

CITY OF MARION GULLY ROAD 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 Gully Road Reserve, Seacliff 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 Gully Road 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



Consultation Summary

Introduction

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 Gully Road Reserve, Seacliff Park.

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

Gully Road Reserve

Introduction

This neighbourhood level reserve is long and linear in its nature and bounded either side by John Street and Gully Road, with an existing carpark to the western aspect.

The existing play equipment is located in several locations throughout the Reserve and requires replacement. The most southern play equipment installation is to be removed and replaced with landscaping.

The consultation process focused on the opportunities which could be incorporated into the new playspace, along with improved amenity provision to facilitate community use including a toilet, irrigated turf, seating and picnic facilities.

Site Map



- Site Boundary
- Existing play equipment to be removed
- Existing play equipment, play court and pitch to be removed and replaced with landscaping

Gully Road Reserve

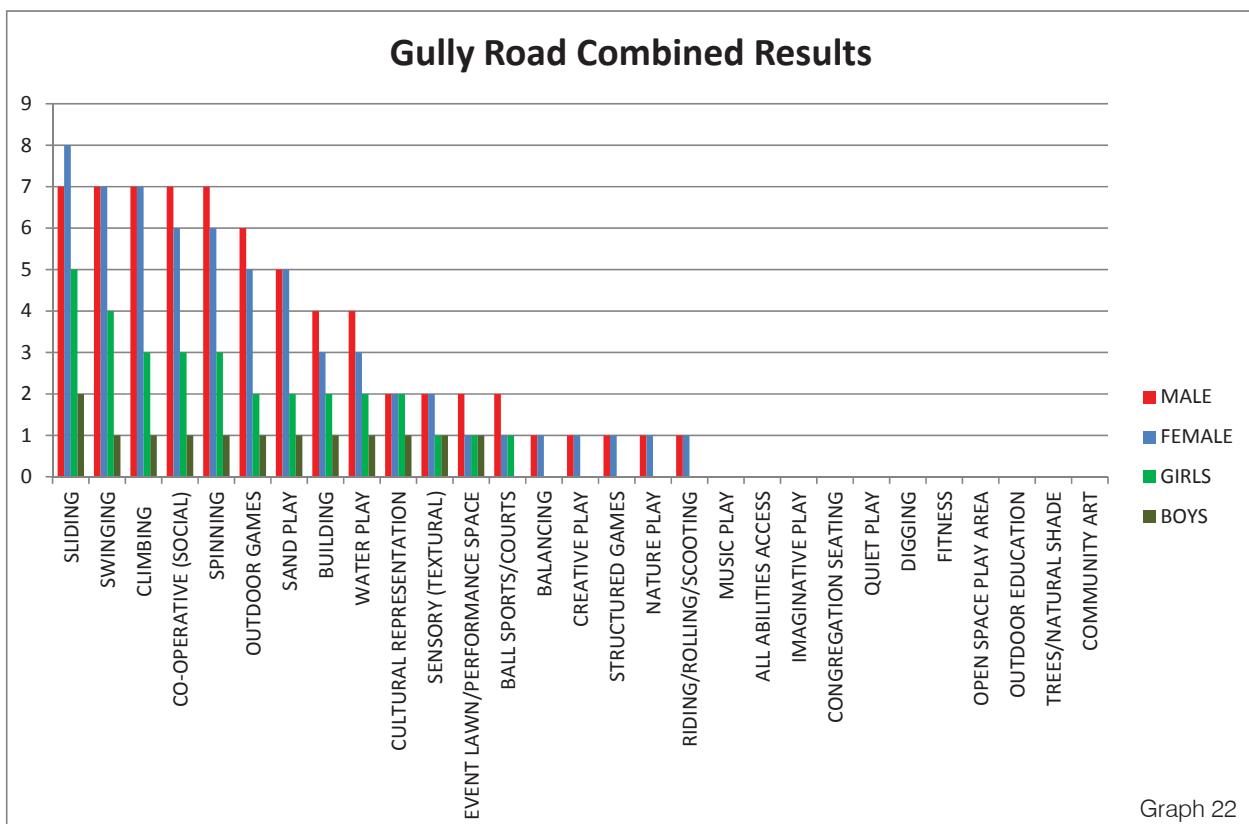
Idea Generation:

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 climbing were considered by children and adults as the top 3 play experiences they would like to see incorporated within Gully Road Reserve Playspace. Girls and boys also had sliding and swinging as their top two choices.

