



Fryer Street Reserve, Hallett Cove

**Community Consultation Findings** 

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#### 1. Introduction

An open space upgrade is proposed along the coastal walkway at Fryer Street Reserve, Hallett Cove. This has been identified in the City of Marion Open Space Plan 2018-2028 which was endorsed by Council.

The purpose of this engagement is to seek community feedback on the planned site improvements that include:

- Public toilet
- Shelter
- Picnic table
- Drinking fountain
- Minor landscaping
- Screen planting
- Pathway connecting to the existing coastal walkway

Refer to Appendix 2 for the Fryer Street Reserve Concept Plan

Consultation commenced on 21 March and closed on 18 April 2022. This report provides information on the consultation undertaken and feedback received through the online survey.

#### 2. Executive Summary

Council received 47 responses to the online survey. There was high support for a public toilet with 79% (37 respondents) stating there is a need at the reserve. A total of 8% (4 respondents) do not support a public toilet at this site.

The majority - 81% (38 respondents) support the other reserve upgrades shown in the concept plan.

The comments received showed that while the installation of a public toilet and other upgrades are supported, there is a preference for additional improvements to the site including:

- Irrigated turf
- More picnic tables and shelters
- BBQs
- Improvements to traffic and parking

#### 3. Consultation Program

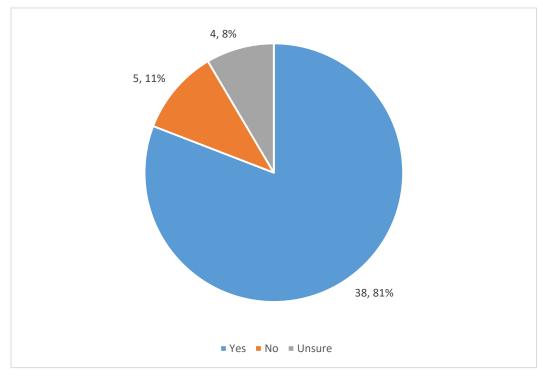
The community engagement was undertaken over four weeks from 21 March – 18 April 2022. It included:

- An information postcard sent to 385 households within a 500m<sup>2</sup> radius from the reserve
- Information on the Making Marion website
- An online survey
- Facebook posts
- Onsite signage

#### 4. Consultation Findings

Each question is listed with the corresponding graph and results summary.

## Q1. Do you support the installation of a public toilet within the reserve?

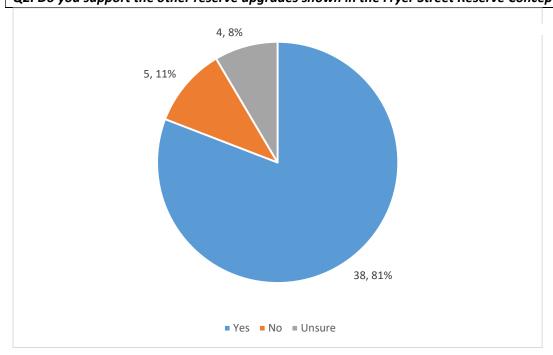


## **Summary of results**

A total of 47 respondents completed this question:

- The majority 79% (37 respondents) support the installation of a public toilet within the reserve
- 8% (4 respondents) do not support a public toilet
- 13% (6 respondents) are unsure

## Q2. Do you support the other reserve upgrades shown in the Fryer Street Reserve Concept Plan?



## **Summary of results**

A total of 47 respondents completed this question:

- The majority 81% (38 respondents) support the other reserve upgrades shown in the concept plan
- 11% (5 respondents) do not support the other upgrades
- 8% (4 respondents) are unsure

## Q3. Do you have any other comments or feedback?

## **Summary of results**

There were 47 responses to this question. Below is a summary of key themes:

Key Theme	Design Response
Would like turf and irrigation (25 comments)	Fryer Street Reserve scores 12 in the City of Marion Irrigation Matrix ensuring that irrigation is required at this site. The existing irrigation will be evaluated and altered in response to community Feedback and delivered as part of this upgrade.
Additional facilities: - more picnic tables, large shelters (15 comments) - Add BBQs (12 comments) - Would like a playground (4 comments) - Add signage, drinking fountain and seating (2 comments) - Add fencing (1 comment)	Fryer Street Reserve is a local level reserve as outlined in the City of Marion Open Space Plan. Provision for a local level reserve includes seating, drinking fountain, and natural shade. A picnic table, drinking fountain and seating will be provided at this reserve.  In 2018 Council consulted regarding preferred location for a playground (Central Avenue Reserve or Fryer Street Reserve), and Central Avenue Reserve was selected by the community. A playground is therefore not planned for this site.
Concerns regarding traffic and parking on Fryer Street (5 comments)  Add parking (5 comments)	The reserve upgrades are minimal, and it is not anticipated that these will impact on traffic or parking in the area.
Further upgrades to this reserve are required (5 comments)	Thank you for your feedback – this site is a local level open space as outlined in the City of Marion Open Space Plan. Provision is for informal recreation only.
Add more planting (4 comments)	We will review the concept plan to determine if additional low planting can be included within the budget.
Upgrade the coastal walkway / improve access and safety (3 comments)	The coastal walkway is managed separate to this project. Feedback on the coastal walkway will

	be provided to the relevant department within Council for further consideration.
Great idea / support the proposal (4 comments)	Noted – thank you for your feedback
No BBQ (3 comments)	As this reserve is a local service level, a BBQ is not planned for this site.
Do not support the public toilet (2 comments)	Noted – the majority (79%) of survey respondents support a public toilet and based on this feedback we are now planning to provide a toilet at this site.
Dog bags are needed (2 comments)	We will review prior to finalising the concept plan for tender
Do not support the plan (1 comment)	Noted – further information regarding outcomes of the community engagement are provided in this report
No picnic areas (1 comment)	A picnic table will be provided at this site in accordance with the City of Marion Open Space Plan.
Provide beach access (1 comment)	Potential beach access will be considered as part of the future coastal walkway planning.
Improve north central avenue reserve (1 comment)	Community consultation on potential improvements to North Central Avenue Reserve is scheduled in our Open Space Plan for the 2026/27 financial year.
Keep the reserve natural (not developed) (1 comment)	The reserve will remain natural with minimal structures (eg playgrounds, large shelters)
Need a dog park in the area (1 comment)	A dog park is not planned for Fryer Street Reserve. The closest dog park is located at Reserve Street, Trott Park.
Concern regarding strong winds / impact for structures (1 comment)	We will ensure that any structures placed at the reserve are secure and can withstand the strong winds at this location.

Refer to Appendix 1 to view a full list of the text responses

## 6. Next Steps

We thank all that provided their feedback and participated in the engagement process.

The feedback will help us finalise the concept plan to proceed to construction in 2022/23 financial year.

## 7. Project Updates

Project updates will be provided on the Fryer Street Reserve page on the Making Marion website.

# Appendix 1 – All text responses Qu 3 Any other comments or feedback?

This plan is surely a joke? This is your idea of an upgrade? As a resident that overlooks the parched, dusty, weed-infested landscape across the road, year in, year out, I am absolutely gobsmacked that our sea view will be supposedly "enhanced" by a sh\*\*\*house and a tin-roofed shed!!! Council is offering absolutely no upgrade to the majority of the reserve what-so-ever. It's a plan which provides a toilet for walkers that aren't even residents and the rate-paying residents receive no benefit at all but a degraded view and reduced property value. This reserve has been completely neglected by our council for decades and this is the best they could come up with? The satellite image of the reserve proper highlights the dismal state of the site. Yet the council is happy to collect thousands of dollars in rates every year from the hapless residents around the reserve. Surely, it would be reasonable for residents to expect an aesthetically enhanced reserve, rather than a public facility eyesore planted right in the middle of our field of view. And then there's the absolute stupidity of placing a toilet in a spot with a million dollar seafront view, and that experiences 50 knot plus winds during winter storms and even more so that close to the cliff edge. In summary, I would like to voice my strongest objections to this ill-conceived plan and I would prefer leaving the reserve as is rather than accepting this woeful effort.

