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## REDMOND PLACE OPEN SPACE

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## 1.0 Redmond Place Open Space

### 1.1 Introduction

Redmond Place, Orange is being developed as a collaboration between Landcom and Orange City Council. The masterplan will deliver over 300 homes, while increasing affordability and housing diversity in the city. At least 20% of homes will be set aside as Affordable Housing for low to moderate income households. Council and Landcom are also pursuing innovation, sustainability and enhanced liveability in the design and delivery of this project.

This is a significant development for the City of Orange and for regional NSW, and the partnership with Landcom draws on their experience in delivering high quality housing for communities.

The landscaped areas of Redmond Place are key to the project demonstrating increased liveability outcomes. Some of these spaces will be built ready for the first residents and for surrounding residents, providing a boost to the area's sense of community.

Landcom is particularly invested in developing open space assets for Redmond Place that reflect the values of people

that are likely to live there and that live nearby. To this end, engaging with local youth was seen as an important step.

The open spaces that Landcom sought guidance on included:

- a park for families and children at the northern end of the development
- a park for youth at the centre of the development
- a wetland area at the southern end of the development
- walking paths and fitness equipment linking the above spaces

A key component of Landcom's process is understanding the place and the community that will form part of the project. Community consultation seeks to understand the community of Orange, their aspirations for the place, their knowledge of history and understanding of Country. Landcom seeks to work with the community to ensure Redmond Place becomes a great place to live.

## 1.2 Executive Summary

Key community preferences:

- People from all over Orange are likely to visit one of the parks in Redmond Place “if they are great”.
- The general character preference is for a hybrid space with adventure play.
- Safety of the space is important.
- Consider the needs and preferences of girls to deliver better outcomes.
- A quiet space to hangout will be valued.
- Exciting options for teenagers will be well received.
- A flexible space for cultural activities should be included.
- Basic park facilities such as shade, paths, bubblers and bbqs will be important.
- Linkages to the rest of town are important.



*The most popular “Look and Feel” image, taken in Orange at Centenary Park, 600m from Redmond Place.*

## 2.0 Engagement Strategy

### 2.1 Engagement Objectives

- To understand community values around open space
- To understand how the local community currently uses and experiences open space
- To hear what needs are unmet by existing open spaces
- To understand preferences for different play and recreation elements

### 2.2 Engagement Audience

The key groups we hoped to reach in this round of consultation were:

- youth
- nearby residents
- anyone who may use the future open space assets

### 2.3 Engagement Methods

The engagement team decided that working with students from Canobolas High School would be an effective way to reach youth who are likely to live within a close distance of Redmond Place, and who therefore are more likely to use the spaces once developed. The school hand-selected a group of students to participate in the workshop.

The second target group for the engagement was residents of Glenroi. The team wanted to find out if people who live in Glenroi would be likely to go to Redmond Place to use the open spaces provided there. A community BBQ at the Youth Hub provided an opportunity to show residents early designs for the open spaces and ask them what they think. The event was advertised at Canobolas High School, Glenroi Public School and through Orange City Council channels.

Concurrently with these face-to-face methods of engagement, Landcom and Orange City Council promoted a survey, seeking comments from the general public about planned open space in Redmond Place.

## 3.0 Engagement Process

### 3.1 Engagement Scope

This phase of the engagement process was aimed at understanding the values of youth and nearby residents, for the open space being provided as part of Redmond Place.

The values can be used to inform decision making in design development of the open space. Values being explored are those about the public domain and all that is experienced through it. This experience includes your senses, what you can do, and what the spaces provide.

### 3.2 Workshop Process

The student workshop at Canobolas High School was held on the 7th of April, 2025 from 11:45am-12:45pm.

To ensure every student's ideas could be expressed, a range of exercises were used - some which required participants to speak up, alongside others which did not. Each exercise was followed by facilitator-led discussion, to give people an opportunity to expand on their ideas.

