



# **Central Avenue Reserve Playground**

Draft Concept Community Consultation  
Findings

November/December 2018

## 1. Introduction

This report summarises the community consultation undertaken on the draft concept plan for the development of Central Avenue Reserve.

Central Avenue Reserve consists of two reserves Central Avenue Reserve North, located between Fryer Street and Central Avenue, Hallett Cove and Central Avenue South, located between Central Avenue and South Avenue, Hallett Cove.

The playground at the reserve was installed in approximately 1990 and consists of the following facilities: play castle with flying fox, small play castle and double swing set all on bark chip base.

Central Avenue Reserve playground has reached its useful life expectancy and is in need of an upgrade.

## 2. Consultation Program

The community engagement was undertaken in the following way:

- A survey was uploaded on to Council's community engagement platform, Making Marion available at [www.makingmarion.com.au/central-avenue-reserve](http://www.makingmarion.com.au/central-avenue-reserve).
- A face-to-face community consultation at Concert at the Cove (24 November) event.

The community was informed about the survey and the face-to face engagement in the following ways:

- A hard copy flyer was distributed to households within roughly 400m radius of the reserve containing information about accessing the survey online and the period of consultation.
- Social media posts placed on the City of Marion Facebook page.
- Signs on the site.

## 3. Consultation Overview

Community members were invited through the online survey to provide feedback on the draft concept plan for Central Avenue Reserve.

As a summary, during this 3-week consultation period Council received:

- 19 electronic responses from Making Marion.

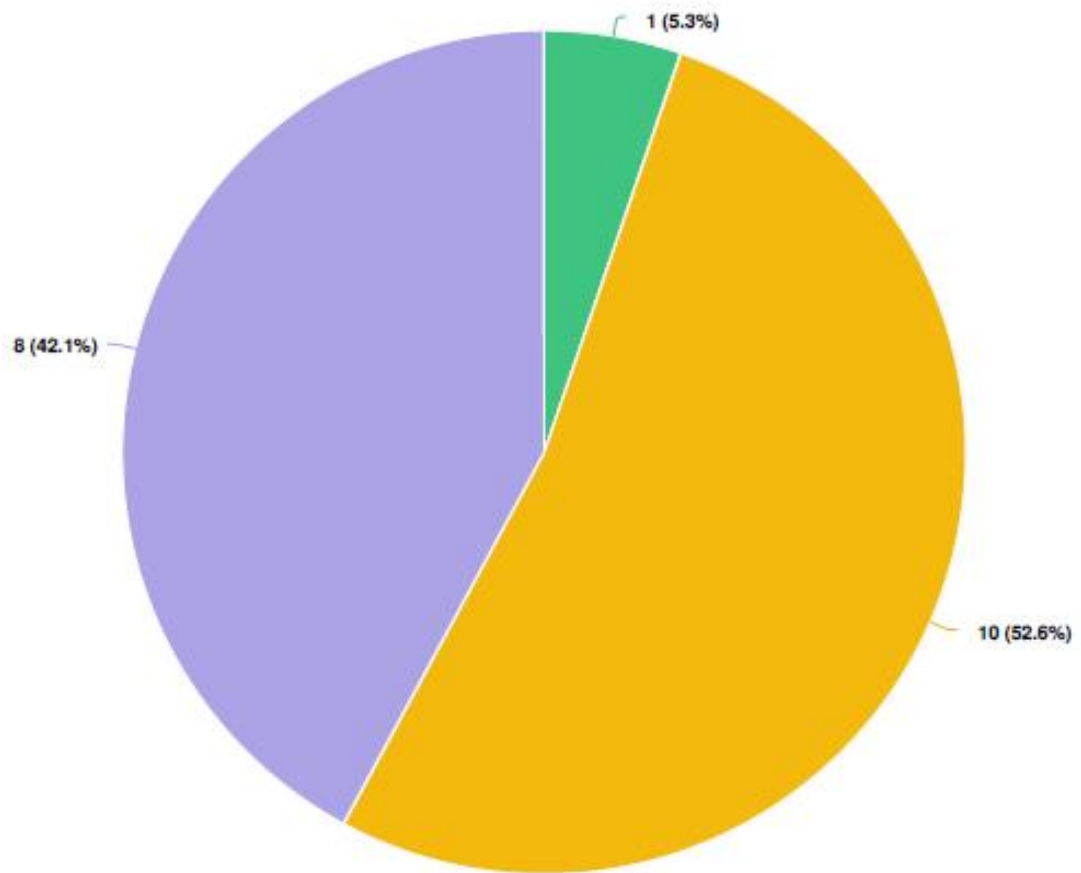
## 4. Consultation Findings

Overall, the survey was well participated by the community and responses were very constructive.

