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Manoora Drive Reserve Community Engagement Findings

December 2025

1. Introduction

The City of Marion is currently planning a local level playground upgrade at Manoora Drive Reserve, Hallett Cove. This project was identified as a key priority in the Open Space Plan 2024-2034.

As Hallett Cove already has a number of playgrounds, the vision for Manoora Drive Reserve was to create something a little different – offering diverse play opportunities that the community may not have experienced before.

We consulted with the community on the draft Concept Plan, providing two options for playground equipment:

- Option 1: Flowbars (including sliding and climbing), gyro swing, springers, talking tubes
- Option 2: Multi-station with slides, climbing structures, mini flying fox, rope balance, springers, basket swing and talking tubes

Both options include:

- Seating & picnic setting
- Pathway connections
- Garden beds and tree planting
- Drinking fountain

Refer to Attachment 1 & 2 to view the two playground options.

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

2. Consultation Program

The community engagement was undertaken from 27 October – 3 December 2025. It included:

- An information postcard sent to households within a 400m^2 radius from the reserve (Attachment 3)
- Information on the Making Marion website
- An online survey (with adult and child questions)
- Facebook posts
- Onsite signage
- Community drop-in session on 4 November 2025 (4-6pm)
- School consultation session at Hallett Cove R-12

3. Consultation Overview

During the consultation period we received:

- 131 visits to the Making Marion page
- 159 views

- 4 followers
- 72 survey responses
- Approximately 20 people attended the community drop in session
- Approximately 17 students attended the school consultation session

4. Consultation Findings

Key findings from the consultation included:

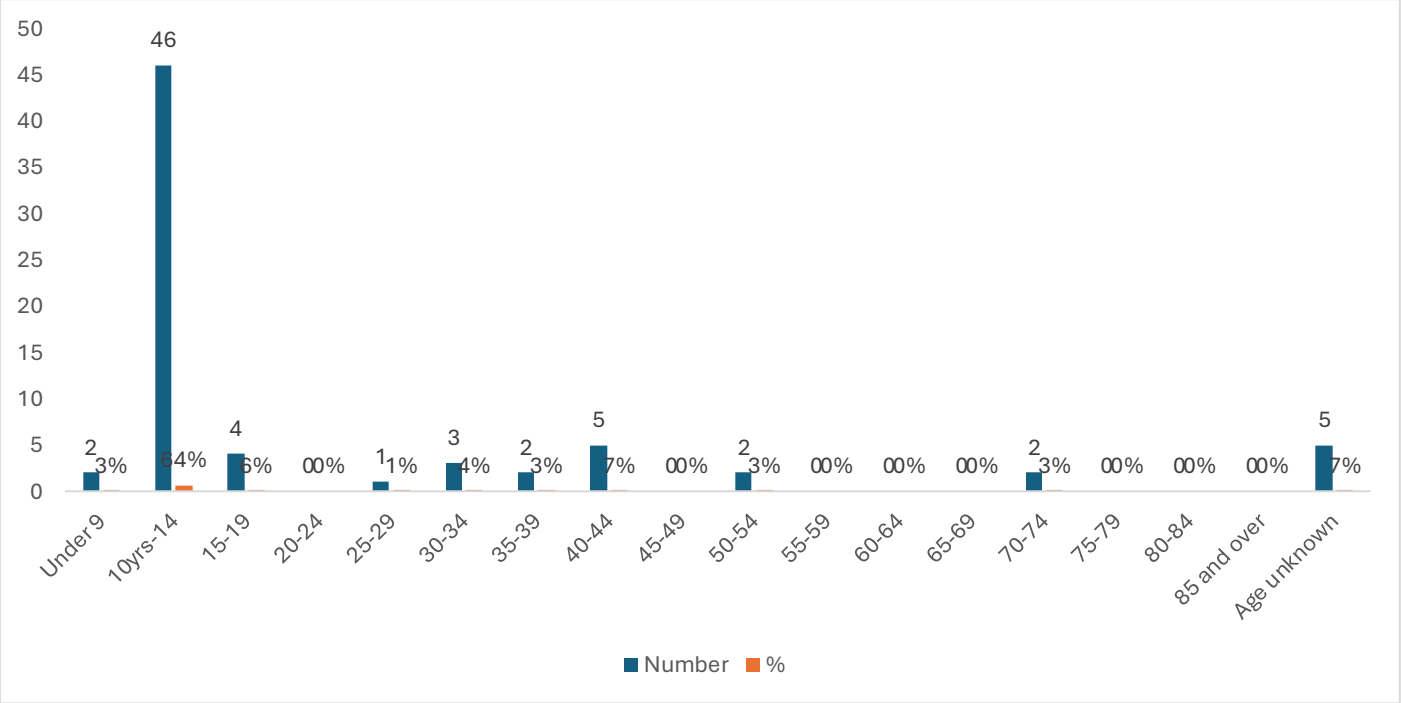
- 72 survey responses received
- 20 people attended the community drop in session, and 17 students attended the school consultation session.
- The majority of survey respondents were aged 10-14 years old (46 respondents / 64%), followed by 40-44 years old (5 respondents / 7%).
- The majority of respondents were children (48 responses, 69%), followed by adults (22 responses, 31%)
- Other playgrounds and reserves visited by the survey respondents include Capella Drive Reserve (33 responses /49%), followed by other (31 responses/46%).
- 62% (29 children) and 82% of adults prefer playground option 2
- The majority 62% (29 children), and 82% (17 adults) rated the level of support for the concept at over 70%, demonstrating clear support for the concept design.

