

Aquarius Street Reserve Upgrade

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS REPORT



LEGEND

 EXTENT OF WORKS	 1 EXPANDED PATH NETWORK FOR IMPROVED ACCESS AND FUNCTIONALITY	 4 EXISTING PICNIC SHELTER W/ STORM WATER DRAINAGE CONNECTION	 7 EXPANDED RUBBER SOFT FALL AREAS FOR INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY
 PROPOSED TREES	 2 PROPOSED BARBEQUES	 5 PROPOSED BIKE HOOPS	 8 ADDITIONAL GARDEN BEDS FOR IMPROVED NATURE PLAY & LANDSCAPE AMENITY THROUGHOUT PARK
 FEATURE SHADE TREE	 3 PROPOSED PUBLIC TOILET	 6 UPGRADE EXISTING GRAVEL PATHS TO CONCRETE	

Aquarius Street Park - Truganina

Concept Plan



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Aquarius Street reserve has been identified as requiring a play space upgrade to a district-level facility for longer stay opportunities and to better cater for residents in the surrounding neighborhood.

Each year Wyndham City Council undertakes upgrades to improve the condition and aesthetics of its Open Space network. Aquarius Street reserve has been identified as requiring play space and park upgrades to provide a more diverse range of recreational opportunities for our community.

The purpose of the engagement:

- To gather an understanding of how the community utilises the space;
- Seek feedback from the community on the proposed concept design; and
- Determine the level of support for the proposed layout and inclusions in the concept.

METHODOLOGY

The below table outlines the various methods and techniques used to engage with the community.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES/TOOLS	
Method/technique	Stakeholders engaged
Project page on The Loop	1,027 total visitors to the page 1,274 page views
Online survey	64 surveys completed
Direct Contact from Residents	1 Phone call received
Number of Participants at the Face-to-Face Engagement Sessions	<p>Session One (1): Tuesday 31st of January 10am – 1pm – Three (3) Residents attended</p> <p>Session Two (2): Tuesday 31st of January 3pm – 6pm – Four (4) Resident attended</p> <p>Session Three (3): Saturday 11th of February 9am – 12pm – Seven (7) Residents attended</p>
Letter box drop	950 letters were sent to residential properties within a 1km radius.
Corflute Signs	Two (2) corflute signs were erected at Aquarius Street Reserve which contained the QR code to the loop page

COMMUNICATIONS / MARKETING ACTIVITIES

Method/technique	Stakeholders engaged
Social Media Advertising	Engagement: 674 Link Clicks: 645 Comments: 12
Online Promotion (Facebook Organic Post 17/01/23)	Engagements: 143 Link Clicks: 13 Comments: 1
Online Promotion (Facebook Organic Post 10/02/23)	Engagements: 129 Link Clicks: 8

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK

The following feedback will help shape the finalised Concept Design. Once complete, the community will be able to view the final Concept Design on The Loop.

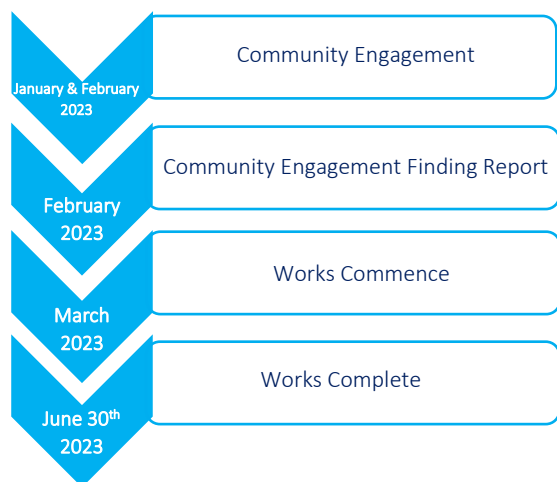
We asked	You said
How do you use Aquarius Street Reserve?	Access play equipment 77.78% Access for exercise 57.14% Sporting activities 47.62% Walking the dog 25.40% Social gatherings 44.44% Community activities 38.10% Other 4.76%
How often do you use the Aquarius Street Reserve?	Never 3.13% Once a month 9.38% Once every few weeks 9.38% Once a week 17.19% Multiple times a week 59.38% Other 1.56%
What do you like about the concept design?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The new turf – New trees – Bike hoops – The Nature Play – The addition of Toilets – The additions of two (2) BBQs – The addition of soft fall around play equipment – Concrete paths

We asked	You said	We Did
What don't you like about the concept design?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Addition to play equipment (Such as: exercise equipment, additional basketball hoop, footy goals, soccer goals, Tennis facilities) - Not enough trees - Lack of garden area around the reserve - The change of the gravel path to concrete - The tree species that have been selected - Not accessible - No shelter over proposed BBQ area - No additional bench seats - The rocks that surround the play equipment - No additional rubbish bin mentioned - Too close to the road - Public toilets – too close to BBQ area - The addition of the BBQs - No lighting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The kickabout space is intended to have the flexibility to cater for diverse types of use and informal sports. - Additional trees will be considered - Additional garden beds will be installed within the park - The playground will be rubberised to make it accessible, inclusive. - The new BBQ will be installed under the existing shelter - Two rubbish bins will be installed at the park near the picnic area - We will be adding approximately 25 metres of fence beside the playground along Capricorn Road end of the park - Public toilets to be moved north, closer to Aquarius Street - Lighting is not currently on the plan, however there will be a light installed at the front of the toilet, there will also be ambient light spill into the park from street lighting on either side of the park.
Is there anything else you want to tell us?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could we get a dog off leash area - Please take into consideration the developers concept design - There needs to be some more play equipment suitable to younger children - The outdoor gym bars are not usable - Needs public transport services in area - Needs monkey bars - Better slide or fly fox - The addition of a gazebo - The addition of recycle bins – a lot of rubbish accumulates at the reserve - The removal of the sheoaks - Concerned about the cleanliness of the toilets. - Concern about the toilets not being locked at night. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to the size of the reserve and close proximity to future dog off-leash areas we are not able to add in an enclosed dog area. The closest enclosed dog park is on Vibrandia Way Truganina. There is also plans to construct a designated enclosed dog off leash area at Alcock Road (north of Aquarius Street Reserve). - We will be adding two additional springers to the playground - There will be two bins installed at the park near the BBQ and picnic area. - Sheoaks will be thinned out with nature play to be added - Toilets are scheduled to be cleaned and locked daily

NEXT STEPS:

- o Design amended to respond to community feedback
- o Implementation of works - 6th March 2023
- o Completion of works - 30th June 2023

STAGES OF THE PROJECT



HOW CAN PARTICIPANT STAY INVOLVED/INFORMED?

Participants can stay informed by visiting the Loop page and selecting to “Follow” the project.

Updates will be posted on The Loop and the project timeline will be updated to reflect the project status.