

Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve



Hugh Johnson Boulevard ReserveCommunity Consultation Findings I Round 2

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1. Introduction

City of Marion is planning a new regional playground and reserve upgrade at Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve, Sheidow Park. The existing site is a well-used and large public reserve, located along the popular Coast to Vines Rail Trail.

Key elements of the design include:

- Junior play with a timber play unit, carousel, see-saw, baby and junior swing
- Adventure play with a climbing wall, rotating pivot swing, and large adventure slide
- 3 on 3 basketball court
- Fitness equipment
- Nature trail
- Shared use bike, trike and pedestrian path
- Enchanted forest nature play
- Public art
- BMX / pump track
- Additional car parking
- New public toilet
- Improvements to the existing stormwater pond

The redevelopment will include a number of play nodes to cater for a range of ages and encourage people to explore, play and enjoy nature.

A concept plan was developed in early 2021, and in April /May Council conducted a consultation to find out what the community thinks of the concept plan.

This report provides information on the consultation undertaken and the feedback received.

The findings will be used to finalise the concept plan for Council approval and to proceed to the next stage of detailed design and construction.

2. Executive Summary

Council received 27 responses to the online survey.

There was very high support for the upgrade with 52% **very happy** and 44% **happy** with the concept plan for Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve.

The elements that respondents liked the most about the concept plan were:

- (1) the use of space / diverse range of recreation opportunities for all ages
- (2) BMX / pump track
- (3) greater play opportunities for children outdoors
- (4) toilets to be provided

The aspects that respondents would like to see improved in the concept plan include:

- (1) fencing around junior playground
- (2) no changes like the design as it is
- (3) more car parking / consider traffic impacts on Patpa Drive

A total of 52% (14 respondents) would like movable fitness equipment and 48% (13 respondents) would like static equipment. This result indicates a combination of both would be the best outcome for the upgrade.

The preferred location for the public art is within the nature trail (45%), followed by the junior play space (15%), basketball / fitness node (15%) and adventure play space (11%). This result shows that potentially art could be integrated within the play space / recreation nodes and the nature trail.

The preferred type of public art is sculpture (30%), followed by community art (19%), integrated art within the playground (18%) and wayfinding signage with artwork (11%).

Youth Engagement

In March 2021 youth engagement was completed, with workshops held with local young people. In total, over 50 young people participated in these sessions with Council staff. The workshops included year 3 students at Sheidow Park Primary School and the City of Marion Youth Collective Committee.

The purpose of the youth engagement was to:

- give young people an understanding of open space / recreation planning within Council
- seek their feedback, ideas and preferred style of play space
- ensure young people have a voice and are engaged in the design process

3. Consultation Program

A community engagement strategy was developed for Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve. The purpose of the engagement was to:

"Present the concept plan for Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve for community feedback and to finalise for Council approval."

A number of key stakeholders were identified:

- Elected members and staff
- Local residents
- Schools
- Youth Collective Committee
- Community centres
- Preschools and childcare centres
- Libraries
- Churches
- Clubs and groups (including Friends of the Glenthorne Farm)
- Neighbouring Councils

The community engagement was undertaken over four weeks from 20 April – 18 May 2021. It included:

- An information postcard sent to 800 households within a 500m² radius from the reserve
- Information on the Making Marion website
- An online survey
- Facebook posts
- Onsite signage
- Community drop in session on 1 May 2021 from 10am-12noon

The youth engagement was undertaken in March 2021 with the Sheidow Park Primary School and the Youth Collective Committee.

Refer to Appendix 1 to view a full summary of the youth engagement sessions and the feedback received.

4. Consultation Overview

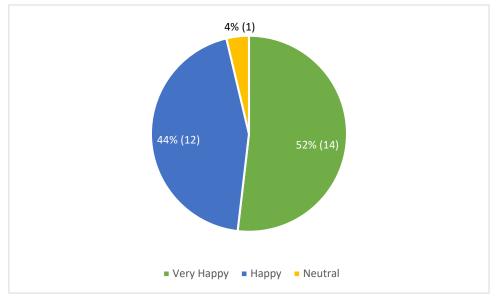
During the consultation period Council received:

- 504 Visits to the online survey
- 27 Survey responses
- Approximately 50 young people engaged through targeted workshops

5. Consultation Findings

Each question is listed with the corresponding graph and results summary.