In summary:

- A total of 53 visits were recorded between the 3 week period to the project's Making Marion web page where survey tools including the Draft Concept and Precedent Images were available for viewing.
- A total of 19 responses to the survey were received.
- Please see below for the results of this survey. A hard copy of the survey can be found in Attachment 1.

**Q1 Which type of swing do you like most?**



**Question options**

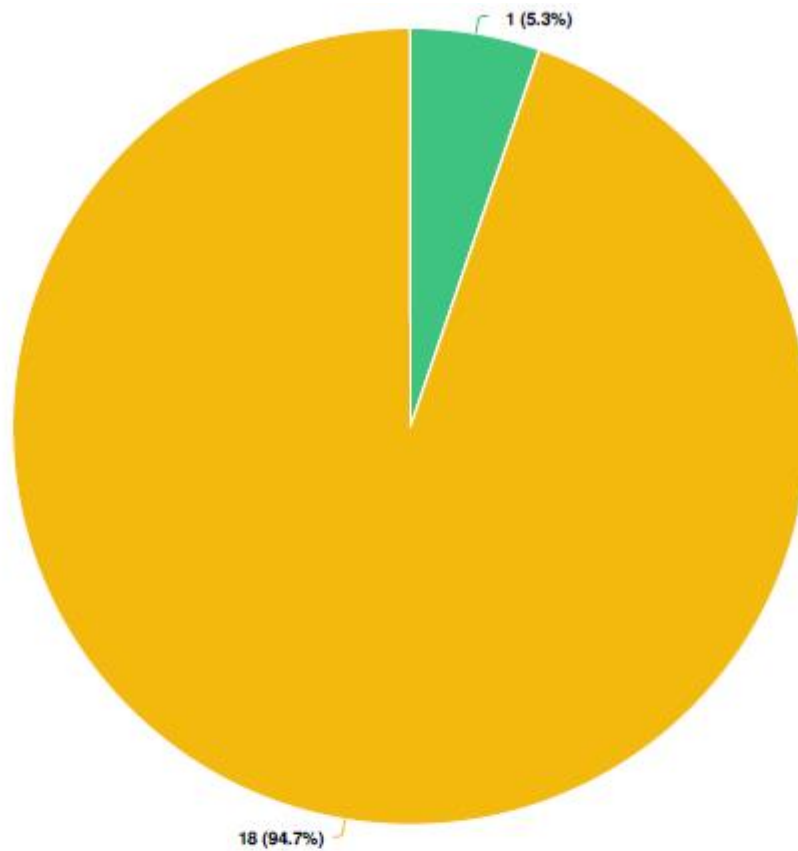
Tree swing   Standard swing (toddler and standard seat)   Basket swing

(19 responses, 0 skipped)

**Summary of results:**

Standard swing (toddler and standard seat)	10	52.6%
Basket Swing	8	42.1%
Tree swing	1	8.3%
Total	19	100%

**Q2 The consultation in August identified the community favoured a bike / trike track.  
Which type of track surface do you like most?**



