

CITY OF MARION CLARE AVENUE 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 Clare Avenue Reserve, Sheidow Park.

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 Clare Avenue 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 Clare Avenue Reserve, Sheidow Park.

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

Clare Avenue Reserve

Introduction

This local reserve is located in Sheidow Park and is bounded by Clare Avenue, Westall Way and Tindall Crescent along with a boundary fence to the northern aspect. There is also a significant slope to the site from east to west and significant trees located along Tindall Crescent and Clare Avenue with some remnant grasses between the trees along Tindall Crescent.

The existing play equipment requires replacement along with some amenity provision including seating and irrigated turf.

The consultation process focused on the opportunities which could be incorporated into the new playspace along with improved amenity provision to facilitate community use.

Site Map



— Site Boundary

Existing play equipment to be removed

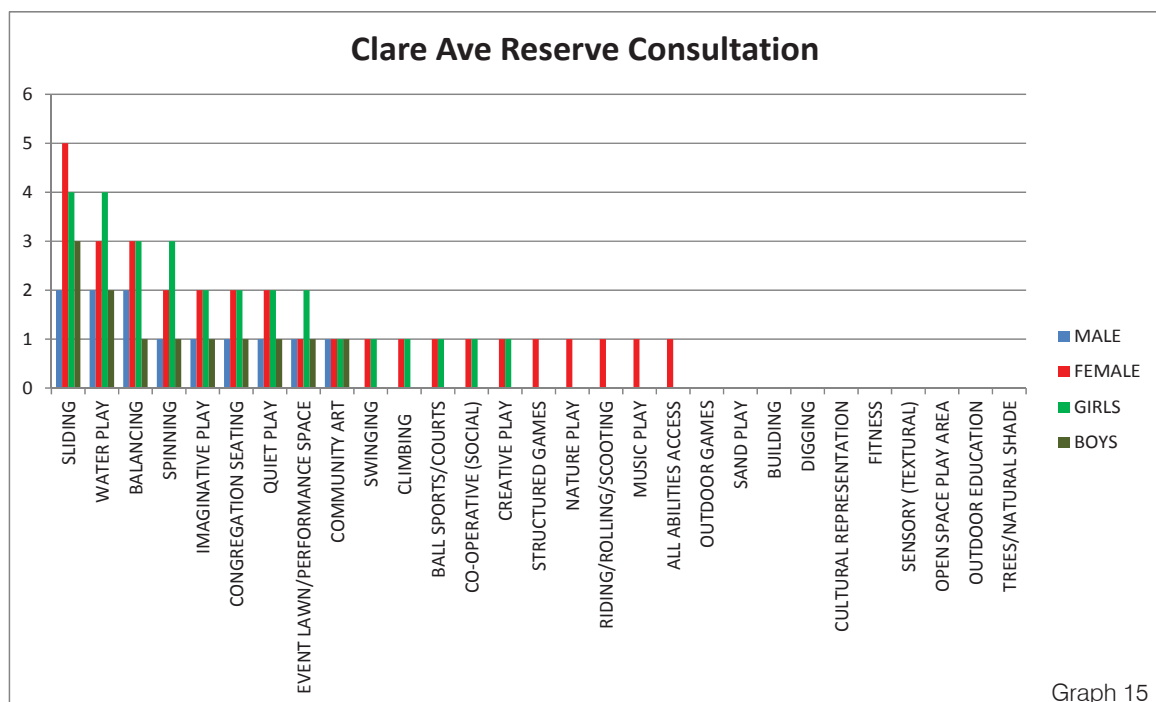
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Idea Generation:

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, water play and balancing were considered by both children and adults as the top 3 play experiences they would like to see incorporated within Clare Avenue Reserve Playspace. Boys and girls had sliding and water play as their top two choices.

Spinning, imaginative play and congregation seating were also experiences with strong preferences to be included (See graph 15).



Clare Avenue Reserve

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?';

- More shade (natural and constructed) =(6)
- Fencing/safety to Westall Way and Clare Avenue =(4)
- CPTED and lighting issues =(4)
- BBQ and picnic area =(3)
- Keep trees =(3)
- Don't like bark chip mulch =(2)
- Ball sports =(2)
- Tree limb drop concerns =(2)
- Irrigated grass =(2)

Amenity comments including retention of existing trees (whilst there were comments around limb drop) with additional natural shade along with constructed shade predominating the responses received.

Due to the slope of the site and proximity to the road, comments highlighted issues with balls on the road and concerns with children safety, promoting requests for fencing or screening to boundary.

Crime prevention opportunities for night lighting was raised as an issue to consider.

Increased amenity was requested with irrigated turf and reduced use of softfall mulch.