The process included :

#### 3.2.1 Introductions

#### 3.2.2 Warm-up Exercise

To start the workshop, students were given a piece of paper with three questions on it, to provide their answers.

The questions were:

- Who goes to parks?
- Which parks do you use? Why?
- Which parks don't you go to? Why?

The answers to these questions are included in the Appendix.

What we heard:

- All the students expressed an understanding that parks serve many different groups of people, and especially children and families.
- Students named a wide variety of parks they go to, ranging from the Adventure Playground, Gosling Creek, Elephant Park, Cook and Robertson Parks to Glenroi Oval.
- The parks students said they don't go to were Elephant Park, for safety concerns, Glenroi Oval, for safety concerns, parks far from their homes or those that are not cared for.

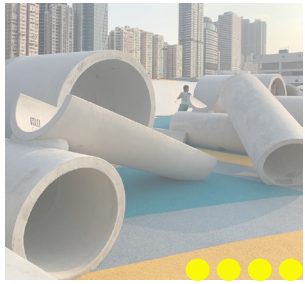
### **3.2.3 Place Values**

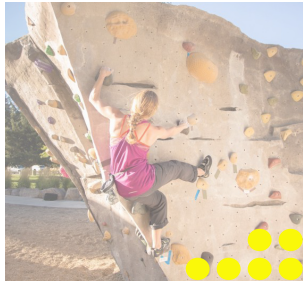
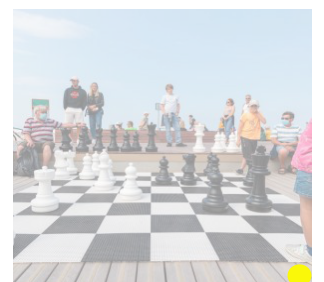
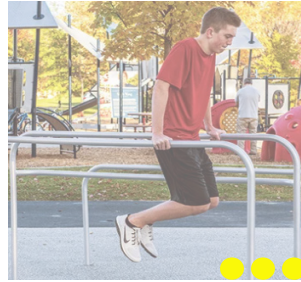
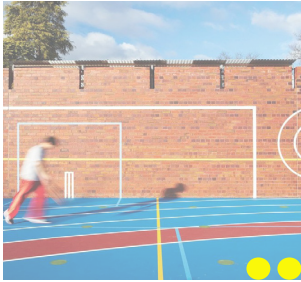
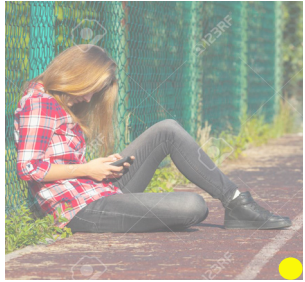
Students were then be asked to take part in a word and image exercise, to uncover subconscious preferences, or 'values'. They were given three sticker 'dots' per page to indicate their preferences.

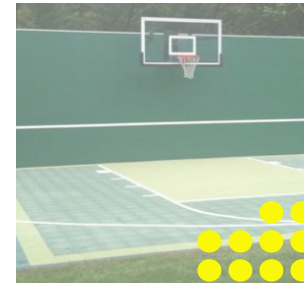
The images are broken into the following value groups:

- Design and Aesthetic - How should it look/feel?
- Amenity - What it provided?
- Activity - What you can do?
- Word boards - What type of space, for you, for others and for families?

A discussion with participants after completing this exercise was valuable in understanding the reasoning behind the choices. The image and word boards with the dots are included in the following pages. Notes from these discussions are included in the Appendix.













### 3.2.4 Review and Conclusion

A summary of the results from the workshop, for consideration in the design of the open spaces below.