Q1. How happy are you with the concept plan for Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve?



Summary of results

A total of 27 people responded 52% of respondents are very happy with the concept plan for Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve, 44% are happy and 4% are neutral.

Q2. What do you like about the concept plan?

Summary of results

There were 25 responses and 2 respondents skipped this question. The key aspects that respondents liked about the concept plan were:

(1) the use of space / many recreation opportunities available for all ages (2) BMX / pump track (3) greater play opportunities for children outdoors (4) toilets will be provided.

A summary of the comments is provided below:

Good use of the space and many recreation opportunities for various age groups and interests (9) \checkmark \checkmark \checkmark \checkmark \checkmark \checkmark

BMX / pump track (7) $\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$

Great space / more play for children outdoors (6) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

Toilets (6)

Stormwater pond improvements (5) $\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$

Adventure play (5) ✓✓✓✓✓

Forest enchanted play (3) ✓✓✓

Junior play (3) ✓✓✓

Basketball (2) ✓✓

Fitness node (1) ✓

Shelters (1) ✓

Car parking (1) ✓

Barbeque (1)

Focus on environment / surrounding area preserved (2) ✓ ✓

Facilities for older children (1) ✓

Natural play area (1) ✓

Two separate play spaces for older and younger children $(1)\checkmark$

Upgraded facilities (1)✓

Refer to Appendix 2 for all text responses to Question 2

Q3. What could be improved in the concept plan?

Summary of results

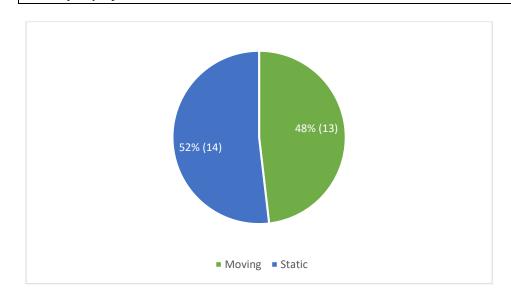
There were 24 responses and 3 respondents skipped this question. The top three ideas that respondents had for improvements to the concept plan were (1) fencing around playground, (2) no changes - like the design as it is, (3) more car parking / consider traffic impacts along Patpa Drive.

A summary of the comments is provided below:

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Fencing around junior Play / Patpa Drive / near pond (6)
No changes - I like the design as it is (4) \checkmark\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark
More car parking / consider traffic impacts along Patpa Drive (2) ✓✓
Ensure main features can be accessed by younger children (1)
Stormwater pond certainly needs improvements (1) ✓
Consider dog walkers that use the main path (1)
Combination of static and moveable fitness equipment (1)
Parkour high bars to be added (1) ✓
Flying fox (1) ✓
Water and sand play (1) ✓
Bigger playground (1) ✓
BMX dirt jumps (1) ✓
Shade sails over playground equipment (1) ✓
Toilet facilities (1)
More picnic tables / shelters (1) ✓
More challenging equipment / parkour course (1) ✓
Playgrounds closer together (1) ✓
Basketball node closer to other play areas (1)
Barbeque on Hugh Johnson Boulevard side of reserve (1) ✓
More information on fitness equipment (1) ✓
Small trampolines in junior play area (1) ✓
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Refer to Appendix 3 for all text responses to Question 3

