



First Avenue Reserve Playground

Draft Concept Community Consultation
Findings

December 2017



1. Introduction

This report summarises the community consultation undertaken on the draft concept plan for the development of First Avenue Reserve.

First Avenue Reserve is located at 10 -12 First Avenue in Ascot Park.

The playground at the reserve was installed in 1994 and consists of the following facilities: swings, multistation, gazebo with seating, barbecue and an open grassed area.

First Avenue Reserve playground has reached its useful life expectancy and is in need of an upgrade.

2. Consultation Program

The purpose of the engagement was to inform the community members of the draft concept for First Avenue Reserve and seek their feedback. The consultation survey was open for 3 weeks from 22 November 2017 to 13 December 2017.

The survey was made available on line at www.makingmarion.com.au/first-avenue-reserve.

The community were informed about the survey in the following ways:

- A hard copy flyer was delivered to approximately 1000 households within a radius of roughly 400m of the reserve outlining the period of consultation.
- Social media posts were placed on the City of Marion Facebook page.
- An onsite consultation with the local community was undertaken on 2 December 2017 at 1.30-2.30pm, which was attended by approximately 7 people.

3. Consultation Overview

Community members were invited through the online survey to provide feedback on the draft concept plan for Bandon Terrace Reserve.

As a summary, during this 3-week consultation period Council received:

- 7 electronic responses from Making Marion.

A full summary of all responses to each question is provided within this report. Responses have been listed as worded by the respondent. For privacy reasons, respondents' details have not been included.

4. Consultation Findings

Overall, the draft concept plan for First Avenue Reserve has been well received and responses were very constructive. In summary:

- A total of 16 visits were recorded between the 3 week period to the project's Making Marion web page where survey tools including the Draft Concept and Precedent Images were available for viewing.
- A total of 7 responses to the survey were received.
- Please see below for the results of this survey. A hard copy of the survey can be found in Attachment 1.

5. Summary of feedback received

The table below identifies some of the concerns and issues raised regarding the playground upgrade and how the feedback was considered when finalising the concept design.

