



## **Nimboya Road 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 Nimboya Road Reserve, Marino.

An Open Space Plan was recently endorsed by Council to provide upgrades to open space across Council. As part of this plan, minor upgrades are proposed at Nimboya Road Reserve, with a pump track, natural landscaping and drink fountain.

## 2. Consultation Program

Engagement occurred to inform community members of the draft design for Nimboya Road 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/nimboya-road-reserve](https://makingmarion.com.au/nimboya-road-reserve)

Residents were informed about the survey in the following ways:

- **Flyer** - A postcard was delivered to approximately 405 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 Nimboya Road Reserve through the online survey via Making Marion.

In total, during this 3-week consultation period Council received 28 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 Nimboya Road Reserve received positive comments and constructive feedback. In summary:

- A total of 137 visits were recorded to the project's Making Marion web page where residents could access the Draft design, postcard and survey.
- 28 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
Increased facilities including picnic table, more play equipment, exercise equipment and BBQ.	<p>Nimboya Road Reserve is a local level playground. These spaces are less developed with limited play equipment. The service levels for this hierarchy do not include BBQ or exercise equipment.</p> <p>The playground was upgraded in 2011 as a local level reserve. The equipment has not reached its end of life and is suitable for the hierarchy. Generally, playgrounds have a life span of 20 -25 years, so Nimboya Road Reserve playground will not be considered for an upgrade until at least 2031.</p>
Consideration given to changing pathways and landscaping	<p>These suggestions will be considered in the final design, subject to budgets.</p> <p>The track is designed for safety, sight lines and existing land contours.</p>
Consideration should be given for a toilet.	<p>A toilet has not been considered as part of this upgrade as it is a local 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>
Extend and reconfigure cove road bike track	This will not be considered in this project scope.
Addition of lighting	There is lighting along the pathways. Further lighting of the pump track will not be considered to discouraged use at night for the comfort of neighbours and the safety of participants.
Provision for disabled children is needed	Additional play equipment is not in the scope of this project. The pump track is sealed and will be suitable for wheelchairs to interact with riders and scooters.



Consider skate ramp in design	A ramp will be reviewed subject to budget.
Use more natural materials to create pump track	The pump track will be constructed from asphalt to provide a more durable track that requires less maintenance.
Construct pump track in northern part of the reserve	The contours and pathway connections are not preferred for a pump track design in this area.
Further planting and landscaping should be considered.	Further planting will be considered should the budget allow.
A Car Park should be considered	Nimboya Road Reserve is a local level reserve and therefore a car park will not be considered. The reserve is connected to local residences with pathways and footpaths.

## SURVEY RESULTS

### **Q1 Do you have any comments about the concept design?**

the pump track appears to be taking up a large area of space. it is already difficult to use as a cricket or football play space now, and will hinder these activities.

Great idea especially given the contours of the land. Also could we have permanent soccer goals at the Bandon Tce Reserve too?

Yes, There is no need for a pump track. There is a large one very close at Brighton.  
There is more of a need for increased picnic settings, including a bbq.

We live 2 minutes walk from this reserve and our 8-year old loves this idea. This is a really exciting and much-needed development for our community! The bulk of the landscaping looks to be near "round the world" which very few people will see. However, the public footpath next to the "feel the force" corner is very well used every single day by the whole community when using the train, going to the subway or to school, so mulch or landscaping here would be very welcome. Could "catapult" and "round the world" join up so a bigger loop can be created?

The plans for the pump track look great! Thanks for thinking of the older kids in Marino. It will certainly be well used by the local children in the area. I would love to see improvements made to the footpath alongside (between the park and railway).