Co-operative (social) play, spinning and outdoor games were also experiences with strong preferences to be included (See graph 22).



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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?';

- BBQ/ Picnic areas =(7)
- Toilets =(6)
- Dog and playspace management =(6)
- Better paths and connections =(5)
- Shade (natural or constructed) =(5)
- Walking =(4)
- Play for older children/teenagers =(3)
- Flat areas =(3)
- Removal of bark chips =(2)
- Rubber softfall =(2)
- Monkey bars =(2)
- Ball sports =(2)
- Exercise equipment =(2)

Amenity comments predominated responses with requests for a barbecue and picnic benches/ seating along with toilet facilities.

Dog management in proximity to play provision was commented upon along with dog waste bins.

Walking, paths and connections featured strongly with provision for elderly, fitness and childrens accessibility provision.

Additional natural shade along with constructed shade was also suggested.

Diverse play experiences from young children to teens featured, with physical and fitness play, and monkey bars.

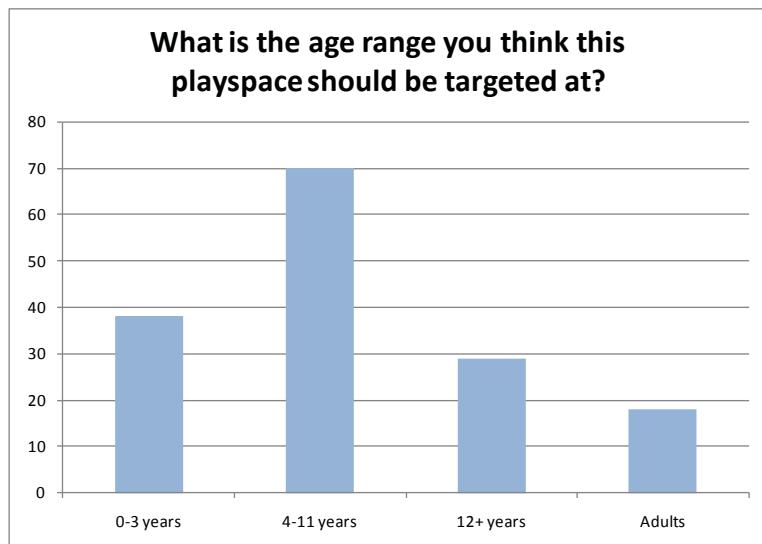


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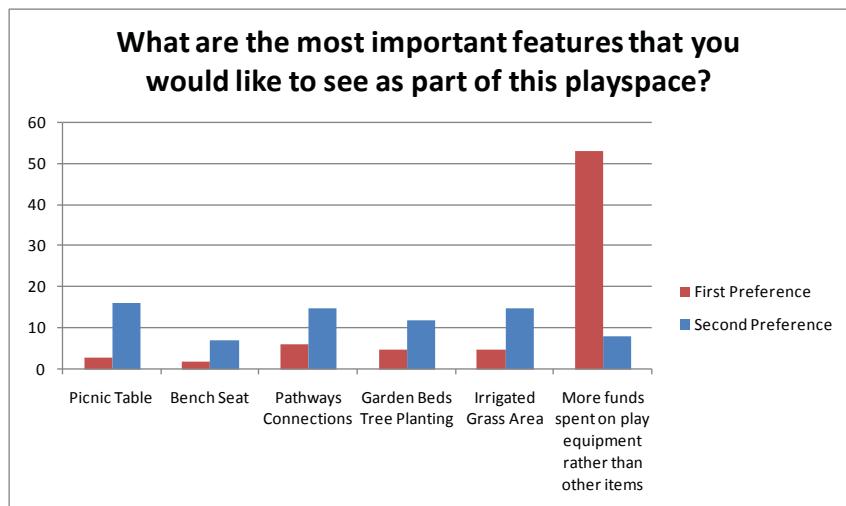
Council Survey:

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.

