

10.3 PERCY STREET RESERVE - CONSULTATION OUTCOMES AND DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN**File Number:** IC22/72**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 Percy Street Reserve scheduled for upgrade in the 2022/2023 Financial Year. In preparation for the redevelopment, Council Administration facilitated an initial (Round 1) community consultation from 28 October - 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.

Following the Round 1 consultation, a Council Workshop was held on 1 February 2022 to discuss the consultation outcomes and provide suggestions and indicative costs for the upgrade of the Reserve.

The draft concept plan (costed at an estimated \$210,000) has now been refined and presented in **Attachment 2**.

Administration recommends proceeding to Round 2 community consultation (second and final round) to gather further feedback and the level of support on the draft concept plan as revised and shown in **Attachment 2**.

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

RECOMMENDATION**That Council:**

- 1. Having considered Item 10.3 Percy Street Reserve - Consultation Outcomes and Draft Concept Plan receives and notes the report.**
- 2. Endorses, in principle, the Draft Concept Plan (as presented in Attachment 2) for the purposes of Round 2 community consultation.**
- 3. Is provided with a further Report or Council Workshop in mid-2022 (recommend May-June) advising the outcomes of community consultation on the Draft Concept Plan and the next stages to proceed towards delivery.**

DISCUSSION

Council's Open Space Strategy identifies the priority parks for upgrades, with Percy Street 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 - 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.

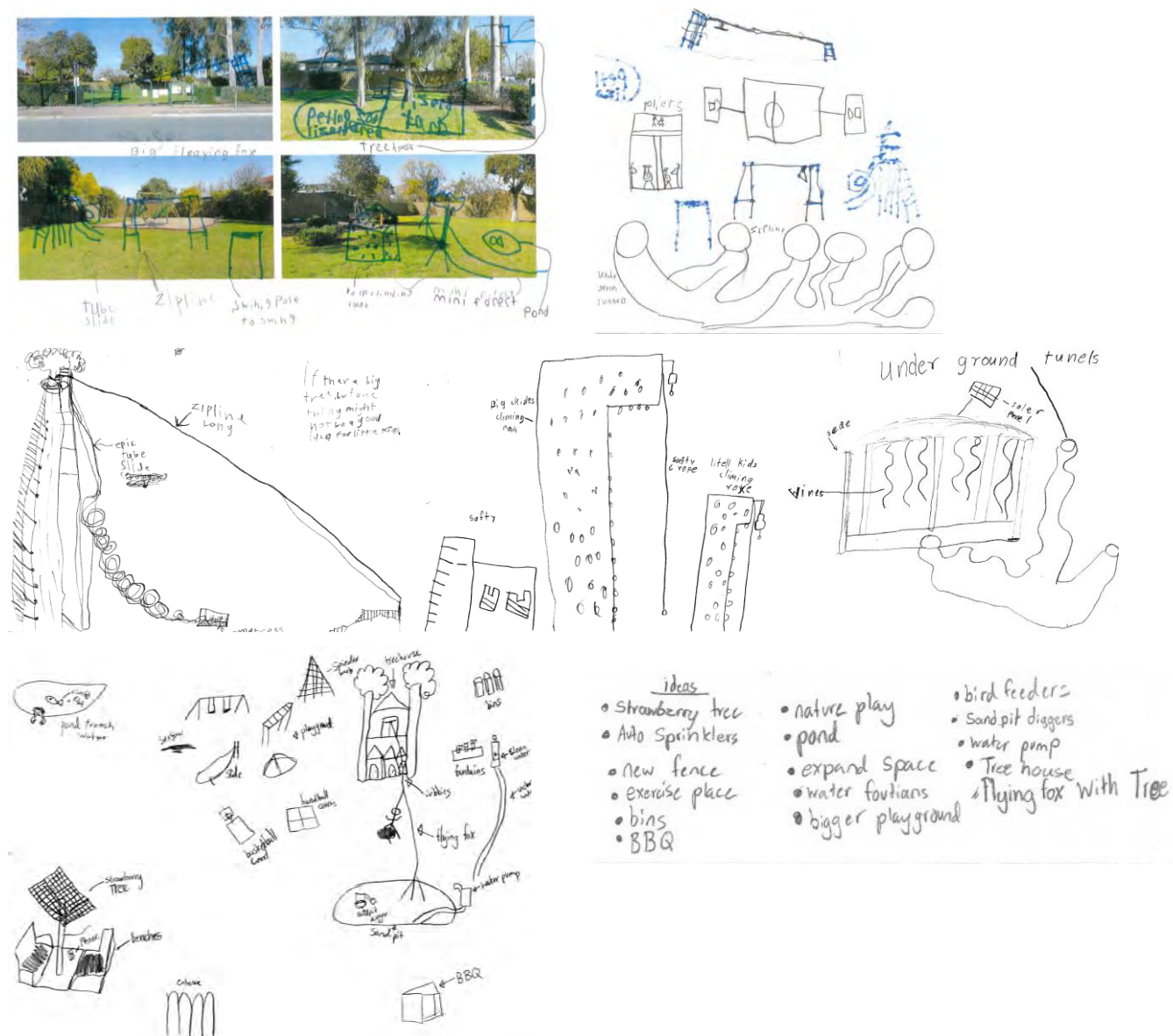
An Engagement Report has been prepared with the results from the Round 1 consultation, which is provided in **Attachment 1**. The Engagement Report outlines the feedback received from a workshop with Prospect North Primary School and feedback from 35 respondents who filled out the online survey.

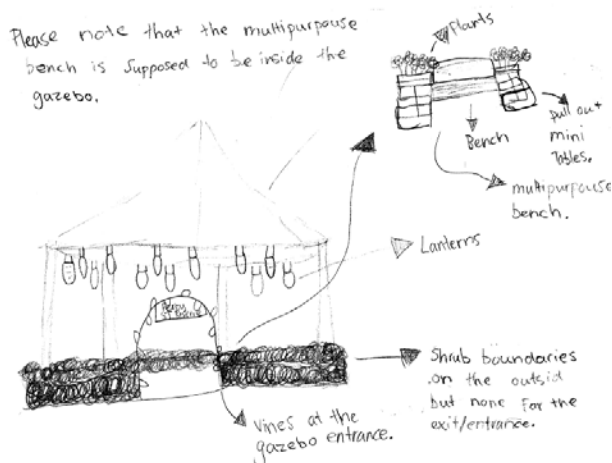
The workshop with Prospect North Primary School included 14 students in years 5-7 from the 'Building Strong Communities' Ministry. The workshop introduced the project and then provided an interactive opportunity for students to draw their ideas on an aerial map of the site and photos of the existing facilities. The session identified that 8 out of 14 students had been to the Reserve before,

and 8 out of 8 students defined the Reserve as 'boring'. The students provided the following feedback in response to the survey questions:

- Rarely or never visit the park
- Mostly use seats/ picnic setting and lawn area for ball games. Also use the play equipment, bins and drinking fountain
- Students like how the Reserve is sustainable with lots of greenery and not a lot of plastic. They like to play hide and seek there
- Most popular options for upgrades include:
 1. Maintain a good size lawn and small hard surface for games (14 responses each)
 2. More park furniture (13 responses)
 3. Safety lighting and dog-friendly equipment (12 responses each)
 4. Nature play (11 responses)

Several ideas were suggested to be included in the park upgrade, including planting native species, bird nests, water play, school art project, indigenous art, monument to connect to the history, dog park, sandpit, basket swing, use natural materials (not plastic) or use recycled plastic, things to explore, more interesting play equipment like trampolines. A sample of the students' ideas can be found in the images below.





