

Alpine and Mostyn Road Reserves Playground and Open Space Upgrade Community Engagement Findings



October 2019

Introduction

The playground and Basketball Court at Alpine Road Reserve have reached the end of their useful life and will be upgraded in 2020.

Marion Council has allocated funding to improve the open space at Alpine Road Reserve and Mostyn Road Reserve along with the playground upgrade.

After reviewing both reserves it was proposed that the best option for the playground is at Mostyn Road Reserve, close to the BBQ, deck and shelters. Sport infrastructure is proposed to be retained at Alpine Road Reserve, new adventure equipment added and links will be formalised between the reserves.

Open Space will be improved with pathways, seating and landscaping.

Community consultation was undertaken over a three week period to 23 September 2019 including:

- A Making Marion online survey
- Postcards delivered to 376 households directing them to the online survey
- Signs installed at Alpine Road Reserve and Mostyn Road Reserve.
- Social media marketing
- On site consultation 12th September 4 – 5.30pm

The purpose of the engagement was to seek feedback from residents regarding the proposed concept plan.

The following report provides an analysis of the feedback received.

Executive Summary

In summary, during the 3 week consultation period Council received:

- 31 completed surveys
- 1 emailed response
- More than 30 people attending the on site consultation

Of the 31 residents who responded to the survey **54.8% strongly supported the proposed concept plan and 29% supported elements with some concerns.**

The email received did not support the proposed concept plan and suggested changes.

A standard swing, flying fox and slide option were popular.

The play equipment at Mostyn Road Reserve was ranked the number 1 top design proposal.

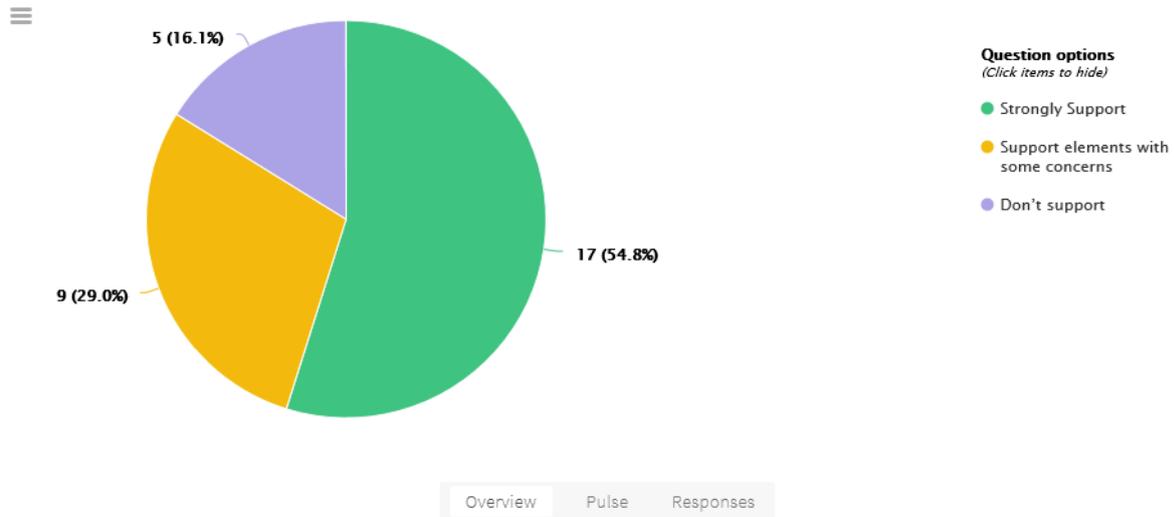
The majority of respondents were very satisfied (32.3%) or satisfied (45.2%) with the proposed upgrade options for both Alpine Road Reserve and Mostyn Street Reserve.

Comments from both the survey and onsite consultation provided an understanding of why residents had concerns with the proposed concept plan and have been grouped into the following categories with design considerations:

<i>Comment</i>	<i>Design Consideration</i>
Steep hill joining reserve	construct pathways with area for resting – landing
Retain swing at Alpine	Develop a design that retains a swing at Alpine
No tunnel under slide	Remove tunnel option
Handball court	Consider handball line marking on the basketball court
Picnic table wanted	Addition of a picnic table at Alpine
Water access should be available	Addition of a drink fountain at both reserves
Toilet needed	A toilet has not been considered at these reserves
Bike track at Apline	Consider connecting pathways at Alpine to form a circuit
Parking concerns	Monitor parking pre and post construction

Consultation Findings

Q1. Do you agree with moving the play equipment to Mostyn Road Reserve?



