Marion Cultural Centre Plaza Centre
Community Engagement Feedback Report
September 2021

Background

The Marion Cultural Centre (MCC) Plaza provides an opportunity to create an active public realm that enhances the Regional Centre as a destination, supporting community activities, social engagement and the visitor economy.

Key Stakeholder engagement has occurred on a draft master plan. We have conducted broader consultation with community on the level of support for the objectives of the project from 10 August 2021 to 8 September 2021.

Our consultation contained the following objectives

• MCC Plaza as an activated public realm with supporting infrastructure for passive recreation and enhanced comfort.

• Proposed changes to traffic management on Warracowie Way to a one-way north bound exit to support pedestrian and cyclist movement and amenity.

• Proposed pedestrian activated crossing on Diagonal Road adjacent Trott Grove, providing a safe pedestrian connection to the MCC plaza and community facilities.

Key messages to community

The MCC Plaza is defined as the public realm surrounded by Marion Cultural Centre (MCC) to the east, South Australian Aquatic and Leisure Centre (SAALC), Centrelink and GP Plus to the west. Located to the south is Westfield with pedestrian and vehicle connections along Warracowie Way and Milham Street.

We asked for feedback on how well the concept plan provides an opportunity to create an active public realm that enhances the Regional Centre as a destination, supporting community activities, social engagement and the visitor economy.

We asked for feedback on the draft concept plan which includes:

- space for small concerts and markets
- a grassed area and trees
- a pedestrian activated crossing on Diagonal Road
- a north-bound one-way street on Warracowie Way with exit only onto Diagonal Road to help cyclists and pedestrians move around the area
- closed vehicle access to Westfield carpark adjacent Bunnings
- shelters, a stage and seating
- play equipment
- retention of existing artworks and heritage-listed items including the elements associated to the building letters 'Marion'

- relocation of the Warracowie Wells artwork into the Plaza

The proposed development builds on Council's $5 million investment in the area which includes a 'high tech' playground at Dwyer Road Reserve and a 'smart precinct' which uses technology to improve access to business and services.

Community feedback statistics

- **716** people visited the Making Marion page
- **504** people were 'informed' by clicking through further to content on the page
- **83** people provided a submission to the survey on Making Marion
- **3** email submissions received
- City Limits article distributed 17 August 2021 (43,000)
- Article promoted in Open for Business network newsletter (7500)
- Making Marion participants provided with an e-newsletter (258)
- Hard copy flyers delivered to Council Administration, Cove Civic, MCC library, Park Holme Library and Council City Services
- Hard copy flyers delivered to South Australian Aquatic Leisure Centre (SAALC)
- Meet with Redhouse group chair and Gallery M staff
- Meet with First Chapter Café business owner.
- Staff meet with an elderly resident at her request to provide clarity on the proposed plans.
- Soft copy of the flyer sent to MCC staff at library and Cove Civic for printing if required
- Emailed to key stakeholders Office Rec Sport and Racing, YMCA, Scentre Group, Centrelink, Health SA (GP Plus)

**The consultation for the MCC Plaza was extended until Wednesday 8 September after a resident mentioned they did not think their street received a City Limits and he had been notified of the consultation from an alternate avenue.*

We immediately followed up with our distributor who were unable to provide this assurance to us with appropriate confidence. We arranged for the distribution to occur immediately which was completed 1st September 2021.

Social media posts

Over the campaign we posted 8 social media posts reaching 32.7k people. The summary of posts included:

- 1 sponsored Facebook page
- 5 Facebook posts
- 1 Twitter post
- 1 Linked in post

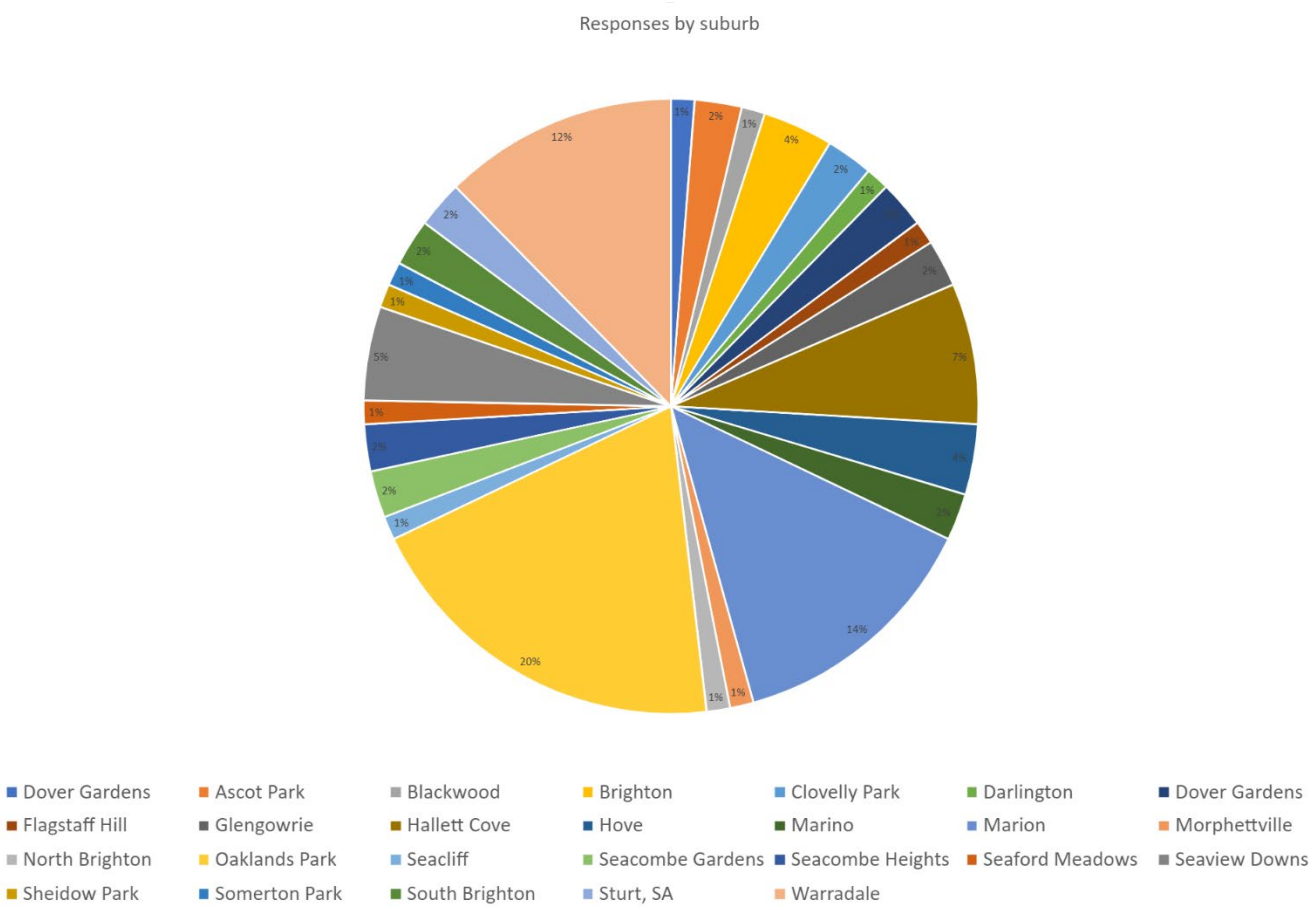
The comments have been included in the Attachment to this report

We are confident that people were provided with the opportunity to be involved based on the statistics and amount of views we had on the website and social media.

We received a good amount of feedback and exposure to this engagement opportunity and we thank those who contributed.

Community sentiment quantitative summary

A summary respondents from suburbs are provided here.

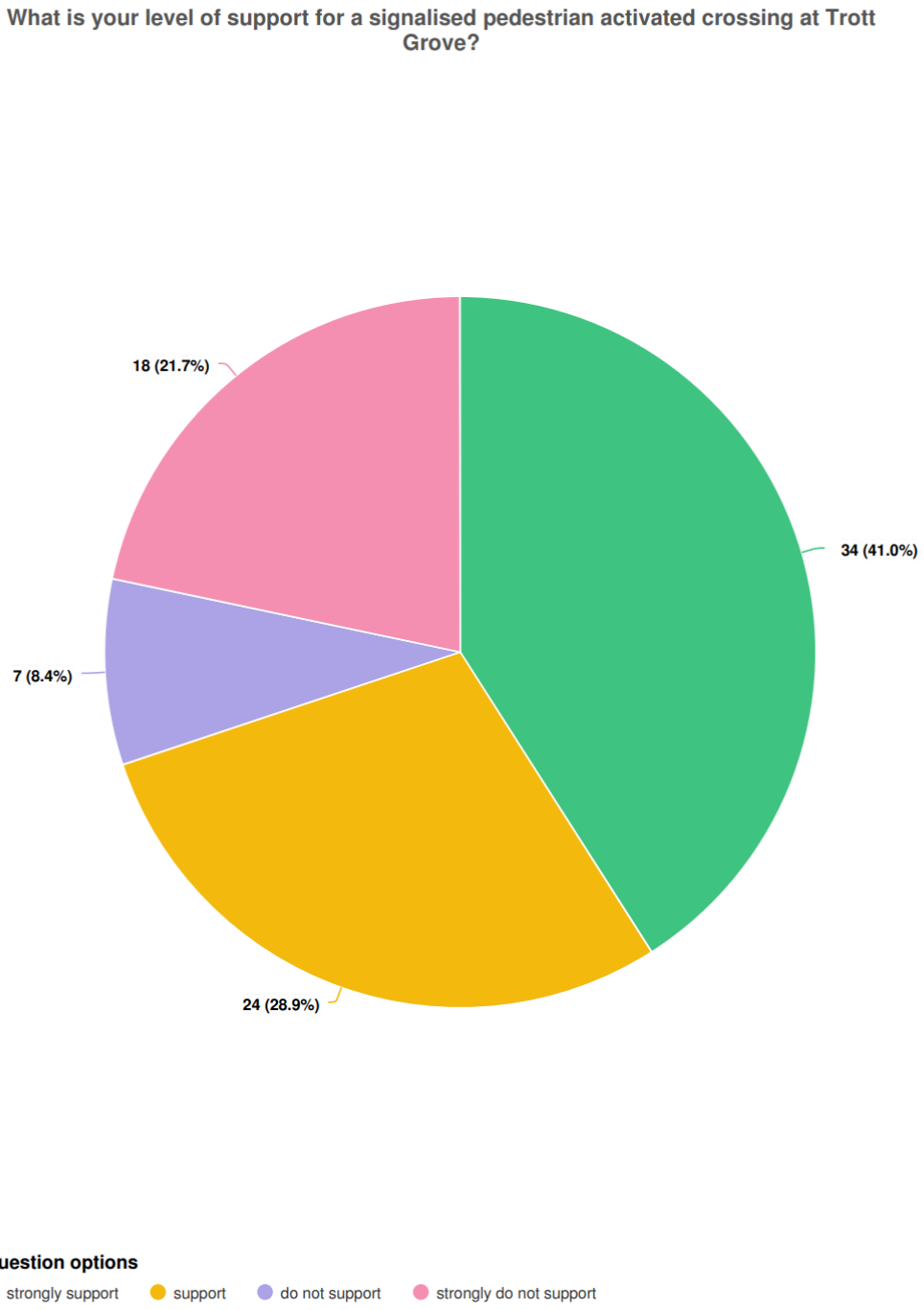


The following graph provides the responses by suburb. It demonstrates a good breadth of suburbs were represented and as city wide communications were promoted for this engagement, we can see if had good reach.

