



Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve



Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve Community Consultation Findings | Round 1

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1. Introduction

The City of Marion is planning a new regional playground and reserve upgrade at Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve, Sheidow Park. The existing site is a well-used and large public reserve, located along the popular Coast to Vines Rail Trail.

The project includes:

- regional playground with nature play
- seating, shelters, picnic and BBQ facilities
- public art
- toilet
- carparking
- stormwater pond maintenance and revegetation
- landscaping
- trail connections to the reserve and the Coast to Vines Rail Trail.

The redevelopment will include a number of play nodes to cater for a range of ages and encourage people to explore, play and enjoy nature.

To help plan for the upgrades, Council sought ideas for the reserve through a community consultation process.

This report provides information on the community consultation undertaken in October/ November 2020 and the feedback received.

The findings will be used to inform the detailed concept plan for the development.

2. Executive Summary

Council received 88 responses to the online engagement. There was very high support for the upgrade of Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve, with 100% of the community stating that they support / strongly support the upgrade.

A total of 60% (48 respondents) use the reserve every week (24 respondents use the reserve daily and 24 use it weekly).


A total of 72 people responded that they walk or run to the reserve, a further 18 travel by car and 16 come by bike, scooter or skateboard.

The top uses of Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve were walking, jogging and running (62 responses) followed by dog walking (39 responses) and playground (35 responses).

Respondents would like to see intermediate (5-12 years old) equipment (73 responses), followed by junior (2-5 years old) equipment. Elements including slides, swings, bike tracks and flying fox were popular. A number of responses were also received for baby/toddler and youth equipment demonstrating the importance of providing for all ages as part of the regional reserve development.

Many respondents highlighted the importance of providing family friendly facilities throughout the reserve including a playground for all ages, pathways, and fencing.

Many comments were received about adult fitness equipment and facilities for dogs and their owners. A BMX / pump track was also supported, with some expressing interest in being involved in the planning and future maintenance of a facility.



There was a preference for retaining the natural ambiance of the reserve and protecting trees/ birdlife.

3. Consultation Program

A community engagement strategy was developed for Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve. The purpose of the engagement was to:

“consult with the community on the Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve upgrade and seek the communities feedback and ideas for the project”

A number of key stakeholders were identified:

- Elected members and staff
- Local residents
- Schools
- Community centres
- Preschools and childcare centres
- Libraries
- Churches
- Clubs and groups (including Friends of the Glenthorne Farm)
- Neighbouring Councils

The key messages for the engagement:

- We want to hear your ideas for the reserve
- We would like to cater for a diverse range of ages, interests and users
- Tell us your stories about this reserve and how you use the site

The community engagement was undertaken from 19 October – 20 November 2020 for a period of four weeks. It included:

- An information postcard sent to all households within 500m from the reserve
- Information on the Making Marion website
- An online survey
- Facebook posts
- Onsite signage
- Community drop in session end of November 2020

4. Consultation Overview

During the four week consultation period Council received:

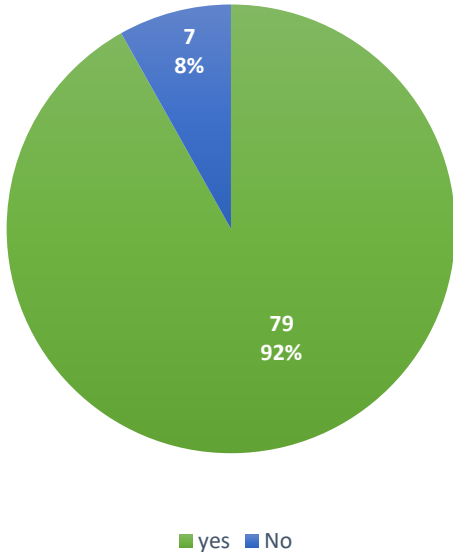
- 287 Visits to the online survey
- 88 Survey responses

5. Consultation Findings

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



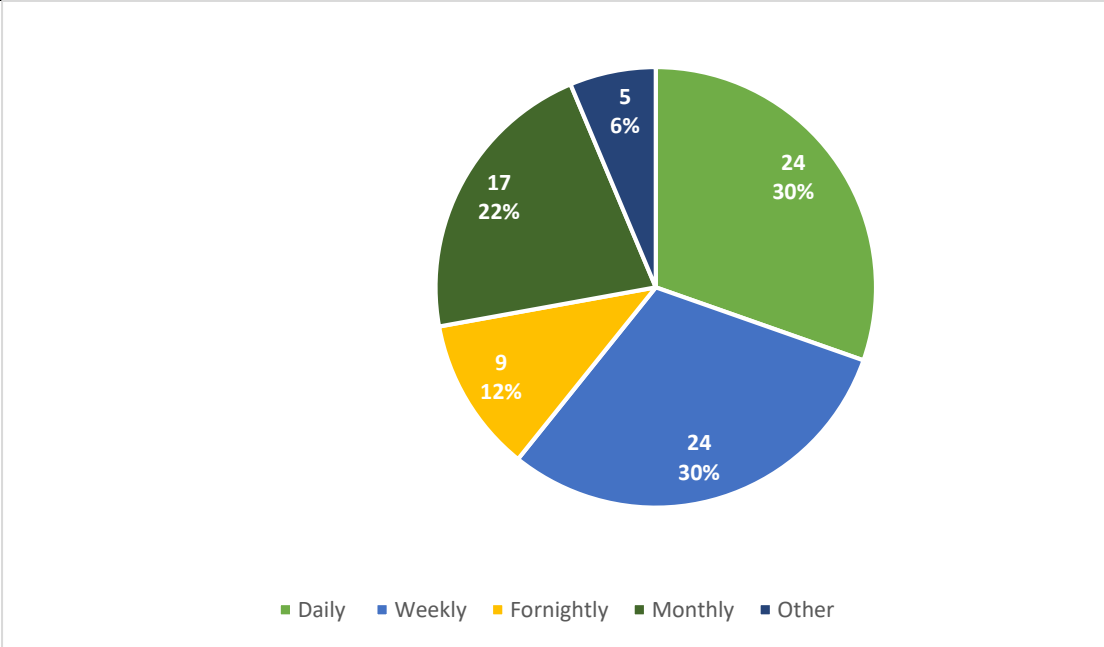
Q1. Do you currently use the reserve?



