



Ramsay Avenue Reserve

Community Consultation Findings

June 2021



1. Introduction

This report summarises community consultation on the proposed plan for the upgrade of the open space at Ramsay Avenue Reserve, Seacombe Gardens.

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 in the open space at Ramsay Avenue Reserve.

The upgrades will include:

- installing new 3 on 3 basketball court
- installing new netball ring
- Permanent soccer goals
- Community garden beds
- Nature Play
- Shelter
- upgraded irrigation

No further work will be completed in the playground.

2. Consultation Program

Engagement occurred to inform community members of the draft design for Ramsay Avenue Reserve and to seek their feedback. The consultation survey was open for 3 weeks from 31 May to 21 June 2021.

The survey was made available online at makingmarion.com.au/ramsay-avenue-reserve

Residents were informed about the survey in the following ways:

- **Flyer** - A postcard was delivered to 934 households within roughly 400m² radius of the reserve outlining the period of consultation.
- **On site sign** - Two onsite signs were installed at the reserve promoting the Making Marion link and consultation deadline.
- **Social media** post promoting the survey.

Stella Maris Primary School were heavily involved in the consultation

- Meetings with principal and staff
- Meeting with a student representative group

The school will partner with the City of Marion to deliver the project.

3. Consultation Overview

Residents were invited to provide feedback on the draft design for Hendrie Street Reserve through the online survey via Making Marion.

In total, during this 3-week consultation period Council received 20 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 Ramsay Avenue Reserve received positive comments and constructive feedback. In summary:

- A total of 153 visits were recorded to the project's Making Marion web page where residents could access the Draft design, postcard and survey.
- 20 responses to the survey were received.

Please see below for the results of this survey.

5. Summary of feedback received

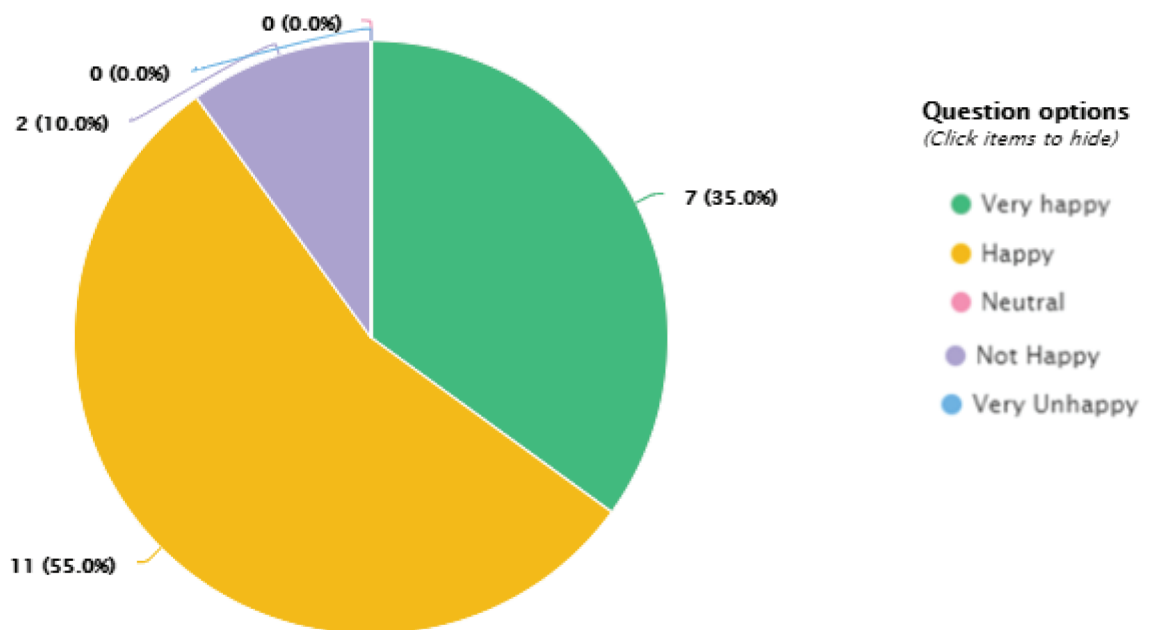
The table below identifies some of the concerns and items raised regarding the open space upgrade and how the feedback will be considered when finalising the concept design.

