active sports)
- Adjustments to the gathering space for improved shade opportunities
- Amendments to play equipment where possible
- Updating the ground markers along the circular track to end at 500m.

5. Next Steps

The Open Space Design and Development team have developed the final concept plan. This plan has been placed on posters in the reserve. The posters include a link to the Conversations webpage where local residents can view the final concept in more detail. This closes the consultation phases and we will now be proceeding to detailed design and procurement. As we progress through to construction we will continue to provide updates on the Conversations webpage.

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 ATC Cook Reserve and images of the postcards and posters issued.

7a Initial Consultation

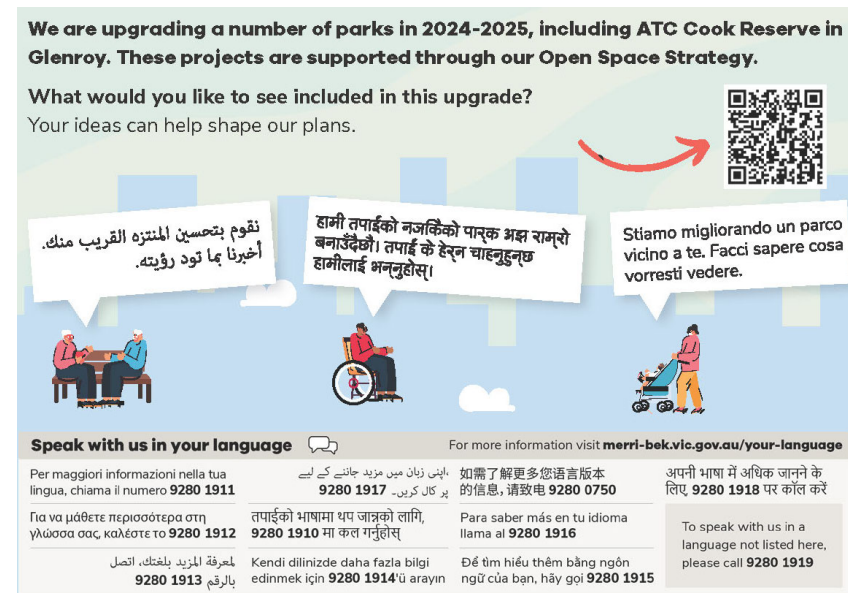


Figure 1: Postcards were issued to households within 0.5km of the reserve.

Below is feedback received for the ATC Cook Reserve initial consultation:

Date Submitted	Screen Name	Description
03/09/25	Wurundjeri Corp	The Wurundjeri Corporation currently leases the Ballertr Mooroop site from Merri-bek City Council. Ballertr Mooroop shares its northern boundary with the most southern part of ATC Cook Reserve, closest to the cricket club rotunda & Ash Court carpark. We are excited by council's announcement to upgrade ATC Cook Reserve. We support key requests from community around accessibility & safety: 1. Additional bins & regular rubbish collection - rubbish is constantly dumped over the fence between Ballertr Mooroop & ATC Reserve. 2. Permanent lighting around the park & Ash Court carpark - keep community safe & comfortable, particularly in dark Winter months. 3. Regenerative horticulture - support native flora and fauna. 4. Walkable pathways - enhance user experience, connect various elements of the precinct. 5. New fencing/ gates – protect park from vehicles/ hooning, create dog friendly zones & encourage mixed oval usage. 6. New shades & upgrades to playground - accessible for all abilities & host large families with increased seating. We have witnessed the antisocial behaviour in the Ash Court carpark - a major concern of ours. We welcome initiatives to make the precinct safer and more comfortable for its diverse & multigenerational users. Overall, the community submissions form a strong action plan for council to enhance site usability. Ballertr Mooroop, Will Will Rook, Glenroy Specialist School, the Nepalese community's shed, sporting teams and community members enjoying the area all make this space an inclusive cultural, educational and wellbeing precinct to be celebrated as a gem of Melbourne's northwest. We want the precinct to attract more families & be a place for everyone to enjoy. As we continue to activate Ballertr Mooroop, people will move between our site & the park, so it's important the whole area feels connected, accessible & safe. With the right upgrades, this can be a truly inclusive space that supports community, education and wellbeing.
27/08/25	Zeina	Please provide more equipment. Please provide more shade. A sandpit will be great. Instead of two swings, please provide four swings. Please provide a gate all around the park, so children can't run on the roads. Thank you.
27/08/25	TI	A beautiful park for kids to play and be happy. Greenery is important to glenroy.
25/08/25	CleanGreen	We would like to see a secured dog park for good dogs where pets can play safely, improved lighting at night for walkers and families, and regular daily rubbish collection to keep the park clean. Additionally, stronger barriers could be installed to prevent vehicles from entering the park and causing damage.
23/08/25	Resident	Adding lights that turn on at night is a very good idea. Also improving the basketball court is a good idea and probably adding a futsal soccer pitch.
23/08/25	Gavin	I walk my dog here regularly during the summer months but it gets too dark too early in winter so I'd like to see better permanent lighting installed. This would also make the area a lot safer at night. I would also like to see the walking track upgraded. It could definitely be widened in areas and a proper level surface would help walkers/runners/bike riders. Please don't concrete it though. Keep it as gravel/dirt or install proper running surface.
22/08/25	Amystar	I'm tired of the litter dumping and vandalism that happens at this park. I'm a local and walk my dog there frequently. It's a got a great community atmosphere but it's not very well maintained. Recommend an enclosed fence around the perimeter of the footy/cricket oval. This would stop the vandalism and protect the grassed area. It also provides a dedicated space for sporting

