

# CITY OF MARION SIXTH AVENUE RESERVE PLAYSPACE UPGRADE

## Consultation Summary



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A special thanks is extended to all the residents, children and parents who took part in the consultation session as their knowledge and input will be integral to the development of the concept plan for this City of Marion Playspace Reserve

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# **Consultation Report**

## **Introduction**

Landscape architects WAX Design have been engaged by the City of Marion to assist in preparing a concept plan for the Playspace Upgrade project at Sixth Avenue Reserve, Ascot Park.

WAX Design acknowledges that successful play projects are achieved through community inclusion, engagement and consultation processes and that a collaborative design process ensures positive project outcomes for all.

The approach to the project embeds appropriate engagement with the local community, enabling the design team to hear directly from community with regards to their preferences and desired experiences.

The consultation approach focuses on engaging with the community early in the process, with the strong intent of building ownership in the project.

## **What is the Role of this Report?**

This report summarises the consultation undertaken to inform the concept development of the playspace.

The information contained within this report will be used by WAX Design to:

- Guide ideas generation and design of the concept plan within the defined service level;
- Test the consultation results within the concept plan to ensure the desired and correct outcomes are achieved

## **What Did We Do?**

The City of Marion and WAX Design facilitated a 1 hour targeted consultation session on site at Sixth Avenue Reserve with the local community. The session was aimed at collating information to build upon knowledge of the reserve through an interactive process, encouraging the community to thoughtfully consider their aspirations and ideas. The session also allowed the project team the chance to discuss and test design possibilities with those who participated.

The City of Marion created a questionnaire for residents to complete which was available in both digital and paper formats at the consultation session. The questionnaire was also available for residents to complete online at the Making Marion website

The session comprised of:

- Idea Generation:  
Posters asking community members, children and parents to place sticky dots on images of preferred items/opportunities/experiences they would like to see incorporated within the reserve;
- Cognitive mapping:  
Aerial imagery of the site allowing the community to map issues and opportunities and generally discuss what is important to them in the reserve upgrade;
- Council Survey:  
A project specific questionnaire was developed and provided in a digital on-line format and a paper format to gain additional information with regards to the sites issues and opportunities along with play amenity and types of play environments preferred by the community





# **Consultation Summary**

## **Introduction**

The following summary breaks down the consultation results into a synopsis of the idea generation, cognitive mapping and council survey that was undertaken during the consultation sessions for Sixth Avenue Reserve, Ascot Park.

An analysis of these results will be explored in the following sections to assist in developing key directions for the concept plan at Sixth Avenue Reserve. For further reference, raw data can be found in the Appendix.

# **Sixth Avenue Reserve**

## **Introduction**

This neighbourhood reserve is adjacent the local Scout Hall and existing carpark facilities and centrally located between Sixth Avenue and Allison Street.

The existing play equipment requires replacement along with some amenity provision including the shelter and barbecue.

The consultation process focused on the opportunities which could be incorporated into the new playspace, whilst responding to the Scout community use requirements along with those of the broader neighbourhood community.

The consultation also encompassed improved amenity provision opportunities within the service level of a neighbourhood level reserve.

