



## **Weaver Street Reserve**

### Community Consultation Findings

December 2021

## 1. Introduction

This report summarises community consultation on the proposed plan for the upgrade of the playground and open space at Weaver Street Reserve, Edwardstown.

An Open Space Plan was recently endorsed by Council to provide upgrades to open spaces across Council. As part of this plan, playground and open space upgrades are proposed at Weaver Street Reserve with:

- The removal of the existing tennis courts, lighting and clubhouse
- New neighbourhood level playground
- New multi use community court
- Pathway
- Shelter
- Drink fountain
- Barbeque and picnic table
- landscaping

## 2. Consultation Program

Engagement occurred to inform community members of the draft design for Weaver Street Reserve and to seek their feedback. No play equipment was shown in the draft design, with the final equipment selection dependent on the results of community consultation. The consultation survey was open for 3 weeks from 24 November to 20 December 2021.

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

Residents were informed about the survey in the following ways:

- **Flyer** - A postcard was delivered to approximately 900 households within roughly 400m<sup>2</sup> radius of the reserve outlining the period of consultation.
- **Onsite meeting** – A meeting was held on December 6<sup>th</sup>. 6 groups of people attended.
- **Onsite sign** - An onsite sign was installed at the reserve promoting the Making Marion link and consultation deadline.
- **Social media** - 2 posts promoting the survey.

## 3. Consultation Overview

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

In total, during this consultation period Council received 32 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 Weaver Street Reserve received positive comments and constructive feedback. In summary:



- A total of 125 visits were recorded to the project's Making Marion web page where residents could access the Draft design, postcard and survey.
- 32 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
Swinging, sliding and nature play were the preferred play items.	<p>These items will all be considered in the final design.</p> <p>The community has expressed a desire to have a slide that is adventurous and this will also be considered in the design.</p> <p>Other suggested play items will be considered based on budget and space.</p>
A toilet should be considered	<p>A toilet has not been considered as part of this upgrade as it is a neighbourhood 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.</p> <p>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>
Separate tennis court as tennis cannot be played at the same time as the other multiple options.	<p>Weaver Street Reserve upgrade is focused on play facilities and not sport facilities therefore multiple recreational sport options are considered on the single court. A similar court exists at Nannigai Drive Reserve which is well managed by the community. Tennis courts are available at Glandore Oval and Edwardstown Memorial Oval. Ascot Park tennis Club, based at Woodforde Family Reserve, is available for membership and has multiple courts.</p> <p>It should be noted that the court will be open to the community and not be locked.</p> <p>The tennis court net is likely to be moveable but a mechanism to prevent it being stolen will be explored.</p>



Fencing around the whole area / part area is requested.	<p>A fence around a play area or along a street will be explored but is dependent on budget and the site layout.</p> <p>The play areas will be designed to allow for maximum space from roads.</p> <p>The community court will be fenced but open to the public.</p>
The skateable path may not be safe for younger children	The interaction between the pathway and the play areas will be designed to avoid conflict where possible.
Prefer some grass instead of mulch	Addition of grass will be reviewed through the design process, subject to budget constraints.
Consider a bench seat at the northern play area.	A seat will be considered closer to this location.
Can the community be involved in tree planting, fairy doors etc	We will explore ways to involve the community in the final design.
Put in plenty of shade sails.	There is one shade sail in the design and multiple trees to provide shade. Further shade sails are not being considered.



**SURVEY RESULTS**

***Q1 A playground upgrade is planned for this site. Let us know your preference for play elements using the ranking system below 1 = Most Preferred 8 = Least Preferred***

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Swinging	3.41
Sliding	3.66
Nature Play	3.69
Climbing (Rock Climbing, Net Climbing, Monkey Bars)	3.88
Bouncing	4.09
Rocking	5.22
Spinning	5.38
Other	6.69

**Summary of results:** Swinging was the first preference of most respondents, closely followed by sliding and nature play.

