

Mitchell Park Oval 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 Mitchell Park Oval playground.

Mitchell Park Oval playground is bound by Waterman Terrace, Moreland Avenue, Bradley Grove and Quick Road in Mitchell Park, SA, 5043.

The playground at the reserve was installed in 1994 and consists of the following facilities: swings, monorail, springer, climbing net, 3 on 3 basketball, barbecue, seating, basketball/tennis/netball courts, toilets, AFL football oval, fitness equipment and large open grassed area.

Mitchell Park Oval 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 Mitchell Park Oval playground 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/mitchell-park-oval.

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

- A hard copy flyer was delivered to approximately 1000 households within roughly 400m radius 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 from 12 midday to 1pm as was attended by approximately 5 people.

3. Consultation Overview

Community members were invited through the online survey to provide feedback on the draft concept plan for Mitchell Park Oval.

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

- Total responses received – 34 electronic responses from Making Marion.

A full summary of all responses to each question is provided within this report.

4. Consultation Findings

Overall, the draft concept plan for Mitchell Park Oval playground has been well received by the community and responses were very constructive. In summary:

- A total of 41 visits were recorded 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 34 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 matter was considered during the final design phase.

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

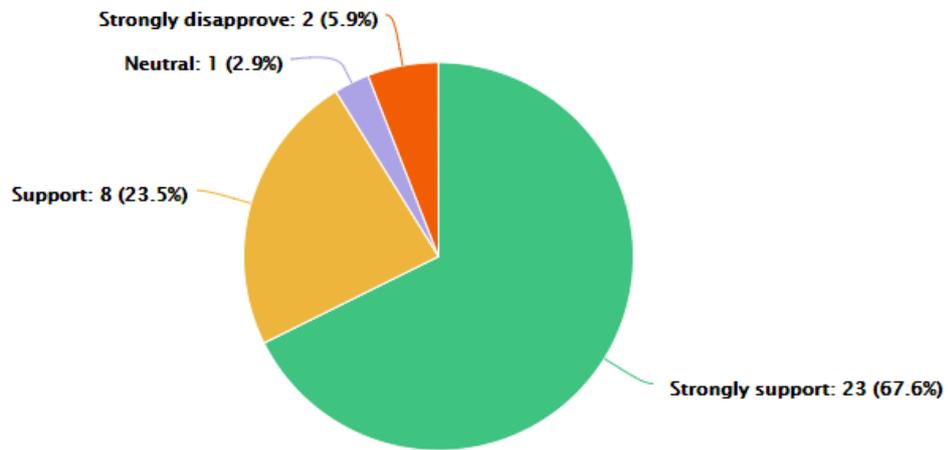
Overall summary of key themes received

Key Theme	No. times of issue raised	Design Response
Equipment request: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sand pit • Water play • Cubby/treehouse • Tunnels • Flying fox • Hammock swing • Monkey bars • Multistation • Seesaw • Fort 	5 4 3 2 1 1 1 1 1 1	Following community consultation, the concept has been revised to include a sand pit, water play and a tunnel within the mound beneath the slide. Unfortunately limitations with space and budget did not allow other playground equipment to be provided.
Request for barbecue facilities near playground	6	A barbecue has been provided next to the picnic shelter.
Access to and availability of toilets	5	The toilets will remain available in the same location – attached to the club rooms a short walk from the playground. The toilets are centrally located to cater for all users of the oval. At this stage, a pathway between the playground and the car park has not been budgeted for.
More shelter/shade	5	The existing trees will provide good amount of shade in addition to the picnic shelter and the shade sail.
More seating	4	The concept provides two picnic settings and one seat. Timber logs have been placed around the area, which can also be used for sitting on.