- The general character preference was for the hybrid space. Students didn't like the urban looking space and their image preferences leaned towards large shade trees and green open space.
- A number of the participants take their younger siblings to the park, so their responses were informed by what they would do with them and what they thought they would like. Safety of the space in general was important and many of them felt a fence around a children's playspace would help them in their role as carer.
- Girls participated well in the group but didn't express any particular 'wants', which could be attributed to lack of exposure to options specific to them. We could assume that much of the research around 'perching and watching' would hold true here with additional consideration for sibling care.
- The word preference for a quiet space to hangout had the most votes.
- Mention of a flying fox elicited an excited response as did a climbing wall.
- Cultural activities were important to them but not FOR

them and was appreciated more as artwork and a place to gather, than specific items like a yarnning circle.

- The two most highly selected images of amenity were toilets and bubblers, then a half court with back wall.
- Picnic facilities for families was recognised as important.
- Pathway links to the rest of town are important.

### 3.3 Community BBQ

A community BBQ was held on Sunday the 11th of May from 12:00-2:00pm, at the Hub at Glenroi Oval. Despite being well advertised, the event was not well attended, however the team were able to have meaningful discussions with some local children, youth and young adults.

Most were not aware of the Redmond Place development, but were very supportive of affordable housing being developed and new open spaces being included as part of the development.

Participants were given dots to indicate their preferred elements of the design and the types of exercise equipment they liked the most for the open space. The results are shown on the following pages.

Discussions suggested that residents of Glenroi would be likely to walk to the open spaces in Redmond Place if the spaces offered better or different facilities from Glenroi Oval or other nearby open space, in a safer environment.



## Redmond Place Northern Park



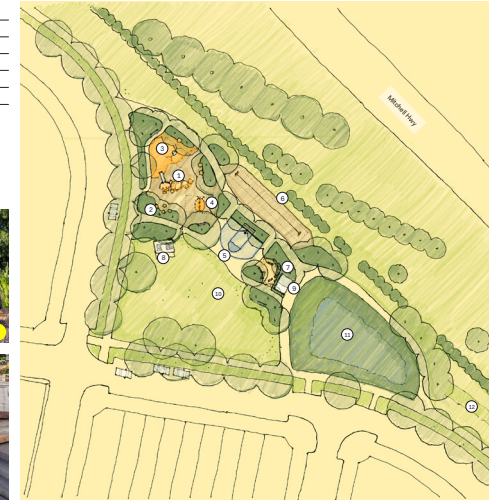
| Legend |                                                                                                          |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1      | Garden room with tree grove and seating                                                                  |
| 2      | Hanger building                                                                                          |
| 3      | Hanger Plaza - flexible space                                                                            |
| 4      | Yarning / gathering space with cultural interpretation                                                   |
| 5      | Open lawn area                                                                                           |
| 6      | Fenced playground for 0 - 12 yrs including play fort, see saw, embankment slides, trampolines and swings |
| 7      | Picnic shelter                                                                                           |
| 8      | Community garden                                                                                         |
| 9      | Turf mounds                                                                                              |
| 10     | Existing path to dairy building                                                                          |
| 11     | Existing row of poplars                                                                                  |



## Redmond Place Central Park



| Legend |                                                                  |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1      | Reused site boulders rock climbing with climbing grips and slide |
| 2      | Gathering spaces with stone seating                              |
| 3      | Basket swing                                                     |
| 4      | Double swing                                                     |
| 5      | Half court with integrated soccer goal and mural wall            |
| 6      | Flying fox                                                       |
| 7      | Timber sleeper terraced seating area                             |
| 8      | Picnic shelter                                                   |
| 9      | Public toilet (1x accessible, 1 ambulant)                        |
| 10     | Open lawn                                                        |
| 11     | Bioretention basin                                               |
| 12     | Swale                                                            |



## Redmond Place Southern Wetland

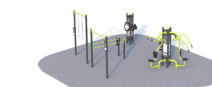


| Legend |                                                 |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1      | Planted swale                                   |
| 2      | FRP decking with seating and interpretive sign  |
| 3      | Permanent water body with wetland edge          |
| 4      | Pathway with shade trees and planting           |
| 5      | Lawn seating area                               |
| 6      | Informal stone boulder edge and stepping stones |
| 7      | Bioretention basin                              |
| 8      | FRP boardwalk connection                        |
| 9      | Seating opportunities around water              |



