

10 REPORTS FOR DECISION

10.1 PERCY STREET RESERVE ROUND 2 CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Open Space Strategy identifies the priority reserves for upgrades with Percy Street Reserve scheduled for an upgrade in the 2022/23 financial year.

Council staff facilitated Round 1 community consultation in late 2021 to gather feedback on the use of the park and what users would like to see as part of the upgrade. A workshop was held with Council to obtain feedback and prepare a draft concept plan for community consultation.

Round 2 consultation was undertaken from 14 July to 3 August 2022 to gather the level of support of the draft concept plan as presented in **(Attachment 1)**. An Engagement Report was prepared **(Attachment 2)** providing the results of the consultation, including common concerns that were raised, and provides recommendations on addressing the concerns. These concerns included conflict around dog behaviour, insufficient lighting, and antisocial behaviour. The concept design will be refined to address these matters which are described further in the Discussion section of the report.

Council may consider two options to address the conflict around dogs off-leash and children playing on the playground. Subject to Council's consideration and approval, Option 1 is to fence the playspace from the lawn area and provide additional facilities (picnic setting) within that space. Option 1 will cost an additional \$20,000 to implement and strongly responds to the feedback received, as well as observations noted on site by staff – but would require consideration in terms of funding not allowed for in the current budget. Option 2 is to retain the design as shown in Attachment 1 and take an educational approach in the first instance including more signage at the park/entrance. This approach could be reviewed post-construction with the intention to implement a barrier (fence) in the future should the signage not prove to be sufficient. Option 2 has no impact on the current budget. Given the available budget staff recommend the progression of Option 2 at this stage.

The consultation also identified a desire for a shelter to be installed over the existing picnic setting. This would cost an additional \$10,000 to implement, and if endorsed, would also require a funding source. Given the available budget staff do not recommend the delivery of the shelter at this stage.

A review of the budget allocated to the upgrade of Percy Street Reserve in the 2022/23 Annual Business Plan has occurred as part of this consultation. The \$215,000 allocated to this project is sufficient to deliver the concept plan as shown in Attachment 1 and includes an allowance of 15% for further cost escalation as well as construction contingency. However the budget cannot fund any additional cost associated with fencing the play area or provision of a shelter over the picnic table .

Land Sale Consideration

The south-west corner of Percy Street Reserve has a small section that is "partially secluded" from the street. The neighbouring resident has expressed significant safety concerns regarding this portion of the reserve and has offered to purchase the portion of land (approximately 123 square metres) to straighten the boundary. Given the reasons described in the Discussion section of the report, including how the safety concerns are addressed, staff recommend that Council not progress consideration of the sale. The land has accordingly been retained in the upgrade concept plan as shown in the draft concept plan **(Attachment 1)**. Subject to the Council's consideration, the adjoining resident will be notified accordingly.

Staff recommend Council support the draft concept plan **(Attachment 1)** as the final version. However should Council wish to provide further funding to incorporate a fenced playground and picnic shelter it will need to allocate an additional \$30,000 as described in the Discussion section of this report.

RECOMMENDATION**That Council:**

1. **Having considered Item 10.1 Percy Street Reserve Round 2 Consultation Outcomes receives and notes the report.**
2. **Endorses the draft concept plan, as shown in Attachment 1, to proceed to final design, documentation, and construction within the existing \$215,000 budget.**
3. **Acknowledges that an offer to purchase a portion of land at the south-west corner of the reserve (123sqm) has been made by an adjoining property owner and respectfully declines further consideration on this matter.**
4. **Continues to review and implement Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles as detailed in this report during the design development and documentation stage.**

DISCUSSION

Council's Open Space Strategy identifies the priority parks for upgrades with Percy Street Reserve scheduled for an upgrade in the 2022/23 financial year. The reserve has an overall site area of approximately 1,225m², located at 65 Percy Street, Prospect and is classified as a "local" park in Council's Open Space Strategy. The 'local' park classification services the local community within a 400metre radius and is designed for short, frequent visits with flexible, predominantly passive areas, minimal play equipment/nature play and low maintenance requirements.

During the planning stages for the upgrade, Council staff facilitated Round 1 community consultation in late 2021 to gather feedback on the use of the park and what users would like to see as part of the upgrade. Students from Prospect North Primary School were engaged through a workshop at the school to gather their ideas.

Subsequently, staff held a Council workshop in February 2022 to present and obtain feedback on a draft concept plan that was being prepared for the reserve.

A draft concept plan was finalised and endorsed for Round 2 community consultation at the 22 March 2022 Council Meeting. The resolution from the meeting is shown in Figure 1 below:

The Motion as Amended:

RESOLUTION 2022/49

Moved: Cr Robin Pearce

Seconded: Cr Kristina Barnett

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, incorporating the design in Attachment 2 as well as lower cost options, 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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Figure 1: excerpt of the Meeting Minutes from the 22 March 2022 Council Meeting.

Round 2 community consultation ran from Thursday 14 July 2022 to Wednesday 3 August 2022, a total of 21 days. The consultation was promoted with a poster onsite, social media posts, postcard distribution within a 200-metre radius of the park, and notifications through the Engagement Hub portal, which were consistent with Round 1 consultation. An onsite drop-in session was held on

Monday 25 July 2022, from 2pm – 5.30pm, where Council staff were available to discuss the draft plan, answer questions and gather feedback. The purpose of the consultation was to inform and seek feedback on the design and establish the level of support for the draft concept plan.

An Engagement Report was prepared and summarises the feedback received. The Engagement Report identified that, generally, there was a high level of support for the draft concept plan, with the following key themes of concern raised by park users:

- Conflict around dog behaviour.
- Need for more lighting.
- Anti-social behaviours in south-western corner, especially with the new children's play equipment proposed in that area.

The recommendations in the Engagement Report align with the key themes of concern listed above. These concerns will be addressed during the next stage of the project, the design development stage, by ensuring the light spill reaches south-west corner of the park and does not overspill into neighbouring properties, providing an appropriate solution for conflict around dog behaviour and refining the application of crime prevention principles to address antisocial behaviours.