In summary of the online survey results, respondents were keen to retain the fencing and the lawn area for dogs and small children. There is a strong dog community presence in the area. Respondents enjoy the small park for its great community feel because it is only frequented by locals and is less busy. The location is ideal. Regarding the responses received about the park upgrade, the most popular options include (in order of priority):

1. New simple play equipment
2. Nature play
3. More park furniture
4. Safety lighting
5. Small hard surface for games such as hopscotch

Following the Round 1 consultation, a Council Workshop was held on 1 February 2022 to discuss the consultation outcomes and provide suggestions and indicative costs for the upgrade of the Reserve.

At the Councillor Workshop, Council indicated general support for the ideas presented and provided feedback including:

- Simple playground equipment, including monkey bars for more of a challenge
- Outback theme with links to RM Williams history
- Possible artwork along existing fence, which is unappealing, perhaps with a hint of RM Williams
- Include the name of the park somewhere in graphic writing
- Keep lawn area
- Shade over the playground
- Include a hard surface area (for handball, hopscotch, etc)
- Approach RM Williams and Rotary/ Lions clubs for support for the mural and shade over the playground (respectively)
- Looped path
- New irrigation

At the Workshop on 1 February 2022, a budget option for \$150,000 was presented which was generally supported by Council, but with an invitation to explore other options depending on how the concept plan came together. There were several items that were desired in addition to the scope that was presented including artwork, monkey bars, hardstand area and playground shade. With the additional items, the total budget is estimated at \$210,000. Council will continue discussions with Rotary/ Lions clubs and artwork opportunities with RM Williams and the local school (Prospect North Primary School).

The draft concept plan (costing a total of \$210,000) has now been refined based on feedback from all consultation and workshops held to date. The plan and perspective can be found in **Attachment 2**. The plan considers any possible future separation of the portion of land that abuts the 63 Percy Street property.

Administration recommends proceeding to Round 2 community consultation (second and final round) to gather further feedback and the level of support on the draft concept plan as revised and shown in **Attachment 2**.

Should Council prefer the original option for \$150,000, presented at the 1 February 2022 Workshop, then the additional items (artwork, monkey bars, hardstand area and playground shade) will not be included in the concept. The \$150,000 option includes a looped path, full upgrade of the irrigation system, simple play equipment (slide, swings, and rocker), nature play area, bird nest box, native garden with new trees, and one solar safety bollard.

Round 2 consultation will include a presentation of the draft concept plan for public feedback.

The catchment of the consultation area will be consistent with Round 1 and Council will continue to engage closely with locals and neighbours who have shown a keen interest in being involved in the project. Respondents to the first round of consultation will also be contacted and encouraged to provide their thoughts.

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

Implications, Related Questions and Further Information

The following timeframe is an indication of the development of the project:

- Seek endorsement on design to proceed to consultation – March 2022
- Community consultation – Round 2 – April/ May 2022
- Refine the concept plan based on consultation feedback – May 2022
- Council Report for endorsement of the concept plan - June 2022
- Project Documentation finalised – June-July 2022
- Tender for Construction – August 2022
- Construction (depending on availability of contractors and materials) – November-December 2022

A budget bid has been submitted for the 2022/ 23 Financial Year that reflects the draft concept plan in **Attachment 2**.

Relevance to Core Strategies / Policy

- Open Space Strategy
- Indicative Park Priorities Timeline – 2018-2037

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. **Community Engagement Report - Percy Street Reserve Upgrade** [↓](#)
2. **Draft Concept Plan and Visual Perspective – Percy Street Reserve Upgrade** [↓](#)

Engagement Report
Percy Street 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 Percy Street 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 Percy Street Reserve.
- Visitors to/users of Percy Street Reserve.
- Students from Prospect North Primary School.

Promotional & Engagement Activities Undertaken

Activity	Description	Target Group
Mail Out	Promotional postcard delivered to residents within 200m of project area (181 properties in total). Refer to Attachment 1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents within 200m radius of Percy Street Reserve.
On-site Signage	Corflute signage erected at the entry to 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	Post 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 Percy Street Reserve. • Wider City of Prospect community.
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 Percy Street Reserve. • Wider City of Prospect community.

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Activity	Description	Target Group
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 Percy Street Reserve Wider City of Prospect community
School Visit	Interactive consultation session at Prospect North Primary School.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5,6,7 students from the Building Strong Communities Ministry.
Meetings onsite	One-on-one meeting onsite.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual users of the park

Findings and Results

Overview

- 35 online surveys were completed.
- 9 written submissions were received (6 via Engagement Hub and 3 via email to admin@prospect.a.gov.au).
- 6 comments were received via social media.
- 1 one-on-one meeting onsite with a resident

Key Findings:

- Most people who visit the park, visit with their children and/or their dog.
- The **most commonly used facilities** at the reserve are:
 - play equipment
 - seats/picnic area
 - bins
 - lawn area for informal recreation like exercising dogs.
- The things people currently **enjoy/value most** about the reserve are:
 - Enclosed space to exercise dogs
 - Enclosed space where children can play
 - Close proximity to home
 - Open space and shade
 - Friendly community feel
- The most common things respondents stated they **would like to see** included in the upgrade include:
 - More challenging play equipment – suggestions to include a variety of different equipment
 - Maintain a good size lawn area for informal recreation
 - Maintain and upgrade fencing (boundary and to separate play and dog areas)
 - More seating
 - More shade/shelter
 - Nature play

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- Dogs – continue to allow off leash
- Path for wheel access (wheelchairs, bikes, scooters)
- Safety lighting
- Small hard surface games area
- **Concerns** were raised regarding traffic issues (parking, congestion) and antisocial behaviour (which sometimes occurs in the park).
- People indicated they will use the reserve more often once it's upgraded.

