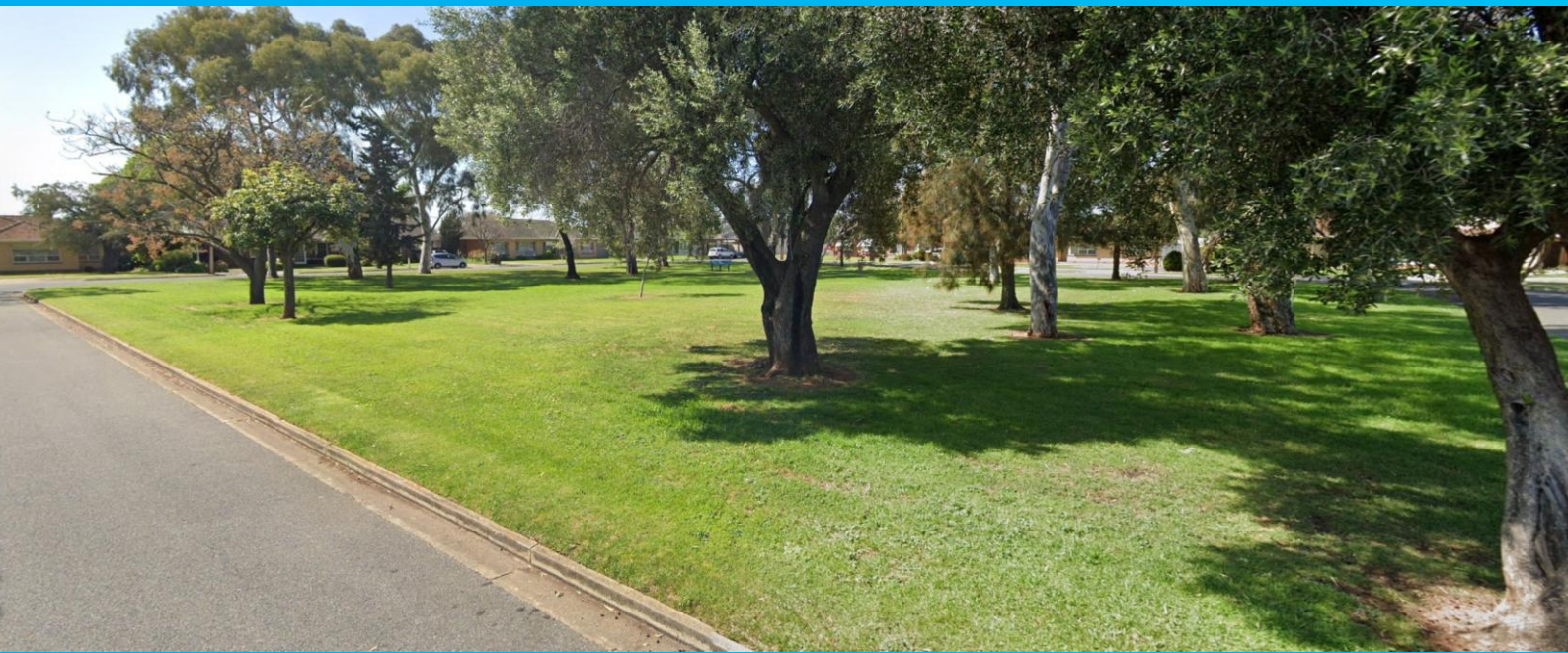


Teesdale Crescent Reserve

Engagement Findings Report



June 2026

Introduction

City of Marion is planning a minor upgrade to Teesdale Crescent Reserve in Plympton Park. Council recently endorsed additional irrigation at open spaces across Council and Teesdale Crescent Reserve was one of the listed projects.

The proposed works included three options:

1. Option A – Irrigation, native planting, shelter and drink fountain (with dog bowl)
2. Option B – Irrigation, native planting and drink fountain (with dog bowl)
3. Option C – Shelter and native planting (no irrigation)

This report summarises the outcomes of the community consultation and next steps for the project.

Consultation Program

The community engagement was undertaken from 27 May – 16 June 2026. It included:

- An information postcard sent to 450 households within a 400m² radius from the reserve
- An onsite consultation session 9 June
- Information on the Making Marion website
- An online survey

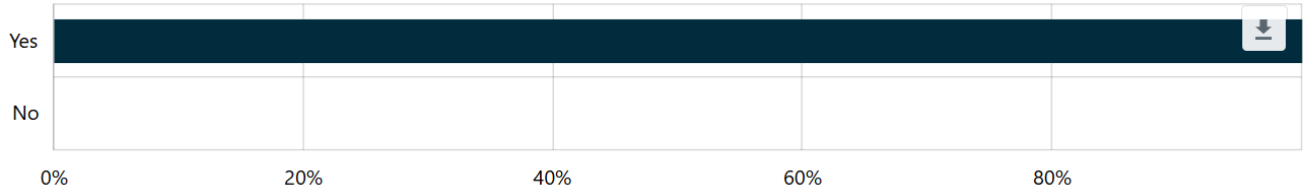
Consultation Overview

During the consultation period we received:

- 123 visits to the Making Marion page
- 138 views
- 17 Contributions
- On site consultation comments

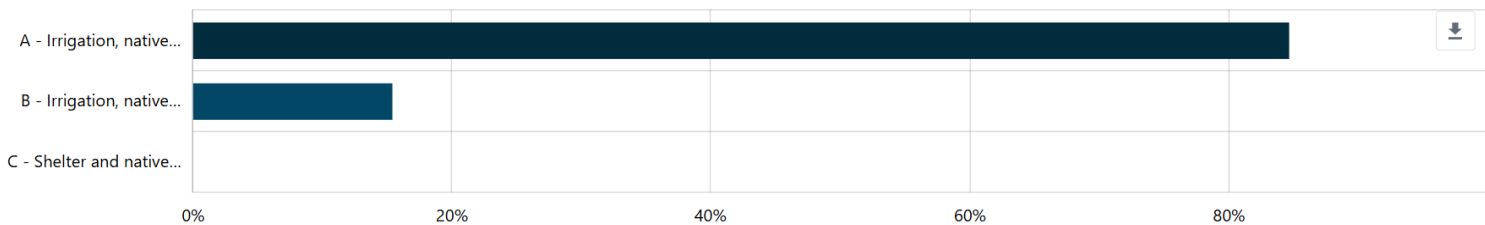
Consultation Findings

Question 1 – Have you reviewed the three options?



All respondents had reviewed the options.

Question 2 – Please choose the option that best reflects what you would like to see in the reserve



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Answer Choices	Percent	Count
A - Irrigation, native planting, shelter & drink fountain (with dog bowl)	84.62%	11
B - Irrigation, native planting & drink fountain (with dog bowl)	15.38%	2
C - Shelter and native planting (no irrigation)	0%	0
Total	100.00%	13

4 respondents skipped this question

Question 3 – Do you have any comments about the options?

During the consultation period we received the following survey responses (as below).

Option	Comment	Street Address
No option	Thank you to all Marion Council staff in attendance at the drop in session at Teesdale Reserve on Tuesday 9 June 2026. I would like to take this opportunity, to reiterate I am strongly opposed to all three proposed development options for the reserve.	Teesdale Crescent

	The reserve is valued by residents as a passive reserve and quiet open space where people can enjoy nature, the bird life, walk, relax, and appreciate the natural landscape. In a community experiencing ongoing growth and development, preserving areas of open space and tranquillity is increasingly important. The reserve already serves this purpose well and does not require further infrastructure. The proposed structures will obstruct views and permanently alter the open character of the reserve. One of the area's greatest strengths is its natural outlook, and introducing buildings and associated infrastructure will diminish that quality and appears unnecessary for a reserve that is already accessible and functional in its current form. This adds construction costs, visual impact, and future maintenance obligations without sufficient justification. As discussed with Jane Stinson MP, should water storage tanks be required for irrigation purposes within the reserve, it is preferred that they be installed underground so as to not impact on the passive recreational and aesthetic values of the reserve. Finally, the reserve was bequeathed by the Teesdale family and has long been regarded by residents as land intended to remain an open reserve. Many surrounding property owners purchased their homes with that understanding, and the proposed development represents a significant departure from the character and purpose of the reserve as it has existed for many years. For these reasons, I urge Council to reject all three development options and retain the reserve as an open, natural space for the benefit of current and future residents.	
No option	I strongly oppose the proposed structures at Teesdale Reserve. The three "options" presented are not genuine choices—they all impose unnecessary built structures on a reserve valued for its natural, untouched character. The reserve does not need a shelter or irrigation. An irrigation system would create noise pollution and impose ongoing water costs on ratepayers, especially since bore water is prohibited in this area. The proposed structures would be built directly in front of my home, obstructing my view. I work from home and chose this location specifically for the reserve's peace, quiet, and natural charm. Any structure would diminish that amenity.	Teesdale Crescent

	The reserve's appeal lies in its simplicity. Apart from one bench, it is a natural green space. Even the recently installed bright green "Teesdale Reserve / City of Marion" sign is visually intrusive and unnecessary. This "upgrade" wastes ratepayer money and is not supported by residents. Previous proposals for a shelter were rejected. The message is clear: Teesdale Reserve should remain natural, unbuilt, and undisturbed. Rate and taxpayer money would be better spent on repairing the appalling condition of roads in the Plympton Park area.	
No option	Would love to say an area dedicated to children, a small playground. Its such a peaceful spot would be lovely to see more family activity.	Stradbroke Avenue
Option A	It would be great to have a fenced area for off lead dogs	Boucalt Street
Option A	Also a bin and dog bags	Stradbroke Avenue
Option A	Install items that don't look industrial and nasty. Pleaseeeeeee make the space nice - it's so needed in Plympton Park.	Arthur Street
Option A	Please may we have a bin next to the shelter. In due course please let me know the exact plants to be used.	Teesdale Crescent
Option A	Could we get a fenced area to let dogs off the leash safely please?	Appleby Road
Option A	This reserve is parched and unappealing during the summer months. So I strongly support the irrigation proposal - with a small shelter & seating area to add to the appeal. With Plympton Park & surrounds are becoming more & more densely populated, attractive open spaces that are people and dog friendly can only add to the liveability of the area.	Stradbroke Avenue
Option A	I believe that Option A is the best as it not only provides irrigation, but also more plants, a fountain, dog bowl and importantly shelter to provide shade and in case there is inclement weather. There are a lot of young families moving into Plympton Park and currently there is not enough green open spaces for families and their children to play in and enjoy. Also dogs will have somewhere to run and enjoy the space as most new homes have very small backyards which is not suitable for large dogs or very active dogs that require more exercise. My husband and I regularly go for walks and we enjoy taking our dog on the oval. Teesdale Crescent Reserve will be another place we can enjoy going to.	Wilson Street