## **Site Map**



— Site Boundary

Existing play equipment to be removed



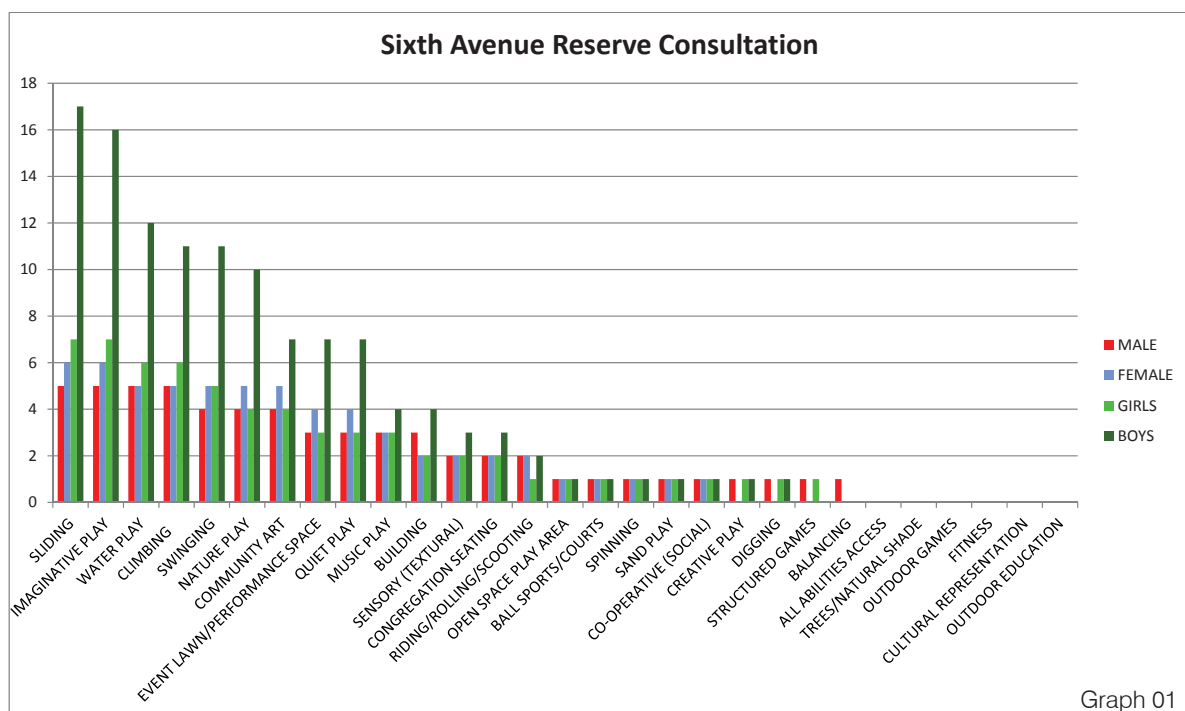
# Sixth Avenue Reserve

## Idea Generation:

The community was asked to vote for their top 4 play and amenity choices for the reserve from up to 29 different options using sticky dots. Respondents were categorised into adult male and female; boy and girl children to facilitate an understanding of age and gender choices and overall preference review.

Sliding, imaginative play and water play were considered by children and adults as the top 3 play experiences they would like to see incorporated within Sixth Avenue Reserve Playspace. Boys and girls also had sliding and imaginative play as their top two choices.

Climbing, swinging and nature play were also experiences with strong preferences to be included. (See graph 01)





## Sixth Avenue Reserve

### **Cognitive Mapping:**

Using aerial mapping of existing site conditions, issues and opportunities were discussed with the community and their comments, feedback and ideas were recorded on 'post it' notes.

All comments received have been recorded and collated (please refer to Appendix)

The list below is a summary of all comments received on the post it notes, with the number in brackets representing repeated comments to indicate community preferences when asked the question 'What is important to you?';

- Outdoor education (fire pit, tents, rope making, orienteering) =(4)
- Facilitation of scout based activities and amenity provision =(3)
- Flying fox =(3)
- Less bark chip mulch =(2)
- Water pump =(2)
- Monkey bars =(2)
- Wobbly play equipment (surf board/duck) =(2)
- Sand pit =(2)
- Dog facilities =(2)

Provision for gross motor skills development including a flying fox, monkey bars and balance predominated the responses received along with cognitive and creative skills influenced by the Scouts association including water, sand and ropes.

Comments received also highlight a preference for a picnic shelter and barbecue facility. Dog management in proximity to play provision was commented upon along with the need for dog waste management. All abilities provision is also important as several children attending Scouts have special needs.