Summary of results

Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve is used by 79 respondents (92%). Only 7 respondents do not currently use the reserve (8%).

Q2. How often do you visit Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve?

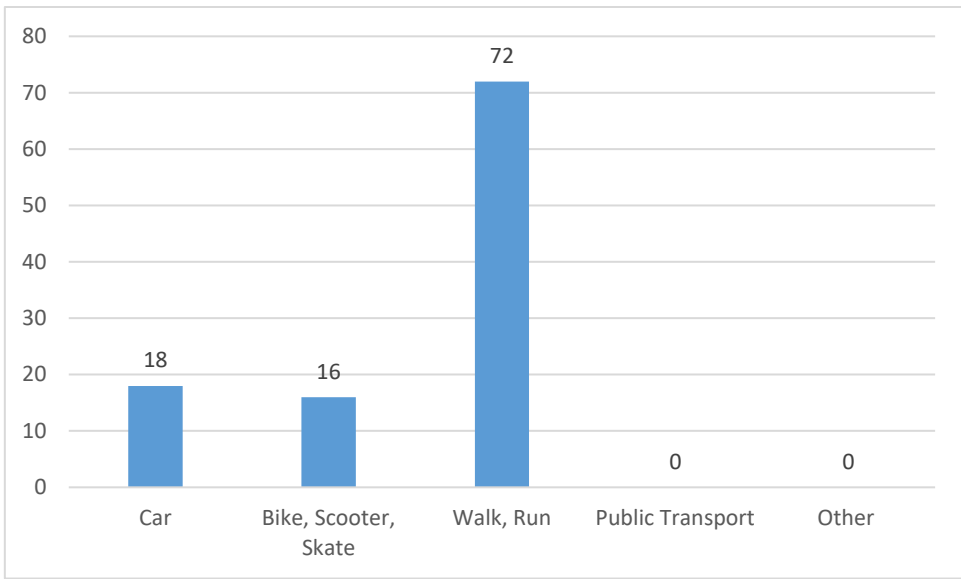


Summary of results

A total of 60% (48 respondents) use the reserve every week (24 respondents use the reserve daily and 24 use it weekly). A further 22% (17 respondents) use the reserve monthly and 12% (9 respondents) use it fortnightly.



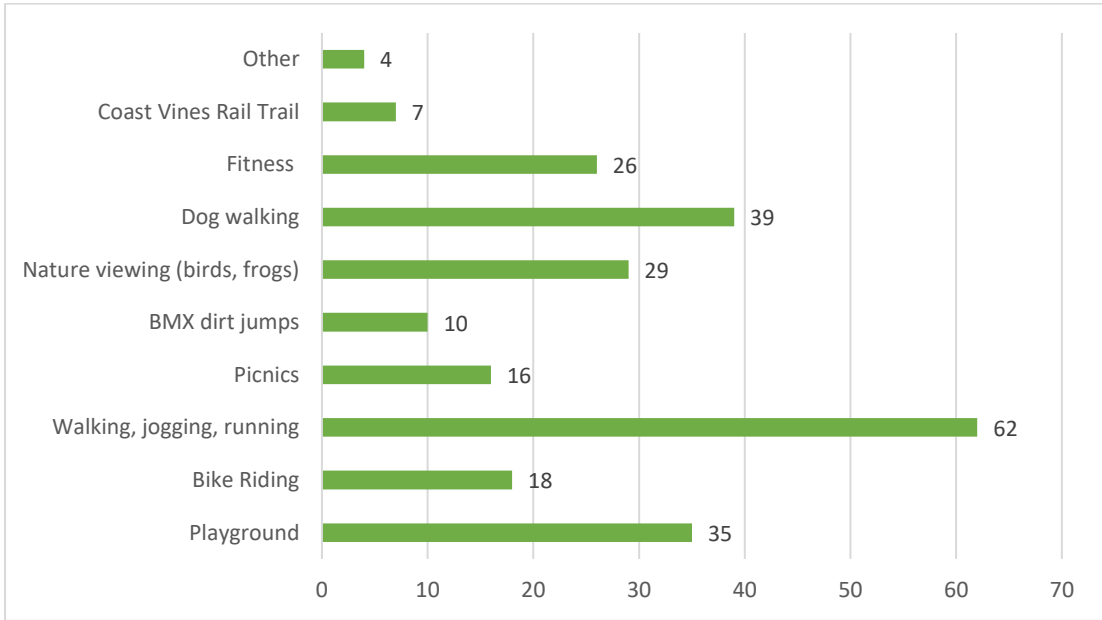
Q3. How do you travel to the reserve?



Summary of results

A total of 72 people responded that they walk or run to the reserve, and 16 come by bike, scooter or skateboard. A further 18 responded that they travel by car. No respondents travel by public transport. This demonstrates that the majority of people using the reserve live locally.

