

10.5 PEPPERMINT GUMS**File Number:** IC22/88**Author:** Nina Phillips, Landscape Architect**Responsible Executive:** Vincent Cammell, Director Infrastructure & Environment**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council's Open Space Strategy identifies the priority parks for upgrades, with Peppermint Gums Reserve scheduled for an upgrade in the 2022/2023 financial year. In preparation for the redevelopment, Council Administration facilitated an initial (Round 1) community consultation from 28 October to 21 November 2021, to obtain background information on how the park is currently used, in addition to what users would like to see as part of the upgrade. A summary of the community consultation outcomes can be found in **Attachment 1**.

Following the Round 1 consultation, two Council Workshops were held on 1 February 2022, and 5 April 2022, to discuss the consultation outcomes, present a few design options, and provide a draft concept plan for the upgrade of the Reserve.

The draft concept plan presented in the April Council Workshop is shown in **Attachment 3**.

Administration recommends proceeding to Round 2 community consultation to gather further feedback on the level of support on the draft concept plan as shown in **Attachment 3**.

If endorsed, Round 2 community consultation will run in May 2022, with the next steps and timing for delivery to be presented to Council in June/July 2022 (depending on the feedback received).

RECOMMENDATION**That Council:**

- 1. Having considered Item 10.5 Peppermint Gums receives and notes the report.**
- 2. Endorses the Draft Concept Plan (as presented in Attachment 3) for the purposes of community consultation (Round 2).**

DISCUSSION

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Due to the size of the project, Council staff engaged JPE Design Studio to assist with the concept design phase. Staff prepared 4 design layout options that formed a discussion point for the park's upgrade at the Council Workshop held on 1 February 2022.

The outcomes from the February Workshop as well as the feedback received from Round 1 consultation led to the development of one draft concept plan. This draft concept plan was presented at the 5 April 2022 Council Workshop. The discussions at this workshop were positive and constructive, and Councillors were generally supportive of the draft concept plan to be distributed for the purposes of another round of public consultation (Round 2). Feedback to note is as follows:

- Priorities in the design should be:
 - Accessibility and inclusion throughout the site, providing sealed surface access to amenities.
 - Walking track surrounding the open lawn area to be sealed surface rather than unsealed – This to be explored within the budget by altering other design aspects to allocate the budget towards this, without compromising major design elements.

- Plant advanced trees.
- Carefully consider the proposal for a bike trail/pump track near the residential house.
- Desire to obtain design feedback from the Disability Advisory Group.
- Suggest the retention of trees, where possible, in the context of original native landscape.
- Continue to pursue any grant funding opportunities that could contribute towards the project.

The feedback above will be explored further and incorporated in the next stages of the design.

Council Administration recommend proceeding to Round 2 community consultation with the draft concept plan as shown in **Attachment 3** to gather the level of support for the plan.

Public Consultation

Round 1 public consultation ran from 28 October to 21 November 2021. In total, there were 28 online surveys completed, 6 written submissions received, and 10 relevant comments made via social media.

Public consultation showed that the top 3 things people currently enjoy/value most about the reserve are:

1. Natural environment - open space, trees, lawn, shade
2. Flying fox
3. Slide

The current usage of the park is predominantly families with children, people walking their dogs, and individuals from neighbouring businesses/facilities. Approximately 60% of respondents visit the park with their children, with most children being aged between 6 – 12 years.

The items that respondents would like to see included in the upgrade are listed below in order of priority, with 1 being highest priority and 8 being lowest priority:

1. New play equipment (e.g. swings, flying fox, slide, etc)
2. Nature play (improve the existing and add more nature play)
3. More accessibility features
4. Maintain a good size lawn area for informal recreation
5. Reserve lighting
6. Public art
7. More park furniture
8. Fitness equipment

The common themes of the feedback received also indicated that people would like the upgrade to address improved visibility/minimising hiding places (particularly behind the mound), consider fencing, retain trees, retain open lawn area, nature trail, safety (lighting) and antisocial behaviour.

Furthermore, Council staff visited neighbouring businesses and handed out promotional postcards, met with the Prospect Community Village, and prepared an activity for engagement with Nailsworth Primary School.

Prospect Community Village is a residential support home providing accommodation for 34 residents (men and women aged over 18 years) who require assistance in their day-to-day living. The reserve is used by the residents (and staff) multiple times a day, with many of them enjoying their own space and quiet time in the reserve, without interaction with other park users. As part of the upgrade, they would like to see more accessible facilities, public art, lighting for safety, retain the lawn, moveable fitness equipment, extra dog bag dispenser, quiet areas, nature trail, improved sightlines, smooth paths, and more park furniture (including sheltered from the rain). They would not like gas BBQs (electric is ok), or any equipment with chains/ropes due to risks associated with these items and vandalism. The Village also noted that speeding is an issue along Dean Street.

Council staff are yet to receive feedback from Nailsworth Primary School.

A summary of the community consultation can be found in the infographic in **Attachment 1**. The full Engagement Report can be found in **Attachment 2**.

Council staff are proposing to run Round 2 public consultation in the month of May 2022 to gather the level of support for the draft concept plan as shown in **Attachment 3**. Council staff and the consultants will prepare additional material to support the draft concept plan for public consultation.

The next steps will be presented to Council in June/July 2022 (depending on the feedback received). The catchment of the consultation area will be consistent with Round 1 and Council will continue to engage closely with stakeholders. Respondents to the first round of consultation will also be contacted and encouraged to provide their feedback.

Implications, Related Questions and Further Information

Council staff are working towards the draft Annual Business Plan for the 2022/2023 financial year and the draft budget associated with this project. The design will be affected should the draft budget change.

The current proposed timeframe for delivery of this project is as follows:

- Seek endorsement on design to proceed to consultation – April 2022
- Community consultation (to include referral to Council's Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Group) – Round 2 - May 2022
- Refine the concept plan based on consultation feedback - June 2022
- Council Report for endorsement of the final concept plan – June/July 2022
- Project Documentation – July-August 2022
- Tender for Construction – September 2022
- Construction (depending on availability of contractors and materials) – January-March 2023

The timeframes have been aligned with the intention to combine Council's Open Space construction projects for next financial year into one tender to try and obtain the most efficient and competitive market approach.