Community Feedback	Design Response
Concerns with fruit trees and fruit fly and waste.	The citrus trees will be taken out of the design because of fruit fly concerns, soil suitability and resident concerns.
Cricket net placement is a concern.	Further investigation on cricket net construction has shown that the proposed placement is not the best option. To place nets so that the ball cannot damage the nearby school, houses or kindy, it will need to face into the reserve. There is not enough room for this around the soccer pitch. Cricket nets will not be provided.
More lighting and security cameras are required.	<p>The City of Marion Public Lighting Guidelines state that <i>in general lighting should not be considered for neighbourhood and local reserves.</i></p> <p>Security cameras are not required at this site as it has good use from the school during the day and good passive surveillance at other times.</p>
Addition of a public toilet	A new toilet is not part of the scope of this project. Toilets are allocated for larger play areas. There are Open Spaces near by that have toilets.
Addition of a BBQ	The budget for this project does not let us consider this item.
Grass or a footpath around the court will prevent it from becoming dusty and slippery.	The court will be connected to the existing footpath. The budget does not allow for an additional path surrounding the court. The surface around the court is currently mulched which should suppress dust.

Make the basketball ring adjustable.	An adjustable basketball ring is not recommended for a public playground. Facilities need to be robust enough to withstand heavy use.
Parking issues around the reserve to be considered.	Car parking will not be changed in this development. Issues have been raised to the parking team to investigate further.
A small skateboard half track or pump track installed nearby.	These items will not be considered in this development. The Open Space Plan may have scope to develop these in other reserves in the future.
Rectify uneven soccer playing surface.	The irrigation at this site will be improved. This work will allow us to rectify surface levels.
Consideration given to the setting of the nature play equipment.	These comments will be considered in the final design.
Covid 19 concerns with the drink fountain and little library.	The City of Marion has protocols in place should Covid restrictions stop use of these items. The drink fountain will also have a bottle filler option for those who do not want to use the normal drink fountain option.
Consideration of a playground upgrade.	The playground will not be upgrade in this project. Generally, playgrounds are upgrade at the end of life, 20 – 25 years. The playground was constructed in 2011 and has not reached its end of life. The open space facilities will provide further play options.

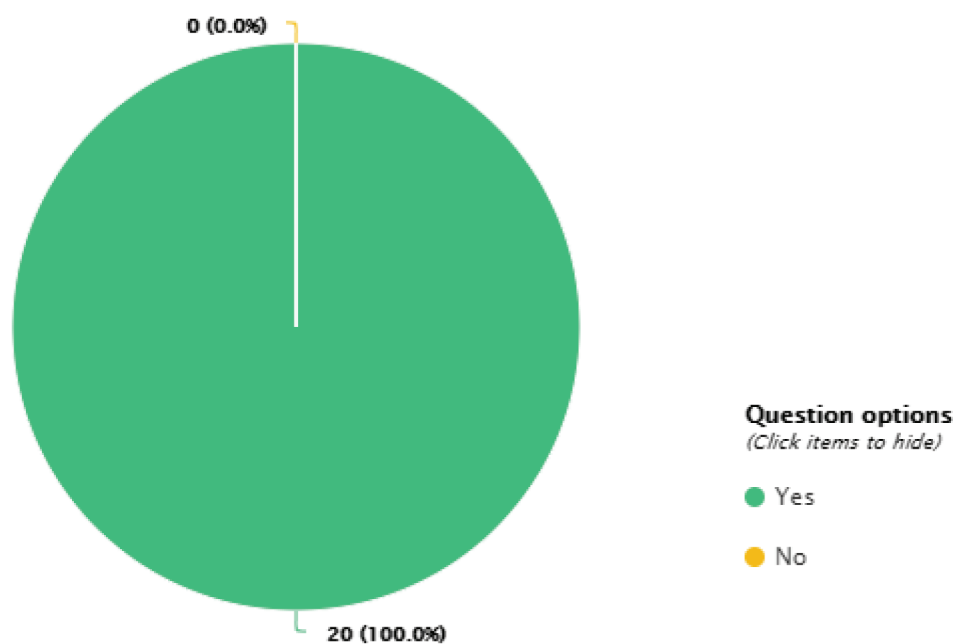
SURVEY RESULTS

Q1 How happy are you with the concept plan for Ramsay Avenue Reserve?