**Question options**

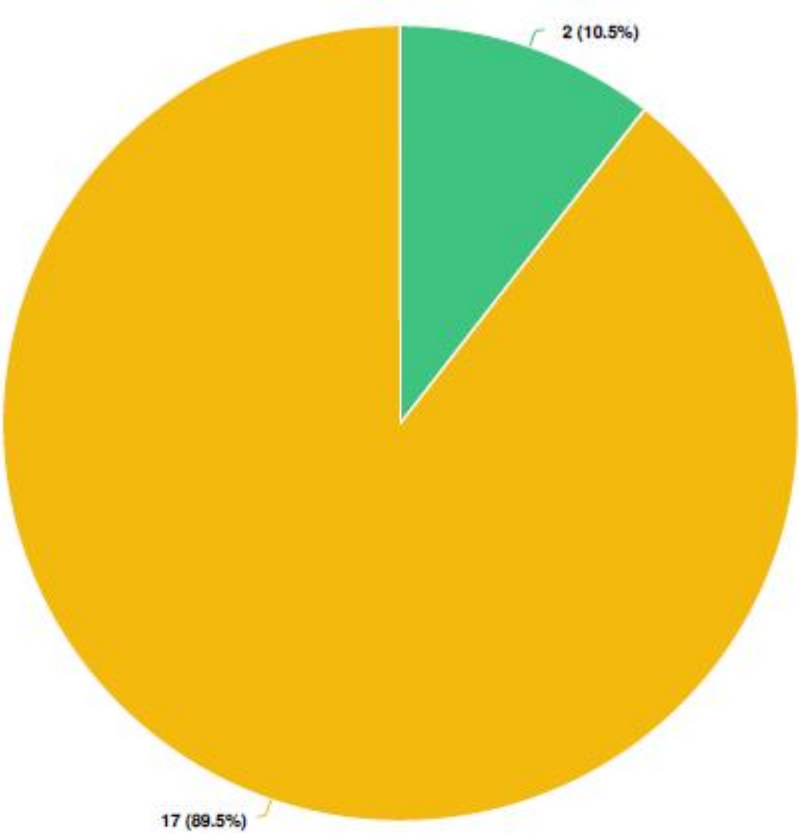
● Dirt track ● Bitumen track

(19 responses, 0 skipped)

**Summary of results:**

Bituman Track	18	94.7%
Dirt Track	1	5.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

Q3 The consultation in August identified the community favoured a flying fox. Which style of flying fox seat do you like?



**Question options**

● Swing seat with harness ● Pommel seat

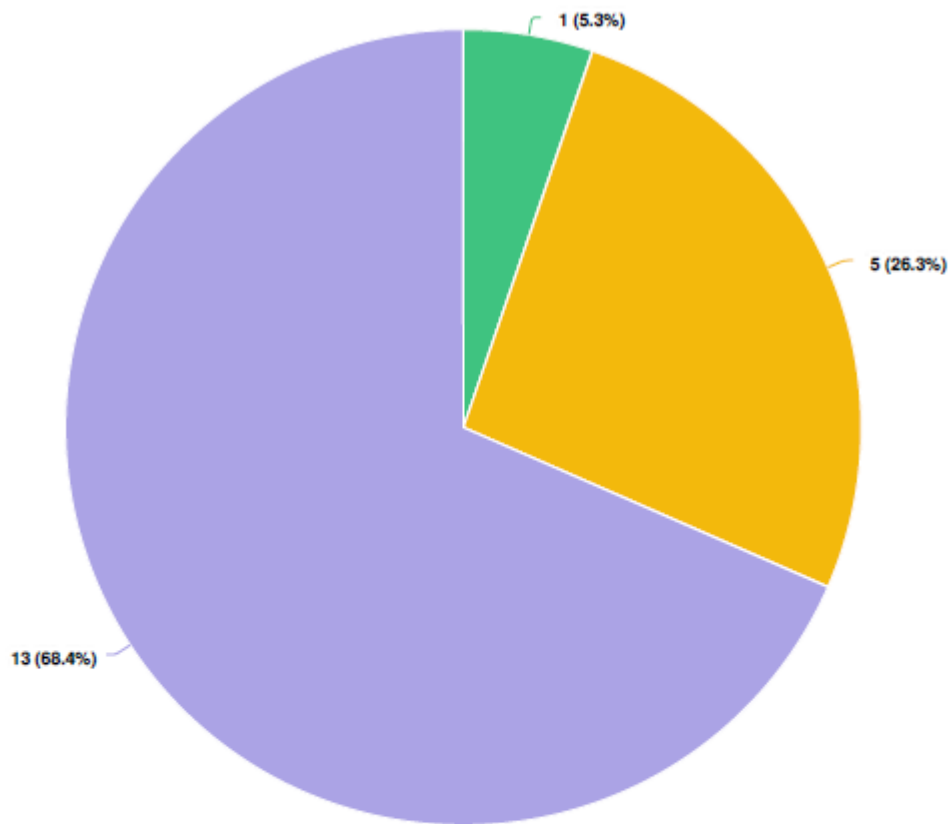
(19 responses, 0 skipped)