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		activities. It would also provide a dedicated space for dogs to be off lead at certain times. Recommend that during sporting events, no dogs are allowed on the field. When there's no sporting events, then dogs can be contained within the perimeter but have the space and freedom to run around. Refer to Citizens Park in Richmond for how they are managing this same recommendation in reality. For those members of the community who aren't as fond of dogs, it also separates the spaces leaving everyone comfortable. Have a dedicated paved/concrete path around the perimeter. Finally, more frequent rubbish collection in all areas of the park is needed.
21/08/25	CThom	As a family with young children who live walking distance from ATC we would love to see the space improved. A playground with inclusive equipment for all ages and abilities with a fence to allow those with dogs to still use the surrounding areas safely. Better deterrents for erratic driving in the area and appropriate ongoing maintenance is a must. It would also be great to see a paved track around the oval to allow this to be a walking path suitable for prams. So much potential!
21/08/25	Ally	Make a good walking pathway so that kids also ride bikes without any hurdle. Add new equipment in kids playing area also build fence around park or around playing area for kids. Also don't allow dogs inside playing area boundary (Other than playing area it's fine). Focus on rubbish all around park everyone should take responsibility to make park clean.
20/08/25	Tom	- Upgraded playground (i.e. equipment, shade, fence) - Improved basketball court - Off-leash dog area and poo bag supply - Upgraded toilet facilities - Improved safety of carpark (i.e. CCTV cameras, locked gate at night, bollards) - Addition of lights to park - More garbage bins and less dumping of food/waste - Widen path around oval - Re-development of shops on Widford Street (i.e. fish and chips)
20/08/25	Emily	As a local family with a small child and not much outdoor space at our house, we would love to see some attention given to ATC Cook Reserve. We would visit so much more often! A few thoughts: - increase the size of the basketball half-court, and build a rebound wall behind the net with a slab on the other side to be used for solo-tennis, kicking a ball, etc. - Build an enclosed fence with gate around the playground area - this will help to keep children in, and off-leash dogs out (not sure whether off-leash dogs are even allowed, but the fact is they are often present). It would also be great to fence the oval, to keep motorbikes and quadbikes from doing donuts on the grass. - Some more bins around seating areas and placed around the oval may help to reduce rubbish that is a big issue right now. - The area nearest to the Ballert Mooroop site could be better used. Currently it is just patches of scrappy grass and walking track, and some sad looking small trees. A feature to encourage use of this area could be good - an additional small play area, gazebo/gathering space, sport/activity zone could bring a bit more life to this end of the park. - As many others have said, I would use the park far more if there was less dumped rubbish, sharps, and burnouts, and a few more safety features. Currently the space can feel intimidating and unsafe, particularly with a small child.
18/08/25	A	The park would benefit from a strong gate to ensure children can play safely and prevent them from accessing the road. Additional seating would provide a comfortable space for families and friends to relax and enjoy the park. Installing lights around the oval would improve safety at night and allow for extended use of the area. A proper walking track would encourage walking, jogging, and running in a safe and accessible environment. Reducing rubbish and maintaining cleanliness would enhance the overall appearance and usability of the park.