## Redmond Place Exercise Equipment

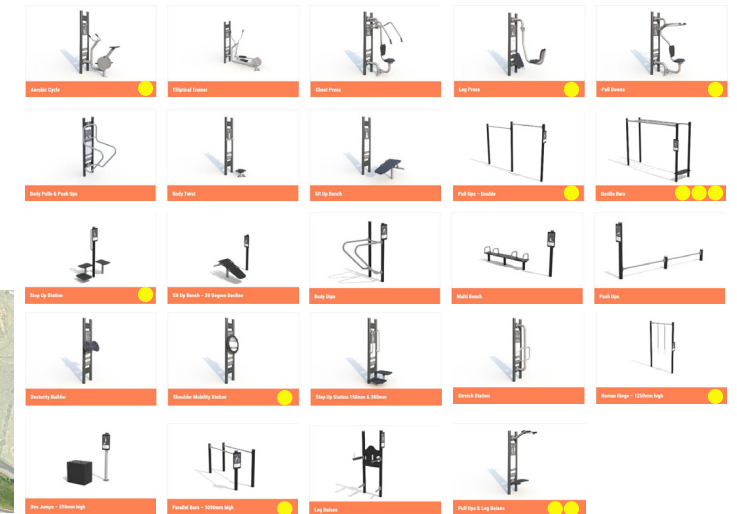
- + Space fitness stations along open space corridor where space permits
- + Provide a range of equipment for a variety of users and abilities



### Potential locations



### Equipment Options



### 3.4 Survey

A general community survey was open on Landcom's online consultation platform from 4 April until 30 April 2025, receiving 41 submissions. The survey asked respondents what would encourage them to visit a park at Redmond Place, as well as what would discourage them. It also asked respondents to nominate preferred play and recreational elements, supporting amenities and playground styles.

#### SUMMARY

Top line stats:

- 60% of respondents don't live near Redmond Place and aren't interested in living there, but would visit the parks if they were great
- Highest preferences for adventure play, nature play, rock climbing, towers > flexible, adventurous types of play where children can feel free to explore
- Preferred aesthetic: 56% hybrid, 31% natural, 12% colourful, 0% urban
- Lots of comments about seating under shade and shade trees, not wanting plastic equipment

Selected free text answers:

What would make you want to visit a park at Redmond Place?

- An indoor and outdoor soft play area that can be used in winter or when wet.
- Equipment that challenges children to stretch their physical abilities. Varied and engaging so they are not bored after 15 mins.
- A walking track that is long enough to really exercise, not one that is so short that you don't even work up a sweat.
- Secure fencing,... the surrounding area is secure to help keep people from destroying it or causing trouble for visitors.
- If it was better than the other parks and playgrounds in Orange which are quite lacking.
- Well maintained grounds and facilities with educational signage of natural ecosystems with aboriginal significance.
- Space to run around, interesting and fun equipment with elements such as height, movement, interactivity and space.
- A securely fenced off-leash dog park with seating... User friendly features for people with disabilities.
- All ages playground - stuff for adults too!

What would make you not want to visit?

- Lots of comments about graffiti, rubbish, vandalism, antisocial behaviour
- Off-leash dogs
- Inadequate shade
- If it ended up being just another plastic park
- Burning hot plastic from lack of shade

## 4.0 Appendix

### 4.1 Workshop Notes

Canobolas Rural Technology High School

07-04-25

Discussion notes:

Who goes to parks?

- Everyone
- Kids and families
- Elephant Park
- Skate Park
- Not a lot of good parks in Glenroi
- Parks are just for kids
- Like parkland eg Gosling Creek
- Playgrounds such as Adventure Playground
- Like Cook Park, particularly for the ducks

Which parks do you visit? / Which parks do you use? Why?

