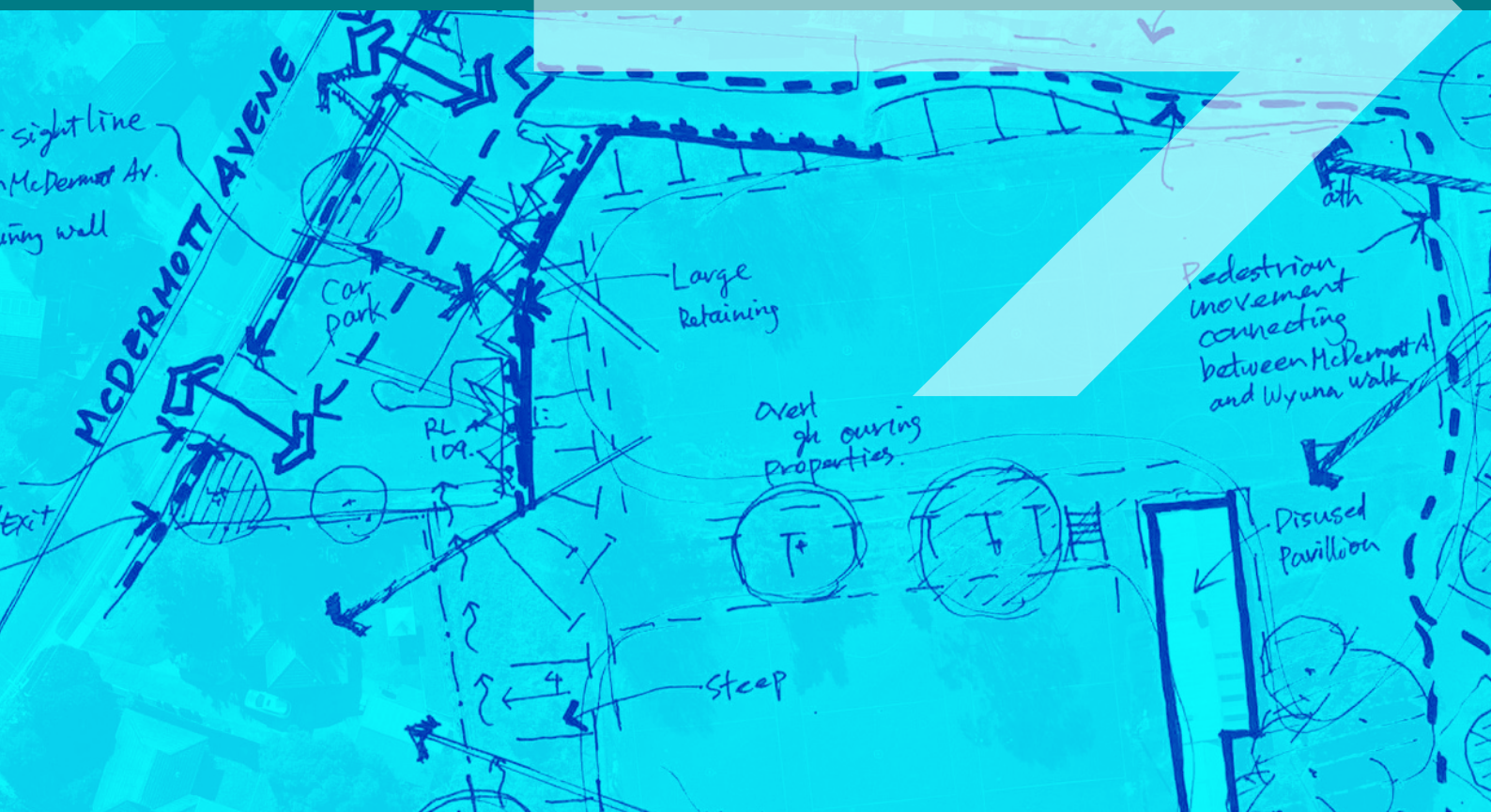


# McDermott Avenue Reserve

## Background Research



## Initial Community Engagement

December 2020

Summary Report

Initial research including community and stakeholder engagement, was conducted in the second half of 2020, with a community survey in December 2020. The community engagement sought to understand how the community had used the reserve area at 52 McDermott Avenue since the netball competition moved to new premises at Pinks Reserve, Kilsyth and understand their vision for the future.

Due to Covid restrictions at the time, only online engagement was possible. Since then officers have engaged with community members informally on site, taken phone calls and responded to written enquiries. Issues and ideas have remained consistent.

This Engagement Report provides a summary of the feedback provided by the community during the consultation in 2020. It offers a snapshot of the ideas being considered alongside site constraints and broader provision in the area.

## Community engagement

### Who we spoke to



**Over a 5 week engagement period** (3 November - 13 December 2020) we received feedback from approximately 340 people.



**600 letters were dropped into local resident mailboxes** to inform the community about the engagement, provide a link to details about the project and the survey for feedback.



Project information including a **link** to the survey, was circulated to **local schools and pre-schools** for distribution to their members.