Online Survey

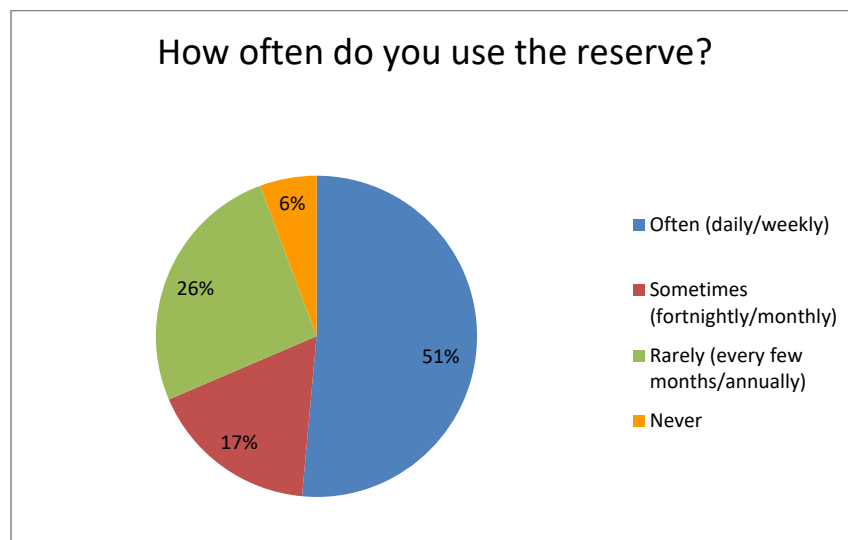
The Engagement Hub website provided the option of an online survey for people to provide information about how they currently use the reserve as well as feedback on what they would like to see considered/included as part of the upgrade.

The survey received 35 responses.

Summary of Survey Results

Q1: How often do you use the reserve?

- Half of the respondents (51%) use the reserve on a daily/weekly basis.
- 17% of respondents use the reserve on a fortnightly/monthly basis.
- A quarter of respondents (26%) use the reserve every few months/annually.
- 6 % of respondents never use the reserve.

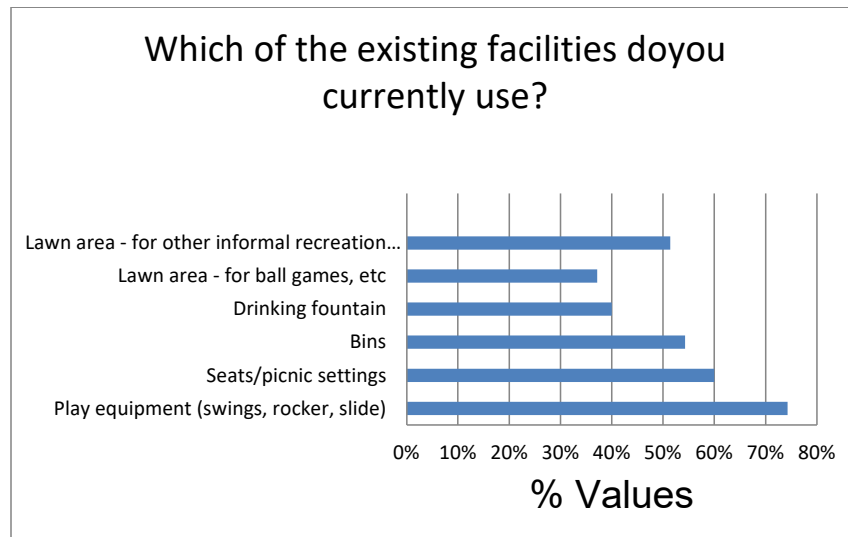


Q2: Which of the existing facilities do you currently use?

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The most commonly used facilities at the reserve are the play equipment, seats/picnic area, bins and lawn area for informal recreation like exercising dogs.



Q3: What do you currently like/enjoy about the reserve?

The top 5 things people currently enjoy/value most about the reserve are:

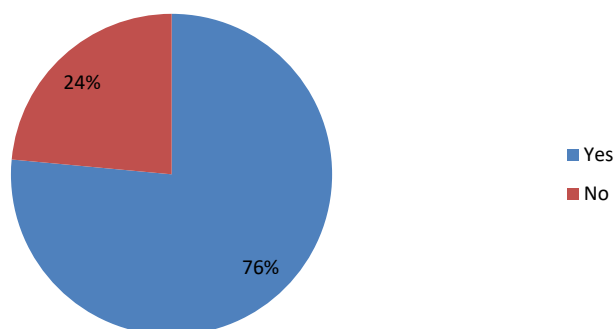
- Enclosed space to exercise dogs
- Enclosed space where children can play
- Close proximity to home
- Open space and shade
- Friendly community feel

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

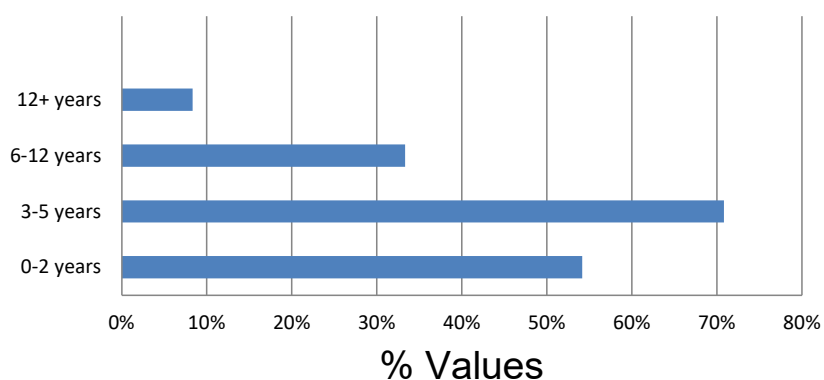
Q4: Do you visit the park with your children?

Approximately 75% of respondents visit the park with their children, ranging in age from 0 - 12 plus years, with the majority of children being aged 3-5 years.

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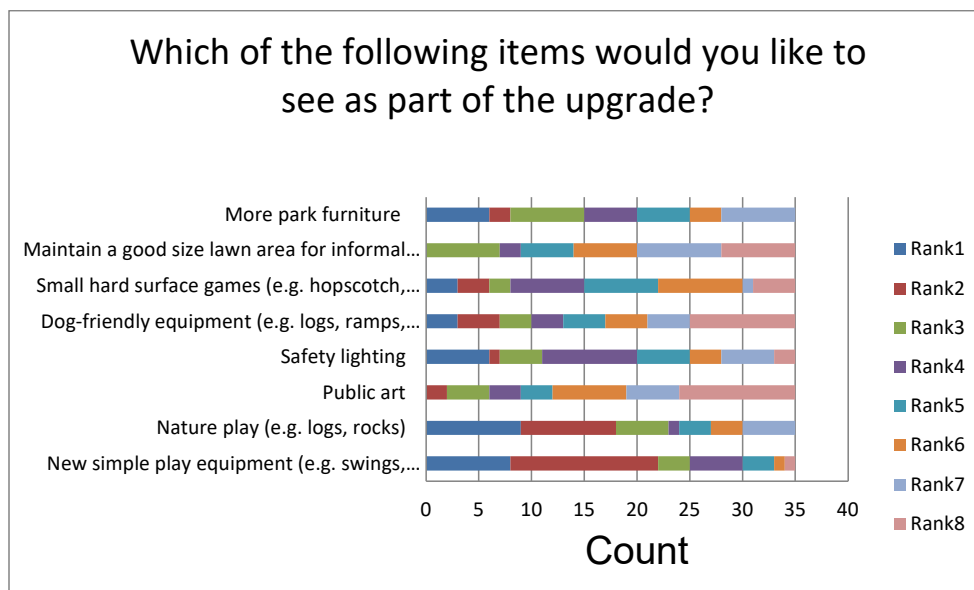


Q5: Which of the following items would you like to see as part of the upgrade?