Relevance to Core Strategies / Policy

- Open Space Strategy
- Indicative Park Priorities Timeline – 2018-2037
- Peppermint Gums Reserve listed as Medium Term (6 – 10 Years) Neighbourhood Park Upgrade scheduled for an upgrade in the 2022-23 Financial Year as part of the draft Annual Business Plan.
- Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

Community Plan: Towards 2040

► Responsible & Sustainable

2 to 5 year timeline

RS2.4 Understand and increase levels of annual tonnes of recycled materials used in our civil infrastructure projects

RS2.7 Demonstrate innovation in the supply and delivery of infrastructure projects

ATTACHMENTS

1. Infographic [!\[\]\(633dd45d48d71eb51a85c6dd83ee51e9_img.jpg\)](#)
2. Engagement Report - Peppermint Gums Reserve Upgrade [!\[\]\(bdddf9191a284aa0945448444083c5b0_img.jpg\)](#)
3. Draft Concept Plan - Peppermint Gums Reserve [!\[\]\(944943bcf87a12c5b9337bf7ed1ef546_img.jpg\)](#)

PEPPERMINT GUMS RESERVE UPGRADE - ROUND 1

Summary of feedback from 46 respondents from community consultation undertaken from 28 October to 21 November 2021.

MOST LOVED ASPECTS NOW

- NATURAL ENVIRONMENT - OPEN SPACE, LAWN, TREES, SHADE
- FLYING FOX
- SLIDE

60%

USE PEPPERMINT
GUMS RESERVE
MORE THAN
ONCE A MONTH

CURRENT USAGE

- FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN
- PEOPLE WALKING THEIR DOGS
- INDIVIDUALS (INCLUDING RESIDENTS AND STAFF FROM NEIGHBOURING BUSINESSES) SEEKING SOME 'TIME OUT' IN NATURE.

TOP 3 AREAS OF CONCERN

1. HIDING AREAS / POOR VISIBILITY BEHIND MOUND
2. SAFETY
3. ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR



RANKED PRIORITIES FOR THE UPGRADE

- NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT (E.G. SWINGS, FLYING FOX, SLIDE, ETC)
- NATURE PLAY (IMPROVE THE EXISTING AND ADD MORE NATURE PLAY)
- MORE ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES
- MAINTAIN A GOOD SIZE LAWN AREA AND TREES
- IMPROVE SAFETY (RESERVE LIGHTING AND IMPROVE VISIBILITY/ MINIMISE HIDING AREAS – PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO THE MOUND).

Engagement Report
Peppermint Gums Reserve Upgrade – Round 1 Consultation 2021



Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the community engagement process undertaken for the Peppermint Gums Reserve Upgrade – Round 1 Consultation and report on the feedback received from our community as a result of the engagement process.

Engagement Overview

Engagement Level

- Level 2 – Consult and Involve.

Timeframe

- The engagement was open for a period of 3 and a half weeks, commencing Thursday 28 October and concluding on Sunday 21 November 2021.

Objectives

- To inform our community of the proposed upgrade for the 2022/23 financial year.
- To obtain information about how our community currently use the reserve.
- To gather feedback as to what our community would like to see considered/ included as part of the upgrade.

Target Group/Catchment Area

- Residents within a 200m radius of Peppermint Gums Reserve.
- Visitors to/users of Peppermint Gums Reserve.
- Students from Nailsworth Primary School.
- Businesses neighbouring the reserve.
- Lions Club of Prospect Blair Athol.
- Rotary Club of Prospect.

Promotional & Engagement Activities Undertaken

Activity	Description	Target Group
Mail Out	Promotional postcard delivered to residents within 200m of project area (193 properties in total). Refer to Attachment 1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents within 200m radius of Peppermint Gums Reserve.
On-site Signage	Corflute signage erected at the reserve, informing people of the consultation and directing them to Council's Engagement Hub website. Refer to Attachment 2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents and visitors to the reserve.
Social Media	Posts on Council's Facebook to promote the consultation and invite feedback via Council's online Engagement Hub. Refer to Attachment 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's social media community.
Webpage	Project webpage on Council's Engagement Hub website providing background information on the project, key documents, survey and provision for written submissions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents within 200m radius of Peppermint Gums Reserve. • Wider City of Prospect community.

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Activity	Description	Target Group
Online Survey	Survey established on Council's Engagement Hub website to gain feedback on how our community currently use the reserve and what they would like to see included in the upgrade.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents within 200m radius of Peppermint Gums Reserve. Wider City of Prospect community.
Written Submissions	People were invited to make written submissions via Council's Engagement Hub website or via email to admin@prospect.sa.gov.au	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents within 200m radius of Peppermint Gums Reserve Wider City of Prospect community
Visits to Neighbouring Businesses	Council staff visited neighbouring businesses to provide information about the proposed upgrade and consultation process and gather feedback.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighbouring organisations and businesses.
School Activity	Video providing overview of the reserve, proposed upgrade and consultation and an activity sheet for students to complete to provide feedback. (Refer to Attachment 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students from Nailsworth Primary School.

Findings and Results

Overview

- 28 online surveys were completed.
- 6 written submissions were received (4 via Engagement Hub and 2 via email to admin@prospect.a.gov.au).
- 10 relevant comments were received via social media.
- 6 neighbouring businesses were visited, with 2 providing feedback.