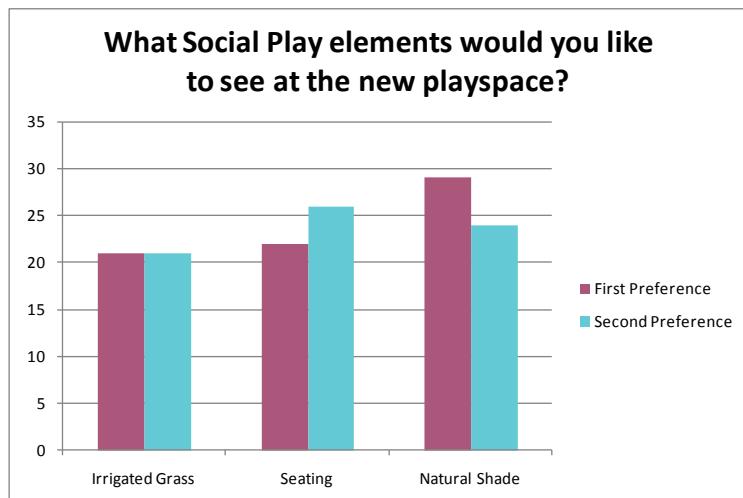
Survey respondents were asked to rate the options available in order of preference from 1-6. We have summarised the top 2 preferences for each choice available in the following tables.



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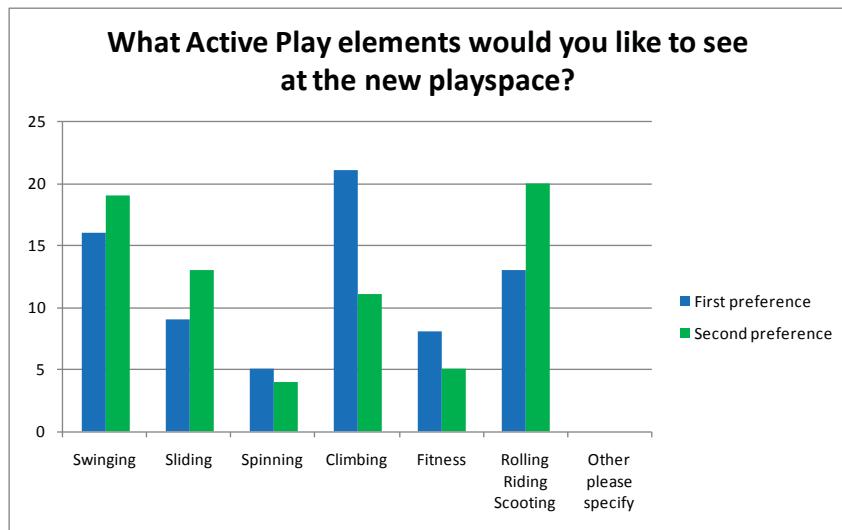


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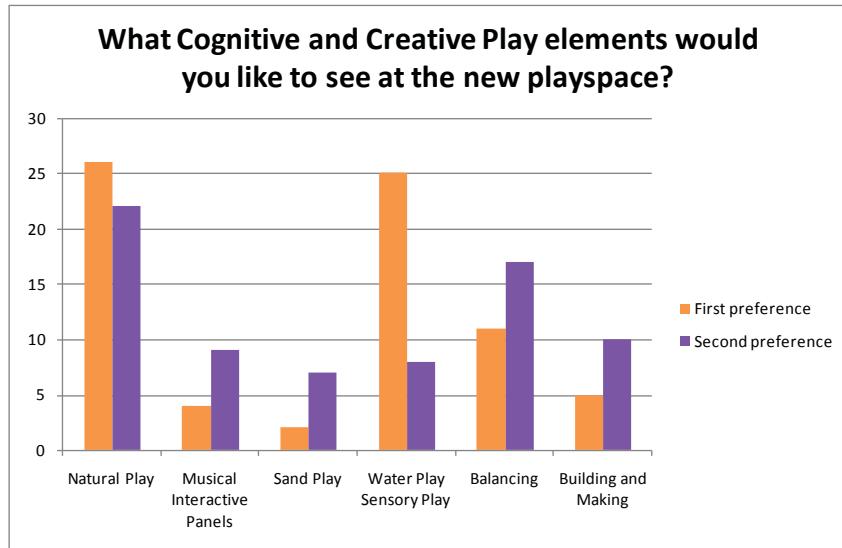


