



# St Morris Reserve Upgrade

*2023 Consultation Report*



City of  
Norwood  
Payneham  
& St Peters





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# Introduction

St Morris Reserve is located at the corner of Seventh Ave and Green Street, St Morris in the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters.

In 2022, the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters was successful in receiving \$9.9 million from the Federal Government's Preparing Australia Program, which targets local projects across the nation, with a focus on improving resilience against natural disasters.

The \$9.9 million has been matched by the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, making it one of the biggest infrastructure investments in our City's history.

To this end, this investment which is worth approximately \$20 million, has the objective of reducing the risk of flooding and helping protect our citizens and their properties.

The St Morris Reserve Upgrade forms part of the Trinity Valley Stormwater Project, through the establishment of a storm detention basin at St Morris Reserve.

Establishing the water detention basin created the opportunity to redevelop St Morris Reserve and in early 2023, the Council commenced consultation on the upgrade of the Reserve.

The community was invited to share their thoughts and ideas on new elements such as toilets, sporting facilities, shade, trees, barbeque, and other ideas they want to put forward, including a new playground.

The playground at St Morris Reserve is classified as Neighbourhood Level in the Council's Playground Strategy, which by its classification, indicates that the play equipment should be good quality and comprise of equipment for different age groups.

As part of the consultation process, the community was invited to attend two Community Information Sessions at the Reserve. In addition, a survey was prepared and made available to the community.

A total of 155 submissions were received.

This report summarises the consultation undertaken by the Council in order to assist in finalising the final concept design of St Morris Reserve.

Once completed, the upgrade of St Morris Reserve will cater for the needs of the current and future community.

## *Thank you!*

The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters would like to acknowledge and thank all of the citizens who took part in the consultation process by attending the Community Information Sessions and completing a survey. Your knowledge and input is integral to the development of the Concept Plan for the St Morris Reserve Upgrade.

# Consultation Report

The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters has commissioned LANDSKAP, a design firm specialising in Landscape Architecture and Urban Design, to develop a Concept Plan for St Morris Reserve.

## *What is the Purpose of this Report?*

The purpose of the St Morris Reserve 2023 Consultation Report, is to present to the Elected Members and the citizens of the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters and the wider community, a summary of the comments and submissions which have been received during the community consultation process.

The consultation process included online, hand-written and emailed surveys and submissions in addition to two Community Information Sessions at St Morris Reserve with Council and LANDSKAP representatives to answer questions from our citizens.

The outcomes of the community consultation process resulted in the development of the Final Concept Plan for the upgrade of St Morris Reserve, which forms part of the Trinity Valley Drainage Stormwater Project.



*St Morris Reserve Draft Concept Plan (version released for community consultation)*

## How did we consult?

The community consultation process commenced on 30 January 2023 and concluded on 26 February 2023.

The Council and LANDSKAP facilitated two Community Information Sessions held at St Morris Reserve. The sessions were aimed at collating information to build knowledge of the Reserve, encouraging the community to thoughtfully consider their aspirations and ideas.

As part of the process, a survey was prepared for citizens to complete which was available in both digital and hard copy formats at the consultation sessions. The survey was also available for residents to complete online through the Council's website



In the lead up to the community consultation, citizens, business operators, traders and visitors to the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, were informed of the Council's intentions to construct a water detention basin and the proposed upgrade of the St Morris Reserve through the following communication channels.

### 1 June 2022

A feature story in the 2022 Winter edition of Look East which was distributed to 19,000 business and residences titled: 'Protecting residents and businesses from flooding - Major funding boost to the Council's stormwater infrastructure.'



### 2021-2022 Annual Report

Double page spread featuring three stories: 'Protecting residents and businesses from flooding: New recreation area as flood prevention plan; Preparing Australia Program.'



### 22 August 2022

A media release from Mayor Robert Bria titled: 'Community to benefit from new recreation area as Council undertakes flood prevention work.'

### 12 September 2022

A Latest News item on the Council's website home page: 'New recreation area in St Morris Reserve - as flood planning works proceed'

### 27 September 2022

Your NPSP - e-newsletter delivered to 1840 email subscribers advising that consultation will commence in early 2023 regarding the proposed upgrade.

### 1 December 2022

An article in the 2022 Summer edition of Look East which was distributed to 19,000 business and houses titled: 'St Morris Reserve to be developed - Have Your Say.'

### 30 January 2023

A media release from Mayor Robert Bria titled: 'Community consultation now open on the St Morris Reserve Upgrade and NPSP wants to hear from you!'

### 31 January 2023

A video featuring the Mayor, which was filmed at St Morris Reserve and uploaded to YouTube, the Council's website and social media, promoting the community consultation and encouraging citizens to have their say about the Draft Concept Plan for St Morris Reserve.



