

CITY OF MARION BREAKOUT CREEK RESERVE PLAYSPACE UPGRADE

Consultation Summary



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A special thanks is extended to all the residents, children and parents who took part in the consultation session as their knowledge and input will be integral to the development of the concept plan for this City of Marion Playspace Reserve

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Consultation Report

Introduction

Landscape architects WAX Design have been engaged by the City of Marion to assist in preparing a concept plan for the Playspace Upgrade project at Breakout Creek Reserve, Glengowrie.

WAX Design acknowledges that successful play projects are achieved through community inclusion, engagement and consultation processes and that a collaborative design process ensures positive project outcomes for all.

The approach to the project embeds appropriate engagement with the local community, enabling the design team to hear directly from community with regards to their preferences and desired experiences.

The consultation approach focuses on engaging with the community early in the process, with the strong intent of building ownership in the project.

What is the Role of this Report?

This report summarises the consultation undertaken to inform the concept development of the playspace.

The information contained within this report will be used by WAX Design to:

- Guide ideas generation and design of the concept plan within the defined service level;
- Test the consultation results within the concept plan to ensure the desired and correct outcomes are achieved

What Did We Do?

The City of Marion and WAX Design facilitated a 1 hour targeted consultation session on site at Breakout Creek Reserve with the local community. The session was aimed at collating information to build upon knowledge of the reserve through an interactive process, encouraging the community to thoughtfully consider their aspirations and ideas. The session also allowed the project team the chance to discuss and test design possibilities with those who participated.

The City of Marion created a questionnaire for residents to complete which was available in both digital and paper formats at the consultation session. The questionnaire was also available for residents to complete online at the Making Marion website

The session comprised of:

- Idea Generation:
Posters asking community members, children and parents to place sticky dots on images of preferred items/opportunities/experiences they would like to see incorporated within the reserve;
- Cognitive mapping:
Aerial imagery of the site allowing the community to map issues and opportunities and generally discuss what is important to them in the reserve upgrade;
- Council Survey:
A project specific questionnaire was developed and provided in a digital on-line format and a paper format to gain additional information with regards to the sites issues and opportunities along with play amenity and types of play environments preferred by the community



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The following summary breaks down the consultation results into a synopsis of the idea generation, cognitive mapping and council survey that was undertaken during the consultation sessions for Breakout Creek Reserve, Glengowrie.

An analysis of these results will be explored in the following sections to assist in developing key directions for the concept plan at Breakout Creek Reserve. For further reference, raw data can be found in the Appendix.

Breakout Creek Reserve

Introduction

This local reserve is adjacent the YMCA, community hall facility and existing carpark facilities, and located to the south to the carpark between Butler Street and the Mile Turtur Bikeway.

The existing play equipment requires replacement along with some amenity provision including seating and irrigated turf. The existing barbecue is to be removed.

The consultation process focused on the opportunities which could be incorporated into the new playspace, whilst responding to the YMCA and Mile Turtur Bikeway community usage along with those of the broader community.