More swings	3	The playground has a combo swing set which includes three swings – an infant swing, standard swing and a basket swing. The number of swings provided is considered to be sufficient.
Fencing around playground	3	The existing chain mesh fencing next to Quick Road and Moreland Avenue will be retained, however Council prefers the use of natural features as barriers such as garden beds and trees to provide an inviting and continuous space that connects to the rest of the reserve.
Provide shade over play equipment	2	Artificial shade will be provided where the existing trees cannot provide sufficient shade.
Playground could be bigger	2	The size of the playground reflects the budget relating to the asset service level (neighbourhood level). The playground also needed to be contained so as not to encroach on other the activities undertaken at the reserve.
Climbing equipment not challenging enough	2	The climbing frames will cater to a range of age groups and abilities.
Baby change facilities in toilet	1	This could be given consideration.
Location too far from building	1	The location is the same as the current playground and is situated to be close to residential areas to enhance accessibility. Additionally, it will minimise impacts upon other user groups of the oval and will use the existing trees for shade.
Remove one trampoline	1	The two trampolines that were in the original concept have been reduced to one.
Playground doesn't reflect masterplan. Why spend money to upgrade the playground? Why not put where it is proposed in the Masterplan.	1	The location of the playground is consistent with the latest Landscape Masterplan for the Mitchell Park Sports and Community Club redevelopment, although the proposed design is different to the concept shown in the Masterplan. The playground is in need of an upgrade and is being undertaken as a separate project to the Sports Club redevelopment.
Train line is an access barrier for residents east of railway line and therefore the quality of play spaces are not equal for residents living on that side of the train line.	1	Council has endorsed a regional playground to be located in Tonsley for construction in 2022/23 subject to funding.

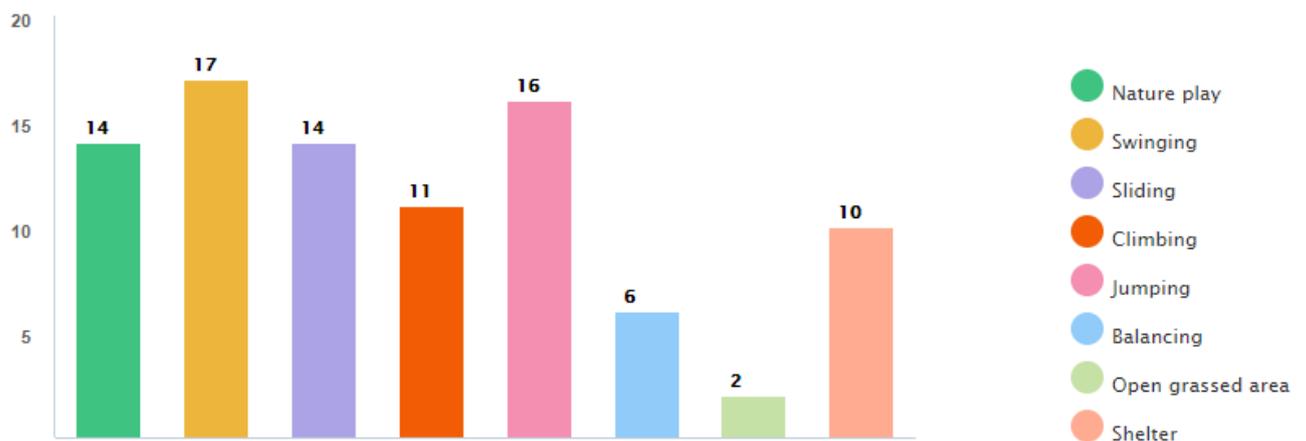
6. Summary of results:

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



The pie chart above illustrates that 23 (67.6%) of the 34 respondents strongly support the proposed draft concept, whilst 8 respondents (23.5%) are in support and 1 (6.6%) respondent was neutral. It is noted that 2 respondents are strongly disapproving of the draft concept.

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



The bar chart above indicates that the most liked aspects of the draft concept were swinging, jumping, nature play and sliding.

Some of the positive comments included:

- *It's is an amazing space that could be the icing on the cake for the local community.*
- *It looks great and needs an update.*



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

27 of the 34 respondents provided comments or suggestions regarding the playground upgrade. A summary is shown below. Responses have been listed as worded by the respondent. For privacy reasons, respondents' details have not been included.