Based on this feedback, we will proceed to detailed design for playground Option 2.

5.Survey Results

1. Who did we hear from?

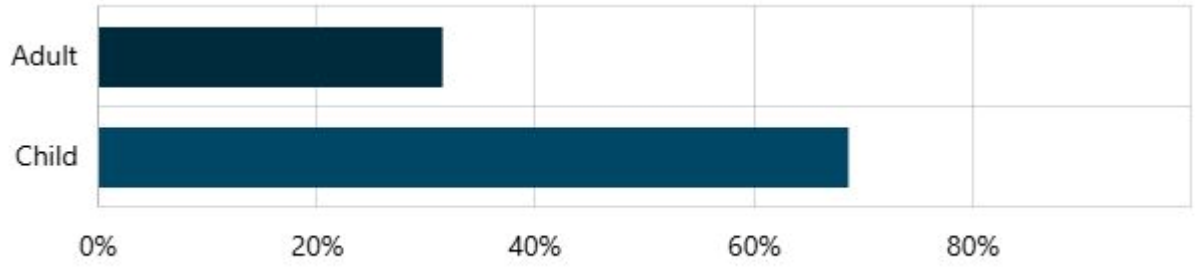
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Age	Number	%
Under 9	2	3%
10-14	46	64%
15-19	4	6%
20-24	0	0%
25-29	1	1%
30-34	3	4%
35-39	2	3%
40-44	5	7%
45-49	0	0%
50-54	2	3%
55-59	0	0%
60-64	0	0%
65-69	0	0%
70-74	2	3%
75-79	0	0%
80-84	0	0%
85 and over	0	0%
Age unknown	5	7%

2. Are you an adult or child (under 15 years old)?

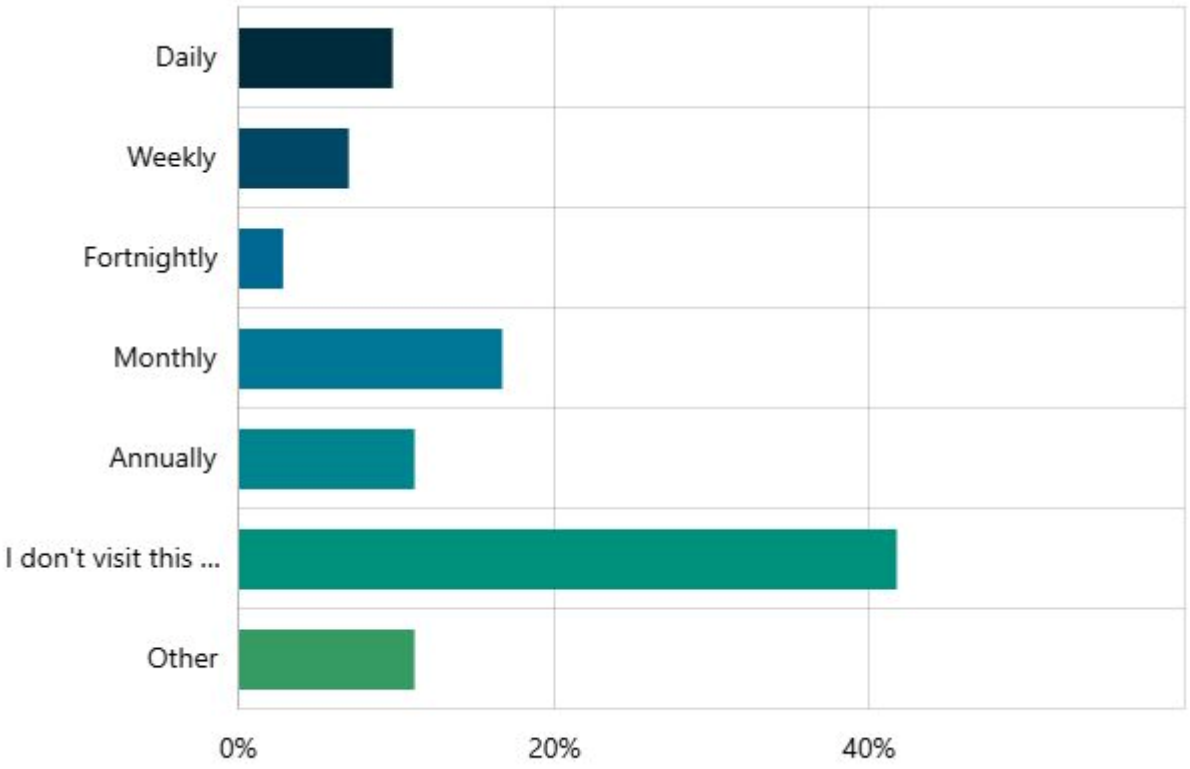
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	Number	%
Adult	22	31%
Child	48	69%