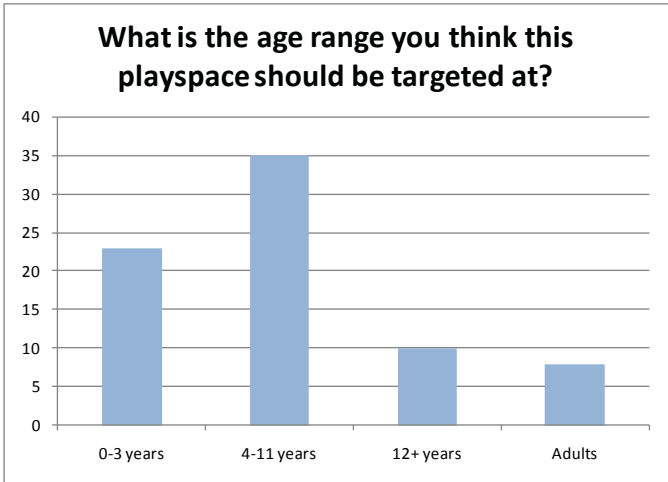


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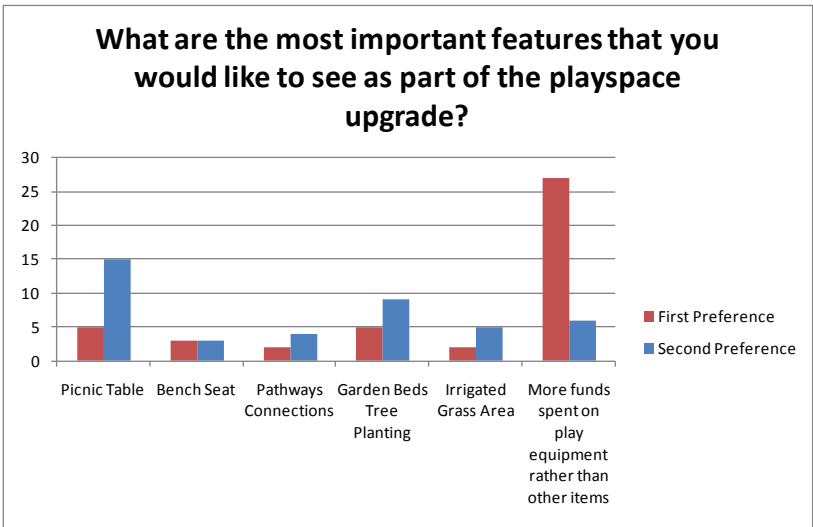
Council Survey:

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.

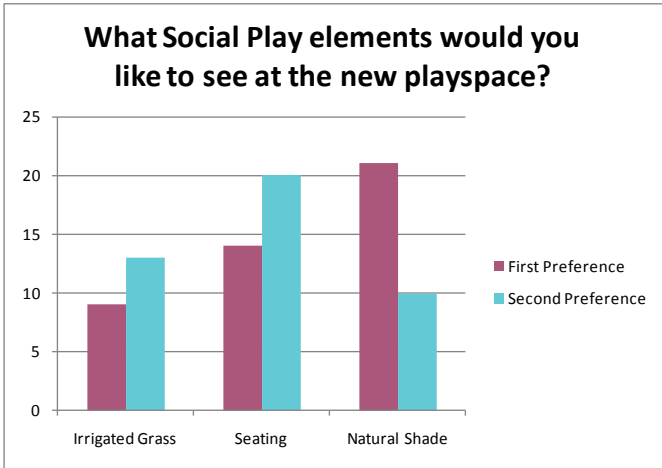
Survey respondents were asked to rate the options available in order of preference from 1-6. We have summarised the top 2 preferences for each choice available in the following tables.



