



## **Oakvale Way Reserve Playground**

### **Draft Concept Community Consultation Findings**

July 2020



## 1. Introduction

This report summarises community consultation on the draft concept plan for development at Oakvale Way Reserve, Hallett Cove.

At the 27 March 2018 General Council meeting (GC180327R09), Council endorsed a Playground Works Program which allocated funding to develop a playground at Oakvale Way Reserve, to upgrade the play equipment.

## 2. Consultation Program

Residents were informed of the draft concept plan for Oakvale Way Reserve and their feedback was sought on the design. The consultation survey was open for 3 weeks to 24 June 2020.

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

Residents were informed about the survey in the following ways:

- **Flyer** - A hard copy postcard was delivered to 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** – A social media post was placed on the City of Marion Facebook page.
- Onsite consultation was not held due to mandatory Federal government health restrictions for the coronavirus (Covid-19). Increased social media measures were used to ensure awareness whilst following strict public gathering measures.

## 3. Consultation Overview

Residents were invited to provide feedback on the draft concept plan for Oakvale Way Reserve through the online survey and quick poll tools via Making Marion.

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

- 19 electronic responses to the Making Marion survey
- 14 electronic votes via the Making Marion quick poll

A full summary of all results from the survey and poll is provided within this report. Responses have been listed as worded by the respondent. For privacy reasons, respondents' details have not been included.

## 4. Consultation Findings

Overall, the draft concept plan for Oakvale Way Reserve received positive comments and constructive feedback. In summary:

- A total of 176 visits were recorded to the project's Making Marion web page where residents could access the Draft Concept Plan and postcard. Engagement tools included the quick poll system and the survey tool.
- 22 engaged visitors were recorded
- 20 responses to the survey were received.
- 14 responses to the quick poll were received.
- 18 new registrations resulted from this reserve engagement.
- Please see below for the results of this survey. A hard copy of the survey can be found in Attachment 1. The concept design is included as Attachment 2.

## 5. Summary of feedback received

The table below identifies some of the queries and concerns raised regarding the new playground addition to this reserve and how the feedback was considered when finalising the concept design.

The table below details upgrade feedback received and responses to each item.

### Overall summary of key themes received

GENERAL NOTE - RESERVE CLASSIFICATION	
<b>Oakvale Way Reserve is classified as a Local Level playground.</b>	
<b>Purpose</b>	Local Level playgrounds primarily cater for people living and working within walking distance. These spaces are less developed with limited play equipment. They provide environmental value through urban heat mitigation, contributing to biodiversity and improving air quality.
<b>User Catchment</b>	Distributed within approximately 500m walking distance to dwellings and workplaces.
<b>Types of facilities</b>	May include: Minimal park furniture and amenities, including at least one seat, pathways for accessibility, minimal formal play equipment and/or nature play design with limited irrigated grass, provision of adequate shade through plantings and water sensitive urban design landscaping.