Site Map



— Site Boundary

Existing play equipment to be removed

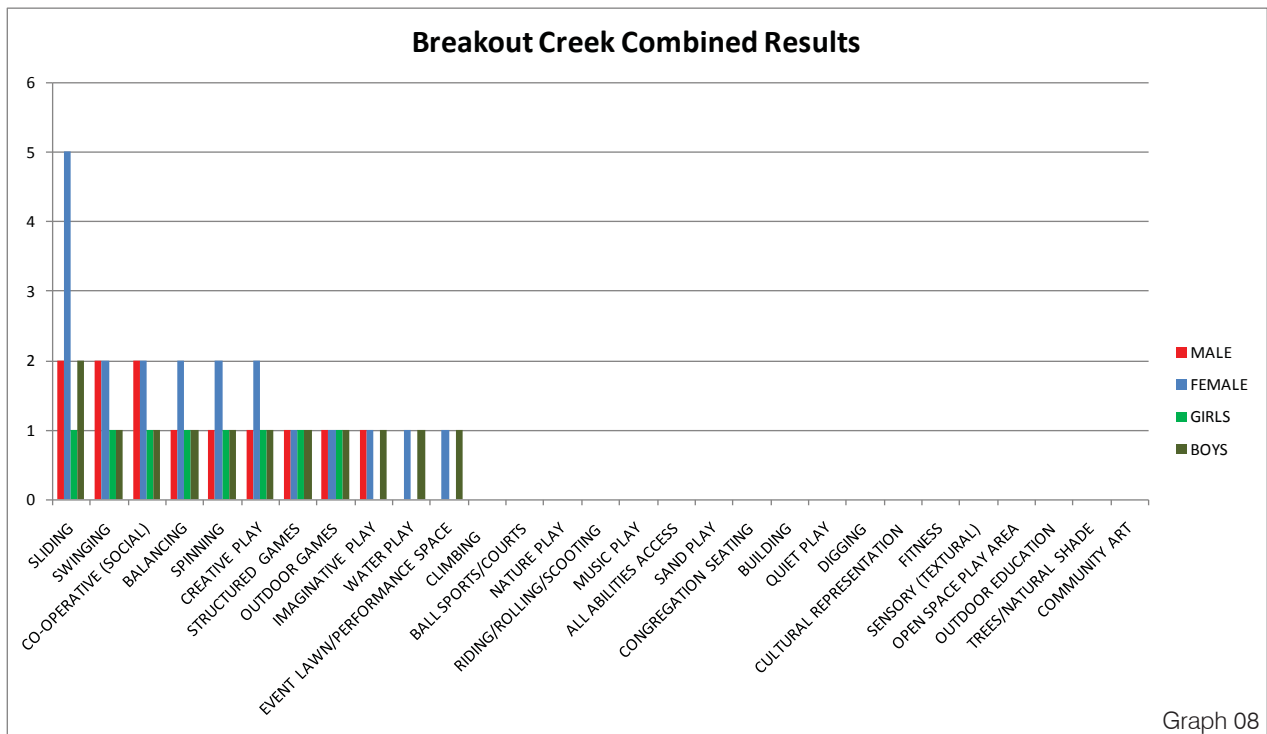
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Idea Generation:

The community was asked to vote for their top 4 play and amenity choices for the reserve from up to 29 different options using sticky dots. Respondents were categorised into adult male and female; boy and girl children to facilitate an understanding of age and gender choices and overall preference review.

Sliding, swinging and co-operative (social) play were considered by both children and adults as the top 3 play experiences they would like to see incorporated within Break Out Creek Reserve Playspace. Balancing, spinning and creative play were also experiences with strong preferences to be included. (See graph 08)

Structured and outdoor games, imaginative play, water play and an events lawn also received votes.



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Cognitive Mapping:

Using aerial mapping of existing site conditions, issues and opportunities were discussed with the community and their comments, feedback and ideas were recorded on 'post it' notes.

All comments received have been recorded and collated (please refer to Appendix)

The list below is a summary of all comments received on the post it notes, with the number in brackets representing repeated comments to indicate community preferences when asked the question 'What is important to you?';

- Retention of trees =(4)
- Dog management requirements for off lead, on lead and around playspace inclusivity =(3)
- Disability access =(3)
- BBQ requirements =(2)
- Litter and dog refuse management =(2)
- Fort climbing net =(2)
- Bird nesting boxes =(2)
- Mud =(2)
- Skate park =(2)

Amenity comments including retention of existing trees along with the 'climbing tree' predominated the responses received along with dog management in proximity to play provision, the need for dog waste management and adequate bins.

Discussion around the barbecue was divided with 2 respondents for the retention with one preferring the removal.

All abilities provision is also important as several children and adults attending YMCA have special needs.

Nature based play featured with requests for mud play, bird nesting boxes and rope climbing.