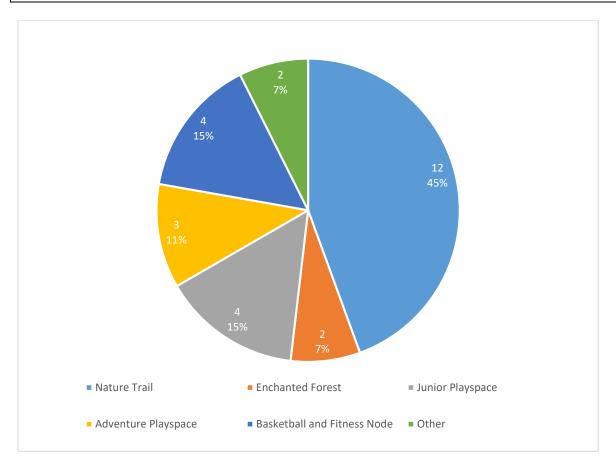
Q4. You told us you would like fitness equipment in the first consultation, what type of equipment would you prefer?



Summary of results

A total of 52% (14 respondents) would like movable fitness equipment and 48% (13 respondents) would like static equipment. This result indicates a combination of both would be the best outcome for the upgrade.

Q5. Which space would you like to see public art within the reserve?

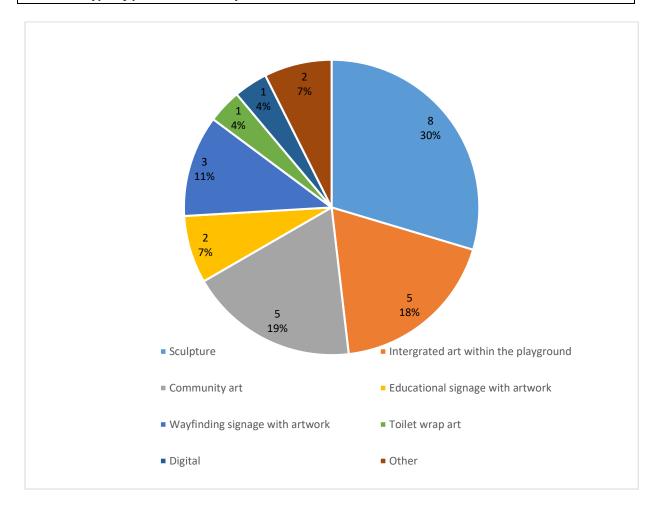


Summary of results

There were 27 responses to this question. The preferred space for the public art is the nature trail (45%), followed by the junior play space (15%), basketball / fitness node (15%) and adventure play space (11%). This result shows that potentially art could be integrated within both the play space / recreation nodes and the nature trail.

Those that responded "other" suggested art could be located near picnic areas (1 response) and on its own and be interactive (1 response).

Q6. What type of public art would you like to see in the reserve?



Summary of results

There were 27 responses to this question. The preferred type of public art was sculpture (30%), followed by community art (19%), integrated art within the playground (18%) and wayfinding signage with artwork (11%).

Those that responded "other" suggested art could include sculptures similar to Thalassa Park, Aberfoyle Park (storybook walk), or interactive.

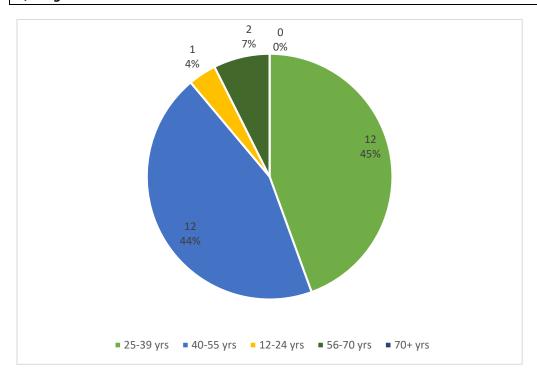
Q7. Do you have any other comments or feedback?

