

Hamer Park and Inglewood Oval is a district classified reserve, what does this mean?

The City has more than 400 public open spaces and more than 50 active sporting reserves. The City classifies these public open spaces as local, community, district or regional open spaces depending on their function and in line with the City's Public Open Space Strategy which was endorsed in 2008.

District open spaces are typically large reserves which serve a catchment of 1.5km - 2.5km and provide both sporting and recreational use opportunities for the wider community. They can contain recreational amenities such as play equipment, sports clubrooms and flood lighting, relaxation areas, areas for dog walking (under control), formal shelter structures, picnic facilities, BBQs, drinking fountains, outdoor exercise equipment, path networks, bike racks, bins, bench seating, and signage etc.

Given the inner City nature and development of the City of Stirling, it is difficult to increase the land available for district open spaces and meet the growing demand from population increases for sporting and recreational community needs. Hence the City looks to maximise the use of these spaces while trying to balance sporting needs, informal recreational amenity and residential impact.

What recreational amenities are currently on the reserve?

As a district open space Hamer Park and Inglewood Oval have a range of recreational amenities including; a major playground with artificial shade cover, picnic tables and shelters, a tennis hit up wall, drinking fountains, an off the leash dog park, pathways, path lighting, more than 25 bins and more than 20 bench seats, drinking fountains and signage. These recreational amenities are found across both Hamer Park and Inglewood Oval, in spaces for relaxation, along walking paths, grass areas, treed areas and in proximity sporting spaces for spectators.

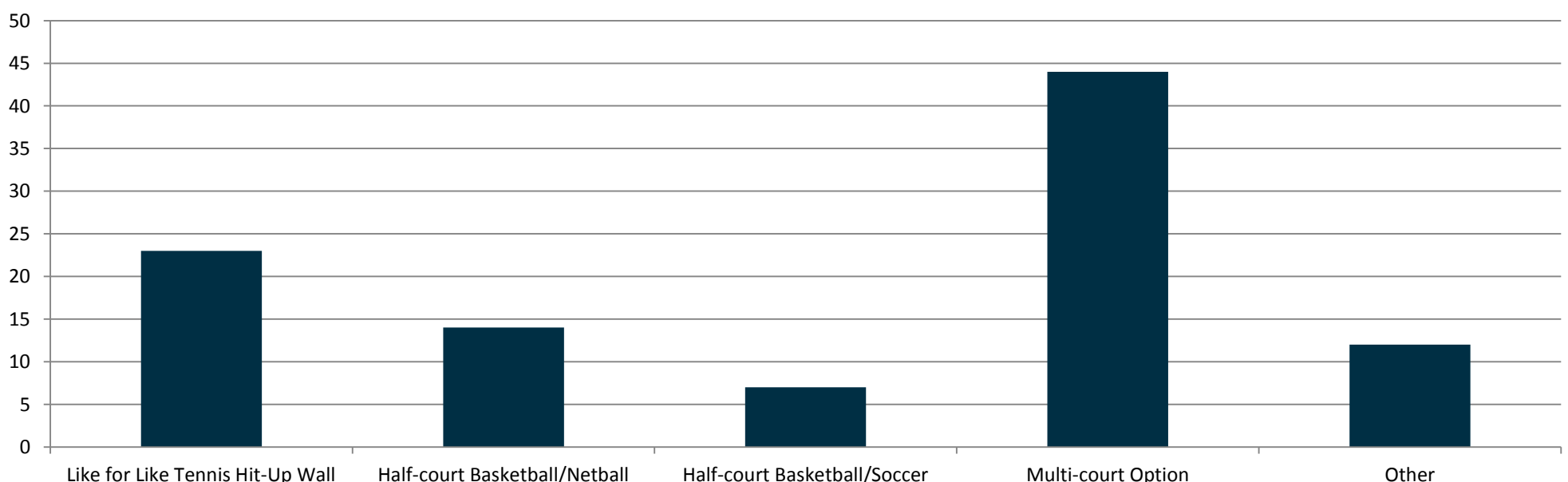
How many comments were received regarding recreational amenity?

In total, 105 respondents provided comment regarding additional recreational amenity. Of these, there were 126 individual recreational amenity requests.

If the existing tennis hit-up wall is relocated, what did the community say they wanted to see?

