

## **Morphettville Reserves**

### Community Consultation Findings

March 2021

## 1. Introduction

This report summarises community consultation on the proposed plan for the upgrade of the open space at:

- Denham Avenue Reserve
- McKellar Terrace Reserve
- Kellett Reserve Land

Denham Avenue Reserve will be upgraded with:

- 2 picnic benches
- 1 seat
- Minor landscaping

The garden bed beside the tennis court at McKellar Terrace Reserve will be replanted. The white chain link fence in the southern portion is currently being considered for removal.

Kellett Reserve Land is a biodiversity area and will be planted with native trees and shrubs to enhance the site. A pathway following the current informal trail through the reserve will be formalised.

Council asked the administration to explore the opportunity to add a basketball court to a reserve within 1km of Stanley Street Reserve, Glengowrie. It has been proposed to investigate a 3v3 basketball court at these reserves. Three options are proposed (please see attachment 1):

Option A - McKellar Terrace Reserve

Option B - Denham Avenue Reserve (option 1)

Option C - Denham Avenue Reserve (option 2)

## 2. Consultation Program

Engagement occurred to inform community members of the proposed plan for the Morphetville Reserves and to seek their feedback on the design. The consultation survey was open for 3 weeks from 1 March to 22 March 2021.

The survey was made available online at [makingmarion.com.au/morphettville-reserves](https://makingmarion.com.au/morphettville-reserves)

Residents were informed about the survey in the following ways:

- **Flyer** - A hard copy flyer was delivered to approximately 957 households within roughly 400m<sup>2</sup> radius of the reserve outlining the period of consultation.
- **Onsite sign** - An onsite sign was installed at the three reserves promoting the Making Marion link and consultation deadline.
- **Social media** post promoting the survey.

## 3. Consultation Overview

Residents were invited to provide feedback on the plans for the Morphetville Reserves through the online survey via Making Marion.

In total, during this 3-week consultation period Council received 32 submissions:

- 27 electronic responses to the Making Marion survey
- 5 hard copy surveys, which were transferred into the online survey data.
- 2 submissions via email that were not included in the online results.

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 plans for the Morphettville Reserves received positive comments and constructive feedback. In summary:

- A total of 119 visits were recorded to the project's Making Marion web page where residents could access the concept plan, flyer and survey.
- 32 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
McKellar is the preferred option for the basketball court	While the majority of respondents indicated that a basketball court at McKellar Terrace Reserve was the most suitable option, the addition of this 3 v 3 basketball court has been delayed as we further investigate options to minimise sound impacts on the surrounding residents. If suitable options are found and if the basketball 3 v 3 court will be built in the future we will further consult with residents.
The trees at McKellar Terrace Reserve and other reserves should be protected	No trees will be removed to provide for a court or other improvements at any reserve. Tree Protection Zones will also be recognized in the placement of the court should this go ahead. More trees will be planted.
Benches in the southern portion of McKellar Terrace Reserve should be incorporated	A budget has not been specified for benches within the southern portion. However, should budget permit, benches can be considered.
Kellett Reserve land needs irrigation and grass	This reserve is a biodiversity site with native grasses. The site will be preserved with biodiversity plantings and will not be irrigated or turfed.
Is it possible to add a sandpit?	This project does not consider additional playground items.
Grass / Lawn should be planted in the southern portion of McKellar Avenue Reserve	Irrigation and turf in this portion have not been considered in this project.