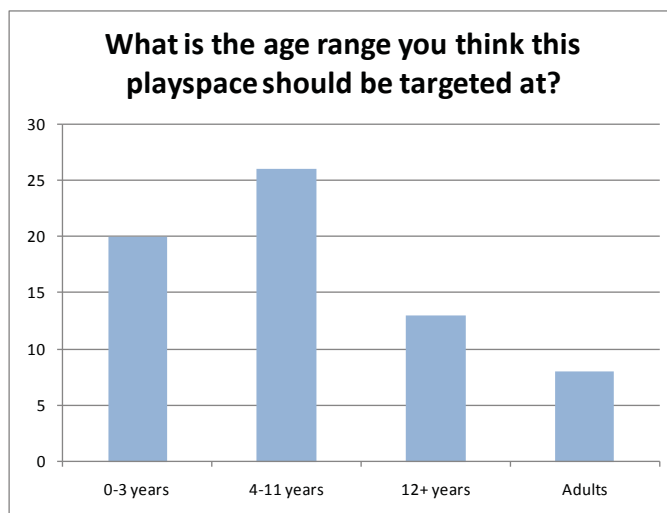


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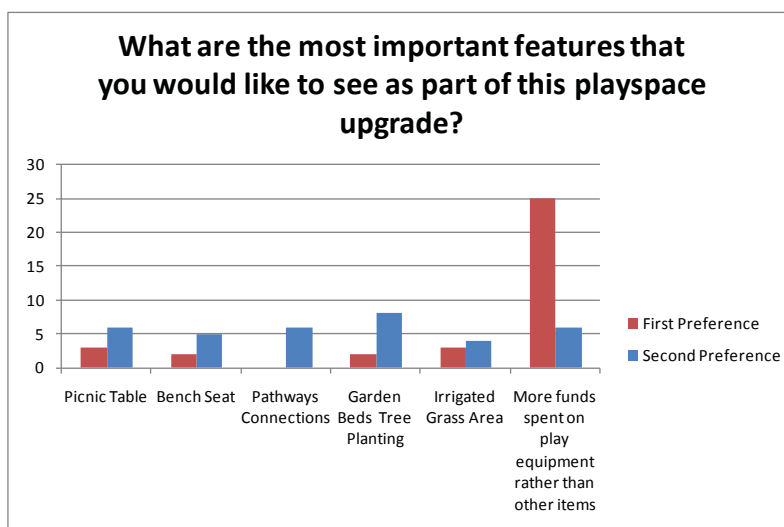
### Council Survey:

Several key questions were posed to the community through the survey including preferred age range of play provision, social, cognitive, creative and individual play opportunities along with amenity provision within the reserve.

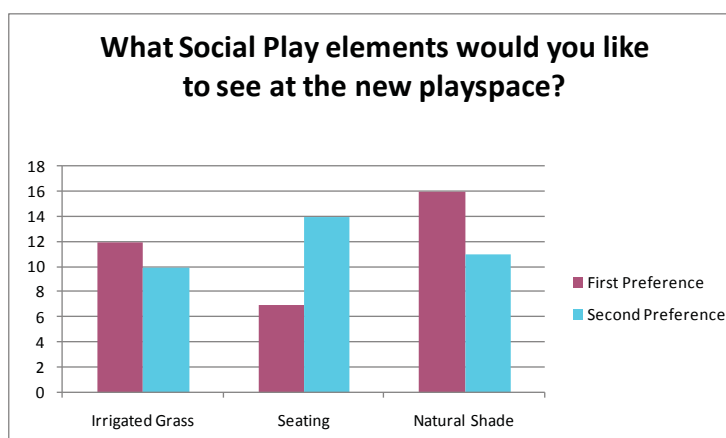
Survey respondents were asked to rate the options available in order of preference from 1-6. We have summarised the top 2 preferences for each choice available in the following tables.



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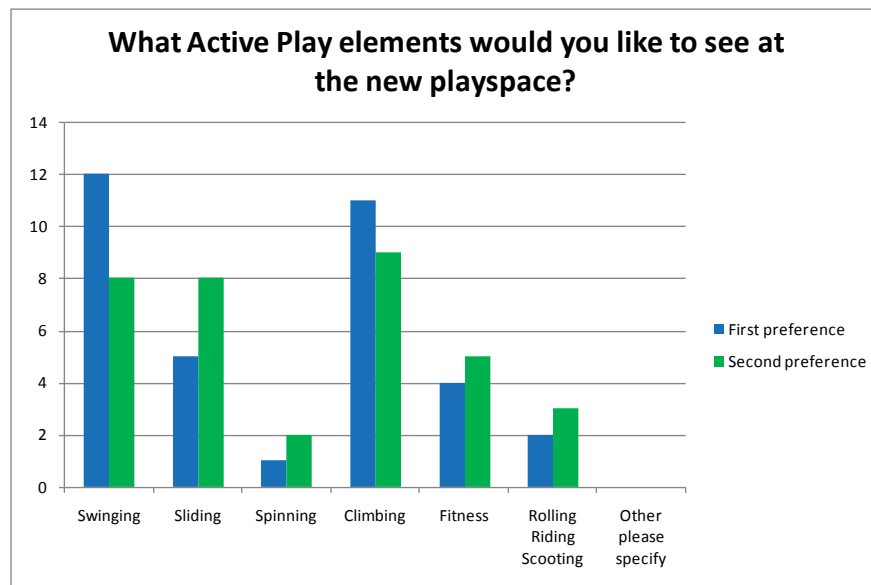


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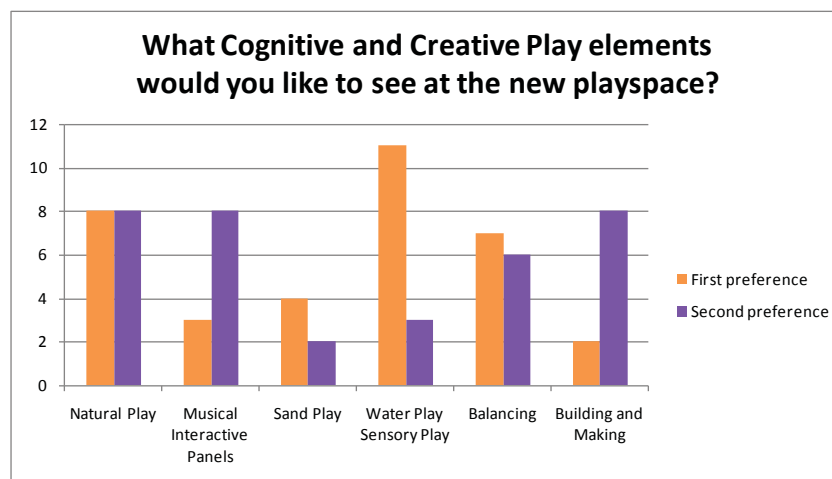