Key Findings:

- The reserve is used by a variety of people, including families with children, people walking their dogs and individuals, including residents and staff from neighbouring businesses, seeking some "time out" in nature.
- The **most commonly used facilities** at the reserve are:
 - Lawn area
 - Shaded areas under trees
 - Nature Play (rocks, logs, boulders, wooden animals, etc)
 - Bins
 - Play equipment – slide
 - Play equipment – flying fox
 - Embankment/climb the hill
- The things people currently **enjoy/value most** about the reserve are:
 - Natural environment - open space, lawn, trees, shade
 - Flying fox
 - Slide

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- The most common things respondents stated they **would like to see** included in the upgrade include:
 - New play equipment (e.g. swings, flying fox, slide, etc)
 - Nature play (improve the existing and add more nature play)
 - More accessibility features
 - Maintain a good size lawn area and trees
 - Improve safety (reserve lighting and improve visibility/ minimise hiding areas – particularly in relation to the mound).
- **Concerns** were raised regarding safety and antisocial behaviour occurring in the park.

Online Survey

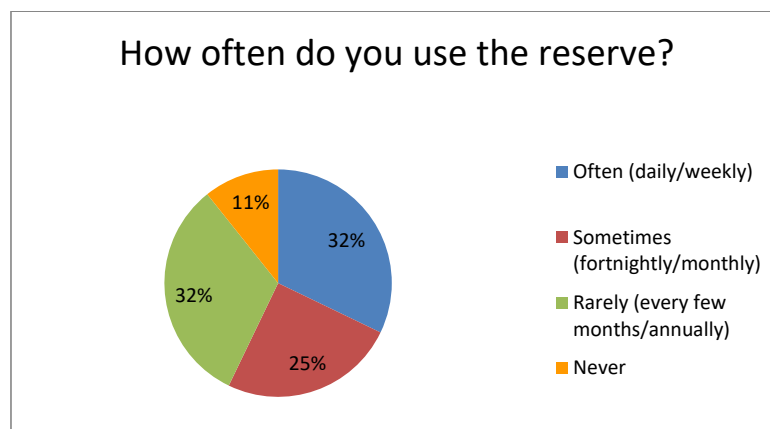
The Engagement Hub website provided the option of an online survey for people to provide information about how they currently use the reserve as well as feedback on what they would like to see considered/included as part of the upgrade.

The survey received 28 responses.

Summary of Survey Results

Q1: How often do you use the reserve?

Most respondents use the reserve often (daily/weekly) or rarely (every few months/annually).



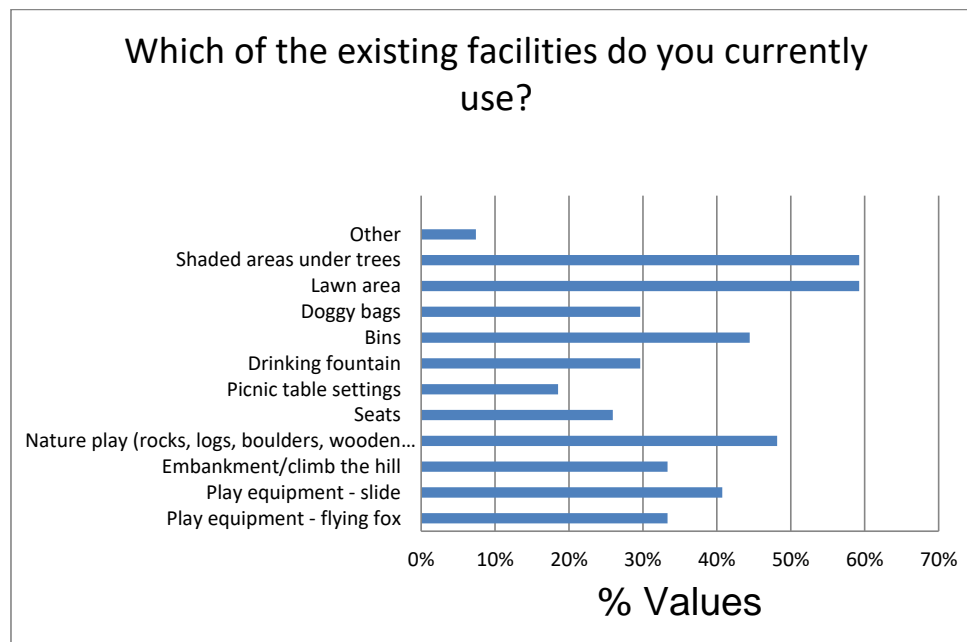
Q2: Which of the existing facilities do you currently use?

The most used facilities at the reserve are:

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- Lawn area
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- Play equipment – slide
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Q3: What do you currently like/enjoy about the reserve?

The top 3 things people currently enjoy/value most about the reserve are:

1. Natural environment - open space, trees, lawn, shade
2. Flying fox
3. Slide

A complete list of the comments received for what people like/enjoy about the reserve can be found in Attachment 4.

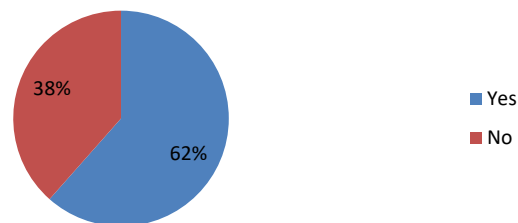
Q4: Do you visit the park with your children?

Approximately 60% of respondents visit the park with their children, ranging in age from 0 - 12 plus years, with most children being aged 6 – 12 years.

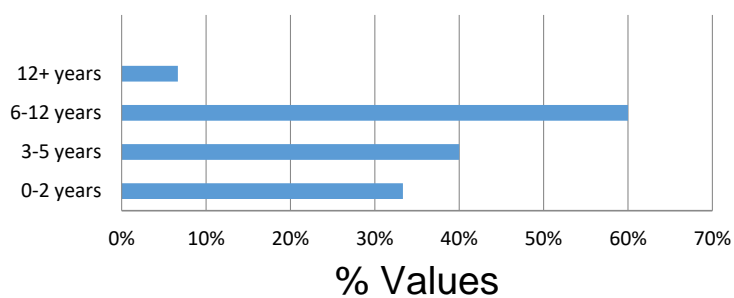
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Do you visit the park with your children?



How are old are any children in your family?



Q5: Which of the following items would you like to see as part of the upgrade?

The items that respondents would like to see included in the upgrade are listed below in order of priority, with 1 being highest priority and 8 being lowest priority.

