

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT

Montgomery Reserve Playground Proposal



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# 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Community engagement was undertaken between Friday, 23 September 2022 and Friday, 14 October 2022. The purpose of the engagement was to inform the community about a proposal to construct a new playground in Montgomery Reserve and to understand if the community supported this idea or not, how they use the space, and potential playground features they might like to see. The level of engagement for this investigation was determined as Consult. The community feedback received will inform the Council's decision making by considering the community sentiment for a playground on the reserve, as well as other opportunities identified by the community for the space.

During the engagement period, we received 234 visits to the City of Charles Sturt YourSay webpage, 'Montgomery Reserve Playground Proposal' (project page) and 75 unique views to the City of Charles Sturt website latest news article, 'Have Your Say on Montgomery Reserve' and 25 engagements with a Facebook post. Overall, we received 58 contributions made by interested public and community members to the consultation during the engagement period, including 50 responses to the feedback form. Of the 50 feedback form submissions made, 28 were received in hardcopy and 22 were received online. Two submissions were collated into a single submission as they were received from the same individual and expressed the same sentiment

While just over 70% of the contributors supported the new playground proposal, those who did not felt there were already a number of other playgrounds in close vicinity to Montgomery reserve and/or they enjoyed the existing open space of the reserve in its current state. Alternative suggestions for the space (other than a playground) were offered for Council's consideration, and it was apparent many people enjoy the reserve for ball games, sports, and open activities.

# 2. BACKGROUND

Following requests from residents, an Elected Member budget proposal was submitted for consideration in Council's 2022/23 budget process to gather community sentiment for a new playground at Montgomery Reserve, Flinders Park, and the development of an initial concept design. The proposal was endorsed in Council's 2022/23 Annual Business Plan and Budget and funding was allocated to undertake community engagement and initial concept design in the current year.

Subject to Council's consideration of the initial community engagement outcomes, including the level of community support for the project and future budget allocation, further consultation on the draft concept plan is intended to occur in early 2023. This stage of consultation will allow for changes to be made to the draft concept plan based on community feedback received, prior to final detailed design and construction.

# 3. ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

This project is a matter set out in Part 3 of Council's Public Consultation Policy and, accordingly, the public consultation steps for this project have been determined by Council on a discretionary basis.

## Engagement Objectives

The purpose of engagement with our community in the Montgomery Reserve playground proposal is to:

- Ensure public awareness of the proposal and access to appropriate and relevant information.
- Provide opportunity for our community and the interested public to provide feedback on the proposal.
- Report to Council on the community engagement findings and outcomes so that Council can make an informed decision about proceeding with the proposal, or not.

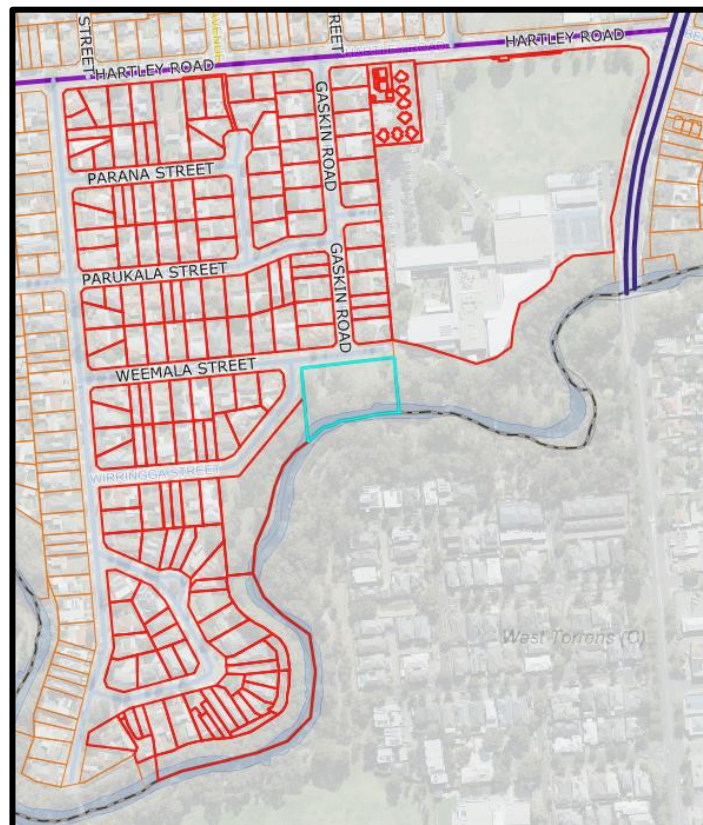
## Engagement Process

The community engagement period was open from 9am on Friday, 23 September 2022 to 5.00pm on Friday, 14 October 2022.

Local residents, users of the reserve and the community more broadly were invited to provide their feedback on their support for the construction of a new playground in Montgomery Reserve, and to provide input on the features and play equipment they would ideally like to see included. Tools utilised to raise public awareness and gather this feedback included:

- A direct mailout to 207 landowners and occupiers within a catchment area of just over 200m of the reserve, excluding properties crossing the boundary into City of West Torrens (over the river) and including the nearby Nazareth Secondary College. The mailout collateral included a 1-page letter, playground location plan and 2-page, hardcopy feedback form.
- Engagement via the YourSay Charles Sturt project page, including a project information page, access to an online quick poll and feedback form, and YourSay Charles Sturt 1 email campaign to 825 recipients who have opted to receive our communication on certain topics of interest, with a 11.15% click through rate to the project page.
- Onsite display of 2 corflute signs on Montgomery Reserve - along the linear park pathway and the other in the vacant area where the playground may be situated - notifying reserve users of the proposal and directing them to the YourSay Charles Sturt project page via a QR code.
- City of Charles Sturt website "Latest News" post and project page, directing traffic to the YourSay Charles Sturt project page.