Concern over the strong winds that hit this area...they have bent a stobie pole before. How safe are these structures going to be, we have seen flying bins damaging the roofs of houses during a freak storm

The screening plants don't seem necessary as the shelter etc are already sheltered by the higher ground to the inland side. The main reserve needs to be re-grassed and irrigated as it's a dry wasteland for the majority of the year which makes it unusable. If the upgrades go ahead it needs to focus more broadly on community amenity and not just walkers that predominantly live outside of the community area.

Any chance of a playground? Not much in the area walking distance.

#### Great idea

Drinking fountain and shaded seats will be awesome. I live in Central ave and will visit for the views, but I also run the coastal trail often and use the current fountains. Glad it won't block views too. Maybe add some signage to connect people to local train station, parks and shops?

We support the current concept plan as stated. A BBQ is not mentioned as an inclusion in the plan and we would object to such a proposal. A BBQ would attract picnic users and along with that parking would need to be provided. Fryer Street is narrow and when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street it is difficult for cars to pass safely between the vehicles. Cars already speed coming down Fryer street due to the downward slope. Safety is paramount for foot traffic and those crossing Fryer street. The bend from Fryer Street entering Clifftop is also .dangerous with a blind spot and cars and motor bikes often travel quickly and cut the corner. A suggestion is to have the continuous yellow line indicating no parking from the lane near number 3 and around the bend to ensure no cars park on the bend or near the bend improving safety for vehicles coming around the bend

I would like to see the grass upgraded to nice grass and watered. Also I would like to see more picnic tables and a BBQ.

I feel this reserve could have much more done with it .. it is a beautiful coastal space and could be developed to accommodate both the local residents and the casual walkers who frequent this area on a daily basis.. please consider adding more picnic spaces/tables shelter, play/ sporting equipment etc..

A bigger shelter extra tables and a couple of BBQ'S

Please lawn the entire Reserve. I do not support the toilets as this is only for the walkers. Note: This area used by SES for training purposes. Abseiling, helicopter rescue training. etc.

A bin with doggy do bags would be an asset. Currently there are none along this part of the coastal walk. Also watering the grass would greatly appreciated as during the summer months you cannot cross it without your dog getting burrs in their paws. This area was always watered a few years ago and it was an great to have a green area for local children to kick a ball around. I'm sure the infrastructure for watering must still be there - it used to come on automatically early in the morning.

Approach supported however scope minimal and doesn't align with potential for this awesome location. Please consider further landscaping enhancements for whole space rather that just around toilet - appears so much energy has been put into other park locations ones like this are left to have prickly weeds brown off and that is about the extent of the maintenance activity making for an eyesore rather than a community asset - please spread the love...

Need to include BBQ and upgrade to lawn space with potential to play ball games

Toilet to be open for more hours during daylight saving time. Include a native strip of garden at edge of walkway.

More tables and a bigger shelter are needed. And a bbq would be a valuable asset not just for locals but for people walking the coastal trail. The grass needs to be watered and upgraded too. And please install a dog poo bag dispenser!

Grave concerns about parking for visitors. No details are available except for a brief mention. Any vehicles parked in Fryer street spoil the view for those walking down Fryer Street to join the Coastal Track - and there are many in the course of the day. How will a parked vehicle make a 180 degree turn? They will have to continue down and round the corner. Kurnabilla is an option for street parking. . It has a turnaround. The recently completed park and kids playground on Second Street receives very few visitors and is underused. Why not put a toilet there if that is the most pressing need. People who walk the Coastal Track and can manage the distance have managed without a wee. It is not a track for the disabled or infirm. The most pressing need is for watering and care of the surface. I say no to a picnic area but possibly a toilet next to the existing structures and tucked out of view of the road.

I think the upgrades are good but do not go far enoough. There should be 2 BBQ's and at least 2 larger shelters. it seems to be done

on the cheap.