Summary of results

Pommel Seat	17	(89.5%)
Swing seat with harness	2	(10.5%)
Total	19	100%



**Q4 What style of seating would you like?**



**Question options**

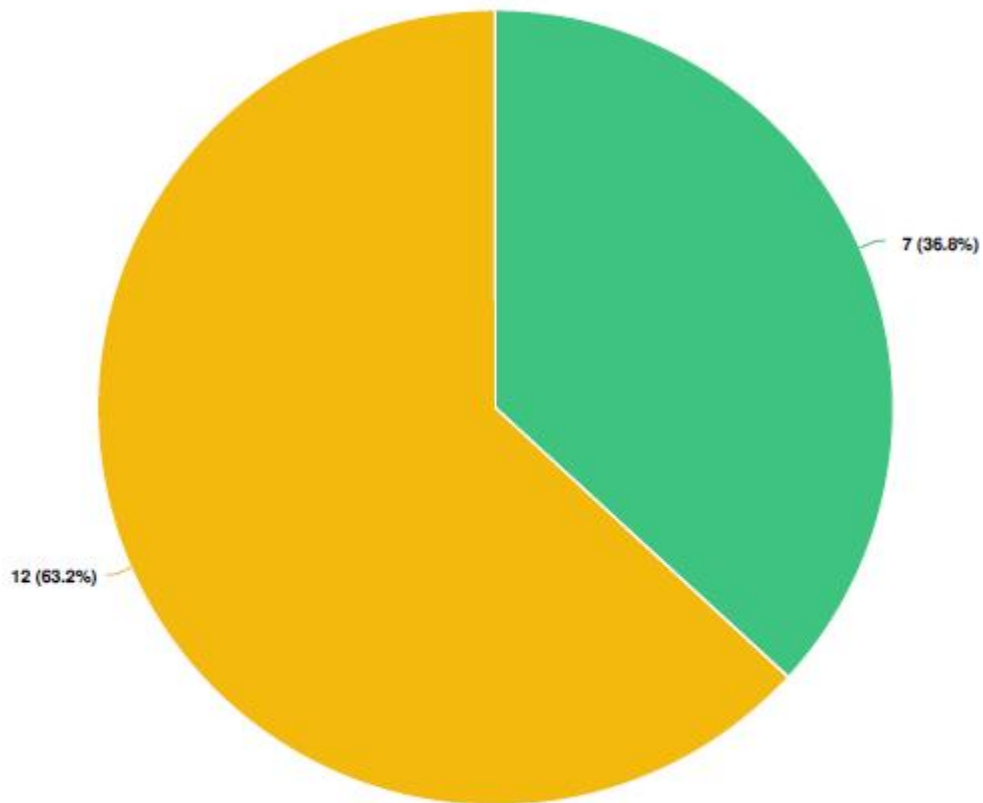
● Hammock ● Bench seat ● Both

(19 responses, 0 skipped)

**Summary of results**

Both (Hammock and Bench Seat)	13	68.4%
Bench Seat	6	26.3%
Hammock	1	5.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q5 The concept proposes the redevelopment of the area currently used for a smaller play structure into a bocce court. Do you support the bocce court?**



**Question options**

Yes No (please suggest an alternative)