1. New play equipment (e.g. swings, flying fox, slide, etc)
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A full list of comments received for respondents' priorities for the upgrade (Q6) can be found in Attachment 4.

Q7: Is there anything else you would like to see as part of the upgrade?

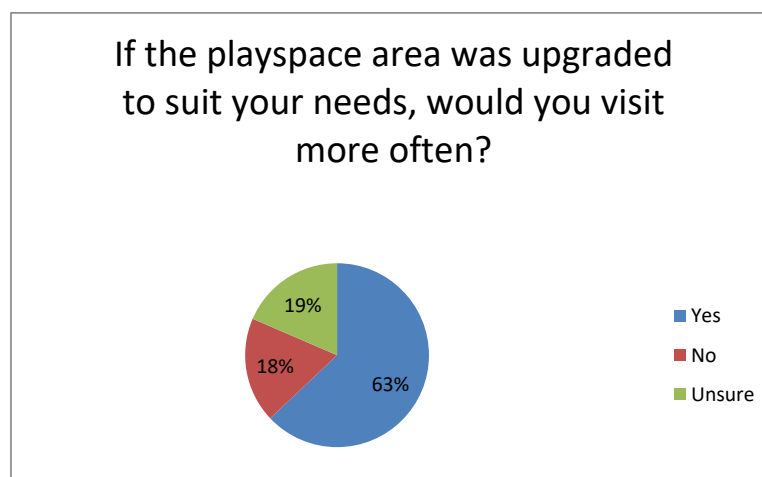
The most common things respondents stated they would like to see included were:

1. Improved visibility/ minimise hiding areas – particularly in relation to the mound
2. Fencing
3. Nature trail
4. Lighting

A full list of the comments received for this question can be found in Attachment 4.

Q8: If the playspace was upgraded to suit your needs, would you visit more often?

Approximately 60% of respondents said they would visit the park more often if it were upgraded, approximately 20% were unsure and approximately 20% said they would not visit the park more often.



Written Submissions

A total of 6 written submissions were received (4 via Engagement Hub and 2 via email).

The key themes raised in the written submissions were:

- Suggestions for new play equipment and other items (updated slide and flying fox, swings, basketball ring, soccer goals, dry creek bed, nature trail, BBQ, shelter, fitness equipment)
- Safety (lighting needed at night)

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- Retain trees and open lawn area
- Ensure park caters for a wide range of community members.

The full list of written submissions can be found in Attachment 5.

Social Media

Two social media posts were done on 29/10/2022 and 16/11/2022 to promote the consultation. 10 relevant comments were made in relation to these posts, highlighting the popularity of the flying fox.

A full list of comments received is provided in Attachment 3.

Visits to Neighbouring Businesses

Council staff visited businesses and organisations which neighbour the reserve to provide information about the proposed upgrade and consultation process and gather feedback.

Council staff visited the following businesses/organisations during the consultation period:

- Prospect Community Village
- Prospect Hydroponics
- KFC
- Caltex
- Prospect Home and Garden Centre
- First Impressions Early Learning Centre

Only two businesses provided feedback - Prospect Hydroponics, who think the upgrade is unnecessary and Prospect Community Village, who welcome the upgrade and indicated their residents and staff use the reserve on a daily basis, valuing the openness, greenery and peacefulness of the reserve. The items used and requested for the upgrade were similar to those of survey respondents, as were the concerns regarding safety and antisocial behaviour.

A full list of the comments received can be found in Attachment 6.

School Activity

Due to Nailsworth Primary School COVID-19 protocols preventing visitors onsite, Council staff were unable to conduct face to face consultation with students. Instead, feedback was sought from students via an alternative method, as outlined below:

- A short video was produced and provided to the school, presenting an overview of the reserve and its features, as well as information about the proposed upgrade and associated consultation process.
- An activity sheet was prepared and provided to the school for students to complete in class. The activity sheet contained questions about visitation and usage of facilities in the reserve

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and an opportunity for students to draw their own design for the upgrade. A copy of the Activity Sheet can be found in Attachment 7).

Council staff are yet to receive feedback from Nailsworth Primary School.

Conclusion

Peppermint Gums Reserve is used by a diverse range of our community members and is valued for its open natural environment, with its large lawn area and shade providing trees. Nature play is highly valued by users of the reserve, as are the slide and flying fox.

Retention of the lawn and trees, together with improvements to the nature play area and play equipment and increased visibility in the park to improve safety will see an increase in usage of the park.

Recommendations

1. Community feedback received as part of this consultation (round 1) is used to develop a draft concept plan for the reserve upgrade.
2. Further consultation (round 2) is undertaken on the draft concept plan to ensure it meets community needs and expectations.

Attachments

1. Promotional Postcard
2. Onsite Signage
3. Social Media Posts
4. Survey Responses – Comments in Full
5. Written Submissions
6. Feedback from Neighbouring Businesses
7. School Activity Sheet

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Attachment 1: Promotional Postcard

Dear Owner/Occupant,

As part of our Open Space Strategy, we are scheduled to upgrade Peppermint Gums Reserve (corner of Dean St and Barker Rd, Prospect) in the 2022/23 Financial Year.

We invite you to provide feedback on how you use the Reserve and suggestions for what you would like to see as part of the upgrade. Your feedback will help inform a draft concept plan that will be prepared for the Reserve.

Visit our Engagement Hub site at www.cityofprospect.engagementhub.com.au, or scan the QR code to provide your feedback online.

Please provide feedback by Sunday 21 November 2021.