NaBotto Court should be considered before spending money at McKellar Terrace Reserve	NaBotto Reserve has been considered for a minor upgrade within the Open Space Plan 25/26.
The fence around the playground should be upgraded for child safety	A new fence will be considered in the project, subject to budget allocations

## SURVEY RESULTS

**Q1 Council recently resolved to investigate a suitable site for a 3 v 3 basketball court within 1000m of Stanley Street Reserve. We propose three options within these reserves.**

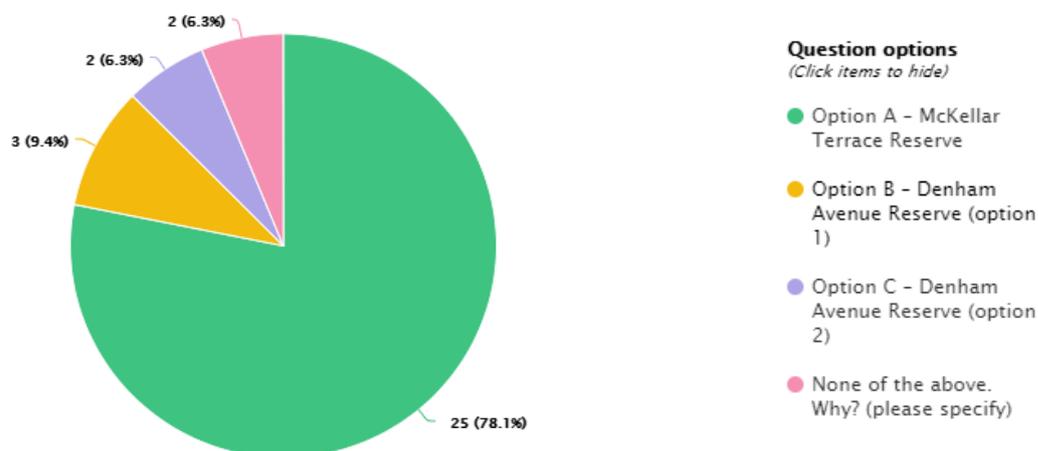
**Option A – McKellar Terrace Reserve**

**Option B – Denham Avenue Reserve (option 1)**

**Option C – Denham Avenue Reserve (option 2)**

**Which is your preferred option?**

Options	Rank
McKellar Terrace Reserve	1
Denham Avenue Reserve (Option 1)	2
Denham Avenue Reserve (Option 2)	=3
None of the above.	=3



**Summary of results:** McKellar Terrace Reserve was the preferred option for the basketball court with 78% of the votes.

Commentary from those who did not want the basketball court at McKellar:

Comment	Preferred Location
"Basketball Court Do we really need a basketball court here at all???? I do not want the 'bounce,bounce,bounce'" of basketballs anywhere near option A Kendall Tce. The proposed location is probably the closest you could get to houses in the area, which seems totally inappropriate. We already have the tennis courts (which have just had lights installed which increases their use and diminishes our 'peacefulness') and the playground. I think this area has pulled it's weight - put it over near the shops where it is already noisy, or better still next to the CEO or councillors' houses. The rest of the stuff is fine "	Option C
The condition of surface of the Denham Avenue reserve has generally deteriorated over the last 15 years. In the winter time the majority of the reserve is covered in weeds and is compacted by its use every weekend as a warm up area for several football games. In the summer these weeds die off and there are large ungrassed areas. From a person per square metre perspective the wear and tear is much higher on this	Option B