### Mailout catchment area:



The community engagement process for the proposed playground was identified as a two-stage consultation process, pending Council's consideration of the stage one consultation outcomes, as follows:

#### Stage one engagement:

- Informing the community of the new playground proposal including why we are seeking feedback, what we will do with the feedback and how this will inform future decision-making, and the project timelines and key stages of the project should it progress to the design phase.
- Inviting feedback from the community regarding the proposed new playground, including level of support for the proposal, potential user demographics, and types of play equipment, landscaping, and other elements the community may like to see included in the design.
- Information will also be included regarding what will and will not be considered in the design of the proposed new playground.

Should the new playground proposal be supported by the community, a concept design will be developed that considers feedback from stage one community engagement. The results of the community engagement will be presented to the Council for noting, and the draft concept design put forward for endorsement. Where the proposal is not supported, a report will be presented to Council seeking direction.

### Stage two engagement:

- Providing background information regarding the project and informing the community of the stage one engagement results and the subsequent Council resolution.
- Subject to Council endorsement to proceed with the project, presentation of the draft concept plan and seeking community feedback to inform final refinement of the design.
- Providing information regarding the next steps of the project, including the final approval and 2023/24 budget bid processes and potential construction timeframes.

### **Reporting on Community Engagement**

The feedback received provides information on the connection of our community to Montgomery Reserve including their support or not for the proposal, what they enjoy about the reserve in its current state, ages of any children they may visit the reserve with, types of playground equipment they might like to see and any other feedback on the proposal.

Our commitment was that the results of the stage one community feedback would inform a report to the Asset Management Committee at its November 2022 meeting, recommending a way forward with the playground proposal, giving regard to the outcomes of the engagement as outlined in this report. Due to the Local Government elections in November 2022, the reporting had to be deferred and instead go directly to Council at its 12 December 2022 meeting.

## 4. ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES & EXAMPLES

YourSay Charles Sturt Project Page:


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### Proposed New Playground at Montgomery Reserve

Would you like a playground at Montgomery Reserve? Tell us your thoughts.

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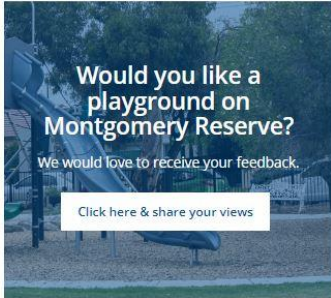
Would you like a playground on Montgomery Reserve?

#### Montgomery Reserve Project Background

Following requests from our community, City of Charles Sturt has allocated funding in its 2022/23 budget to investigate the development of a new playground at Montgomery Reserve, Flinders Park. We are now seeking initial feedback from the local community regarding the proposal for a playground.

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Would you like a playground on Montgomery Reserve?

We would love to receive your feedback.

[Click here & share your views](#)

#### Proposed Playground Location Map - Montgomery Reserve



Proposed playground location is marked on the map.

#### Quick Poll

Would you like a playground at Montgomery Reserve?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

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Other nearby playgrounds and approximate distances from Montgomery Reserve include:

- John Keeley Reserve, Flinders Park (500 metres)
- Tedder Reserve, Flinders Park (800 metres)
- Flinders Park Oval, Flinders Park (850 metres)
- Gerard Reserve, Flinders Park (970 metres)
- Playground in City of West Torrens, across the bridge at the end of Kanbara Street (460 metres)

The grassed area at the intersection of Gaskin Road and Weemala Street has been identified as the potential location for the proposed new playground. We are seeking to understand if you support the proposal or not and, if you do, what children may use the playground and what features you feel would be most enjoyed. The results of this engagement will help us to understand the views of the community and inform further decisions regarding the proposal.

#### Project Scope

While all feedback and ideas for improvements at Montgomery Reserve will be considered, the intent of this project is for a proposed new playground and park furniture that is in keeping with the size of the reserve. At this time, we will not be considering features such as shade structure, shelters, toilets, BBQs, a drinking fountain, or irrigation. These are outside of the scope and anticipated budget for this project.

#### What's Next

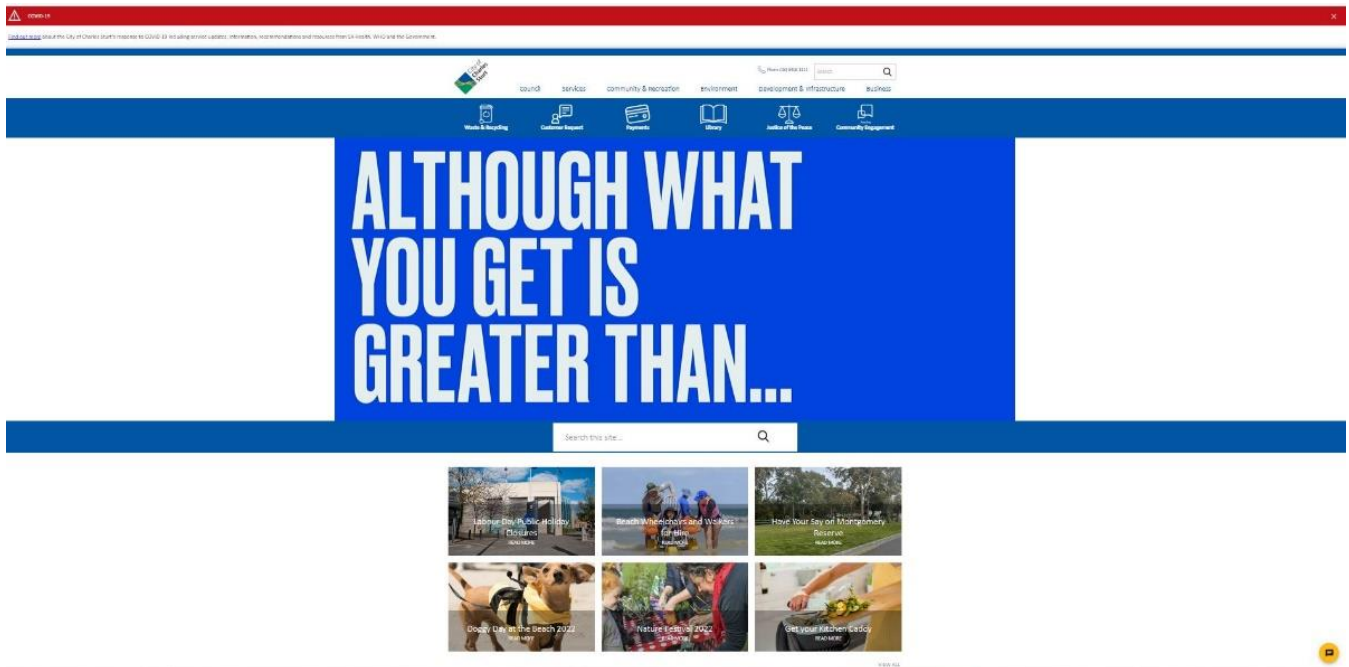
If the proposal is supported, we will develop a playground concept plan based on the feedback received, and present this with the consultation outcomes to the Asset Management Committee on 21 November 2022. Following a decision of the Committee, further engagement will occur late January/early February 2023 on the concept design followed by communication of the final outcomes.