Distribution of 1500 postcards to the local community.



## Social Media Engagement

3 announcements were posted to the Council's Facebook page.

### 30 January 2023

Post Impressions 387  
Post Reach 372  
Post Engagement 13

### 7 February 2023

Post Impressions 723  
Post Reach 695  
Post Engagement 55

### 10 February 2023

Post Impressions 442  
Post Reach 418  
Post Engagement 12



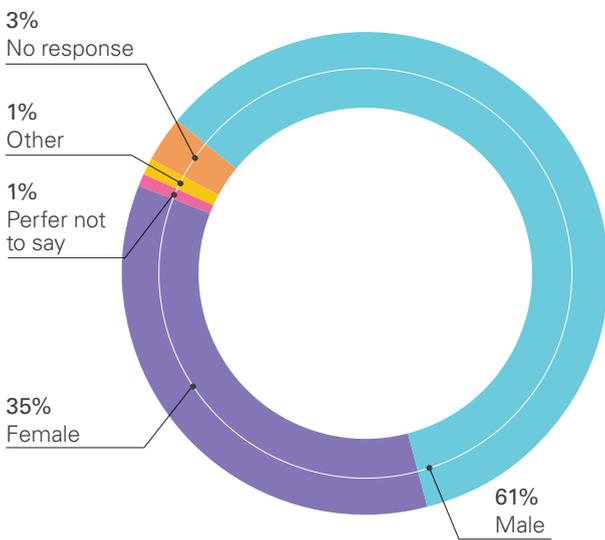
# Consultation Summary

The following summary provides an overview of the Council survey results conducted during the consultation for St Morris Reserve.

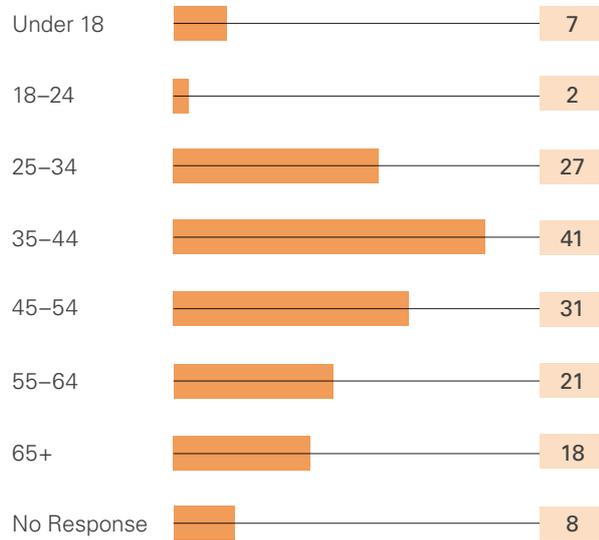
The sample contains a representative spread of gender, age and location of the respondents on a suburb basis.

A total of 155 submissions were received. Several key questions were posed to the community through the survey a summary of the data can be found below.

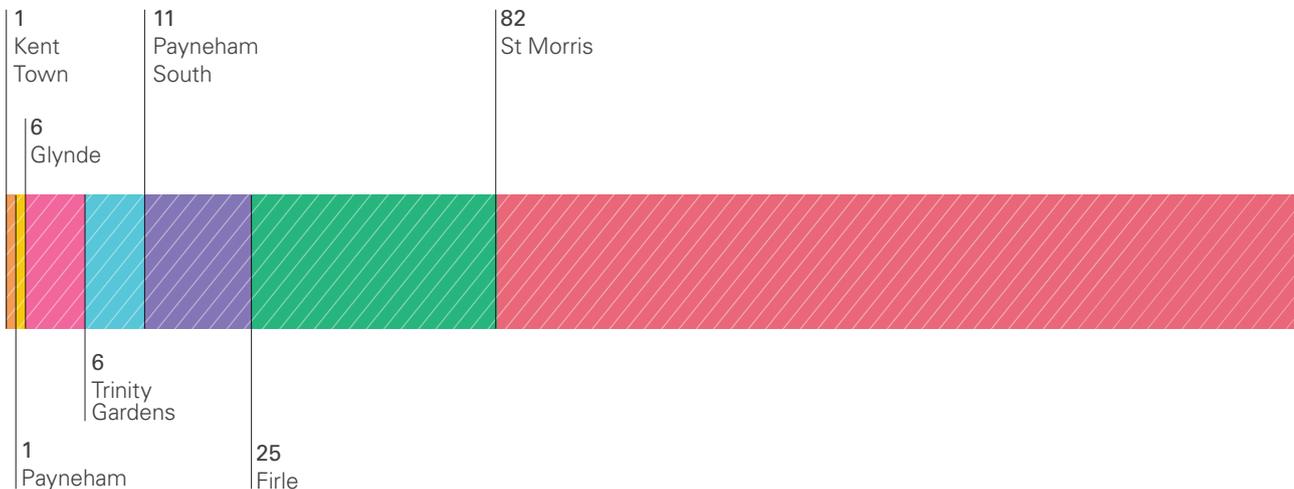
## Gender



## Age



## Survey respondents who reside in the City of NPSP



A number of responses were received from citizens who live in the following suburbs, which are located outside of our City, including but not limited to: Athelstone, Carey Gully, Hectorville, Hope Valley, Sefton Park and Windsor Gardens.

