



Linear Park Reserve, Hallett Cove



Reserve Upgrade

Community Consultation Findings

April 2024



1. Introduction

This report provides the findings of community consultation on the concept and options for the upgrade of Linear Park Reserve, Hallett Cove.

Linear Park Reserve was upgraded in 2014 with new playground equipment, 3 on 3 basketball, a picnic table with shelter, seating, and pathways.

As part of Council's endorsed Open Space Plan (August 2022) funding has been allocated to install fitness equipment along the pathway. Work will also include the installation of a drinking fountain near the playground equipment and pathway activities located around the central park loop.

Consultation is seeking community feedback on the type and location of the fitness equipment.

The online consultation occurred from 5 April to 29 April 2024. The reserve upgrade is planned to be completed by June 2025.

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2. Executive Summary


Council received 28 responses to the online engagement.

When asked about fitness equipment type, most respondents, 48% (12) preferred Option B single combination unit focusing on upper body and core strength. This was followed closely by Option A resistance cardio equipment with stretching apparatus 44% (11). Option C, a selection of a basic range of static gym equipment was the least preferred 8% (2).

When asked which location the fitness equipment should be in, most respondents, 50% (13) preferred Option 1 in a central location near the existing playground equipment. 26.9% (7) preferred Option 2 in a northern location between Fielders Road and Aroona Road and 23.1% (6) did not mind which location was chosen.

To activate the pathway, most respondents, 89.3% (25) preferred Option 2, a sensory walk (with activities painted on the path). Option 1, an interactive game (using a smartphone app / stickers) was preferred by 10.7% (3) of respondents.

Overall, most respondents, 46.4% (13) were satisfied with the proposed reserve improvements. 35.7% (10) were very satisfied, 14.3% (4) felt neutral and only 3.6% (1) indicated dissatisfaction, which was clarified in comments as being in favor of the



improvements but wanting additional funding for more features (dog park, running markers).

Comments received were positive about the reserve improvements. There were requests for additional items, with the most popular being inclusion of a public toilet (4), improved lighting of the trail (4), additional bins (3) and walking /jogging trail markers (2).

Other items requested included, pump track, nature-based parkour equipment, balance equipment, green grass for floor exercises, dog tie up point, motivational signage for exercise equipment, fenced dog park and adding a dog bowl to drink fountain.

3. Consultation Program

The consultation included an online survey which occurred over 3 weeks with the survey open from 5 April to 29 April 2024.

The consultation was conducted in the following ways:

- The survey was available online at www.makingmarion.com.au
- The survey was promoted on the City of Marion website.
- Social media posts were placed on the City of Marion Facebook Page.
- A postcard was mailed out to residents within a 400m catchment of the reserve.

4. Consultation Overview

During the consultation period Council received:

- 313 Visits to the online survey
- 28 Contributors to the online survey

This report includes a summary of all survey questions.