3. How often do people visit Manoora Drive Reserve?

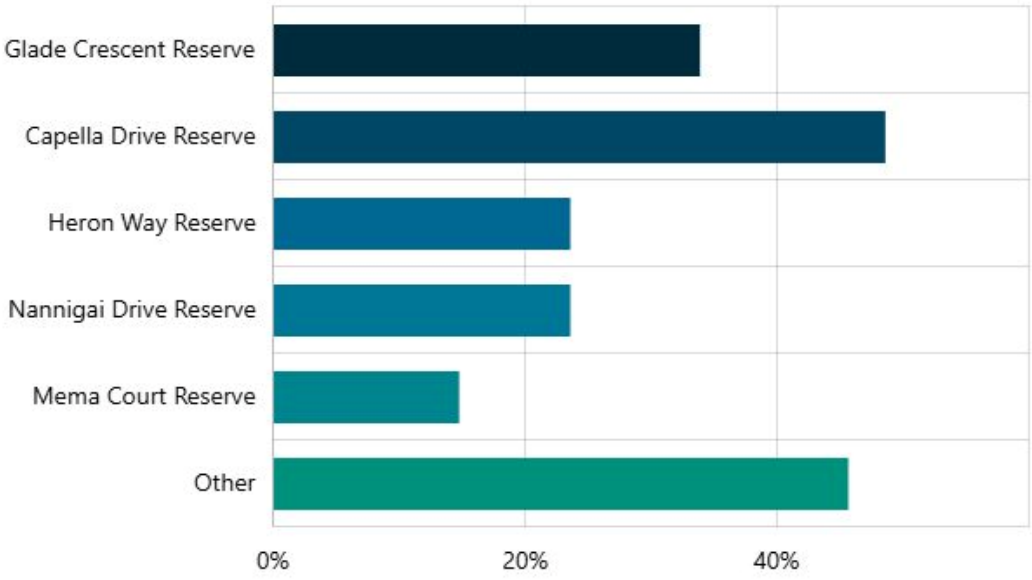
Most people don't visit the reserve (30 responses, 42%), followed by monthly (12 responses, 17%)



How often?	Number	Percentage
Daily	7	10%
Weekly	5	7%
Fortnightly	2	3%
Monthly	12	17%
Annually	8	11%
I don't visit this reserve /playground	30	42%
Other	8	11%

4. What other playgrounds/ reserves people currently visit in the local area?

Other playgrounds and reserves visited include Capella Drive Reserve (33 responses /49%), followed by other (31 responses/46%).



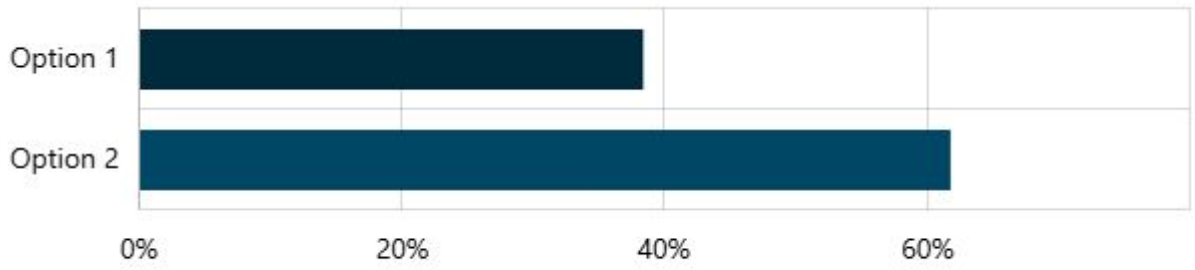
Reserve	Number	%
Glade Crescent Reserve	23	34%
Capella Drive Reserve	33	49%
Heron Way Reserve	16	24%
Nannigai Drive Reserve	16	24%
Mema Court Reserve	10	15%
Other	31	46%

5. **Do they like playground Option 1 or Option 2?**

Both adults and children prefer playground Option 2.