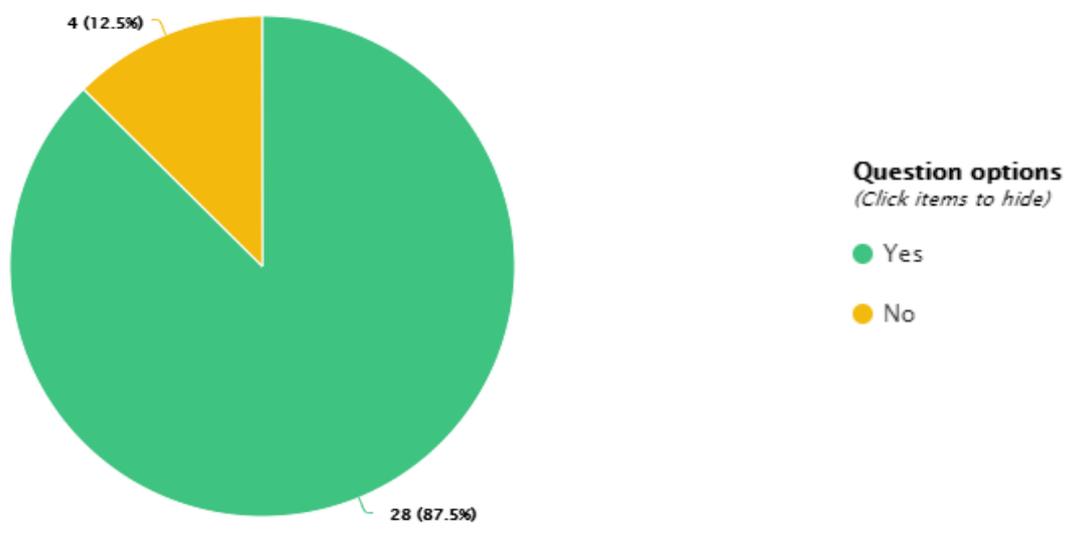


Comment	Preferred Location
<p>reserve than the actual oval (which is very well maintained and looks great) and yet the reserve receives very little maintenance. I can personally attest to the above as I have lived on XX Ave since 1989. Kudos on the club upgrade, it's a real community asset and both myself and many locals have spoken to feel very fortunate to have this facility in our community. The basketball facility will be a great addition and is eagerly anticipated by both of our sons and their friends.</p>	
<p>The lorikeets and wildlife heavily rely on those trees on McKellar Terrace reserve, they should be protected where ever possible, especially given how you are approving houses to be sandwiched on blocks these days. There is minimal trees in people's gardens anymore.</p>	Option B
<p>Kellett reserve land needs irrigation as well and grass covered</p>	Option C
<p>I feel Option B for the basketball court is best given the ages this facility attracts. Option A is too close to the playground used by toddlers &amp; very small children who may find groups/gatherings of older and mostly boys intimidating. Also Option B is close enough to the Sports Club for those older children who may have parents or younger siblings using the sports ground.</p>	Option B
<p>"This is a complete waste of money. There is a reserve at the corner of Nabotto Court Natski Court Claines avenue which has been utterly neglected for years that trees are dying and falling on people's property. It's a disgrace that you are not spending money here instead of already developed parks.</p> <p>I request you stop turning this reserve into an arid desert and do something about the safety issues you are causing by letting trees die and the street fill with tree rubbish on a daily basis. "</p>	None of the Above
<p>None I don't want the noise and associated car parking which is already out of control in this area</p>	None of the above
<p>*We are worried about potential noise associated with the basketball court and unwanted youth that may congregate after dark.</p>	Option B
<p>*Because both sites are prominent and parking is adequate, either Options B or C would be preferred for the proposed Basketball Practice Court.</p>	Option B or C

\*Late / email response not included in survey results



**Q2. The white chain link fence in the southern portion of McKellar Terrace Reserve is proposed to be removed. The fence is in poor condition and now the trees are mature it is not required to stop cars driving on the reserve? Do you support this removal?**



**Summary of results:** Respondents showed support for the removal of the fence in the southern portion of McKellar Avenue Reserve.

**Q3 If no, why?**

The respondents who did not want the chain link fence removed provided the following comments:

- I like the chain fence. It is a barrier for children as well.
- Selfish reasons but it reminds me of my childhood memories there
- I don't think mature trees are going to stop people you could drive the QE2 in there sideways if you wanted to- don't make up stupid reasons that don't make sense to justify something.
- Waste of money
- Costs too much money

The two respondents who said that the cost was the issue were concerned that we have not improved NaBotto Reserve at Morphetville.