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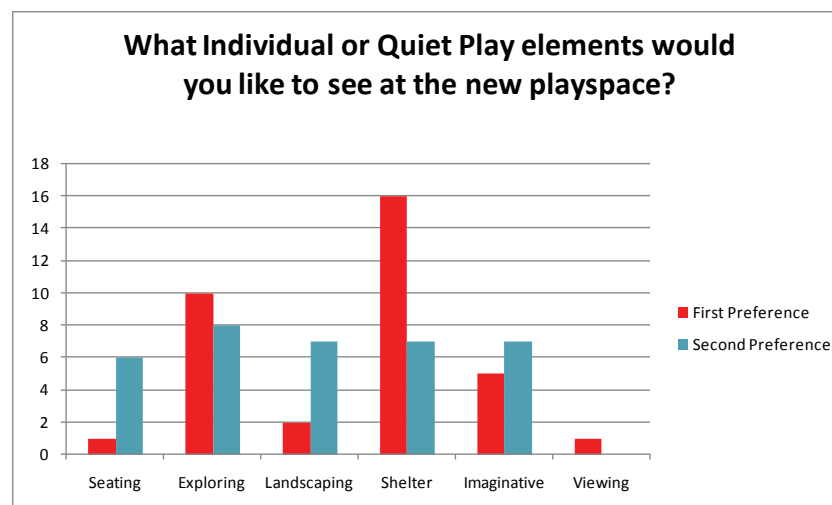
## Sixth Avenue Reserve



Graph 05



Graph 06



Graph 07

## Sixth Avenue Reserve

### **Council Survey:**

A summary of the survey table results indicate the following;

- Playspace target range top preference was between 4-11 years of age with ages 0-3 a close second choice. A broad range of community preference was also indicated with the selection of above 12 years and adult choice representation.
- Preference is for more funds to be spent on play equipment rather than other items. However, a picnic table and an irrigated grass area were also popular items.
- Social play highlighted natural shade as first choice followed by seating
- Active play preferences were dominated by swinging and climbing, followed by sliding
- Cognitive and creative play elements top choice was water play closely followed by building and making, natural and music play
- Individual and quiet play top choice was a shelter and then exploring and imaginative play

### **Council Survey Comments:**

The following list below provides a summary of all the additional comments and suggestions received, with the numbers in the brackets representing repeated comments to indicate community preferences;

- Shade =(6)
- Dog provision=(4)
- Toilets =(4)
- Equipment for younger children =(4)
- Equipment for youth/older kids =(3)
- Access to water/water play =(3)
- Fencing including dogs and children=(3)
- Sand pit =(3)
- Swings =(3)
- Fitness equipment =(2)
- Seating =(2)
- More grass =(2)
- Ball sports =(2)
- CPTED/Lighting =(2)

A broad range of comments were received highlighting amenity requirements of shade, seating and toilet provision along with diverse play experiences from young children to teens, fitness, sports and nature based play.

Dog management in proximity to play provision was commented upon along with the need for dog waste management.



# Sixth Avenue Reserve

## Consultation Analysis

The consultation synopsis has highlighted the communities preferences for play experiences and amenity to be incorporated within Sixth Avenue Reserve playspace upgrade. It is these consultation outcomes that will underpin the design process and inform design outcomes that will work with the community and council needs.

The concept designs will require a balance of the consultation results within the context of the site to ensure the correct design decisions are made.



## Key Considerations and Design Directions

Information provided by the community through the Idea Generation, Cognitive Mapping and Council Survey has been collated and analysed to form the following key considerations and design direction for the Sixth Avenue Reserve Playspace Project;

Each key consideration and design investigation, although noted, will be governed by budgetary and service level requirements.