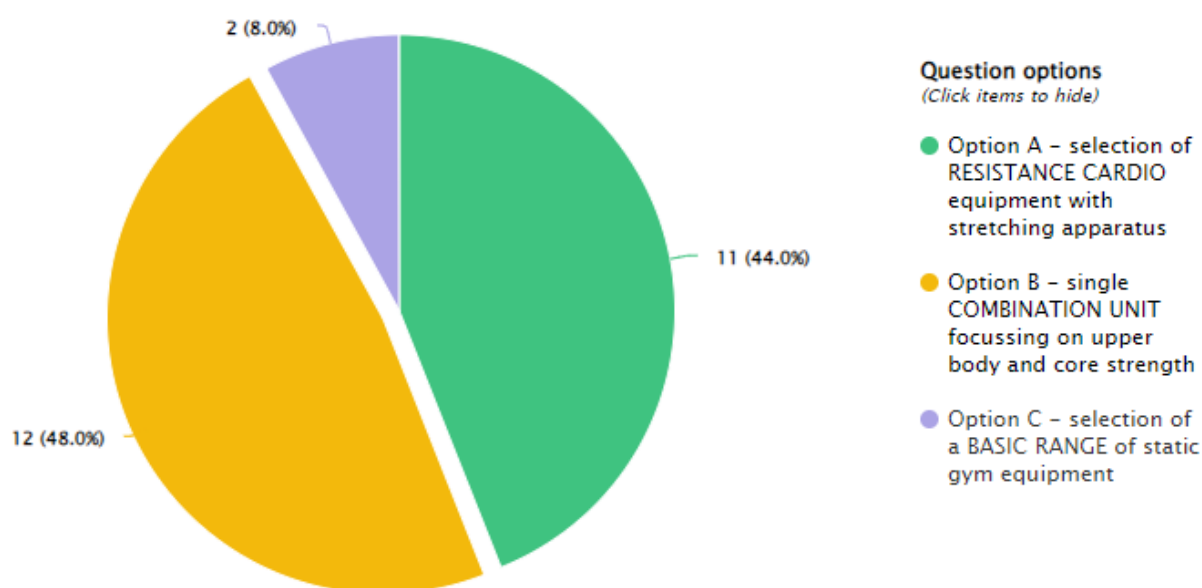
5. Consultation Findings

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

Responses have been listed as worded by the respondent. For privacy reasons, respondents' details have not been included.

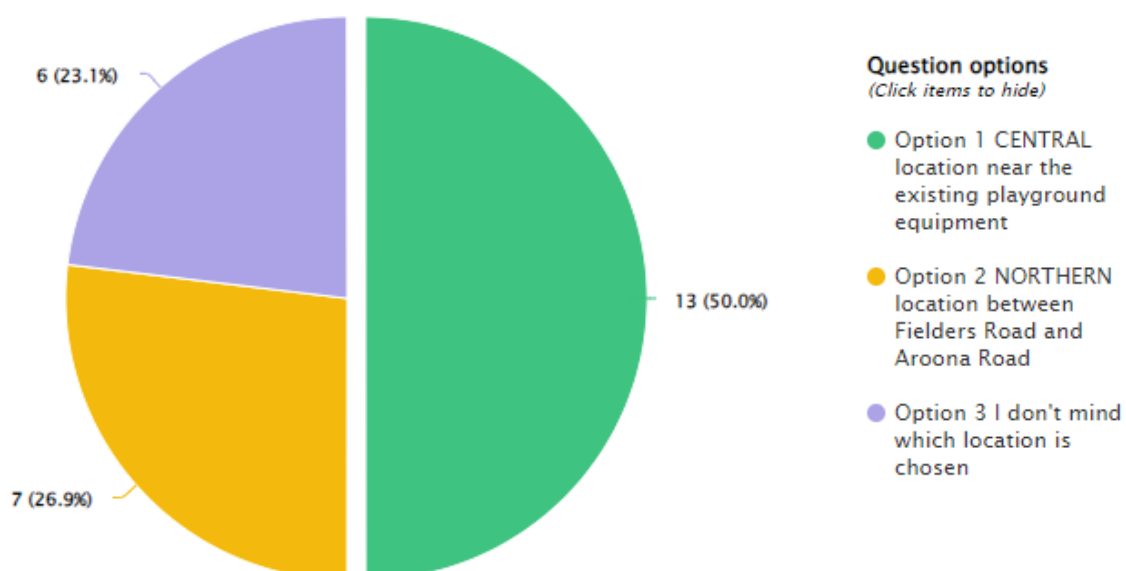
SURVEY RESULTS

Q1 What type of fitness equipment do you prefer? Refer to Concept Plan



The majority of respondents preferred Option B – Single Combination Unit focusing on upper body and core strength.

Q2 Where do you think the fitness equipment should be located? Refer to Concept Plan