Q2. If you answered support with some concerns or don't support, please tell us why?

I don't believe the fact that there is a BBQ and shelter good enough reason to move the play ground. I have lived in the area and have never seen anyone use that BBQ ..

would prefer that both reserves have play equipment and bbq areas rather than all being concentrated in one location

There isnt sufficient car parking space and will make Mostyn Road more busier

There are more parking options for ease of access at Alpine Road Reserve compared to Mostyn Road Reserve.

The steep hill, and road crossing between the two areas is a small concern.

We need a swing set at Alpine Road. My son has Autism and uses the swing regularly. We don't have a swing at home.

No consideration for parking road fills up quickly even now the sports field is concerning the the amount of noise pollution it will create especially at weekends. This is a nice quiet road now what you are proposing will almost definitely ruin that.

The simple swings at Alpine Rd are actually used quite a lot.

Some young families and older folk find climbing walkway to be too steep and hard to climb especially prams and walkers. Think a small set of standard swing seesaw and similar to present equipment in present swing area would be easier access for young fami

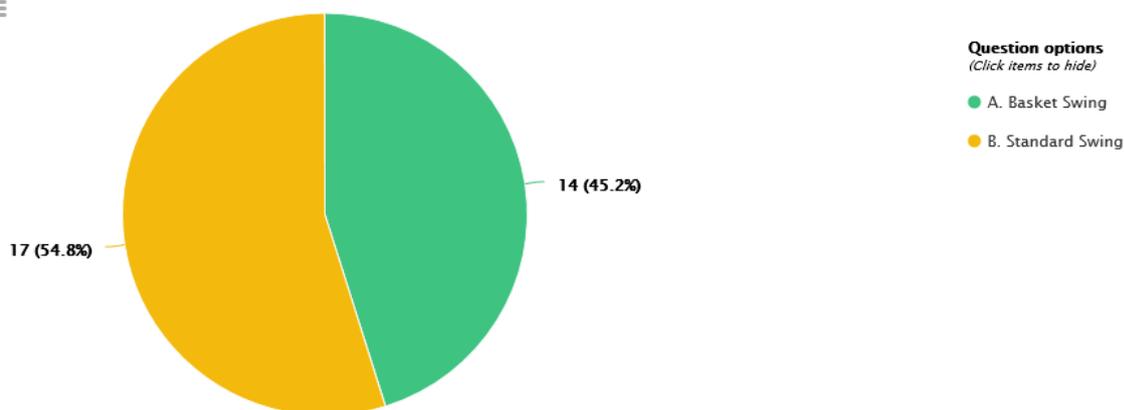
Only that playground will be further away from our house with young children

i am concerned that it will be difficult gaining access up the hill with a pram and the older child would be left alone at alpine reser. There is a creek bed with lots of weeds/rocks that can be dangerous in summer for small children with potential snakes

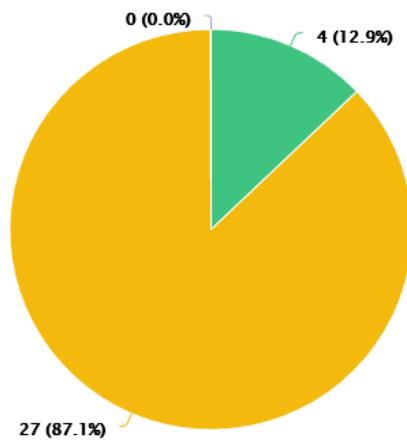
As our house overlooks the Mostyn reserve, I have concerns about what equipment would be there. We and a few other families use the seating area most weekends. Do not want to encourage teenagers hanging around at night, in a tunnel area.

It's really disappointing that it will now take much longer for people in Seacombe Heights to walk to a playground with their children.

Q3. Which type of swing do you like most?



Q4. Which type of equipment do you like most?