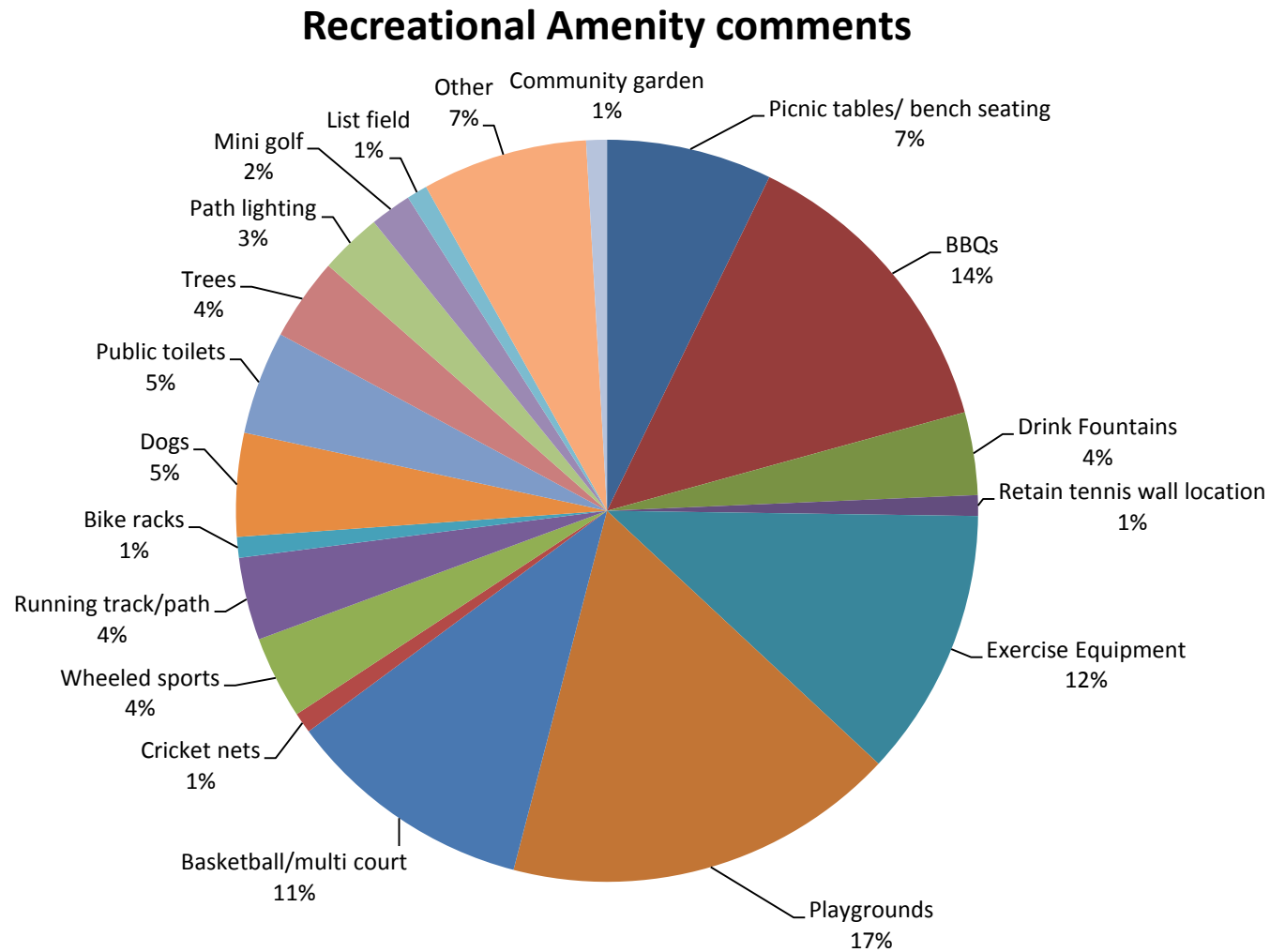
Approximately 23% of respondents requested the hit-up wall be replaced like-for-like. The majority of respondents requested a multi-court option (44%) which considers several options for use. Community comments provided for 'other' included the suggestion to leave the existing tennis hit-up wall where it is or to not replace it given observed low usage.

