



## **Hawkesbury Avenue Reserve**

### Community Consultation Findings

December 2022

## 1. Introduction

This report summarises community consultation on the proposed plan for the upgrade of the playground and open space at Hawkesbury Avenue Reserve, Sturt.

An Open Space Plan was endorsed by Council in 2020 to provide upgrades to open spaces across Council. As part of this plan, playground and open space upgrades are proposed at Hawkesbury Avenue Reserve with:

- New play equipment
- Drink fountain
- Path connections
- Additional trees and garden bed
- Upgraded irrigation system
- Seating

## 2. Consultation Program

Engagement occurred to inform community members of the draft design for Hawkesbury Avenue Reserve and to seek their feedback. The consultation survey was open for 3 weeks from 2 November to 2 December 2022.

The survey was made available online at [makingmarion.com.au/Hawkesbury-avenue-reserve](https://makingmarion.com.au/Hawkesbury-avenue-reserve)

Residents were informed about the survey in the following ways:

- **Flyer** - A postcard was delivered to approximately 428 households within roughly 400m<sup>2</sup> radius of the reserve outlining the period of consultation.
- **Onsite meeting** – A meeting was held on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **Onsite sign** - An onsite sign was installed at the reserve promoting the Making Marion link and consultation deadline.
- **Social media** - 3 posts promoting the survey and onsite meeting.

## 3. Consultation Overview

Residents were invited to provide feedback on the draft design for Hawkesbury Avenue Reserve through the online survey via Making Marion.

In total, during this consultation period Council received 12 survey submissions and 1 emailed feedback.

A full summary of all responses to each survey question and relevant customer event feedback is provided within this report. Responses have been listed as worded by the respondent. For privacy reasons, respondents' details will not be included in a public report.

## 4. Consultation Findings

Overall, the draft design for Hawkesbury Avenue Reserve received positive comments and constructive feedback. In summary:

- A total of 116 visits were recorded to the project's Making Marion web page where residents could access the Draft design, postcard and survey.
- 12 responses to the survey were received.

Please see below for the results of this survey.

## 5. Summary of feedback received

The table below identifies some of the concerns and items raised regarding the open space upgrade and how the feedback will be considered when finalising the concept design.

Community Feedback	Design Response
A junior pump track was the preferred additional play item.	A junior pump track will be installed.
A connection pathway across the reserve was supported	A connection footpath will be installed
A toilet should be considered	<p>A toilet has not been considered as part of this upgrade as it is a local level reserve and the budget is limited.</p> <p>The provision of toilets in our open spaces is primarily based on the service levels with the Open Space and Playground Frameworks. Prioritisation regarding the placement of toilets is given to the following open spaces within the service hierarchy level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State level open space</li> <li>• Regional Playground sites</li> <li>• Regional Open Space</li> </ul>
Will the playground be fenced?	<p>The existing chain and post fence will be removed. There are no plans to fence the playground. Hawkesbury avenue Reserve is in a quiet area and the play items will be moved closer to the middle of the reserve.</p> <p>If the park was fenced dogs may be let off their leash and interfere with children playing safely.</p>
The skateable path may not be safe for younger children	The interaction between the pathway and the play areas will be designed to avoid conflict where possible.
Netball ring / basketball half court to be considered.	As this is a local level reserve with limited budget, unfortunately a sport court cannot be considered.
Too many monkey bars – replace with other features.	The monkey bars are part of a whole structure. The play item was chosen as it represented the best range of play for the budget. Other features can be explored but will be determined on overall budget. Monkey bars remain an in-demand play item based upon historical play research and consultation experience. Supported by health professionals monkey bars provide a series of upper body challenges that provide developmental benefits to all ages and genders.