The top 5 items respondents would like to see included in the upgrade are:

1. New simple play equipment
2. Nature play
3. More park furniture
4. Safety lighting
5. Small hard surface for games such as hopscotch

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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:

- More challenging play equipment
- More seating
- More shade
- Nature play
- New dog bag dispenser
- Path for wheel access (wheelchairs, bikes, scooters)
- Safety lighting
- Upgraded fencing (boundary and to separate play and dog areas)

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

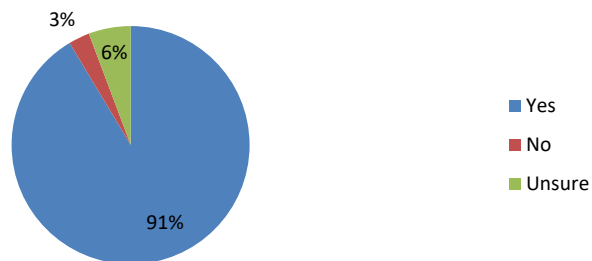
Q8: If the playspace was upgraded to suit your needs, would you visit more often?

90% of respondents said they would visit the park more often if it were upgraded, 6% were unsure and 3% said they would not visit the park more often.

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



Written Submissions

A total of 9 written submissions were received (6 via Engagement Hub and 3 via email).

The key themes raised in the written submissions were:

- Fencing – upgrade and maintain
- Dogs – continue to allow off leash
- Shelter – increase to provide shade
- Equipment – suggestions to include a variety of different equipment (eg exercise machines, wheelchair swing, netting for ball games)
- Traffic – concerns re parking

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

School Visit

An interactive session was held at Prospect Primary School with Year 5, 6 and 7 students from the Building Strong Communities Ministry. The 1.5-hour session included a questions and answer section and the opportunity for students to draw their ideas and suggestions on an aerial map and photos of the reserve.

A summary of the students' responses is provided below:

What are the benefits of parks and open space?

- Can interact with family and friends
- Exercise
- Fresh air

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- Greenery
- Have fun
- Place to escape reality and have time to yourself

Who has been to Percy Street Reserve?

- 8 of the 14 students have been to the reserve

Would you describe the reserve as boring or fun?

- 8 out of 8 described the reserve as boring. No-one who has been there thought it was fun.

How often do you use the reserve?

- 0 x Often (daily /weekly)
- 1 x Sometimes (fortnightly/monthly)
- 4 x Rarely (every few months/annually)
- 9 x Never

Which of the existing facilities do you currently use?

- 4 x Lawn area - for ball games, etc
- 4 x Seats/picnic settings
- 3 x Play equipment (swings, rocker, slide)
- 3 x Bins
- 3 x Drinking fountain
- 2 x Lawn area - for other informal recreation like exercising dogs

What do you currently like/enjoy about the reserve?

- Like how sustainable it is – lots of greenery and not a lot of plastic in there
- Like to play hide and seek there

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

- 14 x Small hard surface games (want it for handball)
- 14 x Maintain a good size lawn area for informal recreation
- 13 x More park furniture
- 12 x Safety lighting
- 12 x Dog- friendly equipment (e.g. logs, ramps, tunnel)
- 11 x Nature play (e.g. logs, rocks)
- 6 x Public art
- 0 x New simple play equipment (e.g. swings, rocker, slide) – replacing like-for-like

What ideas do you have for the reserve upgrade?

- Add a statue or monument to connect to the park's past
- Add something for the parents too (not sure what!)
- BBQ and shelter
- Bigger slide
- Build bird nests at school to put in the park
- Circle swing/basket swing – this was very popular
- Dog park
- Drinking fountains
- Fairy garden for kids to explore

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- Flying fox
- Important to keep slide and swings in the park for little kids (babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers) to use
- Indigenous art
- Keep the fence. All students wanted the fence retained but suggested it be upgraded with a more natural material such as timber. Students also suggested the name of the reserve be incorporated into the fence rather than having a separate sign.
- Logs for pathways
- Maze
- Mini trampolines
- Monkey bars
- Nature play
- Parkour or something for teenagers
- Plant more trees and plants to provide habitat for birds and other animals
- Rocks to climb on
- Sand pit
- School art project incorporated into the park
- Spinner
- Strawberry Tree from Serbia – a tree with solar panels that people can sit under with their devices and get internet connection – see image below.
- Sustainability is really important
- Swing like at St Kilda playground – a pole with 5 swings hanging down
- Swings that people with wheelchairs can use
- Teepees or a hut
- Things for people to explore e.g rocks - people in the community draw on them and then hide them in the park for others to find.
- To reduce landfill, have 3 different bins in the park with labels (compost, recycle, landfill)
- Use native trees and plants
- Use natural material – not plastic
- Use recycled material for park furniture (seats, fence posts)
- Water play feature- for fun and also to reduce the amount of water going down the drain (stormwater)

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Image: Strawberry Tree model made by one of the students

Social Media

Many comments were received via social media in response the post on 2/11/2021, however many of the comments were in relation to other parks in City of Prospect. Below are the comments received which relate to Percy Street Reserve:

1. Definitely some shade needed!!!
2. Shade
3. One of them outdoor gyms would be great, maybe some more play equipment for the kids. The open lawn is perfect.
4. Relieving traffic pressure by opening Clifford St back up would be a good idea, as would removal or more sympathetic version of the chicanes/flat tops on Percy. Otherwise, you'll have a nice park on a vital but pretty grim bit of road.
5. All done. We were quite special and received our own post card about this last week 🏠
6. Keep as a small dog park

Meeting onsite

One resident met with Council staff to discuss the park on 6 August 2022. To summarise, the resident raised concerns regarding safety and undesirable activities, particularly in the western corner of the park that is not fully visible from the street and that lighting may assist with the safety concerns.

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We acknowledge that this meeting was not held during the consultation period, however it is being considered as part of the consultation feedback.

Conclusion and Recommendations

This Report outlines the feedback received from the community during the nominated consultation period and targeted consultation with stakeholders, including Prospect North Primary School.

The workshop with Prospect North Primary School included 14 students in years 5-7 from the 'Building Strong Communities' Ministry. The workshop introduced the project and then provided an interactive opportunity for students to draw their ideas on an aerial map of the site and photos of the existing facilities.

The majority of feedback from the public was received via the online survey, where a total of 35 respondents filled out the online survey. In summary, respondents were keen to retain the fencing and the lawn area for dogs and small children. There is a strong dog community presence in the area and respondents enjoy the small park for its great community feel. It is only frequented by locals, is not busy, and is in an ideal location. The lawn area and its attraction for visitors with dogs should be retained. Regarding the responses received about the park upgrade, the most popular of the options provided include new simple play equipment, nature play, more park furniture, safety lighting, and a small hard surface for games such as hopscotch. In addition, shade was mentioned several times and is an important factor to consider at this park. Improving the fence and providing an accessible path are other popular items to consider in the upgrade.