- Challenging and active play preferences indicate climbing, sliding, swinging and flying (flying fox) were a priority
- Imaginative and creative play opportunities include nature based, sand and water
- Integration of play provision and dog management is required for positive and inclusive community outcomes
- Co-location of the Scouts SA facility strongly influenced outdoor education facilitation including tents, rope making, orienteering and exploring
- Age range provision needs to be broad ranging from toddlers to adults with accessibility a key factor
- Opportunity to reduce the number of formalised entrances to the site and create greater connection to Allison Street
- There is limited existing natural shade, hence additional tree planting required
- Amenity provision needs to reflect desires for replacement of existing shelter, natural shade, seating, picnic table, irrigated turf along with potential removal/replacement of existing barbecue
- Existing carpark is to be retained, separation between play and vehicles will be required
- Existing service provision includes mains water and electricity including a light pole within the playspace

# Appendix: Sixth Avenue Reserve

## Idea Generation

**What play experiences would you like to see at Sixth Avenue Reserve Playspace?**

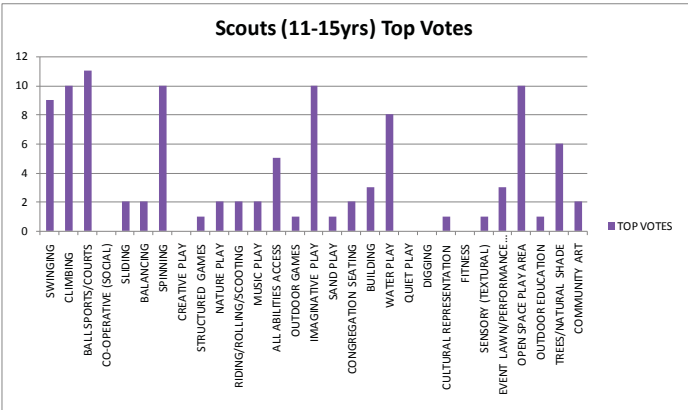
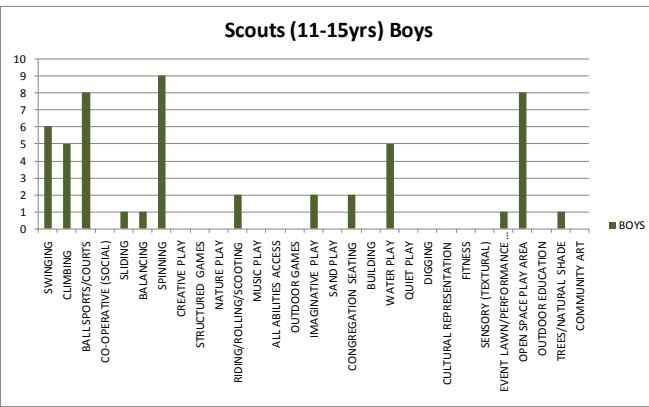
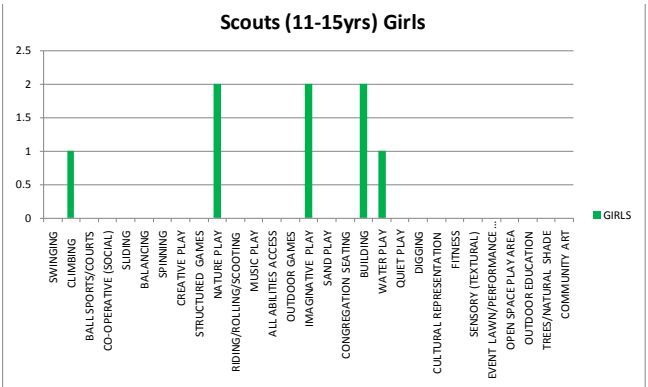
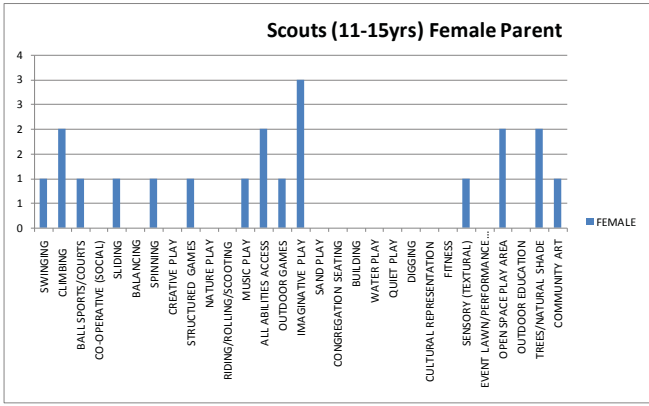
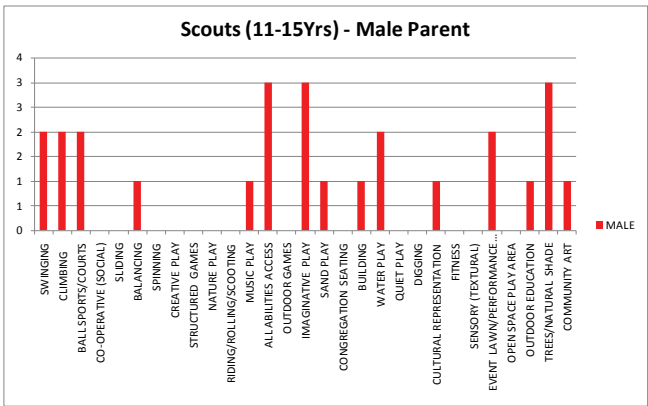
Place a sticker on four images that best represent what play experiences you like...