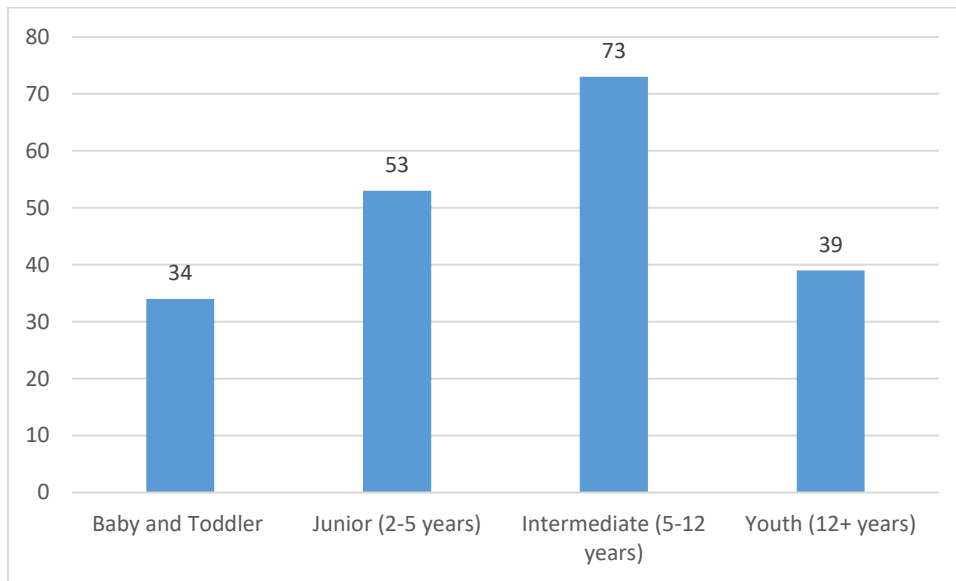
Q4. If you visit Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve, what do you use it for? (can tick more than one option)



Summary of results

Top reasons for using Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve are walking, jogging running (62 responses) followed by dog walking (39 responses) and playground (35 responses). This demonstrates that path connections, facilities for dogs and their owners, and playground equipment will be top priorities for the reserve upgrade.

Q5. The playground will be upgraded as part of the redevelopment, what age range would you like to see provided for? (can tick more than one option)



Summary of results

The top response was for Intermediate (5-12 years old) equipment (73 responses), followed by 53 responses for junior (2-5 years old).

Youth and baby /toddler equipment was also popular receiving 39 responses (youth) and 34 responses (baby/ toddler). This shows that it will be necessary for Council to provide for a range of ages / abilities.

Q6. Baby / Toddler – Junior: What play elements would you like to see included at the reserve (list 1-7 in priority order).

Summary of results

The top overall priorities for baby/toddler and junior play equipment are (listed in priority order):

1. Slide
2. Traditional swing
3. Basket swing
4. Tunnels
5. Water play
6. Cubby
7. Sandpit



Q7. Intermediate: What play elements would you like to see included at the reserve (list 1-7 in priority order)

Summary of results

The top overall priorities for intermediate equipment are (listed in priority order):

1. Adventure play (slide)
2. Flying fox
3. Scooter / bike track
4. Trampoline
5. Climbing equipment
6. Pivot Swing
7. Rock climbing wall
8. Monkey bars



Q8. Youth: What play elements would you like to see included at the reserve (list 1-7 in priority order)

Summary of results

The top overall priorities for youth equipment are (listed in priority order):

1. BMX / pump track
2. Ninja warrior fitness
3. Rock climbing wall
4. Skateable surfaces



Q9. Community / All ages: What play /recreational elements would you like to see included at the reserve (list 1-7 in priority order)

Summary of results

The top overall priorities for community / all ages equipment are (listed in priority order):

1. 3 on 3 basketball court
2. Fitness equipment
3. Multipurpose spaces
4. Community games (table tennis / chess)
5. Chess



Q10. We are planning on providing seating, shelters, BBQs and public toilet as part of the upgrade. What other reserve improvements would you like to see at the site (List 1-7 in priority order)

Summary of results

The top overall priorities for community / all ages equipment are (listed in priority order):

1. Shade over playground
2. Landscape improvements
3. Bins
4. Path connections to bridges and the coast to vines trail
5. Public art
6. Carparking
7. Bike rack



Q11. Do you have any thoughts on what the theme of the reserve could be?

This was an open ended question and respondents were asked to provide their ideas.

There was a very high response for a nature / wildlife theme (42 responses).

Summary of results

Theme	Responses
Nature / Wildlife	42
Duck / Frogs	4
Trees	4
Butterflies	2
History – mining	3
Farming	2
Community	2
Superhero’s	1
Aboriginal Culture	1
River to Coast	1
Fun in the Sun	1
Trains	1
Adventure	1
Zero-carbon emissions	1

Examples of the ideas for the “theme”

“Nature - you will only get birds & other wildlife visiting if you have water and native habitat. Making suitable spaces for suitable vegetation is crucial. A butterfly garden would be beneficial.”

“Nature. I have seen some other great parks and reserves that have info about different birds and animals that parents and kids can read.”

“Peaceful and interesting surroundings, including trees, pleasant looking waterway, and play and fitness equipment, segregated into ages, with proportionate emphasis on older/senior residents. The equipment should be either placed in age related groups, or perhaps mixed so that families can have their fun while in same proximity. This is an area with many residents aging, and we could do with activity equipment to encourage movement and 'play'.”

“History would be great... An old Steam Engine? To bring back the theme of the old Rail Line. Maybe some Steam Buckets that used to be in place to the old Mine?”

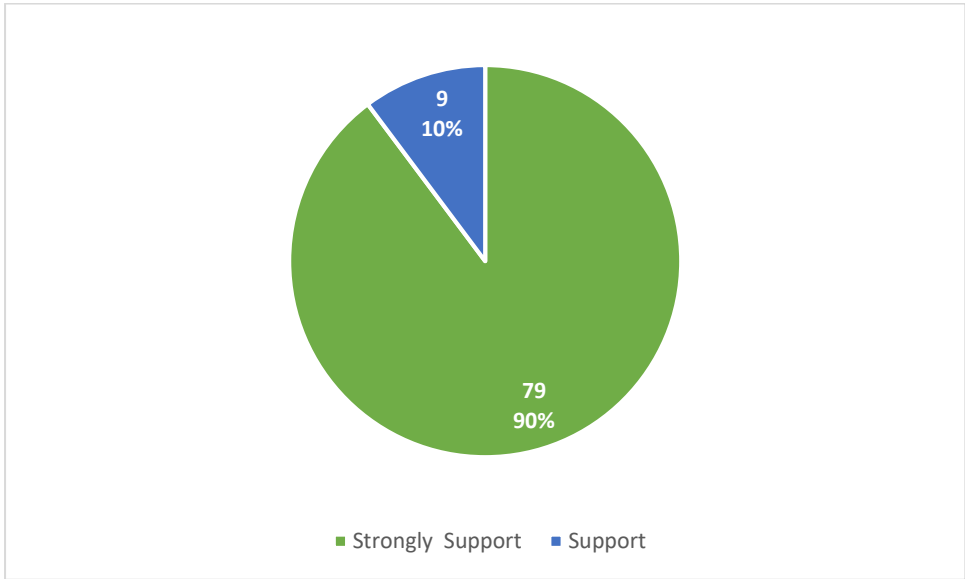
“Mining history of Worthing Mines of Sheidow Park yesteryears.”

