

Strathconnon Square Reserve Engagement Responses

A Participate Hume page was available from 4 – 25 September 2023 for the local community to share feedback on a concept for Strathconnon Square Reserve. Postcards were sent to the 247 households within a 500-metre radius of the park informing them of the consultation opportunity.

The page containing the consultation attracted 62 visitors which is 25.1% of households in the targeted area. Of the 72 unique visitors, 5 (6.9%) left feedback. This reflects 2.0% of the 247 households.

This feedback helps Council to understand what is important to the community and why, as well as identify any other opportunities for improvements. The feedback was reviewed and was used to update the play space design.

The below table is a summary of the community's suggestions and other feedback. Council have reviewed and provided a response as it relates to the project's scope and budget.

Comment	Number of comments on the subject	Hume City Council Review Response
<i>Request for adding a spider web/rope climbing wall like Keilor Park Reserve</i>	1	Due to Strathconnon Square Reserve's small size, there are limitations for play equipment. Typically, larger play and climbing structures are found in district and regional classified reserves.
<i>Request for adding a trampoline</i>	2	Trampolines often require a larger footprint and are usually located in larger reserves

<i>Request for adding a multi play unit</i>	1	A small multi play unit has been included in the concept to cater to a younger age group. Multi play units for a variety of age groups are located at large reserves.
<i>Request adding Xylophones</i>	1	Xylophones are great interactive play elements, however, are often located in larger reserves that are not close to homes where the sound may carry
<i>Request for rubbish bin</i>	1	Strathconnon Reserve caters to local residents within walking distance of the park. The activity does not generate sufficient need for a bin
<i>Request for BBQ and picnic facilities</i>	1	The park is a small space which caters for short visits by local residents within walking distance of the park. BBQs are usually located in larger reserves where facilities such as toilets are also provided.
<i>Request for shade</i>	1	Additional trees have been identified to provide shade for the play equipment during the afternoon.
<i>Request for additional elements to fill space</i>	1	Strathconnon Square Reserve is a small space. Generally, equipment requires additional clear space around the equipment to meet Australian Standards. We also want to maintain a grassed area, which

		we refer to as a kick-about space, to provide opportunities for alternative activities such as ball games, kite flying or picnicking.
<i>Request to close off the park for kids' safety</i>	1	Strathconnon Square is a low traffic volume street, and so alternative techniques have been used to create buffers including maintaining the existing mounding and introducing additional trees.
<i>Request regarding kids' safety around existing gumtree</i>	1	Trees will be further investigated.