

Frequently asked questions

Why will two tennis courts not be constructed?

A single tennis court and separate basketball and netball ring will be built. You told us that you utilise all these activities at the same time and did not want to interrupt tennis for free play.

The court is in poor condition and localised subsidence is evident on the north eastern corner.

Why does the new court run east / west?

By placing the new court east west, we can separate the basketball and netball rings, without having to fix the retaining mound in the north east corner.

This orientation also protects and enhances growing conditions for existing trees.

Will a playground be considered?

The design provides play options outside of tennis such as basketball and netball, a kick about area, minor unstructured nature play and scooter / trike track.

A playground has not been considered or funded for this site as per Council's Playground Framework.

Other playgrounds in the area provide different options for play.

Will a toilet be considered at the site?

A toilet has not been considered as part of this upgrade as it is a local level reserve and the budget is limited.

How will the site be maintained?

The reserve will have a regular maintenance schedule, which will include weeding, topping up of mulch, mowing, and plant maintenance.

When will the reserve upgrade begin?

It is anticipated that construction will begin in August 2021.

All City of Marion consultation has been completed and we are excited to commence the next phase of the project.

How long will the upgrade take?

The upgrade will take approximately three months.

The planting around the tennis court will be delayed until the next planting season in April /May. This will allow us time to improve the quality of the soil and prepare for planting.

How will Council keep us informed?

We will inform the neighbours next to the reserve when we are about to start construction. We will also place signage on site and provide information on the Council's website.

You will be able to contact us during construction should you have any questions.

What will happen to the western portion of the reserve?

At a Council meeting on 27 January 2021, Council moved to: Retain the western portion of McConnell Avenue Reserve whilst undertaking a revised evaluation of the facilities and upgrades at the reserve as a whole, commencing in the months following the completion of the budgeted upgrade works on the eastern portion of the reserve, which are scheduled to be completed before Christmas 2021.

You can read the resolution on the Council website.

McConnell Avenue Reserve East

April 2021



Marion Council has completed the final concept plans for the \$217,000 upgrade of McConnell Avenue Reserve East.

The purpose of this flyer is to share the concept with you. We have incorporated community feedback received during a recent consultation and over many years into the final designs. Work is scheduled to start in August this year.

The concept design can be viewed over the page and includes:

- A single tennis court and separate basketball and netball ring. You told us that you utilise all these activities at the same time and did not want to interrupt tennis for free play.
- Loop path for scooter and bike riding. You told us that the flat surface was popular for learning to ride.
- Irrigated flat lawn area for community picnics, junior kickabout and passive recreational activities.
- Additional native plantings to attract wildlife. You told us that native plantings were important to you.
- A drink fountain and bike repair station will be added.
- Additional seating.
- Retention of appropriate native plants and trees and mulching their surroundings.
- New irrigation will be installed and the existing lawn area will be re seeded.

Species of plants and trees that are classified as pest or non native may require removal. Where possible, the removed tree stumps will be added to the reserve. A select number of these trees will require treatment prior to construction.

The planting around the tennis court will be delayed until the next planting season in April /May. This will allow us time to improve the quality of the soil and make ready for planting.

Please read the FAQs on the last page for answers to questions you may have.



View the webpage
www.marion.sa.gov.au/mcconnell-avenue-reserve

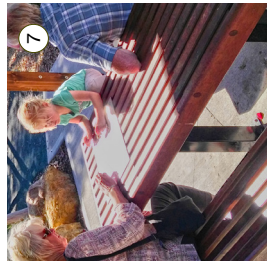
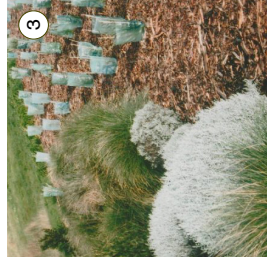
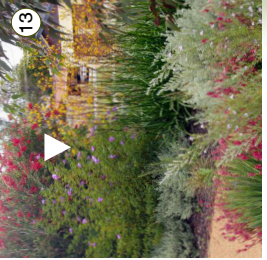
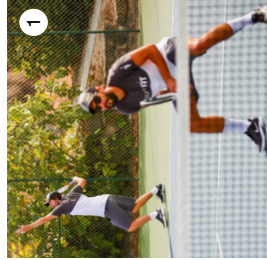


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LEGEND

- Existing tree to be retained
- Existing tree to be removed due to poor health or invasive species
- Proposed tree
- Irrigated garden bed
- Non irrigated natural landscaping
- Existing native shrubs to be retained
- Upgraded Irrigation including hydroseed application to existing grass area
- New irrigated lawn area
- Organic mulch
- Existing pavers to be retained
- New pavement surface
- Resurfaced Asphalt Court
- Reconstituted limestone block amphitheater (Subject to tender)
- Existing carpark barrier to be retained
- 3.6m high tennis court PVC Coated 'Black', cyclone fence
- 1.2m high PVC Coated 'Black', cyclone fence



- 1 Resurfaced tennis court includes new fencing (orientation changed to East/West to minimise impact on surrounding mature trees and avoid retaining wall to northeast corner of existing court.
- 2 Dashed line represents existing court location. Court pushed north (Circa 1.2m) to reduce impact of subsidence and erosion from steep embankment. Western side converted to garden including removal of existing retaining wall. This will allow improved growing conditions for existing trees.
- 3 Non irrigated natural landscaping and mulch path to allow maintenance, and public access. Retain existing native shrubs and trees.
- 4 Bike Repair Station.
- 5 Drinking fountain with bottle filler.
- 6 Relocate single plate electric barbecue adjacent shelter. Existing location in conflict with existing tree.
- 7 Existing shelter to be retained. Undertake general maintenance to extend lifespan. Install new picnic setting.
- 8 Optional element subject to tender - Replace existing retaining wall with reconstituted sandstone block amphitheater.
- 9 3 on 3 basketball and netball court.
- 10 Irrigated flat lawn to allow for community picnic and junior kickabout. Allows for multi generational group activities including Tai chi, yoga etc.
- 11 Loop path for bike and scooter riding.
- 12 2x new bench seats.
- 13 Reinstate garden and screen planting with native landscaping. Majority of existing species are classified as pest / non native and require removal
- 14 Existing picnic table to be retained
- 15 Provide new path and remove existing concrete slab to provide clearance from mature tree to improve health and vigor.
- 16 Install new irrigation, ameliorate and hydro-seed existing grass area
- 17 Future opportunity for nature play nodes to provide natural challenges and stimulate inquiry based learning (currently unfunded). Low cost option to retain suitable site felled trees for balance challenges.
- 18 Natural landscaping buffer, plant selection to remain lower than 1.8m high
- 19 Provide gaps in planting to allow access to rear garden gates
- 20 Existing car park to remain in current condition
- 21 Optional element subject to tender - Stepped reconstituted sandstone block amphitheater connecting courts to lower grass area

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

MCCONNELL AVENUE RESERVE EAST CONCEPT PLAN



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