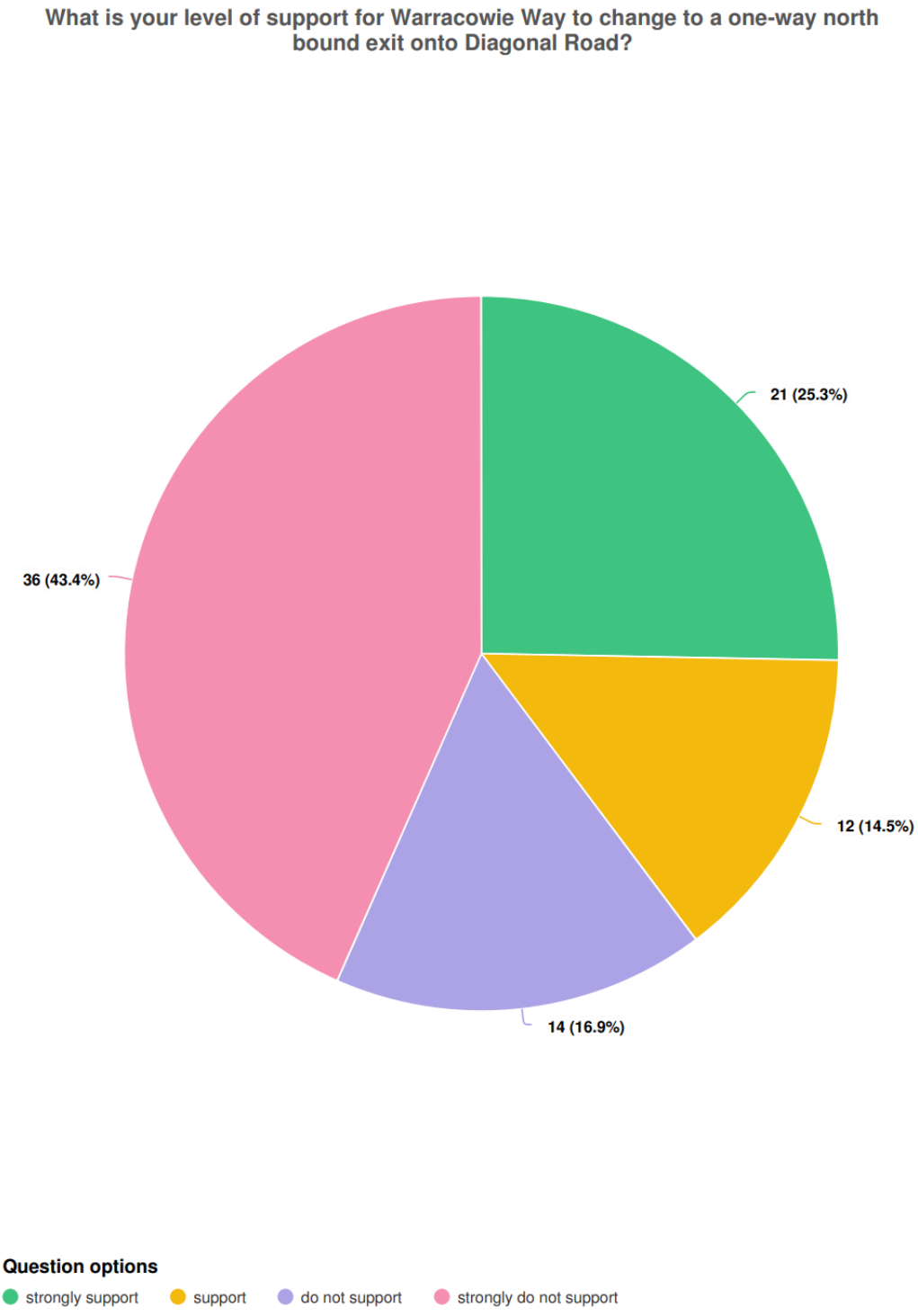
The majority of responses were from Oaklands Park (20%), Marion (14%) and Warradale (12%) totalling 46%.

A summary of key feedback and responses is provided here.

The following graph is an extract from the Making Marion engagement report providing the level of support for questions as below.



Overall we can see that the majority of people **70% (58)** either strongly support or support the signalised pedestrian crossing.



Here we can see there was **60% (50)** of people do not support or strongly do not support the one way Warracowie Way traffic solution onto Diagonal road. **40% (33)** either supported or strongly supported the proposed one way solution

The community commentary around this was quite strong and we had a number of formal submissions that also relate to the one way road. We also noted that the majority of qualitative feedback when we asked people to provide any additional comments, related to dissatisfaction of one-way road.

Of the **60% (50)** who provided feedback raising concerns of the one-way traffic proposal, **21** of respondents made comments that reflect access to Westfield was an objective of using Warracowie Way. Consequently, it can be derived that **35% (29)** of respondents oppose the one-way Warracowie solution due to proposed changes on local traffic access to services on Milham Street and or local traffic movements that enable connections to Morphett Road.

It is noted that vehicle access to Westfield will be closed from Warracowie Way due to Scentre Group approved development plans.

Messages were developed to ensure this point was clear in the consultation material, however we still received feedback about this point and therefore will ensure we communicate this message.

1. What do you like about the concept plan?

Responses to general themes and example quotes are provided. A full summary of people's verbatim comments and feedback is provided attached to this report.

Positive comments about **traffic and pedestrian** movement.

"I think the traffic management is good. Giving space to pedestrians and creating quality bike routes across the MCC area is a step in the right direction. Very progressive thinking.
It will make the roadway safer for cyclists and pedestrians"

"Reducing the traffic between SA Aquatic Centre and the Cultural Centre, making it more pedestrian friendly"

"I appreciate the elements of design that create a nicer environment for cyclists and pedestrians, especially the crossing towards Oaklands railway station and the development of a one-way road. As a cyclist myself I have found that there is limited safe access towards the railway station from Diagonal road, especially during peak hour traffic."

Comments supporting the improved use of **space and amenity**

"The overall concept and much better use of space! It will provide the ultimate location for locals to experience Fringe events, markets and so on. I suggest the cafe/bar is open at night (drinks available from outside) if all goes well and has a liquor licence. It is essential to keep the 'MARION' around the building so great to hear it remains - it's unique"

"A vibrant and attractive space, with multiple uses."

"A vibrant, inclusive "village" with plenty of green space would be fantastic for our area
Looks like a very pleasant area for various activities and just relaxing"

"The concept is inclusive to pedestrians and will elevate the neighbourhood feel I like the stage idea the artistic playground and night market lights"

Comments supporting **environmental benefits**

"I love the idea of the water-retaining flower beds and hope that local native plant species are planted there in contingency with the plants planted on the southern side of Oaklands railway, this would increase habitat areas for small but crucial insect populations and in turn perhaps encourage biodiversity of larger fauna. "

"Grassed areas, trees, play equipment and shelters"

"Increased tree planting, traffic calming measures. Incorporation of WSUD"

"Pedestrian priority, trees and greening, community focus."

"I really like the introduction of lots of greenery."

2. What do you think could be improved?

Responses to general themes and example quotes are provided. A full summary of people's verbatim comments and feedback is provided at the end of this report.

Comments about what could be improved regarding **traffic movement**.

The majority of comments received during the consultation process referenced the proposed change to vehicle movements. A summary of comments are below;

"Putting a pedestrian crossing and additional traffic light on diagonal road given the amount of traffic it gets would divert traffic on to local residential streets which already cop a large amount of non local traffic already"

"I question whether anyone has assessed the traffic implications of making a one way street and pedestrian crossing"

"The traffic direction change on the end of Milham Street will force swimming pool users approaching from Diagonal Road to have to loop around to the North West end of Diagonal Road and contribute to an already congested junction"

" I am concerned about the one way traffic and the affects on Morphett Road"

"Disability access, Bus parking and traffic management on Diagonal Rd (lights and pedestrian crossings)"

"I think that changing the direction of Warracowie to one direction will mean there will be more traffic having to enter Milham Street from the Bunnings end, & thus more traffic congestion through the Westfield car park".

"I think to concept plan is fundamentally flawed as it ignores the significant impact on traffic flows into and out of Marion shopping centre"

"Fine however one way access only to Warracowie Way is a huge issue. This access from Diagonal Road is integral to those that need to access Bunnings, acquatic centre etc. It is. Extremely difficult to turn right onto Diagonal from Crew and a left turn and access to Warracowie is needed. There will be extreme traffic backups at Marion Shopping Centre Access intersection if this access is cut off".

"The mere idea of closing off Warracowie Way to an only one way street is completely ignorant and does not have the community in mind. The entrance to the Westfield only through the lights from Diagonal Rd is extremely busy. Also due to the fact that there is no "no standing" when you want to go from Crew St to Diagonal Rd then Morphet Rd, many people usually use Warrracowie Way to get to Morohet Rd, that will back up even more as some people are not comfortable in crossing 2 lanes of traffic into the right. It will become a nightmare. Please don't change this. There is also no need to cut off that whole street and turn it into pedestrian area as there will be nothing there anyway, it's going to go from a useful space into literally nothing".