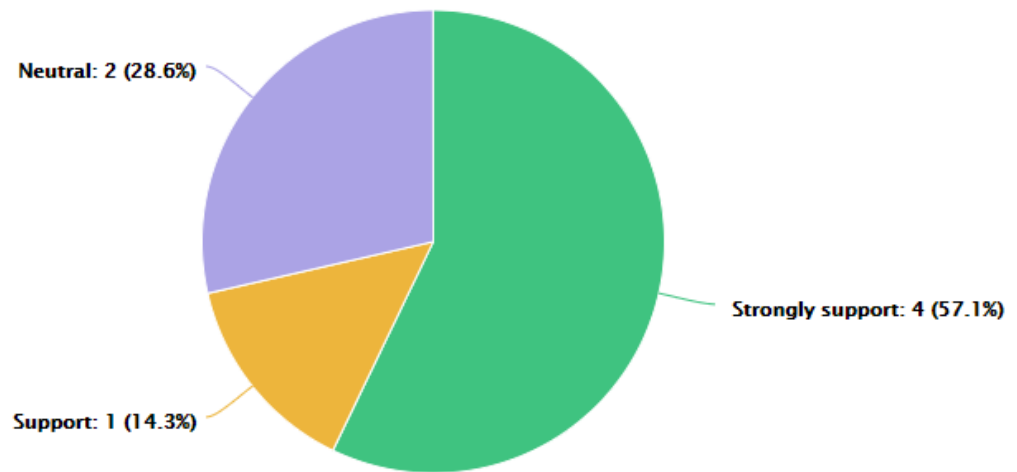
Overall summary of key themes received

<i>Key Theme</i>	<i>No. times issue raised</i>	<i>Design Response</i>
Place fencing (or structure plantings) adjacent road boundary to prevent children running on road due to traffic concerns	2	<p>Mounding and planting has been used to create a natural barrier to the road. A break in the planting is required to allow maintenance vehicle access to the reserve.</p> <p>Councils Traffic Engineer investigated the traffic conditions in the street and considered if any traffic control devices were required to reduce speeds. Following the traffic survey, it was determined that road is operating satisfactorily. Traffic counters will be installed again following the reserve upgrade.</p> <p>As a result of site observation, a number of possible solutions have been investigated. Subsequently, the following treatments will be undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “Play Ground” sign located in front of the property at NO. 9 First Ave is so close to the reserve. It should be noted that the desired distance between the sign and reserve should be 30m. Therefore, the sign will be relocated. • The existing broken white line will be replaced with solid white centre line (Length: 41.4m). • The damaged signs will be renewed.
More play equipment (including slides, sandpit, see-saw, climbing ropes)	1	<p>The reserve design has focused on nature play as the major play element. This was supported verbally at the on-site consultation and in the survey with ‘nature play and swinging’ being the most preferred elements in the design. The formal equipment selected (swinging and climbing) was supported in the survey results.</p>

Remove barbecue	1	At the on-site consultation there was verbal support for keeping the barbecue and confirmation that it was popular and well used. 43% of respondents to the survey identified the BBQ as being an element that they most liked about the draft concept.
Use recycled plastic for seating, shelter and tables	1	We will use a furniture style that is consistent with other reserves in the area.
Plant/landscape for minimal maintenance	1	Plants have been selected that are native, hardy and have low water and low maintenance requirements.
Shade over playground	1	A shade sail is not within the asset service level of a local park and outside the budget.
Request for basketball ring	1	A basketball ring is not within the asset service level for a local park. A basketball hoop is available at nearby Yanyarrie Reserve or Edwardstown Oval.
Provide drinking fountain	1	There is a current drink tap which will be retained and updated with a new post.
More equipment for adults such as exercise equipment or community garden.	1	A community garden needs to be managed and implemented by a community group. If a suitable site is available there is a formal application process that residents can submit for approval. The site is limited in size for a formal community garden. A grove of citrus trees has been incorporated into the design. Ascot Park Primary School (within close proximity to the reserve) will be developing a community garden as part of their successful Fund My Neighbourhood project.
Request for more lighting in street	1	Councils Traffic Engineer confirmed that the current street lighting spacing meets the Australian Standards.



Q1 Overall, what is your level of support for the draft concept plan of the reserve playground?

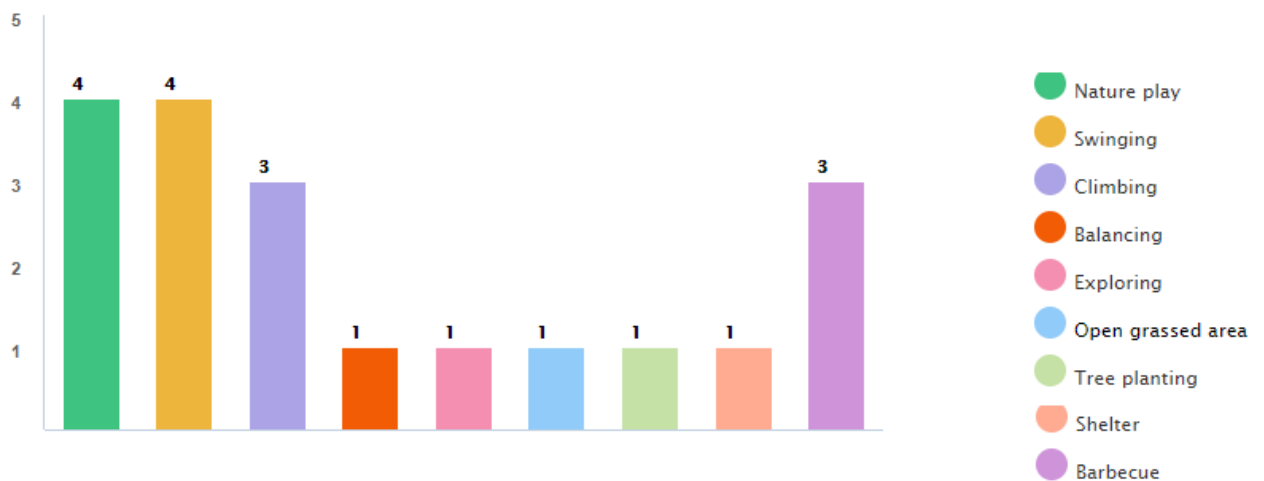


Summary of results:

The pie chart above illustrates that 4 (57.1%) of the 7 respondents strongly support the proposed draft concept, whilst 1 respondent (14.3%) was in support and 2 (28.6%) respondents were neutral.

