

Sale Lions Park

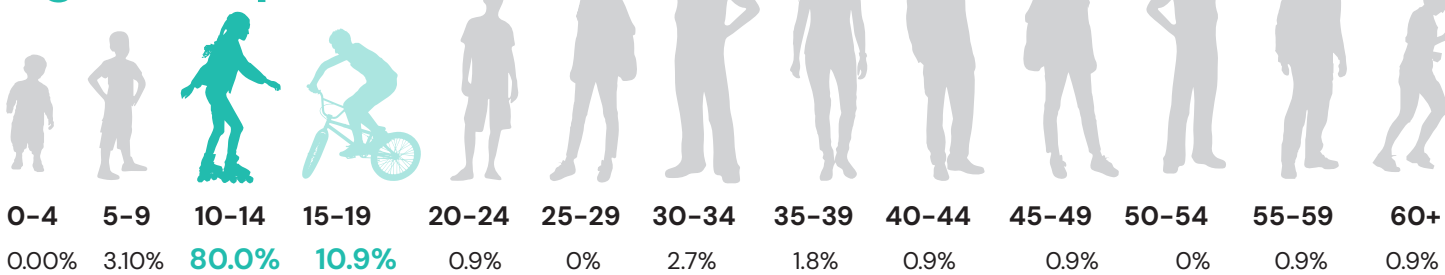


Community Consultation Snapshot

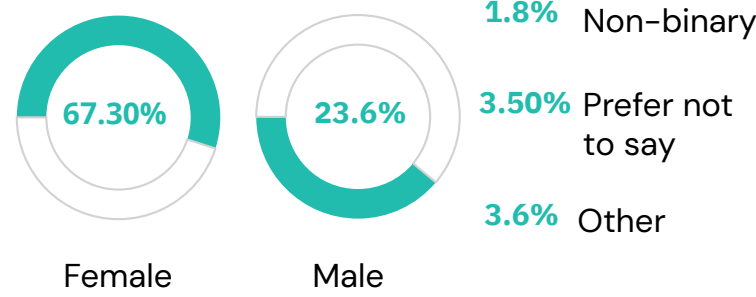
Participants

17 Online Survey
61 School Consultations
38 Girls Focus Group
= 110 people in total

Age Group



Gender



Experience / Activity

All Community



Outdoor Cinema
56 votes



Hangout nets /social net
37 votes



Skating
30 votes

Girls only Group



Outdoor Cinema
24 votes



Hangout nets /social net
22 votes



Going to markets / events
11 votes

Park Feature/Amenity

All Community



Parkour/Obstacle/ Ninja Course
56 votes



Climbing wall
45 votes



USB Charging station
29 votes

Girls only Group



USB Charging station
21 votes



Shade and Natural shade
14 votes



Quiet / Chill out space
14 votes



Parkour/Obstacle/ Climbing wall
Ninja Course
13 votes

What is the most important feature?

All Community

- 1 Active Recreation
- 2 Playspace
- 3 Community Elements

Girls only Group

- 1 Playspace
- 2 Active Recreation
- 3 Community Elements

What makes a park welcoming?

All Community

- 1 Ability to spend time with my friends without being judged
- 2 Activities or events that interest me
Seeing people like me using the space
- 3 Safe spaces to express myself

Girls only Group

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Theming



Description

Lions Park is designed as a community landscape inspired by Sale’s floodplain setting, wetland systems, and civic role within Central Gippsland. The design responds to the area’s history of seasonal wetlands and grasslands through integrated water sensitive landscape treatments, wetland planting, and riparian structures that support drainage, microclimate moderation, and resilience. Gathering spaces are provided to accommodate civic events, youth activity, and everyday use, reinforcing the park’s function as a key public destination within the town. The landscape character is grounded in Gippsland ecology and Gunaikurnai Country, strengthening local identity through the integration of natural systems and shared public space.