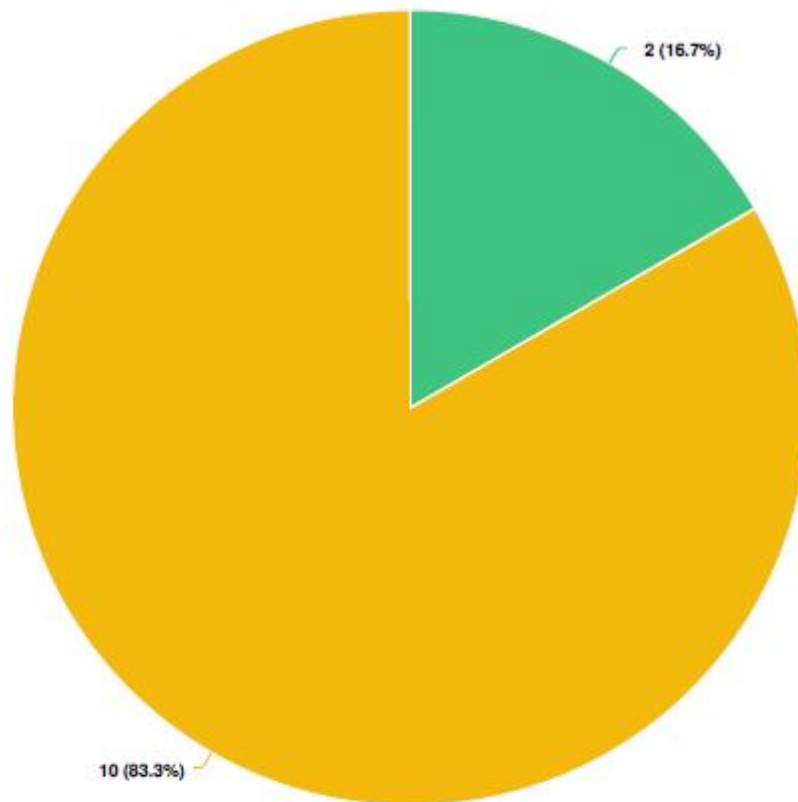
(19 responses, 0 skipped)

**Summary of Responses**

No	12	63.2%
Yes	7	36.8%
Total	19	100%



**Q6 If not what alternatives to a bocce court would you like to see?**



**Question options**

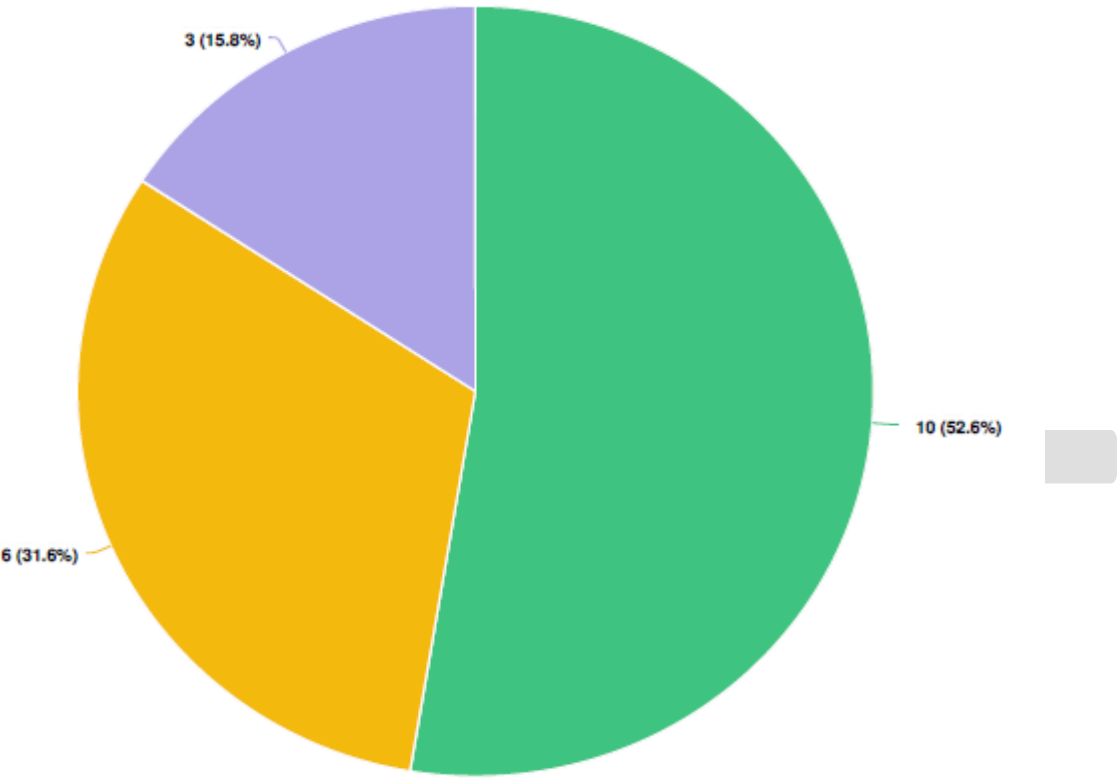
● Sandpit    ● Other (please let us know what other ideas you have)  
(12 responses, 7 skipped)

