



Hessing Crescent 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 Hessing Crescent Reserve, Trott Park.

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 Hessing Crescent Reserve with:

- New play equipment, both passive and active
- Drink fountain
- Path connections
- Additional trees and garden beds
- Upgraded irrigation system
- Picnic Space and Seating

2. Consultation Program

Engagement occurred to inform community members of the draft design for Hessing Crescent Reserve and to seek their feedback. The consultation survey was open for 4 weeks from 2 November to 9 December 2022.

The survey was made available online at makingmarion.com.au/hessing-crescent-reserve

Residents were informed about the survey in the following ways:

- **Flyer** - A postcard was delivered to approximately 450 households within roughly 400m² radius of the reserve outlining the period of consultation.
- **Onsite meeting** – A meeting was held on December 3rd 2022.
- **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 Hessing Crescent Reserve through the online survey via Making Marion.

In total, during this consultation period Council received 9 survey submissions.

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 Weaver Street Reserve received positive comments and constructive feedback. In summary:

- A total of 34 visits were recorded to the project's Making Marion web page where residents could access the Draft design, postcard and survey.
- 9 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
Normal / Individual Swings requested instead of the basket swing.	This will be considered in the final design.
Ensure that the playground remains fully fenced	The playground will remain fenced and will include additional gates at access points.
A toilet should be considered / the existing toilet should be refurbished	<p>There is an existing public toilet on site that will be refurbished as part of another project but in line with the playground development.</p> <p>There are no plans to add another public toilet. However, a sign will be placed at the entrance directing people to the toilet.</p>
The giant chess set should be replaced with other play items.	As part of the budgeting process, we will try to add more play equipment to the site. The giant chess set provides quiet play and requires minimal budget. We will keep the chess set in the design.
<p>Addition of other play items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water play • Cubby House • Basketball Court • Monkey Bars • Sandpit • Mud kitchen 	<p>As part of the budgeting process, we will try to add more play equipment to the site with a sandpit to be considered.</p> <p>It is unlikely there will be water play on site.</p>
More picnic tables / seat near the play piece	More picnic tables and seating can be considered in the design, subject to budget.
Additional shade	There are existing shade structures in the design and further tree planting will occur.
Accessible gates / Equipment accessible to all	<p>The design will incorporate gate openings that are accessible by wheelchair.</p> <p>Accessibility to the swing will be considered in the final design</p>
No trees removed	There are mature trees already on site. However, these trees are planted very close together and restrict equipment placement and lawn growth.

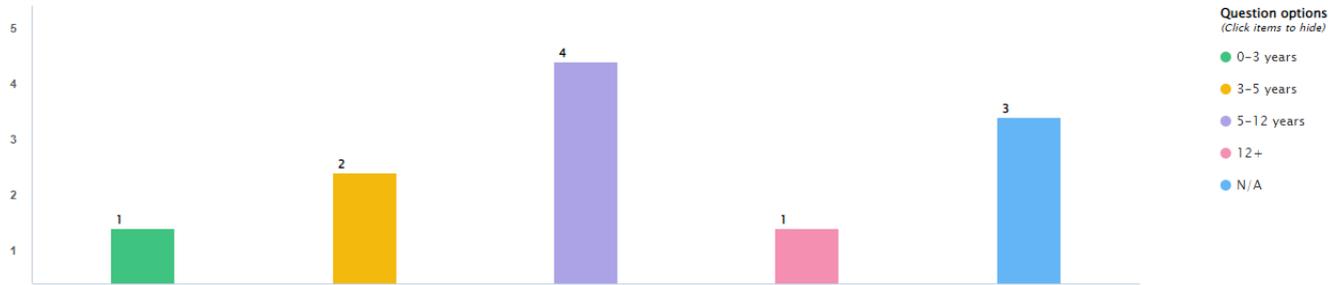


	1 of the trees will be removed, however, further tree planting will replace this removal.
Extend irrigation across the reserve to the old horse fields.	Irrigation budget is limited and will only allow irrigation in the play area.
Bike track upgrade	Unfortunately, the budget does not allow for a bike track to be included in the design. A concrete path runs through the site that can be used for toy cars and trikes.
Can the existing playground be relocated for younger kids?	The existing play equipment has reached its end of life. New equipment will comply with playground safety standards and offers play for younger through to older children.



SURVEY RESULTS

Q1 What age group/s are the children in your household?