There was a high level of support in the online survey for the majority of elements proposed in the draft concept plan. Whilst popular the mural received a less definitive result. There were 63% of respondents supportive of a mural, and 31% unsupportive (with the remaining 6% as unsure). Given the current funding constraints associated with this project achieving the community expectations, it is recommended that the artwork mural not be included in the scope of deliverable for this reserve. However should the contingency funding remain to allow this to be delivered post completion of the reserve works, this will be considered accordingly,

Antisocial Behaviours

Concern raised about antisocial behaviours has been addressed in the draft concept plan and will further be refined in the design development phase using Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to mitigate such behaviours. The principles include promoting activation, usage of the space, and passive surveillance. These principles have been applied in the draft concept plan by providing:

- improved facilities that are much needed for the community,
- safety lighting, ensuring it will meet minimum requirements for safety,
- ensuring an open plan configuration with minimal opportunity to be hidden from sight,
- an anticipated increase in the use of the park in general.

Conflict Around Dog Behaviour

The concern raised about conflict around dog behaviour is in relation to dog's off-leash and children playing at the park. Although there are nominated dog off-leash times at the park, many respondents made mention that they were not aware of the restrictions, or they chose not to abide by them when there are no other users at the time.

Staff observations and feedback received validated the need for a greater level of intervention than exists at present.

Two options have been provided for Council's consideration to assist in addressing the conflict around dogs off-leash and children playing on the playground:

OPTION 1:

Separate the play area with a 1.2-metre-high fence and a gate with a child lock – see Figure 2 below. Install an additional picnic setting within the playspace area.

The fenced area can be used as a respite area away from dogs and can be used as a safe space by families within the nominated dog off-leash times. Council would need to allocate additional budget to the upgrade to allow for this fenced area to be implemented. This option has not been recommended by staff as it is beyond the budget capacity.

Cost implication: \$20,000

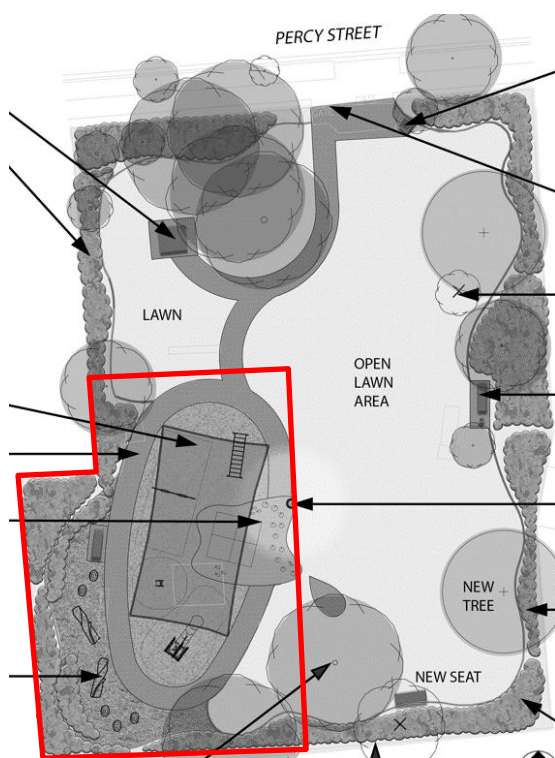


Figure 2 – proposed fenced area for Option 1 is shown in red outline.

OPTION 2:

Retain the design as shown in the draft concept plan and consider an educational approach for dog owners, including additional signage onsite at the entry and near the play equipment notifying users of the off-leash times, that dogs must be under effective control, and that dogs are prohibited within 5 metres of a playground.

This option would allow for users (namely families with children) to move freely between the play area and lawn area (for ball games, etc), allow more community regulation, further encouraging the multifunctional use of the space. The cost would have minimal impact on the overall budget for this park upgrade. The educational approach can be reviewed on an ongoing basis post-construction through planned visitation by the Council's General Inspectorate, and should further intervention be required, then a physical barrier (fence) may be considered in the future.

It is noted that the small area of the reserve does impact on the ability to ensure effective control of dogs in very close proximity to the playground area.

Cost implication: Within current budget allocation.

The Council's Dog by-law is currently being reviewed (refer to Item 10.5 in this Agenda) which impact the entire City. There are no impacts associated with the draft Bylaw and this reserve.

Shelter Over Picnic Setting

There were several comments raised regarding insufficient shelter at the park from both rain and sun. Suggestions were made to install a solid shelter over the existing picnic setting as respite from incidental showers while people visit the park.

An installation of a shelter over the existing picnic setting will cost approximately \$10,000. This item is beyond the scope of the project to deliver and not currently funded in the budget.

Soil Testing

Staff are obtaining soil testing at the reserve to ensure the soil is safe and suitable for park users and for the proposed upgrade. There is currently no known concern regarding soils at Percy Street

Reserve. Staff will advise Council should there be any concerning outcomes of the soil testing that would significantly impact on the budget.

Budget

Upon review of the (internal) cost estimate for the upgrade, staff believe the project as defined in Attachment 1 can be delivered for the \$215,000 allocated in the Annual Business Plan for the 2022/23 financial year.

This includes an allowance for escalation on rates of products/materials and contingency. The items below can be considered in addition to the increase in cost nominated above:

- Implement Option 1 (described above) to address the conflict around dogs off-leash and children playing on the playground - \$20,000
- Install a shelter over the existing picnic setting - \$10,000

Should all the items above be considered, the total cost of the upgrade would be \$245,000.

If supported additional funds would need to be allocated from the Capital Contingency funds that remain unallocated in the 22/23 Annual Budget of \$255,000. Should this funding be allocated from this contingency it would not impact on the Council's endorsed Long Term Financial Plan position. It remains too early in the 2022/23 capital works program delivery to identify any project savings from other projects that could be applied.

Council staff recommend endorsement of the draft concept plan shown in Attachment 1, with a budget of \$215,000 as the final version.

Offer to Purchase a Portion of Land

The south-west corner of Percy Street Reserve has a small, section that is "partially secluded" from the street. A neighbouring resident has expressed safety concerns regarding this area offering to purchase the portion of land (approximately 123 square metres) to straighten the boundary.

Given that Percy Street Reserve is classified as community land, the sale of this land is a complex matter and would take 12-18 months to resolve and involves further consultation with the community. City of Prospect ranks as one of the lowest inner metropolitan Adelaide Councils in terms of access to open space per person. Council's endorsed Open Space Strategy defines a strategic direction to "ensure a net increase in open space over the next 10 years". The sale of this land would not support the goals of the Open Space Strategy, and staff foresee resistance from the community. In the first instance, Council staff would need to obtain a current valuation for the land knowing that there is limited opportunity for a competitive market for this type of land sale and that the valuation may be heavily discounted.

Staff are confident that the safety concerns raised by the community will be mitigated by the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles that have been applied in the design of the draft concept plan in Attachment 1 and are further refined in the design development (next stage) of the project.