- ① Sale Common Wetland
- ② Artist Illustration Of Wetland Diverse Vegetations
- ③ Sale Common Wetland Vegetation
- ④ Water Course Of Gippsland Wetland

Site Analysis



Key Analysis

- Small social resting space**
A small social and resting space is provided to support the active recreation facilities on site; however, it consists of a very small shelter and aging furniture, limiting comfort, usability, and appeal.
- Disconnection between spaces**
There is limited visual and physical connectivity between the various recreation areas. Facilities are dispersed across the site without clear pathways or spatial cues to guide movement and encourage exploration through the reserve.
- Missing link**
There is no clear or direct connection between the playground and the southern portion of the reserve, reducing accessibility and legibility across the site.
- Visual blockage**
Existing vegetation creates a visual barrier, reducing passive surveillance and visibility between the street and the active recreation area.
- Missing opportunities**
Mature planting and garden beds contribute positively to the green character of the site; however, there are limited opportunities for people to stop and stay. The absence of seating and resting nodes reduces the potential for informal use and enjoyment of the space.
- Underutilized court**
The existing tennis court is underutilised and in need of refurbishment. This area presents an opportunity to accommodate additional sports and informal activities, allowing it to function as a more flexible, multi-purpose facility.
- Toilet**
The toilets are currently not open to the general public and are located in an area with limited passive surveillance.
- Limited Play Value**
The existing playground offers limited play value for older age groups.
- Carpark**
The car park currently operates as overflow parking for Little Athletics, with opportunities to consolidate and formalise parking in the long term for park visitors as use increases.
- Existing Water Retention Basin**
The retention basin is a water catchment and must retain current capacity, this limits development opportunities. The area currently lacks shade.
- Lacking Connection to School**
Despite the close proximity of the high school, there is no formal pedestrian entry or path linking the reserve, representing a missed opportunity to attract and better cater for local young people.
- Changing of Athletic club and building**
The existing athletics club building is aging and likely to be removed in the medium term, allowing for relocation of the Little Athletics club. Allowing opportunity for the retention basin to be transformed into community space
- Potential Food Truck area**
Opportunities to accommodate food trucks during events and community gatherings to support site activation.
- Passive surveillance**
Passive surveillance from surrounding residential interfaces provides opportunities to activate the park edge and enhance street presence.
- Modifying Retention Basin**
opportunity to reform/modify retention basin to allow for better use for long term vision for the site
- Existing Running Track to be retained**

Lion's Park Master Plan

Multi Sports Court



Existing building to be removed in future stage

Gently stepped grass terraces offering informal seating and viewing opportunities facing the stage

Drainage basin to be modified (Allowing for additional community spaces closer to the street frontage, whilst maintaining capacity of the basin) - Pending further investigation of the basin drainage conditions.