I don't see the need to add any nature play or pump track to it. if we have money available to upgrade the playground then please add play equipment that is suitable for the demographic age of surrounding streets. We have many children aged 6-10. So there needs more equipment for children to play on, more things to climb, a roundabout, larger slide. As an open space to gather we are really missing out not having a water fountain so i agree with that part, a covered space to sit and a bbq area. I think that it is poor that marino does not have a toilet facility in any of the open spaces we have. It limits meet ups and play time.

looks good and great idea for the area, but some other additions to the reserve would be of great importance to locals....e.g BBQ area, more shelters for shade...the ultimate would be a toilet system

We love the idea of a pump track in this park

The proposed pump track looks very unnatural and is an eyesore. If you are going to put a pump track, you should be using more natural materials, and putting trees and landscape to enhance the park, as you know that park is very dry in the summer months and that with a pump track is not very appealing. Furthermore, you should be upgrading the current seating and equipment that is there. The basketball ring is ridiculous, and should be replaced with a proper ring. Shading around the seating is also a must.

Great design. My sons and I have been wanting a pump track in the area of Marino for a while now as it doesn't have one at all. We currently frequently use the dirt one alongside the train line at Brighton therefore this would be excellent! We have used an asphalt pump track before in Goolwa as well so agree this would be good to use here for this proposed track! Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback and look forward to seeing this concept progress. Cheers

It looks pretty good

Why is there no toilet? every park I go to in Hallett Cove has one.

I commend the revitalisation of this area but I do not support the provision of a Pump Track.

Not with the concept - looks great and has my full support as the Marino area has been neglected until recently BUT as with most development there is little or no provision for car parking and this is the case here. The locals will use it but it will attract users from outside the area and since it is hilly this will mean that cars and Nimboya Rd is narrow. It's great that the track is easily accessible to the train (as long as the new private owners/managers of the trains don't prohibit bikes to be carried on trains) and it is also accessible from the Cove Rd bike track. However under the current situation this means crossing Cove Rd twice. Council should consider some means of extending the Cove Rd bike track on that eastern side of Cove Rd along side the railway line. As it stands I recognise that this strip is too narrow to accommodate a continuation of the track. The idea of improving this reserve is commendable and the concept design is tops.

I acknowledge that a continuation of the bike track to the underpass could encourage cyclists to ride through that underpass which is against the railway's notification.

Why a pump track? This is only an attraction for a small portion of the community. There are very few kids in the area who ride bikes given the hilly area. Most users of this park are those with small children and family groups. A better use of funds would be to add a BBQ and increase the safety of the park by adding more lighting. It is a safety hazard at night to walk through the park from the train station as there is only one light which hardly lights with a 5m radius.

- there should be a BBQ at the playground so that it is family friendly

- bump track is a really good idea but the lift off on the pump track should be connected to where you start so that the bikes aren't going on to the playground area

- more sitting down benches

- make the water fountain so that you can drink out of it and also fill a water bottle out of it

- add more lights the area so that people can be there at night

- should add exercise machines so more people can utilise it

Design looks ok. Where will people park?

Prefer no toilets unless locked by 7pm.

It's ok, but again it's missing some options for exercise. Some exercise equipment is needed at one of the parks in the area. It's important that the older people have something to help them keep active and fit.

Also please make sure it has some decent lighting. As that tunnel and proximity to the train station makes it a bit scary for kids and elderly at night.

no

I see that once again no provision has been made for disabled children; or for wheel chair bound children; This is an ongoing issue with this current council and has not been included in the planning.

No

Looks great!

Love it- we need activity areas like this for the kids and it would better utilize the park space. The grassed area isn't flat or used for ball sports so this is a great idea

Looks good, my kids will enjoy it

Looks great

I urge you to consider a skate ramp in the design. I understand budget is an issue, however I'm a mother to the 3 of the youth in the area and it's frustrating we have no access to a skate park locally. It's inevitable that this will be used for skateboards not just scooters and bikes, even if you put a sign saying 'no skateboarding'. We feel that a skate ramp would be better way to spend the budget, than decorating with stencil art. If you look at the park council is trying to sell off of Jervois Terrace, there is a 'make shift' skate ramp there. This should give you a very solid indication, this is what the youth are also looking for.