Comments about **what could be improved regarding shade and seating**

"outdoor dining -café tables and chairs, more shade/trees but also a wooden pergola with greenery growing over it that will shade in summer but drop leaves in winter. Festoon lighting using old style light bulbs. Enclose the space from the road using hedges but of course leave openings for foot traffic. This will reduce traffic noise. More greenery also equals less heat in summer. Make the whole area more visually appealing and inviting so those of us who work nearby can go grab a coffee there and enjoy the space"

"There needs to be flexible shading. Lots of shade in Summer, but sunny in Winter. Some water spray/ misting/ fountains for the heat"

"I would suggest adequate access for aged and disability groups, shade and outdoor seating that has a back, not just bench-style"

Comments about **heritage and landscaping**

"I am wary of what plant will be used as the feature tree on the roundabout. My friend is an environmental scientist working in arborist and ecology sectors and has concerns over the use of Canary Island Date Palms (Phoenix canariensis) in public spaces. Although they can be replanted with height, they also harbour pests, are dangerous to remove and are considered an environmental weed within eastern Australian states because they are highly invasive. I am concerned that this tree would cause more environmental issues into the future than it is worth for its 'tropical appeal' in today's moment. I hope that the Marion council considers using an alternative palm species or even a design for a smaller mallee and grass feature that aligns with pre-colonial vegetation distribution (see link to resources here: https://data.environment.sa.gov.au/Content/Publications/Forests_Woodlands_Ad_Plains_1836.pdf.)
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"I would also like to suggest in addition to the relocation of the Warracowie Wells artwork, there should be more emphasis on the Aboriginal heritage of the Marion area, with information and signage available for the public to access and read about the connection between people and place. Especially seeing as this is the Marion Cultural centre and is on Kaurna Land whose culture stands

strong today. I hope that the Marion council has already consulted with the Kaurna community. I think this would be very valuable to the future generations of South Australians who have the very important undertaking of healing Country alongside traditional owners who must first be seen as equals. "

3. Other comments

We provided people with the opportunity to provide any additional comments. When asked about other comments the majority was predominately around the **lack of support for the one way traffic flow.**

"Morphett road traveling south passing the swimming centre is already poorly designed with the driveway into the swimming centre causing people entering the facility seemingly having to stop completely before entering, this coupled with the lack of turn right lanes on Sunshine and Gardiner avenues makes thoroughfare past this section of road a real daily hassle for people who need to use this road for their daily commute"

Other comments **not relating to traffic** and of general support included

"I love the whole concept. Marion needs this sort of "piazza" or "town square" - a place to bring the community together.

"I would support the complete closing of Warracowie Way to vehicles."

"Existing tree canopy should be retained for larger trees. Recycled products must be included in procurement policy. Wet weather covered access to be included- during the recent Olympic Swimming trials at the Aquatic Centre- the lack of covered waiting space was a huge safety risk during rain events, so even removable temporary covers could be considered"

"I know this will be unpopular with some people but I honestly believe this is a great thing for the local community. Life is about much more than cars on roads. Well done to all those who have planned this"

As a final question we asked people to talk about what their priorities are in relation to the main elements of the project – below identifies the priority areas for community.

Of the following elements please tell us what is of highest importance to you (1 being most important and 4 being least)	
1	Enhanced green space
2	Creates a vibrant space
3	Manages vehicle movements
4	Better connections for pedestrian and cyclists

A full summary of people's verbatim comments and feedback is provided as Attachment to this report.

Three submissions were also received and are provided as attachments to this report.

Next Steps

Thank you for your feedback.

The project team have reviewed the design in light of specific feedback and at what is in scope and budget. Where possible the design will be refined to reflect what we have heard from the community.

Specific questions and comments will be fed back to particular respondents and a copy of the report will be distributed to those who participated in the engagement.

Key messages to provide to the community will be

- Clarification that vehicle access to Westfield will be closed in alignment with Scentre Group development approved plans.
- Clarification that car parking provisions will remain unchanged
- key questions for clarification
- Outcomes of council report and next steps

The timeline now for the project is as follows

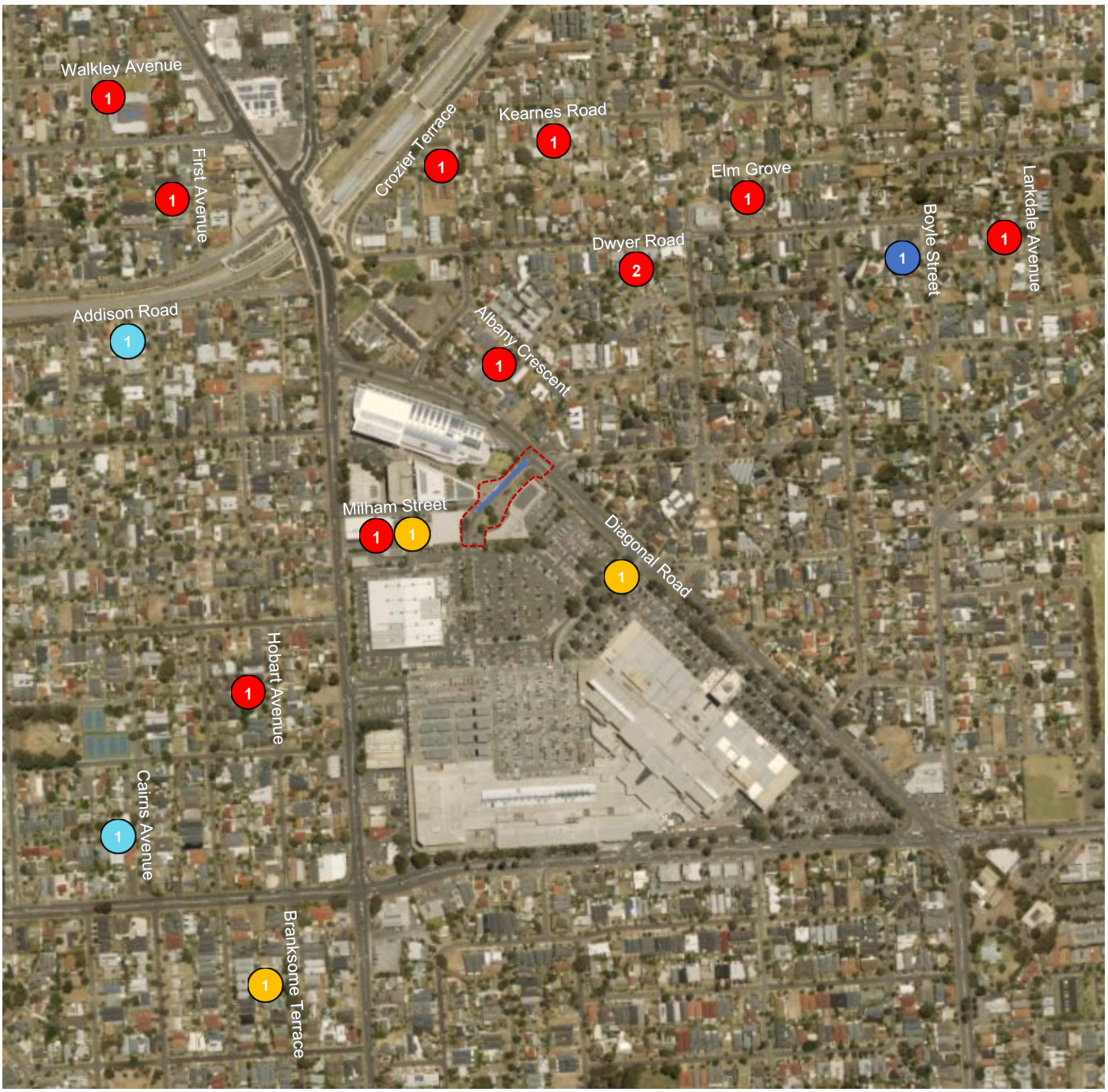
- **August 2021 | Consultation conducted**
- **October 2021 | Council to consider community consultation**
- **Early 2022 | Detailed design**
- **Mid 2022 | Construction to start**

For more information please visit www.makingmarion.com.au/marion-cultural-centre where you can see project updates, engagement reports, FAQs and key documents.

Thank you for those who participated – we value your input.

Attachment –

- map respondent locality- one-way road solution
- verbatim comments and submissions



Legend

MCC Plaza and

Warracowie Way

Level of support by street location (refer to map – within 750m of precinct)

1	Strongly Support
2	Support
3	Do Not Support
11	Strongly do not support

Level of support external to area illustated above.

20	Strongly Support
10	Support
11	Do Not Support
25	Strongly do not support

Community Feedback - Proposed alterations to provide one-way access to Warracowie Way

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Tell us what you like about the Concept Plan?

Comments related to traffic management

- *A roundabout is a good idea*
- *Overall the concept plan itself is ok, and I can see creating a precinct here will provide a welcoming and relaxed space for community events with reduced volume of cars. I'm in favour, in line with further supporting road management factors being incorporated, as outlined in the section, below.*
- *The concept is inclusive to pedestrians and will elevate the neighbourhood feel*
- *"I appreciate the elements of design that create a nicer environment for cyclists and pedestrians, especially the crossing towards Oaklands railway station and the development of a one-way road. As a cyclist myself I have found that there is limited safe access towards the railway station from Diagonal road, especially during peak hour traffic.*
- *Pedestrian priority, trees and greening, community focus.*

Comments related to amenity

- *Community area to enjoy*
- *Mostly good*
- *I like the idea of a place of significance*
- *I like the stage idea the artistic playground and night market lights*
- *The lawn areas. Less traffic and possible activation for local business*
- *Lighting, seating stage area.*
- *I like the addition of greenery, the installation of pedestrian traffic lights on that very busy road, the replacement of car space in favour of a market area, the fact that this should help add to the conviviality of the area.*
- *Community Catch up*
- *Looks like an attractive area.*
- *Good start to make the area more user-friendly, as currently it's under-utilised due to minimal facilities and too much traffic.*
- *Good to make use of that area & have it look more attractive.*
- *I like the almond grove which would look very beautiful and provide shade in summer.*
- *Hard to really tell by the plan. Is there a lot of seating and shelter, for entertaining?*
- *The overall concept and much better use of space! It will provide the ultimate location for locals to experience Fringe events, markets and so on. I suggest the cafe/bar is open at night (drinks available from outside) if all goes well and has a liquor licence. It is essential to keep the 'MARION' around the building so great to hear it remains - it's unique!*
- *It looks great! I love that the place will be lit up at night to enhance community safety*
- *I like that it will utilise the space more, it's always been a rather plain and bland area which I've often thought could be enhanced*
- *The plaza is tired and needs an up life*
- *There will be seating outside in this new area and the outdoor charging stations.*
- *"A vibrant and attractive space, with multiple uses.*
- *the possibility of markets*
- *Creating a natural space for public use/gatherings*
- *Helping improve the culture centre as it's not really used to it full potential*
- *Its draws the community together*
- *New play space & space for markets.*
- *Community space in suburbs for gatherings of live music outdoors*
- *A vibrant, inclusive "village" with plenty of green space would be fantastic for our area*
- *Looks like a very pleasant area for various activities and just relaxing*
- *Trees, place for market, design*
- *Overall decent*
- *All of it sounds great especially the markets and stage. Bring live music back into our lives. Let musician perform again.*
- *Playground and fun for the kids.*
- *Plants and walkways*
- *Vibrant and will bring the area to life*

- *The support to pedestrians*
- *it promotes opportunities for the community to gather and interact in a protected designated space*
- *Not much. I think it does not go far enough to properly transform the space and will end up unused.*
- *I also like the idea of creating a market space where stalls can be set up, I would like to attend markets where locals and residents of SA can sell their hand-made goods or produce.*
- *I also think these improvements would benefit Marion's public engagement during the Fringe season, making it a nicer venue to attend.*
- *I love the idea of the water-retaining flower beds and hope that local native plant species are planted there in contingency with the plants planted on the southern side of Oaklands railway, this would increase habitat areas for small but crucial insect populations and in turn perhaps encourage biodiversity of larger fauna. "*
- *The idea of open areas, markets & family places to visit*
- *"I quite like the idea of a sheltered stage with viewing area*
- *Everything*
- *I like the idea that we are creating a space for the public to enjoy and for the council to put events on*
- *greening the area*
- *Increased tree planting, traffic calming measures. Incorporation of WSUD*
- *Provides a good master plan for area*
- *Larger flat area so when events or markets in new plaza area; the road can be closed off and there is one flat paved area.*
- *I really like the introduction of lots of greenery to the Plaza. Making more and varied seating arrangements will make the Plaza more inviting.*
- *Having had it explained I'm willing to try routes to the railway station on my mobility scooter to go to Drs surgery near Castle Plaza. Improved pavements will make journey safer.*
- *More attractive than at present*
- *I like the idea of it and the ability to hold events and markets etc.*
- *Is there a need for outdoor alfresco type areas - is there going to be a better coffee shop along with it? Will this be an issue for the current business servicing customers inside? Better walking areas? For whom?"*
- *Needs shelter*
- *Good idea but just not in the right area.*
- *Better usage of open space*
- *"Not sure why this is necessary.*
- *I like the idea of it and the ability to hold events and markets etc.*
- *Nothing, it seems to be a waste of money.*

Tell us what you think could be improved?