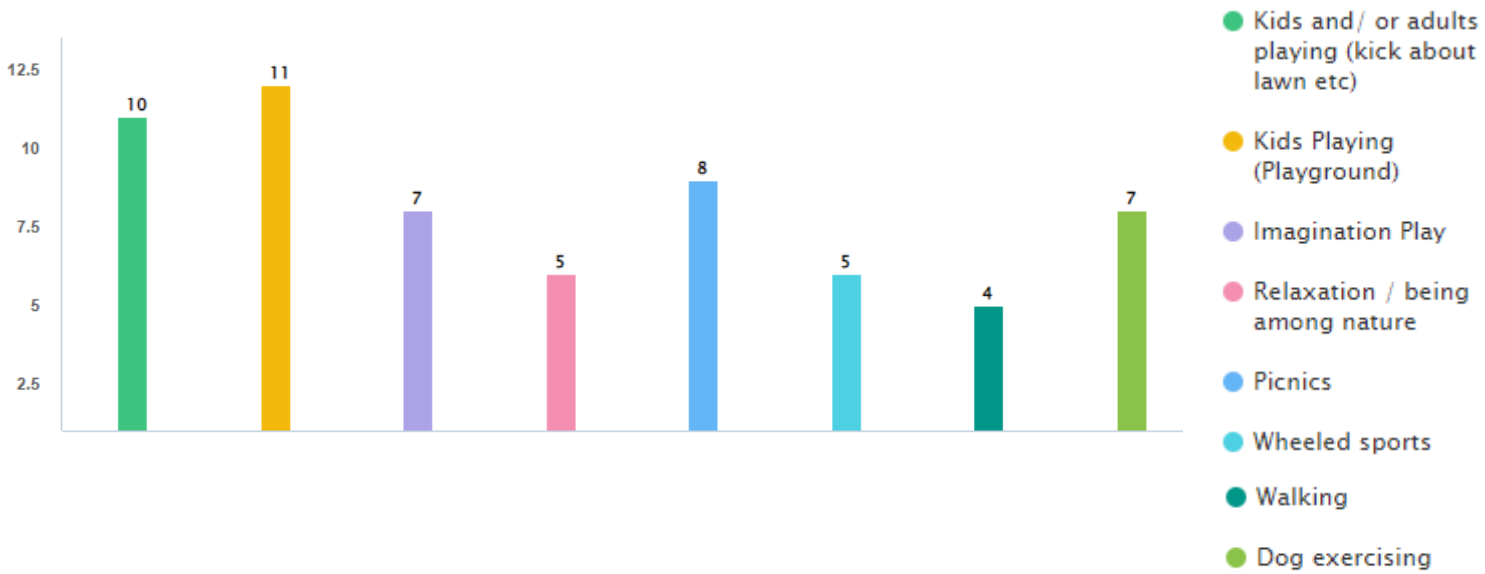


<p>Residents closest to the pump track have concerns about overlooking and noise.</p>	<p>We will explore ways to ensure the pump track is located further away from the fence line and introduce vegetation screening, so privacy is maintained.</p>
<p>Addition of equipment for elderly</p>	<p>As the reserve is a local level there is limited budget to diversify the type of equipment on site. There is opportunity to use the park for leisure and fitness without specialist equipment designed exclusively for the elderly. Proposed play equipment although primarily designed for children does contain experiences that could be utilised by older generations for strengthening and coordination based upon individuals' capabilities.</p>



## SURVEY RESULTS

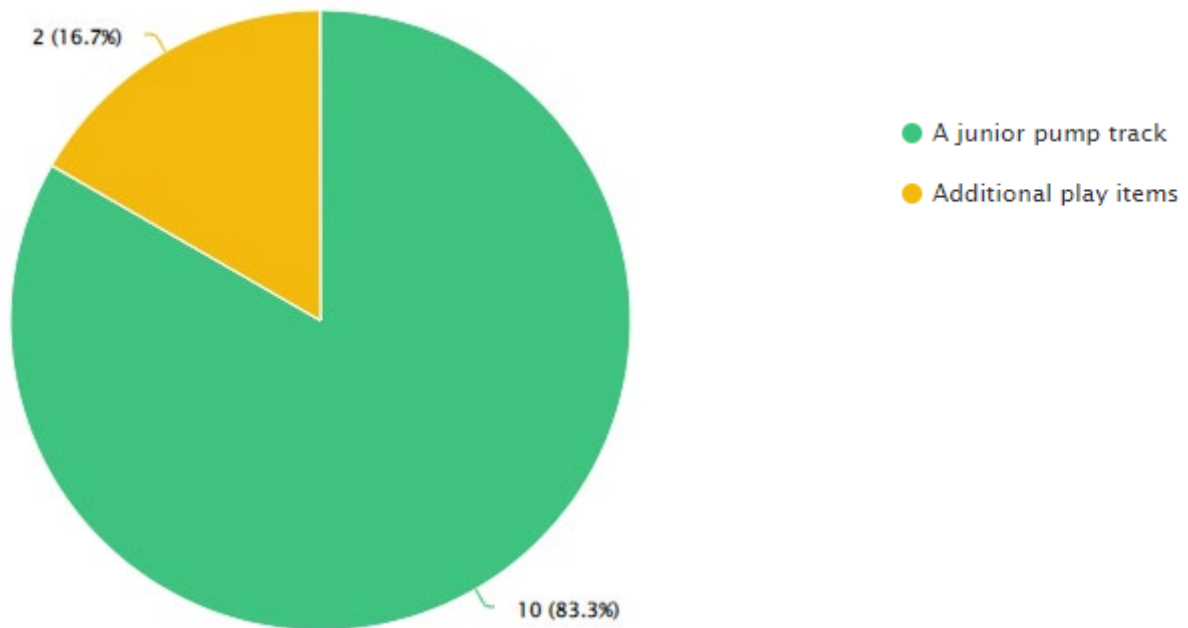
### Q1 What do you intend to use the upgraded reserve for?