Other (Basketball/netball court)	9	
Sandpit	2	
Other (climbing structure)	1	
Other (tennis court)	1	
Other (tunnel)	1	
Garden Bed	0	





**Q7 Overall, what is your level of support for the draft concept of the reserve playground?**



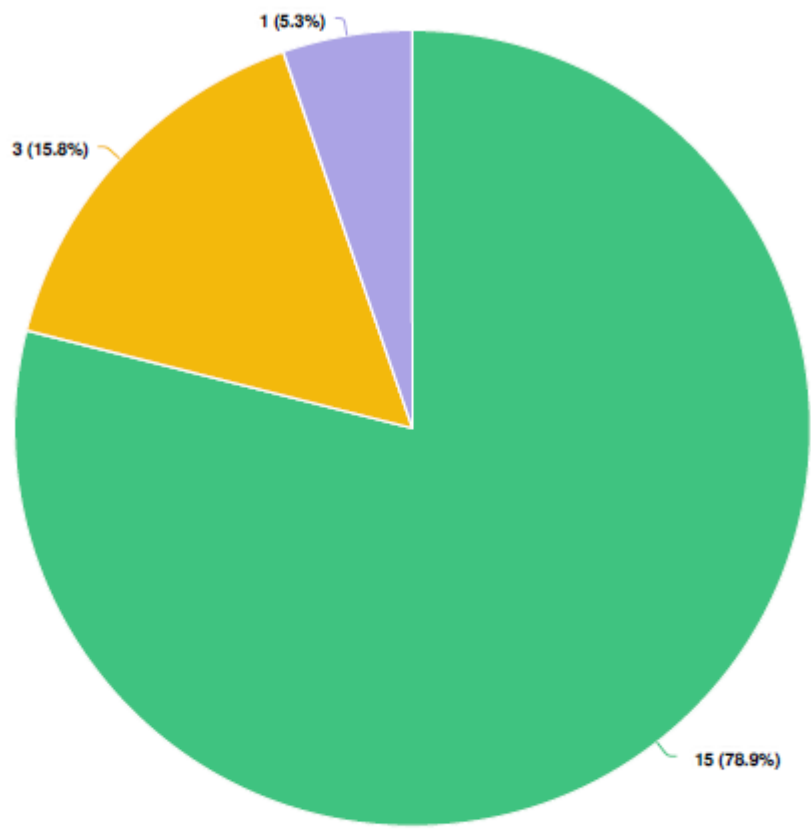
**Question options**

● Strongly support ● Support ● Neutral

(19 responses, 0 skipped)

Strongly support	10	52.6%
Support	6	31.6%
Neutral	3	15.8%
Don't approve	0	0
Strongly disapprove	0	0
Total	19	100%

Q8 Do you have children in your household?



Question options

Yes No Prefer not to say

(19 responses, 0 skipped)

Yes	15	78.9%
No	3	15.8%
Prefer not to say	1	5.3%
Total	19	100%

## Numbers of children in households

No. of Children within household	No. of households
1 child	2
2 children	8
3 children	3
4 children	1
5 children	2


## Age of children of survey respondents.

0-2	15
3-6	19
7-10	9
10-12	5
12+	1
<b>Total children</b>	<b>64</b>

### ***Q9. Do you have any other comments or suggestions regarding the playground upgrade?***

Responses have been listed as worded by the respondent. For privacy reasons, respondents' details have not been included.