Summary of results: The majority of respondents are happy or very happy with the concept plan for Ramsay Avenue Reserve.

Q2. A basketball 3 v 3 court has been added near the playground. Do you like this idea?



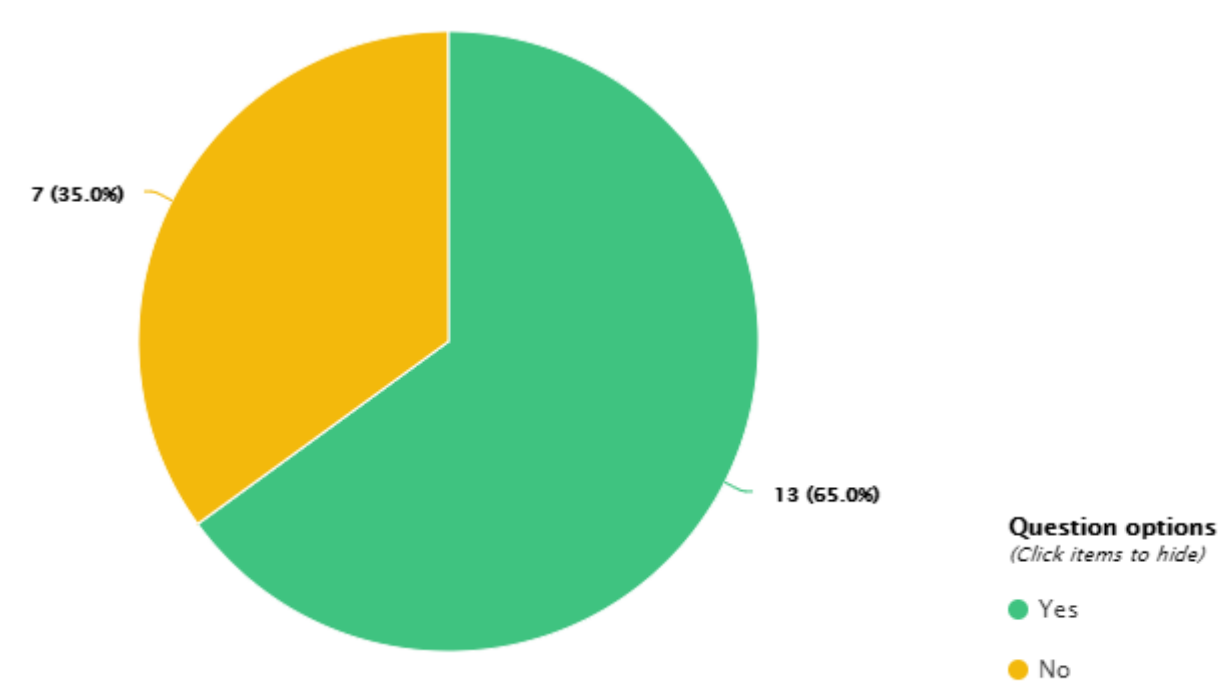
Summary of results:

All respondents are happy with the addition of a 3 v 3 basketball court.



Question 3 asked why people may not like the idea of a basketball court. Since all respondents were happy with the addition of a 3 v 3 basketball court, this question was not answered.

Q4 While there is not enough room to create a separate netball court, we are able to add a netball ring to the side of the 3 v 3 court. Is the netball ring important to you?



Summary of results: The inclusion of the netball ring was important for 13 respondents (65%).

Q5 Stella Maris Parish School is keen to look after a vegetable garden and small citrus fruit tree orchard on site. The community can also be involved in this garden. Do you have any comment about this?