Attachments

1. Promotional Postcard
2. Onsite Signage
3. Social Media Post
4. Survey Responses – Comments in Full
5. Written Submissions

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Attachment 1: Promotional Postcard

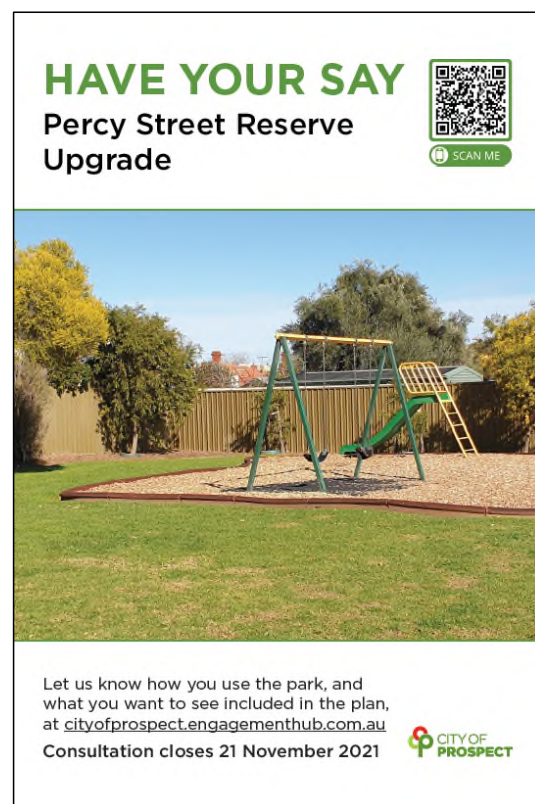
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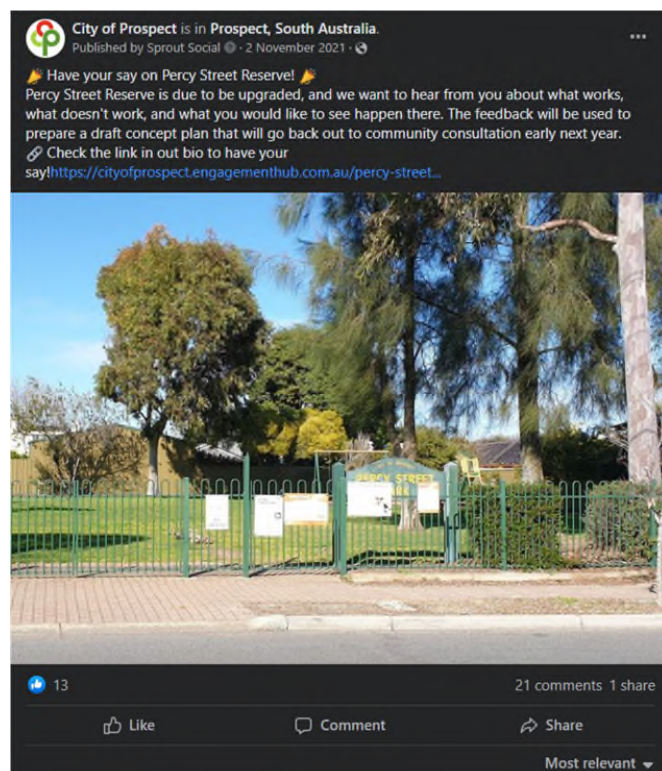
Attachment 2: Onsite Signage – Corflute Poster



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Attachment 3: Social Media Post



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Attachment 4: Survey Responses – Comments in Full

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

1. Space to enjoy and let dogs go
2. Enclosed dog park, not overly big, frequented by other friendly families
3. spaciousness
4. My dog and I enjoy the open space I will bring my grandchildren to the park when they can visit from Victoria.
5. Whole family enjoys, particularly toddler and dog.
6. Many people of all ages come to the park with their dogs, and it a great time to have a chat, meet new people.
7. It's a nice size for my dog and isn't usually as busy as other dog friendly parks
8. Having a dog park available so close to our house is very useful. We use it every few days and share the space with other dog owners, and people who have young children, as we do.
9. We occasionally take our dog there to play as it is usually empty so he can go off his leash and run around.
10. That I can use it with both my son and dog. It is also the closest park to us.
11. Fenced off area for dogs to explore
12. It is great to have a gated park for Children and Dogs. It is an amazing asset to this area and for my family as I have children and a dog. The Dog community is very strong and it is great to have a play space for both.
13. Playground. Our dog likes the grass to run around in an enclosed space
14. Large open space for ball games and kids to run around. Fenced Allows for the dogs to be off leash. Water bowl for dogs .Benches. Some playground equipment available. Allows for our children to play and also our dog at the same time
15. Space for dogs to run and kids to play games. Adequate fencing. Enables us to exercise our dog and let our kids play at the same time. The park has a real community feel as it is rarely frequented by those outside of the Council area. Has enabled us to meet many other parents and dog owners.
16. I like that the entire reserve is fenced, open and is on relatively flat terrain.
17. It's close by and fenced to keep small kids in.
18. it is great that fenced and has some basic equipment
19. The secure fence at the front of the park puts me at ease that my children won't run onto the road. The park table is good for having picnics and it's great that it's under the trees shaded so doesn't necessarily need a shelter, but it would be extra good if there was a BBQ
20. It is fenced and the closest playground to our house
21. Well fenced, open, nice grass area, generally not busy
22. The play equipment, although dated, is enjoyed by the local children. The fence off area also provides some added safety from the road.
23. It is fenced
24. Rare open space in the area, fenced which is good for young children.
25. Close to home
26. Proximity to home
27. Nothing really, it's just close to home. The space needs a significant uplift.

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28. It's location which is very close to my house and shade. Going with my 5 children on the way to the shops we often meet other families (spontaneously) living on Percy Street or nearby streets. The cosiness of the space creates an environment where it's easy to say 'hello' and have conversations with people. Children of various ages who live in the flats and units are often there and like to play with my children. It's also a space where young children can run around without parents being fearful of the road.
29. The location. Certainly in need of an upgrade though.
30. Love the compactness and quietness, the community feel. Large shaded areas, great for people who live nearby who don't have a lot of a backyard/ any backyard
31. Great space, well maintained, but could be improved.
32. I am supportive of any open, green space, with interactive facilities for residents, and in particular for families. This park is located at the other end of Prospect relative to where we live, though with small children I would go to other parks in the area with activities for children.
33. I like the green and trees and public space for people to use, children to play and families and friends to meet.
34. Swings

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

1. The current equipment is quite old and limited.
2. Netball ring / half court, 4 square court
3. I often drive past this playground and it is mainly used by dogs.
4. More variety play equipment for all ages, better slide, swings, climbing apparatus. Water play area. A smaller version of prospect memorial playground would be ideal.
5. Space with plenty of lawn as children and dogs can play together. Safety lighting is also a priority for winter months. I would also like to see some variety in play equipment for the kids (currently only swing, slide and see-saw). Outside of this a small hard surface area may also be beneficial to older children. The rest are not priorities for me as long as the look and feel promotes community.
6. Functional basic play equipment! E.g the little train design playground you use to have by the prospect footy oval was great. A set of stairs for the kids to walk up (great gross motor skill children need to learn) not spider web ropes or chains that are too advanced for toddlers. Nice landing space for pretend play when they are at the top and slide. The swings are always a winner. The playground set up in Taillem bend is amazing or something like the playground in port Elliot near the duck pond. Floor trampoline - Maintained and neat green grass. As well as Healthy, colourful trees that don't attract bees or mosquitoes. Some lighting for winter! Doesn't need to be amazing just safe. This park space is a gem for locals so I don't want to attract non locals from external areas using it as a dog park at night for the untrained/aggressive dogs (eg the nth Adelaide dog park has a terrible reputation for vicious dogs). The park needs to be functional, neat and open. Don't complicate it. Bench space closer to playground. Shaded cover over playground. Waterproof pergola over one seating area or at least over a concrete space so you can stand and be protected from rain while dog could play. My daughter loves the 'wallow talk' speaker tubes you have near the community garden. That would be another basic piece of equipment that could be added.