Comments Summary					
PLAYGROUND	FACILITIES / AMENITIES / NATURE				
 Playground improvements Safe playground equipment for junior play√ Move the old equipment to Trott Park 	 Inclusion and accessibility Wayfinding / signage suitable for vision impaired ✓ Other 				
Community Centre or French Crescent reserve ✓	 Bike rack to be added ✓ 				
 More equipment for older children√ Fencing Fenced playground √√ 	 Pathways / Connections Concerns regarding cyclist behaviour / speeds on Coast to Vines trail√ 				
Adult Fitness Equipment ■ High bars for chin ups ✓	Nature Brown snake concerns ✓				
 Art Wooden sculptures /indigenous art preferred ✓ Like the mushroom / fairy garden feel of Christopher Grove playground ✓ 	 Car parking Concerns about car parking and traffic on Patpa Road ✓ Speed humps on Patpa Road preferred ✓ Maintenance Sewer repairs needed near creek ✓ 				
GENERAL COMMENTS					

- Hope the forest is opened as part of the works ✓
- Very happy with the concept plan ✓✓✓
- The plans look amazing ✓
- Can't wait to take the kids there ✓

A total of 16 responses, refer to Appendix 4 to view a full summary of all the comments and feedback.

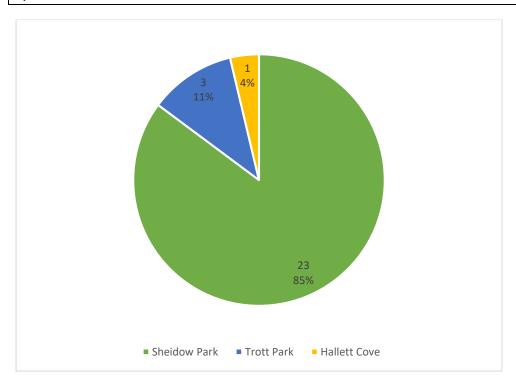
Q8. Age



Summary of results

The majority of respondents are aged between 40-55 years old (44%) and 25-39 years old (45%).

Q9. Suburb



Summary of results

The majority of respondents live in Sheidow Park (85%). A further 11% are from Trott Park and 4% from Hallett Cove.

6. Design Response

Some key themes emerged throughout the consultation and evaluation process which have influenced the final design.

Overall summary of key themes and the design response:

Key Theme	No. times	Design response
Playground equipment requested:		To be considered through detailed design and with
Parkour high bars	2	reference to the round 1 community engagement
Flying fox	1	results on ideas for Hugh Johnson Boulevard
Water play	1	Reserve.
Sand play	1	
Bigger playground	1	
Small trampolines	2	
More challenging equipment	1	
Junior and adventure play closer	2	
together		
Safe playground equipment	1	
Relocate old playground equipment to		The existing playground equipment has reached
Trott Park Community Centre or French	1	the end of its useful life (over 20 years old), and
Crescent Reserve		unable to be reused at another site.
		Will investigate through the detailed design phase
Cyclist speed on Coast to Vines Trail	1	and in consultation with Councils traffic
		department
Additional facilities requested:		
More Seating	1	Noted and will be further considered during the
More Picnic tables	1 1	detailed design phase for the project.
Barbeque on Hugh Johnson Boulevard	1	
side		
Shade sails	1 1	
Bike rack	1	
Locate playground and basketball court closer together	2	Due to the gradient of the site and budget limitations, the locations indicated on the concept plan are the only space suitable to locate the court and equipment. There will be clearing of weeds and some vegetation in this location to ensure sight lines are improved.
BMX/ pump track	5	Concept plan includes a dirt pump track. To be considered through detailed design and budget review. Site has many significant trees, hence a large scale pump track will not be possible.
Fitness equipment	3	Based on the round 2 community engagement feedback we will seek to provide a combination of both static and moveable equipment, subject to budget review.
Provide secure fencing	8	Proposed location of junior play items is away from major roads. Buffer planting will be considered as an alternative for safety.