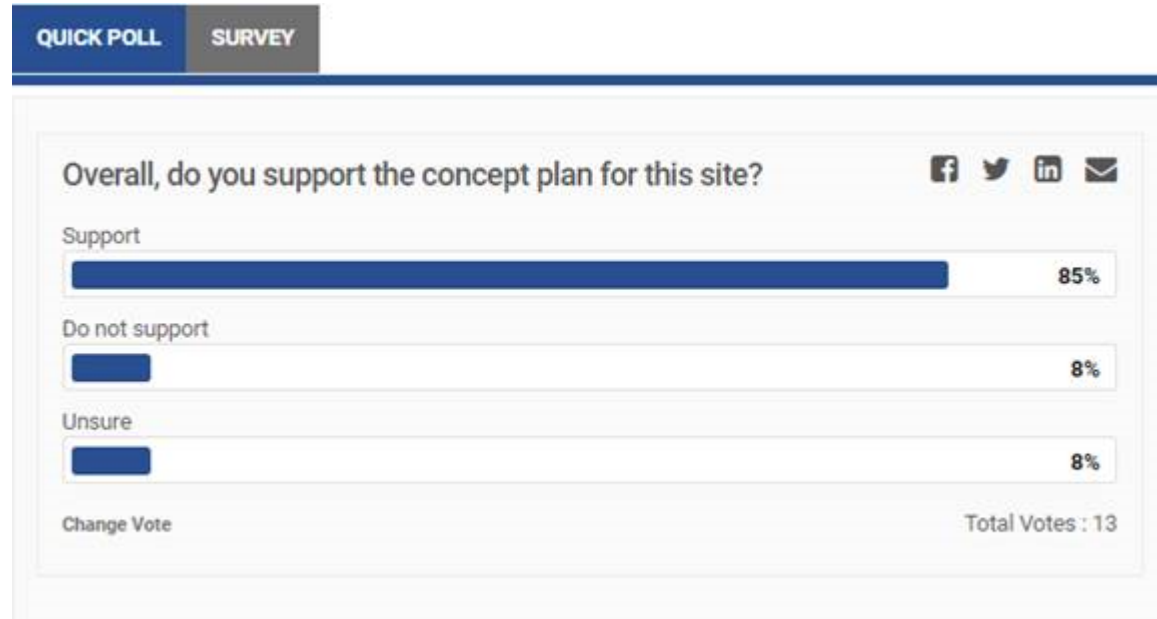
### Design Responses

<i>Survey Responses</i>		<i>Design response July 2020</i>
Questions 1: What do you intend to use the upgrade reserve for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicated that kick about space highly valued and supported idea of soccer nets</li> <li>Followed by structured play</li> <li>Followed by nature play</li> <li>Dog walking was the least popular use of the reserve</li> </ul>		Current design reflects hierarchy of demand
Question 2: Combination Play Unit Different play opportunities will be provided within this item. What is the most important play feature? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imagination play had the highest response</li> <li>Climbing Sliding and other were equally popular</li> </ul>		The platform provides various play experiences and heights that inspire open ended imaginative play.
Question 3: Nature Play How important is nature play to you as part of this design?		Nature play experiences and challenges have been included along the eastern

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over half of the respondents saw nature play as very important</li> </ul>		boundary. The swing and combination play unit are made from natural timber.
<p>Question 4: New Design Overall, how satisfied are you with the proposed design?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>¾ of the respondents were satisfied with the design</li> </ul>		
Questions 5 Please tell us why		
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A fairly standard set-up. Would be nice to see some more unusual equipment ( stand, sit, swing seesaw at Grange oval, tilted roundabout/ climbing net roundabout)		Additional requests are limited by budget and constraint that this is a local level playground
I don't think a foot path is required through the park. If there was a "pumpt" (sic) bike track for small bikes and scooters though and around the perimeter would be fabulous. Please consider kids in the 8 to 12 year age bracket.		The footpath has been reduced and designed to only service the picnic setting and playground.  Additional requests are limited by budget and constraint that this is a local level playground
But reccomend (sic) to re-use the current swing and play equipment to avoid unnecessary expense.... Also a gutter or the like to prevent balls rolling onto the road!		Equipment is at the end of its lifecycle and requires replacement  Additional garden bed has been incorporated into the revised design at the bottom of the slope near the soccer goal. This should help to reduce the risk of balls rolling onto the road
Toilet facilities are essential to encourage families to use the area otherwise have to pack up everything and everyone to access a toilet elsewhere which most likely would be the shopping centre which is not helpful or practical. Reduce use of shrubs being used for toileting by those who will not go elsewhere. Toilets encourage families to use the facilities more regularly and make better use of the park areas. 2 BBQ to encourage family get together and outdoor activities 3 Shade over seating area and shade cloth over play equipment 4 rubbish bins (apologies if I missed that on the plan) 5 Dog wast (sic) bag service to encourage responsible pet ownership and respect for the park and users of the park.		Toilet facilities, BBQ and artificial shade are not considered in a local level playground.  Dog waste bags will be available.