We also sought feedback from Council's Advisory Groups, including Indigenous, Disability, Health & Wellbeing, Youth and the Youth Ambassadors.



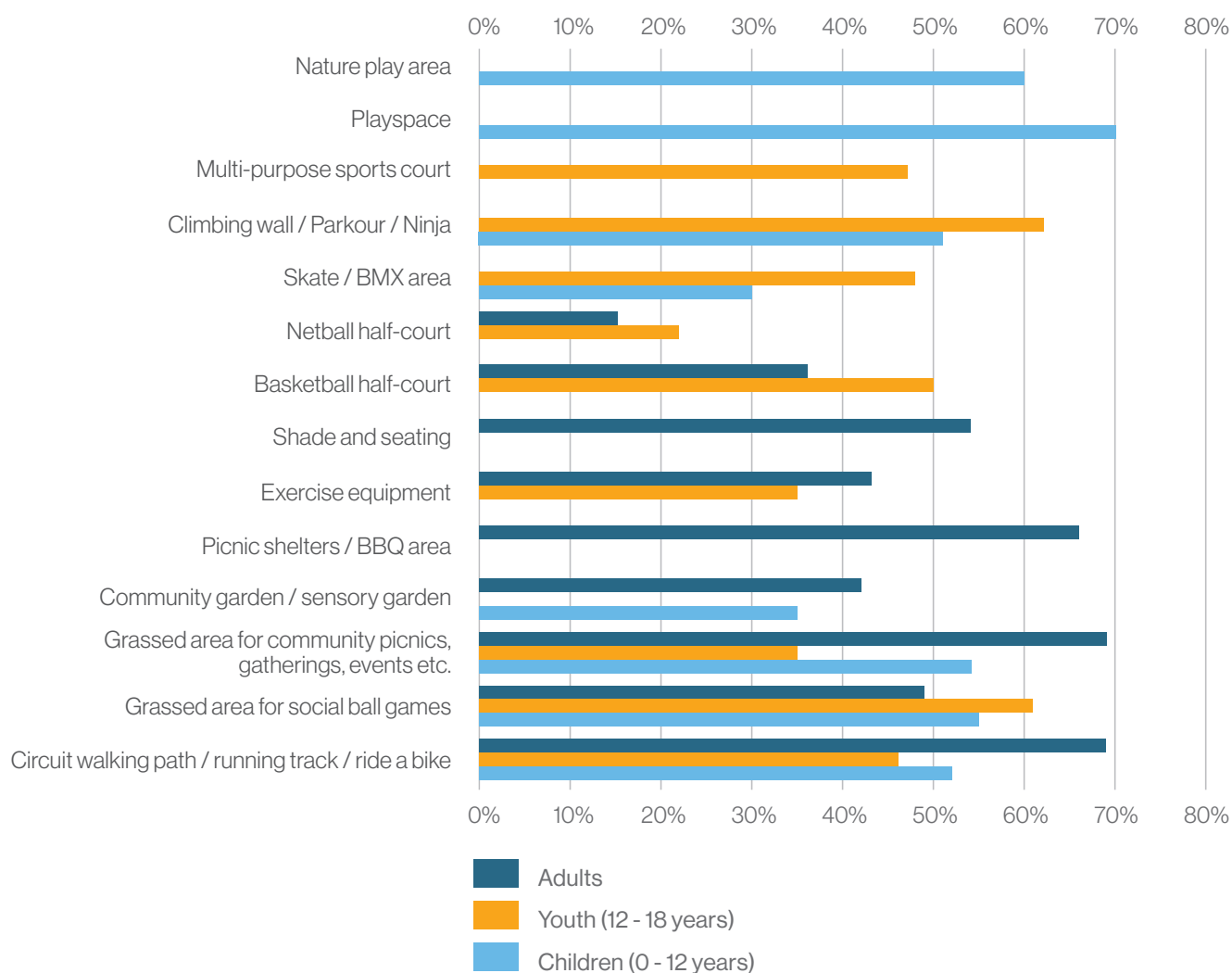
**406 survey views** of the 52 McDermott Avenue, Mooroolbark - Master Plan Development page.



**Survey responders** came from: Mooroolbark (**71%**); Croydon (**9%**); Other suburbs (**<6% each**)

# What the community told us

## Most popular improvement recommendations by age group



The feedback from the community and stakeholders has been reviewed and assessed to ensure that proposed improvements to McDermott Avenue reserve are appropriate and have broad support. The key themes and recommendations for consideration to emerge from consultation have been captured and summarised on the following page.

# Key themes



## Paths and path connectivity

- Support for a path network for walking, running and connections to nearby schools and surrounding residential areas
- Path suitable for learning to ride a bike



## Security

- Lighting of paths
- Activation to deter unsociable behaviour.



## Grassed open space

- for social ball games such as soccer
- for community picnics, gatherings and events



## Activity spaces

- Half-court area
- Climbing activities
- Exercise equipment
- Gardening experiences



## Playspace

- Range of play activities that include both formal and nature play for a wide range of ages and abilities
- Access to toilet facilities



## Park furniture

- Call for more shade (shelters and/or trees), seating, picnic and BBQ facilities