Child Survey

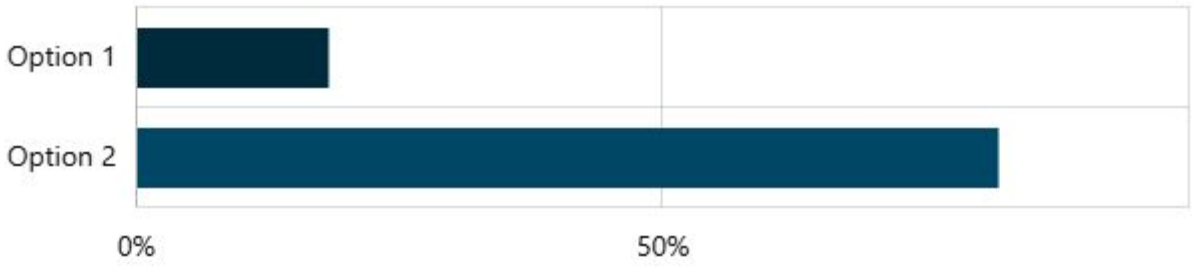
62% (29 children) prefer Option 2, and 38% (18 children) prefer Option 1.



Child Survey	Number	%
Option 1	18	38%
Option 2	29	62%

Adult Survey

82% (18 adults) prefer Option 2, and 18% (4 adults) prefer Option 1.