#### Timeline




## Website > Latest News:

### [Have Your Say on Montgomery Reserve | City of Charles Sturt](#)



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23 September 2022


We are currently seeking initial feedback from our community regarding a proposal for a playground at Montgomery Reserve, Flinders Park.

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Following requests from the community, we allocated funding in our 2022/23 budget to investigate the development of a new playground.

The grassed area at the intersection of Gaskin Road and Weemala Street has been identified as the potential location for the proposed new playground. We are seeking to understand if you support the proposal, how children may use the playground and what features you feel would be most enjoyed.

Consultation closes Friday 14 October. Head to [Your Say, Charles Sturt](#) to have your say.



River Torrens /  
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## Onsite Signage:



## Feedback Form:



### Proposed New Playground at Montgomery Reserve Feedback Form – OSR&P

The City of Charles Sturt is inviting your initial feedback on a proposed new playground at Montgomery Reserve, opposite the intersection of Gaskin Road and ~~Weemala~~ **Weemala** Street, Flinders Park (refer enclosed location map). Consultation commences Friday, 23 September 2022 and closes at 5.00pm on Friday, 14 October 2022.

We would love to hear from you in one of the following ways:

- On-line via Council's website <https://www.yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/> or by scanning the QR code to the right via your smart device [camera](#).

OR

- Complete this feedback form by using the enclosed reply-paid envelope.



#### Your details

Please provide your details should we need to contact you regarding your feedback\*:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Salutation First Name Surname

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ P/Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your preferred delivery method to receive future communication about this project:

- ☐ Email address as listed above ☐ Hard copy to my listed postal address

#### Your feedback

1. Would you like to see a new playground installed in Montgomery Reserve opposite the intersection of Gaskin Road and ~~Weemala~~ **Weemala** Street, Flinders Park?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

1a. If no, please elaborate why you feel this way?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. If you visit Montgomery Reserve now, what do you value about it?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to home        | <input type="checkbox"/> It is flat and easy to move around |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shade trees              | <input type="checkbox"/> Seating                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A place to socialise     | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet/peaceful                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A space for dog exercise | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____             |   |



3. If a playground was supported in Montgomery Reserve what is the ages of any children that may visit the playground (with you)?

- |                                      |                                       |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 – 3 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 – 11 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 – 7 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 12+ years    |

4. What types of play equipment and features would you like to see included in the new playground?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slide/slippy dip   | <input type="checkbox"/> Spinning equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swings             | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocking equipment  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Water play         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature play        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____       |   |

5. Please feel free to provide any comments you may have regarding the proposed new playground at Montgomery Reserve:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback with us.

Once all feedback has been received, it will be considered by the Asset Management Committee and a decision made on the future of the proposal. We will be in touch with you early 2023 with the outcomes of the consultation and next steps.

Please refer to our ~~YouSay~~ **YouSay** website to be kept up to date on the progress of consultation and Council's project at <https://www.yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/>.



## 5. ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS

We received 58 contributions to the consultation, including 8 responses to the YourSay Charles Sturt Quick Poll and 50 feedback form submissions.

### Notes to engagement analysis.

Of the 50 feedback form submissions, it's important to note that:

- One respondent submitted two responses (one via hardcopy and one online) which expressed the same sentiment as not supporting the proposal. All feedback from this respondent was captured and merged to count as a single response.
- Three households submitted two responses each, from different individuals within the household. These responses from the same household were accepted, noting that:
  - In one household, while neither submission supported the proposal, the submissions were unique and shared different views and feedback.
  - In one household, the two submissions did not share the same sentiment eg one supported the proposal and one did not. Each submission was unique.
  - In one household, neither submission supported the proposal, and the respondents shared the same sentiment and views.
- Six responses were submitted after the close of the consultation period, on 15 October 2022. These late responses were accepted.

**In response to the question, “Would you like to see a new playground on Montgomery Reserve”:**

**Contributors to  
the feedback  
form  
responded:**

**72% “YES”**  
**28% “NO”**

**Flinders Park  
residents,  
specifically,  
responded:**

**75% “YES”**  
**25% “NO”**

**Remaining  
suburbs outside  
of Flinders Park  
responded:**

**60% “YES”**  
**40% “NO”**

Of the 8 contributors who chose to participate on the YourSay Charles Sturt Quick Poll, “Would you like a playground at Montgomery Reserve”, 50% answered ‘Yes’ and 50% answered ‘No’.

## We asked, 'Why not?'

Those who answered 'No' were asked to elaborate on why they did not support a playground. Key reasons offered and summarised included:

- The area, or Flinders Park specifically, has many other playgrounds nearby and so it is unnecessary, the funds could be spent elsewhere, or, in one case, a resident requested a playground be instead installed in Beverley.
- It will detract from the existing, peaceful, beautiful, green open space which additionally provides for ball sports, games, and activity (eg bocce, picnics, cricket/soccer/footy).
- It will compound existing traffic, congestion, and property access issues during busy school times, specifically during drop off and pick up times. This makes it a dangerous location for children.
- How about trying something new here, eg a sensory garden, community garden, dog park or outside exercise equipment?
- It will increase existing antisocial behaviour (loitering, alcohol/verbal/drug abuse, smoking), littering, vandalism etc.