Eastern perimeter path should be concreted to allow continuous scooting around the edge of the reserve.	2	This will be considered if funds allow.
Improved traffic management required – no parking on one side of road.	2	Will seek advice from Traffic and Engineering.
Provide shade sail.	2	This item is not within the service level of the reserve.
Remove playground and make it a place for adults to enjoy peace and quiet	1	Funds have been allocated for the development of a playground as part of Council's strategic plan.
Why does current infrastructure need to be removed?	1	Current infrastructure has reached the end of its asset life and does not meet Australian Standards for playground equipment.
Provide a fully fenced dog park in the area.	1	Insufficient funds to accommodate.
Climbing option should be challenging but not un-safe, unlike Yapinga Street	1	Noted.
Concern that mound is going to be made of cement.	1	To be considered in detailed design.
Proposed playground provides less equipment than there is now.	1	The new playground will include nature play and additional amenities.
Are the tables and chairs currently in the park going to stay?	1	To be considered in detailed design.
Climbing options are boring and dangerous	1	All equipment (including climbing) will meet Australian Standards.
Playground should be designed for older children as Jervois street is for younger children.	1	This will be considered if funds allow.
Request for toilet.	1	This item is not within the service level of the reserve.
Shade over playground and seating.	1	This item is not within the service level of the reserve.
Provide a balance of equipment for toddlers and older children.	1	This will be considered if funds allow.
Remove slide and replace with climbing nets.	1	Slides remain a popular item for all playgrounds. Climbing items will also be incorporated.
Keep colour scheme natural.	1	Natural elements will be included.
Don't provide toilets and barbecues to reduce visitors with vehicles.	1	Toilets & BBQ's are not within the service level of the reserve.
Don't like nature playgrounds – prefer playgrounds with swings/slides/play castles.	1	A combination of nature play and formal equipment will be provided to meet a variety of needs.