Furthermore, the draft concept plan allows for the future consideration of the potential for the sale of the portion of land, with only minor Council assets and landscaping are included in that area that can easily be relocated if required.

Therefore, Council Staff recommend that the portion of land is retained and it be upgraded as shown in the draft concept plan. Staff will notify the adjoining resident of the Council's decision and thank them for the offer to purchase should Council resolve this way.

Implications, Related Questions and Further Information

Currently there is \$215,000 of funding available in the Annual Business Plan to deliver this project which is sufficient based on the concept plan provided for in Attachment 1.

However based on consultation feedback a further \$30,000 could be allocated to support additional infrastructure requested.

Any complications on the results of the soil testing that cannot be managed through contingency allocated will be communicated to Council.

Should the concept plan be endorsed, then the following timeframes will be applicable to the project:

1. Design development – September-November 2022
2. Tender – November 2022-January 2023
3. Construction – April-June 2023

It should be noted that staff will consult to a future Disability Action and Inclusion Advisory Group to obtain feedback on the proposed design prior to documentation and construction.

Relevance to Core Strategies / Policy

- Council's Open Space Strategy
- Annual Business Plan 2022/23

Community Plan: Towards 2040

► Inclusive & Diverse

2 to 5 year timeline

ID2.1 Implement the findings of the Disability Access & Inclusion Plan

► Responsible & Sustainable

2 to 5 year timeline

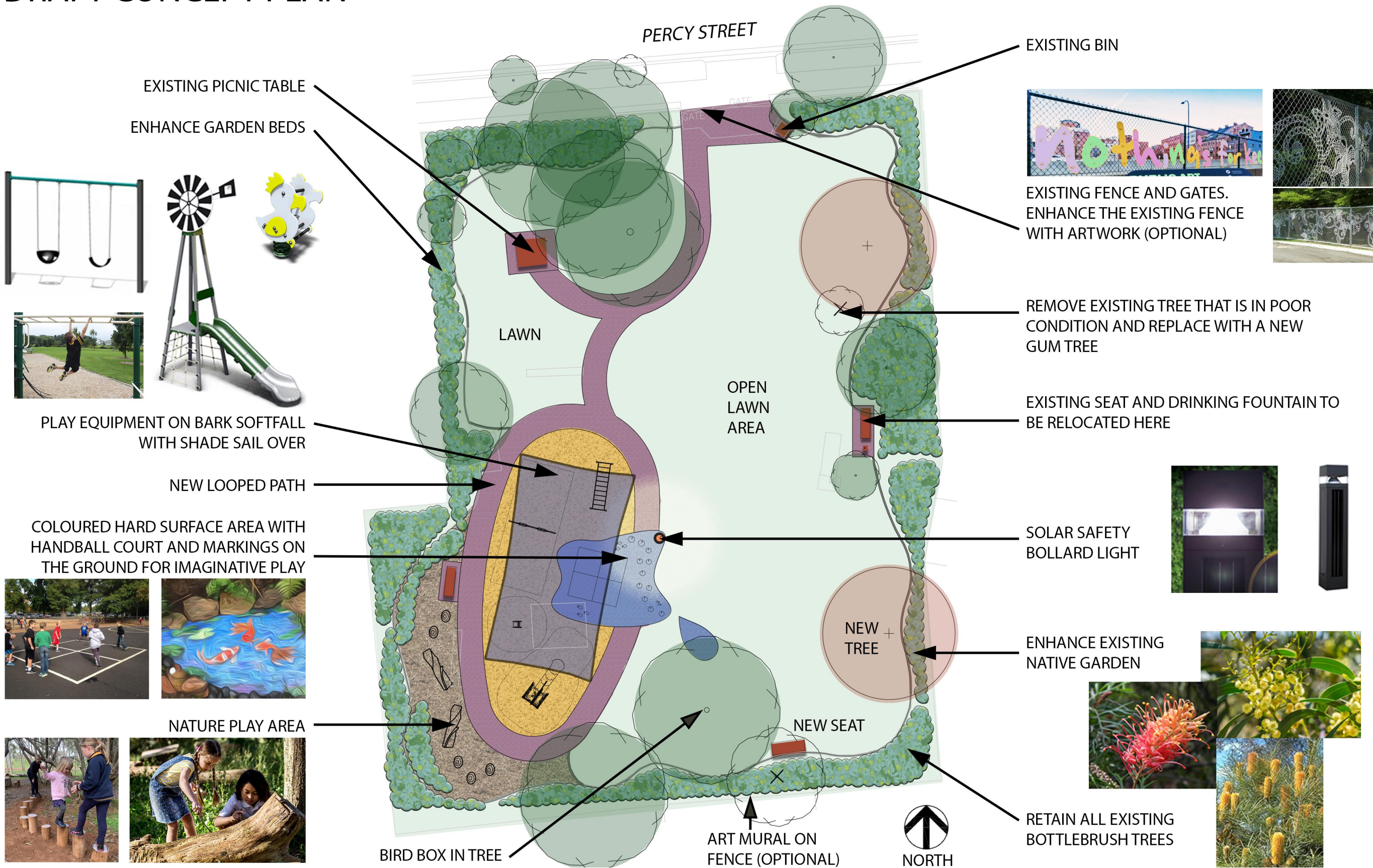
RS2.7 Demonstrate innovation in the supply and delivery of infrastructure projects

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Concept Plan and Visual Perspective - Percy Street Reserve - August 2022** [↓](#) 
2. **Engagement Report - Percy Street Reserve** [↓](#) 

PERCY STREET RESERVE

DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN



PERCY STREET RESERVE

VISUAL PERSPECTIVE



*for illustrative purposes only

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Percy Street Reserve Upgrade – Round 2 Consultation 2022



Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the community engagement process undertaken for the Percy Street Reserve Upgrade – Round 2 Consultation and report on the feedback received from our community during the engagement process.

** Note:* Round 1 consultation was conducted in October/November 2021 to gather feedback on what our community would like to see included as part of the proposed upgrade and this feedback was used to prepare a draft concept plan, which formed part of the Round 2 consultation. A copy of the draft concept plan is available in Attachment 1.

Engagement Overview

Engagement Level

- Level 2 – Consult and Involve.

Timeframe

- The engagement was open for a period of 3 weeks, commencing Thursday 14 July and concluding on Wednesday 3 August 2022.

Objectives

- To inform our community of the scheduled reserve upgrade and proposed draft concept plan (the Plan)
- To seek community feedback on various elements of the draft concept plan – what elements do people support/ not support; is anything missing from the draft Plan?