Overall the draft concept has been well received by respondents with the majority in support.

Q2. What elements do you most like about the draft concept for this reserve? (please select your top 3).



Summary of results:

The above bar graph indicates that the most liked aspects of the draft concept were nature play, swinging and climbing with the retention of the barbecue also being well received.

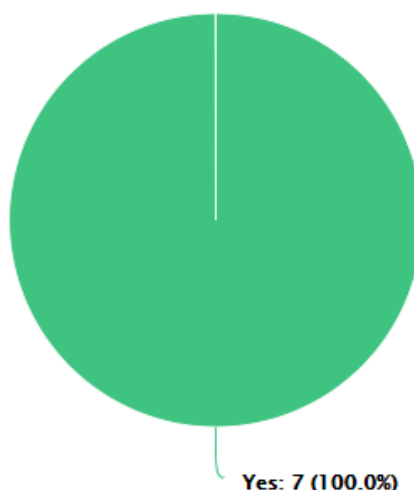
Q3. Do you have any other comments or suggestions regarding the playground upgrade?

All respondents provided a comment or suggestion regarding the playground upgrade.

Summary of results:

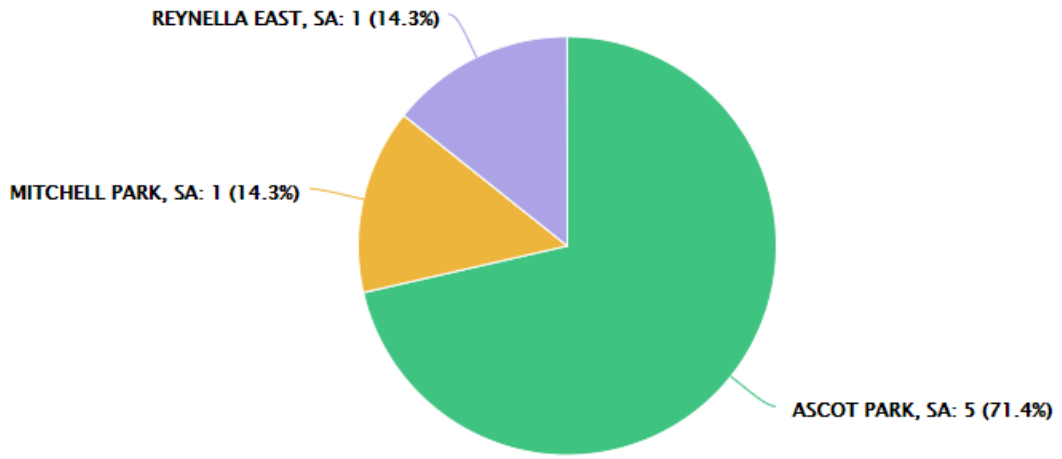
- My main concern is that there is no fence between the reserve and the road. Each workday evening, a number of cars cut between south road and marion road by driving down railway terrace and first avenue. These cars are often going at 50 km/h around the corner, so if a child ran onto the road it could end badly. I was also hoping that there would be more play equipment (such as slides, sandpits, see-saws, climbing ropes or those cool pedal bikes that run on tracks!) I am pleased that the bbq is staying and that there isn't a public toilet.
- Keep it all simple and minimal maint. Use recycled plastic for seating, shelter, tables, NO bbq, NO fancy flowering plants, evergreen trees for shade, grassed area, hopefully this wont come anywhere near the \$95,000 allotted, maybe better spent on fixing up Sturt Road with all those bloody potholes!!
- The playground is currently not shaded rendering it impossible to use in the warmer weather as the equipment is burning hot. There needs to be more shade.
- Please put in a basketball ring with a drinking fountain for older kids. I live across the road and there are a lot of teenagers in the neighborhood.
- Something more for adults (i.e. exercise equipment, community garden). Better lighting also needed in the area and street as well - it gets very dark at night.
- I like the concept.
- I recognise you may not fence this to discourage off leash dogs however a way of structuring the bushes/wall to overlap so as to at least slow running children would be great. First avenue is getting more traffic already so we are aware of safety.