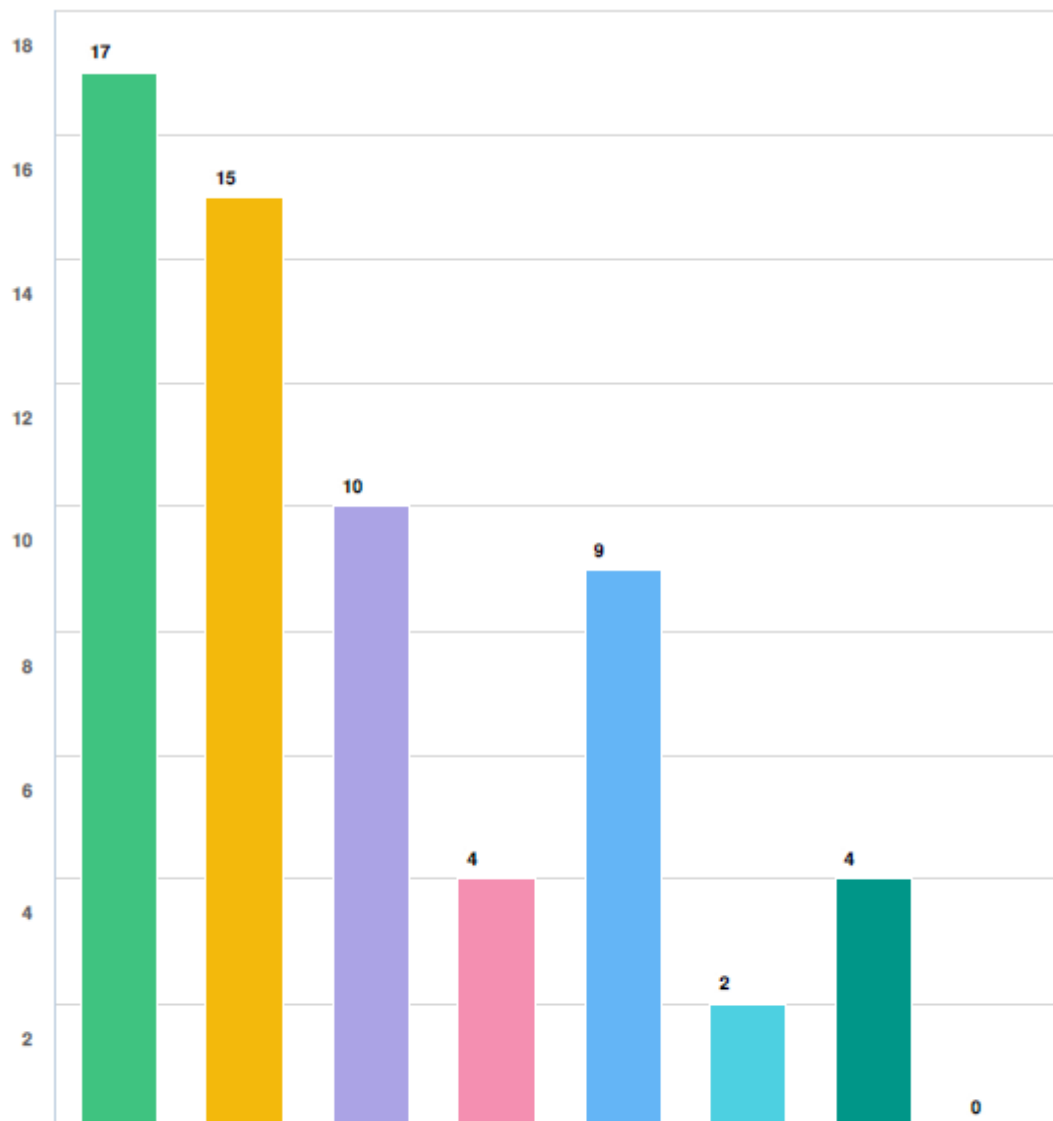
## Quick Poll Results



**Summary of results:** Most residents are in support of the concept plan. The feedback is positive and indicates excitement about the new playground addition.