- Once again park development between Central Avenue and Fryer Street is being neglected. I realise that this is a survey on the playground, but the dust is increasing in the other section of the park as summer approaches. We are grateful for the tree plantings but how about some irrigation and/or groundcovers to improve the arid landscape.
- A sandpit or basketball hoop would be excellent! The upgrade will be perfect for my toddler!
- There should also be seating on the other side of the park as well. I would highly recommend a slide of some sort as well.
- This reserve used to have a well used BBQ which was used as a community meeting place. The BBQ should be re-installed as part of the upgrade. It could be located in the northern section of the reserve.
- fresh water; fencing to make it secure for toddler; Toddler suitable play equipment
- We are fortunate to live in walking distance and our grandchildren love the idea of the new playground.
- Having a working tap would be useful. Thankyou.
- So many people in the local area have dogs, it would be nice to have a dog park where the dogs are safe and the locals can chat.
- I chose Bitumen over Dirt for the bike / pump track, but what other options could be considered, possibly the 'soft' material used on some footpaths near tree roots? Also -



noting that the decision not to combine the park across Central Avenue (which I preferred) has been made, i strongly support the installation of a 'chicane' or similar traffic quieting road furniture. We have three small children and a dog and use the facilities on a regular basis, this will be an important improvement in terms of safety and stopping through traffic from speeding through the area between the current parks (either side of Central Ave). As we have a dog i am very supportive of appropriate facilities for dog owners to manage dog waste etc. I have previously raised the issue with council of the very limited parking available at the western end of Central Avenue. To date there has been no response to the suggestion of increasing the number of parking 'bays' along Central Ave. Improving amenities at other parks has seen significant additional patronage of those parks. Presumable the same is anticipated for this development. It therefore makes it very important to ensure complementary development of support infrastructure to manage the additional traffic / patronage. I am happy to engage further on this as required. I am aware that some residents have raised concerns re access for emergency services as a result of this consultation. Improvements in signage and road markings would offer a clear solution to these concerns and make it easier for people from outside of the immediate area to find the facilities. Happy to discuss, Steve

- It also needs a bbq area and toilet facility
- A basketball court would be fantastic to have in the area
- I don't see on the plan that seats are proposed on the South Avenue boundary where the table and chairs currently are situated. I would hope that seating and BBQ area is placed in this area as it is used often by the current residents for local gatherings. The current plan does not show any such area. Please confirm what you intend to do. It would be a shame to remove the current table setting and not replace in same position with something similar and more appropriate to the new upgrade. It does not necessarily have to have a BBQ but at least an area to sit and enjoy a picnic atmosphere with friends and neighbours.
- fresh water; well fenced for toddler area; pump track would be good to be bigger and with some jumps theres alot of kids who use bikes and scooters around this area so would be good if it could accommodate
- I understand that a basketball half court is not specified in the Local Level plan however I really think this or the like would be highly used. It could be used by all ages, genders and I know that the children in the area have expressed access to one.
- A half basketball court would go a long way here. I'd use it with my kids a lot.
- lots of kids play sport. I think a basketball court or half court would be used or a half tennis court or the like. Bocce would never get used. Kids don't play bocce....
- It would be great to have some nature based climbing equipment.
- In dire need of upgrade will be well received when completed.
- This park needs to have climbing and swing for the children plus and or a basketball court

## 5. Summary of feedback received

The table below identifies some of the concerns and issues raised regarding the playground upgrade.

There were some key themes that emerged throughout the consultation and evaluation process. Which has influenced the final design.

### Overall summary of key themes received

<b>Key Theme</b>	<b>No. times issue raised</b>	<b>Design response</b>
Equipment requested: Sandpit Slide Climbing equipment	1 1 2	To be considered through detailed design.
Basketball Court request	6	This item is not within the service level of the reserve but will be considered through detailed design if funds allow (as per Bocce feedback).
Provide fresh water/drink fountain/tap	3	To be considered through detailed design and budget review process. There is existing tap on site providing potable water.
Provide secure fencing	2	Insufficient funds to accommodate. Buffer planting will be considered as an alternative.
Install Barbecue	2	This item is not within the service level of the reserve.
Seating request on Central Avenue Reserve North	1	To be considered through detailed design.
Concern over condition and use of Central Avenue Reserve North	1	This item will be further considered in open space planning and maintenance.
Provide play equipment suitable for toddlers	1	Noted.
Provide dog friendly area	1	This item is not within the service level of the reserve.
Provide traffic calming measure between the two reserves	1	Traffic study will be undertaken to determine the need for any measures.
Improve parking and traffic management on Central Avenue.	1	Traffic study will be undertaken to determine the need for any measures.
Request for toilet	1	This item is not within the service level of the reserve.
Clarification on the location of a new picnic setting	1	To be considered through detailed design.
Larger pump track with jumps	1	To be considered through detailed design and budget review. Site has many significant trees, hence a large scale pump will not be possible.