My family including a 15 year old and 13 year old are not in favour of the pump track. We think the area where the pump track is designed for is currently a really green and pleasant part of what is a small park. The pump track would remove this pleasant area and take it over . We often sit in here or walk the dog around. There are a lot of small children and dog users who use the park. Have you considered using the area which is north of the playground towards the Marino rocks station for a pump track? This part is not as nice and could do with some attention or revamp.

The bike track is a waste of rate payer dollars as it only serves a very small section of the community and money should go to services more widely used. The reserves serves as a pathway from the railway station and needs better lighting at night. A BBQ or picnic benches that attracts families would be great.

This a excellent idea. We live in sheidow terrace and this street alone has 9 families with children in primary school. With all the other streets that run into the parking having lots of kids it would be a great spot. Also the design utilising the hill is a great idea

**Summary of results:** The majority of respondents are supportive of the pump track. A summary of the comments above show that 17 comments are supportive and 8 are not supportive of the pump track. 3 respondents were concerned with other features.

***Q2. Should budget allow, the council is keen to engage with a graphic artist to create some stencil artwork on the pump track. If you have any ideas or suggestions on possible themes provide that below.***

native

Something natural looking like leaves

As above. Pump track not needed. However graphic artist most welcome to contribute.

I would prefer any budget for graphics be moved into landscaping. Because of the topography of Marino, this is a really visible reserve, so keeping it quite natural and well landscaped is key for me, as opposed to leaning more towards an urban skatepark aesthetic. For example, I think the pump track by the train line in Brighton was able to blend in quite nicely to the environment, while still being lots of fun for the target demographic.

I'm not sure this is necessary. It should be kept to a minimum. The reserve should still feel like a reserve, it is not an urban environment. Thanks again for looking for things for older children in Marino.

I think the pump track would be better placed on the larger open space that was upgraded with minimal things for children to do at bandon terrace. There is ample space for this on that site. Our train station is looking fabulous with all the local paintings. I would be happy with a neutral design which fits in with marino , conservation park and beach/rock location.

not necessary, but if the budget allowed then yes

Native Australian plants/animals or coastal/waves.

Not sure if this will enhance the eyesore of a pump track? Money would be better spent, removing the ugly fencing around the train line, and replacing it with more natural looking material, and landscaping in the park area.

Would be great to use themes of the area ie the lighthouse, native flora and fauna, rail line and the beach of coarse! Also worth mentioning, the Marino art group could contribute for the art? Or for the wayfinding signs recently installed at the Marino rocks station, a young artist was used for that that I engaged and he was great to work with and very well priced. Reach out if you want the details.

Maybe the lighthouse, the sea, Native plants

Yes

No, I do not support the Pump Track or any graphic artwork.

There are more pressing things than this for the budget. Give the street artists a spray can and let them tag the pump track. Divert their energies from destructive to constructive activities.

Noooo! Use the money for items better used by the community like lighting and bbq.

'- colourful

It will stop graffiti . Maybe look at local high school students that are studying in this field to volunteer with council supplying costs for paint etc. community involvement. Or Marino art group.

That could be ok. So long as it has a green and organic feel. The train station artwork is a good example. But rather the money spent on issues above.

none

Put the money toward equipment for disabled children

Retro bmx design, bright colors, engaging for kids of all ages

My 5yo says dinosaurs and racing cars

I'm a graphic designer. I see no reason to 'decorate' a pump track and feel money could be better utilised. It's just going to encourage graffiti especially given it's next to the train line. Keep it inconspicuous.



Happy with what council is proposing

**Summary of results:** Native animals and plants, a nod to the lighthouse and coastal themes are suggested for the graphic design. However, 8 suggestions are for any remaining funding to be used for other items rather than graphic design, including

- Landscaping
- Remediating the fencing around the train line
- BBQ
- Lighting
- Equipment for disabled children

## Social Media

No comments were received on the social media post.



# ATTACHMENTS

## Attachment 1: Draft design



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