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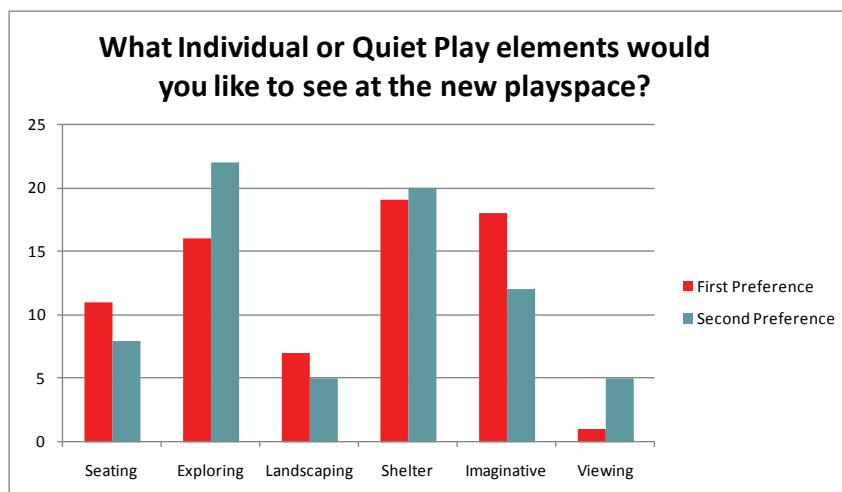
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Graph 26



Graph 27



Graph 28

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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 close second choice. A broad range of community preference was also indicated with the selection of above 12 years and adult choice representation.
- Important feature preferences were for more funds to be spent on play equipment rather than other items. However, pathway connections, picnic tables and irrigated grass were also popular items.
- Social play highlighted natural shade as first choice followed by seating
- Active play preferences were dominated by climbing, with rolling, riding, scooting and swinging similar second place results
- Cognitive and creative play elements top choice was natural play closely followed by water/sensory play
- Individual and quiet play top choices were a shelter and imaginative play closely followed by exploring

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.

- Provide for all ages and abilities = (9)
- Dog friendly/management = (9)
- Nature play/natural elements = (6)
- Shade = (6)
- Better paths = (4)
- Seating = (3)
- Irrigation = (3)
- Similar to Jervois St playground = (3)
- Water = (3)
- Sand = (3)
- BBQ/Picnic areas = (3)
- Fencing = (3)
- Lighting = (3)
- History/cultural connection = (2)
- Scooting/riding/rolling = (2)
- Slides = (2)
- Informational signage = (2)
- Remove bark chips = (2)
- Ball sports = (2)
- Bespoke equipment = (2)
- Skate park = (2)
- Natural materials = (2)

Comments highlighted that this reserve is very much a community and family space and needs to respond to all ages and accessibility requirements.

Dog recreation also featured highly and effective integration of dogs and play provision is required, with dog waste management.

Diverse play experiences from young children to teens featured, with nature based play of water and sand, suggestions of Jervois St Playground similarities, slides, swings, scooting, riding and bespoke equipment and ball sports all suggested.

Provision of amenity included irrigated lawn, paths, seating, barbecue, picnic areas, lighting, fencing, signage and a historical/cultural connection.