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7. Open space which is safe for children to play in is quite limited in the North Ward. Some shade and better Park furniture would be welcomed. I didn't take my kids here anymore since they've been knocked off the swings by dogs off of their leashes on multiple occasions in the past. Separate any dog play areas or remove them to a different, under utilised park like the one behind KFC.
8. Keeping the lawn is important, particularly for its continued amenity as a mixed use park. Having a slightly bigger playground would be nice but not critical.
9. Priority is the play area as it's quite basic at the moment and for bigger children. More equipment for little kids and possibly some shade for summer
10. More shade, ninja warrior course. Gamified play. ie ar/vr treasure hunt. Water play. Evening Lighting which can be turned on
11. Making it a safe and fun environment for children is a priority.
12. Upgrading the play equipment as described would be sufficient - actual swings would be great, rather than a rocker.
13. It needs new equipment that will engage children of all ages.
14. New play equipment
15. Our little one loves sandpits, rocks, and loves the wooden house in St Helens Park Playground.
16. Picnic table, bbq, shelter, bin/recycling bin. Water fountain
17. Seats and tables especially ensuring access to furniture is wheelchair accessible
18. Again, refer to my answer in Q3. I have a young, active family that enjoys nature play, chase, open space for ball/active games and also with some minimal play equipment if space allows. Safety lighting is good as we use parks all year round.
19. Climbing equipment to challenge, sails over the equipment to enable more usage time and to protect all people.
20. More seats with shade from trees, more kids play equipment
21. Table and bench. Swings and slide. Short trail for bikes and scooters
22. Why "simple" play equipment and replacing like-for-like? I would like to see exciting, new and challenging play equipment for children toddlers to primary level. Equipment which encourages climbing, balancing, crawling, jumping etc. This would have been my first priority. The equipment is boring and not challenging for children except for the ladder to get up on the slide, this is a challenge for young children because the gaps between the spaces are large. I have no interest in the dog equipment as dogs in the park are a deterrent for park patrons with small children and elderly in wheelchairs. They jump onto prams to sniff and frighten children running around the park grass. We have been attacked by large dogs in the park with owners who care little about the impact of their dogs on strangers. There's research which says that one third of children are scared of dogs - this is higher than 20% of children who are afraid of snakes. Children are hard-wired to be scared of things and trying to combine the two in a small space is an law suit waiting to happen. Unfortunately this space has become more about the dogs than the many children who live in the medium density housing on Percy street. Often I walk passed the park and not go in because there's dogs running in there. My children miss out. It becomes a game of cat and mouse and there's little enjoyment at times for children and the dog owners. There's poop left all the time and you need to be mindful of not sitting in it should you want to picnic on the grass. However sitting on the grass means you are at eye level with the dogs and this is also not desirable. Can we create a separate dog park somewhere else? eg Prospect North Primary oval?

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23. The play equipment is inadequate for the age range of children.. a park with covered equipment similar to the items at Prospect North Primary school. It may need to be fenced off so that dog owners can use this park at any hour
24. Hammock
25. Nature play equipment and climbing equipment for inquisitive toddlers. Shaded areas for play and sitting.
26. I would love to have a public BBQ in the park. I would like to see the safety improved because the back right corner of the park has areas that are easily hidden from the street. This attracts anti-social behaviour and drinking of teens/young adults in the evenings sometimes. It is also a security concern for surrounding neighbours fences and my house has been broken into before via access from this back corner. My preference would be to straighten the fence line because lighting may be a deterrent but that back corner is still not visible from the street with or without lights.
27. I mostly use this park because it is dog friendly. I love Prospect's public art and would like to see either a mural or sculpture in this park. George Whittle Reserve has exceptional public art.
28. More trees, eco friendly designs
29. I feel unsafe at particular times of the day, as the back corner is hidden and find people hide down there and drink. I would like to see more safety and no hidden areas for this activity. More family friendly would also be optimal but still keeping the dog facility. Also more dog poo bags as run out very quickly.
30. Please keep this dog friendly!!
31. Still need better items for kids. Not just small things. Give them some height playgrounds in case they're scared of dogs, a bridge, slide.
32. Would rather the emphasis be on families with children than dogs
33. I visit the park daily with my family. It would be great to see a fence around the play equipment so the children can play and the dogs can play at the same time. There is a great example of this in St Peters in the Hannaford Reserve. If you are looking to upgrade the playground please keep the traditional swing set as the Broadview playground was upgraded and they had 2 swing sets and both were removed (Children love to swing on swings). If the playground was updated please consider younger children and put in basic play equipment for their development . eg steps, slide etc.
34. It would be great if the play equipment was all in one space and facing the same way.

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

1. Please keep it fenced. It would be great if the dogs had a fenced run as well as the ability to play in the open space. Easier access for wheels ie. Wheel chairs esp at the gate
2. A canopy/shade above the playground or seating area as there is no shade at the park in the middle of summer or winter. The trees around do not offer that much shade. A safety light would be very useful as the hours for dogs of leash at the park is not great for the winter months.
3. The back fence needs upgrading - we own the home at the back of the park and dogs continually dig at the fence to get to our dogs - the fence is rusting away and needs replacing
4. Separate play and dog space. More trees
5. Dog obstacles