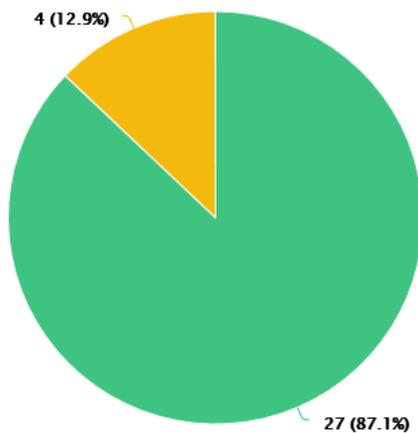


- Question options**
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- A. Rope Play
 - B. Flying Fox
 - C. Make a suggestion

Q5. What type of other equipment would you like to see?

No Response

Q6. Do you like this slide and tunnel option?



- Question options**
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- Yes
 - No

Q7. If no, what other option would you like?

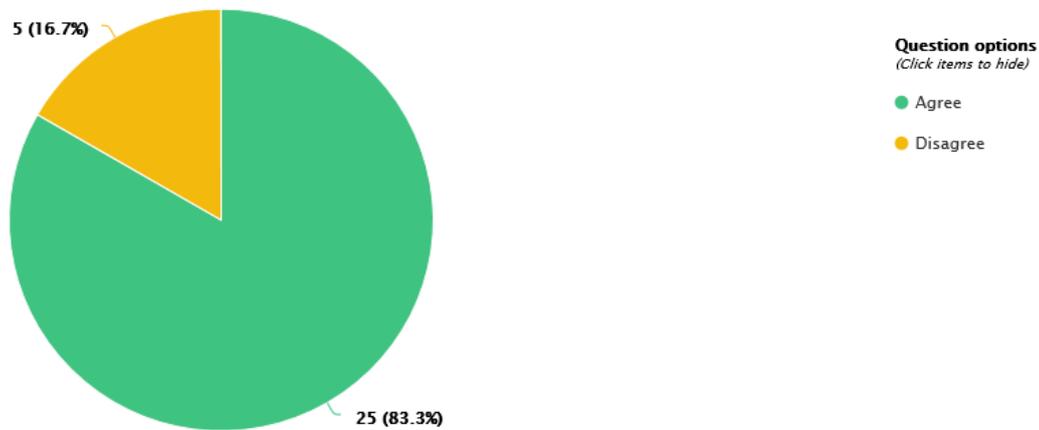
Not sure what other options are but have seen other councils options.

no tunnel just the side

A small handball court (would require a leveled flat area). I understand the ball sports will be at the Alpine Road reserve, but as we live next to the Mostyn Reserve, a handball court wouldn't take too much room and would be ideal for all ages.

A small flat area for handball. But away from the seating area.

Q8. I think the draft concept enhances the overall useability of the reserves



Q9. Please tell us why you disagree?

The Alpine rd reserve is far bigger and has massive potential if planned correctly, the steep hill may cause problems for young families with strollers.

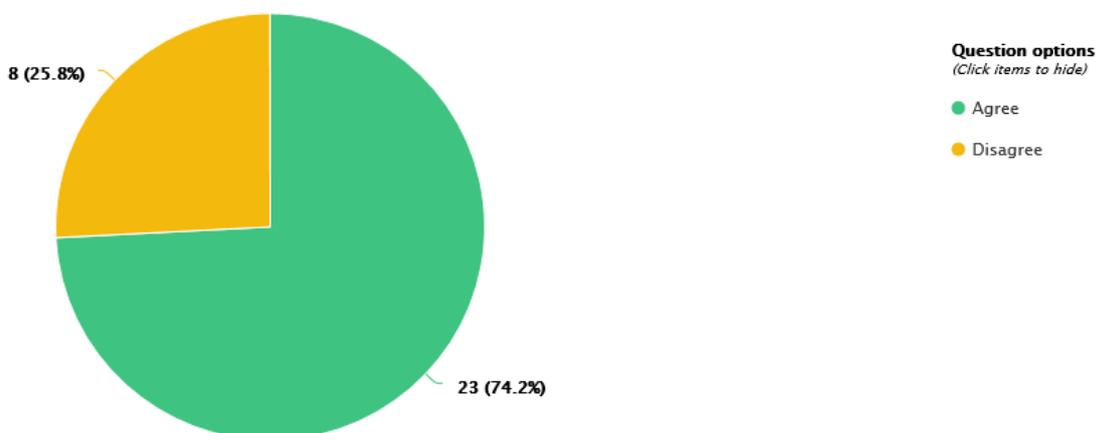
Alpine road Reserve is a nice quiet safe space for the playground