***Q4. The white chain link fence in the playground portion of McKellar Terrace Reserve will be retained. Do you have any comments about this?***

I think it should be retained it is a play area.
It's a playground and should be retained
Need a stronger fence with more security for children to play in the area. Especially with a basketball court the ball can easily roll onto the road. Need a fence that prevents sporting goods from going onto the road
That's good.
I like this idea, keeps the area safe and makes the reserve look more up to date.
playgrounds need fences
playgrounds need fences
No
Happy to hear, can you restore the southern portion also?
For child safety it may be a good opportunity to replace this fence with a low chainlink fence.
this looks just as bad as the south side so it should removed as well (or replaced with something 'nice' looking
The chain is in disrepair & looks ugly. Also doesn't seem to serve any purpose anymore.
No
Good idea
As long as it is not a trip hazard

**Summary of results:** While the majority are happy to keep this fence there is the suggestion that the fencing can be improved and renewed. This option can be explored through the planning process, subject to budget allocation.

**Q5. Do you have any other comments on the reserve upgrades?**

**Denham Avenue Reserve**

**McKellar Terrace Reserve**

**Kellett Reserve Land**

The reserve upgrades are great. I didn't want basketball court on Denham a lot of older people use the reserve. They would not be happy with the basketball court added here. It's a community gathering space.

Denham is a community gathering space. A lot of elderly people gather here. Have a basketball court located there would disturb them.

This is the best option for the basketball court as there is already sport played there + shouldn't disrupt residents and people who like to relax in the reserves.

Maintain greenspace in denham avenue reserve.

The McKellar Terrace basketball court is a great idea as this complements the tennis court and football/cricket oval already in the same area. The Denham options are not safe because there is high traffic around the shops and so we don't want the balls rolling onto the roads.

Would hate to see any trees removed from the Denham Reserve, they are beautiful. The parrots enjoy their blossoms. Too many trees being removed around the Marion Council area.

At the end where the link fence will be removed. I would like to see grass/lawn planted there. People play golf, children kick the football, people walk dogs. In the summer it's got branches, leaves, it's hot and dusty. I think it would benefit the community more to have grass even if the shrubs are planted as well.

Too much ants crowing everywhere not to sure picnics will be enjoyable?

Is it possible to add on sand pit for kids?

Please observe smoking habits, I have seen Morphettville sports clubs allowing staff and guest smoking along walk path.

The McKellar Terrace Reserve is used very often due to it's view of the football oval and tennis courts, proximity to car parking, and it's facilities. Removing the fence from the southern section is an excellent idea as it need repair and is not really necessary.

In regards to the Denham Av Reserve it lacks the same closeness feeling to the football field that the McKellar reserve has (parent's wont want children out of sight or to miss the sport on the oval), does not have the same shade and is closer to noisy Morphett Road - in my opinion it would not be as utilised by the community.

Thankyou :)

Basket Ball courts should not be placed on the Denholm reserve as this reserve is used as a social meeting place for people who are too old to play basketball and would have absolutely NO tolerance for young, loud people and the multitude of cars that would ultimately follow them and no doubt park out front of my house all hours of the day and night!!

Not to mention the fact that if a ball were to damage one of my expensive motorcycles the council would no doubt be dealing with my insurance company and the person throwing the ball will be dealing with me.

This would definitely create friction between between Residents who border the reserve, people who visit for quiet social gatherings and basketball court users! this I pretty much guarantee.

The reserve at the proposed Denholm avenue site(s) are not wide enough for Basketball courts and is too

close to residents houses, how would you like it if someone was yelling, bouncing/banging a ball outside your house in the morning or at night?

Honestly what clown proposed this?

Everyone will enjoy benches and perhaps a table but no courts!!

Reserve on Denham avenue is too narrow for basketball courts.

There will also be too many car parking issues.

It is too close to residents houses so noise will be a factor.

The reserve is used for social gatherings for people who are not interested in basket Ball.

picnic tables and benches will be a welcome addition but not courts.

Looking forward to the upgrade. Very much needed and long awaited, especially for basketball courts.

The lorikeets and wildlife heavily rely on those trees on mckellar terrace reserve, they should be protected where ever possible, especially given how you are approving houses to be sandwiched on blocks these days. There is minimal trees in peoples gardens anymore.