Summary of results:

- I have found that many of the new playgrounds do not have sufficient cover over metal slides so they get too hot to use in the afternoons. I think this needs to be taken into account with the design.
- Flying fox (like jervois st reserve), long tyre like swing (like dog park on oaklands rd), modern monkey bars, something for mixed age groups, toilets.....this survey is very brief, would like the opportunity to have more detail and input....maybe more than one community consultation time slot would be wise, as this is a time when lots of families are committed to sport with children and cannot attend.
- could be a bit bigger.
- maybe some more benches for parents. The playground is really bad for the size of the actual park and now has no slide or see saw.. Taking too long to get this sorted.
- get rid of the climbing bridge 2. put a sand pit in instead, if the budget allows for a water pump kid love that too! There is no sand pit in the area at all. 3. have 2 picnic areas next to each other with shade to allow for birthday parties 4. bench seating for mums would be nice :-)
- pls create easy pram access from the street, car park, toilets/building 6. its a shame that the playground will remain in the same location as it would be convenient to have it next to the building where the toilets and café are. Plus you would be able to keep an eye on your kids while watching sports. 7. Big YEY to the rubber/concrete floor kids love being bare foot 8. if the budget permits perhaps a cubby house on stilts that can be climbed
- Please put a sand pit in and an area that can accommodate birthday parties. There seems to be a lot of balancing/climbing equipment perhaps consider something more adventure based likes tunnels. Great job on the rubber floor bark is useless. A sand pit always allows for hours of fun.
- R1 at Clovelly Park Primary would like to suggest a climbing wall, tunnels, seesaws and a fort of some description.
- Much more seating for parents to sit and watch over children - under shade
- I can see there is a buffer from dogs but wondering whether a fully fenced/enclosed playground would be better. We have a child and a dog and prefer fenced in playgrounds from both a dog owner and parent perspective. Also would like to see bbq facilities to complement the picnic facilities.
- As a parent who lives across the road from this park I know the road is a very busy one. A fenced playground is needed. Lots of kids are runners and a fence makes for a more relaxed play space for everyone. Water play and sandpit? What baby swings will be put in place? As in seat style. Will there be other elements in the playground?

- Much prefer the design of Apex Park in Hawthorndene and the Bindarra Reserve in Brighton.

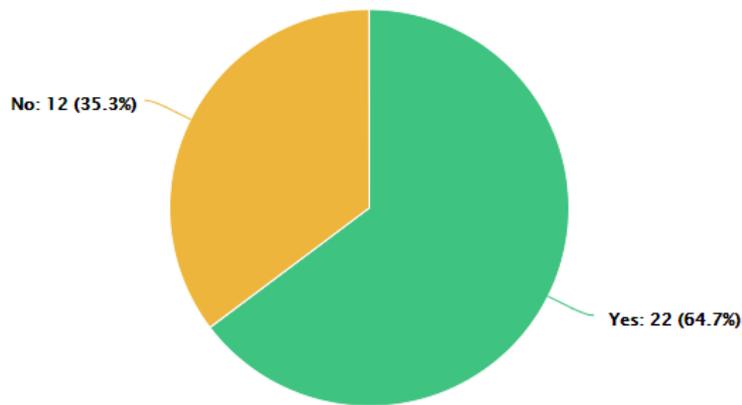
 1. The trampolines is not practical. For how many minutes do kids keep bouncing? I would say for a couple minutes. Two trampolines take too much space for the little enjoyment.
 2. We need at least two sets of picnic tables like Bindarra Reserve has. Two sets suits the most of needs including the mums group catch-up, about 10 mums.
 3. I like the shades above the playground like the one in Bindarra Reserve.
 4. The park equipment in the plan offer one type of activity each. Kids gets bored with it quickly and move on to the next. That means parents have to chase them around. Please consider having one complex equipment for all age groups or two (one for toddler and one for older kids). Here is the image of what I mean by complex equipment. <https://aviott.files.wordpress.com/2017/08/playground-1024x768.jpg>
 5. The current swings at the Mitchell Park Reserve has the kinked links and they are not safe. If you are not going to maintain regularly then please do not have Combo Swing there.
 6. Timber bridge. I think it is dangerous. Kids can enter from the both ends and I can foresee the congestion in the middle. One frustrated kid will push the other to get through.
 7. Balancing climbing. It doesn't seem challenging enough. I prefer these. http://www.moduplay.com.au/2_photo_library/projects/Racecourse%20Beach%20Holiday%20Park/03%20Cropped.jpg or <https://i2-prod.derbytelegraph.co.uk/incoming/article735165.ece/ALTERNATES/s615/What-the-new-play-equipment-at-Arboretum-Park-will-look-like.jpg>
 8. If the budget is tight please have one MEGA fun equipment, which could be the icon of the Mitchell Park Reserve for kids, rather than having many boring ones to fill the space. Your plan has no character.
- Whether there should a little more shelter and seating.
- This proposal is at odds with the master plan signed off some months ago. Why spend money to upgrade the playground? Hy not put it where it is proposed in the master plan??
- Treehouse!! How about a tree house in the large existing gum tree? We would like a treehouse with steps, kitchen, a slide that comes down and a bucket that you can hoist up and down. It would be unique and great nature play. Will there be easy access to toilets from the playground, especially during construction of other developments?
- Toilets.
- Would love to see a water pump and sand pit and lots of shade from the sun . A few picnic tables, bbq area, and a couple of set of swings . I personally dislike the logs and bark . I would of loved to see the proper exercise equipment at the park the equipment installed is not very user friendly which is a shame. We go to the avenue road reserve , princess Margaret and Souter park quite a bit my children love it there. I am the person that applied for the fund my neighborhood funding but unfortunately didn't get enough votes we really would love a great park to visit that we can actually walk to.
- Toilet/baby change facilities.