Target Group/Catchment Area

- Residents within a 200m radius of Percy Street Reserve.
- Visitors to/users of Percy Street Reserve.

Promotional & Engagement Activities Undertaken

Activity	Description	Target Group
Mail Out	Promotional postcard delivered to residents within 200m of project area (207 properties in total). Refer to Attachment 2.	<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.

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Activity	Description	Target Group
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.
Website	Notification on Council's Public Consultation page pointing to a dedicated project page 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.
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
Onsite Drop- In Session	An onsite drop-in session was held on Monday 25 July 2022, from 2pm – 5.30pm, where Council staff were available to discuss the draft plan, answer questions and gather feedback.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents within 200m radius of Percy Street Reserve Wider City of Prospect community

Findings and Results

Overview

More than 40 responses/feedback to the Percy Street Reserve Upgrade Round 2 Consultation were received, as outlined below:

- 16 surveys were submitted
- 4 written submissions were received (1 via Engagement Hub and 3 via email to admin@prospect.sa.gov.au).
- Approximately 23 groups of people attended the onsite drop-in session*.

Similar issues were raised in the survey, written submissions, and the onsite drop-in session. Below is a summary of the key themes of the responses received.

**Note: some of the groups who attended the drop-in session may have also submitted an online response to the survey or a written submission.*

Key Themes of Support

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- There was a high level of support for the draft concept plan, with all elements being supported by the majority of respondents.
- There was a desire to expand on the play equipment, include more interactive elements or equipment to engage 5+ years.
- There are a lot of families that use the space for both their children AND their dogs.
- There are a lot of users who come to exercise their dogs off-leash in a fenced area.

Key Themes of Concern

- Conflict around dog behaviour.
- Need for more lighting.
- Anti-social behaviours in south-western corner, especially with the new children's play equipment proposed in that area.

Key Findings:

- There needs to be a harmony found for both dog owners and parents.
- There is some concern around safety with the south-western corner of the space being 'out of sight'.

Online Survey

The Engagement Hub website provided the option of an online survey for people to provide feedback on the draft concept plan and whether they supported the proposed design.

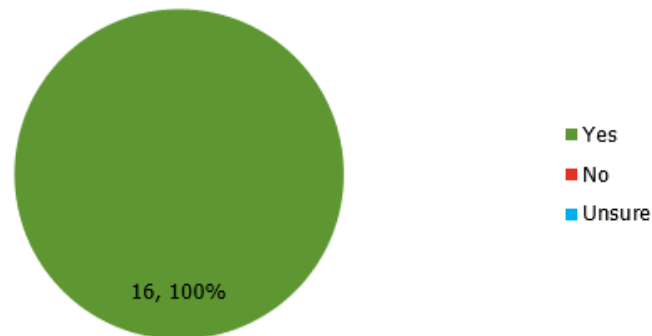
We received 16 responses to the survey.

Summary of Survey Results

*** A full list of comments received from respondents can be found in Attachment 4.*

The draft concept plan includes a new hard surface accessible looped path, suitable for bikes, prams, wheelchairs, etc. Do you support the new path to be installed as part of the upgrade?

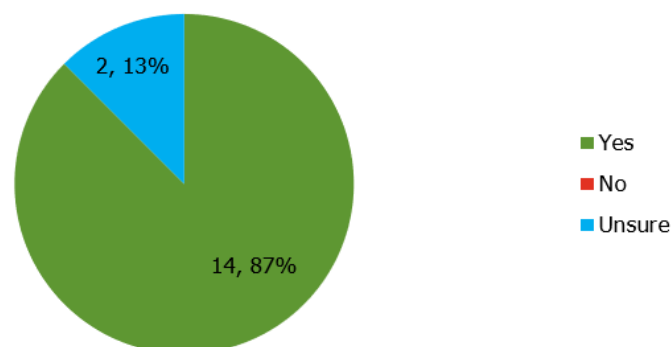
Do you support the new path to be installed as part of the upgrade?



- The new path was unanimously supported by all respondents
- One comment included that their family also utilised the loop at Charles Street, because it was accessible for prams and small children on bikes or scooters.

The draft concept plan includes junior play equipment with a slide, rocker and double swing set (with a toddler seat and a regular seat). Do you support these items to be installed as part of the upgrade?

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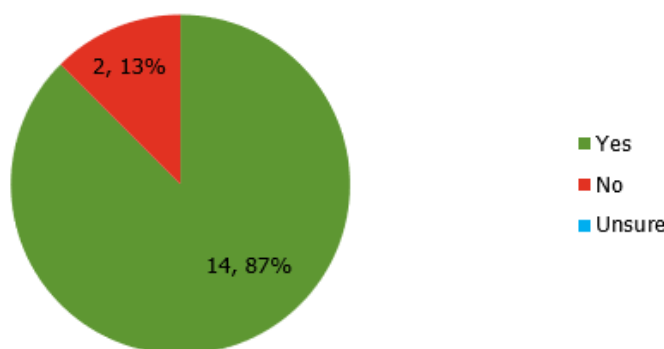
- Only 2 people were unsure of their support for the junior play equipment, the rest all agreed.
- Comments included a desire to see more variance in the play equipment available, catering to a wider range of ages.

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The draft concept plan includes a nature play area, with balancing logs and stepping logs, at the rear of the reserve, adjacent to the junior play equipment. Do you support the nature play area to be installed as part of the upgrade?

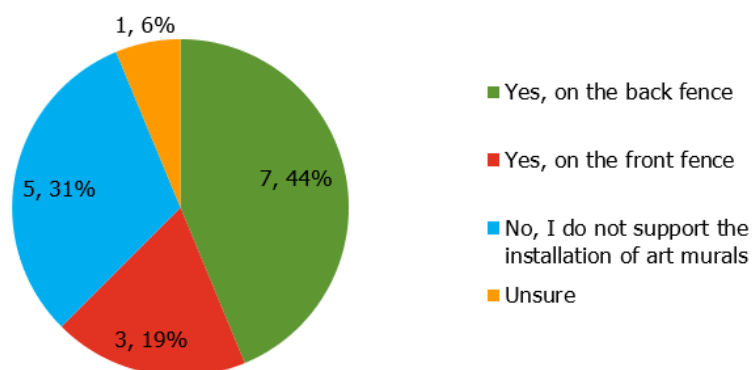
Do you support the nature play area to be installed as part of the upgrade?



- Only 2 people were not in support of the nature play area, citing location (far back corner encourages loitering and anti-social behaviour) and the presence of dog faeces as discouraging.