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18/08/25	EKG	ATC Cook is our go-to park and playground for my 5 & 2 year old kids. We live a few hundred metres away yet I'm always hesitant to go there because of the obvious illegal activity, the broken glass, rubbish and drug use and paraphernalia. I once took my kids there and removed a used syringe and glass from the playground. It was horrible. The blatant drug use at the end of Heather Court and in the Ash Ct carpark is very disturbing. Users don't seem to care there are kids there, riding their bikes or people using the bottle return machine. The park needs enough wow factor to attract plenty of sports teams and families so it becomes uncomfortable for the undesirables to continue using it as an anonymous dump / crack den. So how do you change the crowd it attracts? Here's a story of a citizen who took this same problem into their own hands- https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oakland_Buddha Not to suggest this needs to be exactly replicated but it's food for thinking outside the box.
18/08/25	Wesy Web	Car parks, infrastructure for prevention of hooning. What is there now isn't effective, it needs to be spaced throughout the carpark. Metal bollards or rocks would be suitable. It can't be so open. Please close the gate at night time as it's a drug/criminal activity hot spot. The playground needs replacing, it's very dated and very hot in summer as it's in full sun. Shade sails and water features would vastly improve it and essential to increased usage. But it needs to be all ages. Currently children under 3 have limited used due to its features. Oval/area needs more suitable fencing around it and more seating for watching matches. When it was used for footy training and cricket matches it was well loved, the gates need to be motor bike restrictive as all entry to the park is, it's common for the grounds to be used in a destructive manner. The basketball court is horrible, mostly broken glass and small size. BBQ area is not suitable; roofing and seating improvements would boost community use. As would bin removal, and CCTV to prevent dumping, which occurs from businesses and households daily. Daly St carparks result in cars parked over footpath to fit, these parks and at shops on Widford street should be horizontal. Widford Daly St roundabout is obscured from view for pedestrians crossing, and a zebra crossing and speed limitation infrastructure needs to be in place for safety. Food truck events would be great and shown successfully already. We have seen improvements and welcome them, but the park is dangerous at times, having safety/emergency contact points like present at university campuses may assist but CCTV to back up to reside misuse. Overall, poor community actions at the park can be prevented with infrastructure and we want the park to be a safe place for all. New plant beds and a space for a communal productive garden would be ideal. Some new plantings are poorly managed and often dead within a season or stolen. Additional animal shelters
17/08/25	Renstar	I run here often around the track and would love for it to be better maintained - there are a few dips that could be filled when the track changes from dirt to join with the southern footpath. I often notice dumped rubbish here and would like it to be removed. I love the birds that hang around here and we could help them by planting some more mid-sized shrubs to encourage other struggling species of bird. It would be nice to do some log edges and larger rocks to provide other habitats for lizards etc. The playground could benefit from some upgrading as well as some shelter e.g. shade cloth for summer. Adding some lighting to help the community able to use the space better in winter months would be lovely too. Would love some nature play options around the playground too since there is the space and already some native plants and ground cover around. Would love for the user experience/walkability of the whole block to better work with the park e.g. connectivity to the bowls club and Glenroy Star Restaurant and the tennis courts.