- Elephant Park
- Cook Park
- Skate Park
- Gosling Creek
- None – not a kid
- None

- Basketball court
- Closest one to home or Adventure Playground because it's closest and the best one
- Beautiful fun parks because it's nice to look at and provides fun things to do with friends
- Cook Park because of the ducks and Robertson Park because of the water fountain
- Cook Park and Robertson Park to play
- Parks with slides because they're fun
- Elephant Park because it's a good setup
- Glenroi Oval – open fields
- I go to Adventure Playground with siblings and family and Gosling Creek for walks with family
- None because I don't want to get robbed
- I don't go to parks because I don't find them amusing
- Adventure Playground because it's getting better
- Adventure Playground because it's newly built and it's fun
- Glenroi Oval because it's close to where I live
- Glenroi Oval, Basketball court, Adventure Playground, Gosling Creek

What do you like about the park?

- Ducks/ Wildlife
- Playgrounds

Why do you not visit parks? / Which parks don't you go to?  
Why?

- Park is filled with little children
- General confusion on what parks are - is it a playground or parkland.  
None of them
- I don't go to any
- Cook Park, Elephant Park and the parks on the other side of town
- Small ones that don't have much or are far away
- Parks that are run down, dirty, depressing and dangerous to be in
- Glenroi – too far away
- Elephant Park – bad people go there
- The one near where I live because I feel unsafe
- Spring Street – don't like the setup
- All of them – I don't have enough time
- Glenroi Oval because there are dangerous people and it's dirty

- I go to every park
- All the parks except Adventure Playground because they are away from my house and they are not that much fun
- Elephant Park
- Elephant Park – heard bad things and don't live near it

What type of space would others like?

- Hangout with friends
- A place to celebrate culture – Naidoc Week – cultural dances, story telling, artwork, particularly art that the kids do, makes it more meaningful
- Like nature – fish, away from people, green big shady trees with grass
- A place to make art, particularly Aboriginal
- Flexible space

What type of space would a family like?

- Games – tip, basketball
- Sit and eat
- A place to celebrate
- A place for events eg movies

What type of space?

- Hangout with friends, away from adults
- Maybe a café
- Places to sit and see out
- Sit and chill and talk
- Glenroi Oval is too open and glass on the court

What can you do?

- Play equipment – be active, needs a court
- Culture
- Rock climbing wall
- Flying fox

How should it look/feel?

- Art
- Climbing – interactive, fenced so little kids can't escape
- Colourful
- Shade – not too formal

What is provided?

- Toilets
- Bubbler
- Court – half court with back wall

- Some skate stuff

- Seats

What do girls want?

- Go for a walk
- Place to play footy

Of the following styles, which is your favourite?

- Hybrid, followed by natural

General comments

- Safety is a big concern. Needs to be fenced, street lights, lights in the park.
- Bike track
- Connectivity

Culture

- Cultural dance
- Artworks/ aboriginal art
- People can do art by themselves (flexibility)

Events & activities

- Outdoor movies
- Rock climbing (popular)
- Flying fox
- Interactive & hiding spots

- Skate park
- Court (basketball)
- Walk

#### Space

- Away from people; away from adults
- Shady trees
- Colourful
- Sit and chill with friends
- Go to park with younger siblings; most students mentioned play equipment for their siblings
- Most students preferred hybrid style, some chose natural style

#### Key words related to images

##### Look and feel

- Culture – cultural dances space, storytelling, youth art, aboriginal art
- Big Trees – shade, exotics, green, greenery, fish/ wildlife,
- Open- spacious, clean, graffiti art, flexible space, visible
- Colourful

- Away from adults
- Water fountain
- Interactive

#### Activities

- Talking
- Flying fox – at Lake park
- Rock climbing walls
- Basketball court
- Half court
- Tip Game
- Swings
- Skate park – big
- Parkour
- Watch Movies
- Be with Friends
- Play Footy, Touch
- Walk
- Biking

#### Amenities

- Toilets

- Safety – fence
- Lights- street lights
- Gates

How do they get there?