Comments related to traffic management

- *Plan always looks good on paper but appears to me tone deaf to the plight of local streets which are suffering through excessive traffic. Adding more red lights and pedestrian crossing points and making streets one way fare does not particularly makes rational sense*
- *Don't put in an extra crossing on diagonal road. Marion council is obsessed with extra crossings such as the one on Daws road that is an example of Marion council stupidity. Otherwise the plan is good.*
- *Parking, access, facilities. Reason to be there.*
- *The area really needs more short term parking, or at the very least no parks lost on Milham street. There are many parents who need to find short term parks to pick up their kids from training at the swimming centre, rather than causing congestion going up and down in the car park.*
- *Parking especially at Christmas time. Not on street parking*
- *Design to remove vehicle access when events are held*
- *Suggest more 15 or 30 minute parks be added to milham street."*
- *Concerned about bottlenecks around Bunnings if roads become one way*

- *Do not close the roads. Marion is busier than the CBD, closing the roads will cause the whole area to grind to a halt and everyone will suffer, even the millionaires at city of marion council chambers will not be able to get in/out of their driveway.*
- *Yes, don't change the traffic flow options*
- *I think that the road should remain two way as that is the way I access marion westfield and bunnings. If that is made one way cars will need to go further up to turn into marion westfield at the lights, putting pressure on that intersection.*
- *Be sure to incorporate the swim centre and next stage should be linking properly to Westfield Marion S/C (through the carpark and also along Diagonal Rd perhaps). I see the need for the Diagonal Rd pedestrian crossing but have concerns with the two already either side of it - the lights need to run in connection with at least the one to Westfield Marion.*
- *Do Not close the road. Many reason not to*
- *More lighting in this whole outdoor area.*
- *Please omit the planting of an almond grove ... Almond trees require a tremendous amount of water and therefore are not a good choice.*
- *I'm concerned about the plan for almond trees, they are notorious for needing a lot of water*
- *A total redesign is required or alternatively a relocation of the concept to the council property on corner of Sturt and diagonal roads*
- *As a regular attendee of the library (travelling from Marion, south bound on Diagonal Rd), the plan doesn't consider accessing the library car park. The new plan would require library users to traverse through the shopping car park (already congested, particularly at the roundabout at the Diagonal Rd entry). Also, drivers currently accessing Warracowie Way (North bound on Diagonal Rd) will instead use the library road for access through to the shopping centre, Bunnings etc., i.e the library road will become a replacement ""Warracowie Way"*
- *As a member of the swimming pool, accessing weekly swimming lessons (again, travelling from Marion), drivers will no longer be able to travel south bound on Diagonal Rd to access the pool. Instead drivers will need to turn right at Crew St onto Diagonal Rd and left onto Morphett Rd. This brings about two points:*
- *The backstreets of Marion and Oaklands Park already have significant volumes of through traffic (not local traffic). The new plan results in most of that traffic having to instead turn right from Crew St to Diagonal Rd - an intersection that is already congested, slow, and at times dangerous due to the blind corner of traffic (travelling at 60km/hr) heading south from Diagonal/Morphett Rd.*
- *Have you considered not allowing traffic to turn right from Crew St to Diagonal Rd, and instead provide a provision to perform a U-Turn (approx. where the slip lane already exists to access Warracowie Way)? This would shift the traffic movement to travel in line with the fast flowing traffic and allow drivers to perform a safer merge with northbound traffic by undertaking a U-turn.*
- *Provide a slip-lane for north-bound traffic turning left from Diagonal Rd to Morphett Rd, at the swimming pool corner. (The current lane only provides space for approx. two cars, and more traffic will head this way if drivers are unable to use Warracowie Way). The current traffic volumes alone would have to support the need for a slip-lane here.*
- *(**On a side note, whilst talking about congestion - have Marion Council ever considered providing a second turning lane for South-bound traffic on Diagonal Rd turning left onto Sturt Rd? The traffic in the left lane can be backed up as far as the intersection for the shopping centre at times - and buses trying to exit from Pemberton St are often left stuck there for minutes trying to get across the two lanes of traffic, even at less busier times, due to the congested intersection.)*
- *One way on Warracowie Way will make accessibility to my job at GP plus more difficult*
- *Don’t block the traffic flow from diagonal Rd, this will just cause longer cues and congestion at other entries to Marion shopping centre.*
- *Having more green space will not create a link to the train, it’s too far away and still not the direct line of travel by foot, people use Morphet Rd.*
- *Has there been any other considerations on other entries to Marion shopping centre to improve?*
- *improve the Road T-junction between the aquatic Centre and the multicultural centre so The correct directions are forced to yield and not blow give way signs.*

- *Putting a pedestrian crossing and additional traffic light on diagonal road given the amount of traffic it gets would divert traffic on to local residential streets which already cop a large amount of non local traffic already.*
- *Traffic flow and the impact of making the Warracowie Way, one way street needs to be considered given the huge amount of traffic flow and congestion in the area.*
- *Don't get rid of that entrance to the Bunnings car park - living close to the shopping centre, that is the only entrance I use to avoid the traffic in the main traffic light entrance. Getting rid of that road will make the rest of the car park even worse than it is now.*
- *The mere idea of closing off Warracowie Way to an only one way street is completely ignorant and does not have the community in mind. The entrance to the Westfield only through the lights from Diagonal Rd is extremely busy. Also due to the fact that there is no "no standing" when you want to go from Crew St to Diagonal Rd then Morphet Rd, many people usually use Warrracowie Way to get to Morohet Rd, that will back up even more as some people are not comfortable in crossing 2 lanes of traffic into the right. It will become a nightmare. Please don't change this. There is also no need to cut off that whole street and turn it into pedestrian area as there will be nothing there anyway, it's going to go from a useful space into literally nothing.*
- *I question whether anyone has assessed the traffic implications of making a one way street and pedestrian crossing.*
- *I wouldn't change the Warracowie Way to just one-way. I don't believe that it affects too much and I believe people will start using the aquatic centre parking to access the street, which will be worst in the end.*
- *The traffic direction change on the end of Milham Street will force swimming pool users approaching from Diagonal Road to have to loop around to the North West end of Diagonal Road and contribute to an already congested junction.*
- *A better option would be to completely cut off Milham street at the proposed roundabout and then redevelop the roadway that passes through the car park side of the Cultural Centre. This would allow much better use of space between the swimming centre and the cultural centre, where kids can roam a bit more free and parents would feel more at ease. Then you could hold weekend markets etc across that space. It would also relieve the issues highlighted in 1*
- *The one way out to diagonal road is wrong, could be reversed. That entry saves lots of traffic at lights, already long queues. The idea of one way needs to be re thought*
- *Do not change the road access from Diagonal Road in to the Bunnings, Centrelink, GP Access, Library area.*
- *I am concerned about the one way traffic and the affects on Morphett Road.*
- *There is no link to Oaklands station despite it being mentioned- perhaps a shuttle bus with disability access could be included for events to enhance accessability.*
- *Traffic flow to the MCC Plaza*
- *Are you planning any additional lit parking close by for additional visitors too?*
- *Traffic management would be of a concern*
- *This key aspect "Closure of Warracowie access to Westfield south of Milham Street" needs to be removed. As a disabled person also with an aged parent, access is key, by road, in the easiest way possible to the Marion Shopping Centre, at all times. Any hindrance to this ends up costing me and my mother money in terms of either, time, money or both. Not mention the confusing one way access now suggested. Why not consider a roundabout put in place or traffic lights or pedestrian crossing? I hate this plan in so many aspects and consider it a waste of money, when better programs could be put in place improving services or helping people connect to (poorly) implemented council programs that ACTUALLY help people in need. The REDUCTION in traffic flow options and access is a HUGE insult to me and my mother as both residents and ratepayers. I am extremely angry.*
- *I am disappointed that Warracowie Drive is to be closed preventing northern vehicle access to the Westfield Shopping Centre and in particular Bunnings. The proposal overlooks that most users of this prescint are drivers and that walking is not appropriate due to old age, disability or shopping requirements. Closing the access will create an unneccessary safety risk by forcing visitors to Centrelink or Services SA out on to the busy roads of either Diagonal or Morphett Road where there are no traffic lights before making their way to Westfield Shopping Centre to continue their shopping and also limit escape routes in the event of a fire or similar event. If this aspect of the proposal goes ahead I will no longer shop at the Marion Bunnings.*