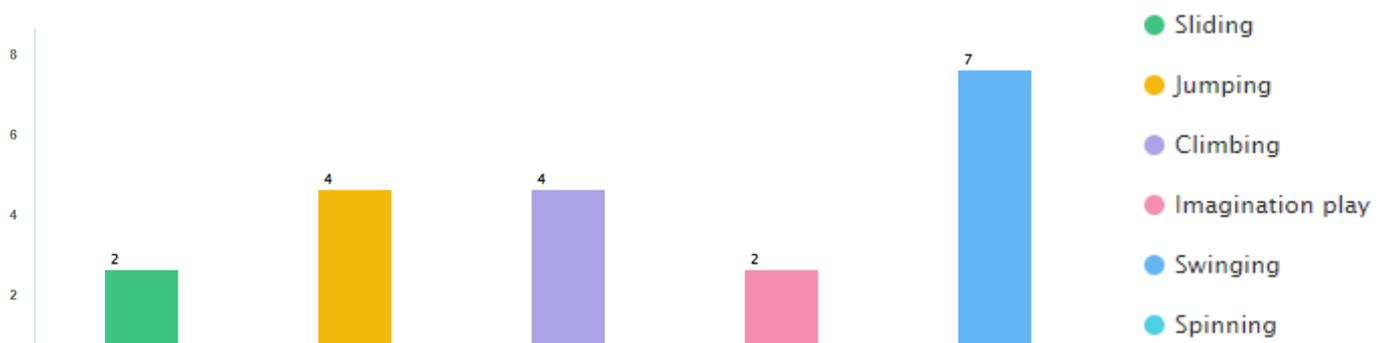
Summary of results: Children aged 5 – 12 were the prominent group.

Q2 What do you intend to use the upgraded reserve for?



Summary of results: Most respondents wanted to use the reserve for picnics, followed by the playground.

Q3 Which of the following play options are your preferred (pick 3)?



Summary of results

Swinging was the preferred play option, with jumping and climbing the other preferred options.



Q4. Are there any other play elements you would like to see included in the design??

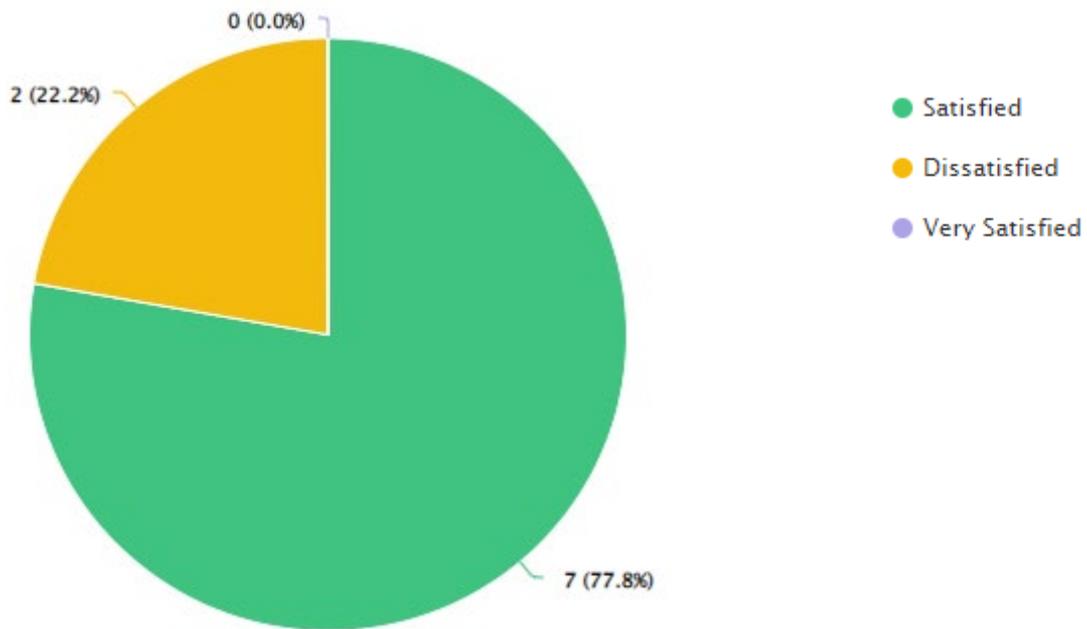
Replace the giant chess with something else
Normal swings!
The suggested swing is lovely but our girls just love love love the traditional swings that exist at the moment. It would be such a shame to lose them. They have also enjoyed access to water.
Shade, water play, monkey bars
A small basketball court and more picnic tables
I cannot see the existing play equipment ie the cubby house . My grandie loves this and I hope it's being retained . The proposed play equipment is more suitable for older children
there are no individual swings

Summary of results: The following elements were suggested

Play element suggested	Number of times suggested
Normal swings / Individual swings	3
Water play	2
Cubby house	1
Basketball court	1
More picnic tables	1
Replace giant chess set	1
Monkey bars	1



Q5. How satisfied are you with the proposed design?