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6. It would be great if some more dynamic children's play equipment could be installed rather than just a few swings and a slide because the kids get a bit bored with the lack of equipment there at the moment. It would also be better if the floor of the playground was turf because the bark chips get broken glass mixed into it sometimes and it's also very hard to walk on with bare feet which the kids often end up doing after playing on the lawn. There is a great small park (similar size maybe smaller) that I'll email photos and location of that shows how a small space can be done well for equipment, dogs space/grass area, bbq area and the fence line that's straight and safe for the neighbours with no hidden spaces invisible from the road.
7. Not particularly but it's such a great space with so much potential, we would absolutely love to see it upgraded!
8. Lawn maintenance too long, lush at times throughout the year
9. The dog bag dispenser needs to be replaced. The current unit is damaged and doesn't work properly. Adelaide City council have cylindrical bag dispensers which appear to allow easy access to dog bags. Frequently the current dispenser is empty and the result appears to be that dogs using the park use the park as a toilet and there are no bags so the dog owner is unable to clean up after their dog. A security light might also be a benefit
10. I have seen some unsavoury characters at the playground before with alcohol so it has never appealed to me to bring my young children there
11. More shade trees
12. TTP Gully have a magnificent play area, opposite TTP. I know you don't have the space at Percy street to install as much, but they've brilliantly incorporated play equipment with a lot of informal seating places. A smaller version would be amazing. They also have great recycling bins. One public toilet would be brilliant too. An extra doggy bag stand would be great too - always running out. A BBQ too would be great. I've also seen people with disabilities there - somethings for them would be amazing too.
13. A handball square if there was a hard surface area for simple games.
14. Monkey bars, swings, spiro see saw, slides, equipment for different ages (young toddler and slightly older children too)
15. Climbing frame?
16. A full upgrade and extension of the play equipment would be fantastic rather than like-for-like. This would bring it up to the standard of other similar parks (Alexandra St etc).
17. A new playground that includes swings, slides, inground trampolines, nature play. Undercover seating area for families to spend time in the shade.
18. Shade would be wonderful. For the most part, a child and dog combined park is fine, however I do wonder about the potential risks for harm? We certainly have left the park before due to owners of larger dogs coming and and unleashing without asking first. Dogs have jumped or run after our daughter while we've been kicking a ball around. No harm has been done, but it has frightened her so we left early; and will avoid if we see larger dogs running around in there.
19. More shade would be good. The only shade currently is from the trees. If there was shade over the picnic table that would be a lot more usable
20. A circuit path for kids to ride or scooter around. Shade
21. Safety soft flooring under playground rather than bark. New fencing as neighbours have dug under or can see through cracks in fence and bark+ at dogs in the yard.
22. The playground equipment you have near Camroc St in Prospect is actually the most purposeful and appropriately set up for a toddler/pre-schoolers development compared to all playgrounds you have upgraded in Prospect/Nailsworth "

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23. Safety flooring under playground. Fencing upgrades all around the park. Seating to watch playground and shaded seating. Appropriate shade covering especially around playground and seating.
24. High bounce trampoline, cricket net, golf hitting net
25. Yes, whilst I love that both dogs and kids use this area, it really needs a fence around the equipment to protect the kids from dogs. Not all children like dogs and they should still be able to use the playground. Also some owners don't train their dogs enough or the dogs aren't used to children. A fence would improve safety and lessen risk of bites/ stepping in poo etc. Please find below the letter my daughter wrote prior to receiving this consultation in the mail. She has been disappointed with Percy Street Park and decided to write a letter to council. It is a coincidence that we received this feedback in the mail a week later!

12 October 2021

Dear Prospect Council,

My name is XXXXXXXXXXXX. I am eleven years old and live on XX Percy street Prospect with my 4 other siblings, my mum, my dad and my 87-year-old grandfather who my family and I care for at home.

A local park that I go to is Percy Street Park and throughout my eleven years nothing has changed. I've been told that my 22-year-old cousin has also seen no difference. When he used to live in the same house back in 1999. (Besides the chairs and drinking taps)

I know the council have tried to make small improvements by pruning tree's and mowing the lawn, but for most kids, the equipment you have there is not that challenging. Sometimes I feel like it is more of a dog park than it is for children. People let their dogs run wild around the park with no leash preventing my baby sister from playing on the grass. My grandfather rarely visits the park because of the dogs approaching him making him fling back in his wheel chair. While some people use the dog poop bags provided, there is still often poop left on the ground.

I believe Percy Street Park is in desperate need for a makeover. Here are some things I would like to change...

- Because I live close to the park, I like to ride my bike. The one thing I am really looking forward to, is putting in a bike track around the whole park that way other kids can bring their bikes too and that way they're not on the road. Percy street is a thoroughfare for many cars, trucks and sometimes buses. It is dangerous to ride around the streets here and a safe place at the park would be awesome. Also, there are many children living in the units and flats who have no backyards.
- Nature playgrounds made out of wood for balancing, climbing, risk taking, swinging, sliding and ropes to climb up to make it more challenging. That way bumping your head on wood won't hurt as much as much as metal of hard plastic.
- A BBQ and shelter for small gatherings and celebrations.

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- Attach a round swing for groups of children to the baby swing and the normal swing set.
- Water pump with water which flows down to the sand pit.
- A mini library swap box which is filled with educational books for children. With some mushroom stools /logs thread around.
- Logs and stumps for children to play / balance on.
- Lights for at night. People come to this park with disrespect littering and leaving cigarette butts and drugs on the ground. The Brad Jackson Dispensary Clinic often attracts junkies who like to gather at the park and drink alcohol. In the past we have found needles around. A park which attracts families with children will deter other visitors like these.
- Plenty of succulents
- Places for kids to play hide and seek

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing back you soon.

Regards,

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Attachment 5: Written Submissions

1. Keep the open space for the dogs to run around off leash. Plant heaps of melaluca trees for the native birds to nest such as new Holland honey eaters & wee bills.
2. Re: Percy St Reserve Upgrade As a Prospect resident/ home owner and regular park user I look forward to the site being retained as a secure [fenced & enclosed] green space and like many hope a 'mixed use' dog friendly area can be maintained. Possible improvements and enhancements in my view would include lighting at night (solar stores) basic sheltered space with a small provision of captured rainwater for general use and any combination of exercise and/or play equipment. Any public restrooms should be \$pay per use to discourage vandalism and drug use. Although the reserve might be considered less relevant or popular than most play spaces in the area the lack of visitors is actually what appeals the most to those of us seeking a quiet to retreat! Thank you
3. The holder for the dog poo bags is broken so each day either it's impossible to get the bags out or someone has taken all the bags so there are none left. A shelter should also be put in place near the tables for hot days and a barbecue for family picnics.
4. I love the current space for my dog to run around and would be disappointed if this was removed or reduced in size. If new play equipment is required then keep it to the corner of the reserve so that dogs still have plenty of space to play and socialise.
5. A lot of people use the fenced reserve as a dog park and travel in their cars and park out the front of it. This can impact the T Junction and the high volume of cars going to Northpark. Some different parking or intersection works might help this. A supported community garden would also be good. A number of people with mental health issues often sit in the reserve as there is seating and shade and proximity to Northpark.
6. Please consider wheelchair swings and a basketball court for the Percy St reserve upgrade.
7. To whom it may concern,

As part of the Percy Street reserve upgrade community consultation process, I wanted to bring to your attention the problems that we face being the owners of the property directly behind the reserve.

We love not being closed in, and love having this open space behind us. But at times it is made difficult by irresponsible pet owners and overzealous ball games.

Many dog owners using the park use it as an off leash space and give their dogs the chance to run free which is wonderful. Unfortunately many owners don't watch what their dogs are doing and let them dig at the back fence or throw balls at the back fence, which of course sets our dogs off in a mad protective mode.