- *Will just add to an already conjested area. Complely unnecessary and makes a mockery of all the money spent to fix the railway crossing. Already frustrating to try and drive down surrounding main roads and too many traffic lights already. Will only make it harder to get in and out of surrounding streets*
- *Not sure if pedestrians have right of way on Warracowie Way, if not then a pedestrian crossing would be useful. More bus connections that stop at the cultural/aquatic centre. This is the main reason I drive to the centre, if a bus connection that worked I would take that.*
- *Disability access, Bus parking and traffic management on Diagonal Rd (lights and pedestrian crossings)*
- *Retain and keep the Warracowie 2 way access*
- *Not a fan of Warracowie Way being made one way. Westfield Marion carpark is a nightmare to exit and enter at the best of times and closing off the road one way is going to exacerbate the situation further especially at peak times. If the plans proceed then the Marion Shoppingtown access road with the roundabout needs massive improvements or another entry/exit point needs to be made to replace Warracowie Way. Crew St also needs to be improved big time for local residents and visitors to the area, it's dangerous with the traffic coming so fast around that corner on Diagonal Rd. This was erroneously not considered when the train line was upgraded. Safer pedestrian crossings are also required.*
- *traffic flow. Keep the roads as is, any changes would make it worse. Pedestrian crossings in certain spots might help.*
- *I'm not sure about closing off a road and I am concerned about parking options. We regularly use the Aquatic centre and it would be a shame to lose parking space when events are on. I also don't see the purpose of outdoor events and restaurants in that busy area. It doesn't seem very enticing to go to. Very busy area with the main road, Centrelink and Marion Shopping close by. I like the idea but just not in that area. I feel like it would be better positioned in a different area where there is more open space and less traffic for events and concerts etc.*
- *"Leave two way driving, put a safe drop off/pick up area in front of the Domain for patrons.*
- *More handicapped parking."*
- *Cancel all of the plans. That whole area is very congested, doesn't need anything else. Very important to retain the 2 way access and access into the Westfield shopping carpark.*
- *Cycling infrastructure and signs to connect with the bike path along the railway line.*
- *The vehicle thoroughfare needs to be reduced but removing access from Diagonal Road (from the rail crossing) will have a damaging effect on access to the library*
- *Friends and I go to the Cafe every Friday and it would be much better if there was air conditioning as it is very cold in winter and too hot in summer. Parking is terrible and needs to be addressed because we are all over 68 up to 95 and cannot walk far.*
- *Are you planning any additional lit parking close by for additional visitors too?*

Comments related to amenity

- *The cultural centre isn't a great looking building imo, but I guess others may like it. The building serves a great purpose it's just not very attractive.*
- *Not needed when we have beautiful area around Council Office, lawns, parking, easy access*
- *I think to concept plan is fundamentally flawed as it ignores the significant impact on traffic flows into and out of Marion shopping centre*
- *Not much. I think it does not go far enough to properly transform the space and will end up unused.*
- *I am very against changing the road traffic flow to a one way flow*
- *I oppose any change to the currently existing road traffic flow"*
- *I love the concept to bring Community together. But it will need events planned to be used. Perhaps a fortnightly Sunday market like used to be on the oval?*
- *It doesn't look much different to current use. Mention of climbing plants is good and one way traffic (as long as that works for bus access on roads into the zone)*
- *Activating the space.*
- *Grassed areas, trees, play equipment and shelters*
- *Pedestrian friendly, a greener space with trees and plants. Gathering place for families.*
- *The plan is exciting and will be an attractive focal point for existing services while providing space for a range of community activities, and enjoyment.*

- *Not worth to do more green space, similar at Dwyer Road Reserve just 500 meters away from there.*
- *More of the same arty stuff. Especially for kids*
- *Kids games on the ground with pavement marking*
- *Ever more trees.*
- *Move the whole plan to the south east of the cultural centre and leave the existing roads in place*
- *The art sculpture in your concept plan, needs more thought. The first thing i see when looking at it is cigarette butts joined together. Not appealing at all.*
- *I definitely think the playground should be a nature playground with different levels and astro turf*
- *outdoor dining -café tables and chairs, more shade/trees but also a wooden pergola with greenery growing over it that will shade in summer but drop leaves in winter. Festoon lighting using old style light bulbs. Enclose the space from the road using hedges but of course leave openings for foot traffic. This will reduce traffic noise. More greenery also equals less heat in summer. Make the whole area more visually appealing and inviting so those of us who work nearby can go grab a coffee there and enjoy the space*
- *The main entry to the cultural centre is the other side of building. Why don't u develop out the front there?*
- *I think this is a waste of money and won't be utilised.*
- *Would be awesome to have regular local produce markets there.*
- *Toilet facilities + cafe for user friendliness*
- *Bar & dining ?*
- *Inclusion of a microbrewery*
- *Enough shade for hot days!*
- *Cafés / restaurant*
- *Is the street required? Can the whole are be a community space?*
- *Markets to be open weekly, cafe area, artist area, murals, community garden, security, water stations*
- *There needs to be flexible shading. Lots of shade in Summer, but sunny in Winter. Some water spray/ misting/ fountains for the heat.*
- *Additional cafe*
- *The 'Views across the plaza' before and after artist impression in the concept plan is very underwhelming.*
- *The close location to Centrelink has always made that particular area undesirable to visit by foot. There would need to be robust CCTV and crime prevention to attract families.*
- *Overall I think that throwing a couple of patches of grass down is not going to be a meaningful attraction when that area is surrounded by car parks and still split with a road."*
- *I am wary of what plant will be used as the feature tree on the roundabout. My friend is an environmental scientist working in arborist and ecology sectors and has concerns over the use of Canary Island Date Palms (Phoenix canariensis) in public spaces. Although they can be replanted with height, they also harbour pests, are dangerous to remove and are considered an environmental weed within eastern Australian states because they are highly invasive. I am concerned that this tree would cause more environmental issues into the future than it is worth for its 'tropical appeal' in today's moment. I hope that the Marion council considers using an alternative palm species or even a design for a smaller mallee and grass feature that aligns with pre-colonial vegetation distribution (see link to resources here: https://data.environment.sa.gov.au/Content/Publications/Forests_Woodlands_Ad_Plains_1836.pdf.).*
- *I would also like to suggest in addition to the relocation of the Warracowie Wells artwork, there should be more emphasis on the Aboriginal heritage of the Marion area, with information and signage available for the public to access and read about the connection between people and place. Especially seeing as this is the Marion Cultural centre and is on Kaurna Land whose culture stands strong today. I hope that the Marion council has already consulted with the Kaurna community. I think this would be very valuable to the future generations of South Australians who have the very important undertaking of healing Country alongside traditional owners who must first be seen as equals. "*
- *"Playful art could look less like cigarettes (as per the example photo).*
- *Is the stage decking/seating actually suitable as a stage (as it appears not flat).*

- *There is a handdrawn cross over trees near aquatic centre- does that indicate future removal?*
- *Are recycled products to be used for decking (not mentioned in any of the information). What are the Warracowie Wells and where will place making be relocated from?"*
- *Would like to see a drink fountain installed. There has been one installed at updated sports oval near me, you can drink from it, fill your own water bottle and give dogs a drink too. Brand is Urban Apollo 280. Would be a great asset for the new area.*
- *Nothing specifically. I would suggest adequate access for aged and disability groups, shade and outdoor seating that has a back, not just bench-style.*
- *I believe you need to have:*
- *Water fountain to fill bottles and to drink out of. Water bowl for dogs??*
- *Toilets*
- *Ensure closed sides to shelter to protect from Western Afternoon sun plus the South westerly winds and rain that we get, gully winds. Will allow for all year usage.*
- *pushbike secure parking racks*
- *It might add more art works or sculpture like Brighton, Glenelg Esplanade which have sculpture along with beachsite.*
- *I would like to see a drinking fountain for people to fill up their drink bottles*
- *Shade area*
- *Needs shelter for over winter*
- *Fortnightly markets, music and entertainment for families to support local businesses and encourage community*
- *Water play area similar to Glenelg or other water feature/fountain for cooling and amenity...*
- *Aboriginal heritage connection/art /naming/signage.*
- *Board game tables eg. chess/backgammon...*
- *Pétanque area"*
- *Not at present. I'll wait until the work is finished next year and try out all the possible routes.*

Do you have any other comments?

Comments related to traffic management

- *I know this will be unpopular with some people but I honestly believe this is a great thing for the local community. Life is about much more than cars on roads. Well done to all those who have planned this.*
- *"I am unable to understand how placing a roundabout and limiting traffic flow with the installation of a pedestrian crossing costs $5m.*
- *Traffic is already very slow at times therefore do not support adding another signalised pedestrian crossing which will slow traffic further*
- *More parking required*
- *"If you really want to bring people into the area, do not continue with traffic in any direction along Warracowie Way. Re-direct all traffic along Milham Street and make the space between the SA Aquatic Centre and Marion Cultural Centre pedestrian user-friendly only, expand the deck (#5) and open space for outdoor entertainment options, and move the playground away from the road (change the playful art sculpture colours too, as the sticks look a bit like cigarettes!)*
- *Not happy with the decision to make Warracowie Way one way in a north bound direction as it will mean I will always need to use the Marion Shopping Centre entry points which will congest the traffic even more than it is now. Especially bad at Christmas & Easter, Mothers Day, Fathers Day etc. I think it could still be two ways then turn onto Milham Street so the carparks to the Domain Medical Centre, Specialist Centre, Swimming Cente, Centre Link etc can be accessed.*
- *Marion Shopping centre is the main focus of this area. All roads leading into/out of this area should be maintained/upgraded, NOT closed. By creating a permanent traffic jam this area will become one everyone avoids.*
- *"This Idea is absolute nonsense, sure green spaces are nice but not at the expense of traffic flow into and out of the Marion shopping centre, congestion entering and and exiting the centre is bad enough as is traffic flow around it.*

- *Morphett road traveling south passing the swimming centre is already poorly designed with the driveway into the swimming centre causing people entering the facility seemingly having to stop completely before entering, this coupled with the lack of turn right lanes on Sunshine and Gardiner avenues makes thoroughfare past this section of road a real daily hassle for people who need to use this road for their daily commute.*
- *The Idea of a pedestrian crossing on Trott Grove to support this terrible idea just makes the idea even more terrible, adding extra pedestrian crossing when there is one a block away is typical rubbish that councils come up with.*
- *If the aim is to stop people using Marion shopping centre, then this idea coupled with potential paid parking there will no doubt achieve it.*
- *I and many tradespeople like me use Bunnings and the quickest and easiest way to get there is to enter and exit via Warracowie Way, thus avoiding entering Westfield carpark and the general shopping public and avoiding the bottleneck around the swimming centre on Morphett road as I detailed before,*
- *I am a Tradesman who travels the length and breadth of Adelaide and I am sick of councils who are self centered in creating their own little patches of paradise, without any coordination with other councils and absolutely no regard for people who earn a living by providing mobile services to their customers*
- *Out of 365 days the plaza is and will be used 3-4 days. That's 1% of the time. This closure affects traffic movement for the locate residents 98% of the time The residents must make Uturns to get into their property and closure will stop this. The name Milham and Warracowie are import historical. The designers are looking from a different view and can't see the effects on the locals*
- *By making Warracowie Way a one-way road I will not be able to access the library carpark from Diagonal road. This means i'd have to drive through the Westfield Marion carpark to park in the library carpark. This would be a big issue especially if Westfield put in boom gates to their carpark.*
- *"The blocking of warracowie way access to Marion shopping centre car parking will lead to major traffic congestion at the current turn right lights on diagonal road that access Marion near DJs and this will be further congested when cars are seeking to turn right from roundabout to access car parking east of library. Additionally traffic access to Marion from Morphett road south of Bunnings will become congested as with potential major traffic build up on Morphett road as cars which have turned into Marion are constrained.*
- *It would also mean that cars will seek to use the exit from Marion a car park via the exit at eastern side of the library which is not currently designed for large traffic volumes.*
- *It already feels like the Marion Shopping Centre triangle is a round-about - turn out of the car park at the wrong point and you need to go the whole way around to access the actual direction you need to go.....*
- *Regarding point #4 - if not signalised, then a manual crossing point is a must. The access to the library from Trott Grove, with a pram or bike particularly, is difficult due to the size of the gutters and the traffic island with no ramp/access points. "*
- *As mentioned above. Closing traffic to this area will cause flow and congestion at other entry points to the shopping centre.*
- *I do not want to be forced to wait at stop lights behind people who do not know how to take off at a normal speed that is not inconvenient to those behind them.*
- *Spend public money responsibly. This area is severely impacted by traffic issues already. installing event spaces at the cost of restricting access would only add to existing agony related to traffic issues. Marion council does not have a good track re-record to manage local traffic management. This proposed development will directly add to the traffic flow into local residential streets.*
- *There is a pedestrian crossing at the Morphett road/diagonal road lights right next to the train station - another set isn't needed and will just make traffic flow worse*
- *Please don't change Warracowie way into a one way street and don't turn the road into wasted space*
- *Putting a signal crossing at trott Grove isn't required when there are already crossings 100m away in both directions. All this will do is make life even harder for drivers exiting trott Grove onto diagonal road and create more congestion on diagonal road when the lights don't sync with each other.*
- *Can warracowie way be removed all together?*