“Butterflies and butterfly garden”

OVERALL PROJECT



Q12. Do you support Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve being upgraded and improved?



Summary of results

100% of respondents would like to see the reserve upgraded and improved, with 90% strongly supporting the project.

Q13. Do you have any other feedback about what we should consider?

There was very high support for the upgrade of Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve. Many respondents highlighted the importance of family friendly facilities throughout the reserve including a playground for all ages, pathways, and fencing. Adult fitness equipment was also a popular suggestion and catering for dogs and their owners. A BMX / pump track was supported with the community expressing interest in the planning and future maintenance of a facility.

There was a preference for retaining the natural ambiance of the reserve and the importance of protecting trees and birdlife. There were a number of concerns regarding the existing stormwater pond which is often dry, and the impact of this for frogs, ducks and other wildlife.

A summary of comments received for Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve is provided in the table below:

Comments Summary



PLAYGROUND	FACILITIES / AMENITIES / NATURE
<p>Swing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baby and mum swing • Design of swing (clasps often broken) <p>Nature Play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural elements and playground equipment <p>Playground improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better play equipment ✓✓ • Roundabout • Playground vandalism a concern • Fairy cubby / sculptures • Community games • Flying fox • Provide for both young and older age groups <p>Fencing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fenced playground ✓✓✓✓✓✓ <p>Adult Fitness Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide adult equipment ✓✓✓✓ <p>Basketball court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 on 3 court ✓✓✓ <p>Netball rings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to see in reserve <p>Skate Ramp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a skate ramp for youth • Downhill longboard run <p>BMX Track</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain existing BMX track • Provide a pump track ✓✓✓ • Move existing BMX track away from children play area 	<p>Inclusion and accessibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment and access for people with disabilities ✓✓ <p>Seating / Picnic Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycled plastic seating is preferred • Bins ✓✓ • Drink fountain • BBQs • Hard stand area for food trucks / coffee van • Seats <p>Dogs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog bags within park ✓✓ • Provide for dogs ✓✓ • Dogs on leash ✓✓ • Safety of public around dogs <p>Toilet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs a toilet ✓✓ <p>Pathways / Connections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paths for children to skate / scooter ✓✓✓✓ • Retain coast to vines trail • Pathway improvements • Signage for cyclists (slow down) <p>Trees /Birdlife/ Nature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove exotic trees • More natives ✓✓ • Retain the trees ✓✓✓✓ • Platform to watch ducks in pond • Koalas in area – retain habitat • Retain rocky outcrops • Butterfly garden • Name plates for the trees / plants • Keep site natural ✓ <p>Lighting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting within park ✓✓ • Lighting along bike path <p>Vandalism / Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns regarding vandalism • Concerns regarding safety ✓✓✓ <p>Open Space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximise green space ✓✓



	<p>Utilisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve utilisation of park <p>Stormwater Pond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns that the pond is often dry / in poor condition ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ • Concerns regarding ducks, frogs and wildlife in pond ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ • Pest removal plan needed (rats) • Snake concerns • Safety for children near pond
GENERAL COMMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of space for kids to skate, bike ride or use scooters now that the Woodend School has been fenced • Maintenance – cutting grass ✓ • Thank you for upgrading our open space ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ 	

Examples of comments

"I would love to see the park utilised more, it is already a lovely space and is very popular, but mostly for adults walking or jogging through or as a connector to other paths. I think providing better childrens' play equipment and adult fitness equipment would encourage more families to use the space together, giving adults something to do while children played or vice versa. I also think connecting all the paths so that children scooting, or roller skating could do a loop of the park would be a good idea. The idea of netball rings and basketball 1/2 courts would be great as it would appeal to older kids and there isn't anywhere locally that kids can do that now as so many of the schools are completely fenced."