When specifying other, the following suggestions were offered:

Sand pit
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Monkey bars please. P
Flying fox
Something that multiple children can use at once
Slack line or workout equipment
Parkour Park
Water Play
Interactive feature electrical lighting games similar to Oakland's park by train station
Tunnel

***Q2 What favourite piece of play equipment would you like to see at the reserve?***

Great slide with inclusive swings.
Nature Play
Monkey bars would be great as my niece loves them.
Stretching



Bike track around perimeter
Bouncing, like the in ground trampolines at Zoo
Plenty of climbing equipment and activities for older children. The local playgrounds currently lack equipment for the over 5s.
Rock or net climbing
A slide
Flying fox
Bouncing
Slide
Natural play equipment
Nature play
flying fox,
Grass
nature play with plants and trees
Not fussed
Flying fox, nature play, spinning ride
Not fussed
A cement parkour area
A big slide
Good slide
Slide
Interactive electrical play equipment like Oakland's park
I do not have a favourite.
Multiple swings- we live across the street and swings are currently always used
Any kind of climbing with a bit of risk to teach risk assessment, pushing themselves and overcoming challenges
Large dish swing
Swings
Proper swings. Please no rope swings.

#### Summary of results:

Slides	10
Nature Play	5
Flying Fox	3
Climbing, Trampolines	2 each
Monkey bars, Stretching, Bike Track, Grass, Spinning, Parkour, Interactive	1 each

Slides are a favourite play item, with most requesting long, adventurous and big slides. Nature play is also high on the list with a flying fox.

**Q3 A multi-use play court is planned with line marking for tennis, a full basketball court, single soccer goal and a netball ring. Please note: there will be a basketball ring at both ends of the court. Do you have any feedback about this?**

Great. Will it be accessible during the community to use?
Great idea
This seems ok but I'm curious how it will be managed.
Make it "small kid" friendly too. Kids aged 6-12. Not just for big kids who then take over and the small kids who want to be "big kids" have nothing.
A bit over the top, or should I say optimistic. For example, How can people be playing tennis when others turn up and want to use the basketball. Rather ridiculous. Instead of full court tennis sharing with basketball, leave a tennis court, set up two separate 1/2 court basketball courts some where else. (Have a look at Jervois play area) and set up similar with netball. Plenty of room in this triangular area. Plant less bushes/trees which might only attract undesirable behaviour at night etc. As for soccer, really. On a tennis court that's also being shared by basketball. Get real.
Sounds great. I'm glad it won't be just basketball
Sounds good!
Great plan.
This is great
Love the netball ring being added
Awesome! Feel like having the 2 rings helps as often more than one group want to play at once or you can play a big game
very happy to hear about the basketball court,
Tennis courts cannot be shared with other sports. Two courts would be better. Bought my house because of the tennis courts
Sounds amazing
Sounds fun and diverse :)
Will it be open at all times S it is always locked and by boy really wants to get in to see the tennis court
Great idea
Please allow access for all
Sounds like a good idea.
Net will need to be tamper proof. There are some interesting people that hang out in the park currently and the tennis courts have had the fence damaged as an example
No

### Summary of results

Overall the comments were positive, with no comments about noise. Suggestions have been summarised into the design response table.