**Summary of results:** Kids Playing (Playground) was the activity that the most respondents intend to use the reserve for. This was closely followed by Kick about lawn and picnics.

The design includes a playground and irrigated kick about lawn that can also be used for picnics.

### Q2 Which of the following additional play options is your preferred?



**Summary of results:**



The junior pump track was the most preferred option. It should be noted that there was a request from the residents closest to the proposed pump track to design the track so that there was no overlooking into their yard.

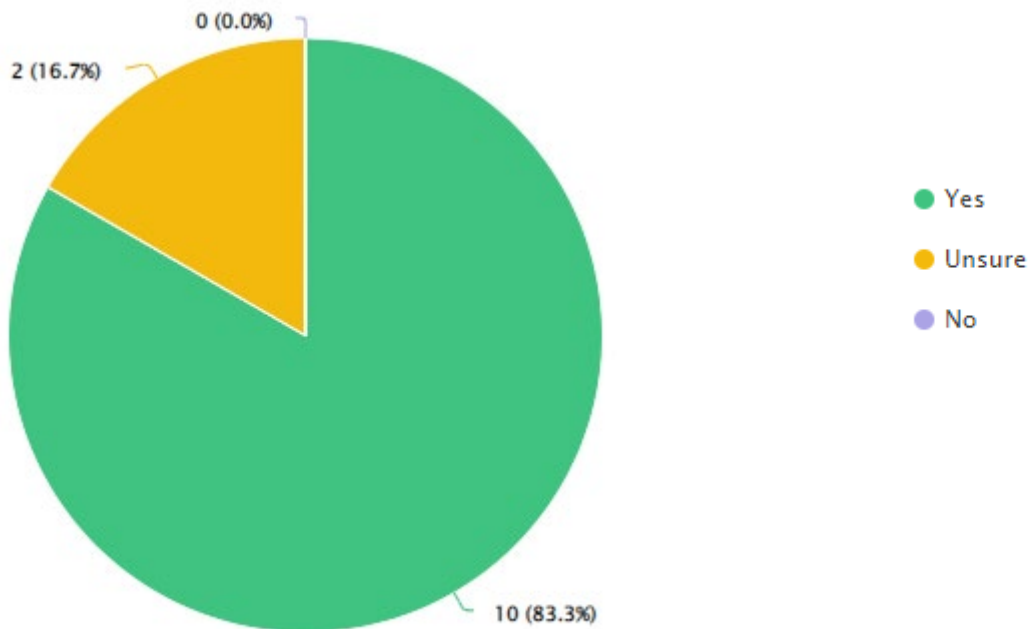
**Q3 For respondents who chose additional play items over the junior pump track – what is your preference for additional play items? (1= most preferred, 3 = least preferred)**

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Spinger	1.00
Pole spinner	2.00
Hammock	2.00

**Summary of results**

A springer was the preferred items, followed by pole spinner. It should be noted that more respondents preferred the junior pump track so these items will not be included in the design.