Summary of results: Most respondents, 7/9, were satisfied with the proposed design.

Q6. If dissatisfied, why?

Looks good except for the gyro swing. Those things are awful. Normal swings would be 100x better. We are at this playground several times a week a gyro swing would be a huge mistake

The park needs public toilets



Q7. Do you have any other comments about the upgrade of Hessing Crescent Reserve?

I personally think the giant chess is a bit of a waste of space. The age group of children attending the park don't play chess and either wouldn't play or just go and push all the pieces over. There has to be something more engaging that you can pick for that area.

Maybe do up the public toilets near the tennis club if you plan to upgrade the playground

The park should be accessible to all age groups and people with disability

The upgrade looks fabulous.

I wouldn't bother with a giant chess set, I see these at other places and they're rarely used. I would rather see another picnic table next to the bbq so you sit while someone's cooking. Also another swingset as one swing is not enough.

What kinds of garden plots? are they paved around? who would manage them?

"I feel strongly that no existing trees should be removed.

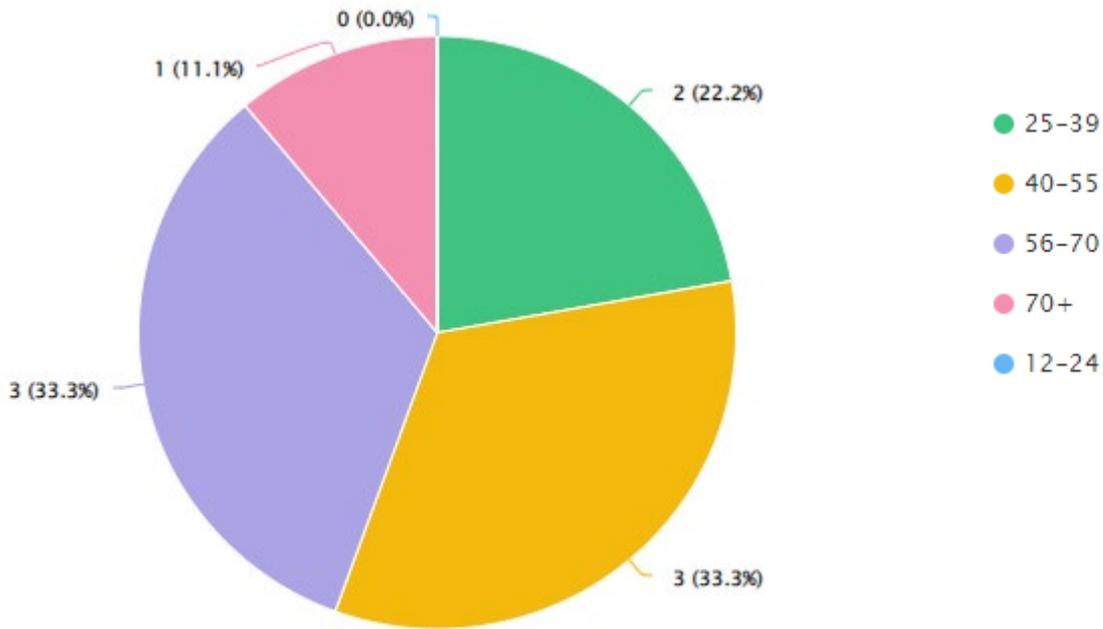
I would like to see picnic settings (similar to existing tables & benches) & bench seats positioned under existing shade trees. A picnic setting in the 'refurbished shelter' structure is fine, but on a hot day it is much more pleasant to be under a shady tree!

Re the gates to the reserve (the new gate at site 11, the existing gate which is, I understand, to be relocated to a position under the Neighbourhood Centre verandah, and the existing gate behind the Centre, leading to the Community Shed) - I would like to see all 3 of these gates be of a design which will be easily accessible by someone using a wheelchair or other mobility aids."

Summary of results: Responses to these comments have been provided in section 5.