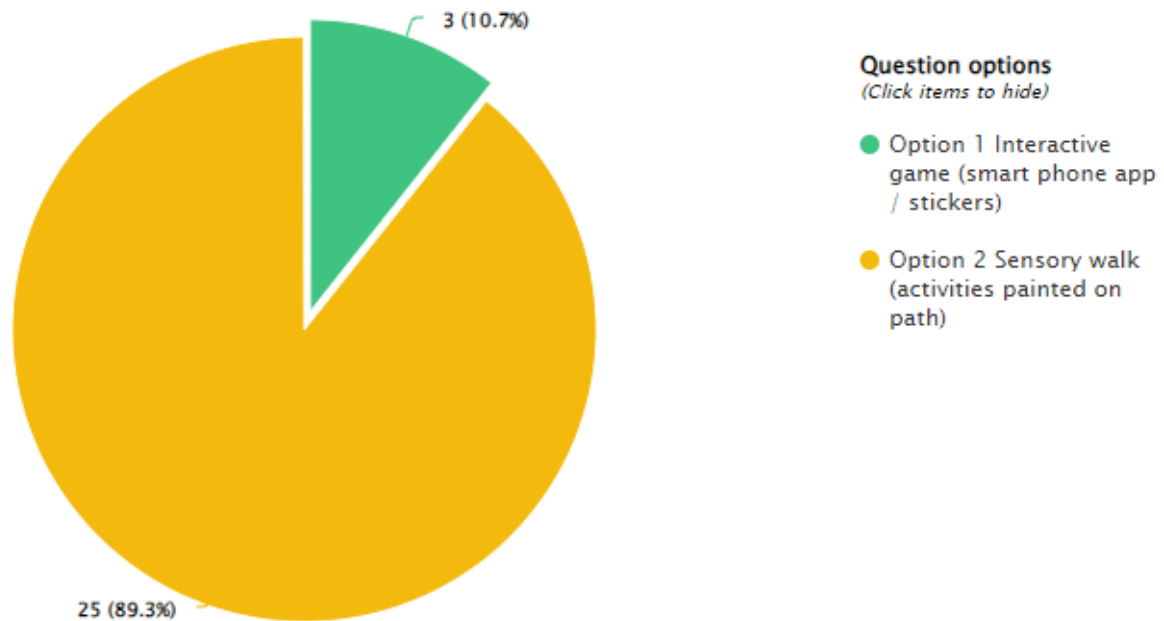


The majority of respondents preferred Option 1 Central location near the existing playground equipment.

Q3 Pathway activation: We are looking to add some pavement stickers to the existing pathway around the playground area to encourage additional physical activity in the reserve. Please tell us which style of activity you would prefer?

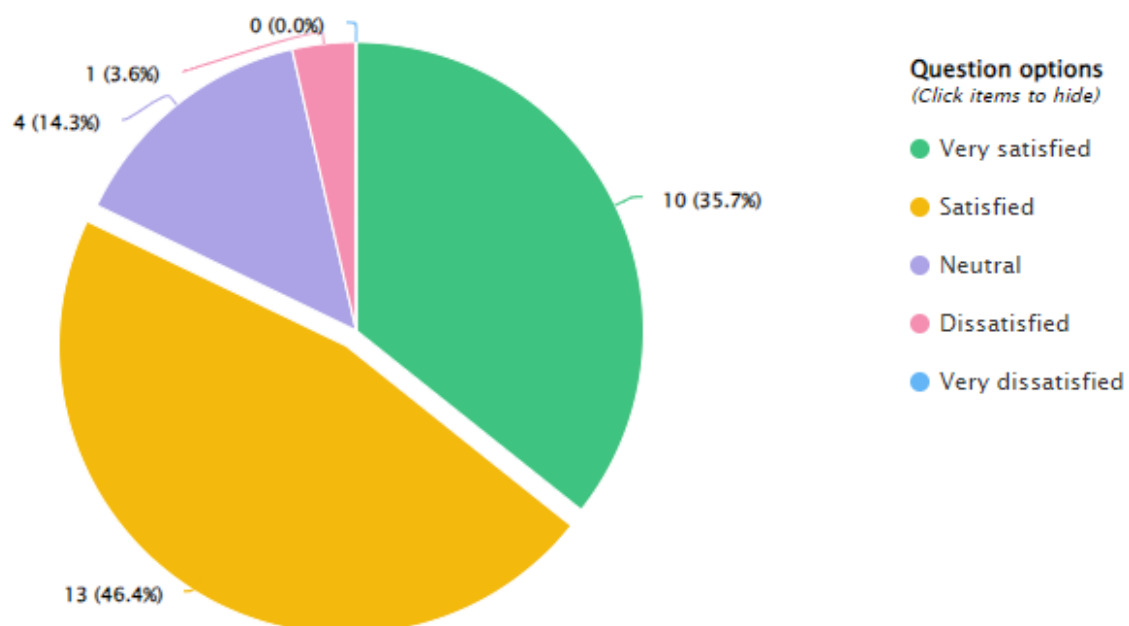
Option 1: Interactive game (smart phone app / stickers)

Option 2: Sensory walk (activities painted on path)



The majority of respondents preferred Option 2 Sensory walk (activities painted on path).

Q4 How satisfied are you with the proposed reserve improvements?



The majority of respondents were Satisfied with the proposed reserve improvements.

Q5 If dissatisfied, then why? (Please specify)

There is an excellent location for a fenced dog park at the northern end bound by the walking track. A start point and track distance markers for pace timing would also be hugely beneficial without significant cost. This feels like a missed opportunity to greatly enhance the amenity of the area. To be clear, I am in FAVOUR of proposed works but dissatisfied that they are not more extensive given the limited recreational facilities in this part of Hallett Cove.