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		Potentially consider also including a track for bikes/scooters that link from the car park and provides play options e.g. continuous circuit/pump track. I would like the outer circuit path or remain gravel or dirt and not be concreted over as it's easier on the knees and ankles, and doesn't remove natural habitats or need sweeping etc.
17/08/25	Kiran	This park—particularly the northern section—is frequently used by Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities. It would be beneficial to have a larger area (near to shade) designated for gatherings and community functions. Additionally, the play area and toilet facilities require upgrades. Enhancing the BBQ area would also be advantageous.
14/08/25	KP	This is one of our closest parks, and the only one with an oval. I used to come here a lot but unfortunately because it is always so dirty (broken glass pipes, bottles, computers) it's just not a nice place to be. The playground really needs a refresh and renew. There's also a distinct lack of shade both near the playground and round the oval
14/08/25	AdClark1984	This is the closest park for my family with two young children (4 and 1) to our house. Whilst my children like using the playground, it is very outdated, uninspiring, unsafe, and lacking suitability for multiple ages. There are no safe or visually appealing areas within walking distance to our house for our children or family to enjoy in Glenroy. It requires a new and expanded/enlarged playground area for children along with an appropriate shade sail for use during the summer months. The public toilet is often putrid and vandalised, or out of order. There are often youths riding motocross bikes on or around the field, and people using the field as an access point/escape route after committing crimes. There is an unacceptable amount of rubbish constantly around the playground area, including dumped hard rubbish, vapes and alcohol containers. It feels very unsafe to be there as soon as the evening time arrives, with people using the carpark or park surrounds for drug dealing. CCTV cameras and floodlights should be installed to deter these negative elements. A new and redeveloped park and playground space in this location could be the first step to promoting a shift in attitudes and respect for this part of Glenroy and commence the facelift this pocket of the suburb needs.
14/08/25	BS	The carpark is full of hoons nearly every other nights. I know this cause I live in Ash Court. The carpark is full of drug users. I know this cause I walk across to get to Jacana station and I see used Nitrogen cannister, broken beer bottles and cars with open windows and strong smell of weed (and they drive shortly after smoking weed). It doesn't feel safe for women. I know this cause my wife gets catcalled when walking home across it. It gets pitch black dark near the playground area that I have to turn on my flashlight to avoid stepping on puddles. Imagine what it's like for a woman to walk there alone at night. There is an opening on the curb near the cricket cage to allow bicycles, prams, or wheelchairs but the ""Keep Clear"" sign is faded so cars are always parked there. Suggestion is to install curb islands to organise the parking, so that it no longer becomes an open flat surface for the hoons. URL to Video: https://youtube.com/shorts/moFclPq4ZwY?si=rbO4s3lesqYt3Gph
14/08/25	Rg	It's next to my home. I want it to be a safe, accessible and hangout area for all ages of family. We need to work on basketball court as well. The play area needs to have more interactive and sensory based with lots of colours for youngsters. The parking of Atc cook around moss court has to ban all the late nights thrifting and hooligans meet-ups. The Aboriginal park needs to be

