

Community Information

BEN PETHICK / OAKLANDS ESTATE RESERVE

Marion



Community consultation on the use of play equipment at Ben Pethick Reserve was undertaken in August 2019. The consultation showed people valued the open space at the Reserve. It also showed people valued junior play equipment in the area. It also showed people wanted the playground retained.

Council balanced what you told us about the reserve with the age of the play equipment. The Council chose to remove the play equipment at Ben Pethick Reserve and replace it with turf to increase the amount of open space families can enjoy. Most Councillors supported the decision. The reserve will continue to be irrigated and maintained and an additional swing set with a baby swing will be installed at the nearby Oaklands Reserve.

Oaklands Estate Reserve is located about 500m from Ben Pethick Reserve and features a modern playground, including climbing net, sandpit and nature play.

The following works will be carried out by the end of June 2020.

- A double swing set will be constructed at Oaklands Estate Reserve playground
- A table will be placed under the shelter along The Parade
- Historical signage will be erected adjacent the playground car park talking about the site history
- Directional signage to the toilets and BBQ's will be installed
- Ben Pethick play equipment will be removed and replaced with turf



Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the playground at Ben Pethick Reserve being removed?

The removal of Ben Pethick Reserve playground was endorsed by a majority of Council in September 2019 following community consultation.

The playground has reached the end of its life and the condition of the play equipment is poor. A more extensive playground at Oaklands Estate Reserve has been upgraded and is within walking distance.

Is there going to be new play equipment at Ben Pethick Reserve?

No new play equipment will be installed at Ben Pethick Reserve. Where the play equipment is removed, turf will be replaced.

Will junior play equipment be available?

Community consultation strongly suggested that junior play equipment was needed in the area. A swing set will be constructed near the Oaklands Estate Reserve playground. The swing set will have one baby seat and one strap seat and will enhance the play value of the upgraded play area.

What works can I expect to see happening at Oaklands Estate Reserve?

The following works at Oaklands Estate Reserve will be completed prior to the removal of the play equipment at Ben Pethick Reserve:

- A new double swing set
- Picnic table under the shelter along The Parade
- Historical Signage
- Directional Signage to toilets and BBQ's

When will the work take place?

The double swing set and other works at Oaklands Estate Reserve will be installed prior to the end of June 2020. Once these works are complete, the play equipment will be removed from Ben Pethick, and turf laid.

Where can I view the consultation results?

The consultation reports are available on the City of Marion website

Ben Pethick- www.marion.sa.gov.au/ben-pethick-reserve

Oaklands Estate Reserve- www.marion.sa.gov.au/oaklands-estate-reserve