## SURVEY RESULTS

### Q1 What do you intend to use the upgraded reserve for?

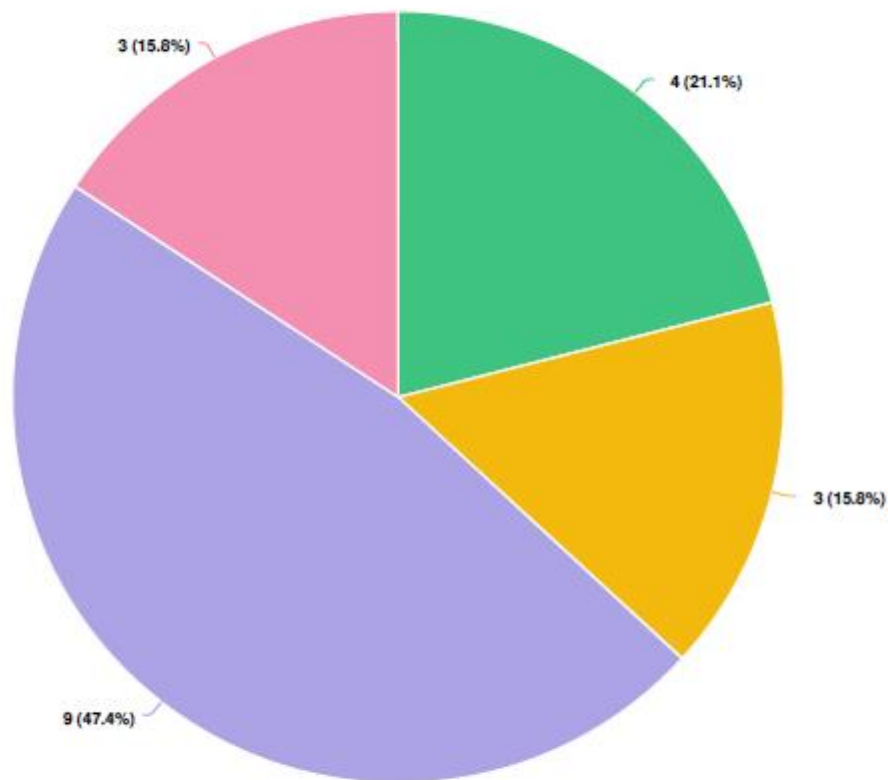


#### Question options

- A. Kids/and or Adults playing (Kick-about Lawn, Soccer Goals)
- B. Kids playing (Playground)
- C. Nature Play
- D. Relaxation/Being amongst nature
- E. Picnics
- F. Dog Walking
- G. General Exercise/Recreation
- Other (please specify)

**Summary of results:** The majority of residents (17 people) will use the reserve for an open space area, followed by a playground (15 people). Dog walking received the lowest number (5 people).

**Q2 Different play opportunities will be provided within this item. What is the most important play feature?**



**Question options**

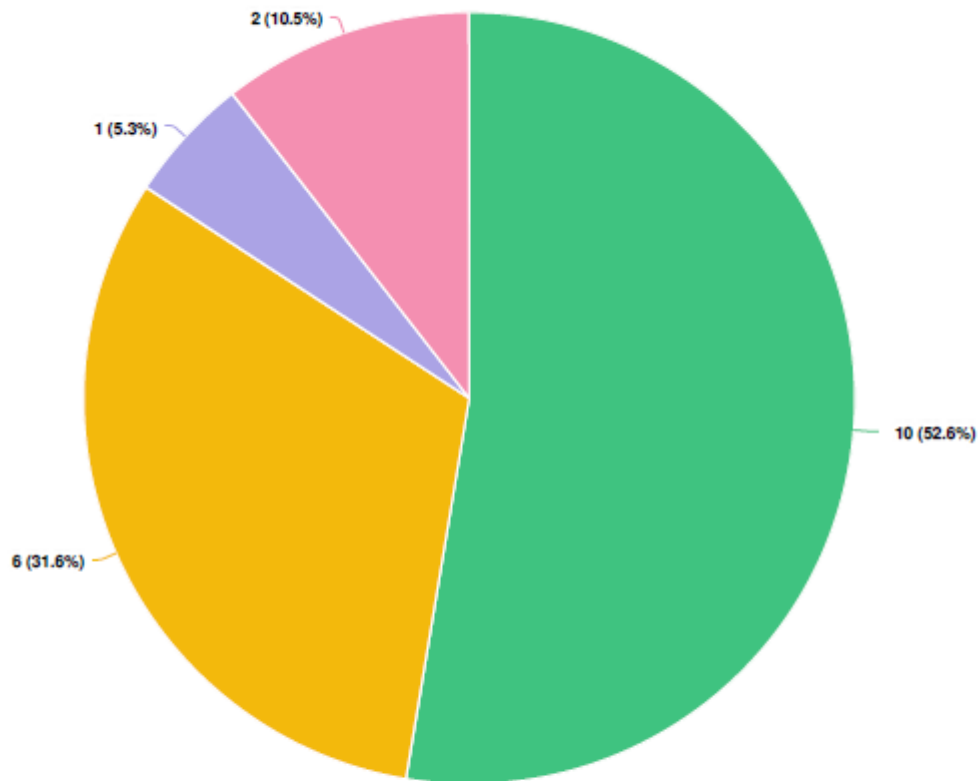
A. Climbing B. Sliding C. Imaginative Play D. Other (please specify)

**Summary of results:**

Imaginative play was the most important play item (9 responses), followed by climbing and sliding. Other options included monkey bars and ninja style challenges.