For local residents all you are creating is traffic issues and noise pollution.

older and younger children will be separated. to solve this, i would suggest putting small persons equipment on alpine rd reserve as well, swing etc. would be great to see the lawn maintained better for football etc, as it is filled with prickles summer

It won't be more useable for people in Seacombe Heights as its now much further to a playground for kids.

Q10. I think the style and location of the playground is appropriate



Q11. Please tell us why you disagree?

Mostyn road is very busy

Better on Alpine Road NOT Mostyn

This is a small suburban street and not appropriate for this level of development.

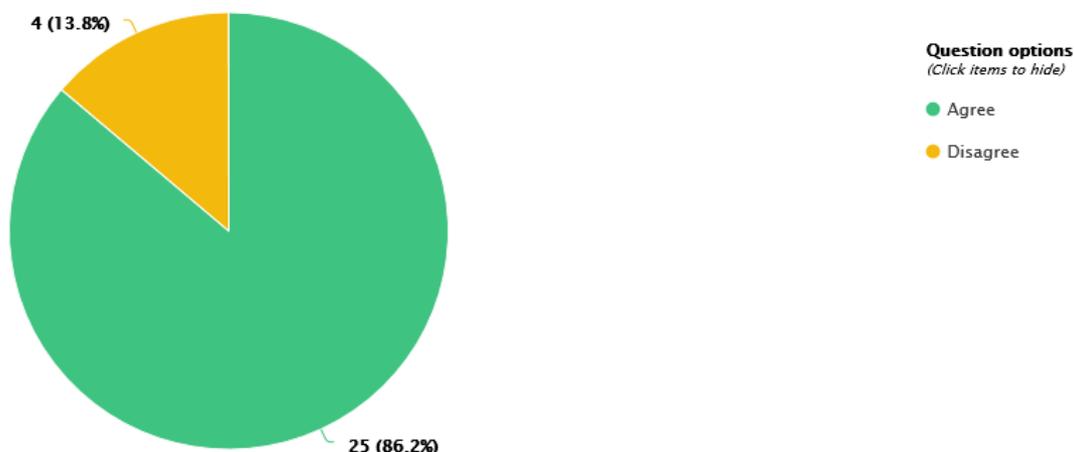
It is currently an oasis and many of us like the peace and quiet. Adding a sporting oval will be a nightmare. There is no parking and it will transform the area from a lovely peaceful place to a busy, noisy space. There is an oval close already.

Would like clear access for folk who already set up an play soccer/footy and for folk who exercise and train their dogs. have a small kids area at Alpine and big kids stuff at Mostyn. Don't like tunnel. slide and flying fox OK. Alp folk about curbs vandals

i am worried that there will not be enough play equipment suited to small children i.e small slides, small person swing etc. i really like the playground off cadell st and do not like the playground at seacliff park 'gully'. not much for a toddler to do.

As above

Q12. I think the types and locations of spots and adventure equipment is appropriate.



Q13. Please tell us why you disagree?

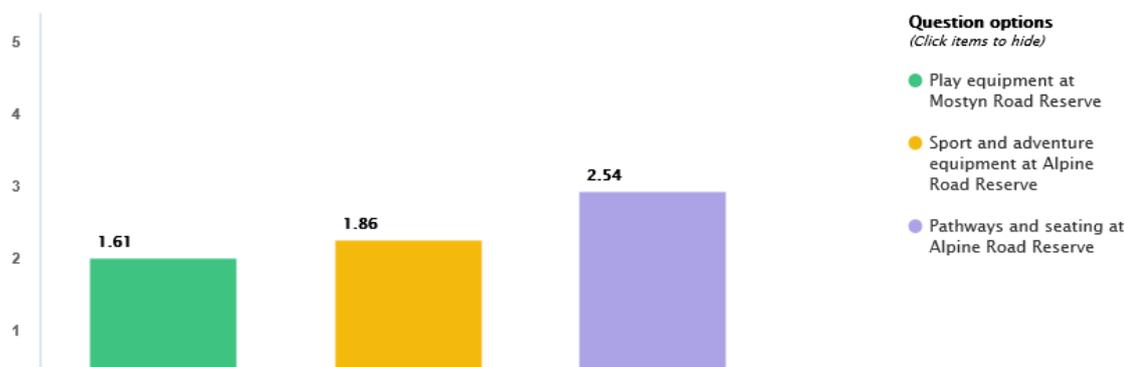
As already stated, it just isn't.