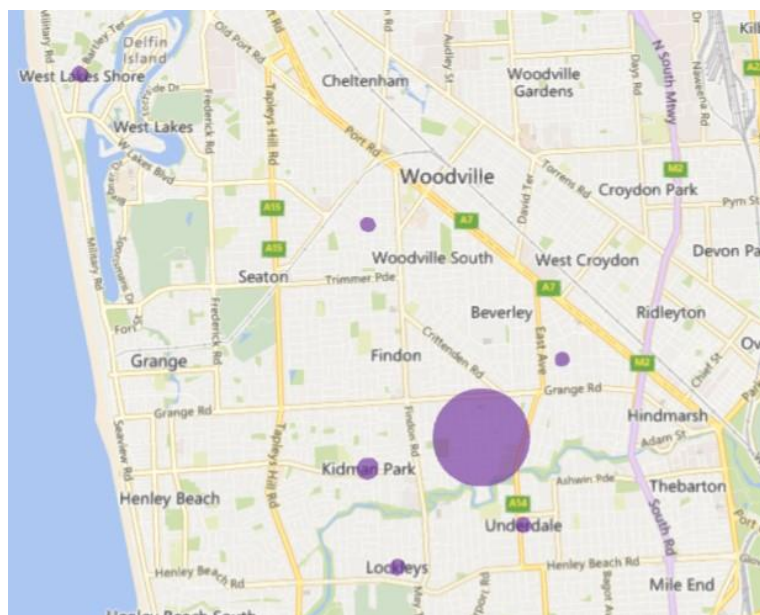
The council should make provision of a playground to the residents of Beverley the highest priority.



## Respondent locality

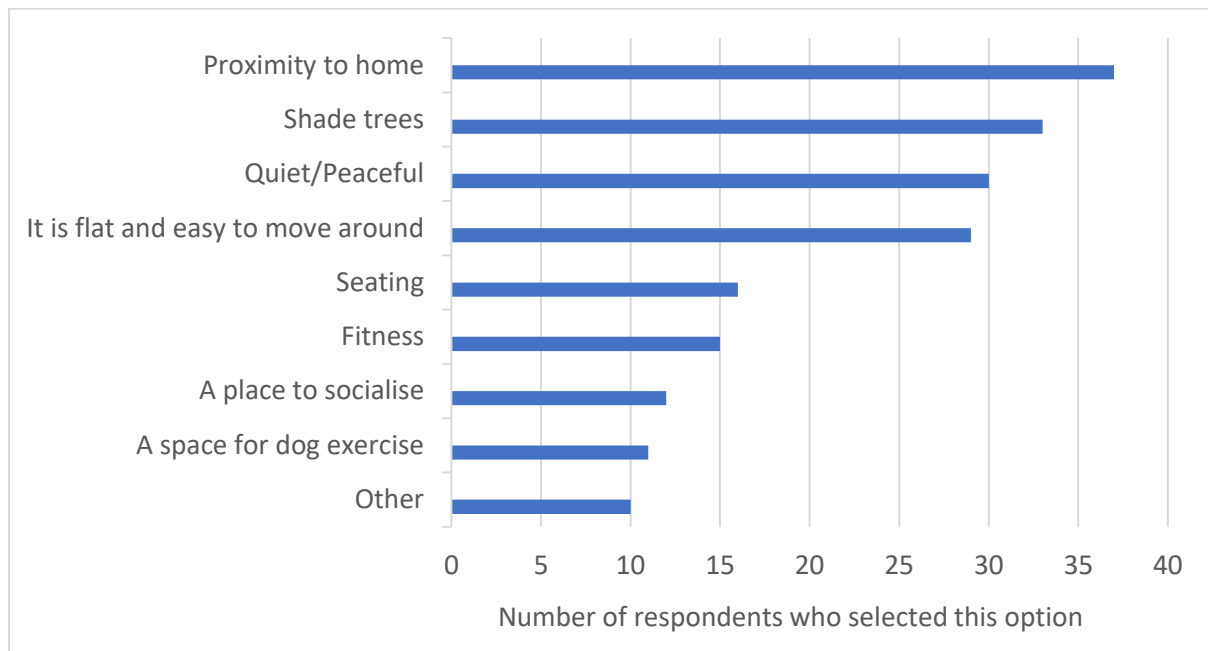
Majority of the respondents lived locally to the playground proposal, with 80% residing or owning property in Flinders Park. 75% of those Flinders Park residents supported the playground being proposed while 25% did not support it.

The remaining 20% of respondents resided in Kidman Park, Allenby Gardens, Beverley, Lockleys, Underdale, West Lakes Shore and Woodville West. 60% of those in the surrounding suburbs supported the proposal, while 40% did not.



### What is loved about Montgomery reserve in its current state?

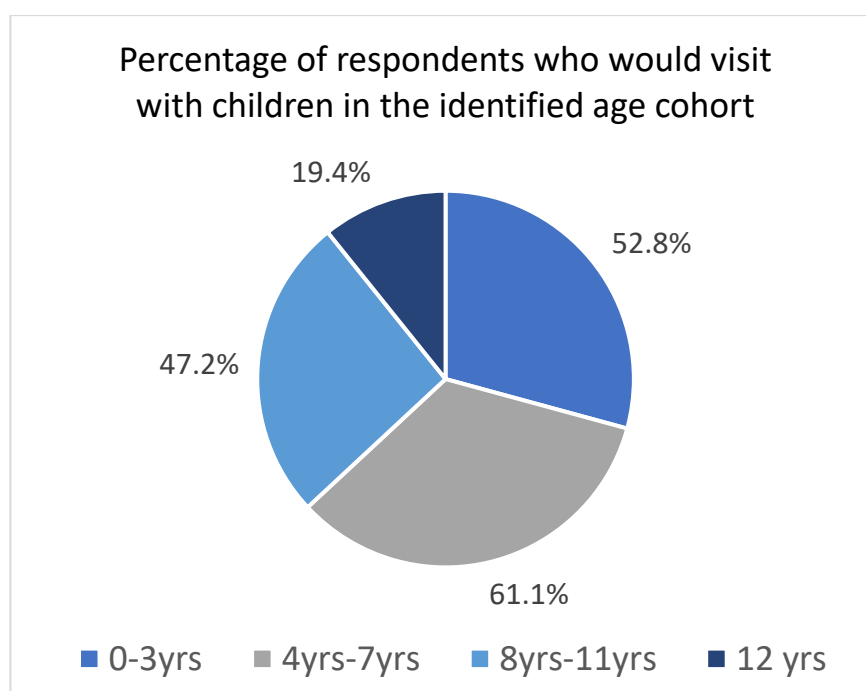
The top 4 reasons that the respondents currently visit Montgomery Reserve are because it's close to home, the shade and cooling effect the trees provide, its quiet and peaceful atmosphere and it's flat, level ground that is easy to move around on.