Q9. Age range



Q10. Street name

Street name	Number of respondents
Meldrum Street, Trott Park	1
Arachne Drive, Hallett Cove	1
Tindall Crescent, Sheidow Park	1
Navigator Avenue, Sheidow Park	1
French Crescent, Trott Park	1
Sovereign Street, Hallett Cove	1
Quartz Place, Sheidow Park	1



Phone conversation with Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre Playgroup.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Concept Plan



LEGEND

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|--|--|---|---|
| | New garden bed | ① | Main Play Structure with slides and various climbing elements |
| | Irrigated lawn | ② | 360° Gyro Basket Swing |
| | Woodchip softfall | ③ | Giant Chess |
| | Gravel pavement | ④ | BBQ |
| | New concrete path | ⑤ | Relocated Wood Oven |
| | New rubble path connecting to existing cycling & walking trail | ⑥ | Refurbished Shelter |
| | Log steppers / Sensory Garden | ⑦ | Picnic setting |
| | Steps | ⑧ | Bench Seat |
| | Flush stepper lawn crossings | ⑨ | Raised garden beds as part of playground landscaping |
| | | ⑩ | Drinking fountain |
| | | ⑪ | New main entry into playground (gated) |
| | | ⑫ | Relocated entry gate |



Play structure with slides



Gyro Swing



Timber steppers



Giant Chess



Sensory garden



Raised garden beds



City of Marion

November 10 at 2:00 PM · 🌐



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

The City of Marion, in conjunction with the Federal Government, is upgrading the playground at Hessing Crescent Reserve from July 2023.

A concept plan has been developed and is now ready for your feedback. 💬

Key items proposed in the upgrade include, but not limited to are:

- New play equipment, both passive and active
- Drink fountain
- Path connections
- Additional trees and garden beds
- Upgraded irrigation system
- Picnic space and seating

Join the conversation and share your feedback by 9 December 2022 at www.makingmarion.com.au/hessing-crescent-reserve

Please note that comments on this post may be recorded as part of the consultation process. For more information on this, please refer to our privacy policy: <https://fal.cn/3thot>



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 Write a comment... 

 Chris Brown
Michelle Herd  ***
Like Reply 4w

 Christine Stephens
Hi. Im a COM volunteer at the playgroup held at the neighbourhood centre. The playgroup use this area week in, week out & I have lengthy feedback, too much to type. I cannot make it on the 3rd, is there someone at COM who I can call please? Thank you. 
Like Reply 3w 

  Author
City of Marion
Hi Christine, can you please send as a private message with your best contact details. Kind Regards, SA. 
Like Reply 3w

 Nadia Jacob
Daniel Goodwin  ***
Like Reply 4w

 Michelle Raymond
Leese Reynolds   2 ***
Like Reply 4w

 Leese Reynolds
The grassed space definitely needs more shade, love the 2 huge pergolas but they are concreted & the few trees don't really shade the grass much for picnics / little ones to play on. 
Like Reply 4w 

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City of Marion
Hi Leese, thanks for your feedback. To ensure its captured, please share your comments via the survey here: <https://www.makingmarion.com.au/hessing-crescent-reserve>. Kind Regards, SA. 



Like Reply 3w

 Tammy Kennett
Leese Reynolds they have recently planted a row of trees where the melaleucas were (between the playground and tennis courts) , they will take time but will grow... 
Like Reply 3w 

 Lexi Gabb
Merry Whelan  ...
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 Laura Spittal
Christine Stephens  ...
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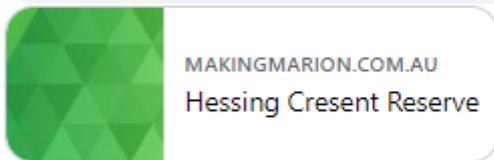
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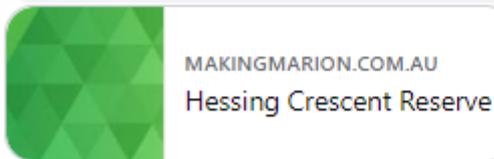
 Shay Amanda Nichols
Fencing ? ...
Like Reply 4w

 Author
City of Marion
Hi Shay, thank you for your comment. We'd love to capture it our consultation survey. Can you please take a moment to fill that in here: <https://www.makingmarion.com.au/hessing-crescent-reserve>, Thanks, ED. ...



Like Reply 4w

 Author
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Hi Shay, thanks for your query. To ensure its captured, please share your queries and comments via the survey here: <https://www.makingmarion.com.au/hessing-crescent-reserve>. Kind Regards, SA. ...



Like Reply 3w

 Author
City of Marion
Hi Kristy, thanks for your feedback. Regarding the reserve you mentioned (Wigley Reserve), please note this playground is located in City of Holdfast Bay, in case you wanted to reach out to them also. Kind Regards, SA. ...