Male Female Boys Girls

 Swinging	 Climbing	 Ball Sports/Courts	 Co-operative (Social)	
 Sliding	 Balancing	 Spinning	 Creative Play	 Structured Games
 Nature Play	 Riding/Rolling/Scooting	 Music Play	 All Abilities Access	 Outdoor Games
 Imaginative Play	 Sand Play	 Congregation Seating	 Building	 Water Play
 Quiet Play	 Digging	 Cultural Representation	 Fitness	 Sensory (textural)
 Event Lawn/Performance Space	 Open Space Play Area	 Outdoor Education	 Trees/Natural Shade	 Community Art

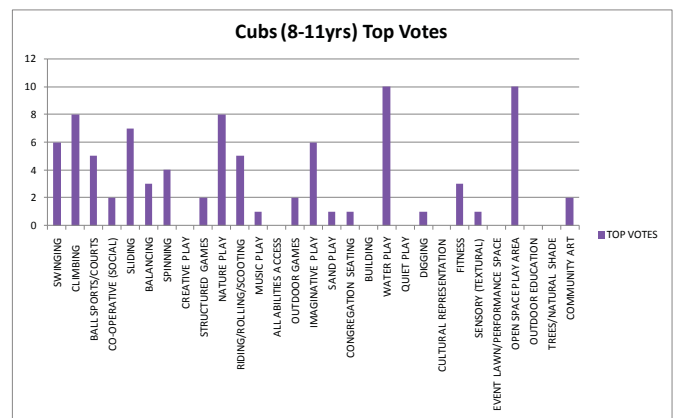
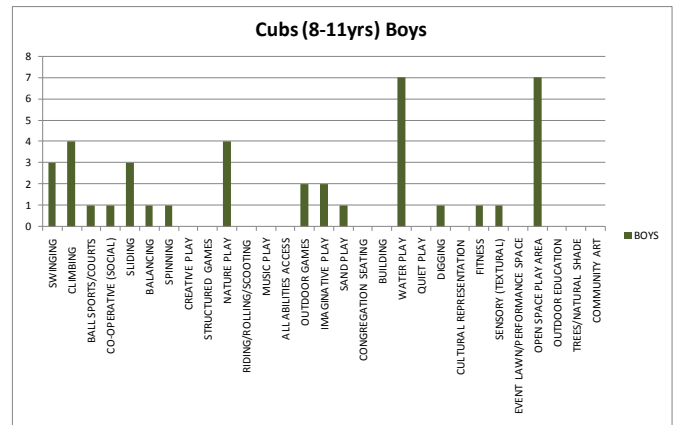
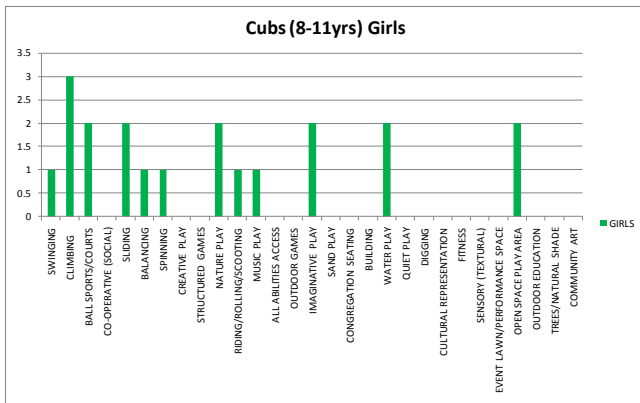
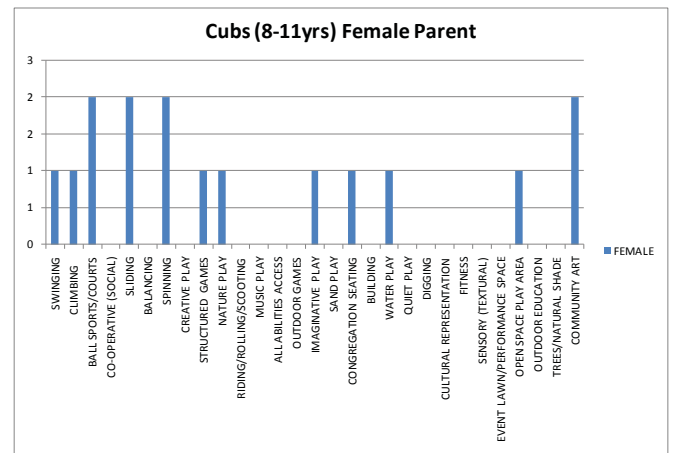
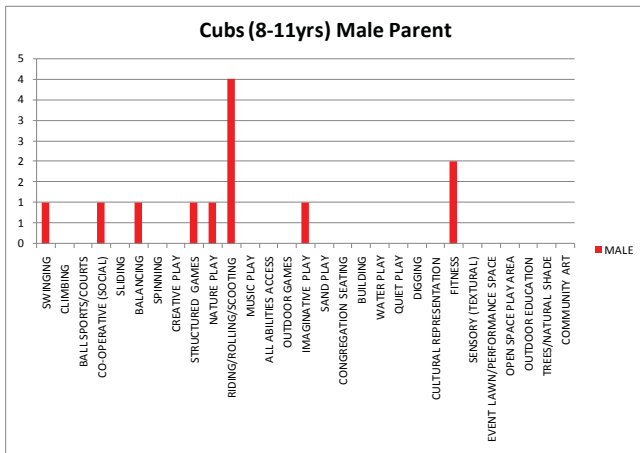
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## Scouts Idea Generation