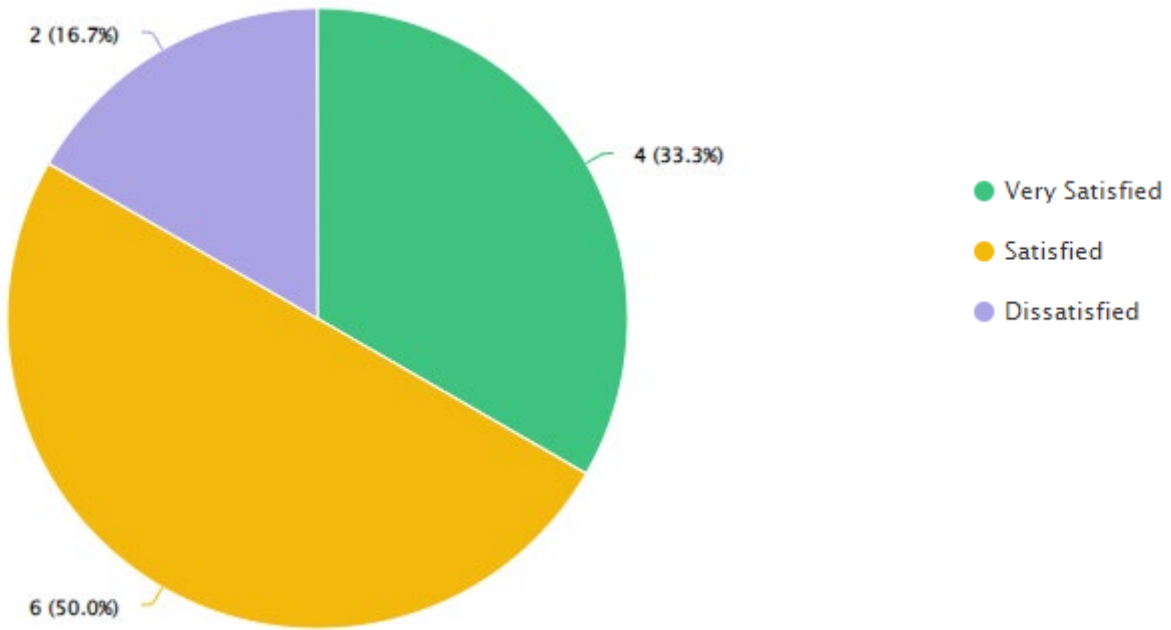
**Q4. Do you support the inclusion of a connection path from Hawkesbury Avenue to Greenock Drive?**



**Summary of results:** The path is supported by the majority of respondents.



**Q5. How satisfied are you with the proposed design?**



**Summary of results:** Most respondents, 10/12, were satisfied or very satisfied with the proposed design.



**Q6. Do you have any other comments or feedback about the upgrade of Hawkesbury Avenue Reserve?**

Please include a toilet - if a child needs a toilet with in a short space of time then it's home time and no playground time!!!!

Will the playground be fenced?

This playground is the only one in a large area and was hoping for quite a large space with play equipment and a large bike track. Please it will add great value to the area and the current one is completely underused

Too many monkey bars could have other features. Would be good to have netball and basketball ring / half court.

Too many monkey bars. Netball / basketball ring would be great. Kids also love flying fox at other playgrounds. Pump track suited for bike or scooters would be a hit! About time this playground got some attention!

I suggest a swing set as an essential play equipment item and an enclosed gate around park or playground for additional safety. Room for dogs to run around and doggy bag dispenser

We're homeowners living with small children in Sturt and we're thrilled to see this playground upgrade. A pump track is a great addition for kids of all ages to benefit from. We hope spaces like this continue to attract young families to our suburb.