For more information, please contact City of Prospect on 08 8269 5355 or email admin@prospect.sa.gov.au

Attachment 2: Onsite Signage – Corflute Poster

HAVE YOUR SAY

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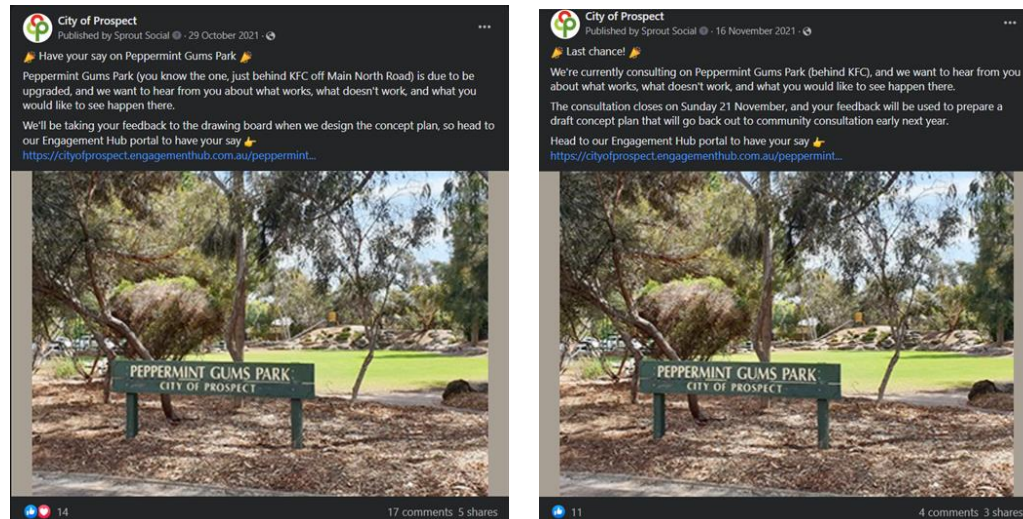
Let us know how you use the park, and what you want to see included in the plan, at cityofprospect.engagementhub.com.au

Consultation closes 21 November 2021

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Attachment 3: Social Media Posts



Comments made on social media (excluding tags and shares)

1. This is very exciting for the kids and the community of the prospect North Ward. Thanks for taking the time to get back to me. 😊
2. Have to suss this Park closely..I rmbere sum very big CliffHanger ...playoe
3. Whatever you do, make sure there's still a massive flying fox!!
4. Keep the flying fox!!!
5. Keep the rock climb and slide
6. Make sure you provide feedback
7. Kids are nuts about the flying fox. Must keep
8. As others have said Please keep the flying fox My children grown up now but loved that feature as do most children
9. I think a Ninja course would be great for the older kids in the neighbourhood and also us parents keeping up with them
10. I'm happy with it as it is - but I rarely use it..

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Attachment 4: Survey Responses – Comments in Full

Question: What do you currently like/enjoy about the reserve?

1. I like the flying fox and the natural feel to the playground.
2. That it's a reserve
3. Nice area to walk with my dog.
4. The big trees
5. Kids love the gentle slope of the slide and the use of the elevation in the park.
6. The slide. Because the flying Fox is too hard to use and not really working. My daughter will look at and climb on the wooden animals but only for a few seconds. If there was more playground equipment available she wouldn't gravitate to these.
7. Children enjoy the challenge of the flying fox and the long side. Beautiful trees and their shade, grassed area.
8. The flying fox! Must have in a future build! Iconic, played on it as a child thirty years ago!
9. The big tree and the grassed area.
10. Love the flying fox but it is clearly in need of an update. The height and distance are great!
11. flying fox and big slide
12. Big slide, not too busy, plenty of space, wooden animals
13. Dog friendly park that is protected from the sun
14. A quiet refuge from Main North Road shopping gives relief to kids bored with shops.
15. I like the mixture of shrubs and trees that attract different types of birds to the park. It adds to the pleasure of walking my dogs through this park.
16. The big rocks for jumping between, the rocks by the slide for climbing on, the logs for jumping on/over. I live just around the corner on Gordon Road and it's a handy place to go for exercise but would love to see a bit more gear there. The lawned area with plenty of shade is also nice.
17. Nature play, exploring, picnics, flying fox
18. I have a young family active family so playspace is important.
19. That it's there
20. Lawn area. Long slide
21. It is a lovely open space with beautiful trees. I don't currently use the play equipment as I am 65 and none of it is suitable for my age group. Maybe some exercise equipment would be good.
22. I will use the other play equipment when my grandchildren are able to visit from Victoria.
23. spaciousness, greenery
24. Lots of space and flying fox. Nowhere else has a big one and to have that, a big meaningful slide, play rocks, shade, climbing wall, needs decent swings (not half arsed Nailsworth one recently done), climb net sandpit
25. The open space, the lawn area is very good for my bodyweight training.
26. We currently like the fact it is a more of a nature reserve and are hopeful there will not be a significant impact on the lawned area and existing trees. It would be good to improve the facilities such as playground equipment and new furniture etc., however we wouldn't like to see the vegetation removed. There are several species of birds, including rainbow lorikeets, that inhabit this park and either rely on the tree canopies for feeding and protection and natural ground space for foraging. Due to many developments and of clearing of blocks many species are already losing their habitats. We feel it's important to retain as much as the natural environment in parks as possible whilst incorporating facilities. This is so children and future generations can experience open nature spaces in the City and suburbs and see our wildlife and birdlife.
27. the open grass area
28. The open space and the shade

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Question: Please provide further information on what you prioritised in Q5 (items you would like to see in the upgrade)