**Q3. How important is nature play to you as part of this design?**



**Question options**

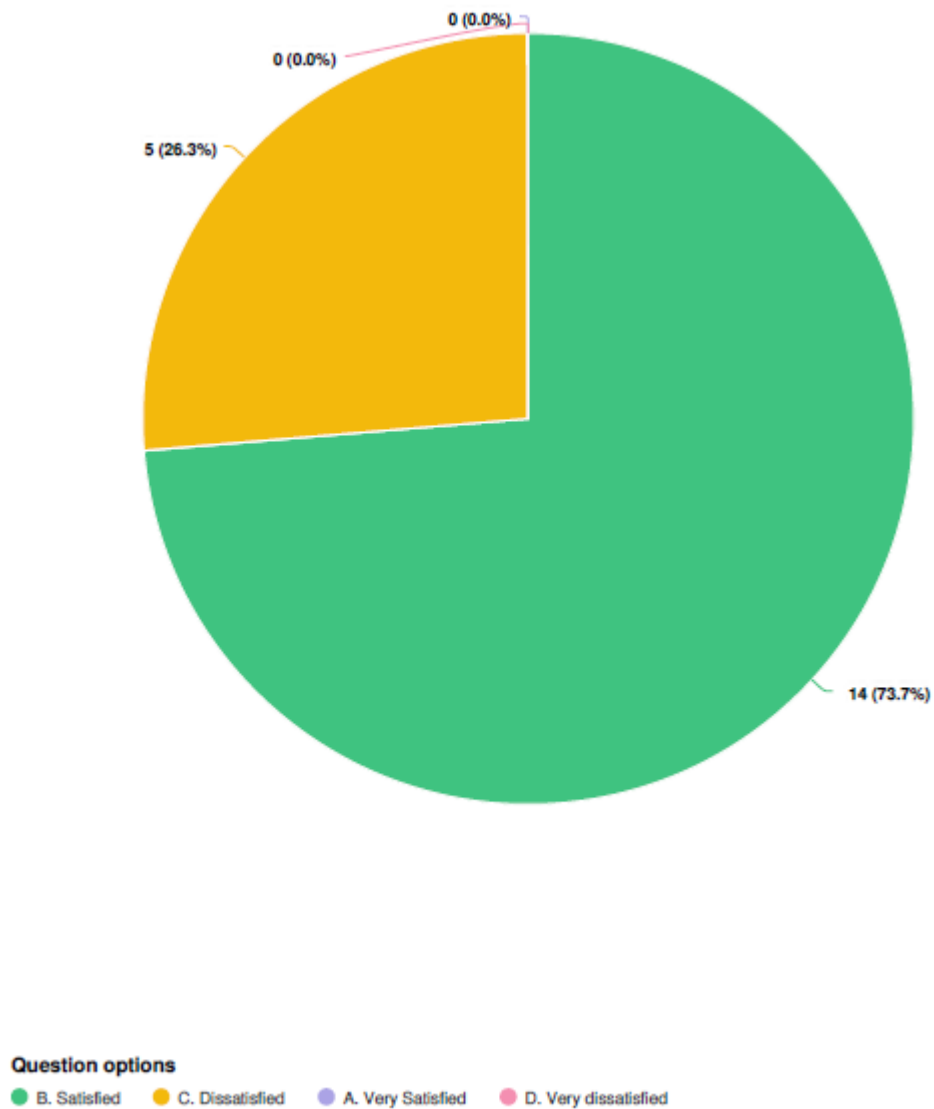
● A. Very important ● B. Somewhat Important ● C. Somewhat Unimportant ● D. Not Important At All

**Summary of results:**

More than half the respondents (10 people) think nature play is very important, with another 6 residents labelling it somewhat important.



**Q4. How satisfied are you with the proposed design?**



**Summary of results:** The majority of respondents (73%) were satisfied with the design.

Respondents we asked why they gave that answer in the following question

**Q5. Please tell us why**

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"Where is the shade? In our climate it should be standard that all new/upgrade play grounds have some form of shade.