- *"A great many people use Warracowie Way as an access to the Aquatic Centre as well as Marion shopping centre. Many come down Crew Street and turn left into Diagonal road and then right into Warracowie Way. Under the plan, all access to the Aquatic Centre from Crew Street travellers would require a right turn onto Diagonal Road and to then GET TO THE LEFT for a turn onto Morphett Road. This is currently very difficult and will only likely get worse. This also applies to those going to GP Plus, ServicesSA and the Blood Bank."*
- *"I use the entry to Warracowie Way from Diagonal Road every day and if this access was blocked it would be very inconvenient.*
- *Love the idea but the one way traffic is wrong, will create an already bad traffic on diagonal road worse.*
- *People accessing the Aquatic Centre, the GP Centre, Centrelink, the Shopping Centre, the library from Diagonal Road find this driving access entry invaluable.*
- *I strongly oppose any change to vehicle access into Warracowie way.*
- *I take my children to Marion Primary School and Westminster School daily and return home via Crew Street where it is very difficult to turn right safely so I turn left onto Diagonal Road then right into Warracowie Way and usually visit the library, pool or shops via this route. Blocking this access will make it more difficult to turn right from Crew St into Diagonal Road by more cars lining up to turn right.*
- *It will make it more congestion at the road entrance to the swimming pool, service SA, GP Access area car park. The small Milham road is already daily congested when swimming training times are starting with parents trying to drop kids off and collect them. It will be even more difficult if the 2 way access to and from Diagonal Road to Warracowie Way is blocked off.*
- *" dont believe this needs to be one way only for pedestrian safety. Use marked crossing and pedestrian island on the road*
- *South bound traffic from Diagonal Road coming to the plaza has been greatly inconvenienced.*
- *The traffic coming from the South on Diagonal Road will not be able to turn into the Plaza and Library, which will be an inconvenience.*
- *Warracowie Way would be better suited one way South bound and potentially continue one way along in front of Centrelink. For it to be one way North Bound exit, will impact customers who wish to visit library, without having to continue up to lights, and make their way back through the carpark from David Jones area.*
- *Having cyclists and pedestrians share a path, while a good idea in principle, is less successful in practice because cyclists, in particular, do not always follow the rules. I have witnessed near--misses, and narrowly avoided injury myself due to selfish hoons on bikes.*
- *"Pedestrian crossing is not the answer. I travel to work to and from work everyday going thru the diagnonal/morphett road intersection. If you are catering for locals or people arriving by train then a pedestrian bridge is a much safer choice and worth the investment. The said intersection is so busy, especially in peak travel hours. I see children on their bikes, parents with prams and the elderly precariously wait on a small landing for the lights to change. They have no protection from out of control vehicles or vehicles going thru red lights.*
- *I think Warracowie Way should be left as two way as it is; this allows a route out to diagonal road as well as a route into Bunnings and centrelink and that from diagonal road. Non signalised pedestrian crossing near trott grove would be more beneficial*
- *Don't support change one way exit to Digonal Road, It is easy to access to shopping mall, don't have to back to main road cause more traffic.*
- *"I would like to see the traffic direction reversed and Warracowie Way open outside Centrelink. My reasoning behind this is to allow access for the public to the cultural Centre Building. My concerns are that by closing this road off when people approach from that direction they now have to enter via the main Marion entry and then zig zag through the car park which can be busy and a hazard or they approach from the Bunnings side and do the same.*
- *In addition if paid parking was to be introduced, would this mean that borrowers would need to pay in order to access our building and car park?*
- *I like the idea of having a public area, I'm just concerned that access to our facilities are greatly impacted due to the traffic plan.*
- *Will just add to an already conjested area. Between shopping centre, medical centre, swimming centre and centre link and services sa, already hard enough to access area.*

Complely unnecessary and makes a mockery of all the money spent to fix the railway crossing. Already frustrating to try and drive down surrounding main roads and too many traffic lights already. Waste of money, stupid place to put it. Makes it even harder to access railway station and time efficient public transport.

- *Warracowie Way should remain 2 way. Reason. If I leave the library (or Westfield at the traffic lights just to the South) I turn left into Warracowrie Way BECAUSE there is no long deceleration or storage lane at the traffic lights at the intersection of Diagonal Road with Morphett Road to turn left onto Morphett Road. Every time I have gone that way I have been held up in vehicles queues at the traffic signals. If a left turn decel & storage lane extending longer than 75% queuing length for vehicles turning right onto Morphett Road is constructed I would then support the proposal.*
- *The installation of signalised PAC seems excessive given proximity of other signalised arrangements. It will congest and delay traffic. I am somewhat surprised to learn that a warrant exists for this treatment as a have never seen anyone cross here. Even if it was approved by DTEI it seems a large investment of funds for a small return and given that DTEI are likely to require them to be coordinated with the 2 adjacent signals I'd envisage most people not waiting for the green walk sign. I'd be happy to remove this comment if I received data showing vehicles using road/pedestrians crossing numbers do actually support the signalised PAC.*
- *Pedestrian crossing will just have traffic banked up more.*
- *Please consider traffic lights or another improvement to safety for traffic and pedestrians near Crew St. It's dangerous for drivers (and pedestrians) trying to exit Crew St and merge with the Diagonal Rd traffic to head north west. Traffic comes around the corner so fast. When you finally have an opportunity to exit Crew Street you're suddenly blocked by the oncoming traffic and still can't get out it's ridiculous.*
- *There is no reason to change the two way road to one way. The driveway from the Diagonal Rd end is a short way through to Drs, services SA, Hearing SA, Bunnings etc. without having to traverse much more traffic.*
- *A close pick up / drop off point in the front would be handy for people not stopping.*
- *Putting in another set of lights at Trott Grove, seriously. The underpass was put in because of the lights. What value is there for these lights?"*
- *I am very concerned about the removal of vehicle access to Warracowie Way and therefore the library carpark from the Western and Northern directions (coming from the railway crossing) This will mean that to access the library carpark there will be no alternative to going through the very busy, dangerous Westfield carpark.*
- *Traffic from the north to get to the library will have to go all the way the Marion shopping entry (past Bunnings) which will significantly increase traffic at those entry areas, increasing the risk of an accident as well as adding inconvenience. Similarly, for traffic from the East on Diagonal road wanting to access the swimming centre, Centrelink, Services SA entry from Morphett Road.*
- *I don't like the idea of a one way street - how are cars supposed to exit the carpark at the Gallery end?*

General Comments

- *I also don't understand how doing all of these upgrades without a single plan to Increase facilities for the additional people you are trying to entice with this upgrade has been addressed. "*
- *Maybe 🤔 somewhere for Charted buses to stop? Lots of seating? Markets? Fringe like feeling garden of unearthly delights. Sculptures etc*
- *Best of luck in making this exciting project reality.*
- *Also, whilst the North-West face of the Marion Cultural Centre may be artistic, it segregates the facilities from the outside world and detracts from any hospitability."*
- *If you want to build a green space acquire some of the Shopping centre carpark on the South East of the cultural centre and build your folly there.*

- *Safety barrier near roads and carparks where lawn areas will be, so kids don't run out to road.*
- *As mentioned already. Get it right initially and everyone (well, majority) will be happy.*
- *I would love to see a Community garden area that could be utilised and accessed by local business members to grow produce for a grow free cart for the community.*
- *I'm please you are finally doing something about the space. Could you also address the baron wind tunnel cement eyesore between the aquatic centre and GP Plus. Its such a wasted opportunity. In my opinion it should have been better developed from the start. It was a perfect opportunity missed. Make it more inviting and the public can make use of it. thank you*
- *This is a great idea! Please ignore all of the inevitable protests from car drivers and push ahead with it.*
- *Every time I exit Warracowie Way by car, I think that it should be left turn only on to Diagonal Rd, so I'm very happy for the proposal. I also walk a lot between the various buildings and had noticed that a fair number of vehicles cut through at speed to avoid going through the Diagonal Rd and Morphett Rd intersection. This change should reduce traffic making it safer for pedestrians*
- *Seems to be a waste of our rates, adding a couple of trees outside the library would look nice, nothing else needed. Currently so hard to find parks near Service SA; Hearing Aust etc, parks are narrow, very difficult to get in and out without more road restrictions*
- *Look forward to the markets & entertainment opportunities*
- *"As per comments provided at point 2 - if point #5 proceeds, then further traffic management in the area is a MUST to best support this.*
- *The main entrance to the culture centre is the other side of the building? Make a better entry space the other side.*
- *The concept is fantastic, but must include ongoing efforts to ensure the area doesn't end up being a hangout for druggies, etc.*
- *Childfree events*
- *You could activate the opposite side of the cultural centre taking over part of the marion shopping center car park to utilise more space.*
- *Please allow musicians to play regularly. Bring back live music to the streets. Markets to be a weekly thing and allow stall holders to hire stalls at affordable prices. Security on hand. Make the area safe. Cafes or food trucks available. Cover.*
- *More cycle friendly please. But still pedestrian friendly too.*
- *Existing tree canopy should be retained for larger trees. Recycled products must be included in procurement policy. Wet weather covered access to be included- during the recent Olympic Swimming trials at the Aquatic Centre- the lack of covered waiting space was a huge safety risk during rain events, so even removable temporary covers could be considered*
- *Do NOT implement this plan in it's current form. I do not think that increased people walking and interacting around in public, spreading and catching highly virulent illnesses is warranted in the present conditions or future. Pedestrian and cyclist safety is important and can be implemented by other means. Not all people can walk around easily or ride bicycles. I don't think the plan realistically addresses community needs properly and does not consider practical need. It oversimplifies stylistic "picture post card/Instagram" style images and not what people really need. They need to do business, shop or recreate in the shopping centre area in the simplest way possible. Safely, easily without difficulties.*
- *Lessing the heat map of the plaza and surrounds with trees etc should be looked at*
- *Your plans make it worse for the people who actually use Marion shopping center (which is what the whole area is about, not a cultural center. That was an addition later which should then not take away from a shopping precinct.*
- *Like I said we need more shelter for over winter*
- *"I love the whole concept. Marion needs this sort of "piazza" or "town square" - a place to bring the community together.*
- *I would support the complete closing of Warracowie Way to vehicles."*