Option A	No comment provided	Stradbroke Avenue
Option A	Mini dog park?	Arthur Street
Option A	No comment provided	Arthur Street
Option A	No comment provided	Browning Avenue
Option B	No comment provided	Teesdale Crescent
Option B	None of the options is suitable to me. My preferred option would be some native planting around the edges of the common, low ground clearance and not restricting views across the park. There are not enough dogs using the park to warrant a dog bowl and fountain. (I have seen one dog in the last week). Therefore a shelter would not be needed. I don't see the need for irrigation as the ground rejuvenates very quickly after rain. Irrigation could only be considered if our rates don't go up to pay for the water. My main concern is repairing of the Northern part of Teesdale Crescent road surface which is severely corrugated by tree roots.	Teesdale Crescent
Option B	In all honesty none of the options are truly acceptable. I live opposite the park, when this was proposed last year we indicated that a shelter was not acceptable. In discussion with local member Jayne Stinson it was indicated to us that the shelter wouldn't go ahead. Money had been provided for the irrigation that was in place to be reactivated. Now surprise surprise we are told that the pressure is not sufficient. We were told the park had been reclassified and the irrigation wasn't possible without a shelter again we indicated we didn't want one. Now it is being done thru a back door process. If these are the only options, just leave it as it is.	Teesdale Crescent



Option	On line Survey	On Site Session	Notes
Option A	11	9	This option was chosen by some Teesdale Crescent residents. Children chose this option.
Option B	2	2	
Option C	0	1	
No Option	4	5	This option was chosen mostly by Teesdale Crescent residents

Design Responses

After listening to the on site feedback and reading the comments through the survey, no option presented as the best fit. Commentary from residents directly opposite the reserve was also taken into account.

A preferred design option arising from the consultation is

- Irrigation and natural landscaping
- Underground tank
- Seating with historical plaque

Response	Design Option
Option A included irrigation and natural landscaping and was the preferred option.	Irrigation and natural landscaping will be included in the reserve design
Having structures in the reserve was not preferred by surrounding residents.	The shelter and picnic table will be removed from the reserve design. The drink fountain with dog bowl will be removed from the reserve design. The irrigation tank will be designed to be mostly underground with a small cabinet above ground for pump infrastructure.
A passive and quiet open space to enjoy nature was a theme through the consultation.	The existing seat will be removed, and two timber seats will be added to the reserve. A plaque or small sign detailing the reserve's heritage, referencing the Teesdale Smith family will be included within the reserve upgrade.
Bin and dog bag required	A bin with dog bag dispenser will be added to the reserve.

Attachment 1 – Draft Concept Options (page 1 of 2)

The City of Marion is planning an open space upgrade at Teesdale Crescent Reserve, Plympton Park in partnership with funding from the South Australian Government. We have proposed three options for the upgrade of this reserve.

The proposed options include:

- Option A** - Irrigation, native planting, shelter and drink fountain (with dog bowl)
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A water tank and pump is required for the irrigation system as the water pressure is too low for the irrigation to work effectively from mains water alone. The water tank will be a slimline tank with a timber screen. This could be located with the shelter and/or drink fountain.

As the reserve is now covered with mature trees, any new irrigation infrastructure will be generally limited to areas outside of tree root zones to avoid damaging trees.

Recognition of local heritage information may be incorporated onto the site with the shelter facility. The heritage information will reference the Teesdale Smith family of Maryland, 1925 - 1965. Some example historical images which may be included are shown below.



OPTION A - IRRIGATION, NATIVE PLANTING, SHELTER & DRINK FOUNTAIN WITH DOG BOWL



TEESDALE CRESCENT RESERVE UPGRADE - DRAFT CONCEPT OPTIONS

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TEESDALE CRESCENT RESERVE UPGRADE - DRAFT CONCEPT OPTIONS

Teesdale Crescent Reserve upgrade

We are planning an upgrade, in partnership with funding from the South Australian Government, to the open space at Teesdale Crescent Reserve.

Come along to a drop in session and tell us what you think:

Tuesday 9 June from 4 pm to 6 pm
at Teesdale Crescent Reserve

You can also share your thoughts by **scanning the QR code** or visiting
makingmarion.com.au/teesdale

Consultation closes at 5 pm on Friday 19 June 2026.

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