Graph 16

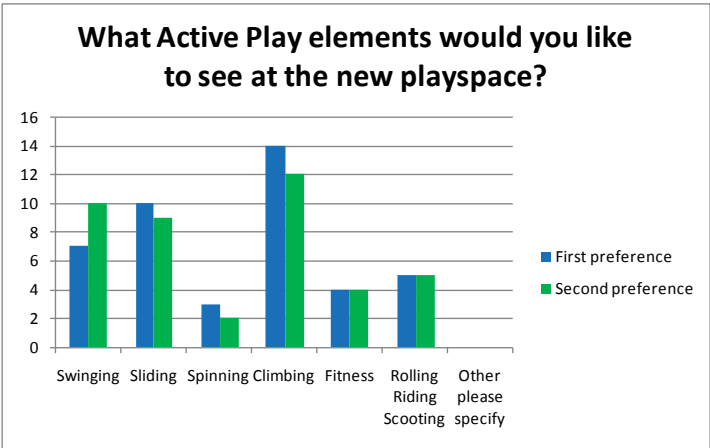


Graph 17

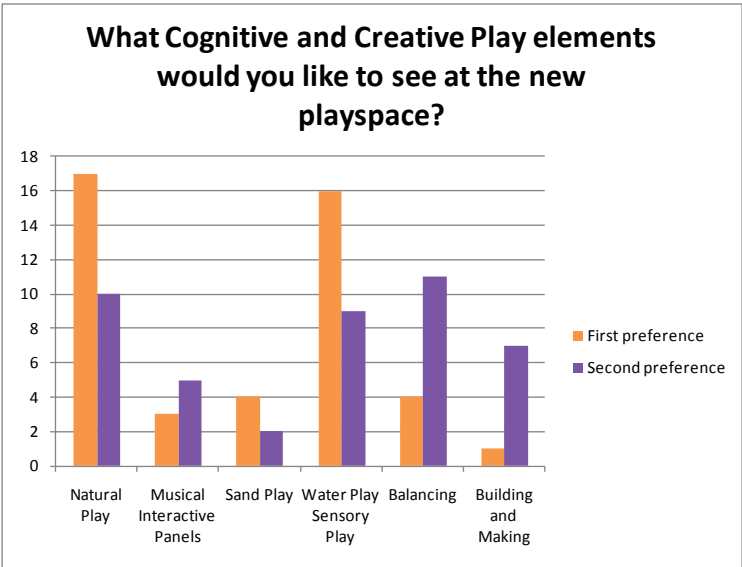


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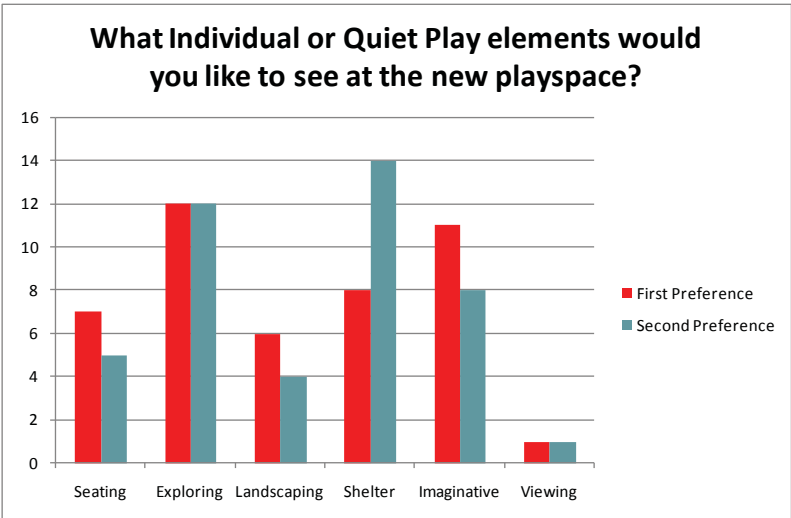
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Graph 19



Graph 20



Graph 21

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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 second choice. Less respondents indicated preferences for the selection of above 12 years and adult choice representation was not well represented.
- Preference is for more funds to be spent on play equipment rather than other items. However, a picnic table and 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 climbing and sliding, followed by swinging
- Cognitive and creative play elements top choice was water/sensory play followed by natural play and balancing
- 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 =(7)
- Play for a range of ages =(6)
- Physical/sporting =(5)
- Climbing =(3)
- Seating =(3)
- Shade =(2)
- Similar to the Jervois St playground =(2)
- Swings =(2)
- Challenge =(2)
- Scooting/riding/rolling =(2)
- Toilets =(2)

Comments highlighted requirements for fencing with adjacent Tindall Cres and proximity of playspace to the road a concern for several residents with the remainder of the comments being general fencing requests.

Diverse play experiences from young children to teens featured, with physical and sport based play, suggestions of Jervois St Playground similarities, climbing, swings, scooting, riding and rolling all suggested.

Provision of seating and shade were also highly sought.

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Consultation Analysis

The consultation synopsis has highlighted the communities preferences for play experiences and amenity to be incorporated within the Clare Avenue Reserve 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 Clare Avenue Reserve 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 sliding, balancing, spinning, climbing and swinging were a priority along with informal recreation sports (kickabout) and physical opportunities
- Imaginative and creative play opportunities include water and sensory play
- Individual and quiet play opportunities featured in the feedback
- Potential opportunities include a riding, scooting and rolling circuit.
- A review of softfall surface options and budget will be required to ensure accessibility
- The slope of the site creates some issues including balls onto the adjacent road and concerns with children running onto the road. Opportunities exist to explore natural barriers rather than fencing solutions
- Amenity provision needs to reflect desires for constructed and natural shade, irrigated turf, picnic table, seating and bins
- Existing significant trees and remnant vegetation to be retained along with tree protection zones
- Existing services provision includes mains water, electricity and gas

Appendix: Clare Avenue Reserve

Idea Generation

What play experiences would you like to see at Clare Avenue Reserve Playspace?

