



**Warradale Park Reserve – Public
Toilet Options**
Consultation Findings Report
March 2025

1. Introduction

The City of Marion is seeking community feedback on a proposed new standalone public toilet and the preferred location for installation. This project was identified as a key priority in our Open Space Plan 2024-2034.

The planning process has involved a site audit to determine the most suitable location, which considered access, service location, existing trees and crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) principles.

The two potential locations include:

Option A

Location - Along footpath between play space and tennis courts

Design considerations:

- More central location with easy access from tennis courts and playground.
- More cost effective as services are closer than Option B (ie. water, sewer, electricity).
- All abilities access pathway already exists.
- Minor vegetation removal required for toilet.
- Opportunity for additional planting around toilet in existing garden bed.
- Opportunity for mural on toilet.

Option B

Location - Along the oval loop path

Design considerations:

- Central location in reserve, with easy access to playground and cricket nets.
- Higher cost for installation of services than Option A (ie. water, sewer, electricity).
- Clear sight lines to front of toilet exist from the oval and Struan Ave.
- No vegetation removal required for toilet.
- Opportunity for new un-irrigated garden bed next to toilet.
- Opportunity for mural on toilet.

2. Consultation Program

The community engagement was undertaken over three weeks from 29 January – 26 February 2025. It included:

- A information postcard sent to all households within 400m from the reserve
- Information on the Making Marion website
- Social media posts
- An online survey

3. Consultation Overview

During the consultation period Council received:

- 374 visits to the Making Marion Page
- 408 views
- 15 followers
- 76 survey responses

4. Consultation Findings

The majority, 79.7% of survey respondents believe there is a need for a public toilet and 67% support **Option A** – Along the footpath between playspace and tennis courts.