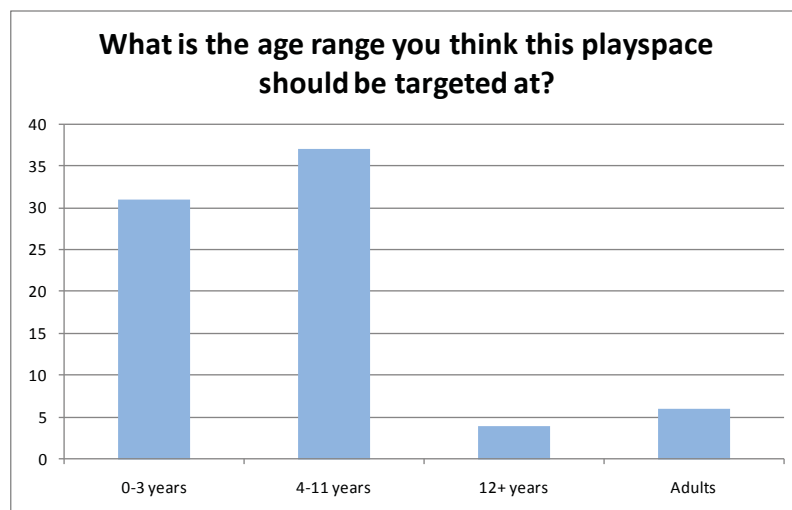


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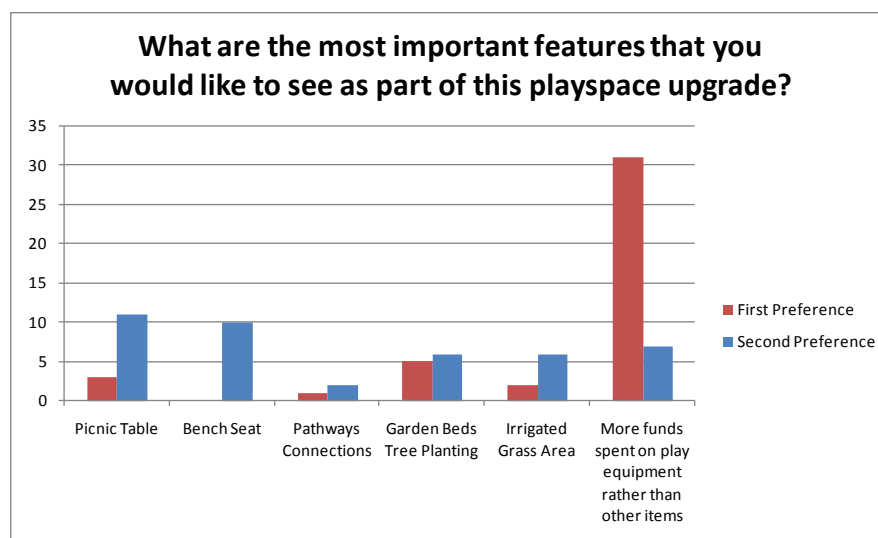
Council Survey:

Several key questions were posed to the community through the survey including preferred age range of play provision, social, cognitive, creative and individual play opportunities along with amenity provision within the reserve.

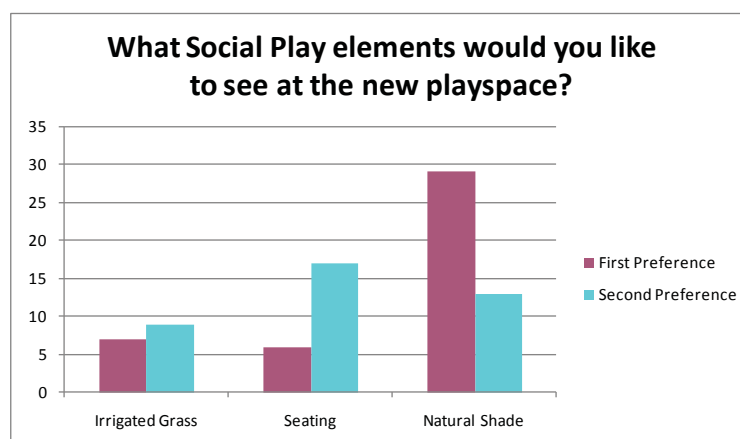
Survey respondents were asked to rate the options available in order of preference from 1-6. We have summarised the top 2 preferences for each choice available in the following tables.