Other submissions

Redhouse Group and Gallery M

- Discussed opportunities to enhance activation of Gallery M with increased foot traffic and visibility.
- Support the proposed increased public realm and opportunities for events that will draw people into the facility.
- Car parking access to Gallery M discussed and current movement from Westfield by foot adjacent to the MCC.
- Consideration of an external toilet.
- Opportunities to enhance the branding and marketing of the gallery to be considered with external art works projection on the internal wall of the outdoor breezeway.
- Opportunity to provide fixed outdoor furniture near the cafe entry not impacting on the access requirements.
- Beneficial to seek ways of supporting the cafe to open the bifold doors to help enhance activation of the space.
- Supportive of proposed amenities and facilities, shade, kids play, integrated artworks, place making, opportunities for more events and markets.
- Visual sight lines between the SAALC and MCC important to enhance connectivity for activation.
- Parking in the locality and consideration of access to DDA parks. No reduction in parks due the proposed traffic management solution.
- Access from Westfeild car park by foot will still be provided with improved connections south of Warracowie Way.
- It is noted Westfield propose to close vehicle access from Warracowie Way. Loading drop off consideration for the gallery.
- Loading bay and current movements to be confirmed during detail design.

First Chapter

- Support the proposed increased public realm and opportunities for events that will draw people into the facility.
- Maintain visibility of the café
- Permanent outdoor furniture to the café exterior – limits staff requirement to pack up each day. Don’t need many but a small cluster of sets and tables to accommodate outdoor dining
- Event positive as attracts patronage.
- Support more foot traffic to activate the space
- Play area and small stage for events supported.

Office for Recreation Sport and Racing

- Ensure appropriate access is provided for those with a disability, restricted mobility etc? including carpark provision.
- Integration of cycle storage/parking into the design.
- The principles of Universal Design should be applied to so that they accommodate users of all ages, gender, ability and cultural backgrounds.
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) should also be a key consideration - the relationship between users and the physical environment in the design of public spaces in crime prevention and assists with public safety.
- Security and safety of users should be paramount.
- Community facilities and their surrounds should be designed, built and maintained in accordance with relevant occupational health and safety standards.
- They should also incorporate child safe and safer design principles into the design.

Telephone Conversations with residents

- Concerns of accessibility via car to the precinct and access to Westfield via Warracowie Way.
- Particular concerns of resident who lives in the Oaklands Park locality heading south accessing the library car park.
- Discussed that Westfield have an approved development plan that will close vehicle access into Westfield adjacent Centrelink and Bunnings. The proposed scheme still provides access to parking on Milham Street to access community facilities, whilst access to the southern car park will be retained by north bound Diagonal travel and through Westfield signalised intersection and car park.
- Concerns of car parking and events planning related to the State Aquatic Centre. Current occupancy and reliance on Westfield parking. Discussed that events planning is required to develop traffic management plans to accommodate
- 3 page submission provided with key concerns. Distribution of City Limits concern that residents didn't receive and dont along Diagonal Road. Issue with access out of Property for north bound travel, currently has to conduct a U turn at Diagonal Road intersection with Warracowie Way to enable north bound exit and or traverse Warracowie Way.
- Request for two way road to be retained.
- History of Warracowie Way and naming. Request review of proposed PAC to be further north near the current refuge.
- Discussed the project objectives to improve accessibility into the precinct for walking and cycling with particular connections from the new station and residential areas.
- Rang to seeking clarity on accessibility and movement through the precinct as currently uses an electric mobility scooter.
- Request further clarification on the plans and proposed pathway connections in particular from Westfield through to the Oaklands Station.
- Currently uses access taxi from place of residence - Sturt to Marion and then catches train to Edwardstown.
- Upon review of the proposed pathways and pedestrian activated crossing, supporting connections and different routes of travel. In particular support for improved pavement treatments along streetscapes and at grade solution for Warracowie Way.
- Design to consider turning movements of mobility scooters where kerb ramps are located.

Social Media

Responses

High density developments is only reducing our standard of living. Adding cars parked in the street, in the suburbs around. There should be parking onsite at every home for the cars belonging there. I get it having two on a bloc…
Totally agree. Living in the area it seems pointless getting rid of a 2 way Street to make it a one way Street in an unused area between the Library and Swim Centre. I use this Street to get to Marion Domain,Centrelink and other Services.…
Why are you designing something to make that area WORSE?
This sort of thing shouldn't be in the MIDDLE OF A SHOPPING PRECINCT!
Does the number of people using the space require it to be expanded? or is this a "well we will make something look good and we might get more than a handful of people to use it.
With your rates (Marion council had some of the highest sub-development in SA over the last 2 years, and by my calculations adding over 5 million per year into general revenue), and bad decisions regarding planning makes families want to move out of your area.
The intersection at Morphett and Diagonal road is already a nightmare and changing that to a one-way street would make this worse.
not to mention the traffic lights onto Diagonal road out of Marion as well. Sure way to make Marion even more of a nightmare to travel to.
exit from crew street ??????? We'll all be going round and round the westfield loop and it will be kaos
we were discussing this at our house. It wont work as a one way street.
Another dumb move by Marion council regarding the space around Westfield Marion.
This is going to cause a lot of issues. The space just isnt suitable. I get their idea but they really dont think the whole thing through. They need input from someone outside their development team...I doubt they will take any of this feedback on board. That area is going to be a nightmare. Imagine what will happen when events are being held
What like when the swimming trials and such is there and already blocks that area up, takes over huge amounts of carparks etc?
Its bad enough that Bunnings continuously looks to close down the site!
cram as much into one area and hope to god it brings people in and not deter them from visiting due to lack of parks, inaccessibility and I don't doubt things that look "good" (I use that word loosely) but nonfunctional or only suitable for small group
will have to walk to the aquatic centre because there is no way parking will be available...especially near the centre.
Swimming in winter will be fun ??
Have you even done a traffic count on the entry to the proposed one way road off Diagonal Road. People use that to go to GP Plus Centrelink, Services SA, Bunnings, Aldi, Market Foodcourt, Dan Murphys, and more because getting across diagonal road at the corner of Crew St for locals is a nightmare to turn right along with through traffic. That needs a three exit roundabout. The traffic jam that will be at the diagonal road intersection now turning left will increase traffic waits exiting the shopping centre off diagonal road, and going south everyone will have to turn in to the shopping centre at the david jones end lights which is already busy and use the carpark to get back through to the services you are now cutting off. Its ludicrous to block any entry in to an already increasingly busy service area and risk for driver frustrations and incidents. Again. Has anyone done a count entering that roadway, and understand the issues off crew street turning right. I do because I live local and use that road all the time as do others local and beyond. traffic flow will be a major issue especially at peak times and going in to pre Christmas period. We have parks for all these things you propose, this is a service and shopping area for

locals and surrounding suburbs already overwhelmed by increasing roadside parking, traffic and more.
thank you for your feedback. The MCC Plaza concept promotes safer pedestrian and cyclist connections. With the recent investment in the Oaklands Train Station the City of Marion are progressively enhancing footpath connections to increase pu…
City of Marion no it is not helpful as a local the functionality with the continued excessive traffic through George Street, Crew street & Diagonal rd intersection is a huge problem so people will now have to go to the traffic lights to turn right in to the westfield carpark as turning from crew in to diagonal is impossible at times so people needed to go left and turn right past the library to get back on to Morphett road. That option gone you will see building up of traffic on Crew and Diagonal. The solution could be to consider a roundabout at crew and Diagonal road. There is room. I use these intersections daily as do friends who live locally and have kids at local schools, we know the traffic and how its used, I live on George St and I know it greatly exceeds recommended safe limits for a street of its width. Those traffic issues you stopped with the morphett rail underpass will be replaced with long trails from turning lanes. The flow within the car park struggles as is with tight corners and narrow roads as it is and you are now increasing that traffic within those areas. I understand why you are doing this but it is not functional without addressing the issue it will bring. Easy to say from your drawing board but we locals use this to access our services and you are tripling the number of homes on blocks, increasing cars on roadways and future problems are already evident and will only get worse. Why don't you consult locals who use this before you draw up designs because many of us would be able to come up with some great solutions.
I fully agree. Blocking vehicular access from Diagonal Road into Warracowie Way would be a nightmare. I use this access twice daily.
And turning right from Crew Street onto Diagonal Road is dreadful.
I believe it would be easy to make it safe for pedestrians and cyclists - if it isn't already - without blocking vehicle access from Diagonal Road. Would create huge inconvenience. I encourage people to put in an official survey response as well as Facebook comments.
I strongly oppose blocking motor vehicle access from Diagonal Road into Warracowie Way.
There is very limited access into this area where there are many services that need to be easily and frequently accessed, the Aquatic Centre, Library, Service SA, Centrelink, Bunnings, GP Access Centre, Cultural Centre and more.
It would be very stressful to restrict access by making Warracowie Way traffic one way.
Cyclists and pedestrians can already easily use this road so there is no need to change the traffic flow for them.
Perhaps a pedestrian crossing across Diagonal Road would help them from the train station.
You should also consider the difficulty of turning right from Crew Street onto Diagonal Road, where it is often safer to turn left then into Warracowie Way.
The changes you are proposing sound like they are from someone who never uses the area.
Markets and special events are already successfully held outside the Library and Cultural Centre with the existing space and facilities.
Blocking access from Diagonal Road into Warracowie Way would be stressful and madness with flow on congestion to Crew Street and all the other already congested entries into the shopping and services precinct.
Community garden?
Great idea! If you can spare a couple of minutes, we'd love you to share your suggestion via the consultation: www.makingmarion.com.au/mcc-plaza
Looks amazing will certainly looking forward to seeing it develop