Social Play



Parkour Fitness Area



Adventure Playspace



Existing shed structure to be removed

Drainage basin to be retained

Passive Recreation Area



Walking Path

Social Hangout Space



Legend

- Solar Light Pole
- Shelter with seating

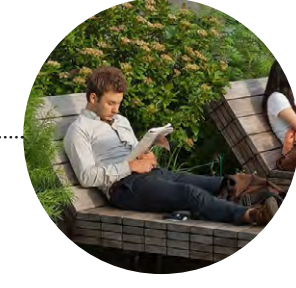
Key Features

- Existing Playground to be retained**
Existing playground to be retained and integrated within the overall masterplan layout
- Junior Playspace**
including multiple swing types, trampolines, and an accessible spinner, supporting inclusive and imaginative play.
- Adventure Playspace**
offering challenging and exploratory play opportunities for older children, including nets, ropes, elevated platforms, a flying fox, sensory play and zero-depth water play elements.
- Car Parking**
Provision of new car parking to support increased park use and community activities, can to be used for food truck parking during events
- Stage**
A flexible outdoor stage, amphitheater designed to support community events, performances, and activities such as outdoor cinema screenings.
- Multi-Sport Court Area**
The existing tennis court is retained with additional pickle-ball line marking, and two new half basketball courts, and netball. new playful line marking. The new area also features and climbing and rebound wall, with skateable elements to the edges of the court areas.
- Social Play Area**
A social-focused play space incorporating hang-out nets, hammocks, social swings, and being up high to encourage social interaction and informal gathering, particularly for young people.
- Parkour / Fitness Area**
featuring a range of vaults, bars, and structures suitable for parkour, climbing, and general fitness activities.
- Viewing Space**
A social node providing seating and shade, offering a resting space with views overlooking the pump track area.
- Social Hangout space**
A quiet retreat space providing a variety of seating options, including lounges and benches. An informal gathering, outdoor study set within native planting, native shade and shade structure.
- Toilet**
New toilet facilities for the whole community to use
- Picnic Node**
Social node with BBQ, picnic setting, shelter, Bins, drink fountain and bike racks.
- Kick About Space**
Informal sports and kick about space
- Seating Node**
Resting node with shelter and seatings
- Planting / Garden Bed**
Garden areas with native planting
- Lawn / Picnic Space**
- Existing Half court to be retained**
Retrofit the existing half court into the proposed multi-court area with new surface finishes and line markings and a new gaga pit.

Lion's Park Stage 1 Plan



Social Hangout Space



Key Features

- 1 **Social Node 1**
Hang-out space with shelter, customised tiered seating platform, designed to accommodate both groups and individuals.
- 2 **Social Node 2**
Circular long-bench seating providing informal gathering space.
- 3 **Social Node 3**
Modular circular seating with integrated tables and shade structure.
- 4 **Social Node 4**
Lounging seating designed for reclining, creating a quiet nook suitable for relaxing, reading, or informal gathering.
- 5 **Garden Bed**
Garden bed with native planting palette featuring seasonal colour and varied textures, acting as a buffer between the street and oval.
- 6 **Solar Light**
Solar-powered lighting providing security-level illumination.
- 7 **Gravel Path**
Informal gravel path providing pedestrian circulation through the space, and connecting to the main path
- 8 **Lawn**
- 9 **Little athletics running track top to be retained**
- 10 **Building and shelter to be retained**
- 11 **Existing playground to be retained**
- 12 **Existing pump track to be retained**

Legend

- Solar Light Pole
- Shelter with seating
- Extend of Work - Stage 1

Zoning and Access Diagram



Legend

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|---|---------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Playspace |  | Primary Access |
|  | Seating Node |  | Secondary Access |
|  | Social Space | | |
|  | Active Recreational | | |
|  | Social Play | | |
|  | Kick About Space | | |
|  | Car Parking | | |
|  | Toilet Block | | |

Staging Plan



Legend

- Stage 1**
Social Hangout Space
- Stage 2**
Social Play and Social Space
- Stage 3**
Playspace & Toilet
- Stage 4**
Multi Sports Court, Parkour Fitness and Basin Work Area – Pending further investigation of the basin drainage conditions.
- Future Stage**
General Landscape – after Athletics Club relocation

Precedent Imagery

Social Play + Social Space



Social swings



Chill out net and platform



Social nets for a few people sitting together



Varied types of seatings for both individual and groups



Small Social Node



Quiet Space



Lounge seats

Precedent Imagery

Multi Sports Area + Parkour/Fitness Area



Stage



Amphitheatre



Linemarking for multiple games and sports



Climbing bars for parkour and fitness activities



Half court



Rebound wall



Monkey bars for parkour, gymnastics and fitness



Vaults and walls

Precedent Imagery

Adventure Play Space



Adventure play for more active and challenging play experiences



Tactile water play experience with channels, gates, and pumps



Slides



Flying fox



Accessible spinner



Cubby spaces for imaginative play



Trampoline



Sensory play

Precedent Imagery

Passive Recreation Elements



Walking Trail and Shared Path



Native Planting



Picnic Area



Kick About Space



BBQ and Shaded Picnic Space