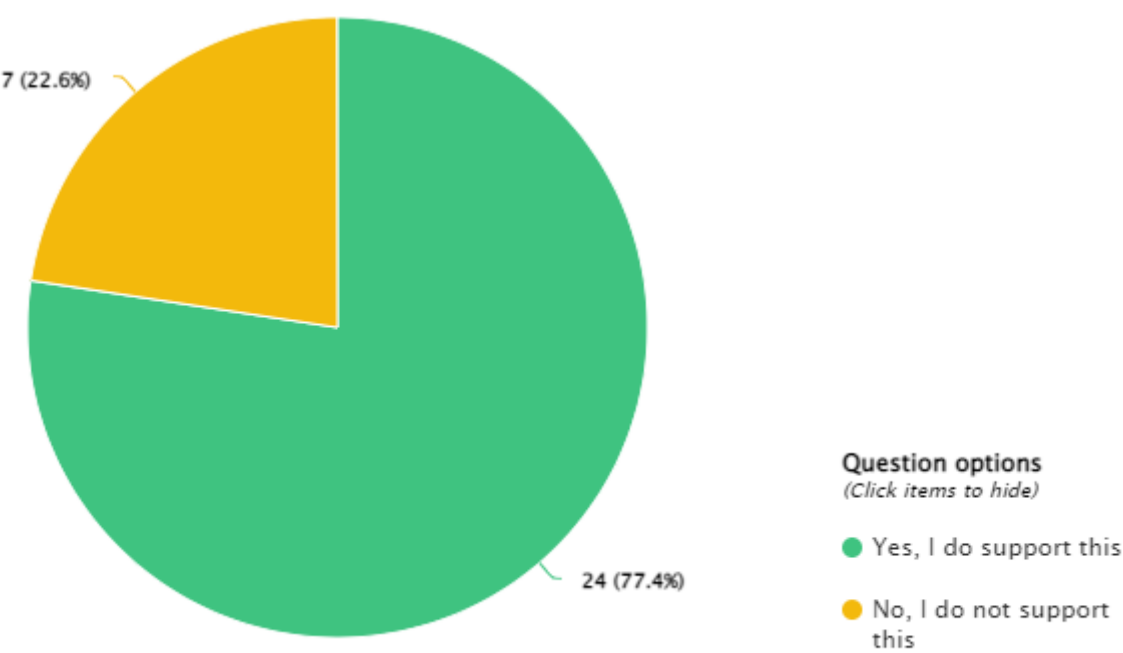


**Q4. The existing white chain link fence and tennis court fence will be removed. A new fence will be installed around the multi-use court. Do you have any comments about this?**

Just make sure it's a safe fence the roads around the area are busy and cars are fast, the footpath is narrow! A good safe fence is SO important!
Will the fence be locked like the current one or will it be open for all to enjoy?
A proper fence needs to be placed around ENTIRE perimeter. The adjoining roads are incredibly high volume traffic roads. I never used this playground with my grandchild after he was about 2 yrs old. He was too fast for me and I was very worried about him running out into traffic. The new playground on Konando Tce Edwardstown has a very suitable perimeter fencing. Take a look. Jervois St playground needs to be totally fenced on Jervois as once again, kids playing ball games on the grass can run out onto street. This new playground needs to be totally fenced.
The whole area needs to be fenced. Has anyone been there for a 7 day period from daylight to sunset to monitor the amount of traffic? Lots of traffic volume. Calstock (and Woodlands) are main thoroughfares to CastlePlaza, Bunnings, and businesses. Even traffic avoiding the bottleneck traffic on South Rd (Rat run) or not wanting to get stuck behind a bus (241) travelling along railway road from railway crossing. If you don't fence entire area, then trust Council will take out a 'good' insurance cover for being sued when child 'gets away' from parent/guardian and gets injured.
Good, the current fence is ugly and a tripping hazard
Since the road is surrounded by all direction we wanted enclosed fence for the safety of children.
Good! Perhaps part of this playground could be fenced? It's quite exposed and I can imagine a parent with two young children avoiding altogether or not being able to relax while they visit.
Very much needed but the whole area needs a fence as it is bordered by roads with cars that travel above the speed limit
The fence would have mosaic on it or be able to walk along the top as a balancing beam
thats fine, few road signs for kids playing or walking in the area would be great
fence with gate will be nice
Can't wait. Reserve looks horrible at the moment
Not locked
Good they are an eyesore
removing the white chain fence is a good idea. Make sure there is 2 entry/exit points to the new fence.
There needs to be a fence at both ends, as currently kids run on the grass and they need a barrier as the intersection of Lockhart/ Calstock gets busy.
Please don't lock it!
No
Thanks goodness the chain link fence will be gone!

**Summary of results:** The removal of the white chain link fence is supported by the community. There is commentary about keeping a fence or fences around the play area. This will be discussed in the design response.

**Q5. The proposed pathway (approximately 100 meters) that links the reserve from one end to the other will be used by bicycles, trikes, scooters and pedestrians. Do you support skateable items along this pathway as well?**