The fence has badly rusted in some places- to the extent that we have had to cover it over on our side. When I raised this concern previously, new mulch/soil was pushed up at the base of the fence. Naturally this has eroded away – as is the fence! We would love for it to be replaced if this can be done in the upgrade.

Can I also suggest that if ball games are going to be encouraged in the park could some form of netting be installed? We have had quite a few random strangers at our front door over the years asking for their balls back and many a person yelling at us over the fence- we are more than happy to do it for polite individuals- not so much for those rude ones doing it persistently to be a nuisance.

It's really important that you make it a priority to speak to those homes that are on the borders of the reserve. Any decisions that are made moving forward in the

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upgrade have a direct impact on our properties, our privacy and our well-being as residents of Prospect.

I look forward to further consultation in the future.

8. Nina,

(I was not able to log in to haveyoursay")

Background: I have lived on Percy St for many years, but have hardly ever used Percy St Reserve. (I have no children or pets).

For an improvement which I & others may like to use, I'd suggest the addition of some exercise machines – similar to what there is on Prospect Rd in Park 2 (North Adelaide) or next to South Rd/ Day Tce corner (Croydon). It may also be advisable to have shade-cloth suspended above these – so they can be used in hot weather/ high UV days.

Regards,

Prospect Rate-payer

9. I have been trying to login to your survey for the Percy Street Park upgrade and unfortunately the link is not working.

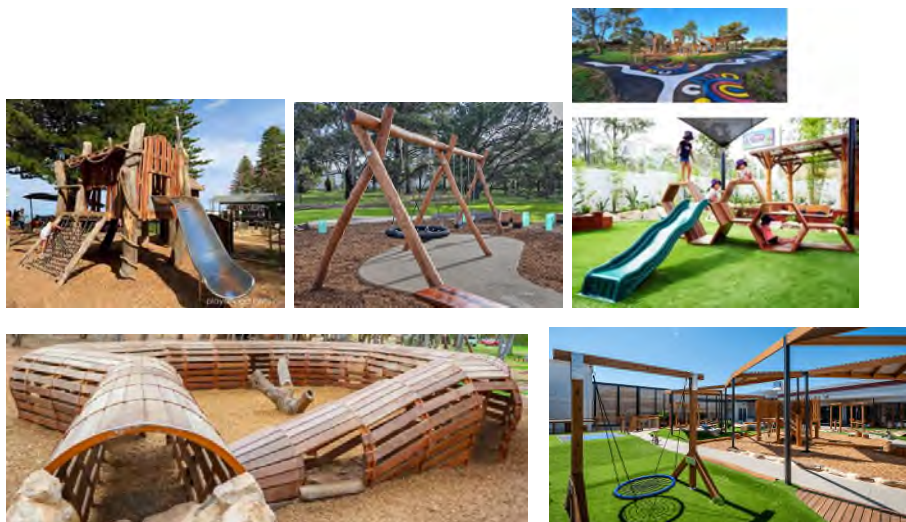
I would love to see a nature based water playground in this playground upgrade with shade area over the top.

Ideally some type of area for ball play would also be lovely to see.

Keeping the green grass would be a bonus also! Photos below are for reference of what nature play I was referring to.

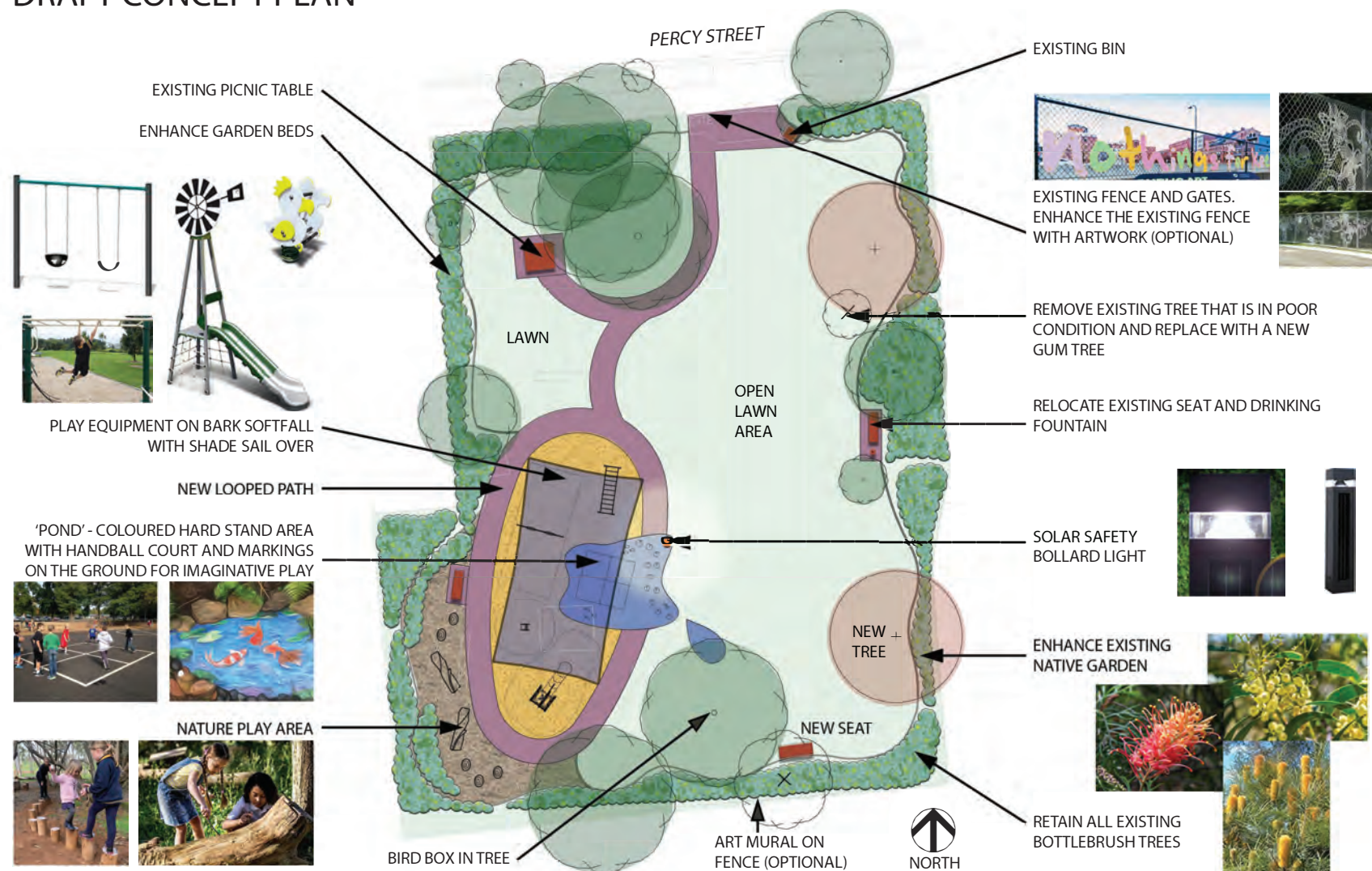
Would it be possible to be kept in the loop with this space please?

Thank you



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VISUAL PERSPECTIVE



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