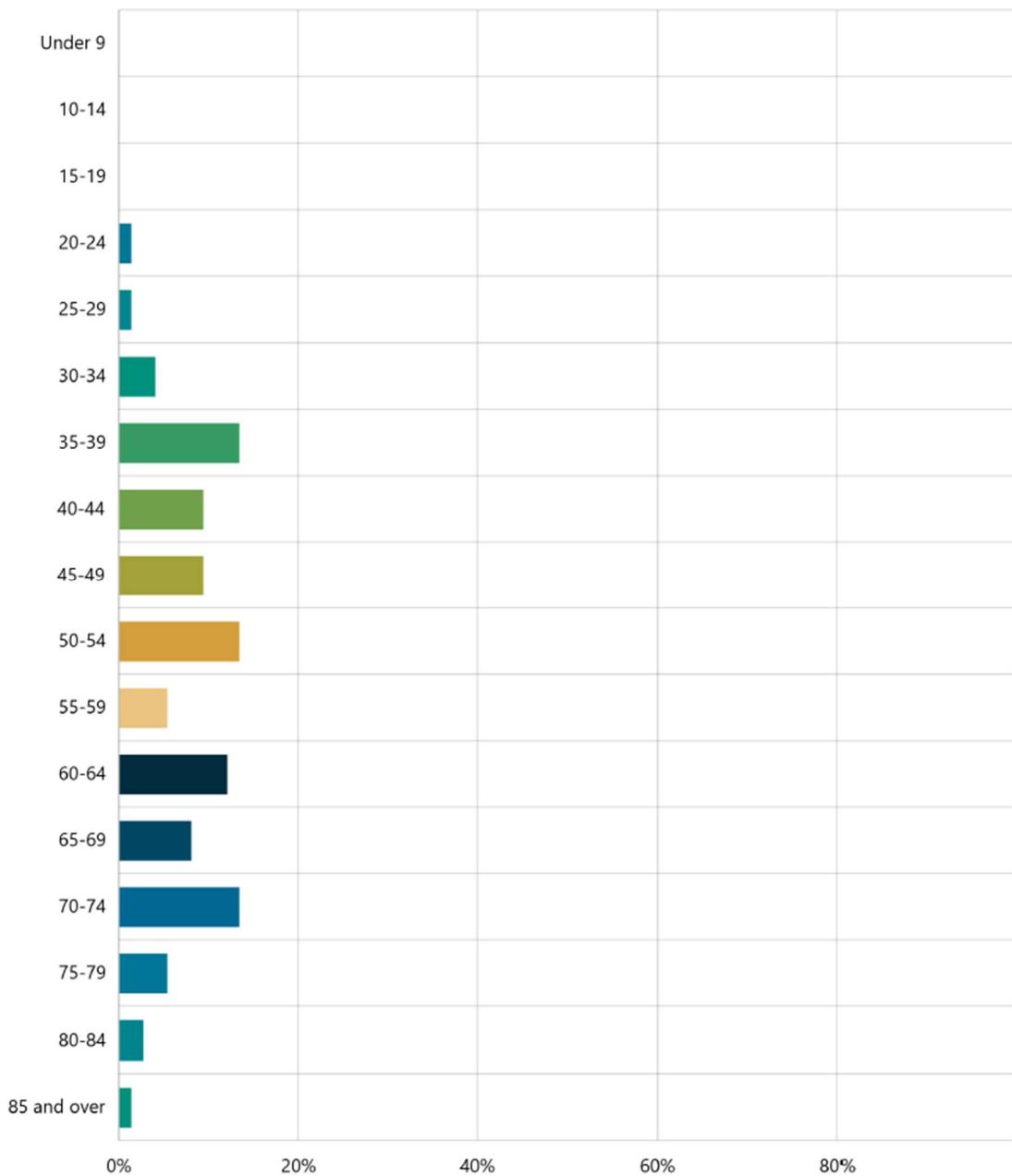
5. Survey Results

1. Who did we hear from?

We received 76 survey responses.

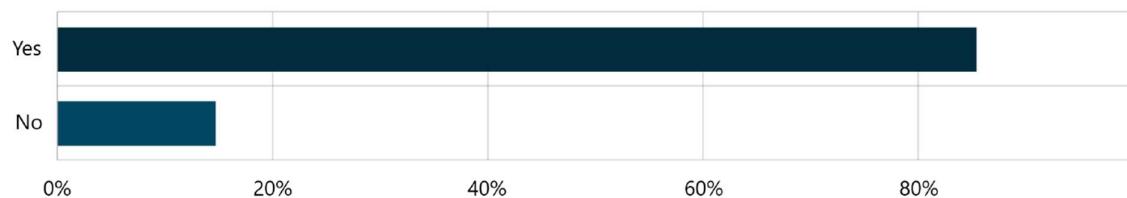
2. What are their ages?

The majority, 40% of survey participants are aged 70-74 years old (10 responses), 35-39 years old (10 responses), and 50-54 years (10 responses).



3. Would people like to be kept up to date with the outcomes of the consultation?

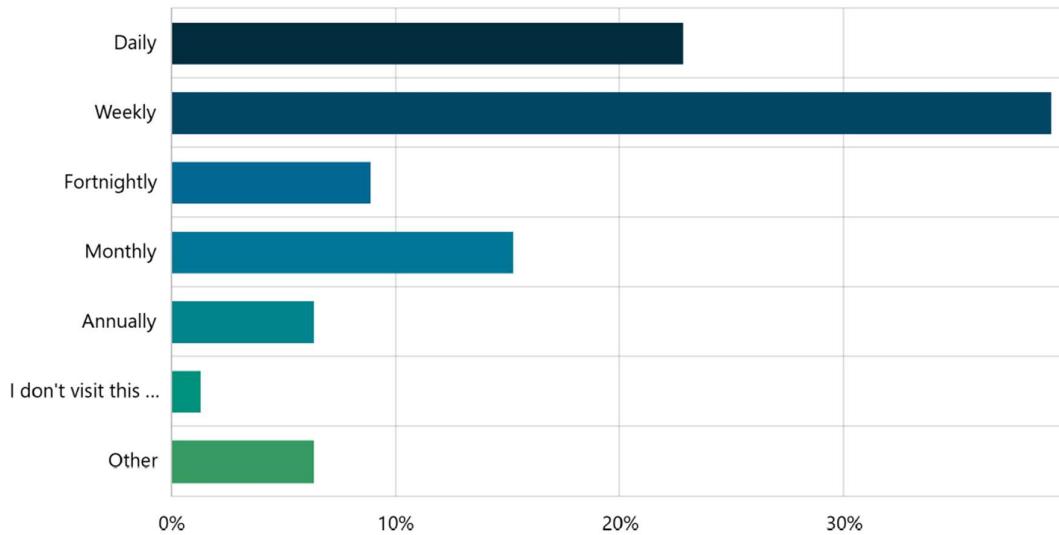
85% (64 people) would like to kept up to date with the outcomes of the consultation.