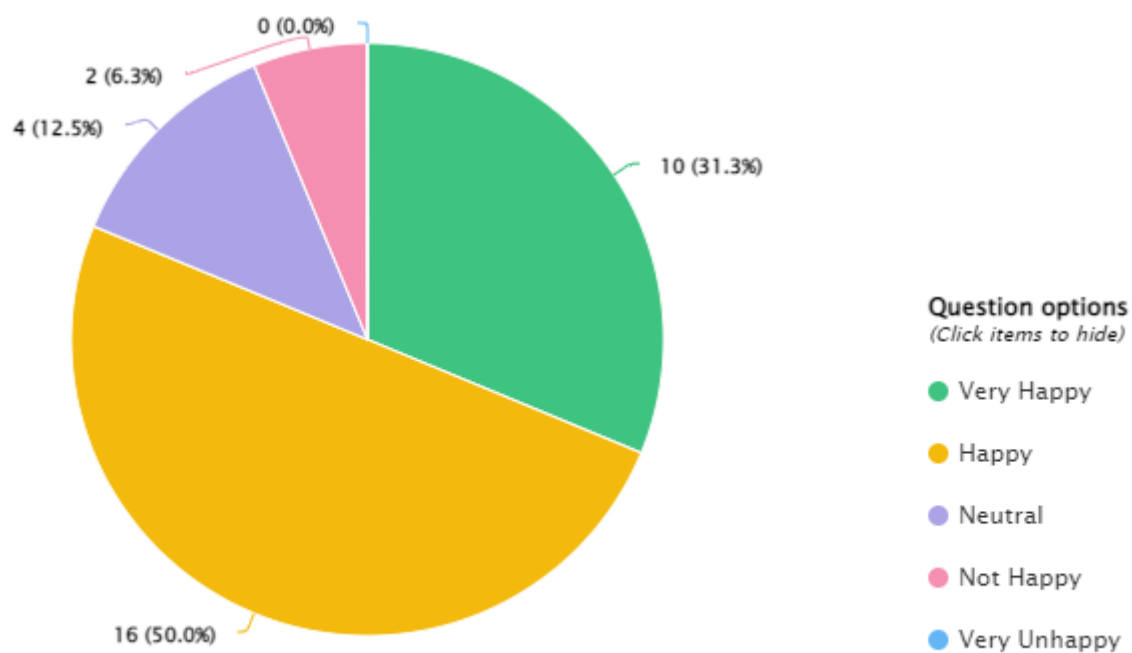


**If not, why not:**

Too dangerous in such a small space
Prefer a natural finish, no concrete please.
Young kids will be too scared to use their trikes and bikes on it. Skate boarders do tricks, flips etc that will not be safe for sharing the path.
Too many skate board users 'don't' share fairly. They take over from younger kids and scare them.
Kids on trikes or balance bikes with skateboarders back and forth is not ideal.
Dangerous to small baby and kids

**Summary of results:** Most respondents, 77.4%, support the skateable pathway. A design response is required for alleviate the potential conflict with skaters and young children.

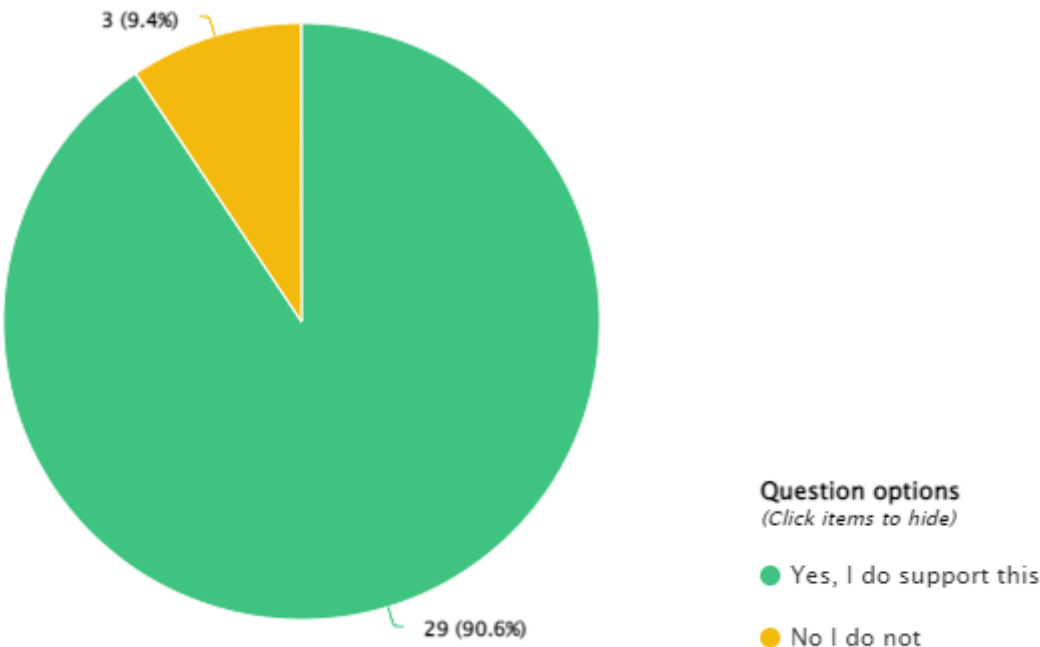
Q6. How happy are you with the overall concept plan for the reserve?