The draft concept plan includes optional artwork being installed on the front or rear fences. Do you support the proposed installation of art (e.g. a mural) at the reserve?

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- Approximately 63% of respondents (combined) support the idea of artwork installed on the front or rear fences, while 31% do not support it.
- Comments in support included a desire to see something natural, that would age sympathetically with the area, and that would enhance the space.

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- Comments against included the cost of something that would date or fade quickly or look gawdy.

The draft concept plan includes the following items that Council will install, upgrade, or relocate: Solar safety bollard lighting; Native garden; Open lawn area; Bird box ; Existing picnic table; Existing seat and drinking fountain (relocated).

Do you have any feedback in relation to these items?

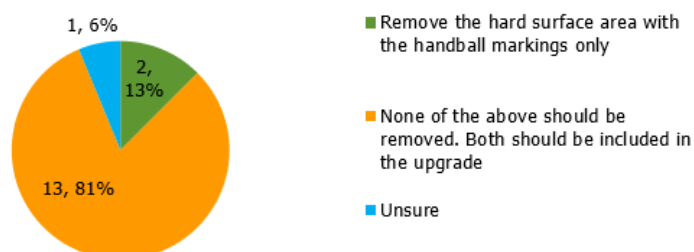
- Most comments focussed on a need for more lighting, for shelter over the picnic table, and concern around the placement of the children's area in the back south-western corner.

The total approved budget for Percy Street Reserve Upgrade is \$215 000 including irrigation upgrade and shade sail over the playground equipment. Council has calculated that \$30 000 could be saved from this budget by removing the following 2 items from the scope:

- Coloured hard surface area with the handball markings
- Monkey bars

Please indicate your preference regarding the proposed savings:

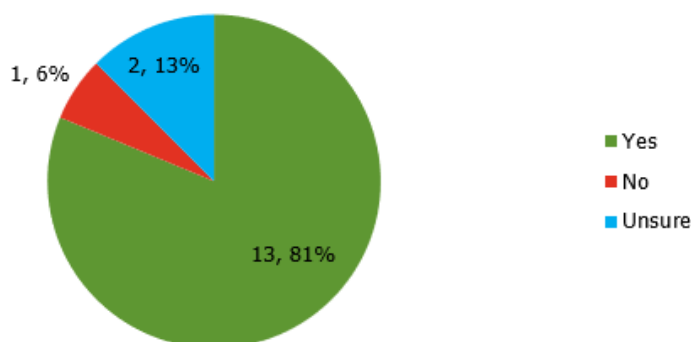
Please indicate your preference regarding the proposed savings: Remove the coloured hard surface area with the handball markings or Monkey bars



- Of the 2 respondents who were not in full support of both of these elements, one suggested that handball would only encourage dogs to chase the balls, and that this activity could be played out of school hours at Prospect North Primary School.
- Comments in support included a desire to see more play equipment, and to straighten the boundary fence in the back south-western corner.

Overall, do you support the draft concept plan for Percy Street Reserve?

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- The vast majority of respondents are satisfied with the concept plan presented, with only 1 not in support, and 2 unsure.
- Both respondents who indicated they were unsure followed this up with comments around the location of the play equipment.
- The respondent who indicated no support followed this up with a comment about the shape of the land, also citing concerns over the location of the play equipment.

Do you have any other comments?

- The concept and design are great but I feel needs more equipment and an undercover area. I also encourage a fenced off area for dogs as this has been an issue for some time. Families don't always feel safe when dogs are in the park and off their lead. While I support the use of the park by residents and their pets it still needs to provide a safe environment for all. I feel a fenced off area in some capacity would help remedy this issue. Thank you for allowing the residents an opportunity to be part of the consultation process it is greatly appreciated.
- Keep up the great work Prospect Council!!
- I have concerns as to how close the equipment is located to fencing that borders with residential housing. Given previous break ins in the area and people being able to use the play equipment to climb those fences to gain access to property the location and layout of the play equipment should be reconsidered to reduce this risk.
- I hate the dog leg in the park. I have been there with my boys and had to leave because there were suspicious looking people in the corner drinking alcohol. Please straighten the park to make it harder for people to hide in the corner.
- I'm in support of the upgrade but I'm disappointed to see the play area upgrade is still positioned in the back righthand corner next to my property. The safety concerns are the priority and these plans are worse than the existing park because it provides extra seating and lighting for unwanted visitors (those drinking or stealing). It's a much nicer environment in that corner than beforehand. Also the additional trees in that back corner make it easier to climb the fence and my pool is 2 foot from that fence and the volume of leaves and flowers falling into the pool will be huge. I still have preference to straighten the fence. If you're worried about losing land than let me straighten the fence but take the land from my property in another area that isn't

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risking the safety of the community and my home. We could straighten the fence and move the whole fence closer to my home so you don't lose land but you make the park safe for its users and for my property. I've never seen another park where there is a small back corner hidden from the street.

- It would be great to have a double fence at the front like they do at the dog park so dogs can safely enter and exit the park without the risk of running onto the road.
- It would be nice if we could retain access for dogs off lead at certain times
- The formatting wouldn't allow me to say that I think the monkey bars are a great addition. I think a little table and chairs (like at Charles st could be included as this is a great pretend play task). Also the slippery dip upgrade needs steps to climb up. The rope ladders are useless and so not practical for new walkers toddlers and eart climbers. It encourages no autonomy as parents will need to lift them up and therefore Gross motor skills will not develop. Please focus on function and development rather than nature! Oh and for the local families we use this space for dogs babies and children!
- There has been no comments regarding dogs. As a frequent visitor to the park with both young children and a dog we should be ensuring it is friendly for both humans and our canine friends alike. I live next door to the park and the majority of visitors are those with dogs.
- I would want to ensure that the park remains dog friendly for certain times of day as this is used extensively by local residents. Otherwise I am very supportive of the proposed upgrades.
- If you are going to do it do a great job make it a place people want to go to with kids up to 10 instead of kids up to 4 as the current design does.
- Much needed upgrade. Well done.

Written Submissions

A total of 4 written submissions were received (1 via Engagement Hub and 3 via email).

The key themes raised in the written submissions were:

- **Dogs** – there is a significant community of local dog owners who utilise the park for exercising and socialising their dogs together. They have raised concerns around off-leash times, a safe way of allowing both young children and off leash dogs in the same space, as well as suitable facilities for both owners and parents to be able to sit under shelter.
- **Location of play equipment** – the back right corner of the park is not a safe location for young children, encouraging anti-social behaviour because it is out of sight from the street.
- **Shelter** – it would be good to see some shelter provided for the seats or picnic table so that dog owners and parents can rest out of the sun/rain.
- **Conflict between dogs and children** – one submission highlighted conflict between unleashed dogs and scared people (children and adults).