Other reasons provided included the open space the children have to run, to kick the footy, play soccer, frisbee and other games, and because visitors did not have a big backyard.

### Who might visit a playground?

We asked the ages of children who may visit a playground at Montgomery Reserve, and there was a relative spread of responses indicating that 40-60% of respondents would visit with a child aged 0-3, 4-7 or 8-11 years of age. Just under 20% of respondents would visit with a child over 12 years of age.

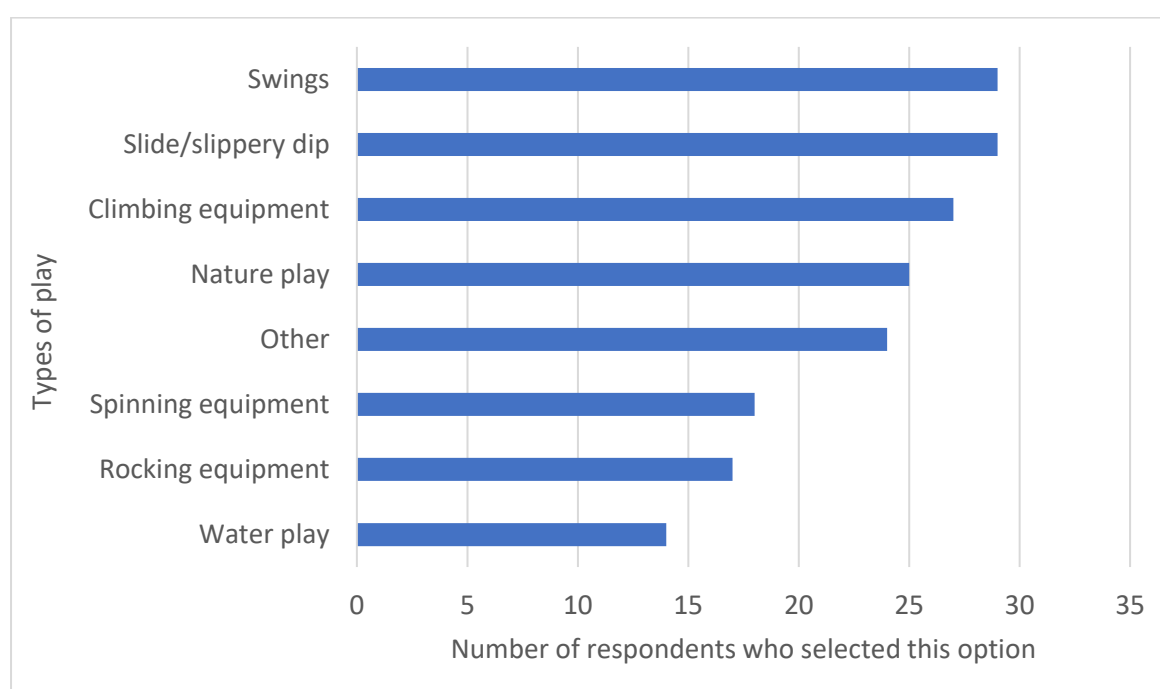


## What play equipment would visitors like?

The most favoured types of play equipment were swings, slides, climbing equipment, and nature play.

Other ideas suggested included:

- Gym equipment
- In-ground trampoline
- Flying fox
- Small pump track
- Nature islands, landscaping or community/veggie garden
- Cubby houses or tree houses
- Disability/special needs equipment
- Hard, compact, fine gravel court to play bocce, boules and finska



Some respondents not in favour of the proposal simply requested no playground or structure and asked that the space is left as it is, or as open space that can be used for kids' activities, running around and ball games and sports.

## 6. SUMMARY OF KEY THEMES

Two, open-ended questions were asked in the feedback form - 'If you don't support a playground in Montgomery Reserve, please elaborate while you feel this way' and, 'Please feel free to provide any additional comments you may have regarding the proposed new playground at Montgomery Reserve'. Based on the commentary that 36 of 50 respondents provided (refer **Appendix 2**), some key themes identified in the scope of the feedback provided included:

1. The playground is a great idea or was supported (15)
2. The playground was not supported or there was a general desire for Council to save the money or contribute the savings to other (much-needed) projects (12)
3. There are many other playgrounds nearby (11)
4. Keep the trees and open space (7)

5. Concerns with antisocial behaviour, illegal activities, littering and/or traffic/congestion (7)
6. Equipment for younger children or a mix of ages to be included (6)
7. Suggestion for a different use of the reserve rather than a playground (5)
8. Request for seating, picnic spaces or other infrastructure such as fencing or hammocks (5)
9. Consider a different suburb for the playground installation (1)

It is important to note that while some of the key themes were linked to a position of supporting vs not supporting the playground proposal, not all the themes were indicative of a position. For example, both those who supported the proposal and those who didn't commented on playgrounds nearby and maintaining the existing trees and open space.