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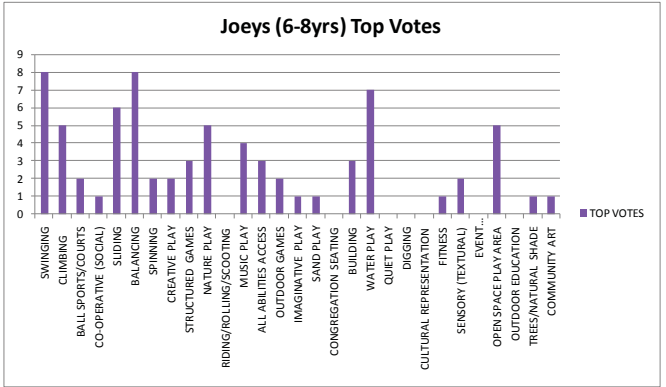
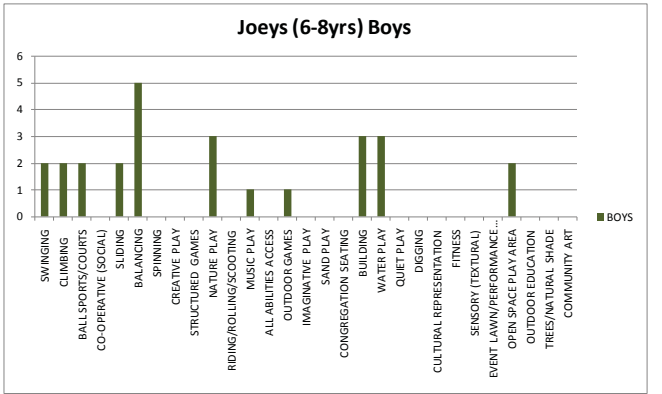
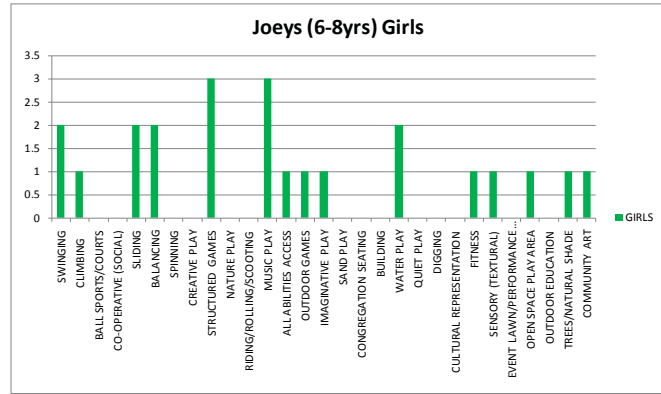
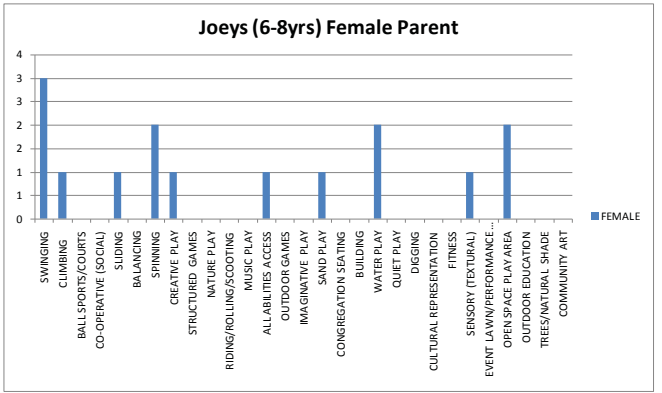
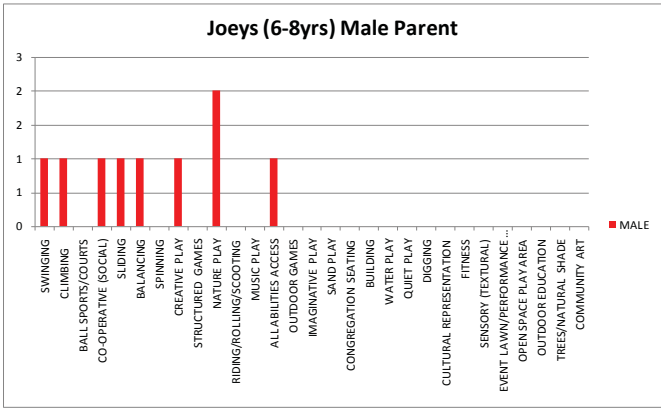
## Scouts (Cubs) Idea Generation