Key Theme	No. times issue raised	Design response
Provide more car parking	3	The need for additional car parking will be considered through a detailed design and budget review.
Traffic on Patpa Drive	3	Will be reviewed internally by the relevant Council department
Wayfinding and signage suitable for vision impaired	1	Noted
Artwork	1	The round 2 consultation has provided Council with information that will inform the type and location of the artwork on site
Dog walkers	1	Dogs are allowed in the reserve with the regulation 'Dog on leash' within 5m of playground equipment. There will be additional dog water bowls, bag dispensers and bins within the reserve as part of the upgrade. The pathways will be improved which will encourage more people to walk and enjoy the environment with their dogs.
Duck Pond and creek improvement/ restoration Retaining water for a longer time for ducks, fish and frogs	6	The project is a regional level playground. The works related to the pond would usually be outside the scope of works. However, due to the extensive community feedback in the round 1 consultation phase, Council has obtained additional funding to undertake mitigation works. These works will involve a study into the overall catchment to inform future planning and minor works including weed removal, potential silt removal and revegetation to improve the aesthetics of the site.
Maintenance Issues: Snakes Sewer	1 1	These issues have been raised with the relevant Council department to be followed up.

7. Next Steps

We thank all that provided their feedback and participated in the engagement process.

The feedback has helped finalise the Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve concept plan for Council approval and detailed design.

8. Project Updates

Project updates will be provided through the Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve Upgrade page on the City of Marion website and Making Marion pages

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Appendix 1 – Youth Engagement

Sheidow Park Primary School – Workshop

On Tuesday 16 March 2021 City of Marion staff met with year 3 students from Sheidow Park Primary School to discuss the concept plan developed for Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve. Approximately 30-38 students attended the session.

The purpose of the school engagement was to:

- give students an understanding of open space / recreation planning within Council
- seek their feedback, ideas and preferred style of playspace
- ensure children and young people have a voice and are engaged in the design process

At the session Council staff presented the steps that are undertaken to develop a reserve and playspace. They also showed the class the draft concept plan. The concept plan had been developed based on the ideas that the community shared in the first round of consultation in November 2020.

It was shared with the group that Council is currently designing a custom playground structure and that their task for the session was to create, design, or build this item.

The class separated into small groups and using a range of craft materials they built mini playgrounds and made drawings of preferred playgrounds and items. The class was very creative and enthusiastic and had many great ideas that they each presented at the end of the session.

Popular junior / adventure play items included:

- Swings ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Climbing walls / equipment ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Big hill slides ✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Mazes ✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Tree houses with big slides ✓✓✓✓
- BMX/ Pump tracks ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
- Trampolines ✓✓✓✓
- Stepping stones ✓✓
- Soccer pitch / nets ✓✓
- Slide into a pool ✓✓
- Ladders ✓
- Monkey bars ✓
- Ziplines ✓
- Flying fox ✓
- Open grassed areas ✓
- Jumping pillow ✓
- Basketball court ✓
- Tennis courts ✓
- Cricket pitch ✓
- Entrance statements ✓
- Balancing beams ✓

The students were keen to see adventurous elements included in the design and talked a lot about "treetop cubbies", "climbing high", and "big twisting slides".

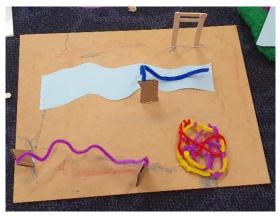
See below examples of the fantastic ideas that the students developed:





Maze Cubby, Maze & Slide





Rainbow swing

Climbing equipment, slide and trampoline

A few students expressed that some of their favourite playgrounds in South Australia are Monash Adventure Playground, St Kilda Adventure Playground and the Big Slide Park at Craigburn Farm.

HUGH JOHNSON BOULEVARD RESERVE► ADVENTURE PLAY AREA MARION f City of Marion SHEIDOW PARK SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT I MARCH 2021 ADVENTURE PLAY (5-12 YRS) CLIMBING WALL CLIMBING FRAME NATURE TRAIL OTHER PLAY OPPORTUNITIES LEGEND Adverture Plan with saids Plant Swing (3) Climbing wall Secondary path through the graveland Cimbing timber stumps GRASSLAND SEATING NOOKS TIMBER SCULPTURES/ NATURE TRAIL BMX/ PUMP TRACK Climbing bouldsrs.



Youth Collective Committee - Workshop

On Thursday 25 March Council staff attended the City of Marion Youth Collective Committee (YCC) meeting at the Marion Cultural Centre Library. The City of Marion Youth Collective committee is an initiative endorsed by Elected Members following the recommendations of the 2019 Voice It! Youth Report.