Community Preferences for Tennis Hit-Up Wall Replacement (%)



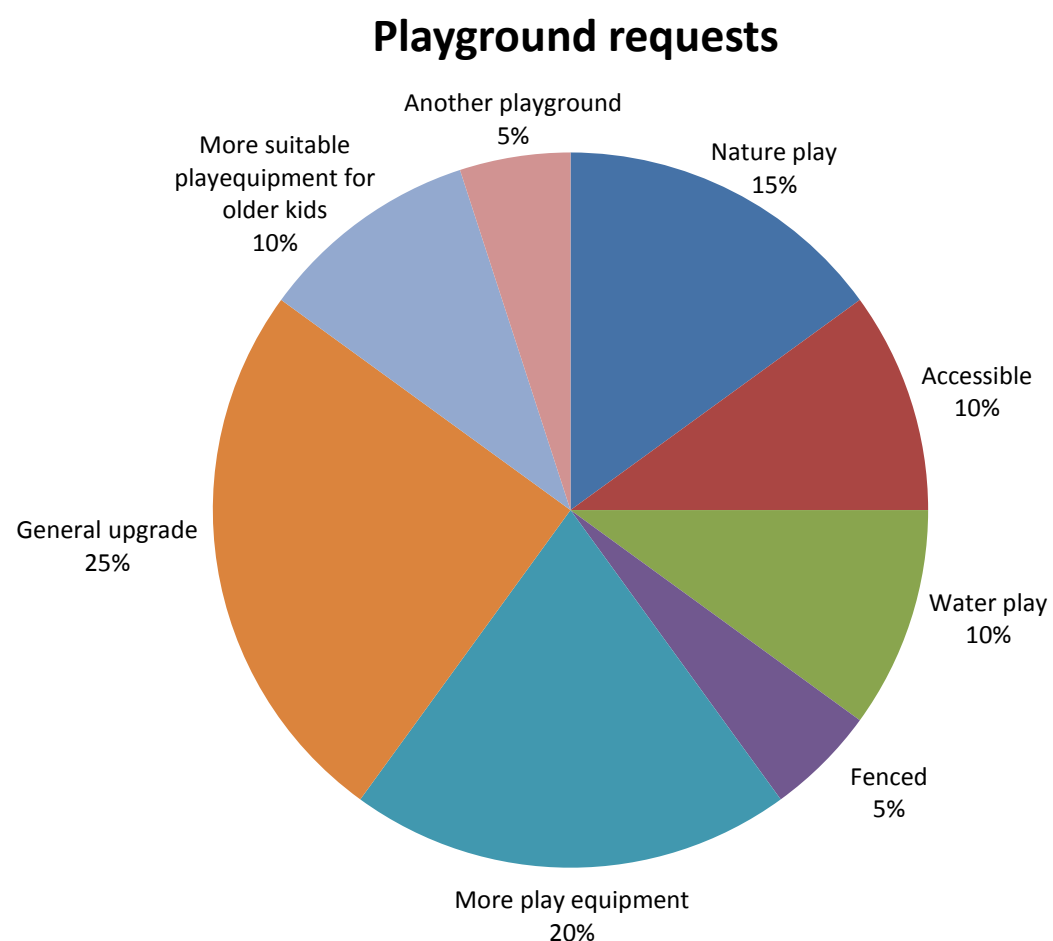
What type of recreational amenity did the community say they wanted to see?

A range of suggestions were received which are shown below in the pie chart.



Playgrounds were one of the most mentioned items, what did the community specifically suggest?

The majority of comments received for playgrounds were about providing a general upgrade with different play opportunities.



Water play elements for the playground were suggested, is that a possibility?

The current playground at Hamer Park is classified as a major level playground in line with the City's Playground Policy. Water play features are generally considered at the City's regional level playgrounds which attract high visitation rate given the high maintenance and cost requirements. The City also needs to consider use and providing water play in a sustainable manner. Water elements can be found at Yokine Regional Playspace and Dianella Regional Playground.

Is a fenced playground possible?

Fences around playgrounds are only provided where the playground is considered to be in a higher risk location such as adjacent a major road or water body as per the City's Playground Policy. The playground at Hamer Park is located within the parkland environment and as such the City would not look to fence this playground.

What ages of children are playgrounds provided for?

The City's Playground Policy outlines that playgrounds are generally provided for children aged between 3 and 12 (inclusive) and can vary depending on the child. Play for under 3 year olds generally revolve around surface interaction and exploration and as such the City has provided grassed areas and a sand pit where young children can play. Parents can also bring toys and soft play elements which would otherwise not be durable enough to install permanently in an outdoor environment.

What happens with these comments and requests now?

The City will consider all the comments and suggestions made by the community to determine the suitability and potential for each requested item based on City policy, need and the provision standards for a district level reserve. Technical feasibility will then be undertaken in preparation for items to be considered in the City's future budget and works program. The community will be updated on any outcomes and have an opportunity to provide comment in the future.