The condition of surface of the Denham Avenue reserve has generally deteriorated over the last 15 years. In the winter time the majority of the reserve is covered in weeds and is compacted by its use every weekend as a warm up area for several football games. In the summer these weeds die off and there are large ungrassed areas. From a person per square metre perspective the wear and tear is much higher on this reserve than the actual oval (which is very well maintained and looks great) and yet the reserve receives very little maintenance. I can personally attest to the above as I have lived on XX Ave since 1989. Kudos on the club upgrade, it's a real community asset and both myself and many locals have spoken to feel very fortunate to have this facility in our community. The basketball facility will be a great addition and is eagerly anticipated by both of our sons and their friends.

Benches in the southern portion of McKellar Tce Reserve should be incorporated to replace previous bench/s that have been removed.

Basketball Court

Do we really need a basketball court here at all????

I do not want the 'bounce,bounce,bounce" of basketballs anywhere near option A Kendall Tce. The proposed location is probably the closest you could get to houses in the area, which seems totally inappropriate. We already have the tennis courts (which have just had lights installed which increases their use and diminishes our 'peacefulness') and the playground. I think this area has pulled its weight - put it over near the shops where it is already noisy, or better still next to the CEO or councillors' houses. The rest of the stuff is fine

Kellett reserve land needs irrigation as well and grass covered

Denham Avenue reserve is too busy with traffic on either side to put a basketball court. Think there would be safety concerns putting it here, especially as the roads here are bad at the best of times

I feel Option B for the basketball court is best given the ages this facility attracts. Option A is too close to the playground used by toddlers & very small children who may find groups/gatherings of older and mostly boys intimidating. Also Option B is close enough to the Sports Club for those older children who may have parents or younger siblings using the sports ground.

Southern end of McKellar Tce could be seeded with a drought and shade tolerant grass to improve the usability and appearance of the reserve

I think the 3v3 basketball court is best at McKellar as there is already playground equipment there. If going with the family it would be good to have little and big kids play in the same area.

Keep Denham Avenue Reserve Clear ALL residence of Regan Avenue walk across the reserve to the shops, most are elderly, we don't need the possibility of them being affected by a basketball court and the associated issues.

no

Save the green space of Denham Ave Reserve

Better to incorporate the basketball court in the area with other sporting venues. Picnic tables and seats would be suited to Denham Res.

This is a complete waste of money. There is a reserve at the corner of Nabotto Court Natski Court Claines avenue which has been utterly neglected for years that trees are dying and falling on people's property. It's a disgrace that you are not spending money here instead of already developed parks.

I request you stop turning this reserve into an arid desert and do something about the safety issues you are causing by letting trees die and the street fill with tree rubbish on a daily basis.

Why is it the council is wasting money developing this area. I'm not allowed to exercise my dog on the oval yet the reserve at the end of my street near Na Botto court has been turned into a dust bowl! It hasn't been watered for years. The trees are dying. The grass has all died and overtaken by weeds. Trees are falling over there because it's never been watered. Yet despite that across Sturt creek the lawn gets watered every day. It's disgraceful that you let this park fall into disrepair and our streets are clogged with litter from the trees dropping their bark and leaves from no water

\*Because both sites are prominent and parking is adequate, either Options B or C would be preferred for the proposed Basketball Practice Court.

It is pleasing to note that the garden bed on the northern elevation of the tennis courts will be planted with shrubs and ground cover.

While council is making concerted efforts to beautify the area it is a pity that the old, tired and in some parts ugly shrubs on the eastern side of the tennis courts are not being replaced with shrubs like those recently planted along many nearby roadways

\*Apologies, I thought the feedback closing date was the 29th March.

I hope you can accept this feedback.

Re the basketball court

In order of preference we would vote:

Option B

Option C

Option A.