4. Can we contact you if we wish to gain further information about playground planning?





Q5. Suburb



6. Social Media Post

Social media posts were made on Facebook during the consultation period. There was a strong engagement on social media, reaching over 4000 people. Facebook posts and statistics are provided below.

Date of Post: 28 November 2017


City of Marion added 4 new photos

Published by Lizzi Wigmore (7) · November 28, 2017 · 🌐

We have so much news about our parks at the moment! Announcing four new playground upgrades in Marino, Ascot Park, Mitchell Park and Hallett Cove. You can now have your say on the design of these new playgrounds:

- * Bandon Terrace Reserve - Marino 5049
- * First Avenue Reserve - Ascot Park 5043
- * Shamrock Road Reserve - Hallett Cove 5158
- * Mitchell Park Oval - Mitchell Park 5043

Find out more at: www.marion.sa.gov.au/park-and-playground-upgrades...



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Any chance there will be any playground upgrades in Seacombe gardens, Sturt, Dover gardens As it's in great need. 😊

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That would be excellent ..my grandsons play here 😊 Marino

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jacks favourite playground!

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Date of Post: 11 December 2017

City of Marion added 2 new photos. ...
 Published by Lizzi Wigmore [?] · December 11, 2017 · 🌐


We are investing up to \$95,000 in upgrading First Avenue Reserve Playground in Ascot Park. Proposed work will include:

- * Seating
- * New play structures
- * Nature play
- * Landscaping

We plan to remove the old equipment and commence construction for the new playground in the 2018/19 financial year.

To have your say on the concept design of this new playground and help shape the final design, please complete a survey.

Find out more at: www.marion.sa.gov.au/first-avenue-reserve including a link to the survey and PDFs of the concept plan which you can view in more detail.



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 Is anything additional going to happen to the Yanyarrie Ave playground in the next financial year? The tidy up of the tennis court was fairly average. The playground equipment is long overdue for replacement.
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 **City of Marion** Hi, [redacted] Yanyarrie is on our priority list for an upgrade in the next 2 – 4 years. Upgrades are prioritised on equipment age, condition, an independent audit of risk, population density and area demographics. We hope this information helps!
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 Fantastic, that's great news. Thanks.
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 **City of Marion** You're welcome, [redacted]
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Date of Post: 13 December 2017

City of Marion
Published by Lizzi Wigmore (P) · December 13, 2017 · 🌐

Give us your thoughts about 4 new playgrounds:
* Mitchell Park Oval - Mitchell Park 5043
* Shamrock Road Reserve - Hallett Cove 5158
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We thank the community who took the time to provide their feedback and participate in the engagement process.



Attachment 1: Copy of Hardcopy Survey and Concept plan

Community Survey - Help Shape this Space

First Avenue Reserve Playground



Introduction

The City of Marion is pleased to advise that Council is investing up to \$95,000 in upgrading First Avenue Reserve playground, Ascot Park.

First Avenue Reserve is classified as a local level reserve. The proposed work will include:

- seating
- new play structures
- nature play
- landscaping
- bins

Council plans to remove the old equipment and commence construction for the new playground in the 2018/19 financial year.

We invite you to participate in the concept development by completing our survey. This information will assist us to shape the final design. Please refer to the attached concept drawing and questionnaire.



1. Overall, what is your level of support for the draft concept of the reserve playground?

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neutral
- Don't approve
- Strongly disapprove

2. What elements do you most like about the draft concept for this reserve? (Please select your top 3).

- Nature play
- Swinging
- Climbing
- Balancing
- Exploring
- Open grassed area
- Tree planting
- Shelter
- BBQ
- Seating

3. Do you have any other comments or suggestions regarding the playground upgrade?



4. Can we contact you if we wish to gain further information about playground planning? Please provide your details below: (details will remain confidential).

- Yes
- No

Name: _____

Email: _____

Suburb: _____

This survey can be completed online at:
www.makingmarion.com.au/first-avenue-reserve

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.