The vision of this group is for them to work with departments across council on issues, topics and concerns that are important to all young people.

The Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve concept plan was presented for YCC ideas and input.

The following questions were asked to help facilitate discussion:

- 1) What do you like about the concept plan for Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve?
- 2) What could be improved in the plans?
- 3) What type of public art would you like to see in the reserve?
- 4) What space would you like to see public art?
- 5) How well do you think the design caters for a range of abilities and age groups (including youth)

The elements of the plan that the committee liked included:

- BMX / pump track
- Basketball court for all ages, including youth
- Accessibility for all
- Well designed space
- That the reserve will cater for a range of ages and abilities

Improvements suggested for the plans included:

- Consider the distance between the junior and adventure playground (may make adult supervision of an older and younger child difficult)
- Consider a set of large and smaller steps up to the slide to cater for younger and older children
- Consider the skill level that the BMX track is targeted for. The Shepards Hill BMX track has good examples of tracks for different skill levels
- Plant selection to include flowering shrubs that are drought tolerant if possible
- Basketball court / or hard surfaces to be line marked with community games including hopscotch and handball
- Ensure an adequate number of public toilets

The type of public art that the group would like to see within the reserve included:

- Murals
- Chainsaw art
- Graffiti art

A graffiti park was suggested for somewhere within the Council area that young people could display their artwork.

Other thoughts and suggestions for the planning included:

- Making the site as inclusive as possible for all ages and abilities including people with disabilities
- Braille for those that are visually impaired
- Quiet spaces to also be included in the design
- Include indigenous stories / culture where possible
- Wellbeing and positive messages within the park (potential for art)
- Also consider materials other than wood for the playground (eg recycled materials)
- Rubber hand grips on climbing walls instead of wood to avoid splinters
- Enchanted forest area is a great idea consider bridges and mushrooms that could be crawled through or used as a shelter
- Enchanted forest is a great space for public art
- Community garden either at this site or another Council reserve
- Edible garden eg herb garden that requires minimal water / maintenance

The Committee was keen to be involved in future projects and had many great ideas that could be considered for Hugh Johnson Boulevard Reserve and other future open space upgrades.

Appendix 2

All text responses to Question 2: What do you like about the concept plan?

Focus on the natural environment

Lots of play areas which would be a huge improvement compared to what is there now

Additional parking and toilet facilities, playground upgrades

The nature forest area the toilets and 2 ages of playgrounds

Pump track, junior and adventure play, toilets

This concept seems to make really good use of the space with many options for various age groups and interests. I really like the idea of the enchanted forest, an opportunity for exploration and creative play.

The pond will finally be repaired

Enchanted Forest is such a good idea as the current space with those trees/little forest near the power plant is beautiful and currently underutilized. Junior play space and adventure play, BMX track, basketball rings. Toilets, improvement of stormwater

The refurbishment of the existing pond is most welcome as it is an existing attraction for this recreation area. I think the planned play areas and equipment caters well for a range of people/age groups without detracting from the natural environment.

You have thought about all age groups and it's family oriented

Variety of activities

BMX/Pump Track, Adventure play, fitness node

Great place for my kids to be outdoors

More variety of a playground for my kids

More options of play for family members of all ages

There's something for everyone

Bigger playground for the kids. BMX track. Toilets are a great idea

Making the space more desirable will be amazing. Replacing old shabby playground equipment and freshening up the pond will be fantastic.

Upgraded to the stormwater pond, playground and adventure play, BMX track

Multiple areas for different ages

BMX track, playgrounds and basketball hoop area are great. Shelters and barbeque and toilets are a must.

The reserve facilities are being upgraded yet the nature surrounding the area (creek, pond) are being preserved.

Good there is some equipment for older kids

The 2 different play spaces for different age children. I also like the woodland natural play area. Toilet and updated facilities.

Appendix 3

All Text responses to Question 3: What could be improved in the concept plan?