It will change the entire feel and peace of the area, lead to extra traffic in an area prior residency choose as a no through zone to maintain the peace. There is no space, other than our roadsides, for parking. There are other nearby options already.

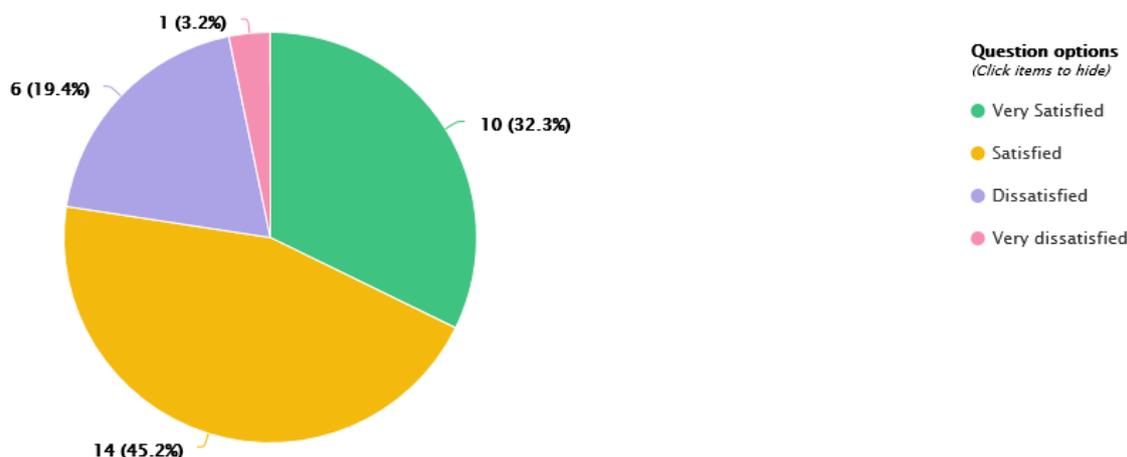
Less paths. More seats. Make open spaces for games, running, imagination and adventure. Not too spaced so that supervision can happen. Have you thought of catering for kids with disabilities?

Don't like the idea of the tunnel. I think would end up with teenagers hanging around at night.

Q.14 Please rank the following for your top design proposals?



Q15. Overall, what is your level of support for the proposed design?



Q16. Do you have any other comments about the upgrade at Alpine Road Reserve and Mostyn Road Reserve?

This is a brilliant idea!! The Mostyn Road Reserve has seemed like such an under utilised area for years. The BBQ by itself is useless without play equipment to go with it and the lay of the land lends itself to a slide or two. Alpine Road reserve is outdated and needs an upgrade. I love the idea of linking the 2 parks together and the sporting fields/equipment are a great idea. I strongly support the proposed ideas and really look forward to seeing the upgrades in place.

I would love to see some elements that elderly people could do. For example the balance beams to have a rail to hold on or a sensory foot path to tickle those old nerves or excercises they can do. Also, a sitting option with a table would be highly welcomed. The connection between Mostyn and alpine road should be pram friendly. Swings are highly popular so please keep both the basket and normal swing. Shade, shade, shade, it gets very sunny on both reserves. I am missing a climbing dome. And please install some water access at the bbq area to clean it properly. Could we also have an obstacle course for dogs

please? A tunnel , a ramp or some beams do the zigzag run. In any case, if the benches are in the shade, that would be nice. Love the wide slide (so dad can slide with kid) and sun benches (maybe a hammock would be nice) .

We have lived here for a very long time and it is about time money is invested in upgrading the playgrounds for the community. I think the mostyn reserve is a great spot for it as well.