Graph 09

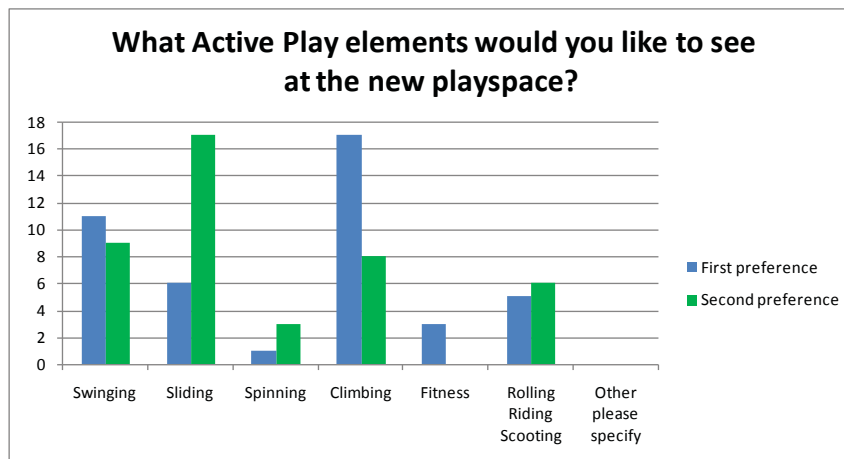


Graph 10

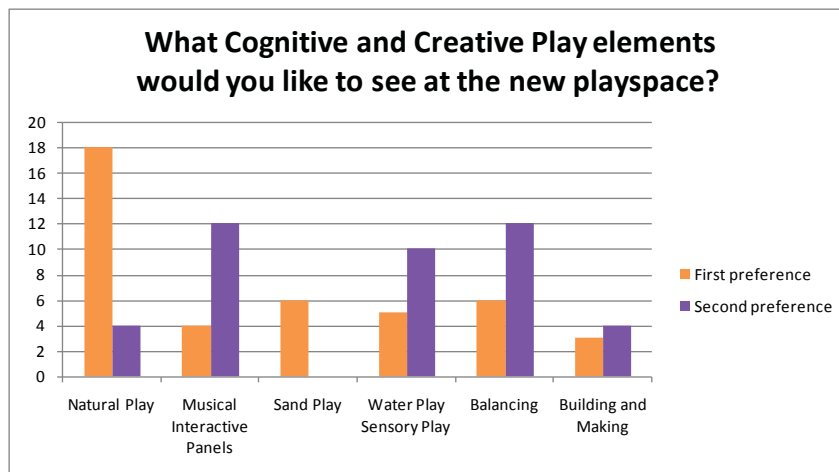


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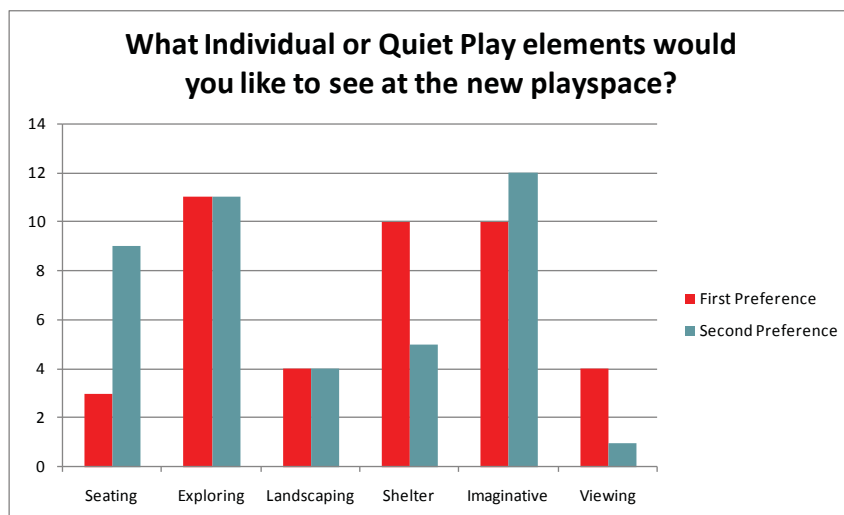
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Graph 14

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Council Survey:

A summary of the survey table results indicate the following;

- Playspace target range top preference was between 4-11 years of age with ages 0-3 a very close second choice. Very few respondents indicated preferences for the selection of above 12 years and adult choice representation.
- Important features preferences were for more funds to be spent on play equipment rather than other items, however, a picnic table, bench seats, garden beds and tree planting were also popular items.
- Social play highlighted natural shade as first choice followed by seating
- Active play preferences were dominated by sliding and climbing, followed by swinging
- Cognitive and creative play elements top choice was natural play followed by music play and water/sensory play
- Individual and quiet play top choice was exploring closely followed by a shelter and imaginative play