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

Drop-In Session

Approximately 23 groups of people attended the onsite drop-in session held at the Percy Street Reserve on Monday 25 July 2022 from 2pm – 5.30pm.

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Attendees included:

- Families with young kids
- Owners with dogs
- Families with kids and dogs
- Local residents from neighbouring properties/streets (Farrant Street, Stuart Road, Arthur Street, Clifford Street).

Key issues raised by attendees included:

- **High level of support** - Overwhelmingly people were very supportive of the draft concept plan, liking the elements included and the proposed layout, and are looking forward to its completion.
- **Conflict between dogs and children** – several attendees identified the issue of conflict between unleashed dogs and scared people (children and adults). In some cases, users have left the park after these interactions.
- **Dogs** – concerns were raised regarding both dogs off leash/irresponsible dog owners, and the high level of users of the reserve specifically for exercising their dogs. Common desire to find a balance between the needs of both user groups.
- **Suggestions for additional play equipment** – stairs to platforms as well as rope nets, tunnels, a trampoline, more for older kids, interactive elements to engage imagination, nature play like Ern Sconce would be good, climbing equipment.
- **Shelter** – liked the shade sail over the play equipment, would like to see shelter over the picnic table for parents and dog owners as well.
- **More lighting required** – allow owners to pick up after their dogs in low light/winter, help users feel safe, deter anti-social behaviour.

Attendees appreciated the opportunity to talk with Council's Landscape Architect about their concerns and discuss ways in which these issues could be addressed.

Some concerns raised by attendees did not relate to the park upgrade, and included parking, traffic, development in the area and enforcement associated with these matters.

Social Media

- While there was engagement with the social posts, there were no comments left on either post.
- The posts reached a combination of over 2,900 people, and resulted in nearly 50 link clicks. This suggests that people were interested in the information but didn't necessarily feel the need to fill out the survey or voice their thoughts.

Conclusion

It can be concluded that there is a high level of support for the draft concept plan. This support can be attributed to Council taking into consideration the feedback received for the

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Round 1 consultation, which was undertaken in late-2021 to learn about how our community use the reserve and what they would like to see included in the upgrade.

The majority of feedback from the public this time was received at the drop-in session, where a total of 23 respondents talked to staff about their thoughts. In summary, respondents were keen to retain an off-leash area for dogs, as there is a strong dog community presence in the area. There was still a strong desire to see more safety lighting, some form of shelter for the picnic table, and more play equipment.

There were some ongoing concerns were raised by community members around safety, some of which can be addressed now (e.g. replacement fencing for neighbouring properties) and others which can be considered in future (e.g. off-leash times).

Overall, the draft concept plan meets the needs of our community and will likely be enjoyed by people of all ages, interests, and abilities for years to come.

Recommendations

- Community feedback submitted as part of this consultation (Round 2) is received and noted.
- Feedback is taken into consideration when preparing the final concept plan and undertaking the design development stage of the project.
- Consider the concerns and issues raised in the consultation, and look further into possible solutions for lighting, anti-social behaviour, and animal management education.

Attachments

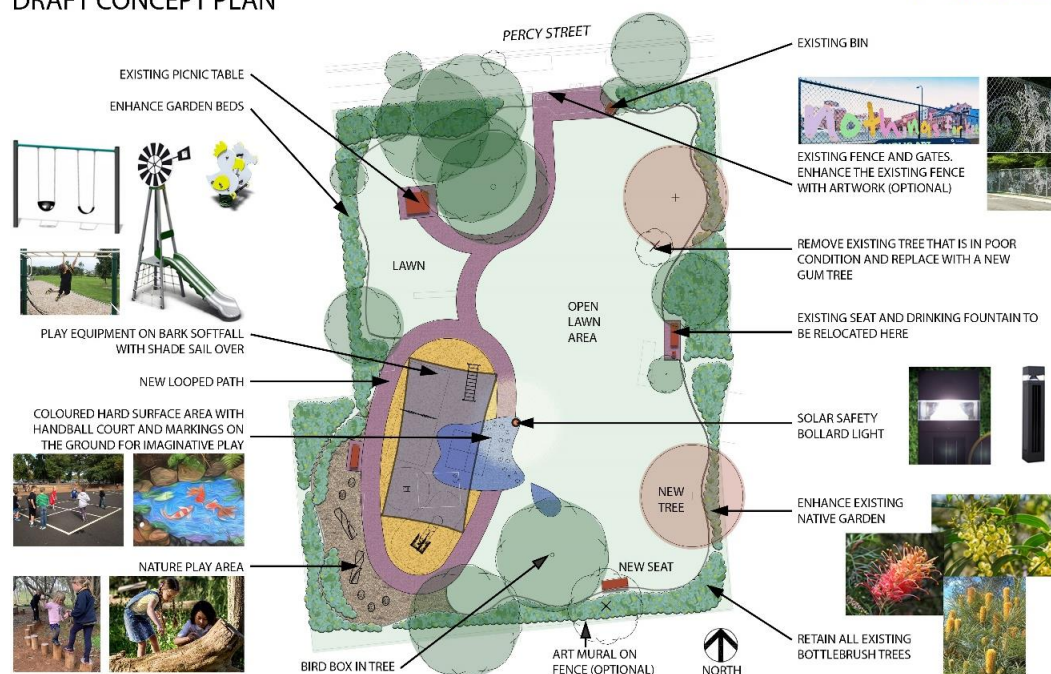
- 1. Draft Concept Plan + Perspective**
- 2. Promotional Material – Postcard and Onsite Signage**
- 3. Social Media Posts + Comments**
- 4. Survey Responses + Comments in Full**
- 5. Written Submissions**

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Attachment 1: Draft Concept Plan + Perspective

PERCY STREET RESERVE DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN



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Attachment 2: Promotional Material – Postcard + Onsite Signage

Front:



Back:

Dear Owner/Occupant,

Following community consultation in late 2021, Council has developed a draft concept plan for the upgrade of Percy Street Reserve at 65 Percy Street, Prospect.

We have listened to your thoughts, and now invite you to provide feedback on the draft concept plan. You can:

- Scan the QR code on this card, or visit our Engagement Hub site at www.cityofprospect.engagementhub.com.au to provide your feedback online.
- Visit our onsite community drop-in session on Monday 25 July 2022 anytime between 2pm – 5.30pm at the reserve.

