



## **Brolga Place Reserve**

### Community Consultation Findings

April 2021

## 1. Introduction

This report summarises community consultation on the proposed plan for the upgrade of the open space at Brolga Place Reserve, Sturt.

An Open Space Plan was recently endorsed by Council to provide upgrades to open spaces across Council. As part of this plan, minor upgrades are proposed at Brolga Place Reserve with:

- new BBQ
- refreshed line marking on the basketball court
- netball post and ring
- fitness / parkour equipment
- new seating
- pathway to basketball court
- natural landscaping

## 2. Consultation Program

Engagement occurred to inform community members of the draft design for Brolga Place Reserve and to seek their feedback. The consultation survey was open for 3 weeks from 22 March to 12 April 2021.

The survey was made available online at [makingmarion.com.au/brolga-place-reserve](https://makingmarion.com.au/brolga-place-reserve)

Residents were informed about the survey in the following ways:

- **Flyer** - A postcard was delivered to approximately 950 households within roughly 400m<sup>2</sup> radius of the reserve outlining the period of consultation.
- **Onsite sign** - An onsite sign was installed at the reserve promoting the Making Marion link and consultation deadline.
- **Social media** post promoting the survey.

## 3. Consultation Overview

Residents were invited to provide feedback on the draft design for Brolga Place Reserve through the online survey via Making Marion.

In total, during this 3-week consultation period Council received 11 submissions:

A full summary of all responses to each survey question and relevant customer event feedback is provided within this report. Responses have been listed as worded by the respondent. For privacy reasons, respondents' details will not be included in a public report.

## 4. Consultation Findings

Overall, the draft design for Brolga Place Reserve received positive comments and constructive feedback. In summary:

- A total of 86 visits were recorded to the project's Making Marion web page where residents could access the Draft design, postcard and survey.
- 11 responses to the survey were received.

Please see below for the results of this survey.

## 5. Summary of feedback received

The table below identifies some of the concerns and items raised regarding the open space upgrade and how the feedback will be considered when finalising the concept design.

Community Feedback	Design Response
CCTV should be considered	CCTV has not been considered as part of this project. Playgrounds in the City of Marion are not generally covered by CCTV.
A toilet should be considered	<p>A toilet has not been considered as part of this upgrade as it is a neighbourhood level reserve and the budget is limited.</p> <p>The provision of toilets in our open spaces is primarily based on the service levels with the Open Space and Playground Frameworks. Prioritisation regarding the placement of toilets is given to the following open spaces within the service hierarchy level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State level open space</li> <li>• Regional Playground sites</li> <li>• Regional Open Space</li> </ul>
A connective path around the edge of the reserve for scooters and bike riding should be considered.	A connected path is not part of the project scope. A request for a footpath has been forward to the roads officer.
Flowering plants should be considered	Consideration will be given to flowering plants in areas than receive irrigation.
A fence is needed to stop the ball rolling onto the street from the court	Consideration will be given to logs placed as an edge to stop the balls rolling.
Addition of further play equipment	Brolga Place reserve was constructed in 2010 as a neighborhood level playground. Equipment has a life of 20 – 25 years and will not yet be upgraded and the current play equipment is sufficient for a neighborhood level.
Prefer grass instead of mulch	Addition of grass will be reviewed through the design process, subject to budget constraints.
Lighting to be considered	Lighting will not be considered in this project to discourage use at night and for the comfort of neighbours.
Canopy of equipment and / or seats should be considered.	The budget does not allow for shelter over seating., There is sufficient shade from mature trees.



Create mounds to add some dimensions	Mounds will be reviewed through the design process, subject to budget constraints
Why is the BBQ so far from the picnic table?	The BBQ is located near the power source for the reserve. Locating the BBQ closer to the picnic table will involve replacing irrigation and increased costs.
A netball ring is important to the residents	A netball ring will be kept in the design.
A combination of parkour and fitness is the preferred options	A combination of fitness and parkour will be finalized in the design



## SURVEY RESULTS

**Q1 Is the netball ring important to you?**



**Summary of results:** The netball ring is important to the majority of respondents.

**Q2 What type of fitness / parkour equipment do you like best? Parkour equipment can be used for play as well as fitness (see image 2 on the plan). Fitness equipment is more traditional equipment for dips, pull ups, step ups etc (see image 3 on plan)**



**Summary of results:** A combination of parkour and fitness equipment is preferred.

**Q3 Do you have any other comments about the concept design?**

I like the inclusion of a BBQ, as well as the upgrade of the basketball area and the inclusion of a netball ring and the fitness equipment. Here's hoping this area does not get vandalised! Any thoughts about some CCTV? Currently, this is a very well patronised park by children, families and adults alike. Hopefully this upgrade will further increase its use. Love the plan and appreciate Council continuing to improve and give back to the community. Well done! T & V Hobart

I love it!

We are very excited to see that Brolga Place Reserve is being upgraded. It has become a bit tired since the upgrade in 2010 and as planned needs a few more interesting pieces of equipment to provide for the older children in the area as well. We use the reserve with our grandchildren on a regular basis. The changes with adding parkour and fitness will certainly be great for our older grandchildren and for ourselves and other residents around the area, both older and younger.

It would be good to see the lawn area watered more often, there was a recycled watering system put in place when the original upgrade was done, but by the state of the grass I don't think it is turned on very often.

The BBQ facility will be very appreciated too. A toilet would complement the addition of the BBQ for longer family gatherings in the reserve. It is good that you are still keeping some open space for kicking soccer or footballs.

I think a connective path that went around the edges of the reserve and connected into the existing paths would be fabulous as riding scooters and bikes in the reserve is very popular, but the only connecting path is the small one that circles around the existing play equipment. Thank you.

Concrete paving need to be re done again as the existing one is in very bad shape. Also like to have flower plants so that reserve will look beautiful and most important like to have a toilet in the reserve.

If people miss their shot on the basketball ring it runs down the back of the park and on to the road, will there be fencing installed to stop this?

Please include extra playground equipment for the kids, as a resident who lives opposite the park, families with young children, including my own, visit the area daily. A nature play area would be perfect for this space. Please reconsider the organic mulch as the area is very dry and unsightly, would prefer to see real grass to the area to keep down dust, which is a major problem. Please add a fence around the parkland, safer for kids as Ralph Street in particular is used as a thoroughfare and many cars pass through at speed. Please also consider lighting, the area attracts unsavoury characters at night time as it is poorly lit, the equipment and basketball ring is regularly vandalised. This space would be a great community space if upgrades were done properly to promote community connection.

I am very pleased about the proposed upgrades. Could there be a canopy over the equipment area as the sun is intense in Summer. Maybe the seats could also have a cover if possible, if money permits. thank you

Can't view design

Looks good but instead of a flat boring organic mulch area, how about creating a mound with a small amount of digging and a few truckloads of soil. That can be covered in mulch and planted with appropriate plants.

The barbecue is a long way from the picnic table. Is this intentional, and if so, why?



I live across the road from the park and would think it would be good to have activated lighting in the park. There are times when people lurk in the park at night and I believe for the safety of residents and their children the addition of lighting in the park would be welcome

### **Summary of results**

Overall the comments were positive. Suggestions have been summarised into the design response table.



# ATTACHMENTS

## Attachment 1: Draft design



### LEGEND

- New Trees
- Existing fence
- Organic Mulch
- New Saw Dust paving
- New Asphalt Netball court
- Existing Concrete paving
- New Asphalt path
- Non-Irrigated Garden beds
- New BBQ



Concept design is for illustrative purposes only. Council retain the right to modify the design in consideration of unknown site conditions, cost management considerations and internal approvals.