I have requested on many occasions that the "existing walkway" which runs along this section be paved providing safe all weather access. This last section from the in front of the home in Kurnabinna Terrace on the clifftop to where it meet the end of Fryer and along the Clifftop Cres section is UNSAFE for joggers and walkers alike. It is slippery and treacherous whatever the weather condition presents. I was last informed some months ago that this could be a possibility provided adequate funding. I suggest that this indeed needs to be a priority for the council thus providing safe access to this beautiful area all the way along to the boardwalk.

Why is the upgrade limited to just a small shelter and table. Would it not be better to enlarge this and provide bbq's as the Hallett Cove Beach reserve has. Also the area is difficult to use as the ground is covered in prickles and very little ground cover. Grass would be a vast improvement and allow a lot more use by families, children and pets. There must be a suitable grass that would be an advantage to what is currently there. Also parking could be an issue so parking bays could be provided along Fryer Street.

Really disappointed, it will be a toilet stop, and nothing else. The reserve is mostly dry dirt for majority of year with ants and prickles. Can't even walk the dog across there. Could be kids scooter track, path for walking dog, meditation space, native plants, space for community to gather (which is in short supply across this area, we are not really 'part' of Hallett Cove, the suburb is too big). Wasted opportunity to provide a space for community that has one of the best views in Adelaide.

Not enough upgrades or infrastructure for the local residents. These upgrades are aimed at walkers. What about putting grass on the reserve, play equipment, big shelter in the reserve not at the track.... Once again nice idea but poor execution. Where is our beach access? Not good enough Marion.

The upgrades to the park are a welcome addition to the district. However, the planned picnic table and shelter is inadequate and would provide better amenity with 2 larger picnic tables, a larger shelter and even BBQ facilities. The community deserves a reserve upgraded to a neighbourhood reserve that is recreation active.

I am not happy for a public toilet to be installed. I feel it is not a necessity since there are already the 2 as mentioned, on the walking path. They are also a drawcard for vandalism and having this steel structure would be an eyesore within this beautiful and natural, unspoilt landscape which I would like to see remain as is.. Thank you

Please fix north central ave park it's horrible dast , list do watering Please please please

This area needs a watering g system so that it becomes a usable space instead of a dead brown eyesore.

I support any improvements to this wonderful trail. Can you please look to address some of the erosion on the path on the Marino half. It is quite heavily rutted in places.

This proposal is clearly aimed at people using the walking path and not the residents in the local area. It does not provide upgraded

playground facilities or better grassed area that would make it much more appealing to locals. Needs a larger shelter, more than one picnic table and 2 BBQs. Given the amount of money that is being spent in other areas of the council I am underwhelmed by the proposal. Parking bays on Fryer Street edge are required. Please upgrade the reserve to a Neighborhood reserve that is Recreation Active. As a rate payer we deserve better than this.

I think a couple of shelters and tables are needed but a priority is to have the park turffed and irrigated. The park is a complete dust bowl throughout most of the year. Turf with irrigation will make the park useable and athletically welcoming all year round.

It's such a large space and whilst it's amazing to invest in this area while your doing it due to the size it really would be worth adding a little more instead of one picnic area two or three would be nice and the grass area really needs to be looked after more green grass and to be watered Thank you

I support the increased upgrades put forward by the Hallett Cove Estate Community Association - a grassed area for families to kick a ball, with some watering. - a much larger shelter with two large picnic tables - BBQs to make it more welcoming - a strip of native garden along the edge of the walkway - parking bays along the Fryer St edge of the park where new footpaths have been installed out of sinc with the park upgrade.

Incorporated into this should be planting lawn on the reserve...over the 40 years we have lived opposite this park, we have seen it used by locals for weddings , picnics and wonderful photos, children played football and cricket, kite flying as well. Now its a dust bowl, people even carry there dogs from one side to the other....we paid for sprinkler system to be installed from our rates so surely cost would be minimal. We now see none of these events, there is a lot of children living in this area. Plus we would love to not have the dust blowing into our house everyday. Care in design of the structures, as we have strong winds , even a stobie pole bent in a storm not to mention the recent flying rubbish bins that damaged the roof of several homes and the damaged trees.

