Breakout Creek Reserve upgrade

Works commencing soon

Community feedback summary - 31 May 2023

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION

Background

The City of Marion is upgrading the shared path in Breakout Creek Reserve to meet current footpath standards and better accommodate a variety of users. The new path is designed to encourage people of all ages and abilities to walk and cycle in safety and comfort. This $475,000 project is partly funded by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport through the State Bicycle fund ($200,000), with the remainder funded by Council.

Upgrades of recreational reserves throughout the City of Marion are incorporating wide paths as standard to better accommodate more users, including those with mobility aids such as electric scooters and walkers; children on bikes; and cyclists pedalling for exercise or local travel.

Consultation process

- Community consultation on the reserve upgrade opened on March 29 and closed on April 19
- Signage was installed at key points along the reserve to give users access to project information and the Making Marion survey, via a QR Code
- 400 residents in the vicinity of the reserve received a direct mail letterbox notification inviting them to take part in the survey
- 29 responses were received (27 online and 2 hardcopy surveys)
- Consultation focused on local residents as the key users of the reserve
- 65% of respondents stated they use the reserve daily

What we heard

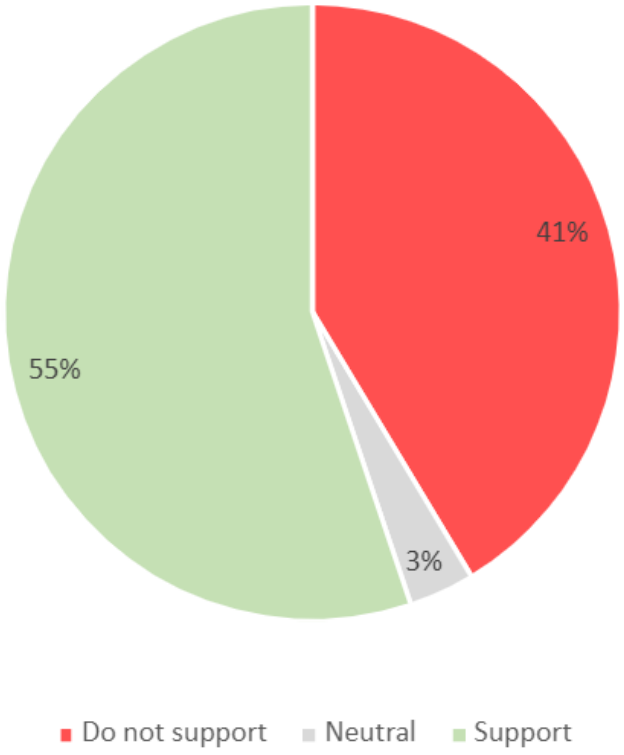
Feedback received from the survey indicated that the most popular use of the reserve was walking, both with and without dogs, bicycle riding and playground use. Concerns about the multiple uses of the upgraded path (particularly attracting bikes) and how they may impact on the safety of walkers, the elderly and dogs were raised. The desire for more trees, green space, an improvement to general landscaping and children's play opportunities throughout the area were common themes. Another issue raised was the potential for pavers to be a tripping hazard and unsuitable for wheeled and mobility devices.

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Q1: Do you support the proposed upgrade?



We have listened

The results of the consultation demonstrated general public support for the project. Council has reviewed each response and worked through project design changes to address issues raised where possible.

Changes to the design include:

- Installation of an asphalt path to establish a smoother, potentially lower risk surface for pedestrians and those with wheeled and mobility devices
- Additional tree planting throughout the reserve (following major works)
- Inclusion of natural garden beds adjacent to the northern path entrance point of Beadnall Terrace
- Installation of natural landscaping in areas where shade is anticipated to inhibit grass growth (for example near the northern entrance of Beadnall Terrace)
- Infill landscaping within the existing garden bed near Maxwell Terrace

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The following aspects will be retained in the design:

- Open permeable paved areas at the entrances to each path
- Path width at three metres in a meandering alignment to separate north and south bound pedestrians and cyclists, giving those moving at a faster pace sufficient room to move safely around those going at a slower pace
- Upgraded lighting adjacent the path
- Shared path signs on posts and pavement decals informing cyclists to slow down and share the path
- Staggered fencing arrangement at path entrances
- New seats along the length of the path

Dogs

Dogs can remain off the leash except within five metres of the playground however, like all off - leash areas, they are expected to be under effective control.

Next steps

Construction works are due to commence early July 2023, and are anticipated to finish in September 2023, weather permitting.

We encourage you to subscribe to the Making Marion project page at **www.makingmarion.com.au/breakout-creek-shared-path** so that you will automatically receive project updates and details on the construction schedule.

Contact us

You can contact the project team at **communityengagement@marion.sa.gov.au** or on **8375 6600.**