Unreal!! Must have in the area

maybe some sort of shade, have been waiting for so long for a playground at mostyn road reserve

Will dogs still be allowed off leash at either reserve?

Thank you!! Looking forward to this change. Some play equipment or at least a swing set for children AND adults at Alpine reserve would be great as the walk up the hill to Mostyn isn't as practical for lots of people that live down near crystal street/braeside avenue. Adults deserve play equipment too!! :-)

Yes more car parking and toilets will be required

Hopefully sub-surface irrigation is installed to ensure lush grassed areas that stay cooler and relatively weed free

"Please add A TOILET.

And a drink fountain.

Some of our local playgrounds in seacombe heights lack the basics, access to water for a drink should be a minimum!

And BBQ facilities. "

Please remember to include toilet facilities, adequate lighting for evening use and safety. An additional option to think of is shade for summer, especially over the slide as it can get extremely hot. In-ground trampolines are a hit with children and please think about an inclusive option for those children with a disability. I'm so happy to know that there will be upgrades!

"If the multi-sports goals goes ahead it should have the existing recycled watered area shifted from the existing playground area to the multi sports area. This will make it usable all year round instead of just the winter months when the weeds and grasses grow. During summer when it dries out it would become a dust bowl and basically unusable.

The rest of the areas I'm assuming would be suitably landscaped and would not need watering,"

If funding allows, fencing the playground in for younger families. Baby swing and/or adult/child combined swing (like Hendrie street playground).

Very concerned about removal of swings from Alpine Road. My son utilities the swings as a soothing tool. Please do not take them away from us.

PLEASE PLEASE RETHINK THIS!

As mentioned, an oval is over the top, will create noise and busyness in an area that people visit for calm.

Unable to choose from last 3 options. Perhaps I did not understand what was meant. Would like to hear of update to plans from the consultation event. Thank you for all your hard work

Possibility for a bike track or similar around the space at Alpine Rd. Somewhere for smaller children to be able to ride their bikes/scooters and utilize the flatter space around there.

"I believe there could be some big changes to the overall design i would like to see -

* the obstacle course suits mostyn rd reserve (there is a great bike path around that area now)

*the play equipment designed for mostyn rd would suit the alpine rd reserve. (that way older children could kick to football and stay in one spot with a parent with different aged children)

*please keep small swings as well as the basket swing, so that it suits children of all ages. "

"It would be ideal to have tap or water drinking fountain at Mostyn Road Reserve. A group of families from the neighbourhood meet regularly at that park and having access to water would be ideal when cleaning the BBQ, as well as drinking water for kids and parents, and our dogs. Also good to have if cyclists, that use the new paths in the nearby recreation park, would also like to fill up their water bottles. We are looking forward to the upgraded parks, and utilising them regularly. Many thanks

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"Happy something finally going in the Mostyn Rd reserve , as had asked 9 years ago when the houses all built.

And all the kids were little.

But don't want the look of the open play and grass area ruined. "

Good BBQ facilities and some form of water play is always a winner!

"With the large shade trees purposed on Alpine Road i am concerned that they may be too large to obstruct my view from my house.

Also depending on the promotion of the playground - it could attract a number of cars and there are not many suitable parking areas to accomodate them should this happen "

On site consultation

An onsite consultation was held Thursday 12th September 4 – 5.30pm.

More than 30 people were in attendance.

Here is a snapshot of the comments on the day

- Swings to remain at Alpine
- Access to a tap at Mostyn for the BBQ
- Picnic table is required at Alpine
- Bike track or skate path – can we connect paths to make a bikeway?
- Sandpit would be good
- No tunnel at Mostyn – easy to hide
- Paths need to be pram friendly
- Dog walking is popular in the reserve
- Be careful of views when planting trees
- Solar lighting in shelters
- Shade and shelter at both reserves
- Will parking be affected in either location?
- Alpine is a quiet area and there is not enough parking for lots of visitors.