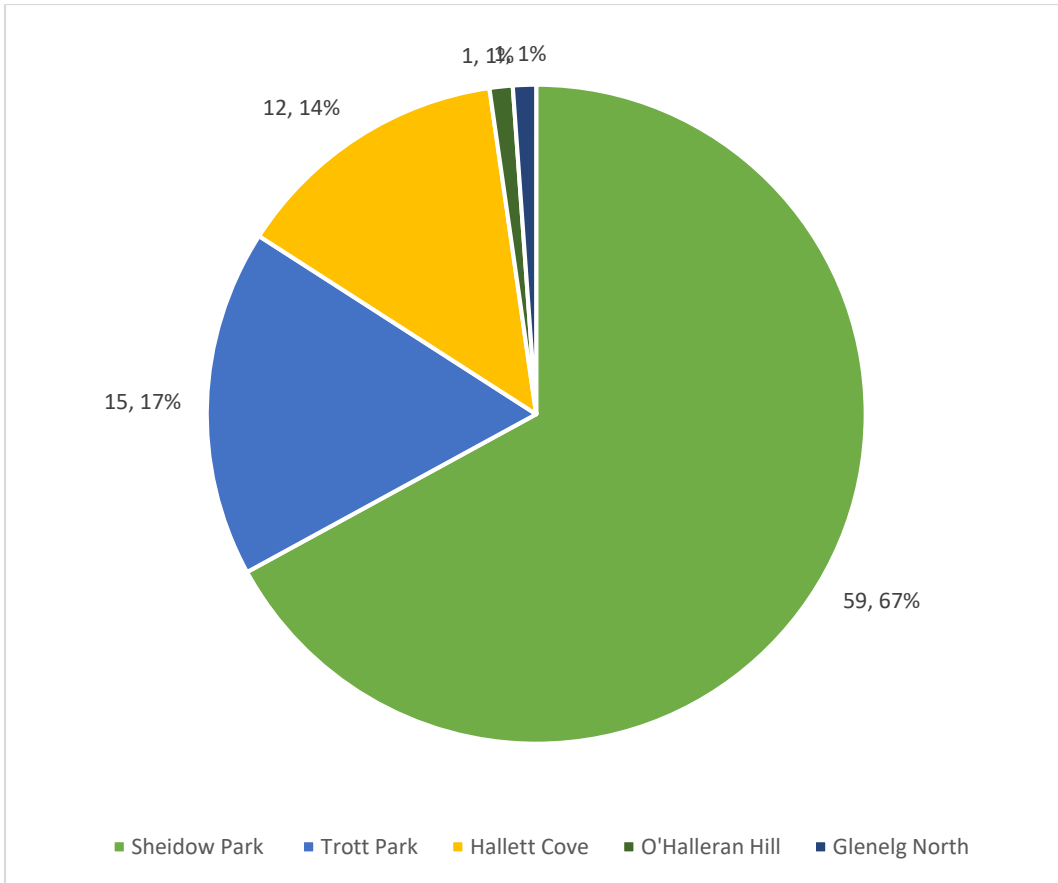
"I find the western end has a very enchanted forest feel. Would be nice to have a fairy cubby or artwork/sculptures such as toadstools down this end to go with the enchanted feel."

"I walk through here almost daily, I would love it to have a bee/butterfly area, more native bird attracting plants, the duck pond to have more water. A picnic area with logs as seats, log seats all over, possum and bird houses in the trees. Maybe a community event to make them? A flying fox, maybe a large slide, public toilet, drawings on the paths of wildlife that live there so the children can see if they can spot them. Perhaps various different photo boards so the children can poke their heads through, large board games like naughts and crosses, fairy garden, little free library, lets make it different, interactive and fun, not focussing on traditional play equipment but more about the picnics and relaxation, name plates identifying the plants."

"Definitely need to consider kids on bikes, scooters so they have somewhere safe to play off the roads. Please prioritise bmx pump track. What a winning idea!!"

"My son and his mates built some bmx jumps in the reserve and alot of the kids in the community have really enjoyed using them. i would love to see a pump track. im sure the boys would be happy to help build and maintain the jumps."

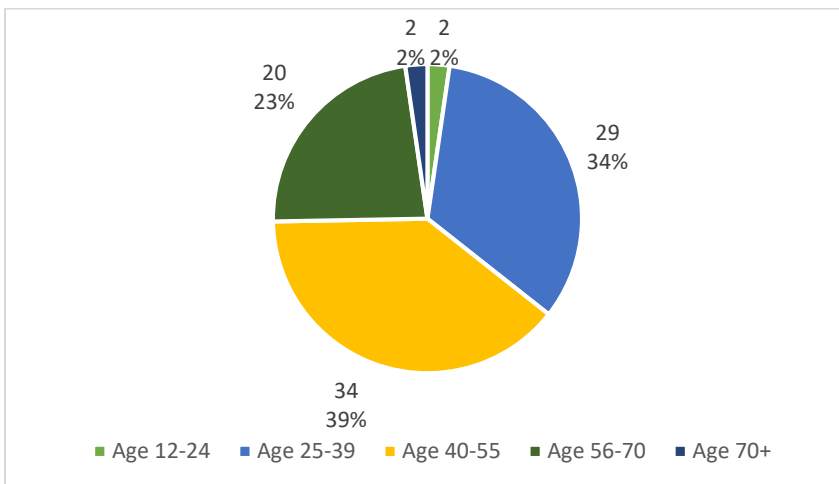
Q13. Suburb



Summary of results

The majority of respondents live in Sheidow Park (67%). A further 21% are from surrounding suburbs including Hallett Cove and Trott Park.

Q14. Age



Summary of results

The majority of respondents are aged between 40-55 years old (39%). A high response was also received from the 25-39 year age bracket (34%). A good response to the survey was received from local youth (ages 12-24 years) with 23% completing the survey.

6. Design Response

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

Overall summary of key themes and the design response:

Key Theme	No. times issue raised	Design response
Equipment requested: Junior play Accessible/Inclusive Provide for both young and older age groups Nature play- fairy cubby/ enchanted forest	1 1 1 2	To be considered through detailed design.
Facilities requested: Toilet Seating BBQ Bins Dog bags Drinking fountain/ dog bowl	2 2 1 2 2 1	These facilities are included in the concept design and will be included in the reserve upgrade as they are within the service levels of the reserve.
Basketball/ Netball	3	Concept plan includes 3X3 basketball court. To be considered through detailed design and budget review.
BMX/ pump track	5	Concept plan includes a dirt pump track. To be considered through detailed design and budget review. Site has many significant trees, hence a large scale pump will not be possible.
Bike/ scooter/ Roller skate	5	The design proposes new asphalt path connections which will allow for riding bike and scooters in the reserve.
Adult Fitness	5	This item is considered in the draft concept plan. These will be further reviewed through detailed design and budget review.
Provide secure fencing	4	Proposed location of junior play items is away from major roads. Buffer planting will be considered as an alternative for safety.
Skate park/ Long board skate	2	This item is not within the service level of the reserve. A new skate park is being developed at Capella Reserve, Hallett Cove
Provide lighting	3	This item will be considered through detailed design and budget review. These will be considered within the Council's Public lighting guidelines.
Provide play equipment suitable for toddlers	3	Noted.
Provide dog friendly area	2	This item is not within the service level of the reserve. Dogs are allowed in the reserve with the regulation 'Dog on leash' within of 5m of playground equipment.
Duck Pond and creek improvement/ restoration	14	Hugh Johnson reserve upgrade is a regional level playground. The works related to the pond are

Retaining water for longer time for ducks, fishes and frogs		outside of these scope of works. However, taking extensive community feedback into consideration, Council is seeking additional funding to undertake some mitigation works. Subject to funding, these works will involve reshaping the pond through minor excavation, removal of silt and tidying up surrounding vegetation.
Maintenance Issues:		These issues have been raised with the relevant Council unit to be followed up.
Rats	2	
Snakes	2	
Weeds/ grass area	2	
Vandalism	1	
Waste litter	3	
Safety	2	
Preserve natural character of the reserve	8	Council will endeavour to retain the natural character of the reserve.