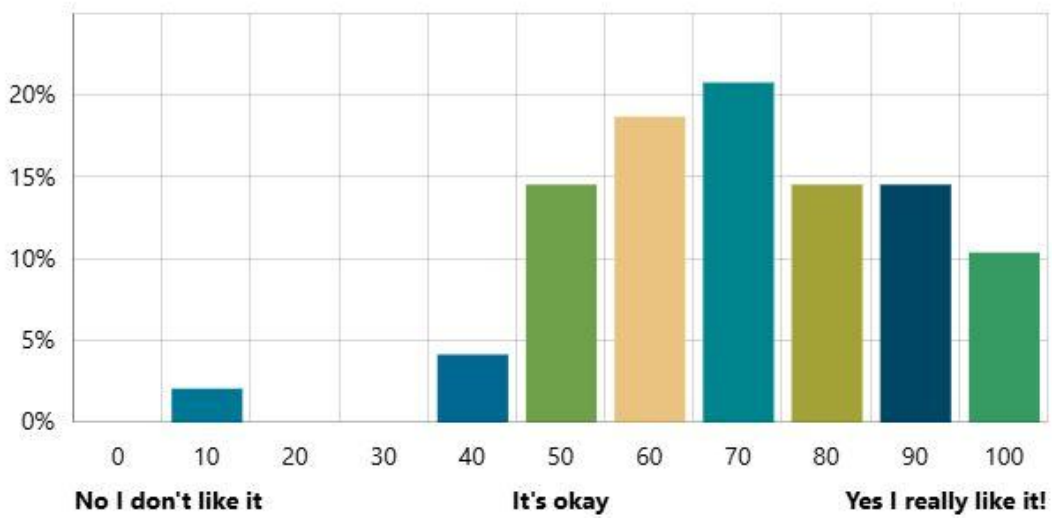


Adult Survey	Number	%
Option 1	4	18%
Option 2	18	82%

6. **Do they like/ support the concept design?**

Child Survey

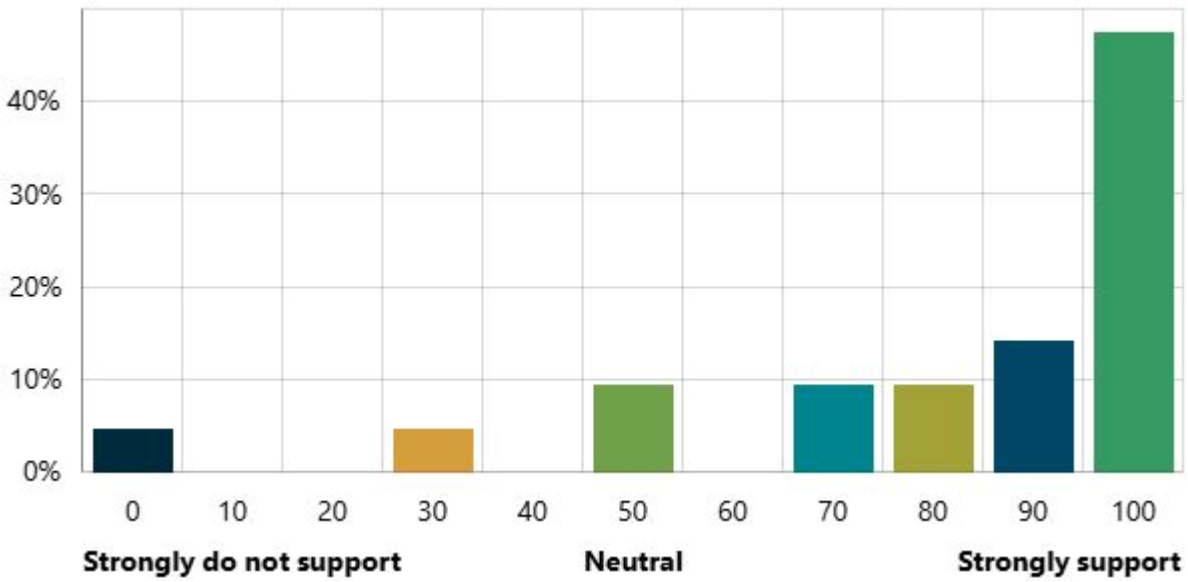
- The majority 62% (29 children) rated the level of support for the concept at over 70%, demonstrating clear support for the concept design.
- A further 34% showed neutral support for the concept design (selected between 50-60% support).
- 6% do not support the concept design (40% support or below).



Level of Support	%	Number
0 – Don't like it	0%	0
10	2%	1
20	0%	0
30	0%	0
40	4%	2
50	15%	7
60	19%	9
70	21%	10
80	15%	7
90	15%	7
100 - I really like it	11%	5

Adult Survey

- The majority 82% (17 adults) rated the level of support for the concept at over 70%, demonstrating clear support for the concept design.
- A further 10% (2 adults) showed neutral support for the concept design (selected between 50-60% support).
- 10% (2 adults) do not support the concept design (40% support or below).



Level of Support	%	Number
0 - Strongly do not support	5%	1
10	0%	0
20	0%	0
30	5%	1
40	0%	0
50	10%	2
60	0%	0
70	10%	2
80	10%	2
90	14%	3
100 - Strongly support	48%	10

7. **Do they have any other comments? (Question in the adult survey)**

   The other comments that adult respondents included:

   We would like

   - Sports court with basketball, tennis and other sports (2 comments)
   - Toilets (2 comments)
   - Water play (2 comments)
   - Playground to cater for all ages from toddler to older children (1 comment)
   - Enclosed playground area (1 comment)
   - Sandpit (1 comment)

- BBQ (1 comment)

Other

- Concerns regarding trees (radiata pine tree)- 1 comment
- Turf improvements needed (1 comment)
- Prefer option 2 playground (1 comment)
- Gum tree on Karatta court side has limb failure (1 comment)

8. Do you have any other ideas? (Question in child survey)

The other ideas that child respondents included:

We would like:

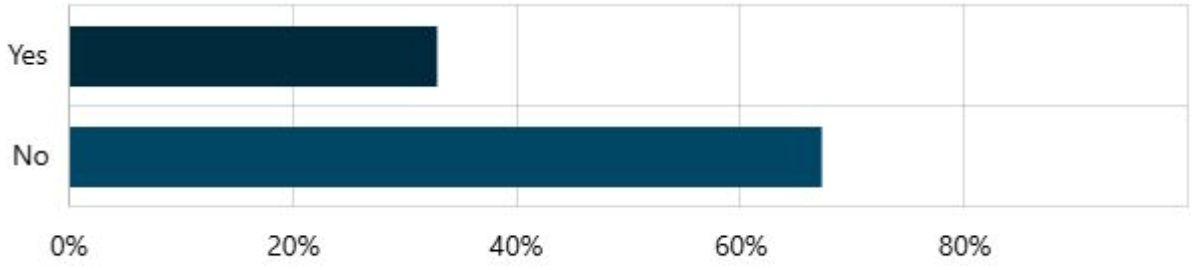
- Larger flying fox (8 comments)
- Turf with sports goals (3 comments)
- Monkey bars (3 comments)
- Carousel (2 comments)
- More swings and slide (2 comments)
- Water play (2 comments)
- Gyro swing (2 comments)
- Basketball court (2 comments)
- Chin up bar (1 comment)
- Larger playground, more colourful (1 comment)
- Trampoline (1 comment)
- Climbing equipment (1 comment)
- Concrete slide (1 comment)
- Climbing net (1 comment)
- Sandpit (1 comment)
- Ninja Warrior course (1 comment)