**Do you support the draft Concept Plan for the upgrade of St Morris Reserve?**



Support the draft Concept Plan



Do not support the draft Concept Plan



Did not respond

**What play equipment would you like to see in the new playground at St Morris Reserve?**



Swing



Climber



Slide

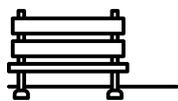


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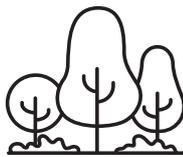
Other

**What other elements would you like to see included in this green open space?**



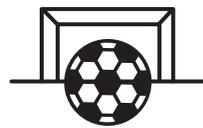
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Additional seating



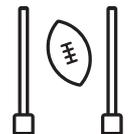
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More trees



**36**

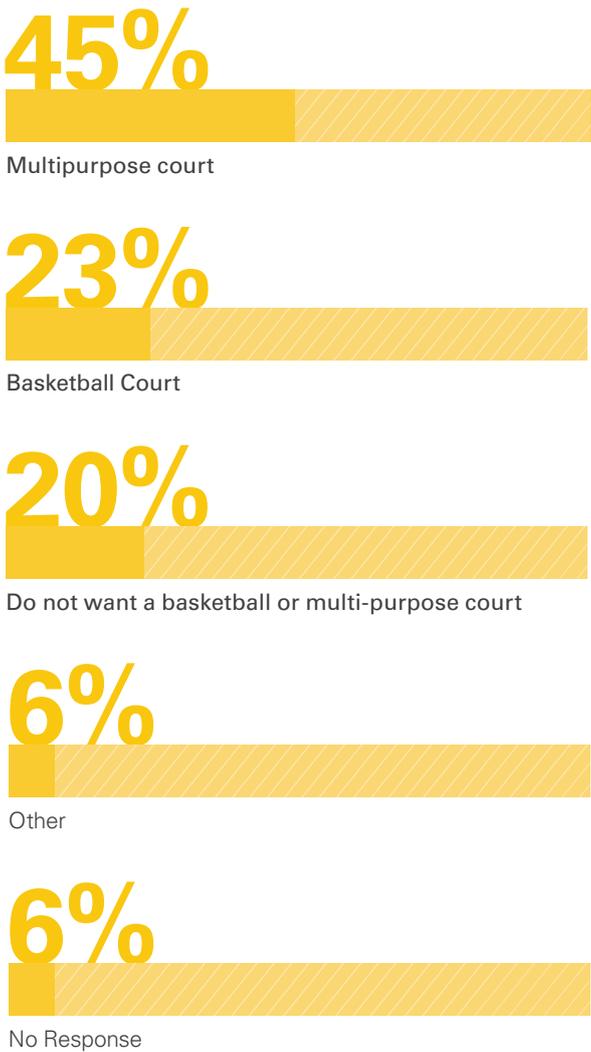
Soccer goals



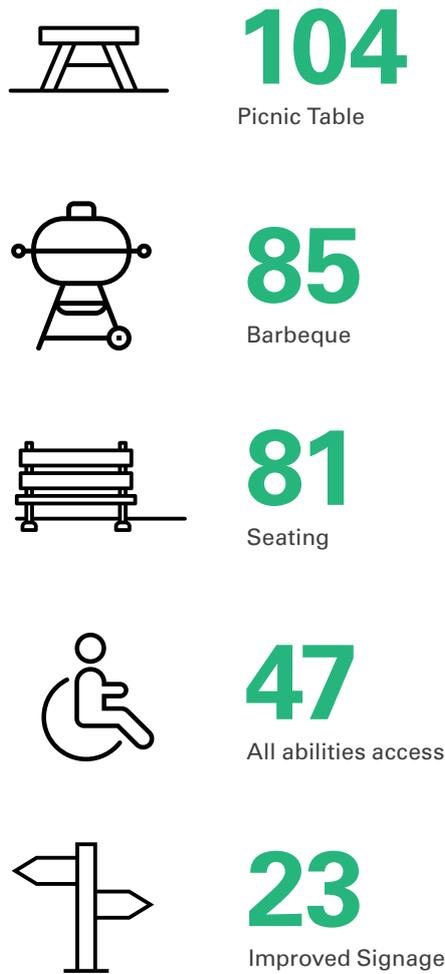
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Football goals

Would you like to see a new basketball court or multi-purpose court installed in the Reserve?