7.Next Steps

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

The feedback received will help inform the Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve Concept Plan.

8.Project Updates

Project updates will be provided through the Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve Upgrade page on the City of Marion website and Making Marion pages

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Question 11 – All responses

Do you have any thoughts on what the theme of the reserve could be?

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

- Nature, the park already provides a nature theme with its natural beauty so theme would be adding to this.
- We are close to the ocean here as well so a nature theme maybe ocean and wildlife in the mix
- Trains, Patpa road used to be a train railway
- nature and recreation
- Strong focus on nature play
- Nature
- I think the area is quite beautiful already, so I think you should keep the environment and nature feel. I have lived here for 10 years and my kids have grown up in this reserve. Even though the playground isn't that great the area is beautiful and we love it. Would hate for any of three trees to be cut down
and loose the beautiful autumn leaves.
- Nature theme, link to the duck pond
- Nature theme to fit with the creek and the suburb of Sheidow Park which is filled with natural spaces.
- Farming
- Nature Ducks birds frogs
- River to coast
- Nature - you will only get birds & other wildlife visiting if you have water and native habitat. Making suitable spaces for suitable vegetation is crucial. A butterfly garden would be beneficial.
- Superheros
- Nature. I have seen some other great parks and reserves that have info about different birds and animals that parents and kids can read.
- My key motivation for providing this feedback, along with helping out my brother's family which includes a 2 year old and a five year old who live very nearby this reserve, is the environment. This reserve feeds a creek that runs into the Field River and there are many invasive species within this reserve and adjacent this reserve such as olives, pines, glauca, saligna and ash trees. Many of these trees spread to other areas through the water course. The gradual removal of these trees would benefit the local environment as well as downstream. A removal program could educate the community about trees and plants native to the area.
- Getting in touch with nature. Nature play. The reserve already attracts such beautiful wildlife/birds so an area that makes them still feel welcome eg. trees/bird bath. A place for kids to go on an adventure and explore.
- Trees. My girls love collecting the fallen leaves in the reserve and compare the shapes.
- Zero carbon emissions. Free locally grown organic food for the community filtering and purifying water on its way down to the sea.
- Currently the park is inundated with wildlife I would like to see this kept and the upgrades not interfere with the ponds and trees
- Peaceful and interesting surroundings, including trees, pleasant looking waterway, and play and fitness equipment, segregated into ages, with proportionate emphasis on older/senior residents. The equipment should be either placed in age related groups, or perhaps mixed so that families can
have their fun while in same proximity. This is an area with many residents aging, and we could do with activity equipment to encourage movement and 'play'.
- Ducks or frogs.

- A nature based theme would be great e.g. wildlife
- Birds and nature, bikes and moving your body
- Aboriginal Culture should be a huge focus of this and could have a story telling element to it.
- Nature and environment
- Multi-use for the community but also an area that reflects the natural environment and provides a safe environment for wildlife.
- Nature, and community
- Birds
- Nature - I love coming to see the ducks and hearing the frogs croak.
- Nature: The range of trees and birds already there is a delight. Frogs come out in the evenings (as does "Mr Ratty") and the whole ecosystem including the duck-pond (when full) is a wonderful attraction.
- Nature, try to keep it as natural as possible
- Fun in the sun
- Farming/environment nature like Wilfred Taylor reserve
- Butterflies, contact bringing back the butterflies organisation
- Mining history of Worthing Mines of Sheidow Park yesteryears
- Nature and Wildlife. There are always lots of beautiful birds there as well as the duck's.
- Birds and trees anything nature
- Birds, bees & butterflies
- The duck pond is the main thing we visit for, could be themed around this.
- Adventure
- History would be great... An old Steam Engine? To bring back the theme of the old Rail Line. Maybe some Steam Buckets that used to be in place to the old Mine?
- Birds, perhaps clovers?
- Birds, trees, wildlife. Rustic artwork.

Appendix 2


Question 13 – All Responses

Do you have any other feedback about what we should consider?

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

- It is pretty dark at night time so some lighting may be good there , It may deter vandalism perhaps.
- More street lamps along the bike path and ones that actually work. You can't use the bike path at night time cause there is no light.
- I would love to see the park utilised more, it is already a lovely space and is very popular, but mostly for adults walking or jogging through or as a connector to other paths. I think providing better childrens' play equipment and adult fitness equipment would encourage more families to use the space together, giving adults something to do while children played or vice versa. I also think connecting all the paths so that children scooting or roller skating could do a loop of the park would be a good idea. The idea of netball rings and basketball 1/2 courts would be great as it would appeal to older kids and there isn't anywhere locally that kids can do that now as so many of the schools are completely fenced.
- As part of the improvement, you should consider remedial works to the pond (lake); I think due to some works done a few years ago, the clay level was removed. Hence although there is water when it rains, the pond does dry up very fast and even in winter. As a result, the breeding of ducks has been deteriorating; 2020 has seen only 2 ducklings and currently they are no where to be seen. Apart from improving the facilities for humans, you must consider the welfare of the wildlife!
- PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE fix the duck pond so that the water does NOT evaporate when it doesn't rain. It would be lovely for it to remain with water all year round for the bird life and for aesthetics - there is nothing worse than walking in this beautiful reserve and looking at a dried up pond with nothing in it !!!
- The area has been greatly disadvantaged since Woodend Primary School installed fencing. Our family regularly used the school basketball courts and our children learnt to ride their bikes on the only flat ground there. We have lived next to this reserve for over 10 years and we would love it to provide the kids of this side of Sheidow Park that are getting older a skatepark or basketball court as they have to travel to Halett Cove or Sheidow Park Primary to use these types of facilities.
- Apart from what I've said above, this reserve is a part of my children's lives as we live two houses away. We've spent a lot of time here with our kids and dog. We would hate for it to become over populated with people but we have always wanted it to be upgraded as the area has great potential. Please don't take away any of the trees as it is such a beautiful area. But we would appreciate a skate ramp and basketball court to be high on the list. This would give something for the children from 7 - 15 something to still do in the park.
- Platform next to the lake to safely watch the ducks for younger children
- 6 year old daughter wants to add "roundabout" to the playground suggestion
- Enclosed playground area for little ones and suitable play equipment for all ages
- Yes a high priority should be to fix the drainage problem from the pond. It would be great to restore the waterway and ponds to be permanently filled with water and stop the continual drainage. It is great to have life in the waterways frogs ducks etc.
- Access and inclusion for people with disabilities should be included in the design. I am happy to provide feedback on a concept design
- 1: There are koalas in this area. Keep it koala friendly (a few more of the right kind of gum trees), and habitat linkage - avoid habitat fragmentation. 2. Maintain or increase natural rock outcrops - the area is of geological interest.