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		treated with respect rather than a dumping zone and need to have more value to reflect in locals. BBQ needs to be functional. If we can have some cycle friendly tracks to teach young ones, that would be great.
13/08/25	McIntyre	Hi, we're a local family living across the road from ATC reserve on Widford St. We have two boys - a two year old son and a baby who loves being outside and roaming the park. We've noticed a lot of rubbish including vape pens, dangerous items such as discarded glass bottles and just things like a broken car tyre lying around so as you can imagine we don't like the baby crawling around too much in the park which is unfortunate. We also would love to see an upgrade in the playground's play equipment. The slide especially is old and quite unsafe. We would love to see some better quality and upgraded play equipment in the park, along with less rubbish and perhaps more encouragement to avoid littering.
12/08/25	Sanjay	ATC Cook Ground has been a wonderful place for me and my family. However, I have noticed some safety concerns, particularly around the cul-de-sac on Mitchell Court and Ash Court. Installing additional street lighting, and possibly CCTV cameras, would be a valuable improvement. As someone from a Nepalese background, this place holds special significance for my family—especially my parents, who meet daily with other community members and spend their mornings and afternoons here. My parents often mention how much they appreciate the shed built by the council, which has been a great addition. That said, there is still room for enhancement. During rainy or windy weather, the space could be more comfortable if the council were able to install a fence around the shed, at least one metre in height, and extend the roof with a shroud looks great. Additionally, upgrading the drainage around, playground equipment, improving the toilets, and making the area more weather-friendly would greatly benefit the community.
12/08/25	Alexandra Taylor	The car park on the Widford Street side of the park has regular hooning and burnouts occurring. It's completely unsafe and makes going to the park awful from the noise and pollution from the smoke from the tires. Cameras and concrete parking dividers to prevent them using it as a race track.
12/08/25	JessicaH	I have a young family and we visit ATC Cook Reserve often. The area is great and has so much potential! It could be such a great space and a place of pride for the Glenroy community but it needs some love. Things that would make it a great space: -Playground upgrade and making it all abilities. With Glenroy Specialist School right next door, it seems a no brainer to include equipment for all to enjoy. The closest all abilities park is Bundoora/Mill Park/Craigieburn. The school being next door, seems a good spot. -Sealed path from School and circuit around the oval for accessibility of wheelchairs/walking aids etc. -Bathroom upgrade - more toilets and better facilities -Fenced playground - given the speed of cars at times on Daley street, seems a no brainer. There is a fence there now but a completely closed one with latches to lock gates is ideal. It's a simple and safe feature. Gives parents piece of mind and a bit more time to chase after a small child on the loose. This area has so much potential with the tennis club, bowls club, Nepalese community shelter, Ballerit Mooroop cultural site and Will Rook Preschool. Having a nicer space will invite more people to enjoy the area and have some pride in the space. Outdoor space is vital as is sport and a healthy community using all the facilities that are there. Investing and improving the useability of facilities is going to have only positive benefits in the community. The council needs to invest in its people in a positive way, this is a great way.

Date Submitted	Screen Name	Description
12/08/25	Bert	Finally this playground is getting a makeover! My family frequently use ACT Cook Reserve. The rubbish in this area is and has always been absolutely shocking. It's embarrassing to bring friends to the area. There is an issue with people parking and drug taking/dealing at the end of Heather Court and in the carpark at the end of Ash Court- it's blatant if you spend time in this area. Enticing more families/sport activities to the area would help reduce this activity. Regarding the playground area it would be amazing to have a water park. An area for entertaining (to attract birthday parties etc) would be ideal. Bins absolutely must be placed right next to areas where food will be consumed (tables) as made evident by the playground at Cardinal Reserve. Please consider shelter over the facilities so children aren't getting sunburned. Considering the amount of dumped rubbish and antisocial behaviour it seems more cameras/fencing should be considered. Bins by the cricket area are also important and perhaps signs in various languages encouraging people to use the bins. Planter boxes would also be welcomed.
11/08/25	Remy	Many people (myself included) use the park to exercise their dogs daily. It would be wonderful to have a fenced area for dogs to socialise in and play off lead (similar to Richards Reserve off leash in Coburg and others around Merri-Bek). There's adequate space under the trees between the basketball court and the football oval on the northwestern side (screenshot attached). This could incorporate some rocks/logs for the dogs to play on and provides enough of a run for ball chasing and socialising with other dogs.
11/08/25	Rabina	This reserve is accessed by large number of children on the north side of Glenroy. It would be great if it had more larger and newer facilities for children to enjoy. The basketball court is horrid. Need to upgrade it. Fencing close to the road needs to be better to ensure safety. Equipment is outdated. Water foundation/ water play for summer would be great for kids in the neighbourhood. BBQ needs updating including horrible small garbage bins. If only bins were more, that side of the area would be cleaner. But more of landscaping would go a long way. Just want our children to access cleaner, nicer and safe playground. Also, if dog's poo bag be available for people who bring for a dog walk would be great.

7b Draft Concept Plan Consultation



We are upgrading the playspace and park infrastructure at **ATC Cook 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 21 November 2025.