## 5. Social Media Post

Social media posts were made on Facebook during the consultation period. There was a strong engagement on social media with individual post reaching over 4000 people. Facebook posts and statistics are provided below.

**Date of Post:** 5 December 2018



We thank the community who took the time to provide their feedback and participate in the engagement process.



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**Attachment 1: Copy of Hardcopy Survey and Concept plan**



## Introduction

The City of Marion is pleased to advise that Council is upgrading Central Avenue Reserve playground, Hallett Cove.

Community consultation to determine the preferred playground location and amenities at Central Avenue Reserve playground was undertaken over a three week period to 3 September, 2018. The outcomes of the survey determined the preferred playground location was the current location in Central Avenue Reserve. Respondents provided suggestions for equipment and amenities such as a flying fox, bike track and grassy kick about areas. The Community Engagement Findings can be found: [www.marion.sa.gov.au/Central-Avenue-Reserve-Fryer-Street-Reserve-Community-Engagement-Findings-September-2018](http://www.marion.sa.gov.au/Central-Avenue-Reserve-Fryer-Street-Reserve-Community-Engagement-Findings-September-2018).

The outcomes of community consultation have informed the concept design of Central Avenue Reserve and are incorporated with the following proposed local level reserve elements:

- new play structures
- nature play
- seating
- landscaping
- pathways

Council plans to remove the old equipment and commence construction for the new playground in the 2019/20 financial year.

## Consultation

We invite you to participate in the concept development by completing our survey. This information will assist us to shape the final design. Please refer to the draft concept plan for further information.





### CENTRAL AVENUE SOUTH RESERVE DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN



- 1 Proposed Flying Fox
- 2 Proposed Nature Play Area
- 3 Proposed Picnic Area
- 4 Proposed Bocce Court
- 5 Turf
- 6 Proposed Improved Access

- \* Proposed Seating
- |— Proposed Swing
- Proposed Pathway
- Proposed Pump Track
- - - Existing Fence





Please select which play element you would like to see in the playground (please note: the images shown are examples of the play element and may not be the actual structure selected at the time of construction).

**1. Which type of swing do you like most? (Choose only one)**

- ☐ Tree swing
- ☐ Standard swing (toddler and standard seat)
- ☐ Basket swing



**2. The results of the consultation in September identified that you wanted a bike/trike track. Which style of pump track/ trike track surface do you like most? (Choose only one)**

- ☐ Dirt track
- ☐ Bitumen track



**3. The results of the consultation in September identified that you wanted a flying fox. Which style of flying fox seat do you like? (Choose only one)**

- ☐ Swing seat with harness
- ☐ Pommel seat



**4. What style of seating would you like?**

- ☐ Hammock
- ☐ Bench seat
- ☐ Both



**5. The concept proposes the redevelopment of the area currently used for a smaller play structure into a bocce court. Do you support the bocce court?**

☐ Yes

☐ No



**If not what alternatives to a bocce court would you like to see?**

☐ Sandpit

☐ Garden bed

☐ Other suggestion

**6. Overall, what is your level of support for the draft concept of the reserve playground?**

☐ Strongly support

☐ Support

☐ Neutral

☐ Don't approve

☐ Strongly disapprove

**7. Do you have any other comments or suggestions regarding the playground upgrade?**

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**8. What suburb do you live in?**

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**9. What is the age of your child(ren)?**

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The outcomes of the consultation will be made available in the New Year at:  
[www.marion.sa.gov.au/central-avenue-reserve](http://www.marion.sa.gov.au/central-avenue-reserve).

You can be notified by subscribing to our Parks and Playgrounds Newsletter at:  
[www.marion.sa.gov.au/email-newsletters-subscribe](http://www.marion.sa.gov.au/email-newsletters-subscribe).

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.