- Removal of exotic trees, unless specifically important for shade. Native trees will grow fast to provide shade in a few years. Natural native areas should be away from high traffic people zones, where possible.
- for question 10, I think 'bins' as an additional option is silly. if you have a public space with people there needs to be bins, it shouldn't even be a question. for the same question and car parking, I put it as the last priority as I don't want to lose green space through that area in order to create parking. currently, I would guess this reserve is primarily used by locals who walk or bike through that path. any additional parking created should be carefully designed to maximize green space.
- make sure the bike track remains open. it's probably the most used part of the area.
- Please do not change the deciduous wooded area. I love walking through there at any time of the year. In spring the new leaf colour is bright green, in summer it provides beautiful shade, autumn has the gorgeous fallen leaves and in winter there is light and the creek running with water (mostly) I would hate to see the area more commercialised and regimented, at the moment it is natural and lovely. I saw the lads making their bmx jumps, so thoughtfully done, parallel to the fence, tucked away, just boys enjoying the outdoors. I know I will probably be in a minority, bbq's, toilets, so commercial. At least I will have another year to enjoy it.
- The rocky water course is teeming with rats! A serious rat removal plan should be considered ASAP if children are to be encouraged to use this facility. Also dog poo bags should be available inside the park, near the car park not at either end where fewer people enter and exit. There is also a problem with three corner jacks in many areas. Cutting the grass has helped but many flowers are missed and give lots of problems in the Summer.
- Please consider fencing and making secure for young children as near busy roads.
- Thanks for your consideration and efforts upgrading our open spaces.
- The water in the main pond can dry up after a week or so of dry weather. Something to help maintain a good level of water in the pond would be great to maintain wildlife in the park. Ducks, frogs, yabbies, birds. When I was a kid and offer visited the park we could even catch fish in there.
- Good lighting until maybe 8-9pm. Not all night as it may attract unsavoury people but so we can rug up in winter and still have light over there until a reasonable hour.
- Fencing around junior play areas is a necessity.
- A downhill longboard skateboarders run. Similar to a bike path but with banked corners and an uphill ending to slow down on.
- Lots of play equipment is unfortunately vandalised so maybe equipment that cannot be broken should be installed, eg the flying foxes do not last long.
- A combination of groups activities/fun/play, and certain equipment that individuals can use independantly, if they wish to do this. Build it and they will come - as long as it is interesting. I am happy to discuss further as the process reaches the draft stage.
- I find the western end has a very enchanted forest feel. Would be nice to have a fairy cubby or artwork/sculptures such as toadstools down this end to go with the enchanted feel.
- We don't currently use the reserve as our daughter is under two and we have another one in the way but it is only a 5 minute walk from our house and as our girls get older I think it will be a great space for them.
- I love the greenery and mature trees, it is a peaceful space where I'd love more linger nodes throughout. There are many many young playgrounds throughout Marion council and would rather see council capitalise on the bikes and community exercise that this reserve is mostly used for. Finally, please make sure dogs are well looked after to as many families use the paths to walk their pets too.
- I walk through here almost daily, I would love it to have a bee/butterfly area, more native bird attracting plants, the duck pond to have more water. A picnic area with logs as seats, log seats all over, possum and bird houses in the trees. Maybe a community event to make them? A flying fox, maybe a large slide, public toilet, drawings on the paths of wildlife that live there so



the children can see if they can spot them. Perhaps various different photo boards so the children can poke their heads through, large board games like naughts and crosses, fairy garden, little free library, lets make it different, interactive and fun, not focussing on traditional play equipment but more about the picnics and relaxation, name plates identifying the plants.

- After about 15 years of complaining to council that the pond is dry most of the year they still have not fixed it. This is the centre piece of the park and habitat for wildlife. If you dont fix the pond first, the rest of the expenditure is a waste of rates.

- The pond is a key feature of the reserve which has been neglected since it was drained/cleaned out a number of years ago which must have destroyed the clay base. It is a focal point for family visits and is particular with children who enjoy seeing the ducks. The pond is also important habit for the ducks and a nature corridor for wildlife generally. Unfortunately for most of the Spring/Summer weather the pond is completely dry and just a dusty crater. I look forward to the reserve being upgraded and think many people will utilise the facilities (we certainly saw the reserve's popularity soar during the COVID lockdown period). With more mixed use and a dog park in nearby Trott Park, I would like the reserve to be made 'on leash only' for dog owners (BTW I am a dog owner and always walk my dogs in the reserve) - I think this is particularly important with the possibility of more children using the reserve.

- No other feedback, but very excited about the upgrade, looking forward to being able to take my little boys there to play and enjoy a bbq at the park with friends and family.