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

Below is feedback received for the ATC Cook Reserve draft concept consultation:

Date Submitted	What do you think of the draft concept plan?
21 November 2025	Would like some very large canopy trees here. The entire park is rather exposed.
12 November 2025	Could you please explore some additional play items such as: - rock scramble/ play with natural elements - scooter track - bounce mats - flying fox (is there any in the area?) - wood carvings / rock art

Date Submitted	What do you think of the draft concept plan?
9 November 2025	It looks nice - would love that big swing so it can be used by older kids and adults too. I think the playground needs a bridge of some sort for more travel through the play space rather than being all boxed up. I appreciate the rope jungle gym. I really love the umbrella shades too. Is there any room for some garden/interactive art with the interactive musical aspects? At the concrete path join at the south west end, can you please try refilling the crevices in the earth so running becomes safer around the track? Is there any way to make the running tack around the oval a neat 500m for the track markers too? It would be nice to have a drinking fountain near the sandpit that also features a small tap for washing sandy hands after play. Please consider planting some correa bushes or similar for mid size foliage too.
7 November 2025	Great to see ATC cook reserve get an upgrade. We need to see more lighting, bright colours and engaging play equipment for all ages. Would like to see a netball half court and a basketball half court. Good to hear higher fencing all around so hopefully it will stop people doing burn outs around our reserve. Please make the play equipment inclusive for all ages. I have youth girls who still enjoy a great park
7 November 2025	The draft plan is great but is it possible to add permanent lights in the oval area?
5 November 2025	The plan looks great but would be better with some water play as well. Local kids would benefit in summer and a shade would be an additional compliment.
4 November 2025	I'm Brendon Agpasa from Wollert in Victoria, we have new and improved plans for ATC Cook Reserve to include bushwalking, picnic settings, BBQ, additional seating, Shade sail and sand pit, Upgraded playspace, Accessible play, Garden beds, drink fountain, and Heather Court improvements, I am so proud of you for your local community visitor.

7c Final Concept Plan

Final Concept Plan

Council is upgrading the park/playspace at ATC Cook Reserve, Glenroy. We have developed this final concept using your feedback on the draft concept plan. This concludes community consultation. We will now be proceeding to detailed design.

You can view this plan using:

<https://conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/atc-cook-reserve-glenroy>



Proposed upgrades:

- Upgraded playspace for junior children including combination unit with slide, triple swing (sling, toddler and basket seat), timber balancing units, climbing net and sand pit. Accessible play area includes a spinning unit, musical chimes and tactile play totem on textured rubber surface. Rocks and logs used to retain the softfall mulch and sand pit.
- Fencing added along Daley Street, end of Heather Court and edge of car park with pedestrian openings
- Replacement picnic settings, BBQ and bins all relocated away from playspace. Additional seating around playspace area
- Existing circular gravel path replaced with regraded concrete path. Distance ground markers for start, end and middle of track. Tactile timber totems added at start and end of the circular track
- Improvements for end of Heather Court: solar lighting, removal of informal asphalt parking area and improved fencing. Lighting to also be provided in the car park (separate project)
- Retrofitting guttering to existing shelter if funds allow
- Additional trees and shrubs to provide shade and colour, including along circular path.



example images



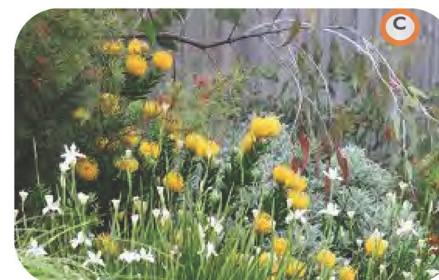
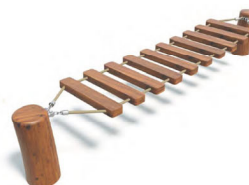
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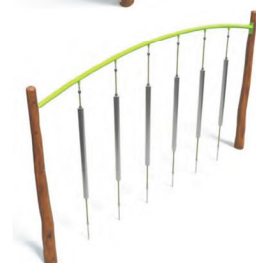
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Circular concrete path with ground distance markers. Tactile timber totems by start and end of path



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Additional flowering trees and shrubs for provide shade and interest

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