## 7. NEXT STEPS

The Asset Management Committee will undertake its decision-making process on the playground proposal at its meeting of 20 February 2023 (delayed from late 2022 due to LG Elections and Council Induction). Following endorsement of a decision by Council on 27 February, the community will be informed of the outcome of the playground proposal through direct notification to all stage one consultation contributors and, more broadly, via updates to the project's online platforms. If the project is supported, this notification will advise the project's next steps and include the stage two consultation pack for the draft concept design (March 2023). Stage two engagement will mirror stage one engagement but may also include direct engagement with specific communities and/or an onsite community engagement session on the draft, playground concept design.

Following the conclusion of the stage two consultation process, a report noting the outcomes of stage two consultation and seeking endorsement of a final concept design to proceed into detailed design and delivery in 2023/24 will be presented to the Asst Management Committee for consideration.



## MONTGOMERY RESERVE PLAYGROUND PROPOSAL - FEEDBACK FORM OPEN COMMENTS AND STAFF RESPONSE

Contribution ID	Would you like a new playground in Montgomery Reserve?	Please elaborate why you feel this way.	Please feel free to provide any comments you may have regarding the proposed new playground at Montgomery Reserve?	Staff Comment
12855	Yes		There's a nice little playground by Lasscock Ave and Riverview Drive in Lockleys, it seems to be in a similar size space as the proposed playground for Montgomery Reserve. Perhaps the new playground could take into consideration some different equipment, as it will be very close to the Riverview Drive playground. The two different options will be great for the kids!	The design of the proposed new playground at Montgomery Reserve will consider the size of the reserve, other playgrounds in close proximity, opportunities for other activities, and passive surveillance.
12857	Yes		We would like the council to consider including a half court or even just a basketball/netball ring at the playground. There are very few outdoor basketball/netball rings in this council area that are maintained. As my kids are getting an older a playground is really only good for younger children and there are many along the river and close to us already where as there are very few things for older kids to do and it would encourage outside play and less time on a device for the older kids. We would be happy to discuss further and have many other people we know in our local area supportive of a basketball/netball ring in this area.	A new basketball/netball ring is not proposed for Montgomery Reserve at this time, however this comment has been noted for future consideration. There are basketball rings at River Park, located on the shared use path (1.1km away), Ross Reserve and Torres Reserve (900m away).
12893	Yes		Community Veggie Garden	A community veggie garden is not proposed at this time however this comment will be noted for future consideration. Space for a future community garden will be considered in the design process.
12915	No	There are already two playgrounds within 500m of this area. One at John Keeley Reserve and the other just over the foot bridge off of Kanbara Street. The appeal of this area is that it's simple and natural. No highly coloured, plastic play equipment of which we have plenty already. Sometimes you don't need to fill a space to make it enjoyable.	Also feels like money could be better spent on a different, more creative project for kids.	Comment noted. The design process could include working with local schools and consider use of natural materials. Nearby playgrounds will be considered as part of the design process. These include John Keeley Reserve, Tedder Reserve, Flinders Park Oval, Gerard Reserve, playground in City of West Torrens, across the bridge at the end of Kanbara Street.
12896	Yes		I could take my 3 great, grandchildren down there.	Comment noted.
12900	Yes		Our children are now married - adults, and our grandchildren are past playground age, but my wife and I would like to see a playground established at Montgomery Reserve for the children of young couples in our area.	Comment noted.
12901	Yes		A playground at Montgomery Reserve will create a lovely place to take our grandchildren to play and encourage outdoor activities.	Comment noted.
12902	No	As your letter states, we already have numerous playgrounds in this vicinity. The existing lawned area is ideal for kicking a football.	Save the money for upgrades on existing playgrounds in the area. Kids can still play games on the reserve lawned areas.	Comment noted. Nearby playgrounds will be considered as part of the design process. These include John Keeley Reserve, Tedder Reserve, Flinders Park Oval, Gerard Reserve, playground in City of West Torrens, across the bridge at the end of Kanbara Street. Space for kicking a football will be considered in the design process.
12904	Yes		Great idea	Comment noted.
12906	No	Because there are playgrounds close by. We have young children and love playgrounds but still don't feel like we need another one. It's nice to have just open space for ball sports, running, picnics etc. Less traffic in a corner/no-through road.		Comment noted. Nearby playgrounds will be considered as part of the design process. These include John Keeley Reserve, Tedder Reserve, Flinders Park Oval, Gerard Reserve, playground in City of West Torrens, across the bridge at the end of Kanbara Street.
12907	Yes		There is not enough seating.	Adequate seating will be included in the design, consistent with similar playgrounds around the council area.
12909	Yes		There are a number of new babies in our area. A playground will be an added bonus and create a community feel. A community garden would be good, too, but of course needs community volunteers.	Comment noted. A community garden is not proposed at this time but could be considered in the future. Space for a future community garden will be considered in the design process.
12910	Yes		It is the perfect place for a playground, and there are lots of families nearby! This space is not used at the moment.	Comment noted.
12911	Yes		Great idea - there is a lot of space in the area not currently being utilised.	Comment noted.

