

Eltham North Adventure Playground Consultation Report

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Engagement methods

Engagement comprised of:

- Online tools (stories, memories, recommendations)
- Council organised event (art, survey and commentary base activities)
- Pop-up events (wishing tree - art based engagement activities)
- Schools/Edendale self-facilitated toolkit (designed to engage our youngest cohort).

Demographic profile

The Census usual resident population of Nillumbik Shire in 2016 was 61,273. Estimates now put that figure at around 64,280 today.

The engagement process attracted 1,204 participants which translates to a 95% confidence level with a +- 3% margin of error.

Contributions

5103

Participants

1204

Young people engaged

63%

Adults engaged

37%

Thematic results

The Eltham North Adventure Playground community engagement process was a wide-ranging assessment of community perceptions across thirteen themes and five attributes (see tables below).

Amongst this group of themes the four accounting for the largest number of mentions is Adventure (19.82%), Swinging (12.02%), Climbing (10.91%), and Cognitive play (8.46%).

Themes	Mentions	Percentage
Adventure	574	19.82%
Swinging	348	12.02%
Climbing	316	10.91%
Cognitive play	245	8.46%
Nature play	220	7.60%
Hiding	204	7.04%
General exercise	183	6.32%
Sliding	138	4.77%
Balancing	118	4.07%
Running	116	4.01%
Family play	113	3.90%
Water	113	3.90%
Free play	102	3.52%
Quiet play	65	2.24%
Total mentions	2896	100%

Attribute results

During the data collection it became apparent that participants wished to engage in a deeper conversation. Additional information was gleaned in regard to the attributes of the playground itself.

The participants valued the resultant attributes: Wooden (48.77%), followed by, Covered (40.67%), No Plastic (8.50%), Fenced (1.03%), Community Garden (0.56%) and Metal (0.48%).

Comments were provided by participants over twelve themes.

Attributes	Mentions	Percentage
Wooden	614	48.77%
Covered	512	40.67%
No plastic	107	8.50%
Fenced	13	1.03%
Community garden	7	0.56%
Metal	6	0.48%
Total mentions	1259	100%

Comments

The following table represents the most comments or mentions regarding the themes or attributes. Significant comments are defined as five mentions or more per category.

Comments	Mentions	Percentage
Use existing blueprint	684	72.15%
Connected to environment	146	15.40%
Nostalgia / importance	101	10.65%
Community / Eltham link	17	1.79%
Total mentions	948	100%