1. Equipment for small children ie under 5 year olds. But not a sandpit. Water feature similar to Memorial gardens playground. Lots of stepping stones, logs similar to Prospect Gardens. No fitness equipment...just play equipment
2. Water course with seats along it. Stepping stones. Bridge. Fountain/waterfall. Bird nesting boxes. Trail of native flowering shrubs bushes trees
3. A dog park is required and this location would be ideal on the western side of Main North Road.
4. Fences play space for all aged children. Nature play. Sand pit. Water play. Somewhere people will want to travel to spend time.
5. Kids playground equipment is a high priority. When we visit and/or drive past this park it is rarely utilised. Something that would encourage the use of this space. I would also be in favour of a half basketball court.
6. Functional playground! The playgrounds you have designed at St. Helens and adjacent to the prospect footy oval doesn't actually meet the motor skills of toddlers/preschoolers and parent access onto the landings if a child is scared or afraid is hard. Stop putting in spider web ropes and chains or ramps with rock climbing walls. They are way too hard for little ones. Put in stairs which is an important Gross motor skills they need to develop and allows the child to master skills. Use pretend play- train design, boat, animal etc to encourage a wow on arrival. Playgrounds with bridges are great. Slippery dip is important and swing sets. In built trampoline. Stepping stones for kids to walk across. The large lawn space is great but doesn't feel safe as not fenced and you sort of feel like you are in KFC's backyard. It just has a dodgy feeling to it. The large native trees are dull and make the space look eery and dull, not overly appealing. At present would never to think to use this space to hold a party for my daughter. Where I have at St Helen's. The walkway to the top of the slippery dip is very steep and quite dangerous and dirty for a pre-schooler.
7. Keep a flying fox and/ or more appropriate play equipment for older children as there is an abundance of play equipment in area for younger children
8. Upgraded flying fox. Swings. Screening to screen off businesses behind.
9. A barbecue, swings and more furniture.
10. Please keep the flying fox. Other play equipment would be great plus a BBQ and some (shaded) seating around the edges ideally dog friendly!
11. Maybe dine Lund of installation to screen the noise from Main North Road
12. Swings
13. Lighting and maintenance of the current own area was important as I often take my dog at night and I cannot see who is at the park given it is visited by residents from the adjacent care facility
14. The most natural as possible
15. a BBQ area would be good as this means family BBQs with lots of interesting play equipment would make this a very nice park for people to meet.
16. Would love to see a Warped Wall (like on the Ninja Warrior tv show). Have 14 foot, 12 foot, 10 foot versions so there is something for everyone. I don't think it would be any more dangerous than eg a skate ramp or climbing equipment. See the version at Latitude in Greenacres if looking for further clarification. Would also love to see a monkey bars and dip bars like at the new Broadview oval playground.

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17. Seating platforms could be good. We often need a toilet when we're there but understand this is a costly item. A nice space to be outside is great, thoughtful plantings and an interesting natural environment would suit us. A scooter/ bike path around the outside could be cool and useful. We're always looking for somewhere smooth to practice roller skating.
18. Refer to answer in Q3, young active family so nature play, active space, with good lighting and a safe environment is important. I have been by this park several times but have heard a lot of negative feedback about it lately. It is farther into Prospect from where we live, but the flying fox and hill/slide are worth the visit.
19. Water play for kids and animals. Flowing water with stepping stones. Water areas to attract birds. Path with flowering native plants. Interactive Indigenous educational puzzle/game ? Nesting boxes in trees
20. More kid friendly play equipment, slides/ swings , basketball ring and more table/ bench seating
21. I couldn't get the drag and drop to work. I would like to see more public art in the park, particularly sculpture.
22. n/a
23. Awesome high and fast flying fox. Large swings. Good climbing equipment. Bridges to walk along. Stumps to jump across. Castle. Massive slide that bends and fun to climb up.
24. New play equipment such as monkey bars. I have a picture of the structure I'd like to have added to the park. In fact, on 20-Jan I sent an email with a couple of pictures suggesting the structure I saw in a different park that would be a good addition.
25. A shelter with additional seating and possibly a BBQ area. Perhaps a court in an already cleared area like the flying fox location. Nature play equipment including water feature. Some paths that could allow easier accessibility for wheelchairs, elderly etc.
26. We live very close to the reserve and use it daily at times to play games or run with the dog. It would be great to keep some play equipment like the popular flying fox but maybe there is a quieter version as the current one is rather loud and it does gets used at night time.
27. This park has lots of open space and good shade but it feels desolate and uninviting, it somehow need a way to connect better to the community and invite people (not just kids) in.

Question: Is there anything else you would like to see as part of the upgrade?

1. Needs a fenced in area for safety of younger children..
2. Be great if there was a trail in then out. Good lighting important
3. Take away the play equipment as this place has loiterers, street people regularly sleeping on the bench. Enclose it for pooch play.
4. Remove the hill as people often hide behind it to drink alcohol. Also not sure how but a way to reduce KFC rubbish. Keep beautiful big trees.
5. I like the mound for the bigger slide but opening visibility to all areas of the park would be beneficial. Some fencing would also be useful and may encourage more usage of the park.
6. A nature walkway may reduce the fear of a random hiding in the back area. Fencing. Nicer shelter and seating with cover from rain/sun. Gentle looking shrubs to soften the appearance.
7. Definitely need to improve visibility of park to the back corner section, this probably would require removing the mound