- The pond dries up in summer very quickly and needs better management

- It is a great idea because at present the area is under utilized and looks a bit dingy, yet it is such a beautiful area and we walk here often!

- Please consider using recycled plastic content for the picnic tables, park benches, etc.

- I have walked this park on an almost daily basis with my dogs since I moved here 16 years ago and I used it as great solace and exercise during my breast-cancer rehabilitation. I love this park and I would be disappointed to see it overrun by 'youth' (as the Glade Cres, Hallett Cove reserve appears to be - especially around the 'basket swings' there). I actively collect rubbish (e.g. chip bags, bread bags and take-away drink cups/bottles) most days and I report any maintenance issues to Marion Council. Along with the improvements you're planning, I would like to see the following considered: 1. Dig the duck pond deeper... (Some 10 or so years ago the duck pond was deepened and the water collected (and the ducks) stayed longer because of this). It's damp and smelly at present. 2. Clear some of the encroaching reeds from the pond and particularly from the pond edges... Unfortunately 'youths' have been entering the reeds from the Patpa Drive side and bothering the birds. I understand that the reeds are an important 'filter' but they've been allowed to encroach too much into the pond area. 3. Provide more bins - ones that the birds are unable to pick from... I've reported to council that the surrounds of the bin near the toilet block at Glade Crescent Reserve, Hallett Cove often has rubbish strewn around... I've witnessed this caused by the large raven birds (and sometimes seagulls) pulling rubbish out! A bin near the current slide/play area is most necessary... Nappies and wrappers have been left there on occasions. 4. Supply more 'doggy-doo bags' dispensers. I take a number of bags and unfortunately I end up collecting other people's dogs' doo-doo's (along with rubbish) as I would be so disappointed to see dogs banned because of their owner's carelessness. 5. Erect more "Slow Down" and "Alert your Approach" signs along the path for cyclists... Unfortunately some cyclists wizz past from behind scaring walkers and toddlers strolling the pathways. Some cyclists shout 'interesting' words if they're forced to brake because of an errant toddler (or dog) (or older person- like my mother)! 6. Supply a water-fountain (with paved surround) for humans and dogs alike... I bought a stainless steel doggy water bowl some months ago and I'm happy to report that this bowl is still there under the current water-fountain. I believe the 'natural (national park) feel' of the Hugh- Johnson Reserve is its best attraction (compared the children's play- park/kick-about areas of the Southbank Boulevard Reserve close-by) and I wouldn't like to see it overrun by too many 'man-made' structures or embellishments.

- We definitely need more outdoor play spaces for our kids to encourage them to spend more time outdoors.
- Toilets and bbq
- Keep it as natural as possible and leave the stand of pine trees
- Tends to be a LOT of snakes sighted in that area around summer with the water, ducks etc. Consideration into what plants are used and the maintenance of the grasses and the area. Needs to be kept well. The grass area in general around Patpa drive needs to be mowed more often. Atm the grass near the houses adjacent the power station (off Berrima) is over a metre tall. Fire hazard and snakes. This feeds into the this reserve area.
- Would be good to see slides for both young and older kids. Often when doing nature play grounds the climbing elements to the slides are too difficult.
- Definitely need to consider kids on bikes, scooters so they have somewhere safe to play off the roads. Please prioritise bmx pump track. What a winning idea!!
- I believe that the water course desperately needs clearing of weeds and introduced trees. The duck pond is so often dry as not enough water can get through. When I first moved to Sheidow Park, you would see numerous ducklings and moor hen chicks. This last spring, there was only five ducklings and no hen chicks. Rats too seem to be a problem.
- Great plans.
- Pls pls consider adult fitness equipment such as Glenelg and Somerton Park and Page park. Covid has had such an impact and people can't afford to go to gym anymore.
- The baby and mum swings are AMAZING! We would love to see one of those. Also the playground being closed in.
- Ensure the lake is always filled to encourage the bird wild life. It dries out very quickly.
- Adding a small coffee stand/stall/converted shipping container/van/Cafe, this would attract more people to the area, being able to go for a nice walk and grab a coffee, letting the kids play while you have a coffee then walking home.
- My son and his mates built some bmx jumps in the reserve and alot of the kids in the community have really enjoyed using them. i would love to see a pump track. im sure the boys would be happy to help build and maintain the jumps.
- The duck ponds- it's a highlight for me when I see water and ducks swimming.
- I think the most important improvement is to find a way to ensure there is always water in the pond/creek. I wrote to Marion Council about this some years ago but was told the solution was too expensive. I hope out is addressed as it would be wonderful to encourage the wildlife that the water attracts.
- Inclusive equipment & activities for people with disabilities.
- I would love to see adult gym equipment. Good quality equipment that is maintained that you can use to have a good workout on, weight based, cardio etc not just flimsy equipment, I'd like proper workout/gym equipment.
- It would be good if the BMX/Pump track was bitumen to allow for scooters as well as bikes. Or a dirt bike track with a smaller pump track next to it. We are looking forward to this reserve being upgraded - living nearby, our children will be able to get so much more use out of it.
- Please also think about dogs and people who walk them.
- Have seen snakes and rats down by the pond before, perhaps signs to be aware? Also to have a better constructed pathway all the way around the loop for children with their bikes or for prams.
- Currently I see that this park is mainly used for people walking their dogs and many dogs are off leads especially on the dirt path side, please keep in mind keeping children safe from dogs by either fencing the playground or restricting the park to dogs on leads. Thank you.
- As a child that pond would never empty with water. We used to catch Yabbies in-between the rocks of the water fall. It would be great if the water would could again. We could catch fish in that pond too... It was only Carp...

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- Would love to see an adult fitness focus rather than another children's playground, especially because there are no gyms in Trott Park/Sheidow Park.
 - I have noticed that a lot of the baby swings in the local area have a broken clasp so i am not sure if there is a better design that can be used. I really like the style of the foreshore park at Halle Cove so not sure if we can emulate that. I would like to see the pond made as safe as possible too especially with little kids running around.
 - Seating & toilet.