- Bike
- Travel Alone

Other

- Comments related to playground image - McDonalds playground similar photo, fence so little children can't escape.
- Somewhere to take their younger siblings/ Take their younger siblings to playgrounds

Vote for look images

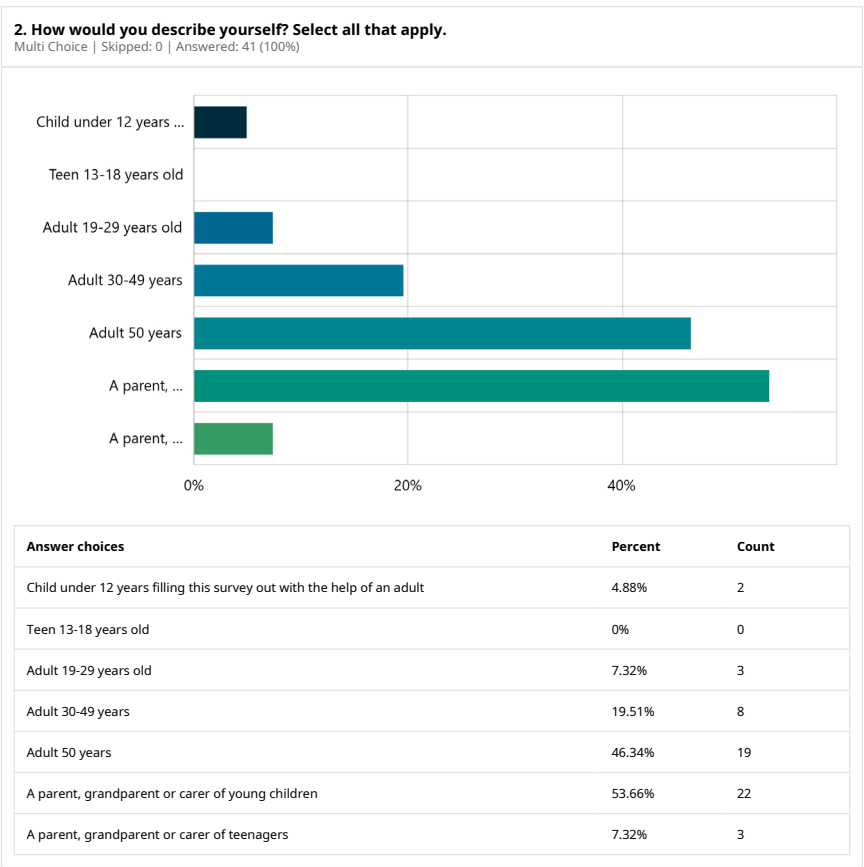
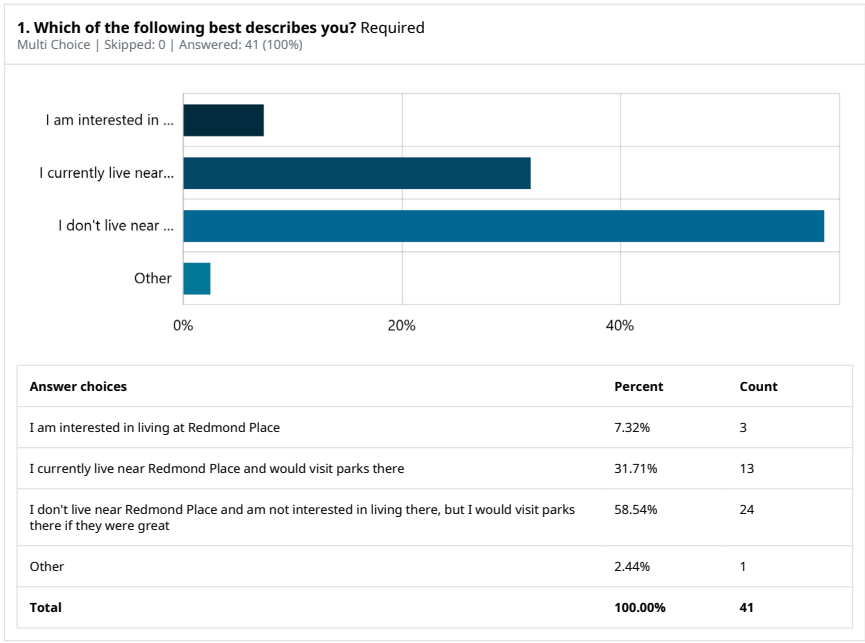
- Hybrid space – high number
- Natural space – medium number
- Urban/modern space – 0 votes