Council Survey Comments:

Please refer to the list below as summary of all the additional comments and suggestions received, with the numbers in the brackets representing repeated comments to indicate community preferences;

- Fencing/safety from carpark=(7)
- Toilet/access to YMCA toilet=(6)
- Flying fox=(3)
- Natural materials, native plants=(3)
- Exploring =(3)
- Scooting, rolling, riding,bike tracks=(3)
- Dog and playspace management =(2)
- Retention of existing trees/climbing tree=(2)
- Different form nearby reserves=(2)

Many comments highlighted concerns with proximity of playspace to existing car park, with suggestions of fencing to resolve the situation.

Access to the existing YMCA toilet or provision of another toilet was the greatest amenity provision comment along with the retention of shade trees and use of natural materials.

Diverse play experiences from young children to teens, with riding, rolling and scooting along with nature based play and exploring were featured.

Differentiation from other nearby reserves was required.

Dog management in proximity to play provision was commented upon.

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Consultation Analysis

The consultation synopsis has highlighted the communities preferences for play experiences and amenity to be incorporated within the Breakout Creek playspace upgrade. It is these consultation outcomes that will underpin the design process and inform design outcomes that will work with the community and council needs.

The concept designs will require a balance of the consultation results within the context of the site to ensure the correct design decisions are made.



Key Considerations and Design Directions

Information provided by the community through the Idea Generation, Cognitive Mapping and Council Survey has been collated and analysed to form the following key considerations and design directions for the Breakout Creek Playspace Project;

Each key consideration and design investigation, although noted, will be governed by budgetary and service level requirements.

- Challenging and active play preferences indicate swinging, sliding, flying, balancing, spinning and climbing were a priority
- Imaginative and creative play opportunities include nature based, water, mud, rope play as well as sensory music play
- Integration of play provision and dog management is required for positive and inclusive community outcomes
- Existing shade trees and childrens 'climbing tree' to be retained
- Co-location of the YMCA and adjacent Mike Turtur Bike Way influenced riding, rolling and scooting along with the reinforcement of the challenging and active play priorities as listed above
- Age range provision needs to be broad ranging from toddlers to adults with accessibility a key factor
- Create sense of arrival to Butler Street
- Amenity provision needs to reflect desires for a picnic table, shelter, natural shade and potential barbecue along with potential opportunities to facilitate community use of YMCA toilet in future
- Community concerns regarding the proximity of the playspace to the carpark need to be reviewed along with suggested fencing/ safety barrier solutions
- Review site stormwater and potential to incorporate carpark runoff into a swale system
- Existing services infrastructure including mains water and electricity

Appendix: Breakout Creek Reserve

Idea Generation

What play experiences would you like to see at Breakout Creek Reserve Playspace?

Place a sticker on four images that best represent what play experiences you like...

Male Female Boys Girls

 Swinging	 Climbing	 Ball Sports/Courts	 Co-operative (Social)	
 Sliding	 Balancing	 Spinning	 Creative Play	 Structured Games
 Nature Play	 Riding/Rolling/Scouting	 Music Play	 All Abilities Access	 Outdoor Games
 Imaginative Play	 Sand Play	 Congregation Seating	 Building	 Water Play
 Quiet Play	 Digging	 Cultural Representation	 Fitness	 Sensory (textural)
 Event Lawn/Performance Space	 Open Space Play Area	 Outdoor Education	 Trees/Natural Shade	 Community Art

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Cognitive Mapping

What is important to you?