If you are unhappy, why?

Lots of play equipment for younger children
Too many bushes/trees. More grass area and play equipment. More pergola and shade sails. Too obvious that council doesn't want to spend money on it moving forward to future years ie. mowing lawns and other upkeep.
A fence around the main play area would be so helpful to parents of small children
Toilets would be great if you have the court and the bbq area
Grass is a must in an area like this. Nature gardens are nearly always under maintained and catch all sorts of rubbish and debris
Lack of tennis courts and not dog friendly

**Q7. The design includes landscaping and increased tree planting. The draft design includes trees and garden beds instead of turf. This tree canopy will provide natural shade and a cooler climate to the reserve and surrounding properties. Do you support this?**



**If not, why not?**

But put in plenty of shade sails, and permanent 'pergola' shade
Make the area a 'proper' play area for a wide age group (babies - teens) and parents/ grandparents. Not something Council 'brags' about as being 'natural/environmentally' friendly green area. Stop the 'bullshit' of greening and give the families in this area a 'proper' playground. Turf and trees in some areas. More play area.
Need grass
Will there be grass?

**Q7. Do you have any other comments or feedback?**

Please make sure adequate shade!
Thye legend in the Draft Concept Plan seems to be in error, it refers to (7) Bench Seats but there's no (7) on the design.
PLEASE, PLEASE put in toilets like at Jervois St playground. The biggest issue as to why playgrounds are NOT used enough is lack of toilet facilities. Whether it be because of a disability (disabled children also have rights to use a local community playground but often need to use the toilet or need to have incontinence nappy changed) age (grandparents are the ones most likely to take young children to local playground and often need close toilet facilities) nappy changing ( playground use is one of the best outdoor activities for 1-4 yr olds and these children are often in nappies) gender of child (girls find it difficult to hide discreetly to take a piddle). So whatever is included or left out of your design, PLEASE PLEASE put in a toilet. Otherwise, really in all seriousness and honesty, don't bother with wasting tax payers/rate payers money. Ps. I've lived in this area for nearly 70 years, seen that triangular area change from a 'natural' olive tree area, to tennis courts (and used them and was involved with the tennis club), very, very rarely used the playground area with my own children or many years later, with my grandchild. Slipper dip no shade, so way too hot for kids to use, fencing inadequate, and NO TOILETS. We have 'investigated' nearby playgrounds BUT no toilets- never revisit. We take the car and drive to Jervois or Henry St playgrounds.
Toilets. Put in toilets. Why have a picnic area, water fountain, BBQ area and NO toilet. The designers of this space, obviously never use playgrounds or have no family or are of the male gender!! The present tennis club rooms would already have in place the plumbing, IF the new type of toilets require that type of plumbing. I only use the Henry St and Waterhouse/Jervois St playgrounds with my 6 yr old son, because they are the only playgrounds with toilets. There are other playgrounds around but I never go there because they have no toilets. What a waste.
Thank you for getting our reserve for upgrade. This really needs upgrade.
Please add fencing around the reserve for safety, the more natural elements the better outcomes for children.
Looking forward to more public assess to tennis courts
you're doing great work, we are really looking forward to this upgrade, Thankyou
Need grass
Please put more trees and flowers
A lot of people use the park with their dogs. Fence and grass would be better
I'm looking forward to this redevelopment to bring the community together
The tree planting is an excellent concept. If done right the space has the potential to be a great draw card for families in the area. We go to the one a few blocks away sometimes and it's great to see all the kids from the area hanging out and playing together so to see something similar closer to home is great
Thank you for greening Edwardstown! This park has been a depressing eyesore for too long, and to have a lush, modern space to share will be so lovely. I would love to see space for people to picnic in the reserve in small groups.
It will be great to see another green space in Edwardstown soon! :)
Can a bench seat be considered closer to the play area at the northern end? Can the existing tennis courts be kept open for public use till it is replaced? Is the plan for the trees to provide shade to the play areas without the shade sails? Can the community put in bird houses, bird feeders and fairy doors?

# ATTACHMENTS

## Attachment 1: Draft design