- A great initiative. Would be good if this was able to be also shared with the Darlington Primary vegetable garden where we see a lot of fruit wastage.
- A vegetable garden and fruit trees might get ruined by the public and fruit trees aren't good to plant now that the area is in a fruitful outbreak zone. Also there are lots of white cockatoos that frequent the gum trees there so they would eat the fruit
- Happy with this idea
- Great idea! Would love to purchase citrus fruits from a road side stall!
- It is a good idea.
- The produce should be available for all
- My son attends Stella Maris, so am happy to have this included.
- Positive inclusion

What a fabulous idea!!

Who else will have access to this garden, will this be hygienic and safe for the kids?

Dont want this. Wil be mess and damage in the street from vandals - will attract these youths to the area. SMPS can do this on their own grounds

I dont like this idea, this should be in the school grounds.

Sounds great.

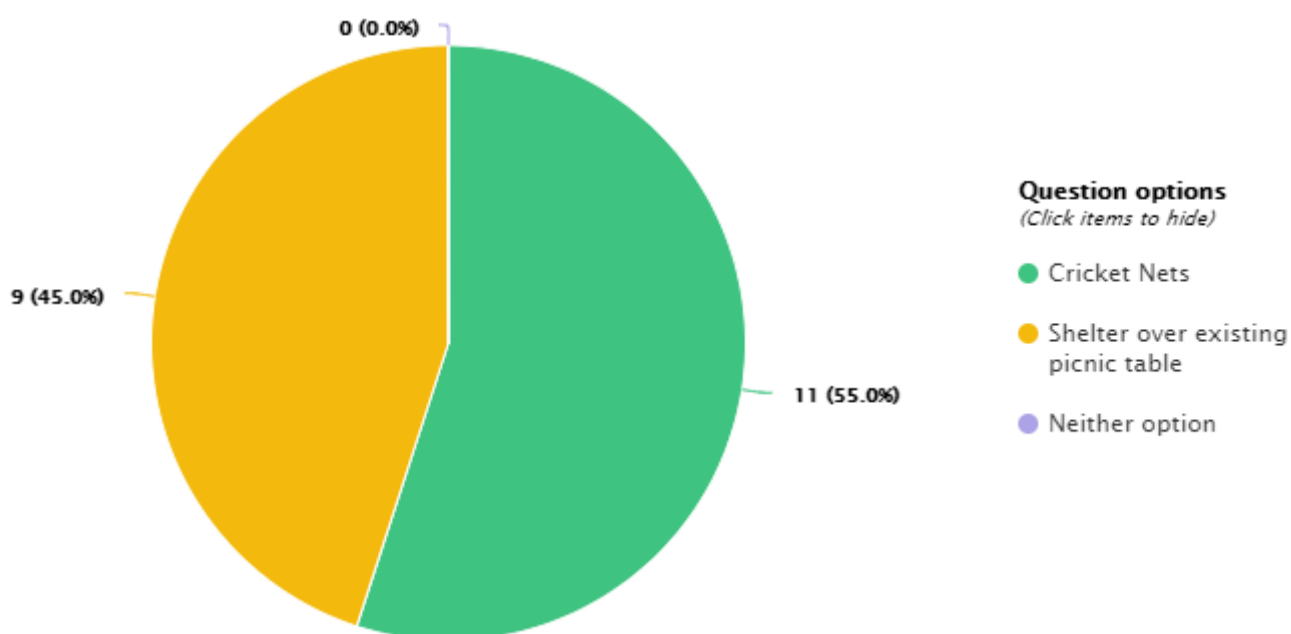
This type of project needs to be run by an enthusiastic person to make it work properly.

A mandarin tree would be a favourite with small children. Local children will love to see the veg/fruit growing.

Great idea to include the students and school in this initiative.

Summary of results: The majority of respondents were positive about the inclusion of a community garden. The local community also want to be involved in this project with the school.

Q6 If budget permits, two value adds that could be considered are cricket nets and shelter over an existing picnic table. Please let us know your preferred option.



Summary of results: The responses were evenly split. Since the consultation further investigation on cricket nets has shown that the proposed placement is not the best option. To place nets so that the ball cannot damage the nearby school or kindy, it will need to face into the reserve. There is not enough room for this around the soccer pitch, so cricket will not be provided.