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12913	Yes		Sounds great. Swings to be toddler friendly, not with a chain but with rubber safety harness. Swings with chains are not very safe for smaller children. Any toddler swings put in place it would be great to see it with an all-in-one rubber harness or similar. Also, equipment that is suitable for toddlers as well as older kids. Very excited :)	Comment noted and will be considered as part of the design process.
12914	No	<p>Strong no. While there is merit in this development, money could be better spent on servicing or upkeep of the reserve. Landscape/nature islands etc. As a long-term resident of 20 years, we have had varied problems [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - with school litter debris, parents' litter and debris, student litter and debris, park loitering and associated drug use [REDACTED] and vandalism. We feel a structure will only increase these activities.</p> <p>submission 2: We as long term residents have seen it all. And all the real problems came hand in hand with the school . School litter debris and pollutants : [REDACTED] unruly behaviour, speeding cars , wheelies and vandalism to our houses and so on . School Parents ,litter , loitering, verbal abuse , speeding cars , aggressive behaviour. All where children once played freely. The city of Charles Sturt council has always struggled to keep Montgomery reserve in tip top condition ,as it has fallen solely on us residents to actively every week pick up any and all associated debris from the school drops and collections ,after dark Vandals &amp; drug users ect. These problems never existed before [REDACTED] . [REDACTED] kids used to park there cars over here but that was about the extent of it . We strongly feel a structure of any form would only increase these undesirable activity's . Especially [REDACTED] vandalism and loitering at night time especially during the summer months. As [REDACTED] already drive in groups to Montgomery reserve to park on Wirringga street and actively consume drugs and alcohol at night time. As the next morning we have to clean up [REDACTED] s. We already do not feel safe anymore and it's not going to get any better anytime soon. Montgomery reserve is the sole reason I bought in 2005 as my family history is Montgomery on my mothers side. Already we work tirelessly to keep it safe and clean for the park users who all do their bit and we the active residents view this new proposed development to be a degenerative decision only to exacerbate the already present problems. Please find this in good faith, [REDACTED]</p>	<p>As long-term residents, City of Charles Sturt have shown that they have little or no regard for litter, graffiti and debris on Montgomery Reserve. As we residents actively remove rubbish daily from the grounds and remove any graffiti/vandalism. It would be a great shame to build in the last, cleared, open space suitable for kids to play, ball games, play with animals, and a game of chasey. Our children have played here since the 60's. Montgomery Reserve is too small.</p> <p>Second submission: Montgomery reserve is too small for a play ground. And it's the last remaining open space has been enjoyable and treasured by many local families since circa 1962 . We all would hope that city of Charles Sturt council not waste its money on such a development but instead beautify the current Montgomery reserve with some nature island landscaping with natives, and letting this quaint little park shine on its own merits, that being simple open and a place for solace. It doesn't have to be a place of structured play. As children from all over the district run and jump all over and through it , with after school games of hide and seek behind the large tree trunks, and what's the time mr wolf. The older students use the reserve to shelter from the hot sun in summer and sit in quiet little groups talking and socialising whilst waiting for their parents. They are not interested in a play ground. We also believe that just like other parks with play equipment other structures follow.</p>	<p>Council's Customer Request Management (CRM) system shows 4 requests of illegal dumping in the past 4 years. Three (3) instances of graffiti were recorded in 2017, with no instances in the past 4 years. The addition of a new playground is likely to improve passive surveillance and reduce opportunities for anti-social behaviour. Montgomery Reserve is a regional linear reserve, 3.8105 hectares in size. The area proposed playground will be approximately 200m2, leaving ample space for unstructured recreation. The design will ensure space for unstructured recreation at the reserve is preserved.</p>
12916	Yes		Please leave the beautiful trees. We have just moved from a town in New Zealand where all trees are cut down. We love the bird life here.	The design may require the relocation of a recently planted tree to a more suitable location. No other trees will be impacted.
12917	Yes		<p>Will it have a fence or part fencing?</p> <p>Will it have toilets?</p> <p>Will it have extra shade ie shade cloths?</p> <p>Will there be a wheelchair friendly access path?</p>	The need for fencing will be considered in the design proces, including adjacent hazards such as roads (and vehicle speed), shared use path and the river (although this is also fenced). Toilets are not proposed as the proposed playground is intended to be of local/neighbourhood size and scale, catering for local residents and relatively short visits. Toilets are located at John Keeley Reserve (600m) and Tedder Reserve (1km) along the shared use path. A shade structure (shade cloth) is not proposed as the design will consider existing natural shade. The design will consider universal design principles, including a wheelchair friendly access path.
12918	Yes		My grandchildren love playgrounds - the more the better.	Comment noted.
12919	No	There are enough playgrounds in the area. Instead, how about either a sensory garden, community garden, dog park or outside exercise equipment? Let's try something new.	Enough playgrounds!	Comment noted. A sensory garden could be considered in the design process. A dog park is not proposed at this time, due to other dog parks nearby at Jervois Avenue and Tedder Reserve. Fitness equipment is also located at John Keeley Reserve, however play elements that consider fitness could be included in the new playground.
12920	Yes		<p>We do not have children now living with us. I would think a mix of age range equipment would suit a family of mixed ages. If mains water is available, minor irrigation redesign around equipment would maintain the lovely green (grass) area.</p> <p>Please provide clear signage to the West Torrens toilets on Holdbrooks Road across the pedestrian ridge, over the river.</p>	Comment noted. The design will consider opportunities for different ages and abilities, and maintaining turf in good condition. Signage will also be considered.