The Fryer St Reserve and the nearby Central Ave Reserve are community assets for all families living west of the train line from Grey Road & Westcliff Estate at the northern end to the Dutchman Drive Cove Road roundabout at the southern end. The consultation area as set out in the website is totally misleading in terms of usage, the area being officially consulted has a priority in that it will bear more of the impact of change of use. As Secretary of the Hallett Cove Estate Community Association (HCECA) I note that there has been correspondence between HCECA and Council over a number of years, pushing for an upgrade of this community asset. (1) We proposed that the reserve be upgraded in status to a Neighbourhood Reserve not just open space. (2) We proposed that some watered grassed area be provided on the eastern side of the reserve for casual games such as kicking the footy. There is no such area anywhere in our near region. (3) We proposed a strip of native garden alongside the walkway to add beauty for the many walkers who pass by. (4) We proposed a toilet that could be used by walkers and users of the nearby playground. We are happy to support the Council initiative. (5) In terms of the shelter and drinking fountain HCECA proposes a much larger shelter to accommodate two large picnic tables. Many school groups use the reserve for lunch breaks, when visiting the area. It would also make it more welcoming for locals. (6) We also propose a BBQ or BBQs to enhance the picnic

facilities. (7) Some extra landscaping could be done, with fill brought in, to make more use of the open space areas.

#### BBQ possibly?

Regarding the toilet we have no opposition as long as it is an electronic timed toilet similar to the Hallett Cove railway station. Maybe include a second shelter/picnic table with BBQ's. Why not develop the remainder of the reserve. If the entire reserve was grassed/irrigated that would be great! Off street parking would also be an advantage as when lots of cars are parked down there, it gets very narrow and hard for traffic going in opposite directions to pass each other.

The reserve is centrally located Between Marino Rocks and Hallett Cove Beach and is by 30,000 walkers/year on the Coastal Walking Trail. Because of this and the exceptional views, many use the reserve as a resting point including overseas and interstate tourists. Bus loads of up 100 walkers stop there for a breaks, lunch etc and with school children at time stop there for lessons. These suggested facilities will certainly enhance the use of the park, especially the Trail users. I suggest also larger shade -cloth shelter to cater for the larger numbers. In the summer the park becomes a dustbowl and is infected by 3 cornered jacks. 3/4 of the eastern end of the park grass needs to be watered to allow casual recreational ball sports all year round. Similar to facilities at Parvana and Bandon Terrace reserves. These facilities are 3 kilometers away and out of reach to children. A BBQ, parking bays, perimeter fencing, more seating - allowing for picnic, weddings to allow to park to be much more user friendly. Facilities needed and well overdue!

The most important upgrade desired for the Fryer Street Reserve is the large area to be proper lawn that is watered and maintained. It is currently an awful dry weedy eyesore, which is such a shame when it has such beautiful views or across the ocean. The weeds are full of prickles and not good for dog walking. It should be a lovely lawned park similar to the Bandon Tce Reserve in Marino. With some light landscaping.

Although the proposed upgrades are welcomed, there is a great need for even further upgrades for the reserve. Currently there are no other community spaces available within easy walking distance for the community north of Kurnabinna Terrace. It would be great if the reserve could be further developed to include some other community facilities such as a few BBQs, larger shaded area, improved green area and some picnic facilities. This would a allow for a largely unused area to become a place where the community can relax, enjoy the breathtaking ocean view and build a stronger community spirit.

This is a great opportunity to upgrade the site and plant additional coastal native vegetation on the western boundary and introduce walkers to the adjoining Hallett Cove Conservation Park. The site should be kept in a near natural state, and not turned into grassed playing fields as suggested by the Hallett Cove Residents' Group. There are plenty of under-utilized parks in the Marion area for ball games and playground equipment . Council should aim to enhance the natural coastal beauty of the Fryer St. Reserve for the enjoyment of local residents and walkers on the coastal pathway. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed plan.