Gully Road Reserve

Consultation Analysis

The consultation synopsis has highlighted the communities preferences for play experiences and amenity to be incorporated within the Gully Road 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 Gully Road 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, swinging, climbing and spinning as priorities along with outdoor games
- Imaginative and creative opportunities include nature based, water, sand as well as sensory play
- Investigate opportunities for walking paths and connections as they featured strongly with provision for elderly, fitness and children's accessibility
- The reserve is a highly used community space and needs to respond to all ages including under 11yrs, teens and adults
- Amenity provision needs to reflect desires for a barbecue, picnic facilities, toilet, irrigated turf, shelter, fencing and lighting along with signage
- Integration of play provision and dog management is required for positive and inclusive community outcomes
- Existing carpark is to be retained and requires improved connection and pedestrian access to playspace and reserve
- Existing sloping site creates opportunities for play integration but challenges for all abilities access
- Long linear site creates opportunity for a series of play experiences
- Existing services provision requires review including mains water and electrical connections

Appendix: Gully Road Reserve

Idea Generation



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Cognitive Mapping

What is important to you?

- Playground to remain in similar area of current playground
- Shaded area around playground – natural or constructed
- Fence around playground (there are lots of dogs in this park)
- Would work well without a fence as children need freedom to play. It is a large space
- Walking area needs sunken areas filled in to make it more usable and safer
- Walking corridor linked with recreation park through to Hallett Cove Station and on to Seacliff Station
- A flat, even walking trail would be great for people with any type of muscular injury (eg hamstring), knees, hips etc (exercise rehab etc)
- Pathways – connecting equipment and for access to bus stop – elderly, prams, children on bicycles
- Connecting cycling between parks
- Natural shade over play equipment
- Toilet, more seats and tables, shade open sides (refer sweetwater park), secure area for young people
- Safety for children – vehicular access – many residents use regularly and safety for walkers ?
- Exeloo to promote extended use of the area for picnics walking groups etc. Perhaps relocate one from Pavana Ave
- It would be great to have the eastern side of Gully Rd paved so that prams / scooters can be used on it
- If possible, in addition to play equipment and exercise equipment, perhaps a BBQ and toilet for family picnics
- Some kind of shelters to shelter from rain
- Facilities for older children 10-15yrs i.e basketball ring, cricket pitch, skating paths
- Ball sports / courts because it would be fun to

play basketball

- Older children fun 10-15yrs
- BBQ's/ picnic seating Fencing *very important*
- BBQ area and picnic benches
- BBQ area / water taps and seating
- Picnic area with gas BBQ
- BBQ shaded family area / toilets
- Picnic areas please
- Adults / adolescent public outdoor exercise equipment eg weights, balance
- Fenced area free of dog droppings
- Enclosed dog park
- Enclosed dog walking area
- How do we stop dogs being aggressive towards adults and kids? – a fence around play equipment to stop dogs getting in play areas
- Separation of some play areas from animals for no dog droppings
- Toilets x2
- More water taps for kids and dogs
- Nature play is very important, fallen trees are great, seats and tables would be great
- Mini trampolines
- Please put on the sprinklers once the rain stops coming down
- Flat areas for games
- Rubber soft fall around playground instead of bark chips
- Mats under swings etc so the fall will be a softer land
- Removal of bark chips, dangerous
- Always after more trees in the Gully Rd Park
- Monkey bars – square
- Flying fox bar, monkey bars
- Prefer bark chips, sand, fenced off, seating for adults. Love the wood feeling at Jervois St Reserve S Plympton
- More rubbish bins, dog bag dispensers
- Keep trees. No removal of trees.
- No. 1 rq is for a full size netball ring with appropriate size official size ring. It's almost impossible on hills (most residents live on hills) to set up at home.

