

Community Consultation

BEN PETHICK RESERVE

Marion

We would like to know how you use Ben Pethick Reserve, Marion.



The playground equipment at the reserve has reached the end of its life expectancy and needs to be removed.

The City of Marion has recently constructed a new playground at Oaklands Estate Reserve which will better service the local area.

We propose to replace the playground with:

- Picnic table
- Basic nature play elements e.g. rocks and logs
- Mulched garden beds beneath existing trees

Do you have any comments on the proposal?

Do you have any other ideas to improve the reserve?

Consultation opens 23 July 2019, closing 13 August 2019

Go to www.makingmarion.com.au/ben-pethick-reserve to have your say and comment.

All feedback will be collated and a report provided to Council prior to works commencing.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the playground being removed?

The proposed removal of Ben Pethick Reserve playground was endorsed by Council as part of the 2009 Playspace Strategy. The strategy was reviewed in 2017, where Council endorsed the Playground Framework to ensure the community's playgrounds were well-designed, well-located, safe and fun for users. In the last 9 years, 50 playgrounds have been upgraded and an additional 7 are currently in the process of being designed or constructed. As part of the Framework, a number of playgrounds will be upgraded and some will be removed to ensure that:

- Current and future playgrounds are renewed at appropriate times to ensure safety of the community.
- Playgrounds are in an accessible location and spread as evenly as possible throughout the City of Marion – this may include removal of playgrounds due to oversupply in a particular area. Additionally, it may include new playgrounds to address a deficiency in an area.
- Council resources are used effectively, in line with Council's strategic objectives of keeping rates as low as possible whilst providing services that are fair and equitable throughout the City of Marion.

Is there going to be new play equipment at the reserve?

As there are a number of playgrounds in the area, Council is not proposing to replace the play equipment at the reserve, however, the reserve will be reinstated to create attractive and usable open space.

What is going to replace the play equipment?

The design proposes minor landscaping to replace the play equipment. We welcome your feedback on what Council can do at the reserve to make it enjoyable for users.

What works can I expect to see happening at the reserve?

The existing play equipment will be removed from the reserve. Following this, the excavated area will be made good with mulch to ensure the reserve is a pleasant open space. Planting will be undertaken in the 2019 planting season.

Where are the nearest playgrounds?

- **Oaklands Estate Reserve, Oaklands Park**
(approx. 600 metres from Ben Pethick Reserve)
- **Hendrie Street Reserve, Park Holme**
(approx. 600 metres from Ben Pethick Reserve)
- **Kenton Avenue Reserve, Oaklands Park**
(approx. 1.5km from Ben Pethick Reserve)
- **Rajah Street Reserve, Oaklands Park**
(approx. 1.5km from Ben Pethick Reserve)