## 4.2 Survey Summary Graphs

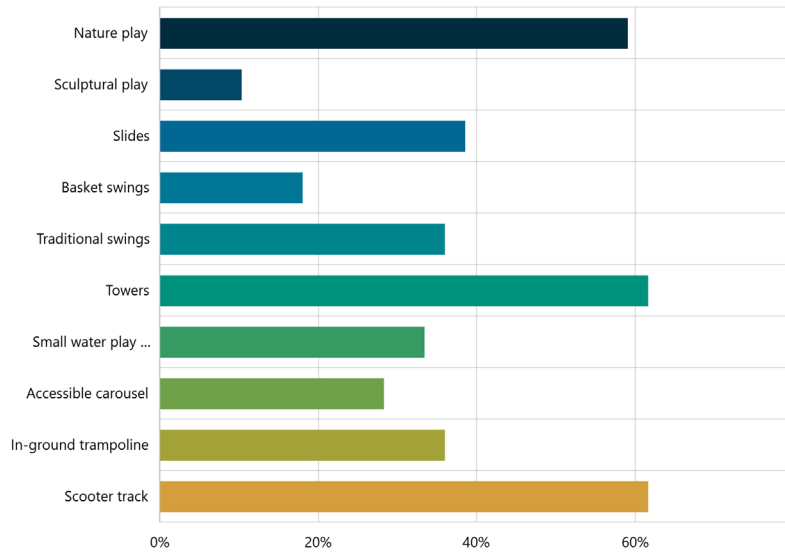
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| Redmond Place parks and open space survey | 39           | 41            |
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### Contribution Summary



**5. What should be included for children 0-12 years old? Pick your top 4 most desired elements.**

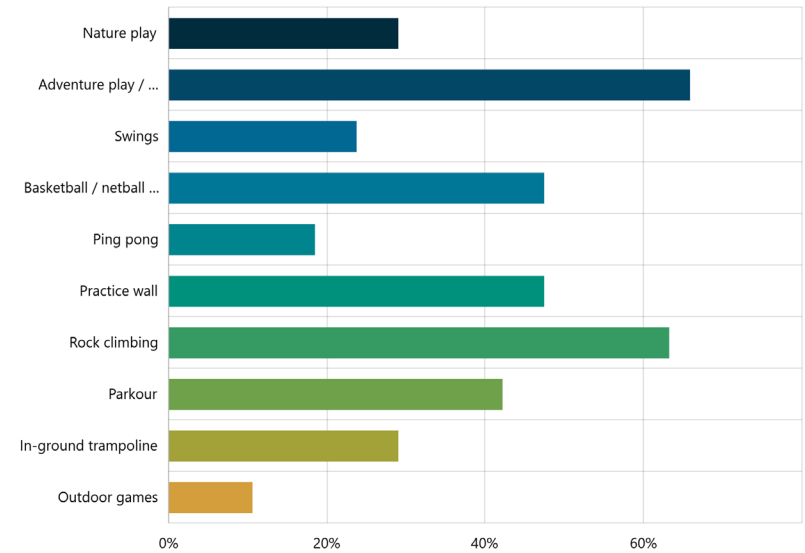
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| Answer choices                             | Percent | Count |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Nature play                                | 58.97%  | 23    |
| Sculptural play                            | 10.26%  | 4     |
| Slides                                     | 38.46%  | 15    |
| Basket swings                              | 17.95%  | 7     |
| Traditional swings                         | 35.90%  | 14    |
| Towers                                     | 61.54%  | 24    |
| Small water play elements (e.g. hand pump) | 33.33%  | 13    |
| Accessible carousel                        | 28.21%  | 11    |
| In-ground trampoline                       | 35.90%  | 14    |
| Scooter track                              | 61.54%  | 24    |