Like Reply 3w



Tammy Kennett

Shay Amanda Nichols it is fully fenced i've been the last 3 weeks. ***

Like Reply 3w Edited



Katelyn Peachey

Shay Amanda Nichols sorry, the play ground is fully fenced, do you mean repairs? Or something else ***

Like Reply 4w



Shay Amanda Nichols

Katelyn Peachey make sure they put up appropriate fencing cos they often take it down and don't put it back up ***

Like Reply 4w



Kristy Nowak

Shay Amanda Nichols they didn't even put fencing at the one near the water at Glenelg on wifely reserve 🤔 doubt they'll do it. Trying to save themselves a few dollars. Used to love the wigley playground when it was fenced. ***

Like Reply 4w



Shay Amanda Nichols

Kristy Nowak make some so mad none of these are toddler proof ***

Like Reply 4w



Kristy Nowak

Shay Amanda Nichols it makes me mad too, I have 4 kids and fencing means everything for me if we go or don't go to a playground. They made a big deal about how much they spent on the wigley reserve playground yet took half of the fence away ... right nex... See more ***

Like Reply 4w



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Reply to Shay Amanda Nichols...



Laine Fraser

Has to be better than the westall way reserve what a waste of resources that was could have added a swing in the pit that was never removed so it had some equipment. Looks overgrown and unloved. Plus continually inappropriate language on the chalk board ***

Like Reply 4w



Gemma Lou

Laine Fraser that reserve is literally just a toilet for dogs because that's all it is used for. The children used to live playing before and after school, now it's an overgrown mess with nothing interesting for children of any age 🙄 ***

Like Reply 4w



Laine Fraser

Gemma Lou agree that park had been there since I was little and it was a great little spot before the development ***

Like Reply 4w



Nadia Jacob

Not sure how popular giant chess is, I think children and young people would prefer extra swings as one is never enough. Traditional swings or otherwise.

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Like Reply 4w Edited



Chris Brown

Nadia Jacob that was my comment in the feedback too

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Like Reply 4w



Reply to Nadia Jacob...



Peter N Wendy Cove

Fencing around playground. Millions of \$ being spent on playgrounds in Melbourne and many have no fencing so kids can chase balls onto the road. Please don't make the same mistake in Adelaide 🙄🙄 Wendy

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Like Reply 4w Edited



Norelle Jones

Sprinkler system to extend to watering the grassed areas in front and across to the old Trotting Club where locals frequent to walk their dogs and to access the walking path. In summer this whole area dries out and becomes an eyesore and fire risk.

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Like Reply 4w Edited



Cassie Russell

Jessica Muir

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Like Reply 4w



Kerryn Gish

Jill Kielow does this look familiar? 😊

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Like Reply 4w



Jill Kielow

Kerryn Gish weekly visits to kindergym 😊

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Like Reply 3w



Kerryn Gish

Jill Kielow fabulous memories of our little munchkins 🥰❤️

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Like Reply 3w

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Reply to Kerryn Gish...



Amiee Laura

Kristen Mason

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Like Reply 4w



Helenmary McMeekan

Toilets

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Like Reply 4w



Nadia Jacob

Helenmary McMeekan Isn't there public toilets on the side of the tennis court? Or are they locked.

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Like Reply 4w



Playgroup Feedback

Thank you for sending through the plans. Please see below our suggestions for the Playground from the Neighbourhood Centres perspective.

- Can there be a sandpit for young kids? Shaded?
- Can there be bench seating near the Playground?
- The 'basket swing' – Can it be two swings instead of one?
- Can the existing playground be relocated for younger kids to still use?

Also see below the feedback from the Volunteer Instructor of the Playgroup at Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre

Everyone loves the old playground. You don't need to hover beneath the kids, waiting to catch them. It's a perfect size for toddlers and it is so safe for them to explore. Having said that I understand it's long overdue and upgrade and it's very dated. The main concerns for playgroup users would be that currently we can go in and let the kids run free. It's enclosed and they're not falling from a height. Parents can have a cup of tea and relax. The new playground would make it near impossible. If I were a playgroup user and a friend suggested going to Butterfly playgroup and the playground had that huge slide and climbing frame, I honestly wouldn't bother going! Playgroup should be a break for the parents not a huge effort chasing babies/toddlers around big equipment. Also, I need to know that my own toddler is safe whilst I carry on setting up/cleaning/helping etc. I can do that now but not sure that can continue if these new plans go ahead. Discussing with the playgroup users the highlights would be Swings (baby and child) Sandpit (definitely the most asked for) Shade Fencing (perimeter & around the proposed playground) Cubby house/mud kitchen Bike track upgrade (currently a small concrete path used for toy cars and trikes)