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12923	Yes		Fantastic Location. Brilliant Idea.	Comment noted.
12924	Yes		We think it's a great idea!	Comment noted.
12935	No	There are quite few playground already in Flinders Park. We live in Woodville West and I have noticed in past few years there have been many streets have been re-surfaced. From Findon road to Holden Ave. We are on Pitman Ave. We have received letter in Aug 2021 about work to be commence in between Oct 2021 to Dec 2021 and since then there is no action. I would like council to spend money on things are which are more require rather then in suburbs where there are many parks already exists. Pitman Ave road there bevel (slops going toward to curb from centre). Due to this slop whenever we park car on curb side car door hits with curb or grass on side. I would you council to priorities this first. Thank you.	We would like to re-surface our street first and provide ground in Woodville West.	Comment noted. Comments regarding road resurfacing are not related to this consultation, but have been noted and provided to council's Engineering Strategy & Assets team.
12821	No	Flinders Park already has several playgrounds. I am a resident of Beverley. Our suburb has NO playgrounds. We need to cross main roads with our toddler and walk 1km just to reach one. There are many families with children aged under 10 in my street alone. Our suburb - and it's residents - would benefit from being more family friendly. Are there any other suburbs in Charles Sturt with no playgrounds? The council should make provision of a playground to the residents of Beverley the highest priority.		Council aims to provide playgrounds with 500 metres of all residents. Beverley is a mix of light industry, low and medium density housing, with limited open space, as acknowledged in council's Open Space Strategy. There are other suburbs, such as Welland and Devon Park with no playgrounds, however there are playgrounds located nearby. Ledger Oval, Woodville Oval and Allenby Gardens Reserve are located in close proximity to Beverley. Future sub-divisions could consider new playgrounds in Beverley.
12823	Yes		We love the idea of a playground!	Comment noted.
12824	No	HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE REQUESTING A PLAYGROUND AT THIS LOCATION	WHAT RESEARCH HAS BEEN DONE TO JUSTIFY THE PLAYGROUND	The request was made by an Elected Member, on behalf of local residents. Council's Open Space Planner is aware of two families who have requested a playground. Whilst the initiative is not identified in Council's Open Space Strategy, there are no council-owned playgrounds within 500 metres. This project involves community consultation and concept design only, and requires further consideration by Council before proceeding to construction.
12825	Yes		Nature play, natural elements connecting to environment, toddler based as many playgrounds in our council cater for older children. Some type of fencing (can be natural eg logs) to serve as a boundary, especially being close to the river track. Points of interest, varying levels/platforms for children to have vantage points, different surfaces eg bark, pebbles, sand...	Comment noted.
12829	No	I pass numerous playgrounds in proximity to Montgomery every day on my regular walks & runs that are very rarely in use at any time of day. Why go to added expense of another one when there are so many others already available and vacant?	Unnecessary expense & maintenance!!! Plenty of equipment for kids in the area!	Comment noted. Natural elements will be considered in the design process.
12838	No	There are 3 amazing playgrounds within 5 mins either way of this area. Along the river and at the primary school. There is not much green space along the river and this is an ideal area for a sit on the seat, kick a ball, walk the dogs. Also lots of lovely shaded trees that should be preserved.	The playground across Holbrooks has just been upgraded and it's less than 5 mins away. There is also the big playground in city of west Torrens council less than 5 mins away. Plus more along the river. There is an abundance of playgrounds along the river and yet another big one with bbqs along the river less than 7 mins away towards Rowells road. Trees and green space along the river is what is needed as it's very narrow just after the reserve to the next playgrounds on either side of the river. Please leave it untouched.	Comment noted. Whilst the initiative is not identified in Council's Open Space Strategy, there are no council-owned playgrounds within 500 metres. This project involves community consultation and concept design only, and requires further consideration by Council before proceeding to construction.
12845	Yes		Catering for different ages - smaller raider climbing for little ones and more complex climbing for older ones. Fencing due to river being so close	Comment noted. Play opportunities for different ages and abilities will be considered in the design process.

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12963	Yes		<p>Nature play elements would be great, these elements could then be used as seating elements by others when not in use by kids.</p> <p>And a hammock near the trees. I saw these well constructed ones, along the Seine in Paris - <a href="https://i.pinimg.com/originals/16/28/62/16286294656ee99fdf41436748d046dc.jpg">https://i.pinimg.com/originals/16/28/62/16286294656ee99fdf41436748d046dc.jpg</a></p>	Comment noted. Natural elements will be considered in the design process.
12957	No	I am opposed to this on the grounds of - existing congestion associated with school parking and school pick up makes it dangerous for young children - there is already a community safety issue in that it is impossible for emergency services (ambulance etc) to get to this area in the event of an emergency during school pick up and drop off hours - the area is already a playground where children go to kick the footy or play cricket (about the only flat grassed area in the area that allows that - we don't need to put up structures for children to be able to use the area for play - there is an existing group that pre COVID used the area for bocce games ( and others use it as a quiet park to read a book or picnic)	<p>The Council seriously should consider attempting to visit this location during school pick up or drop off times. My guess is that you won't even get close!</p> <p>The close proximity of the reserve to the schools and foot bridge would also mean that any playground equipment installed at this location would potentially be vandalised very quickly!</p>	Comment noted. Council staff will visit the reserve during school pick up and drop off to understand this further. There are a number of playgrounds located along the River Torrens / Karrawirra Parri, in similar locations, where instances of vandalism are minimal.
12959	No	This space with its open flat ground, grass and beautiful trees and bird life is already a complete play space. Local children and families kick balls, ride bikes and enjoy this space. No additional built structure will add to this environment but only detract from the nature beauty.	I strongly believe we need less built structures and more open play space for children to play and explore giving them opportunities to use their imaginations, space to run and learn. The natural elements are already at Montgomery Reserve for our community to enjoy, especially children. There is also an ongoing issue of safety and parking during school pick up times that impact heavily in the proposed area.	Comment noted. The design will consider natural elements and maintaining the natural and open 'feel' of the reserve. Council staff will visit the reserve during school pick up and drop off to understand this further.
12961	No	The area is already severely congested and making a playground at the end of Gaskin Road would make this significantly worse. During the school week it is exceptionally difficult to get in and out of our homes due to the significant traffic from the school. Plus the number of cars and the way they drive is extremely dangerous to have a Childrens playground here. Finally it is the only bit of open green area around here which people already use for recreations.	I am strongly opposed to this development	Comment noted. Council staff will visit the reserve during school pick up and drop off to understand this further and consider this as part of the design process.
12962	No	Gaskin Road is very busy during school times which makes it noisy and impossible to move around in the car. Getting into and out of our driveway and the street during school pick up and drop is almost impossible. The Montgomery Reserve area is currently peaceful outside of school hours and losing that will be a huge shame. There are several other playgrounds close by so having an additional one here is unnecessary.	Traffic congestion and parking is already a major issue in Gaskin Road during school times and a playground will only extend this problem outside of school times. This is one of the few flat, open spaces that can be used for activities that need space and it would be a shame to lose it, especially since there are other playgrounds close by.	Comment noted. Council staff will visit the reserve during school pick up and drop off to understand this further and consider this as part of the design process.
12811	Yes		Please make it little kids friendly so that high school students from near by schools are not using it as there hang out	Comment noted. The design will consider opportunities for different ages and abilities. The proximity to the high school is likely to mean the area is used by older children by default, however the design will consider other equipment at John Keeley Reserve, which caters for older children.

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	Yes		I am a resident of Kidman Park , regularly go for a walk on the river and I think its a great initiative by council to consider a playground at this location. Me & my wife both noticed on my many occasion kids playing around this area (Weemala and wrrinninga street) and sometimes School kids as well sitting there in this reserve.	Comment noted.