- It would be nice to incorporate a BBQ so that parents can still watch their children play and cook. The closest (and i am not sure it works) is on the other oval near the club house. I live directly opposite and have seen this great park slowly deteriorate over the last 3 years. Its is an amazing space that could be the icing on the cake for the local community. It used to be buzzing with activity but is so quiet now.
- More shelters would be useful in the park. Also BBQs.
- It seems a small playground for such a large space. Would like to see water play. A bbq area would be great. Assuming toilet facilities will be provided by the new community centre. Also don't understand why there is no fence. This creates a risk of small children and traffic accidents, especially considering how busy quick avenue is.
- Dear Marion Council It is fantastic news for most of the Mitchell Park and Clovelly Park communities that the Mitchell Park playground will be upgraded. Unfortunately it is not all good news for the portion of the community that lives to the east of the Tonsley rail line, and for the future Tonsley residential community. I understand that Marion Council evaluated the provision of play spaces in the Council area in 2007/8. This resulted in the 'City of Marion Play Space Strategy' of 2008, to guide Council's investment in play spaces for a 15 year period. Fundamentally the strategy is flawed and should be re-visited with respect to the east of the Tonsley rail line. According to the strategy, the method, 'does not allow for topographical or other physical barriers that restrict resident access to a particular play space. These barriers may include steep hills, rivers or creeks, train / tram lines, busy roads etc. and may be a truly physical barrier or may result in a psychological barrier that prevents easy access. A careful assessment of these issues is therefore required when this method of provision is utilised' Despite this rider, the report recommendations, as represented by the table in the appendix, followed blindly, appears to take no account of the specific situation in each case. At least it is not explained. Case in point is the upgrade of the Mitchell Park play space supposedly covering east and west of the Tonsley rail line. From the east side, the culminated walking distance, including crossing the rail line, is around 750m. This in itself doesn't present a distance barrier, but it involves a level crossing with a rail line, and crossing Bradley Grove. The safest route is via Celtic Ave, over 1km. Hence the strategy does not deliver equal play spaces to both sides of the rail line. The second flaw is that the plan takes no account of the Tonsley Development, which will greatly increase the area's need for play space. The Tonsley master plan is high level currently, but does not appear to contain a green space of the scale of Mitchell Park. I would like to see that the community to the east of the Tonsley Rail line has equal access to quality play spaces that do not rely upon crossing a rail line, or a busy road. Thank you.
- Accessible lathways for mothers of children with disabilities but also mothers with prams and or grandparents accompanying children to playground.
- More shade.
- I THINK IT NEEDS MORE SWINGS FOR THE AMOUNT OF CHILDREN WHO WILL BE USING THIS AREA.TWO SWINGS NOT ENOUGH ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNGER KIDS.
- It looks great and needs and update.
- I find that although the jumping is good (i think that element should be included) our kids (aged 6 and 8) spend the most time climbing, swinging and balancing - aside from swinging on