Could incorporate water play of some kind

Add more picnic tables"

The playground component is targeted towards older children, if you look at the demographics of the current users you will find they are mostly children under 5. This is not designed for toddler usage. The main concern I have for this space is the lack of shade. Being west facing it gets very warm in the afternoon and the equipment becomes too hot to use. A sail of some sort is needed.

Good concept - please consider safety of smaller children when choosing suitable climbing structure

"Good design overall, as the space is currently under-utilised.


Small shade or hut over the bench would be nice.

Large round swing to encourage shared play.

climbing play equipment, or mini ninja warrior style playground would make the space more unique, and create a good exercise space for kids.

There are a number of nature play / toddler parks in Hallett Cove, one right around the Cnr from Oakvale, but the older kids are missing out on being stimulated by challenging equipment, which none of the parks have. They like to climb and use monkey bars to build and strengthen their muscles. Pls (sic) don't use the ropes, as they hurt their hands. Pls consider this option we use our parks all the time. Thanks

Larger play equipment and interactive items to test kids different skills



I love the idea of bringing more nature play areas into suburban locations. More focus on this would be great.

Seems like a good upgrade with the nature trail.

I think that there needs to be shade (there was previously shade over the picnic table) provided for the equipment and perhaps the picnic table. The placement of the bench seat is too close to the existing picnic table. There is an existing bench seat at the other end of the reserve that needs to be raised as it is quite low. As for the play equipment there is a swing that is available that is more user friendly and safer for young children. The brand is Proludic Swings model number J473 or the J484

I think the plan to include a soccer goal is fantastic, however it would be also good to include a basketball/netball ring for the children as well as you have removed the basketball ring from the reserve on the corner of Fairhill & Nalimba streets. How about replacing it in this reserve so even the teenagers can go to the park and this promotes outdoor play increases children's health and fitness. OR replace the one you removed from the above reserve at Fairhill and Nalimba as no one uses this reserve anymore whereas previously there were always children playing basketball there.

I have 2 very young kids and live very close to Oakvale Res and use this reserve regularly and appreciate the upgrade. What I would love is also an adult fitness component. I can't think of one on this side of Hallett Cove. There's plenty of young families in this direct area so I'm sure it would get used. It's also in a private location to allow confidence for the users. It's an open reserve also offering safety. For your consideration.

Increased variety of play and engagement, and better for a broader range of ages

**Summary of results:**

These comments were taken into consideration for the final design.

It should be noted that Oakvale Way Reserve is a local level playground and facilities such as toilets and shade are not in the service levels for a local playground. There are neighborhood and regional playground nearby that have toilets, shade and BBQ's.

**Q6. Final thoughts. Do you have any other comments about the upgrade at Oakvale Way Reserve? If so, please list these in the comments box below.**

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Scooter paths with hills/ bends always very popular. Always good to have the open space. Kids always love the adult exercise equipment, kids version? Thanks for the HC play spaces!

"The underground irrigation needs to be considered.  
Thanks "


"I thank you for the survey and encourage you to listen to those who choose to respond to the survey.  
thank you so much.

I feel the upgrade is a positive contribution to the area as many of the local housing have small back yards and even smaller front yards and the park space is important for individuals families and the community as a whole to allow everyone be as active and as connected as they can &/or choose to be. Kind regards :-

"Its a lovely little local reserve which if you added more picnic tables and a point of difference would be used by all who live around.

What about adding some work out equipment down the opposite end of the playground for adult exercise use."