Please provide any feedback by Wednesday 3 August 2022.

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



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Attachment 3: Social Media Posts

City of Prospect
Published by Sprout Social · 19 July at 08:41 ·

Have your say on Percy Street Reserve!

Following the initial consultation on how you use the space, a draft concept plan has been developed for the Percy Street Reserve upgrade and we are now seeking community feedback on the draft plan.

You can provide feedback online through our survey on the Engagement Hub portal, or by emailing us at admin@prospect.sa.gov.au

We are also running an onsite drop-in session at Percy Street Reserve (65 Percy Street in Prospect) on Monday 25 July anytime between 2pm - 5.30pm, where Council staff will be available to discuss the draft concept plan, answer any questions and gather your feedback.

Consultation closes on Wednesday 3 August 2022.

Find out more at <https://cityofprospect.engagementhub.com.au/percy-street...>

See Insights and Ads Boost post

7 1 share

Like Comment Share

Post insights

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Following the initial consultation on how you use the...

Published by Sprout Social · 19 July at 08:41 ·

Some insights are only available when the total is at least 100.

Post impressions	Post reach	Post engagement
2,133	1,943	117

Interactions

Reactions	Comments	Link clicks	Shares	Other clicks
10	1	40	1	52

City of Prospect
Published by Sprout Social · 29 July at 20:16 ·

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1 3 shares

Like Comment Share

Write a comment...

Post insights

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Post impressions	Post reach	Post engagement
1,067	1,036	26

Interactions

Reactions	Comments	Link clicks	Shares	Other clicks
4	1	9	3	6

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Attachment 4: Survey Responses – Comments in Full

The draft concept plan includes a new hard surface accessible looped path suitable for bikes prams wheelchairs etc. Do you support the new path to be installed as part of the upgrade?

1. I think it is great that my pram can reach the playground space easily but I also think it's great my 3yo can ride her scooter or bike on this loop. We use the loop at Charles st playground a lot
2. It's a great idea and allows wheeled items to be used.

The draft concept plan includes junior play equipment with a slide rocker and double swing set (with a toddler seat and a regular seat). Do you support these items to be installed as part of the upgrade?

1. Yes: It would be great if there were more equipment for the children to use as this is simply just upgrading what is there.
2. Yes: I take my grandchildren to this park & the upgrade isn't adding any additional equipment which I think is required
3. Yes: Rocker could be a see-saw. This gets used a lot. It's nice to have a piece of equipment that parent and child can interact with together
4. Yes: Would like to see a varied amount of equipment for children's use.
5. Unsure: I suggest it has some activities which suit 7-11 which is supports their strength and coordination.
6. Yes: I think this is a very small amount of equipment and may be even less than what is already there. I would suggest more climbing equipment or a "cubby" similar to that in St Helens park playground to link between the play equipment and the nature play area.
7. Unsure: The playground near Prospect Oval has play equipment for kids of varying ages something like that would get a lot more use than a playground for toddlers. The park essentially has no other use than as a playground so it might as well be one of the biggest and best playgrounds that you can make..

The draft concept plan includes a nature play area with balancing logs and stepping logs at the rear of the reserve adjacent to the junior play equipment. Do you support the nature play area to be installed as part of the upgrade?

1. No: I'm in support of the nature play area but the position is terrible. It appears to be tucked into the back righthand corner which has less line of sight to the street and areas of it are possibly hidden from street sight. This encourages people to sit with alcohol/drugs day or night unnoticed and the chair and logs give them seats. It also

encourages a lot of noise on that fence line day and night. The placement should be closer to the front where it's safer.

2. No: Dogs poo in this area. I wouldn't encourage my children to play in this area. A small balance beam would be sufficient or nothing
3. Yes: A sandpit would be amazing!

The draft concept plan includes optional artwork being installed on the front or rear fences. Do you support the proposed installation of art (e.g. a mural) at the reserve?

1. Yes on the back fence: Nature look not bright & gawdy. Something that extends the look & size of park.
2. Yes on the back fence: Natural art - not fluoro and bright
3. No I do not support the installation of art murals: Looks terrible especially when it gets old
4. No I do not support the installation of art murals: I think keeping it as natural is best. After a while it will date and fade and look old. Natural is always better
5. No I do not support the installation of art murals: For a cost saving purpose I don't think murals need to be included. I would be disappointed if a weather proof area lights or weather proof area isn't included but money is spent on a mural
6. Yes on the back fence: Well selected artwork will add to the space.
7. Yes on the back fence: I think visitors would appreciate it more on the back fence
8. Unsure: Not fussed either way!

The draft concept plan includes the following items that Council will install/upgrade/relocate: Solar safety bollard lighting; Native garden; Open lawn area; Bird box; Existing picnic table; Existing seat and drinking fountain (relocated) Do you have any feedback in relation to these items?

1. That's great but it would be nice to have an undercover area with a table in it. This would help families relax and enjoy the park but also provide shelter from the rain.
2. There are not a lot of seating options or undercover seating. I can see in the plan you are looking at a sail over the playground which is great but perhaps a small cover over one seated area incase it rains or in the middle of summer.
3. Lighting in trees

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4. Decorative lighting in trees (solar butterflies etc)
5. All sound fine
6. No
7. Why is most of the plan positioned in the back right corner. The whole park is open and the play equipment seat and nature play is in the corner that is almost inside the home where the fence isn't straight. Its a big safety and noise concern. I'm open for all of these things but move them out of that back corner
8. More seating for families
9. Birds will nest without the bird boxes I have several nests in trees in my own garden which is adjacent to this park. I would also like a light post higher than a bollard for safety & security to discourage vandalism & poor behaviour under cover of darkness
10. Solar lights will be a fantastic and needed addition. The existing picnic table needs a pergola. If it rains there is no cover for you to stand while your dog has a run or you and your child are stranded and have to run home in the rain. Where we could wait til the shower passes under a pergola then walk home. Bird box isn't needed (cost saving reasons) Open lawn area. Many kids kick the footy or play cricket in this space; and of course room for the dogs to run.
11. The current existing picnic table should have cover for year round enjoyment. Larger lighting would be preferred and open lawn area is vital for ball sports.
12. Lawn is really important for the number of dogs that visit.
13. None
14. It looks like there is just one safety light - will this do much?
15. All seem to be good ideas it could be good to have more lighting. There are a lot of shift workers in this part of Prospect it could increase the use of the park and increase it's safety at night.
16. New picnic table is needed. Existing is in poor condition.