Q6 Do you have any other comments about the concept design?

There needs to be more lighting available, as well as security cameras installed to aid in prevention of crime. A lot of the local parks are simply too dark at night.

planting citrus trees requires allocation of funding in future budgets. Citrus trees require a life long commitment to pruning and care not just 3 years as per councils current plan

A toilet would be good. The harbrow grove playground is actually smaller and has a toilet so this play space should have a toilet too. Please don't remove any of the gum trees there are lots of white cockatoos that frequent the area so it would be sad to see them disappear.

Addition of a bbq would add value for the community and school could utilise at their functions too

Having grass or a footpath, rather than dirt, around the basketball court stops the court from becoming dusty. Dusty courts are quite slippery when playing basketball which can increase the potential of injuries.

No, sounds great. I think it will be a big improvement to what is there now. One suggestion is that for the basketball ring is that you could maybe consider one that is height adjustable so suitable for all ages brackets rather than one standard height as that will be harder for smaller children to use. Look forward to seeing the changes happen in due course.

I think being a resident living in the street opposite this park - car parking will be difficult with other residents parks permanently over in the parks opposite the parks often over the yellow lines . At times makes it hard even for myself to reverse my car out of my driveway ... and will be no park available for people visiting the park

As this street is a through fair from Miller to morphett . Cars often go very fast tear down . which children around maybe speed humps might slow cars down and fear of children running across road with basketball courts closer to it

Love to see a small skateboard half pipe or pump track installed nearby

My children go to Stella Maris and my son has had so many knee injuries due to the uneven and hard grass/dirt surface so please look at rectifying this.

No drinking fountain. Concerns re Covid-19. An odd suggestion in the current health climate. Strongly opposed to this. No reading chair or library - cannot socially distance in the chair and the books will not be able to be cleaned/disinfected re Covid-19. I think these 2 options leave the Marion Council vulnerable to action being taken against them re health issues.

It would be a good idea to upgrade the playground. This is what families attend the reserve for and currently very limited.

Replace Old Playground with new equipment as well.

Cricket nets would promote kids to be more active in the park and would give those budding young crickets a place to practise their skills.

Additional car parking is going to be a problem. People who reside in the close proximity park along Ramsay Avenue and in addition when school pick from Stella Maris occurs each afternoon 10 - 20 vehicles park (with motors switched off) over a continuous YELLOW Line along Ramsay Ave then around the Corner into Mulga to collect students . These drivers totally disregard the YELLOW Line making it difficult for vehicles using Ramsay Ave as a through Road . Surely a Parking Inspector could police this area hand out some parking Fines - or are the YELLOW Lines only designed to be obeyed by mere mortals. This has been going on for quite a few years and one day a serious accident will occur along Ramsay Ave. Furthermore, after the school pick people are educated into proper parking maybe some Speed Humps along Ramsay Ave could make it safer .



I cannot believe that Marion Council chooses to have a blind eye and that Parking Inspectors do not visit schools during these times and sort out illegal parking. In turn this is also dangerous for school children who walk across Ramsay Ave when leaving school.

It will be a great asset for local children. The existing swing and climbing frame do need upgrading though. The round net swings are very popular. Excellent to add a basketball court, thank you

Small Public toilet would be great

An excellent plan which will bring much interest and increased engagement from kids in the community. Well done.

Summary of responses: These comments have been taken into account and tabled in the design responses.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Draft design



LEGEND

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| ① Raised vegetable garden beds | ⑩ New paving to entry |
| ② New trees | ⑪ Buddy bench under tree |
| ③ New citrus fruit trees | ⑫ Balance/sitting log |
| ④ Extend existing fence | ⑬ Log play table with log seats |
| ⑤ 3 on 3 basketball court and netball goal (asphalt surface) | ⑭ Giant log reading chair and outdoor library |
| ⑥ Nature play trail with log and rock steppers | ⑮ New native garden beds |
| ⑦ Tee pee | ⑯ Drink fountain |
| ⑧ Soccer goal | ⑰ Shelter over existing picnic table |
| ⑨ Soccer/AFL goal | ⑱ Cricket net |