Fruit Trees

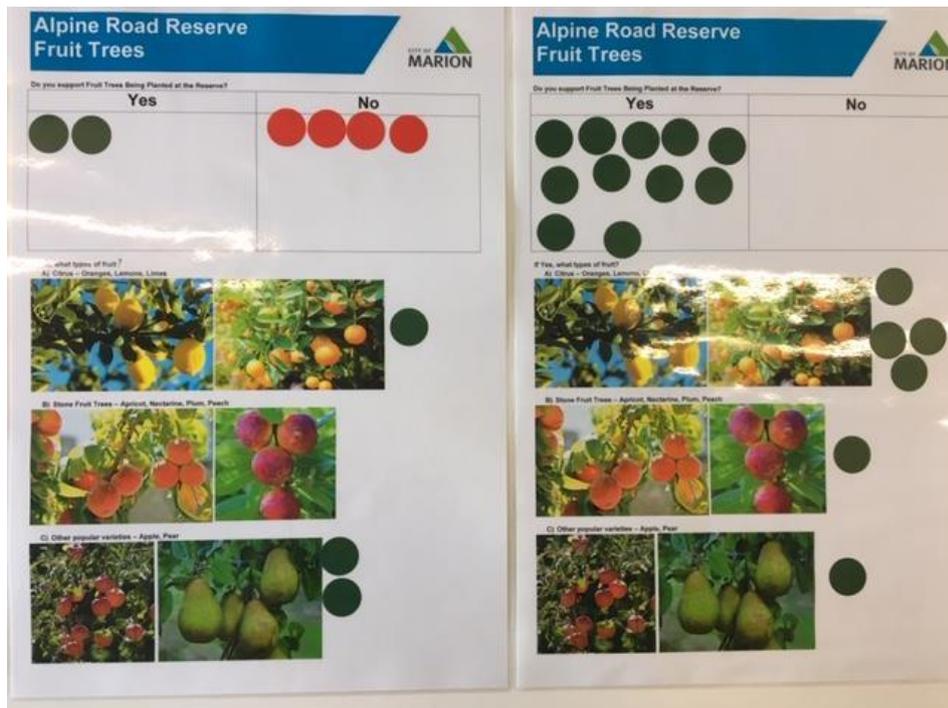
A fruit tree poll was also taken at the onsite meeting with the following outcomes

Do you support fruit trees being planted at the reserve?

Yes – 13

No – 4

The type of fruit most popular was citrus.



Alpine Road Reserve Fruit Trees

Do you support Fruit Trees Being Planted at the Reserve?

Yes: 13 (Green circles)
No: 4 (Red circles)

What types of fruit?

A) Citrus – Oranges, Lemons, Limes: 13 (Green circles)

B) Stone Fruit Trees – Apricot, Nectarine, Plum, Peach: 4 (Green circles)

C) Other popular varieties – Apple, Pear: 4 (Green circles)

Email response

Received 4/9/19

Mostyn Road reserve is cold, barren and windswept.
It's got a good view and is good for adult functions – BBQ and drinkies, dogs and exercise.
It's at the top of a steep hill and is not conducive to the handling a pram and toddlers by parents.
It's not in a spot that I would associate with young families, more with wealthy, empty nesters.
It would make a great place for a fenced, dog park which would better suit the surrounding socioeconomic group.
Terrible for a playground.

Alpine road is flat, sheltered and shady.
It is well travelled and utilised by kids already.
It is much more accessible to a wider range of people.
I like everything else, especially the pathways and fruit trees.

However, I would make the following changes.
Path from Stella Street to middle of path from Alpine Road to Crystal Street.
Move 2, 3 and 4 slightly north and leave the playground where it is with fruit trees separating younger/older play areas – my preferred option.
Or put the playground at the northern end.

I've lived across from the Alpine Road reserve for over 10 years.
It is very well visited and popular with kids.
My two boys and their mates loved it (they still do though they're older now and are out and about).
We walked through Mostyn Rd via Camelot Court on the way up to the O'Halloran Hill reserve but never really stopped there - it's just not good for play.

I feel that leaving all the play down on Alpine would be sensible and benefit a wider range of people.

Social Media

A post was posted to Facebook on 5th September but received no responses to the upgrade at Alpine.



- ① Playground
- ② Obstacle course and climbing wall
- ③ Refurbish basketball court and add netball ring
- ④ Irrigated grass and multi-sports goals
- ⑤ Refurbish existing shelter/deck including new sunlounge chairs
- ⑥ Citrus trees
- ⑦ Remove existing playground and plant large shade trees
- Bench seat
- ↔ Connecting footpaths