Yes, I'm a teacher - primary and early childhood qualified (was a Kindy Director for 5 years). I have a 3 year old and I live on Oakvale Way and we go to this playground all the time! Please put in a sandpit, even if the playground equipment is on it and the sand is the softfall. Is the playground going to be wooden or plastic? The swingset looks to be wooden. I wouldn't want to see another 'plastic fantastic' playground put in. I hope all of the existing plants and trees will be retained, and even more planted across the back. Add in logs, large rocks, pebbles etc - things that children can pick up and move around. Young children love collecting flowers and seed pods, playing in sand and getting their hands dirty, and they love playing amongst trees and shrubbery with whatever they can find. Can you put in a wooden bench in the nature play area that kids can use sort of like a mud kitchen even if there is no water access? Also can you put in tree stumps that are suitable to sit on, and large/wide ones for them to use to make mud pies on etc? I have a concern about the footpath - I wouldn't like to see an asphalt path go in, but a hardened dirt path, and if possible, something that loops so the small children can ride their balance bikes around there, with some uneven sections and mounds. I don't think there needs to be a path that just goes from one side through to the other side of the road - people with dogs can just walk around the edge of the path on the normal footpath. To be honest, I often find dog poo all through the grassed areas from people who let their dogs run wild and inconsiderately leave their mess everywhere for kids to step in! (maybe put in a doggy-bag dispenser?) My daughter loves to balance and walk along the existing concrete border of the equipment, but it is not particularly safe - young children can lose their balance and potentially smash their teeth on the concrete, so some consideration needs to be made - a log stepping stone border would be far more interesting for children to walk around on. PLEASE don't put rubber matting as the softfall!! It is so artificial and kids get massive grazes when they fall on it! Sand is much better and so much more fun. Please make it as natural and earthy as possible and increase the depth of the nature play area from the fenceline of houses out towards the playground, moving playground closer to the Wayside Drive if you have to. I would over-emphasise the nature play area over the playground equipment!! At the moment, there is a lot of open space, so it would be good to make more nature play space available. It is good to keep a slab of grass on one side as older children do kick balls around there. A basketball ring might be good too, but not if it means there's a massive slab of concrete under it. There are currently only 2 places



to sit - one bench and one table/bench. Perhaps consider whether other seating might be helpful even if it's just large logs in the playground area that adults can sit on. Would you consider putting one BBQ in? I think it would be widely utilised. I would certainly have family barbecues there if I didn't have to bring my own BBQ. Thanks for allowing us a chance to give feedback! It's great that it's finally being upgraded but please let's get it right. Happy to chat anytime

Nature play is a good addition as well as perhaps a fenced area.

"Please consider all age groups when tailoring equipment. Many times toddlers are unable to climb up to slides due to structure design.

What about possibility of community garden somewhere?"

"Good design overall, as the space is currently under-utilised.

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Large round swing to encourage shared play.

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It would be great to have sunshades

Soccer posts are great and the structure equipment is good too but please consider the older kids as this will encourage them to get outside.

The orange baby swing in Linear Park Reserve (Hallett Cove) is fantastic. Much better than the black rubber ones.

My 5 and 7 year old sons have asked me to let you know that they would desperately love a train inspired play item to also be included if possible :)

There doesn't appear to be any shaded areas for the parents, I hope the picnic table area has a roof added so we don't all get burnt!

Yes please include a basketball/netball ring for the children either at this reserve or put one back at the corner of Fairhill and Nalimba so you encourage teenagers back to outdoor play. Before removing this basketball ring there was always children playing together from the neighbourhood and now there is never a soul in this reserve. It would be lovely to see all the children back playing at this reserve again.

This area so desperately needs to be upgraded, it is very welcome news and hopefully this (sic) completed soon!

### **Summary of results:**


These comments will be considered in the final design and are addressed in the design responses.

## 1. Social Media Post

A social media post was uploaded on Facebook during the consultation period.

**Date of Post:** 11 June 2020


Unpaid Post

**City of Marion**June 11 · 🌐...

A new playground is planned for Oakvale Way Reserve, Hallett Cove, along with upgraded open space.

Please let us know what you think about the concept design by 24 June.



All you have to do is view the design and complete a short survey on Making Marion at [www.makingmarion.com.au/oakvale-way-reserve](http://www.makingmarion.com.au/oakvale-way-reserve)




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## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Concept Plan