Q6 Do you have any other comments about the proposed improvements for Linear Park Reserve

I think it is a fabulous idea. It's great for the teenagers to use who can't attend gyms. As well as adults whilst walking. Best idea I've seen in a while.

A public toilet would be awesome.

Please please install a toilet! We live near this park and go there all the time. A toilet would be very handy especially being on a beautiful walking path I think many people young and old would appreciate it.

Extra bins in northern area for dog bags Gym equipment like the one at Marion outdoor swimming centre. A great combination.

Lighting would be good through the park! It's extremely dark at night and very minimal lighting for people walking through it.

Pump track would be a great upgrade, the existing trash racks need more regular maintenance, an additional bin should be located at the northern end of the path near the dog crap bags. The roof of the existing pergola / shelter is often covered with leaves should be cleaned before it rusts through.

Would be helpful to have a toilet there.

Think having the equipment near the existing playground will be better for families with different aged children as there will be something for everyone and also enable parents to get some exercise whilst being able to watch their children.

Chose option B for a more Ninja Warrior type setup for bigger kids. Nature based Pakour equipment would also be great.

More lights so it can be used at night or morning. Create a walk/jog loop around the park with distance markings (e.g a 1km loop, with 200m marks). Could do it as a gravel track around the outside closer to where there are lights - similar to McKinnon parade in north Adelaide. More balance equipment Astro turf or green grass for floor exercises A spot to tie up a dog whilst exercising Motivational signage with example exercise circuit.

Please make the drink fountain dog friendly to allow dog to drink as well.

Please consider a designated track starting point near the playground with periodic distance measures to allow pace timing without worrying about smart watch or phone. Additionally, a fenced dog park could be established within the bounds of the walking track with very minimal site works. A little more investment could create an excellent recreation hub for Hallett Cove residence living in the northern part of suburb.

They are elderly people in hallett cove and having exercise equipment gives that motivation. Please get them available soon possible.

It is not regarding fitness equipment, but I would like to see more options at the playground for kids and more bins available around the park, especially close to the bus stop at Aroona Road.

Could the fitness equipment also be similar to a playground/ ninja warrior style. A example would be funky monkey bars type stations (course) in a row. This may help appeal to early teenagers and give them an interest to pursue fitness and more outdoor/ community activities within the community. Just a thought. Thanks

In winter after work it's hard to run along the path, Low lumin public lighting would be nice but know that might be a concern for houses along the path.

From the examples option A doesnt look great right by the playground if central location is chosen. Also not sure if the colour red/brown for the groundwork does not blend with the natural environment. For any option central near the current bin, there is a lovely tree about 5m away by the path with a unique bended trunk that I would hope can be retained. If not then location option 2 would be preferable. A drinking tap will be great. Toilets should be considered perhaps at the northern location as there are none nearby with the closest being Quailo Ave playground reserve or Capella oval. Im also wondering if the equipment will actually be used and if its still something the public wants as this is a result of a survey 4 x years ago. A In all photos options the equipment looks out of place and is a bit of an eyesore.

It would be great to have more lighting along the Linear Reserve path and nearby the exercise equipment. More people especially women will use it if lit. A dog water bowl attached to the drinking fountain would be good too if possible please.

A summary of items requested from the above comments is provided below.

Additional Amenities Requested

- Extra bins in the northern area (near the dog bag dispenser) x 3.
- Public Toilet x4.
- Improved lighting on the trail x 4.
- Please add dog bowl to new drink fountain 2.

Additional Facilities Requested

- Pump track.
- Nature based parkour equipment.
- More balance equipment
- Green grass for floor exercises
- Dog tie up point.
- Motivational signage with example exercise circuit.
- Fenced dog park
- Walk / jog loop around the park with distance markers x2.