City of Marion Bruce Hull - I hope better sense prevails and legitimate concerns of the local community with already poor traffic management, congestion accessing essential services in the area is not undermined again by engagement surveys!
A community veggie garden would be awesome
this could be cool
I hope that playground is going to be enclosed
Thank you for your feedback. Consideration of safety and fencing to the proposed play area will be considered in the detailed design of the MCC plaza. Subject to Council approvals, detailed design will commence late 2021. Kind regards, MS
and have toilets!
Like George st on a busy through road and no fencing around new playground
City of Marion is this development going to mean an additional increase to rates like we are seeing with the soccer fields.
keen for some markets
Would have to employ some dodgys from the green area at Colonnades to populate it. Could get hectic. Cross suburban species might breed.
Pedestrian crossing equidistant from Morphett Road traffic lights and and the Westfield Carpark light controlled intersections is nuts. It will cause congestion.
Must be same designers who put the bike/pedestrian lights on Marion Road approx 50 metres south of Daws Road lights.
A great idea, but if the proposed petrol station nearby goes ahead it will be totally counter-productive for any kind of ambience and class to the area
Looks amazing!!! So needed.
Yeah, because we don't have enough of these types of unimaginative areas in Adelaide already do we? Another boring area to do fk all but eat and drink (national Australian pastime).
Closing the access to the northern end of the shopping centre car park will increase traffic volumes, and crashes on Morphett Road. It will also force the trucks delivering to Bunnings to navigate through the car park with the cars and pedestrians. At present they enter from Diagonal Road and exit on Morphett Rd
agree. traffic will be banked on crew st and clog diagonal road and the only entry on diagonal road will now be at the lights in to the roundabout and clogging that already busy intersection and carpark. Imagine Pre Christmas. As a local I use that entry they are going to block to access Aldi, library, bunnings, Drs, services and more as a resident coming our of Crew street as its impossible to turn right and get across the 4 lanes to get on to Morphett Rd. Its a poorly thought out plan Just close it on the weekend when there is an event or open up the wasted garden area never open at the aquatic centre.
absolutely agree. City of Marion This design is going to leave the community with considerably worse ingress/egress - to a busy part of the Marion precinct…. As used non-stop each day. Leaving us with a ‘plaza’ that will be used to the occasional market / occasion. Why not consider really improving the plaza area that already exists. For those few special occasions, block the road entirely. I’m sure we can live with the disruption for a day here or there. …and save a stack of $$$ in the process. At least try that for starters. The loss in access does not outweigh the community gain for occasional moments. My 2 (cents)
Probably. Aren't kids supposed to go to the playground to get Away from tech? HUGE misappropriation of rate payers money
Is this is going to be just like the ‘electronic playground’ across the road at Diagonal Way.
The same park that was going to ‘bring people from across the city’ and yet lay unused while most of it stopped working within a couple of months.

History would suggest those plazas are *rarely* used for anything ‘community’. And I’m sure when they were proposed back then, they had the same grand plans…. Plaza=community events. Not at all.
There is absolutely no sense in making access considerably more difficult for the sake of this.
Agreed. There's already a plaza of sorts outside the Cultural Centre. Barely used. There's a larger plaza opposite outside the Aquatic Centre. Barely used. If they really "need" to build a new plaza, which will be barely used, take the car park on the southern side of the cultural centre
What is wrong with the centre at the moment. It is quite functional as is and I doubt wasting taxpayer money to build an almond grove etc is going to attract more visitors, particularly with covid, and the building has only been there a little over 15 years!!!
Sounds great!
Great idea
Council can’t find a better way to spend money???
Nice concept. One way traffic only.
It’s a great idea.
Great idea
Today is the 31st & I've only just seen the post.
After reading some feedback comments it's probably not feesable, waste of tax payers money with Marion Council, not really going to draw more crowds of people to the area and I have concerns about parking, and with covid do we really need more crowds of people??
definitely parking will be a big issue
Will there be enough parking to support this?
I like to go to the library and the gallery.
Awseome idea
Oh City of Marion you are exceptional
I’d love to know how you will facilitate when parking in the area is already a huge issue?
If only the Marion interchange was integrated into the future plans when it was developed.
Imagine an underground access path for pedestrians that housed businesses and food outlets that you could access from Westfield.
A direct link that didn’t involve stopping the flow of traffic at numerous crossings. And now this involves restricting traffic further with another crossing and making streets one way in addition to closing another access path adjacent bunnings.
Wonderful to have all these plans but traffic bottle necks. The existing public transport interchange is no where near this area, or the train station. There’s not enough parking now for the existing businesses, medical facilities and swimming centre. Let alone the residents that live in the areas that can’t park anywhere as it’s all limited times. I can’t even access car parking now with my paid membership when the swim centre is utilised for events.
Love the concept but seems to be shortsighted on appropriate facilities and long term infrastructure.
the concepts promote safer pedestrian and cyclist connections. With the recent investment in the Oaklands Train Station the City of Marion are progressively enhancing footpath connections to increase public transport patronage reducing vehicle dependency. The proposed concept does not remove any car parks. Access to existing car parks for the swim centre, GP Plus and Services SA will be retained via Milham Street off Morphett Rd. With recent improvements in the traffic movements the proposed Pedestrian Activated Crossing will be synchronised with adjacent intersections to limit effects. More details on the traffic management proposals are provided on the web page https://www.makingmarion.com.au/mcc-plaza

City of Marion yes it may not remove parks but they are already lacking and I can’t see where more are being provided given that you want to increase patronage and boost business.
I have looked at the plan.
there is supposed to be a link from the word 'heritage', but it is missing.
Hi, thank you for flagging that with us. We'll arrange to have that rectified as soon as possible. Thanks, MS

MCC Consultation

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6 Sep 9:47 AM	 The consultation for the Marion Cultural ... City of Marion Making Marion	11	2.4K	2.4K	14	0.59%	-
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Marion Cultural Centre Feedback 29/8/2021

To the Planning Committee, Marion Council,

I would like to respond to the proposed redesign of the Cultural Centre area as provided in the City Limits publication.
I am concerned that the following aspects are not considered by the concept plan.

1. With the change to a one way street exit to Diagonal Road of Waracowrie Way, and the increased two way traffic on Milham Street due to turnaround on the eastern end, pedestrians have no safe crossing points.

2. No pedestrian crossing is shown on the concept plan to safely cross Waracowrie Way or Milham Street. This is a vital requirement given the high and increasing pedestrian traffic levels due to all the visitation sites surrounding the streetscape. If the focus of the plan is to improve public participation in the location, a safe foot traffic plan is essential when people leave their cars.

3. As a regular attender of four of the service and health providers in the immediate area, moving from one location to another often requires crossing the streets named above, which currently has NO safe pedestrian crossing at any point.

4. A traffic flow component that should be considered is that with the removal of entry to the parking station from Diagonal Road, the only clear entry is from Morphett Road into Milham Street. North bound traffic turning into Milham Street is already causing a serious holdup on Morphett Road restricting traffic flow to one lane. The time has surely come to widen Morphett Road and install turn right lanes to the Sturt Road/ Diagonal road section.

5. A suitable water feature perhaps in conjunction with the Waracowiie wells area would lift the atmosphere with any vegetation planting that is planned.

I support the proposal to improve the Plaza for use and enjoyment of ratepayers and visitors with the matters indicated considered for a safe future.

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

Marion Cultural Centre Plaza Plan

As a person involved with the original plaza development I am in support of the long awaited upgrade of the area. I would like to address,

Road closure,

Heritage street names and

Location of the road crossing.

There are items of the design that affects the local residents that live close by. My home is on Diagonal Road between Crew and Trott and the road closure in the plaza will effect on my moments dramatically.

Because of the continuous island dividing Diagonal Road between Crew and Trott, entry and exit of my property is already difficult. The one way allows us to travel south only. If we wish to head north we must make a U turn at the plaza or head down through the plaza to Milham and Morphett. If the entry into Warracowie Way is taken the right hand turn bay will go, replaced with a continuous island. Is it possible to reverse the one way and have in only off Diagonal? That will affect the pickup of swimmers so leave the road in both directions there is not that much traffic and it can be closed off and it is now. At present the road is closed only 2-3 times a year. That is 2-3days out of the year or 1% of the time, while disadvantaging the residents 99% of the year. Leave the road open in both ways as it may look good on paper but not practical.

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Road Crossing

The road crossing proposed across from the Library to Trott Grove

If a person actually walks across the road at this point, you will have a clear view of traffic south along Diagonal, but the cars appear quickly from the other direction around the bend in the road. Even with activated lights this location is unsafe for traffic stopping so soon after the bend. Here again this looks good on paper but is different on site.

Reason for the location; The uses of the crossing are residents and 80% train travellers. With 10% of residents living up Trott Grove way, and the other 10% towards Crew St. and beyond. The main pedestrian movement is from the Plaza to the station and a line between both start and finish crosses Diagonal at the existing crossing location. (The planners of the past, must have known something). At this location the two straight lines of the Road intersect at the centre of the bend, giving a clear view of traffic in both directions.

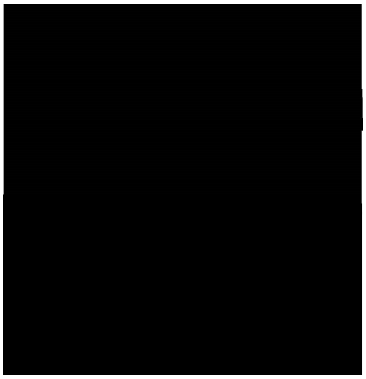
It is said the crossing is for the bikes to cross. Diagonal road is used often by professional riders training while others travelling east and west, will use the bikeway along the train line, giving a safe route under the traffic.

HERITAGE STREET NAMES

Milham is a mix of the family name of Hamilton. George Hamilton a brother to the winemaker, lived in Warracowie homestead which was located were the Library is now located. George was the locate

Postmaster and named the suburb of Warradale. When his homestead was removed the name of the road Warracowie Way was to locate and remember the well-known home. Warracowie Way was to be a grand tree lined street across the former Oaklands Primary School site to be the northern entrance to Westfield. This traffic agreement was signed off by all owners.

The importance of the names of the streets and their location should **not be changed, cut or blocked.**



I would like to address Council on these matters

From:
To: Community Engagement
Subject: Ideas for plaza
Date: Thursday, 26 August 2021 8:38:29 AM

Dear community engager.
The concept could do with some consideration of the following.
The one way road could have a drop off zone for elderly going to events in the theatre. The current one to south is not at same level as theatre
The carpark to south is too small and roadway is too wide near library. An extra row of cars would likely fit if only one way allowed. Maybe angle cars.
The picnic area does not seem to have any relevance on a busy corner. Suggest you look at something else. Ask yourself would you take your family to this location with small children, unlikely.
Not keen on a set of traffic lights on Diagonal Rd. Will disrupt traffic flows and existing corner lights should be sufficient.

The rest seems great.
Regards