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

Male (Blue) Females (Red) Boys (Green) Girls (Light Green)

 Swinging	 Climbing	 Ball Sports/Courts	 Co-operative (Social)	
 Sliding	 Balancing	 Spinning	 Creative Play	 Structured Games
 Nature Play	 Riding/Rolling/Scooting	 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?

- Keep natural feel including trees (established)
- Keep trees – mow lawn more often
- Shade for play areas
- Shading natural or shade cloth
- Encourage local bird life
- Undercover seating BBQ facilities
- Undercover tables / chairs BBQ area for family seating / social
- Table and chairs
- Consider grading for picnic area
- Bench seats
- Shelter x2
- Shelter
- More shaded area / shaded seating areas
- Toilets
- Basketball mini court
- Hedge or natural screen on lower boundary of park to prevent balls going onto the road
- Fencing around equipment
- Softfall (no bark chips)
- Woodchip softfall gets contaminants in it
- Scooter track incorporated to keep off road
- Rubbish bins
- Connection to school Sheidow Park on the way home
- There are some issues with branches coming down
- Maintaining trees to prevent limb drop
- Graffiti removal from fence
- Motorbikes / cars cutting through park
- Fence along Clare Ave – stop motorbikes – keep children safe
- Fence to Westall Way / Clare Ave for child safety / ball entrapment
- Would like fencing whole reserve so that children can be left to play safe
- Fence graffiti
- Sign restricts use to 12 and under
- Teenagers hang out at reserve getting in trouble
- lighting at night
- Lights at night – solar to cover dusk
- Dog poo bags
- Keep swings, would like monkey bars and flying fox
- Sword in the stone
- Challenging climbing towers
- Mini trampolines
- The park on South Tce City has a wide range of activities
- Area to cater for broad range of ages
- Love how close it is. Love the trees for shade. Would like to see some seating
- Regarding / terracing for ball sports
- Water play areas
- Music play – drums – triangles
- Would be great to have green grass all year round. Irrigation

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Council Online Survey

Other Comments

- Need more than what is currently there. There must be an age and height range of equipment. Please keep the swings low enough. Other playgrounds you renovated have awfully high swings. I love the circle of swings at Hallett Cove beach rather than just two. We need more than 2 swings. When two kids of the same age want to swing together, they can't because of the baby seat.
- Multi use that older children can engage in meaningfully rather than destroying equipment that they find which is typically targeted at a younger audience.
- There are no playgrounds in the area with any climbing equipment for older kids, it needs to be a priority
- Thank you so much for upgrading this reserve... it is long overdue. It is used by children going to and from school every day as well as local children, but it has become pretty boring and tired. Something totally new, innovative and exciting catering for a range of age groups would be good. There could be an educational aspect as well as sporting and physically challenging.
- I would like to see a space where both adults and children can undertake physical activity to benefit their overall health. I am not aware of a place within the Marion Council area where you can go and utilize physical fitness equipment like they do within the Onkaparinga Council area down at Moana.
- An enclosed toddler playground. Nature play. As there are none of these in the area yet.
- Would like to see the area fenced as the roads around it can be quite busy. This playground has been used by myself and now my kids. It is in a great location and we are very excited to see it upgraded
- Something similar to Jervois street just on a smaller scale
- Fencing around park, or at least play area would be great. Tindall Cres has a blind corner leading to park, would feel safer knowing kids enclosed, and drivers would feel better knowing no random kids on road.
- Mainly enclosed play area with seats/table and shade for parents. Safe equipment where children can climb up and down equipment as young as 2 years. Equipment that keeps warm through summer and doesn't get too hot where children are unable to play. Flooring as well. Path area to ride bikes, scooters and other things around.
- "The Jervois st Plymton and linear park Hallett cove parks are great examples of what should be done in this space.
Would be great to see the following.
Tunnels and bridges
Climbing ropes
Water/ sand play
BMX/ scooter track
Proper baby/ toddlers swing
Natural slide built into the land scape
- Family friendly, sports based activities and seating areas
- "It would be nice to ensure that this can become a safe and relaxing place. When the fences were removed some years ago, local troublemakers started using it as a motocross and 4WD course, tearing up the grass. Once, I was in the park with my kids and one of their friends, when an off-road biker rode across the park and deliberately drove AT the kids in order to scare them (didn't work though - just made them angry). Another time, I observed one biker being pursued by a police car down Westall Way and escaping by riding up over the curb and over the park, where the police car couldn't go. Thankfully, there were no kids in the park at the time.
This is why I think the re-installation of some kind of fencing is important here."
- Any seating should be sheltered from the

sun. More shrubs to encourage native birdlife.

Thankyou.

- Toilet and fencing!
- I suggest to have the playground fenced so the children are safer in an enclosed area.
- I think it should have elements for all ages and promote fitness in play would be cool
- Toilets and fencing should ALWAYS be a priority.