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8. Minimise hiding areas. Being mindful of the SRF adjacent.
9. Your included suggestions are great. Would be good to see the use of planter boxes as a low fence structure, rather than an actual fence. This would hopefully keep the play area "dog friendly" so our whole family can attend.
10. The main issue with the park is the proximity to a half way home. Too many people who are unstable using the same space as kids
11. Add a fence and don't let dogs off leash.
12. Minimizing hiding areas and improving lighting would improve this park as it is used in unsocial ways sometimes
13. We like the nature trail nearby (Ern Sconce park?). Link to KFC area would improve visibility. So many parks in Prospect remain half-hidden. This is one that people need to drop in on.
14. It is important to maintain a mixture of shrubs and trees to encourage a variety of different birds. Removing the shrubs gives no protection for smaller bird species and encourages the increased populations of aggressive species such as minor birds.
15. Flying fox is good (and fairly unique around Adelaide so is good in that respect) but needs a new bearing and maybe a foot rest or a seat for the younger kids. Or just let em learn to hang on tight! Warped Wall would also be a very unique feature, perhaps unique across Australia...
16. For this park, any improvement to increase safety is welcome. Upgraded equipment and refurbished nature play is a positive improvement also.
17. Good lighting. I am on a hills farm everyday to feed my horses so don't go to local parks much and I would like these spaces to have a focus on helping animals thrive in Prospect which helps the community as well.
18. Definitely cut back shrubs and make it as open/ flat as possible. I don't go there or take the kids there because it is a bit dark and dingy, especially behind the slide/ mound , you can't see if people are behind there or watch the kids if they did go back there. Nature trail through the mulched area would be a good idea.
19. Unfortunately the park is often littered with rubbish from the adjacent KFC. I have to be careful when I walk my dog through the park as there are often chicken bones littering the grass. There need to be more bins for all the rubbish KFC generates. I like the idea of a mound as it gives very small children an interesting path to the top of the slippery dip. Unfortunately in its current position it obscures the murals on the eastern wall. Perhaps the mound could be moved so that the murals are visible and there are no hidden corners for "undesirable" behaviour.
20. Garden bed with a real shade area. Lately the shade areas installed are small and tilted, so the sun and rain come straight under and make no protection.
21. The existing mound could incorporate some quiet areas for people offering a view over the park. Slippery dips and possibly the flying fox coming from the mound by reducing the slope in this part. Given it would be a large task to remove the mound, the area behind could be fenced and even used as a dog play/exercise area, whilst retaining some trees. Incorporate some native low scrubs and native grasses within the mulched areas. A nature trail would be good in an existing area that suits. The mulch does cut down weeds which hopefully reduces the use of pesticides that can impact on young children playing, dogs and birds.
22. We love the lawn and open space but would like to see some more low native flowers/plants/bushes or maybe even a bit of a community garden for the people that live in apartment nearby. The back of the park is certainly a bit of a hiding place and at times you do not know what to find there so we would love to see the mound removed. Main problem is the KFC rubbish that gets left behind even though there are plenty of bins. Picnic tables

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need to be covered as they are constantly covered in bird droppings. We are not really keen to see it change into to a full playground as we have plenty nearby but we love the open space that can be used by people of all ages for picnics and cricket etc

23. Yes, increase its ability to be used by the community.

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Attachment 5: Written Submissions

1. As a mum of two young boys, I have visited A LOT of playgrounds in Adelaide looking for new ways for my boys to play. The Peppermint gums park has so much potential with its established trees and already formed mountain. I'd like to see the mountain used in more interactive ways such as a small dirt bike track and updated slide. The flying fox is too age specific - there's a great example of a more age inclusive flying fox at Mortlock park in colonel light gardens. Nature play is always nice and a dry creek bed would be lovely, perhaps with some sensory plants to create a trail to explore.
2. This park doesn't currently feel safe for young kids. A nature themed play space, with a gated area and shade, would help. Keep the big gum trees as they are the best thing about the park.
3. For consideration into the planning for this project we would like to include the following - basketball and netball ring/facility. Similar to Alexander Street. Some good facilities have basketball one side and netball on opposite side. - BBQ - Retain some lawned area for sports - shelter for sitting eating - make use of the currently wasted space in the rear corner of the area - playground area for younger children - make it safe when dark, currently attracts poor behaviours at night due to lack of lighting etc Regards,
4. I would like peppermint gums. Reserve to reinstate swings for children, bbqs for families and soccer goals at one end of park with background safety net similar to park at Mawson st nails worth. Also behind the mound is totally under utilised and perhaps incorporate basketball ring with small court. Strongly suggest it is also well lit up at night for safety. This park is long overdue for revamp as slowly council has removed swing set A few years ago and previous pergola with no replacement. Sorry but the two replacement wombats for the previous swing set just don't cut it for kids to play on Regards
5. PEPPERMINT GUMS UPGRADE
Thank you for encouraging feedback. My main concerns are:
 - to ensure the park continues to cater to the many types of patrons: schoolchildren; KFC customers; local families; local workers; and especially vulnerable people living in hostel accommodation in Dean Street. I like to experience sharing public spaces with a diverse range of people, especially when I have my 6yo grandchild with me as I believe it fosters acceptance of diversity. It would be disappointing if there were any attempts by residents or the council to deter any vulnerable people from using the park as they have nowhere else to go during the day and it is close to their accommodation and therefore the safest place for them to be. We should be accepting of differences where there is no threat to public safety, and have mental health support in place to respond to inappropriate behaviour that is not criminal.
 - to retain all the existing big trees and remove or trim them ONLY if there is a published expert arborists' report stating clear and immediate risks to safety, The huge trees contribute to the beauty and unique atmosphere of the park.
 - to restore or replace the flying fox so that moves more freely and has a safer harness
 - add more challenging equipment for older children/teenagers/young adults
 - include a shelter from the rain

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- encourage the public to use the bins for their litter (perhaps in liaison with KFC as this comprises most of the litter)

You may call me if you wish to discuss anything. *(Dean St Resident)*

6. Hello Nina,

How are you? I hope you are doing well.

I received a pamphlet in my mail asking my opinion in regards to the Peppermint Gums Reserve Upgrade - Round 1 Consultation and I'd like to take advantage of the email I sent you back in January with a couple of pictures with a suggestion of a structure I'd like to see in the City of Prospect.

Hello lovey team,

First of all, I'd like to introduce myself, my name is [REDACTED] and I'm moving to the City of Prospect with my wife soon - hopefully within the next 3 months, so we are excited about it.

Now, even though I'm an IT Professional, I'm working on a career change to the Fitness industry. I have completed my Cert III and I'm currently doing my Cert IV

So, to keep myself active I like training in parks and doing outdoor activities.

A couple of weeks ago I went to Mawson Lakes to train and found this lovely structure, which I'd like to find in the City of Prospect - see attachment *(images provided below)*.

If this kind of infrastructure already exists, I'd like to know where, if not... can it be installed somewhere?

Thank you in advance.



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Attachment 6: Feedback from Neighbouring Businesses

Prospect Hydroponics

198A Main North Road, Prospect - abuts Lewis Lane and Peppermint Gums Reserve.

- There is a tree that leans over the laneway that is obstructing trucks from using the laneway for deliveries. Can it be cut down?
- The park is good as it is. It doesn't need upgrading.
- An upgrade is a waste of Council's money.
- The residents across the road (Dean St) use the park a lot.
- Families with children come on the weekends and use the lawn area a lot, kicking balls, etc.