Maintenance Items Raised

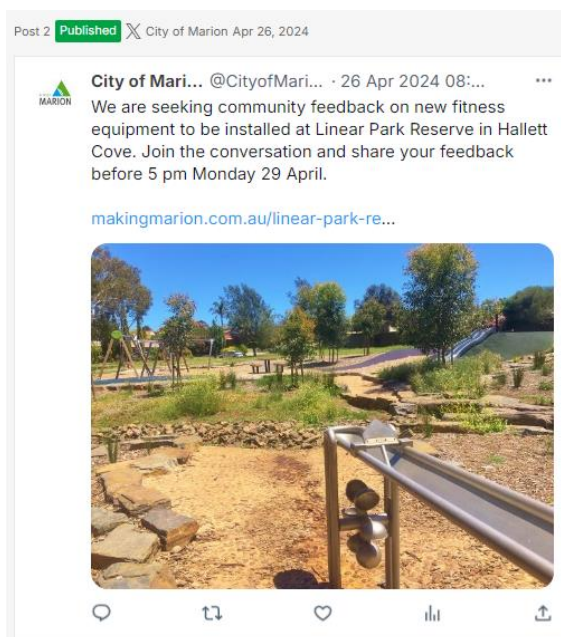
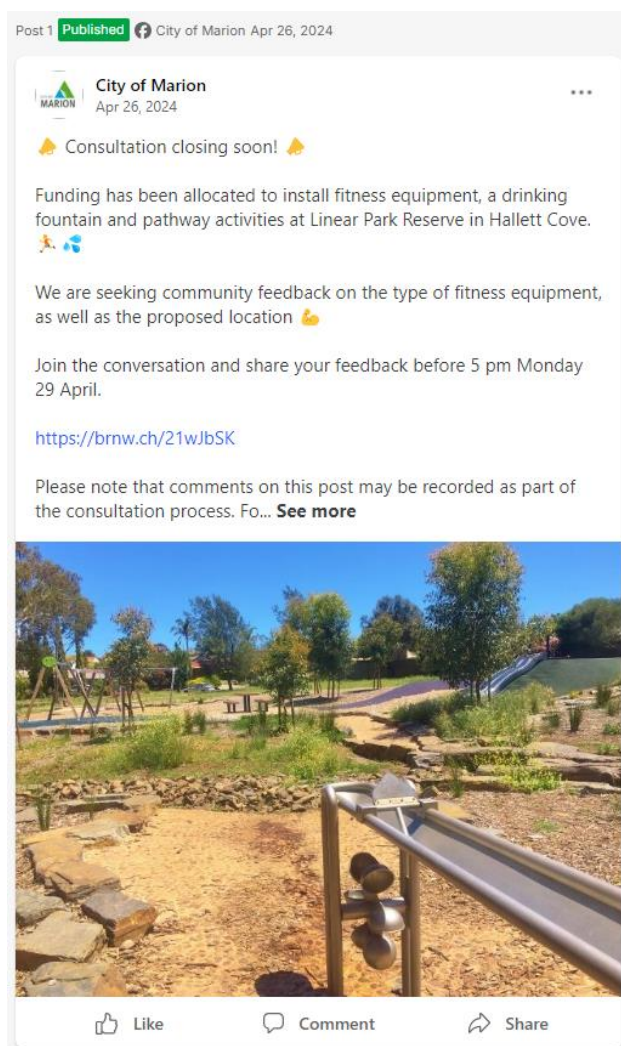
- Existing trash racks need more regular maintenance.
- The existing shelter is covered with leaves and needs to be cleaned before it rusts through.

6. Emails

No email correspondence was received during the consultation period.

7. Social Media

The following posts and comments were provided on social media.



Post 3 **Published** City of Marion Apr 17, 2024



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Join the conversation and share your feedback before 5 pm Monday 29 April.

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If you live near or often visit Linear Park Reserve in Hallett Cove, then this is for you 🙌🏻

Funding has been allocated to install fitness equipment, a drinking fountain and pathway activities located around the central park loop. 🙌🏻

We are seeking community feedback on the type of fitness equipment, as well as the proposed location 🙌🏻

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Social Media Comments

I think capella still has so much more potential - Yes I agree.
Wonderful parklands
Anything to help with upper body strength would be great!!
How about the general maintenance on the park itself Marion Council ... so busy spending rate payers money on everything but what you should be doing again!!!
Community feedback.. ask community but decide what was already decided before consultation.. just like Hamilton Reserve plans where the pump track and footy and soccer goals were promised but then not agreed.. no parks in the vicinity with these things for the children in our community.. oh and a simple path around the entire park with fitness stations in each corner.... nah.. just get your kids and the elderly to cross the roads to do laps! - 100% agree. not sure who is running the joint at MCC but the fishiness is starting to smell from miles away! It's all smoke and mirrors baby and it's starting to become very obvious to the community! - just wonder where our rate paying money is going??
Why do we have to create an account or log-in to do the survey? I bailed straight away because I seriously cannot be bothered to go through that! (I wanted to pick the first or second combination btw) - City of Marion Hi Sascha, thanks for your comment. We have replied to you directly through message. Thanks, ED.
Need lights in the park! It's so dark at night it makes evening walks a little dangerous