

## Normanton Reserve Survey Results: Summary Development Consultation

A survey was sent to residents located in and around Glenfield requesting feedback on a proposal to develop Normanton Reserve and its play space areas. Of the 700 surveys delivered to the neighborhood surrounding the Normanton Reserve, 42 written responses were received.

Approximately 700 surveys were delivered to addresses neighboring the Normanton Reserve

*Summary of the survey results are:*

42 written responses.

### How often residents visit the park?

The majority of residents use the park at an average of once or twice a week, for child's play and walking.

### Feedback Results

When asked the question "Do you support the proposal to install a new play space underneath the trees on the northern side of the existing play space and provide road markings on the paths in the reserve?", 100% of the returned surveys indicated that they were in favour.

Following that, residents were asked if they supported the proposal to install new lights between Normanton Road and Ashfield Road, to which the majority of surveys were *for*. Residents indicated that they liked the idea of lighting to improve the safety of the reserve at night time.



Those *against* the proposal for new lights, suggested that other paths *not* leading to the industrial area such as the McHardy access, should be a higher priority. Another response implied that lights might 'encourage more drunken noisy teenagers to use the reserve at night'.

### **A summary of what activities children enjoy doing at Normanton Reserve**

Swinging on the swing set and octopus swing, basketball, 'rocktops', and cycling.

### **A summary of the comments to the question: 'What do you [already] like best about this reserve?'**

Size, open space, pathways, natural environment, child friendly, bike path, restroom area, and the basketball/turf area.

### **A summary of the comments to the question: 'What do you think are the current gaps and opportunities for improvement at this reserve?'**

- More options for tables and seating
- Shaded/sheltered areas
- Improvement/expansion of the basketball/turf areas
- More informative installments (heritage information)
- Cricket pitch
- Catering the play space towards younger children/toddlers
- Catering towards older children ("Wants play/focus for older kids 10yrs plus")
- More paths for walking and biking
- More rubbish bins
- BBQ, eating space ("More community events to bring community together would be good, e.g. BBQ's, and music")

### **Other comments as to how Normanton Reserve can be improved?**

- "Better maintenance required", including "hardier planting, and better drainage", "Rubbish bins need to be emptied more often", and "wants more frequent mowing"
- "Concerned about number of cars parked on Normanton Rd"
- Concerned about speeding cars, suggests installing speed bumps on Normanton Street
- "More bins and signs for picking up after dogs"
- "More trees/plants"

## **In Summary**

- The playspace should cater toward a wider range of ages, with play options accommodating toddlers to teens.
- The playspace should include walking and cycling paths to and around it.
- A greater emphasis on installing/improving areas, for shade, seating and eating services (Picnic/BBQ).
- Better drainage.
- The reserve should develop a better maintenance program where there is a greater focus on ensuring the equipment is always in working order, that the play areas are kept clean and tidy, and that the grass is mown often.