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	85.33%	64
No	14.67%	11
Total	100.00%	75

4. How often do people use the reserve?

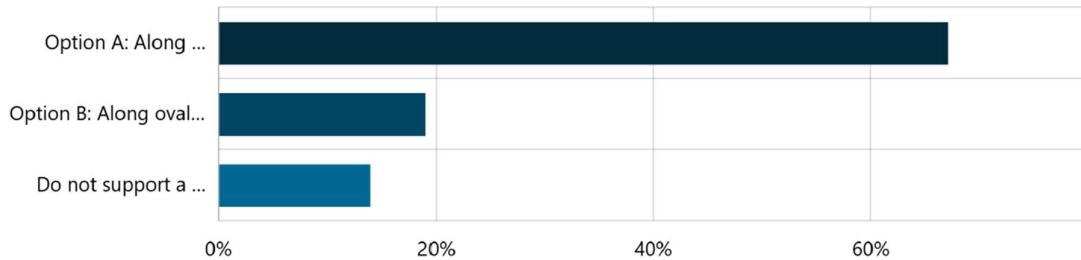
The majority of survey respondents, 39.2%, use the reserve weekly (31 responses), followed by 22.8% daily (18 responses).



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Daily	22.78%	18
Weekly	39.24%	31
Fortnightly	8.86%	7
Monthly	15.19%	12
Annually	6.33%	5
I don't visit this reserve /playground	1.27%	1
Other	6.33%	5
Total	100.00%	79

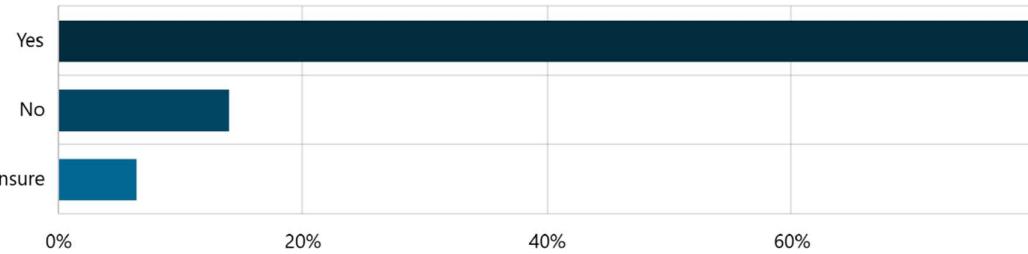
5. Which toilet option do people prefer?

The majority, 67% of survey respondents prefer Option A – Along the footpath between the playspace and tennis courts (53 responses).



6. Do people think there is a need for a new public toilet?

The majority, 79.7% (63 people) believe there is a need for a new public toilet.



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	79.75%	63
No	13.92%	11
Unsure	6.33%	5
Total	100.00%	79

7. What are the reasons for their answer in Question 6?

The majority of comments are in support of a public toilet, reflecting that there is a need for a facility to support existing facilities and usage, for children and families, and for events.

There were some comments not supporting a toilet, with concerns relating to safety, security, vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

There were also comments regarding preference for other improvements at the site instead of the toilet such as irrigated turf and new playground equipment.