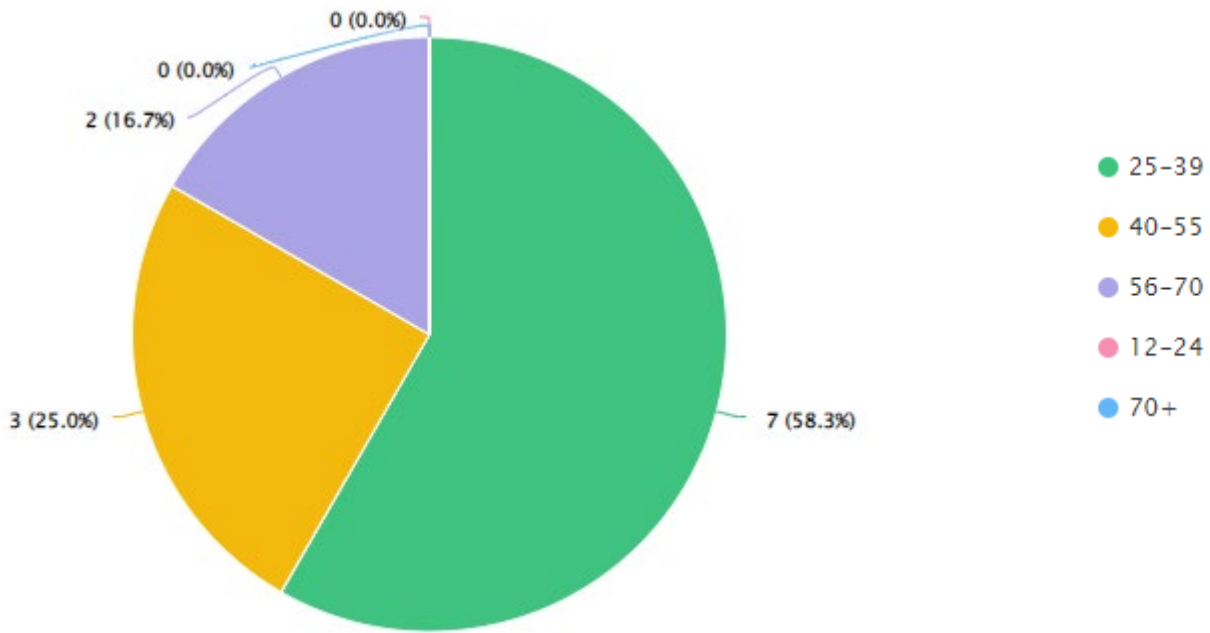
We choose Plan B. most of the people who live near Reserve are older than over 60, it is very important for us to keep a quiet living environment.it is inappropriate to design junior pump track because the main group living the reserve is elderly.

**Summary of results:** These comments and the design responses are included in the feedback summary.





**Q8. Age range**



**Q8. Street name**

Street name	Number of respondents
Ridgefield Avenue, Seaview Downs	1
Parkmore Avenue, Sturt	4
Rosefield Lane, Sturt	3
Myer Road, Sturt	1
Scarborough Terrace, Dover Gardens	1
Meadowvale Road, Sturt	1
Greenock Drive, Sturt	1



## **Email from adjoining resident**

Dear Dear Madam/Sir, (please forward this email to the project designer)

I am a resident of X X Drive, Sturt, SA 5047. I am glad to know that Marion Council is planning a local reserve upgrade at Hawkesbury Avenue Reserve.

According to the design scheme you provided, we choose Plan B. There are mainly three reasons for this: The first, most of the people who live near Hawkesbury Avenue Reserve are older than over 60, so it is very important for us to keep a quiet living environment. Second, it is inappropriate to design junior pump track because the main group living around the Avenue reserve is the elderly. Thirdly, as most of the residents around the Avenue Reserve are the elderly, it is welcome to add some sports equipment suitable for the elderly.

In addition, When new sports equipment is built on the Avenue Reserve, there will be more people playing here, and the tall trees on the site place of Avenue Reserve will have potential dangers, such as gum tree branches easy to break down. It is suggested that the project designer increase the risk assessment of this content.

Sincerely,

# ATTACHMENTS

## Attachment 1: Concept Plan



Concept design is for illustrative purposes only. Council retains the right to modify the design in consideration of unknown site conditions, cost management and internal approvals.



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If you live in or visit Sturt reserves, then this is for you 📌

Reserve improvements are planned for Hawkesbury Avenue Reserve, Sturt.

A concept plan has been developed and is now ready for your feedback. 🗨️... See more



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Murdo Levy

City of Marion well done another good plan laid out. Option A gives more play and activity types - that gets my vote. Can you replicate the local library (great idea) around our other reserves.? Great job everyone



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Cr Raelene Telfer of City of Marion · Follow

I thought consideration was being given to a toddlers riding track. Rebecca Dean took that request from the Brolga Reserve Opening



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Author

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Hi Raelene, thank you for your comment. In the proposed concept plan, Option A in the draft design (available to view through the link in the post) includes a Junior Pump Track that incorporates beams and rollers to allow for entry levels skills develo... See more



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