Other comments

- Include ideas in option 1 over to option 2 to make it even better! (1 comment)
- Make it bigger! (1 comment)

9. Do they want to be kept up to date on the consultation outcomes?

33% (21 respondents) would like to be kept up to date on the outcomes of the consultation. 67% (43 respondents) do not want to be kept up to date.



	Number	%
Yes	21	33%
No	43	67%

6. Onsite Consultation – Community Drop In Session

All local residents within 400m of the reserve were invited to an onsite consultation session held on 28 October 2025 at 4-6pm. At the session a copy of the two playground options was on display for resident and community feedback, with a dot activity to gather feedback from all ages. A flowbars model was also on site to view. Approximately 20 people attended the session. The feedback included:

- 100% (19 people) preferred the option 2 playground
- The majority preferred the basket swing

The image below shows the feedback received:



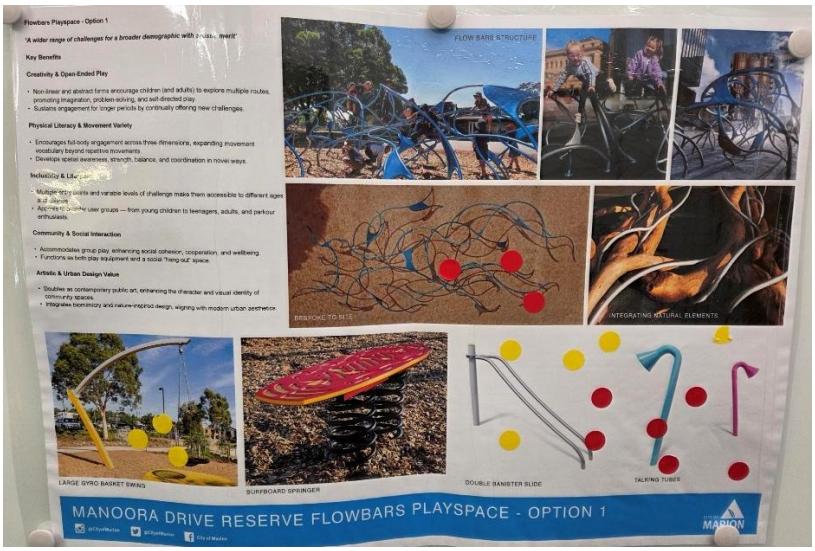
7. School Consultation Session – Hallett Cove R-12 School

A school consultation session was held with 17 student leaders (year levels 2 to 7). The session first involved a presentation by City of Marion staff on playgrounds, and how Council work with the community to come up with ideas for spaces. The students were then asked if they live near Manoora Drive Reserve and if they use the playground. Many of the students raised their hand that they know the reserve and live nearby. The concept plan was then presented and the two different playground options explained. The model of the flowbar playground (option 1) was also shown and explained in more detail. The benefits of both the options was explained in detail to help the students make informed choices. The findings included:

- 14 students preferred option 1 playground
- 3 students preferred option 2

See images below of the dot activity undertaken where the students were asked to place a dot on their preferred playground design:

Option 1 playground:



Option 2 playgrond:

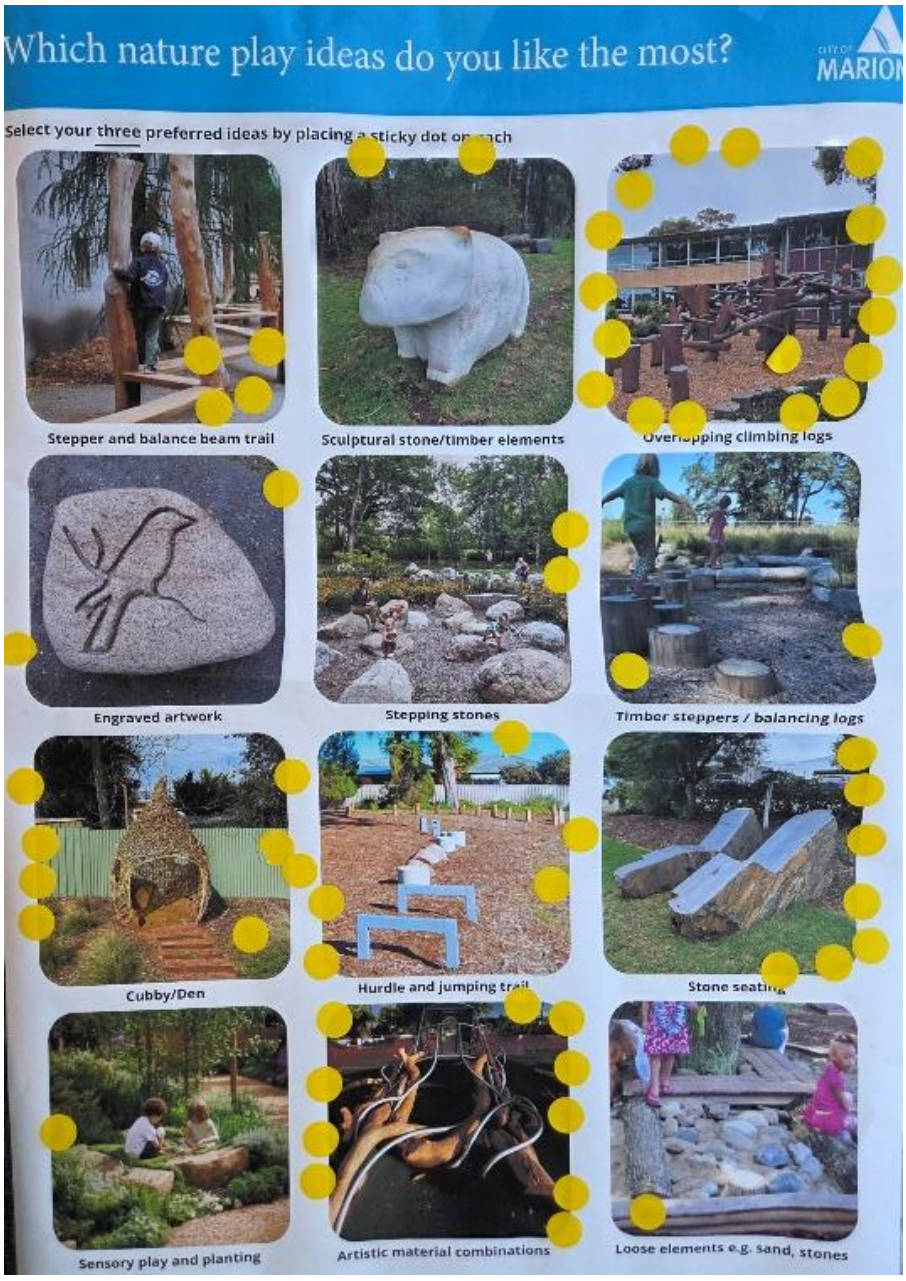


The students were also asked which nature play ideas they liked the most. The most popular choices included:

- Overlapping climbing logs (17 dots)
- Artistic material combinations (10 dots)
- Cubby/den (8 dots)
- Stone seats (7 dots)

This data will help inform the nature play selection during the detailed design phase of the project.

We thank the students for their enthusiasm and feedback. Following this session the students promoted the online survey which resulted in an overall increase in survey participation and completed responses which was terrific!



8. Design Response

A design response has been provided to address comments in the survey and expressed at the onsite community drop in session:

Comment	Responses (no)	Our Response
Include a sports court with basketball, tennis and other sports (2 comments)	**4**	This reserve is a local level park and based on current and future usage we are unable to provide a sports court. The closest basketball / tennis court is located at Nannigai Drive Reserve.
Include a toilet	**2**	The provision of a toilet would be above the service level for this reserve. This reserve is local level. Toilets are generally only provided within regional and neighbourhood reserves depending on visitation and community need. The closest public toilet is located at Glade Crescent Reserve (approximately 700m from Manoora Drive Reserve).
Playground: Water play	**4**	Thank you for your comments and ideas on other items that could be included within the reserve. The playground that will proceed is Option 2, which includes a range of elements suitable for toddlers though to older children. While we are unable to provide a fully fenced playground we will look for opportunities retain sections of the existing fence or provide natural barriers such as landscaping as part of the upgrade. Many of the items suggested by the community have been provided at other surrounding reserves with a higher service level. We encourage you to visit these sites and enjoy the equipment. Unfortunately, due to budget limitations are unable to provide additional equipment at this site. However, we will further investigate any opportunity within the budget to include monkey bars at the site. We appreciate your ideas and will consider these elements for future upgrades within City of Marion.
Playground to cater for all ages from toddler to older children	**1**	
Enclosed playground area	**1**	
Sandpit	**2**	
Larger flying fox	**8**	
Monkey bars	**3**	
Carousel	**3**	
More swings and slide	**2**	
Gyro swing	**2**	
Chin up bar	**1**	
Larger playground, more colourful	**1**	
Trampoline	**1**	
Climbing equipment	**1**	
Concrete slide	**1**	
Climbing net	**1**	