Prospect Community Village

6 Dean Street, Prospect

Prospect Community Village is a residential support home providing accommodation for 34 residents (men and women aged over 18 years) who require assistance in their day-to-day living.

How often do residents use the reserve?

- The reserve is used multiple times a day by residents, with some residents visiting the park up to 5 or 6 times a day.
- Residents like to go to the park for "their own space" and "quiet time" when it gets too loud in the Village, and they don't like to interact with other users of the park.
- Staff also regularly use the park.

Which of the existing facilities do residents and staff currently use?

- Play equipment – slide is used by staff to "de-stress"
- Nature Play (rocks, logs, boulders, etc.)
- Seats
- Picnic Settings (but not the one located on the mound – residents don't want to walk up the mound)
- Bins
- Lawn area – for petanque games and exercise program
- Shaded areas under trees

What do you currently like/enjoy about the reserve?

- Openness
- Greenery
- Peacefulness/quietness
- Set up/layout

Do you visit the park with children?

- No

Which of the following items would you like to see as part of the upgrade?

- More accessible facilities – ramps for people who use walkers
- Nature play (e.g. logs, rocks) – good as it is
- Public art – would be great - residents could possibly help with painting
- Reserve lighting for safety

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- Retain lawn area for informal recreation- don't reduce size of lawn
- Fitness equipment
- More park furniture

What else would you like to see as part of the upgrade?

- Extra dog bag dispenser on Dean Street side of reserve
- Undercover seating area (for shelter from the rain as well as sun)
- Exercise equipment for adults – particularly challenging moveable equipment without any chains/ropes. Static equipment such as monkey bars/chin up bars would not get used.
- Electric BBQ – not gas due to risks associated with gas
- Quiet areas for passive recreation
- Nature trail in the mulched area
- Remove or cut back large shrubs to minimise any hiding areas
- Remove the mound to improve sightlines to the back of the park
- Open up and improve pedestrian access from Lewis Lane (behind KFC) to the park
- Padding around flying fox posts (like they have for netball goal posts). Kids love the flying fox.
- Paths which are smooth and easy for people with walkers to use. Rubber surfaces work well.
- No ropes/chains/etc due to risks associated with these items and vandalism of such items.

Other comments:

- **Anti-social behaviour in the reserve**
Drug deals taking place in the park is a real issue – they generally happen at the rear of the park, behind the mound. Staff frequently phone SAPOL. More lighting is needed in the park to discourage this anti-social behaviour.
- **Bins**
Bins can be a problem – some of the residents rummage through the bins at times. It would be good if the bins could be emptied more often or made in a way so that it's difficult to get things out, but not in a way that may cause harm to someone who may put their arm in. Would also be good to add a recycling bin in the reserve.
- **Equipment and Paths**
Installing a hammock in the reserve would be OK but would need to be very sturdy and not made of ropes or fabric. A basket swing, however, would not be used due to the difficulty of residents getting on/off. Residents would still use the seats to lie on.
Concern with a bike path being installed – could be hazardous to older/slower people using the park.
- **Speeding in Dean Street**
Speeding is an issue in Dean Street – would it be possible to erect 40km/hour signs in the street? Yellow line-marking one side of the street would not work well because taxis often park waiting for people.

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Attachment 7: School Activity Sheet

Nailsworth Primary School

Peppermint Gums Reserve Upgrade - Activity Sheet



Peppermint Gums Reserve is a park located on the corner of Dean Street and Barker Road (behind the KFC on Main North Road). It is close to Nailsworth Primary School. Council is looking to upgrade the park to make it more interesting for more people to visit, and to upgrade the facilities and equipment that are no longer usable.

We would like for Nailsworth Primary students to help us out with the upgrade by answering a few questions, and help us design the park.

First, please answer the three questions on the right hand side. You can look at the map and photos below which show you what Peppermint Gums Reserve looks like now.

After you have answered the questions, please have a go at doing the activity on the bottom half of this sheet.

QUESTIONS - Please answer the questions below:

1. What is your age? _____
2. Have you visited Peppermint Gums Reserve before?
☐ Yes ☐ No
3. If you have visited the park before, which of the facilities did you like using the best? (you can tick more than one box)
☐ flying fox
☐ slide
☐ nature play (wooden wallabies, logs, rocks)
☐ seats and picnic tables
☐ drinking fountain
☐ lawn area

MAP OF PEPPERMINT GUMS RESERVE:



PHOTOS OF WHAT THE PARK LOOKS LIKE NOW:



Flying fox and big shade tree



Slide and nature play (wallabies and logs)



Picnic tables and seating area



Entry from Barker Road

ACTIVITY - DESIGN THE PARK

Have a look at the symbols to the right and choose which ones you think should go in the park. Colour in the symbols you choose. Then, draw the symbols where you think they should go on the map below. Add your own symbols (and don't forget to label them!) if you have any other ideas for the park.



SYMBOLS

- | | |
|--|--|
| | nature play |
| | slide |
| | swings (basket swing or double swing set) |
| | flying fox |
| | fitness equipment |
| | nature walking trail with interesting plants |
| | concrete area for cricket pitch, handball, hopscotch, etc |
| | basketball half court |
| | BBQ area under a shelter |
| | drinking fountain |
| | dog exercising equipment like a tunnel |
| | entry to the park |
| | pathways (draw paths with lines where you think the paths should go) |

Proposed Site Arrangement



LEGEND

- 1 Entry node with interpretive signage
- 2 Shelter & BBQ area
- 3 Nature play area
- 4 Activity/adventure play area (optional shelter)
- 5 Flying fox
- 6 Fitness area (multi-use court & equipment)
- 7 Nature trail / dirt pump track (optional)
- 8 Path connection
- 9 Running / walking track (with bollard lighting)
- 10 Art mural with community input (optional)
- 11 Upgrade Irrigation (drippers to lawn)
- 12 Feature signage / artwork (Council to confirm)
- 13 Swale / raingarden

0m 5m 25m

Existing tree to be removed (indicative only)