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Council Online Survey

Other Comments

- Maintain irrigation to whole reserve
- Cant wait to see the new design of the play space. My girls are 5 so they will get a lot of years playing in this area !
- Indigenous connection info plaques about plants history place and space and elements that reflect this sculptures, art, etc.
- Accessibility options for wheelchairs and other disabilities
- "The new playgrounds at Glenelg foreshore and Jervois street are both fantastic parks; with their nature play, water and sand areas, slides and sunken trampolines. I think an area for scooting/skating and a little BMX track for the kids would be well received and greatly appreciated by the children and parents in the area.
A nice bench seating area for parents would be great.
Thank you! We're very excited to hear that your developing the playground in our local park =)"
- Not filling the area with carpark. It would be nice to keep it small and not too busy, keeping the visitors to the area local.
- Shade shelter for our hot Australian sun - it is far too hot there in the middle of summer
- I am one of many who walk their dogs in this lovely park. I sincerely hope this will continue to be encouraged, and 'off-lead but under effective voice control' still allowed. A drinking receptacle for the dogs would be welcome, and continued replenishment of dog poo bags. Perhaps another dog poo bag dispenser might encourage more owners to pick up after their dogs. Thank you for a wonderful shady place to walk my dog.
- "Great to see the Council wanting to extend

young people in excises of mind and body. Some signage re care of the environment and wild life in the area.

Thank you for the opportunity to have input to the project."

- Sealed or graded paths that don't get boggy in winter
- Please REMOVE the bark chips and replace with rubber or the like.
- That dog water/bins etc are kept as it is used a lot by the community for the dogs. That we combine and enhance all the natural elements of the gully with the play space design as a unique feature separate to other play spaces. I think the community would all embrace having more seating/eating areas for children's parties/gatherings etc. Grass maintenance and irrigation is key as in the past some areas watered and others not so it's been inconsistent.
- I would like to see a fenced off area for dogs. Perhaps 2 fenced off areas. 1 for all dogs and one for little dogs.
- Being such a large area I think this area could be a great community playground with BBQ's/ picnic areas and a broad range of play options for all ages and abilities. There is a lot of space to keep the grassed areas too.
- I really like the Jervois St playground - incorporates so many awesome elements of play and caters for a wide variety of ages. Something like that would be great for the area!!
- It would be great to have a fenced in part for toddlers. Also you could extend elements of the creek into the park, my daughter loves exploring the creek and nature. Something quirky and imaginative to make it different to other parks
- "Something interactive (like Jervois St Plympton) would be great. The kids there have hours of fun with the water pump, and sand pit. (We currently make the trip there for our 2

yr old to play as he loves the water interaction) The whole thing looks great and something similar would look even more at home in the Gully Road Reserve. As the father of a 2yr old and a newborn, I look for play areas that have shade, and are usable for younger children. I have found some of the new playgrounds tend to have too many nets, rock climbs, vertical climbs etc. that are great for 5yr+ kids, but the younger ones lose interest and find them too difficult to use. So interactive things on ground level are a must for younger kids. Also shade is a must for something like a nature play area where kids would be sitting/playing in the one area for a prolonged amount of time (sand pit/ water play).

I'm just grateful that the reserve is going to get a upgrade, and hope the result is something that all ages can enjoy and that the local area will be proud of. It is an excellent park in a great location and a something that fits in with the feel of the park would be perfect. The current 3 play spaces there are very out dated and boring for children. "

- "Shade shade shade! Lots of very friendly dogs come up here without leads so would be disappointing to have to keep dogs on leads as they love the freedom. Any scared or harmful dogs are on leads so not to be too strict on fencing or dog leashes. We are very excited. Mosquitoes are a problem around here so limit open water..."
- Really important to consider family's, dogs and mixed ages of children. Keep as close to nature as possible.
- I would like to see the space cater for all members of the community who wish to use it and also visitors to the area. The space has great potential to contribute to the fitness and stimulation of all ages and if council developed a map that showed it as part of the walking trail I have mentioned I believe it would be a valuable asset to the city of Marion.
- "A good selection of climbing, swinging, sliding colourful equipment. Path an areas for scooters and skate boards. Some equipment for young children 1 year to 6 year old should be in a secure area so that they can run & play, but not get near traffic. Gully Road is a wonderful area, but certainly needs updating. There are now many large established trees and with irrigated green areas it becomes a valuable recreation area for all ages. It needs to keep much of its current accessibility, including available for people to walk and exercise pets (dogs). "
- Would like graffiti removed quicker. (Have previously assisted as a volunteer doing this)
- One play area would suffice rather than the 3 at present, and should be closer to main housing area nearer Arthur St. Council has sensibly removed all older trees for safety reasons but has not provided any nesting places for local birds or wildlife ie. parrots and possums who are forced to live in roofing space of surrounding homes. These could be cheaply provided by a local mens shed type club as a community project.
- Very important that Gully Road reserve can be used for all community without fear of dogs off lead. Council never police dog walkers and over the 33 years I have lived across the road from the park, I've seen many people bitten by dogs and am too frightened to walk in the park. Play equipment must be fenced so that children and parents are safe from dog attacks and seeing dogs fighting. Currently it is hardly ever that I see young children being able to use the park.
- A basket ball ring would be great for the older kids
- A comment: my morning run involves me using the gully road reserve as the gully road footpath is in disarray and a trip hazard (definitely not suitable for prams or wheelchairs). My only drama with running