I would like to know what fitness equipment you plan. Marion council has a history of installing wooden equipment that is completely not fit for purpose and is never used.

Appendix 3

All Text responses to Question 3: What could be improved in the concept plan? (continued)

Basketball/soccer area closer to other play areas. Fencing along Patpa Drive, especially near the junior play area. Fencing near water as well

Small trampolines in the junior playground

I'm concerned about parking. looking at plan it doesn't appear to be many parking spots on Patpa Drive. with a main entrance also identified on Hugh Johnson I'm concerned that road will be congested, and traffic on Berrima/Edward Beck roads will increase.

For a junior play area I think consideration needs to be made on the equipment design to ensure that the main features are accessible to a younger age group. Also consideration of fencing around the junior play area with main/busy roads nearby.

I like the design as it is

Stormwater area definitely needs attention-we did Clean Up Aust Day this year and there and it was very littered and unattractive.

Nothing is apparent from the concept plan - think the increased asphalt pathways will make more of the park accessible and focus on natural landscaping is very good.

Have you thought about dog walkers as it a main walking dog path for locals?

Instead of having to choose from either Static or moving equipment- could you have a little of both?

Fenced playground

Could you please!! Add in outdoor fitness equipment! or the parcor (sic) high bars. We have tall kids and they usually can't hang or do chin ups because the bars are to low at all the local outdoor fitness area. the closest one we have to drive to is 20-25 mins

Is there a flying fox planned?

Water and sand play would top it off

Fenced off playgrounds, bigger playground, dirt BMX track

Shade sails over any exposed play equipment

I think there needs to be more parking. Patpa road is very busy and people speed along there. It could pose a safety risk with cars parked along there wanting to use the playground. Might need some speed humps to slow cars down.

Unclear if there will be toilet facilities. This would be a good addition.

A gated junior play area and more than 1 picnic table in the shelter for both junior and adventure play area.

More challenging things for older kids eg ninja course, parkore (sic) course

Playgrounds closer together with the younger playground to be fenced. So can have one child on each playground and watch them both.

BBQ's on Hugh Johnson Blvd side so families or other people can still use the facilities in a quieter location if required.

Appendix 4

All text responses to Question 7: Any other comments or feedback?

Brown snakes can be an issue in this area, it has been getting worse each year with lots of sightings. How can the safety of kids be ensured when there are snakes in the area

Please consider any signage/ wayfinding installations are made accessible for sight/print impaired persons.

Appendix 4

All text responses to Question 7: Any other comments or feedback? (continued)

I hope the forest area is opened/visible-it's an amazing space but I've taken 2yo there before and with the litter, proximity to powerplant, busy road it felt like we could find something 'untoward' there but such a beautiful space if regularly maintained

Very happy with the concept plan.

The plans look amazing! But high bars for taller people/kids would be super helpful. (Not monkey bars) just single bars to hang from or chin up or muscle up. A bar that you can hang and swing on and feet doesn't (sic) ptouch the bottom

Great stuff

Have the kids playground fenced in.

Junior playground equipment that is safe. Ideally like to see gates around the equipment play area so little kids don't run onto street. And moving old equipment to the Trott Park community centre or French crescent reserve

So looking forward to being able to take my kids there again!

Please ensure that the sewerage is fixed as there is often spills nears the creek

Great concept just concerned about the cars and parking situation along Patpa road. Would hate for a child (or adult) to be hit by a speeding car. Speed humps would help with this. Also, a bike rack would be useful for kids to use after school.

Concept looks good, just would love more over 10 years old equipment, I have 4 kids all over 8 that would love to use the space as it's quite close to home. Thanks

Art could be similar to the wooden animal carvings at Wilfred Taylor reserve. Would also like to see some indigenous aspects to the art and play spaces. We also enjoy the mushroom fairy garden feel of the playground at Christopher grove.

Shared bike and walk path at the top end of Hugh Johnson Boulevard which is a blind bend. Zig zag fences to slow cyclists down around the bend which they ride too fast. Or continue the cycle track along down Patpa Rd and close off the path into the park to bikes.