Ninja Warrior course	**1**	
Include a BBQ	**1**	A BBQ is above the service level for this reserve, unfortunately we are unable to provide on this occasion.
Trees Concerns regarding trees (radiata pine tree) Gum tree on Karatta court side has limb failure	**1** **1**	Thank you for providing information regarding trees. We will report these concerns to our arborist for inspection and assessment. If you would like to provide more information including photos, you can by raising a customer event on the City of Marion website.
Turf improvements needed Turf with sports goals	**1** **3**	The existing turf is irrigated, as part of the detailed design we will investigate opportunities to fertilize and undertake weed control at the reserve, subject to budget.
Prefer option 2 playground	**1**	Thank you for your feedback, Option 2 was preferred by the majority of survey respondents, and will be the option that will proceed to detailed design and construction in 2026/27.

9. Next Steps

We thank all that provided their feedback and participated in the engagement process. Next steps include progressing to detailed design (to be completed by May 2026). Tender and construction is anticipated for the 2026/27 financial year.

10. Project Updates

Project updates will be provided through the Manoora Drive Reserve page on the City of Marion website and Making Marion webpage.

Attachment 1 –Playground Option 1

Flowbars Playspace - Option 1

'A wider range of challenges for a broader demographic with artistic merit'

Key Benefits

Creativity & Open-Ended Play

- Non-linear and abstract forms encourage children (and adults) to explore multiple routes, promoting imagination, problem-solving, and self-directed play.
- Sustains engagement for longer periods by continually offering new challenges.

Physical Literacy & Movement Variety

- Encourages full-body engagement across three dimensions, expanding movement vocabulary beyond repetitive movements.
- Develops spatial awareness, strength, balance, and coordination in novel ways.

Inclusivity & Lifespan

- Multiple entry points and variable levels of challenge make them accessible to different ages and abilities.
- Appeals to broader user groups — from young children to teenagers, adults, and parkour enthusiasts.

Community & Social Interaction

- Accommodates group play, enhancing social cohesion, cooperation, and wellbeing.
- Functions as both play equipment and a social "hang-out" space.

Artistic & Urban Design Value

- Doubles as contemporary public art, enhancing the character and visual identity of community spaces.
- Integrates biomimicry and nature-inspired design, aligning with modern urban aesthetics.


FLOW BARS STRUCTURE






BESPOKE TO SITE


INTEGRATING NATURAL ELEMENTS


LARGE GYRO BASKET SWING


SURFBOARD SPRINGER


DOUBLE BANISTER SLIDE


TALKING TUBES

MANOORA DRIVE RESERVE FLOWBARS PLAYSPACE - OPTION 1

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Attachment 2 - Option 2

Conventional Playspace - Option 2

'Commonplace play challenges and equipment for a younger audience'

Key Benefits

Familiarity & Accessibility

- Recognisable and widely used equipment, making it easier for children and families to understand and engage with.
- Generally lower learning curve; children can use equipment quickly without instruction.

Structured Development

- Enables clear, predictable movements (e.g., slide, swing, net climb) that helps develop basic gross motor skills, balance, and coordination.
- Repetition can support confidence-building in early childhood stages.

Standardisation & Safety

- Highly regulated with long-established safety standards and installation practices.
- Uniform design mean maintenance and replacement are more straightforward and cost-effective.

Cost & Practicality

- Typically less complex in design and installation, which may lower initial costs.
- Equipment is mass-produced, making sourcing easier.

Inclusivity (Traditional Context)

- Design ensures safe and suitable play opportunities for younger children.





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A-FRAME BASKET SWING OR COMBI-SWING



TALKING TUBES

MANOORA DRIVE RESERVE CONVENTIONAL PLAYSPACE - OPTION 2

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Attachment 3 – Community Postcard

Manoora Drive Reserve upgrade

The City of Marion has developed a concept plan for an upgraded playground at Manoora Drive Reserve and we'd love to hear your thoughts!

Come along to a drop in session and tell us what you think:
Tuesday 4 November from 4 pm to 6 pm
at Manoora Drive Reserve

You can also review the concept plan, and share your thoughts by **scanning the QR code** or visiting **makingmarion.com.au/manoora-drive-reserve**

Consultation closes at 5 pm on 24 November 2025.

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