through the reserve is the magpies that swoop during swooping season and I'm forced to run on the road. I'm not sure if you plan on addressing the magpies however regarding the footpath, are you considering having a footpath through the reserve or repairing the existing footpath?

- Just love the nature playground at Goolwa it offers so much for kids and would work nicely in the gully being a natural environment. This is what I would like my local playground to be based on .
- Fitness and sports for growing kids please. NO bark chips!!
- Refer previous comments.
- Refer to specific comments in first question, but family friendly, retain natural feel, encourage nature play, all ages friendly please - places for older carers and residents to mix with and sit near children's play areas, things for them to do also, ie. a 'chess' table built into any picnic tables or similar, seating less than 100m from street so that older people can easily access, doggy drink area and lots of poop bags as it is a park heavily used for pooches. You did a great job of the play area at Edwardstown Oval - some of those elements would be fantastic to see here.

Thank you!

- Just do a decent job of it. Make it different to other parks. All the local parks have the same boring equipment
- "I like the Cadel street park upgrade but if we could get ours more natural style with different types of equipment that would be great. Kind of like this park
<http://playandgo.com.au/index.php/cobbler-creek-recreation-park-new-playground-pedlers-paddock-bike-trails-review/> "
- I did mention this earlier in the survey, but a flying fox for age group 3 to maybe 9 would be great, check out the one at west beach. This playground has lots of freak features worth sending someone down to take notes .

- "A small hard space for basketball or ball sports would be great.
- This is the perfect place to create a play/ relaxing area for all ages to enjoy. Such a large place could easily be developed to appeal to all ages making it a real family friendly area.
- "Shaded area
- Play area to be shaded. BBQ facilities and party gazebo
- Maybe some better lighting, some pathways, irrigated lawns (as they get very dry and dusty in summer).
- A designated playground for children and adults with disabilities
- Please, not too much coloured plastic - natural colours and materials, eg wood
- Please have some toilets available, and more than just one...one is not enough
- I think having a skate park would be great for our suburb. Being a gully you could incorporate a snake run with berms speed humps etc with off chutes with half pipes bowls etc. There are a lot of skaters/ scooter riders in the Seaview /Seacliff area and something local would give them a great sense of ownership/ being part of this wonderful community.
- "Shade!! And less plastic playground- more Opportunity for kids to feel as though there is a challenge (and risk!!) involved... this is what keeps them interested, otherwise they lose interest quickly."
- We love jervois street playground at Plympton but it's so far. Gully reserve is our local. I'd be so excited to hold our children & mothers group play at our local for years to come. We are so excited this is happening
- Natural shade and shade sail if shade doesn't cover play area
- "I think it's important to have lighting & making safety a priority.
A range of things for all ages would be best, but I would like to see a small skate park, or skating facilities, as I believe this would suit all

genders & age groups for this area."

- Main problem is keeping area free from dogs and dog fences perhaps fenced area for younger children. Dog restrictions by time of day. Eg must be on a lead or under effective control. No alcohol signs. Sufficient lighting to discourage vandalism