What amenities would you like to see included within St Morris Reserve?



Do you think toilet facilities should be provided at St Morris Reserve?



## What you told us about the Draft Concept Plan

- Measures to mitigate flooding is highly desirable, area can still be used the majority of the time. New design encourages walking for fitness, provides improved access for wheelchair users;
- Great idea to prevent flooding and chance to upgrade the playground;
- Currently it is drab;
- It will be great to see more people walking dogs, having picnics, playing sport etc;
- The evolving demographic sees a wider cross section of users;
- Requires investment as currently quite tired and needs a bit of money spent on it;
- It is ripe for renewal and updating;
- I support the Draft Concept Plan in part. I still would like to an off-leash area, but prefer fenced in park for children;
- Fencing seems to be missing;
- Fencing for off-leash dogs;
- Safe area for dogs to play safely;
- A dog friendly area is missing;
- I think the Council missed/underestimated how many dogs use this park;
- It is the only off-lead park area over this side of the council area, so it would be reasonable for the Council to acknowledge;
- The fence around the outside is crucial for the space to remain dog friendly;
- I would LOVE to see the new playground fenced; and
- Backyards are getting smaller and if you have a dog, St Morris is the only place at a decent time you can bring your dog all allow it to run around. I will miss my community.

## Other Comments included

- Large shelter with seating like the shelter at Felixstow Reserve for summer and winter and the BBQ to have shelter over it as well;
- Maybe an undercover area for shade;
- Shade covering;
- Water fountain at the western end;
- Bins, water (drinking), more shelter and shade;
- Water for washing hands; and
- Public toilets and filtered water stations.

## Other key issues raised by respondents:

- Increasing car parking spaces around St Morris Reserve;
- Reducing the speed limit to 40km/h near the Reserve;
- Installing lighting;
- Donating a section of land to the St Morris Community Childcare Centre; and
- Banning dogs from the Reserve at all times.

# Consultation Survey

First name

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Surname

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Residential street

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Residential suburb

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Postcode

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Gender  Male  Female  Non-binary  Prefer not to say

Age  Under 18  18–24  25–34  35–44  
 45–54  55–64  65+

**How often do you visit St Morris Reserve?**

Daily  Weekly  Monthly  Yearly  Never

**Do you support the draft Concept Plan for the upgrade of St Morris Reserve?**  Yes  No

Why?

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**What play equipment would you like to see in the new playground at St Morris Reserve?**

Swing  Slide  Spinner  Climber  
 Other

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**Would you like to see a new basketball court or multi-purpose court installed in the Reserve?**

Basketball Court  Multipurpose Court  Other  
 No, do not want a basketball or multi-purpose court installed in the Reserve

**If you answered yes in the Question above:**

Near the playground (as shown on the draft Concept Plan)  Within the large open green space  
 Other

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**Recognising that the Council will establish a large open green space forming a detention basin at St Morris Reserve, what other elements would you like to see included in this green open space?** (please tick the relevant boxes)

- Seating                       Football Goals                       Soccer Goals                       More trees  
 Other

**Would you like to see any exercise and fitness equipment at St Morris Reserve?**

- Yes                       No

If yes, what type of exercise equipment would you like to see?

**What amenities would you like to see included within St Morris Reserve?**

- Barbeque                       Picnic table                       Additional seating                       All abilities access  
 Improved signage                       Other

**Do you think toilet facilities should be provided at St Morris Reserve?**

- Yes                       No

**Are there aspects of the draft Concept Plan for the upgrade of St Morris Reserve that you would remove, or that you believe are missing?**

**Do you have any other comments on the draft Concept Plan that we should consider in finalising the Concept Plan for St Morris Reserve?**

### Keep in touch

If you would like to be kept up-to-date with the St Morris Reserve Upgrade Project as it progresses, please provide your email address:

Email

Also, to stay up to date about the Council's programs, services, events and initiatives, provide your email address to sign up to our eNewsletter, *Your NPSP*.

**I would like to receive the Council's eNewsletter:**

- Yes

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. All comments and submissions received as part of the St Morris Reserve Upgrade Project Consultation will be collated and summarised for consideration by the Council to prepare the final Concept Plan for the redevelopment of the Reserve.*



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## **Further information**

**For information on the St Morris Reserve Upgrade - 2023 Consultation Report, please visit [www.npsp.sa.gov.au](http://www.npsp.sa.gov.au) or phone 8366 4555.**

You can also visit the Council's Customer Service Centre at the Norwood Town Hall, 175 The Parade, Norwood.

## **Additional copies**

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