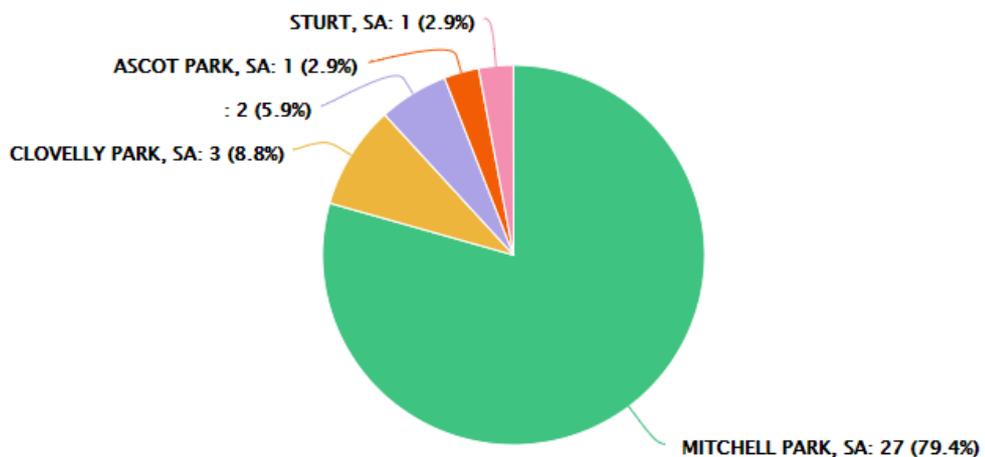
those large net swings which are highly valued by the children as a play element - ultimately the kids spend the most time playing chasey. Their preferred method is on and around more adventures elements (ie those that involve integrated climbing and sliding). I feel the change i would make would be to have the slide integrated with climbing elements rather than having a separate embankment slide. That is the method of play the kids invest the most time on and and in doing so are more inclined to challenge themselves.

- A cubby will be great too.

Q4. Can we contact you if we wish to gain further information about playground planning?



Q5. Suburb



7. Social Media Post

Social media posts were made on Facebook during the consultation period. There was a strong engagement on social media with individual post 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 Lizz Wigmore (P) · 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

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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 😊 Marion

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Date of Post: 12 December 2017

City of Marion added 2 new photos. Published by Lizzi Wigmore [?] · December 12, 2017 ·

We are upgrading the Mitchell Park Oval playground with up to \$235,000. Proposed work will include:

- * New play structures: Swing, slide, trampolines, timber climbing structure and various nature play elements
- * Shelter
- * Picnic setting
- * Landscaping... See More



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Date of Post: 13 December 2017

City of Marion
Published by Lizzi Wigmore (7) · December 13, 2017 · 🌐

Give us your thoughts about 4 new playgrounds:
* Mitchell Park Oval - Mitchell Park 5043
* Shamrock Road Reserve - Hallett Cove 5158
* Bandon Terrace Reserve - Marino 5049
* First Avenue Reserve - Ascot Park 5043... [See More](#)

First Avenue Reserve - Ascot Park
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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

Mitchell Park Oval Playground



Introduction

The City of Marion is pleased to advise that Council is investing up to \$235,000 in upgrading Mitchell Park Oval playground.

Mitchell Park Oval playground is classified as a neighbourhood reserve and the proposed work will include:

- New play structures- Combo Swing, Embankment Slide, Trampolines, Timber Climbing Structure and various nature play elements
- Shelter
- Picnic setting
- Landscaping
- Pathways
- Drinking Fountain & Rubbish bin

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
- Sliding
- Climbing
- Jumping
- Balancing
- Open grassed area
- Shelter

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/mitchell-park-oval

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.