

# Riverview Parkway Park and Playground, Griffin

## Communication and Engagement Summary

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## Acknowledgement



We acknowledge the Kabi Kabi, Jinibara and Turrbal Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waterways of the Moreton Bay Region, and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging. We recognise that the Moreton Bay Region has always been a place of cultural, spiritual, social and economic significance to First Nations people.

We are committed to working in partnership with Traditional Custodians and other First Nations communities to shape a shared future that celebrates First Nations history and culture as an irreplaceable foundation of our region's collective identity.

## Alignment with our roadmap

The Riverview Parkway Park and Playground project is helping to achieve the outcomes of our Corporate Plan 2022–2027 and realise our vision: **Our Moreton Bay. Amazing places. Natural spaces.**

The strategic pillar this project specifically relates to is:



By 2033, our Moreton Bay will be a network of well-planned and connected places and spaces, enhancing lifestyle, accessibility and employment choices.

Read more about Council's Corporate Plan and the pillars that underpin it at



[mbrc.link/corporate-plan](https://mbrc.link/corporate-plan)

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# Playful paradise for Griffin

Council is planning play and recreation facilities along Riverview Parkway, Griffin to meet community demand and make it a more amazing place for local families.

Creating vibrant and healthy communities is a priority for Council. Our region is one of the fastest growing in Australia and we need new community facilities to keep up with demand. We are planning to build a new park and playground on Riverview Parkway in Griffin. The new facilities will offer a playground, open green space, picnic spots and landscaping.

The new park and playground will sit on almost a hectare (or roughly the size of a football field) in Griffin. An important aspect of Council's planning is to ensure it complements the beautiful natural setting of the North Pine River and is a special place for the local community to relax and have fun. The park is designed to offer various activities for leisure and recreation that suit the area.

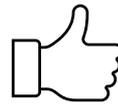
Council prepared a Draft Concept Design and identified play equipment options to guide the park's development. Between 8 May and 5 June 2023, we invited community feedback on the overall Draft Concept Design and the types of play equipment for the new playground.

This report summarises the feedback received during the consultation period.

“The estate needs a park. I like that there will be a playground and seating.  
Survey respondent

## Engagement snapshot

Between 8 May and 5 June 2023 via 64 survey responses the community told us...



**84%** Support the overall proposed plan

### TOP 3 PLAY EQUIPMENT CHOICES



Play tower - design option 1



Spinner - design option 2



Swing - design option 3

*Images are indicative examples of equipment only. The equipment that is ultimately installed may differ from these examples, including in colour.*



**22** people want to see playground equipment that suits toddlers

“I love a natural feel as an aesthetic thing to suit the area - right on the river, next to the koala reserve - wooden elements and elements themed with our natural landscape and animals would be a nice touch.  
Survey respondent



# How we engaged

The community was invited to provide feedback on the Draft Concept Plan (below) by completing an online survey on Council's Your Say Moreton Bay website.

To enable community members to provide informed feedback, a description of the planned upgrades and a copy of Draft Concept Plan were also made available on the Your Say Moreton Bay page. The survey opened on 8 May 2023 and closed on 5 June 2023.

Eleven survey questions collected qualitative and quantitative data so Council could better understand:

- community support for proposed new park/playground
- preferences for the type of play tower, spinner and swing.

The survey also invited respondents to provide additional comments about the proposed plan. Community members were able to complete the survey anonymously.

The opportunity to provide feedback was promoted through geotargeted social media posts, a letterbox-drop to over 250 residents in the Griffin pocket and Council's Your Say Moreton Bay website and newsletter.



Extract from Draft Concept Plan for Riverview Parkway park and playground, used during consultation

# What we heard

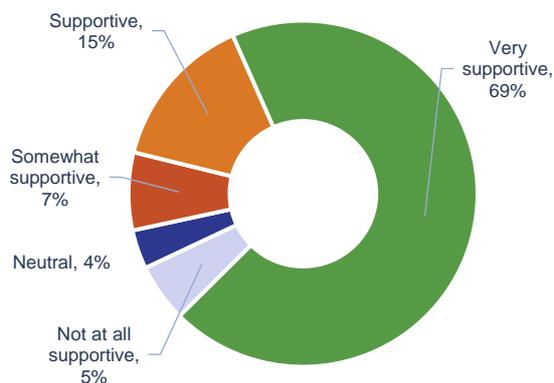
The survey received 64 responses during the four-week consultation period.

Most people who completed the survey live in Griffin, with a small number from Kallangur, Murrumba Downs and Caboolture. This geographic spread of respondents suggests the proposed new park and playground would service the immediate community and some neighbouring suburbs.

## Support for overall draft concept plan

When we asked how supportive the community was of the planned enhancements, we learned that 84% of respondents were either supportive or very supportive. Three respondents (5%) indicated they don't support the Draft Concept Plan.

Eighty-six per cent of respondents answered this question (55 of the total 64 survey respondents).



## What is liked about the draft plan

When we asked what was liked about the concept plan, the following aspects were highlighted by respondents:

- location
- good for toddlers
- open green space for free play
- plenty of shade
- spaces for parents to sit
- good selection of play equipment.