The total approved budget for Percy Street Reserve Upgrade is \$215 000 including irrigation upgrade and shade sail over the playground equipment. Council has calculated that \$30 000 could be saved from this budget by removing the following 2 items from the scope: Coloured hard surface area with the handball markings Monkey bars Please indicate your preference regarding the proposed savings:

1. None of the above should be removed. Both should be included in the upgrade: Ideally we would like more equipment and things to do for the children not less. Might need the budget to be increased to facilitate this.

2. None of the above should be removed. Both should be included in the upgrade: Allow the back unusable righthand corner to be bought then straighten the fence line around the park. This will improve the safety and take the extra money to upgrade another park and or this park further It would be great to be able to have a BBQ in the upgrade too.
3. Remove the hard surface area with the handball markings only: Dogs will chase the ball for handball. If this is included for older kids we will presume they are school aged. If they wanted to play handball they could then walk down to prospect north (they won't be accessing the park in school hours so prospect north is accessible after school hours). Plus the bark under the playground space will just be pushed onto this area with kids and dogs running around.
4. None of the above should be removed. Both should be included in the upgrade: Shade sail is a must to reduced western sun
5. None of the above should be removed. Both should be included in the upgrade: Maybe the hard surface area could be made smaller?
6. None of the above should be removed. Both should be included in the upgrade: More play equipment should be included and contractors willing to work to a more reasonable fee should be found the council is being taken for a ride with that pricing for that work. Is the contractor related to someone at council?

Do you have any other comments?

1. The concept and design are great but I feel needs more equipment and an undercover area. I also encourage a fenced off area for dogs as this has been an issue for some time. Families don't always feel safe when dogs are in the park and off their lead. While I support the use of the park by residents and their pets it still needs to provide a safe environment for all. I feel a fenced off area in some capacity would help remedy this issue. Thank you for allowing the residents an opportunity to be part of the consultation process it is greatly appreciated.
2. Keep up the great work Prospect Council!!
3. I have concerns as to how close the equipment is located to fencing that borders with residential housing. Given previous break ins in the area and people being able to use the play equipment to climb those fences to gain access to property the location and layout of the play equipment should be reconsidered to reduce this risk.
4. I hate the dog leg in the park. I have been there with my boys and had to leave because there where suspicious looking people in the corner drinking alcohol. Please straighten the park to make it harder for people to hide in the corner.

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5. I'm in support of the upgrade but I'm disappointed to see the play area upgrade is still positioned in the back righthand corner next to my property. The safety concerns are the priority and these plans are worse than the existing park because it provides extra seating and lighting for unwanted visitors (those drinking or stealing). It's a much nicer environment in that corner than beforehand. Also the additional trees in that back corner make it easier to climb the fence and my pool is 2 foot from that fence and the volume of leaves and flowers falling into the pool will be huge. I still have preference to straighten the fence. If you're worried about losing land than let me straighten the fence but take the land from my property in another area that isn't risking the safety of the community and my home. We could straighten the fence and move the whole fence closer to my home so you don't lose land but you make the park safe for its users and for my property. I've never seen another park where there is a small back corner hidden from the street.
6. It would be great to have a double fence at the front like they do at the dog park so dogs can safely enter and exit the park without the risk of running onto the road.
7. It would be nice if we could retain access for dogs off lead at certain times
8. The formatting wouldn't allow me to say that I think the monkey bars are a great addition. I think a little table and chairs (like at Charles st could be included as this is a great pretend play task). Also the slippery dip upgrade needs steps to climb up. The rope ladders are useless and so not practical for new walkers toddlers and eart climbers. It encourages no autonomy as parents will need to lift them up and therefore GRoss motor skills will not develop. Please focus on function and development rather than nature! Oh and for the local families we use this space for dogs babies and children!
9. There has been no comments regarding dogs. As a frequent visitor to the park with both young children and a dog we should be ensuring it is friendly for both humans and our canine friends alike. I like next door to the park and the majority of visitors are those with dogs.
10. I would want to ensure that the park remains dog friendly for certain times of day as this is used extensively by local residents. Otherwise I am very supportive of the proposed upgrades.
11. If you are going to do it do a great job make it a place people want to go to with kids up to 10 instead of kids up to 4 as the current design does.
12. Much needed upgrade. Well done.

Attachment 5: Written Submissions

1. I HAVE HAD A LOOK AT YOU DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR THE PARK.THE PARK IS USED FOR PEOPLE WITH KIDS AND DOGS. MORE TIMES DOGS ARE PRESENT.BY THE DRAFT PROPOSAL DOGS DO NOT SEEM TO BE IN THE PROPOSAL. WHERE ARE DOG OWNERS GOING TO EXERCISE THEIR DOGS OFF LEADS IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.
2. I am writing to you to support the new upgrade to the Percy Street Reserve upgrade. There is a main concern I wanted to raise so that you are aware.
The children's play area needs to be in the left-hand side and front of the park. NOT the right-hand corner where it is currently proposed. This is because there are unfortunately suspicious people who hang around the back right hand corner of the park which makes it very unsafe for young children who the park is meant for. I believe that because the park play equipment is currently hidden from the road in the right back hand corner people use it for inappropriate activities.
Please ensure that in your new upgrade of the play equipment you move the play area out of that back right hand corner and more towards the road where it can be visible.
3. Please find feedback re above proposal:
 - the park is used widely by dog owners as well as young kids. Would suggest/recommend separation between the playground and grassed area (small fence all the way along so if parents have dogs they can keep an eye on dog and kids as well)
 - some children/adults frightened by dogs (have witnessed numerous incidents where kids are too scared of dogs in general to play resulting with either the dog owners or parents having to leave) therefore separation should be a major consideration so all locals can enjoy the park -certain cultures also frightened of dogs - further support to separate dog/playground area
 - large grassed area for dogs to run off leash
 - further shelter from rain / sun for dog owners/parents outside of playground area
 - seating /benches/table for users
 - keep water fountain for dogs.
4. I'm a regular user of the Percy Street Reserve (4 times/week). I've had a look at the draft plans, thankyou for investing the money to upgrade the park. It is a real gem and such a wonderful place to allow dogs off the lead.
Please make sure the redeveloped park still allows for dogs off the lead.
There is a community of dog owners, including myself that enjoy the social contact we get in the evenings talking with other people at the park, and the dogs also get the health benefit and enjoyment from running around and exercising with other dogs.