- Balls get in car park
- Water features
- Mud
- Dodge ball area
- Barbecue near seats
- Dairy house and background to site
- Storm water drain open to create natural creek
ie: Unley
- Adequate lighting at night
- Dog litter bags need to be kept replenished
- Trees must stay
- Speed impeters on Butler Cres
- Adequate rubbish bins
- It does not make sense to upgrade the play area and not maintain watering of the lawn area around it and the YMCA
- Big slide
- Keep the climbing tree
- Fort climbing net
- Mud pool
- No BBQ
- Skate park
- Fort
- Mini half pipe and couple of bumps
- Love connection to bike and shade trees
- Fence around car park
- Lots of grass
- Water tap
- Would like to ensure dogs can remain off lead
- Handicapped gym use every Saturday
- Disability access
- Retain trees – tell a story
- Retain BBQ
- Dogs within playspace
- Inclusivity
- Dogs on leash within playspace
- Bird nesting boxes x2
- Adult playspace - swing

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Council Online Survey

Other Comments

- This reserve badly needs a grassed area which is watered during summer. I haven't used this reserve for years as in the summer the grassed areas turn into weeds & prickles.
- Larger area with more areas for multiple groups. Keep existing tree for imaginative play
- Toilets please
- Natural, native plants, aesthetics, peaceful are my words: Note that the existing parking/ congestion of traffic in the street is already significant with the YMCA programs as well as the Netball, Church & Dance school at the Southern end of street. We don't want to attract further traffic by creating anything too grand. As immediate neighbour to reserve, now with 14 yr old, we would like to see the area returned to something aesthetically natural that we can also utilise. The existing park is primarily used by dog walkers, runners from YMCA and parents with pre-schoolers. Teenagers already congregate late at night in the area so we don't want anything created that attracts their loitering (ie, No toilets please), and nothing tall, that allows viewing into our yard. Would love to see a Nature park with meandering paths through native grasses/plants, maybe a dry creek bed with little bridge, with small natural slide. Natural made seats (logs & Rocks), with a path surrounding area for small children to scoot/ride. Some scattered objects for balancing across. I think that aptly fits the name Breakout Creek Reserve. If it must be sign posted, place it on fence, instead of standalone. Something that won't decline or need painting. Natural natural natural...
- Please have it fully fenced.
- Toilets of YMCA could be upgraded and altered so they can be shared. Both parties could share maintenance costs, duties and upgrade costs in a private/public partnership.
- Toilets would be nice
- This park is located next to a car park so safety is a key issue - I've seen many kids wander towards the car park and parents have caught them just in time. Fences are essential! I think the council would be better off putting a toilet at Da Costa Reserve and Willoughby Ave Reserve as they are very close to this park and already have excellent equipment, shade, BBQ facilities etc. thanks.
- Very excited to see this upgrade as it will be within walking distance for us. Our toddler and baby both love swings and the in-ground trampolines but also just exploring at the park.
- Toilets onsite would be greatly appreciated.
- Potential to access YMCA toilet from external (i.e. when YMCA closed)
- This is an exciting development - it will be great to see what replaces the existing dated play space. I think the concept of "Edible Adelaide" is a vision for the future sustainability of local communities. It would be amazing to see some elements of productive gardens being incorporated into community spaces / playgrounds / reserves - rather than just large areas of irrigated grass.
- Please refer to my letter to council dated 17 August 2016 please retain the trees, including the 80 year old date palm. It may be old but it is a community landmark
- We have been visiting Breakout Creek reserve for five years (I have a five year old and a two year old). The best part of the park is the big old tree next to the playground - perfect for climbing, hiding in and exploring. We would hope that this is incorporated into the planning of the new upgrade. Thanks
- Wheelchair accessible
- Fenced playground. No dogs permitted. Toilets needed. Soccer goals , shady area and also foam surface
- Keep in mind what is already available at other

nearby playgrounds to make this one different
(eg Da Costa Reserve)

- The Breakout creek reserve extends over the road to the western end of Coppin Street. I would like to see landscaping with local native vegetation planted in this area with comfortable seating.
- Thank you for providing this opportunity. We are looking fwd to a good outcome. Hopefully you can use some Australian made play equipment that is high quality. Keep our people in jobs!
- Fencing and perhaps 2 spaces - one for older kids and one for younger ones
- A unique attractive centrepiece. E.g a big Tower and slide or flying Fox. Wow factor.
- Flying fox & wooden wheel thing at Bonython Pk
- Ensure all play spaces are full fenced (unlike all the money you spent on the mulcra one - total waste of money)
- Flying fox / bike tracks / secure fencing
- Secure fencing