*“ I just love the different/unique concepts for the playgrounds very innovative and imaginative well done and thank you for asking for our feedback.*

*Survey respondent*

*“ I like the amount of space that you are utilising and the fact that you are keeping the greenery still around it. It's going to be such a great thing for our suburb.*

*Survey respondent*

# Play equipment

All images in this section are indicative examples of equipment only. The equipment that is ultimately installed may differ from these examples, including in colour.

## Play tower preferences

We asked our communities to select and rank in order of preference their top three play towers from a list of four possible options.

When the resulting ranked preferences were used to generate an overall score for each option, **Design option 1** was a clear favourite.



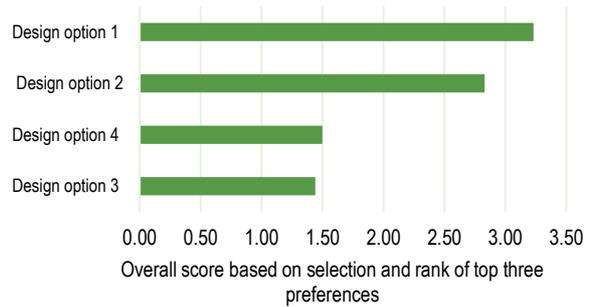
Design option 1 provides:

- multiple access points including rock climbing and net access
- dual deck with bridge structure
- multi-story playability.

The other less popular options were:



The below graph shows how the overall scores for each option compare.



## Suggested play tower improvements

The most common feedback on the play tower was that it could be made more inclusive for younger age groups including toddlers and early walkers. Other suggestions include:

- improve climbing accessibility for toddlers and early walkers by making the structures wider
- make the slide separate to the tower so toddlers can access it
- include steps up to a smaller slide option
- use closed-in steps, not cargo nets, for improved safety for children aged 1-3 years
- include some sensory toys/activity panels/café area to stimulate imaginative play
- for wheelchair accessibility include a ramp up to a platform lookout or play tables with cut outs
- keep the height of the playground structure to a maximum that a parent can reach their small children at.

“Speaking as a parent of toddlers, they can get so frustrated watching bigger kids easily climb the tower, using rock climbing parts or ropes, but be unable to access the slide independently.  
Survey respondent

## Spinner preference

We asked our communities to select and rank in order of preference their top three spinners from a list of five possible options.

When the resulting ranked preferences were used to generate an overall score for each option, **Design option 2** was a clear favourite.



Design option 2 features:

- all-structure spinning
- forward or rear facing seats
- all-abilities play.

The other less popular options were:



The below graph shows how the overall scores for each spinner option compare.



No comments were received about improvements to the spinner.

## Swing preference

The final question asked the community to rank the three possible swing options in order of preference.

**Design option 3**, which allows for all-abilities play, was the preferred option among respondents, receiving the overall top score.



The other less popular options were:



The below graph shows how the overall scores for each option compare.



## Suggested swing improvements

Suggestions for improving the swing option included:

- adding a baby swing
- including a second swing set to accommodate multi-use during peak visitation periods
- including a traditional swing set - with waist support (for toddlers) and without waist support for children over 3 years old - instead of the options lists or in addition to it.

## Other enhancements

Riverview Parkway will be a 'local recreation park'. These types of parks may have landscaping with seating and picnic areas, drinking fountains, pathways for walking and cycling, small areas for kick-about activity, a range of play elements, shade cover and a hard surface activity space (e.g. basketball hoop, handball or personal training/excise). You can read more about the different types of parks that Council delivers in our *Desired Standards of Service* for our park network. Go to section 7, page 15: [mbr.council.nsw.gov.au/your-say/your-say-park-network](https://mbr.council.nsw.gov.au/your-say/your-say-park-network)

Some of the following suggestions put forward by survey respondents are beyond the service provision for local recreation parks and are unlikely to be accommodated.

- Hopscotch/abc/123 pictures painted on the footpath
- plant insect repellent vegetation like citronella or increase the regularity of mosquito spraying
- foam/rubbery soft fall base as an alternative to bark or sand
- soft-fall that doesn't stain clothes and shoes (not bark)
- small boulders to climb on
- pull up bar or mini gym for adults
- toilet and BBQ

- zip-line or half-court basketball for older children
- small off-leash dog area

Concerns were also raised within the comments section about:

- availability of visitor parking
- suitability of location - six respondents proposed relocating to nearby areas with existing infrastructure and more parking
- ongoing management of mosquito/sandfly infestation
- impact on koala corridor.

“Will need to account for mosquito spraying as the playground is located near marshy areas and the mosquitos are almost unbearable in the afternoon.”  
Survey respondent

## Next steps

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey and provided feedback on the Draft Concept Plan and play equipment options.

We want to deliver an amazing park that is responsive your local needs, aspirations and ideas.

Council will consider your feedback alongside best practice landscape design principles, site constraints, project budget and market quotes to determine what equipment will ultimately be installed in the park.

The final designs will be shared on the Your Say Moreton Bay website when they are completed.

We expect that the new park and playground will be delivered in 2024 pending any unforeseen circumstances.



For more information on our new Corporate Plan and Pillars  
scan the QR code or visit [moretonbay.qld.gov.au](http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au)