# Appendix: Sixth Avenue Reserve

## Scouts (Joeys) Idea Generation



# **Appendix: Sixth Avenue Reserve**

## **Cognitive Mapping**

- Monkey bars
- Wobbly surfboard
- Wobbly duck

## **What's important to you?**

- Needs more interactive space
- Less bark on ground
- More grass and possibly a scooting / riding path
- Park is used every day by the community, ages babies to teenagers. People use the park for fitness, scout events and dogs.
- Drinking tap and dog poo bags
- More shade
- Kids want a tunnel and a flying fox

## **SCOUTS**

- Disabled and children with disabilities
- Use outside space for orientation, rope knot making
- Path network important
- Too much bark mulch
- Increased nature and sensory for children
- Promotion of motor skills
- Lighting to building and lighting to park existing
- Don't use general BBQ, have their own
- Keep shelter
- One disabled car park ok
- Markets not really happening not for last 2-3yrs
- Leased scout hall to retiree group one Sunday a month and neighbourhood watch. Scouts x3 week
- Sleepovers at scouts
- Increase parking along front of hall façade
- Practice putting up tents outside
- Fire pit

## **CHILDREN'S PAINTINGS**

- Monkey bars
- Pit sand
- Flying fox
- Water pump
- Underground trampoline
- Sand pit with water pump
- Flying fox

# **Appendix: Sixth Avenue Reserve**

## **Council Online Survey**

### **Other Comments**

- Please have a space for adults to sit in the shade and some fitness equipment so that it is suitable for everyone not just little kids.
- "Too much wasted space. Need to have more irrigated grass area.  
Don't have hidden areas in park.  
Need to provide doggy poo bag stations."
- "Definitely completely gated.  
Excellent to see upgrades on play spaces.  
Jervois St shows how important and needed these areas are. It is always so busy. "
- Do not want to attract teenagers so please no roller skating areas . The park definitely needs more sheltered areas and grassed areas looked after more.
- Desperately needing more play equipment for younger children and toddlers. An enclosed area for younger children with sandpit and water play would be great. Also shade and seating. Toilet and water a must for summer also. A basketball court and bike/scooter track for older children.  
Jervois Street Playground is awesome!!
- Make sure the Ascot Park Scouts are involved in the design - they are there most nights of the year and many weekends, and a lot of their activities involve the park.
- Adequate access to toilets and a water source
- Seats that you sit in and spin around in it
- Shade please over play area and not too many high unguarded areas where young children can fall off. An open slide.
- New shelter , with fitness equipment and basket swings for both children and adults and a area that pet friendly maybe a sand pit would be good
- As I use the park for fitness most mornings maybe basketball hoop and fun equipment for fitness. mini trampolines, swing, sandpit for the kids would also be a great idea! New gates maybe that are pet friendly so people can let the

dogs use the space as smaller dogs can escape at the moment.... As I found out earlier this year  
-\_- (unhappy expression)

- Keep swings, make sure the baby swings are the fully enclosed ones not the ones with the chain
- Would love to have the fence fit to the ground so we can take our dog there and he can't escape through the bottom
- I would like to see area for toddlers and older kids
- Clean toilets are really important or mum makes you go home when you don't want to. music player for dancing, dancing studio
- Public toilets especially with little ones always a must!
- There needs to be adequate lighting so that it feels safe at night and there are no dimly lit corners. Also equipment and layout needs to include parkour planning for the older kids. Shelter from the sun is also important.
- Some fenced in areas for smaller kids and make the playground attractive (bright colours)