**6. What types of play / recreational equipment should be included for teens and young adults? Pick your top 4 most desired elements.**

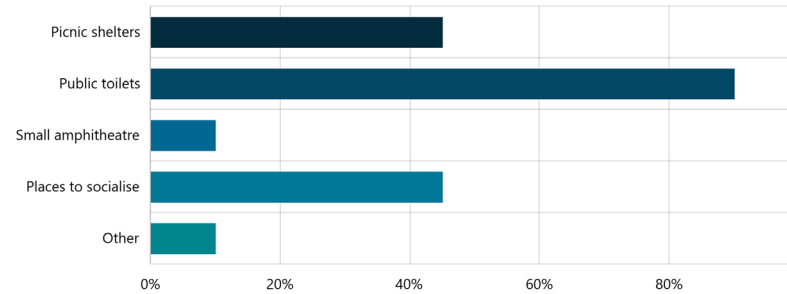
Multi Choice | Skipped: 3 | Answered: 38 (92.7%)



| Answer choices              | Percent | Count |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------|
| Nature play                 | 28.95%  | 11    |
| Adventure play / climbing   | 65.79%  | 25    |
| Swings                      | 23.68%  | 9     |
| Basketball / netball courts | 47.37%  | 18    |
| Ping pong                   | 18.42%  | 7     |
| Practice wall               | 47.37%  | 18    |
| Rock climbing               | 63.16%  | 24    |
| Parkour                     | 42.11%  | 16    |
| In-ground trampoline        | 28.95%  | 11    |
| Outdoor games               | 10.53%  | 4     |

**7. Which of these park features would make the park most useable for you and the wider community? Pick your top 2 or nominate another.**

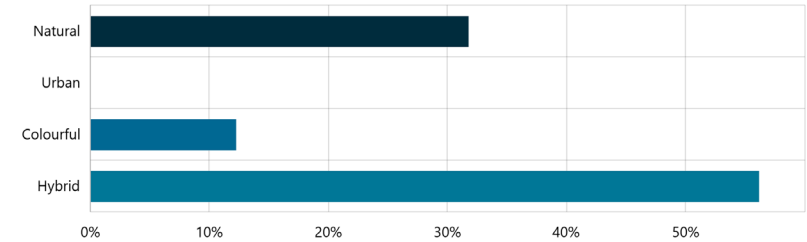
Multi Choice | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 40 (97.6%)



| Answer choices      | Percent | Count |
|---------------------|---------|-------|
| Picnic shelters     | 45.00%  | 18    |
| Public toilets      | 90.00%  | 36    |
| Small amphitheatre  | 10.00%  | 4     |
| Places to socialise | 45.00%  | 18    |
| Other               | 10.00%  | 4     |

**8. Of the following styles, which is your favourite? Required**

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 41 (100%)



| Answer choices | Percent        | Count     |
|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| Natural        | 31.71%         | 13        |
| Urban          | 0%             | 0         |
| Colourful      | 12.20%         | 5         |
| Hybrid         | 56.10%         | 23        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>41</b> |