It would be nice to have green grass with irrigation as our dogs do not walk in the grass in summer as it's dry and has lots of prickles. The

dogs walk around the edge . I in winter it is also full of weeds and gets muddy.

Need extra car parks on Fryer St. Grass needs watering where children play cricket and football. Northern access to park - steps dangerous no handrails

This reserve is currently totally underutilised by residents and visiting walkers. The proposed upgrades will certainly add some improvements but this beautiful location deserves more to enhance the space itself which would lead to increased community use. The outlook and expansive views from this area are outstanding and more facilities here would encourage more use. It needs a minimum of 2 large covered picnic areas and ideally the surrounding area should have grass which would be far more aesthetically pleasing as well as reduce the dust on windy days. A playground & BBQ would be wonderful but I am aware there is a new playground nearby. In this digital age the benefit of outdoor spaces for both adults and children to exercise and enjoy the fresh air is so very important. I look forward to hearing more about this project as the process evolves.

I do support the bathroom proposal, but it would be great to have communication on how it will be maintained and checked daily.

Reserve needs upgrading with sprinklers so the grass isn't full of weeds and prickles, even the dog won't walk through the reserve now, just wasted space. There is a playground up the road with bbq facilities etc and no access to a toilet so feel it is unnecessary and a waste of money to have one next to a vacant reserve.

Basically we view the project favourably but it all depends on the placement of the Shelter and Screen Plantings. If the placement were to be as they appear on the plan they would entirely eliminate the most interesting part of our view, i.e. the view along the cliffs and beach area. We are the only ones to be affected by this. Other homes around are 2 story and would not have views blocked and 3 Fryer has no view along the cliff and beach as we have. If the new Shelter etc., were to be sited back from the track to around the area of the present seat and lone tree (which is struggling to survive) it would be more supported by us. However, in saying this, we have a major concern re parking. Fryer St is completely blocked if vehicles are parked on both sides of the roadway so we are more in favour of upgrades that leave the reserve as open space for kids and dogs to enjoy as they do now. It seems to us that the changes proposed would be unnecessary expenditure and the area would be better served by the addition of 'resting' places, seats etc., for people walking the Track. Over the years we have observed, kids flying kites, riding bikes, and kicking a ball around, dog owners bring their pets down to chase a ball and give them exercise, people flying drones, paragliders launching from the reserve, but the biggest activity by far is walkers and others who come to film and photograph the views and sunsets. Please don't spoil that for us.

At least 2 BBQ are necessary and as suggested previously a fenced off dog park is much needed this side of the highway. Feels like a half arsed plan considering how MUCH we pay in council rates!

Adding nice grass would be great Adding in a BBQ would fit the area

## Appendix 2





Proposed Toilet - with automated cleaning and self- locking door after hours.



New shelter and picnic table.



New screen plants to match existing.

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## FRYER STREET RESERVE ► DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN







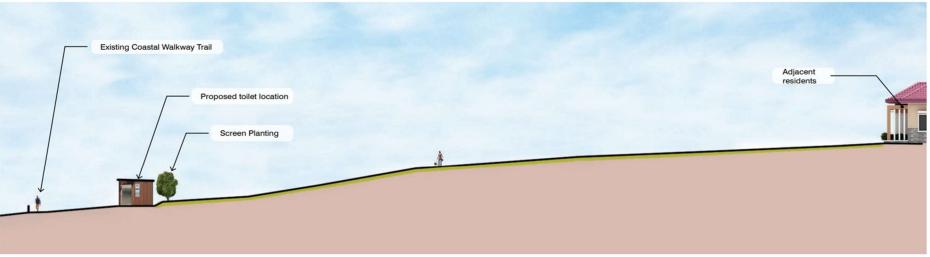




**Proposed Toilet Location** - Locate at low point near existing shrubs and service box



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Cross Section (Refer to the plan for location)

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