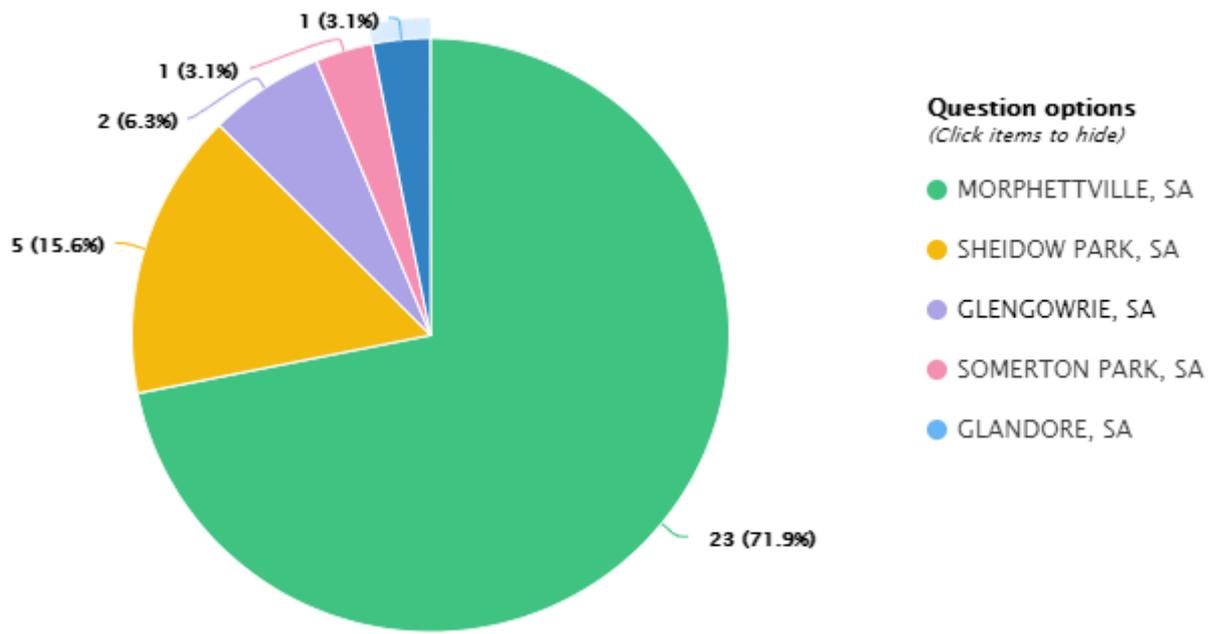
We are worried about potential noise associated with the basketball court and unwanted youth that may congregate after dark.

We wondered why option A appears to be so close to the road and not in the middle backing onto the tennis courts.

\*Late / email response not included in survey results



**Q6. Suburb**



**Summary of results:** A majority of respondents live in Morphetville.

# ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Preliminary Schematic Concept Plan

# Attachment 1: Draft Concept plan



- Remnant native vegetation to be retained
- New garden beds with native trees and plantings
- New compacted rubble pathway
- New gravel pavement for future raised garden beds

**Basketball Court**  
 Council recently resolved to investigate a suitable site for a 3v3 basketball court within 1000m of Stanley Street Reserve. We propose three options within these reserves.

- Option A – McKellar Terrace Reserve
- Option B – Denham Avenue Reserve – East
- Option C – Denham Avenue Reserve – West

**Chain Link Fence**  
 The white chain link fence in the southern portion of McKellar Reserve is proposed to be removed. The fence is in poor condition and the trees are mature enough to prevent cars driving on the reserve.

The fence around the playground portion will be retained.

**Natural Landscaping and Furniture**  
 Funds will be invested in a revegetation plan to improve the biodiversity and amenity of the reserves. New reserve furniture will also be included.

- Two new picnic benches and a seat will be added to Denham Avenue Reserve as well as minor landscaping.
- The garden bed alongside the tennis court at McKellar Terrace Reserve will be planted with native shrubs and groundcovers.
- Kellett Avenue Reserve will be planted with native trees and shrubs and a pathway mirroring the desire line though the reserve will be formalised

Examples of the plants that will be planted at Kellett Reserve Land and McKellar Terrace Reserve can be found with the online survey at: [makingmarion.com.au/morphetville-reserves](http://makingmarion.com.au/morphetville-reserves)