Supporting a public toilet	Not supporting a public toilet
1. The toilet will be useful when visiting the park and for children/ families (26 comments)	1. Concerns regarding safety, security, vandalism and anti-social behaviour (10 comments)
2. The toilet will support the use of the reserve. The playground, basketball, BBQ and tennis court facilities will get more use (19 comments)	2. Don't support – would prefer to see other improvements at the site eg. irrigated turf and upgraded playground equipment (5 comments)
3. The toilet will be beneficial for longer stays, events, and birthday parties (7 comments)	3. Would prefer an alternate location away from the BBQ. Also toilet to be further away from the playground, tennis and cricket facilities (3 comments)
4. Support Option A location, due to lower installation costs, central and accessible location (1 comment)	4. Would prefer the whole park to be fenced (1 comment)
5. Prefer Option B location (1 comment)	5. Don't think there is a need for a public toilet (1 comment)
6. Support the provision of a toilet as long as it is safe and maintained. Please lock it in the evening (1 comment)	
7. Support as there are no toilets in the area and those inside club are not available (even though facility is a Council owned building) (1 comment)	

8. Any other comments or feedback?

Additional comments were received seeking the playground to also be upgraded (9 comments), for the reserve to be irrigated / watered more often (6 comments) and to ensure the toilet is locked in the evenings and well maintained (7 comments). We also received 11 comments reflecting overall support for the project.

Other Comments and Feedback:	
Playground Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground also needs to be improved and upgraded (9 comments) 	Reserve Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like a green reserve – please irrigate / water more often (6 comments) Retain the pathways (1 comment) Reserve needs further upgrades to paths, bins (emptied more often), better access paths (1 comment)
Toilet Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be locked in evening and well maintained (7 comments) Make it accessible for everyone (1 comment) Prefer an automated toilet (1 comment) 	Not supporting the Public Toilet Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilet is not needed – the people that use the park live close by (3 comments) Would prefer streets to swept cleaned more often rather than a toilet (1 comment) Don't support due to potential anti-social behaviour / safety concerns (3 comments)
Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for the basketball ring in the reserve (1 comment) Can you install a public toilet at Aldridge Avenue Reserve (1 comment) Opportunity for additional consultation with tennis club members (1 comment) Mitchell Park Neighbourhood centre could be used as a foodbank (1 comment) Disappointed in Council response to emails regarding this park (1 comment) 	
Overall Support for the Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you (3 comments) Support the project (7 comments) Design of toilet looks great (1 comment) 	

9. Design Response

Comment	No. of Responses	Design Response
Playground also needs to be improved and upgraded	9	The asset renewal program for playground and reserve upgrades is typically 20-25 years. The playground was last upgraded in 2014 and is only half way through its asset cycle. There is currently no upgrade planned for the playground in the near future.
Must be locked in evening and well maintained	7	The toilet will have an automatic locking system with operating hours from 7am-7pm daily. The toilet will be cleaned by contractors employed by the City of Marion and maintained on a regular basis.
Would prefer an alternate location away from the BBQ.	3	The toilet will be moved slightly (closer to tennis courts) at Option A location, to provide greater clearance from the BBQ facilities.
Would like a green reserve – please irrigate / water more often	6	The reserve has existing irrigation within the oval loop path. The watering program is reviewed and adapted based on seasonal conditions. There are no existing plans to extend the irrigation beyond the oval extent.
Toilet is not needed – the people that use the park live close by	3	Results of the community consultation have indicated the community need for a public toilet at this site.
Don't support due to potential anti-social behaviour / safety concerns	3	The final location has been selected to ensure passive surveillance to the toilet. A security light will be included on the outside of the toilet building and the toilet will automatically lock between the hours of 7pm-7am to reduce the likelihood of antisocial behaviour occurring.
Make it accessible for everyone	1	The toilet will have a single accessible toilet cubicle.
Prefer an automated toilet	1	Sensor lighting and automated locking to prevent night time use of the toilet will be included in the design. The project budget does not allow for a fully automated toilet.

Retain the pathways	1	The existing pathway network will be retained when installing the toilet.
Reserve needs further upgrades to paths, bins (emptied more often), better access paths	1	As part of the toilet installation, the existing path network will be retained. Feedback about more regular emptying of bins has been communicated to our waste team.
Would prefer streets to swept cleaned more often rather than a toilet	1	The budget for the toilet has been endorsed by Council as part of the Open Space Plan.

10. Next Steps

Thank you for your comments and feedback. We will be proceeding with a toilet at Option A –Along the footpath between playspace and tennis courts. Construction is anticipated to be completed by June 2026. Further information updates will be available on Making Marion.