

La Grange Dongara Reserve Improvements

La Grange Dongara Reserve in Innaloo is a valued community open space that features a sports oval, a playground, and an open space for casual recreation.

The City identified La Grange Dongara Reserve for recreational improvements and invited locals to provide feedback on what they thought needed to be improved at the reserve.

Considering the ongoing and forecasted growth of Innaloo, the demand for sporting, recreational, and nature opportunities in the area are a priority. Local engagement took place throughout May 2024. The community response about what locals want to change, ideas for improvements and knowledge shared is provided as a snapshot in this report.

You told us



Engagement summary

1705

Flyers
distributed

79

Project page
visits

40

Locals attended
the drop-in
session

132

Improvement ideas
generated at the
drop-in session

16

Surveys
complete



Innaloo suburb profile - key insights

9 (12%)

Described Innaloo as
'convenient'

15 (29%)

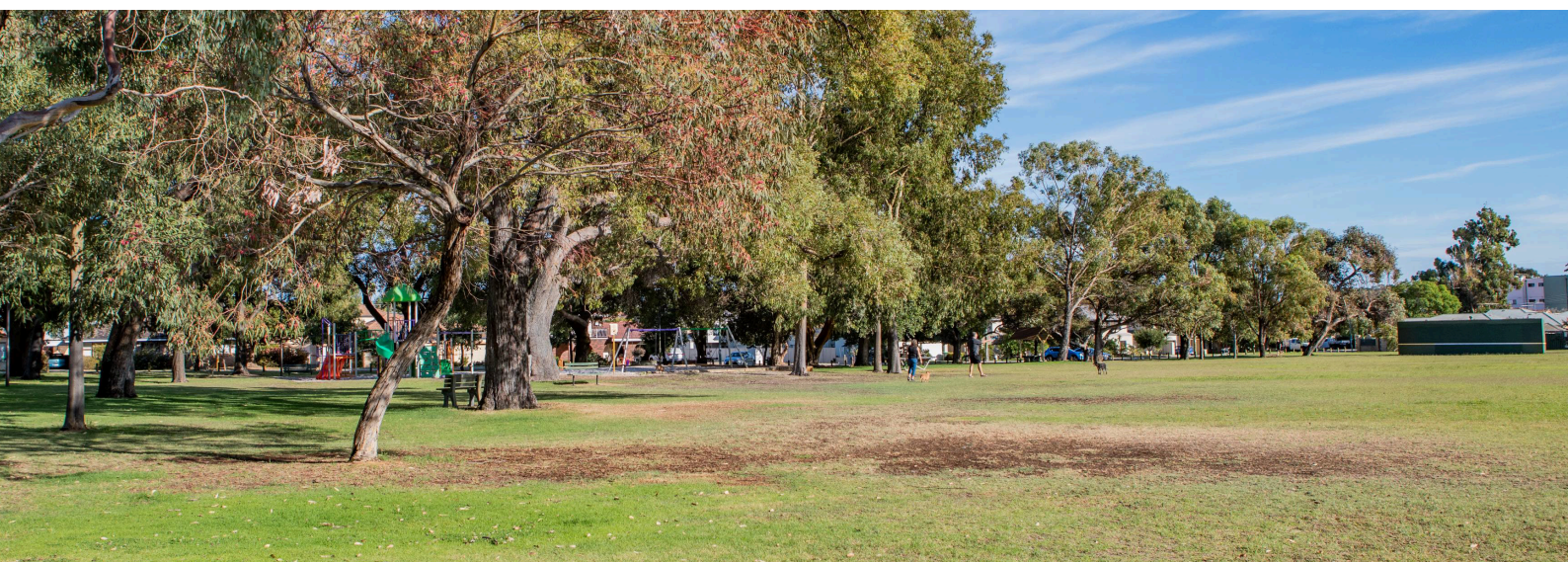
Top connector is
'Local food trucks
and markets'

67%

Sense of
belonging

78%

Neighbourly rating





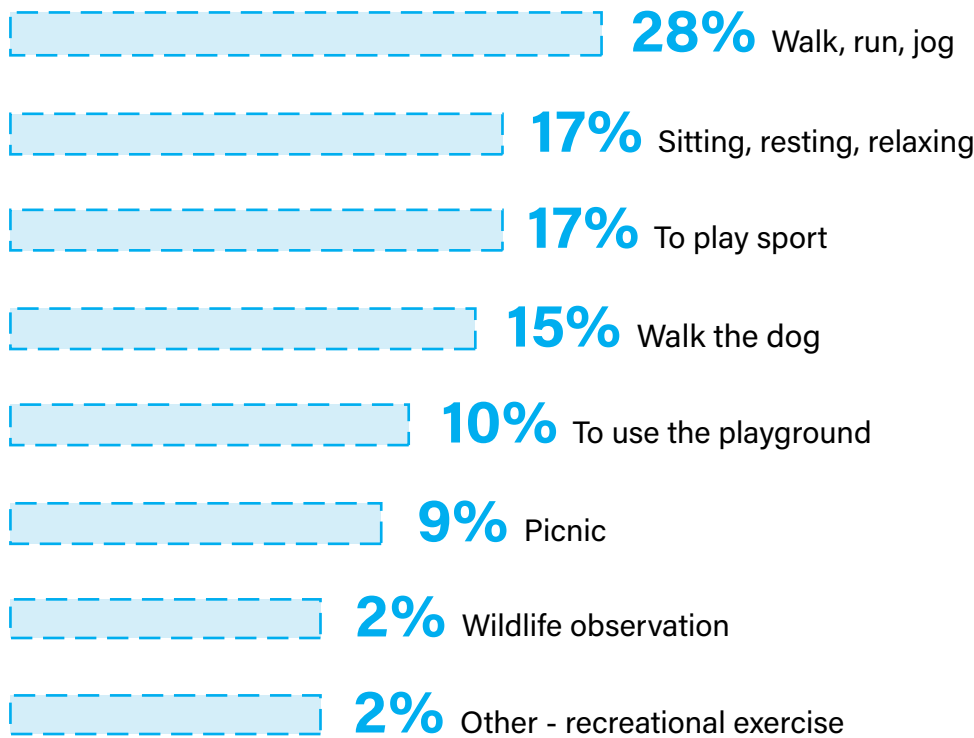
These are the top improvement ideas generated at the La Grange Dongara drop-in session



La Grange Dongara Reserve Improvements - Survey responses



What is your reason for visiting La Grange Dongara Reserve?





Are there any other local parks that you regularly visit and why?

"Yuluma Park/Primary School - to play basketball."

"Birrale Reserve, I attend group fitness there. Nice oval, lots of shade."

"Birrale - across the road from our home. Millet Park - skate ramp. Jackadder - range of activities."

"I use the La Grange Dongara Reserve every day. I sometimes will walk to Biralee Reserve as the surrounds are more interesting and my Grandchildren enjoy the climbing equipment there."

"Birrale reserve, has much nicer grass for sport and running."

"Have been to most of the bigger parks in innaloo for the use of different things."

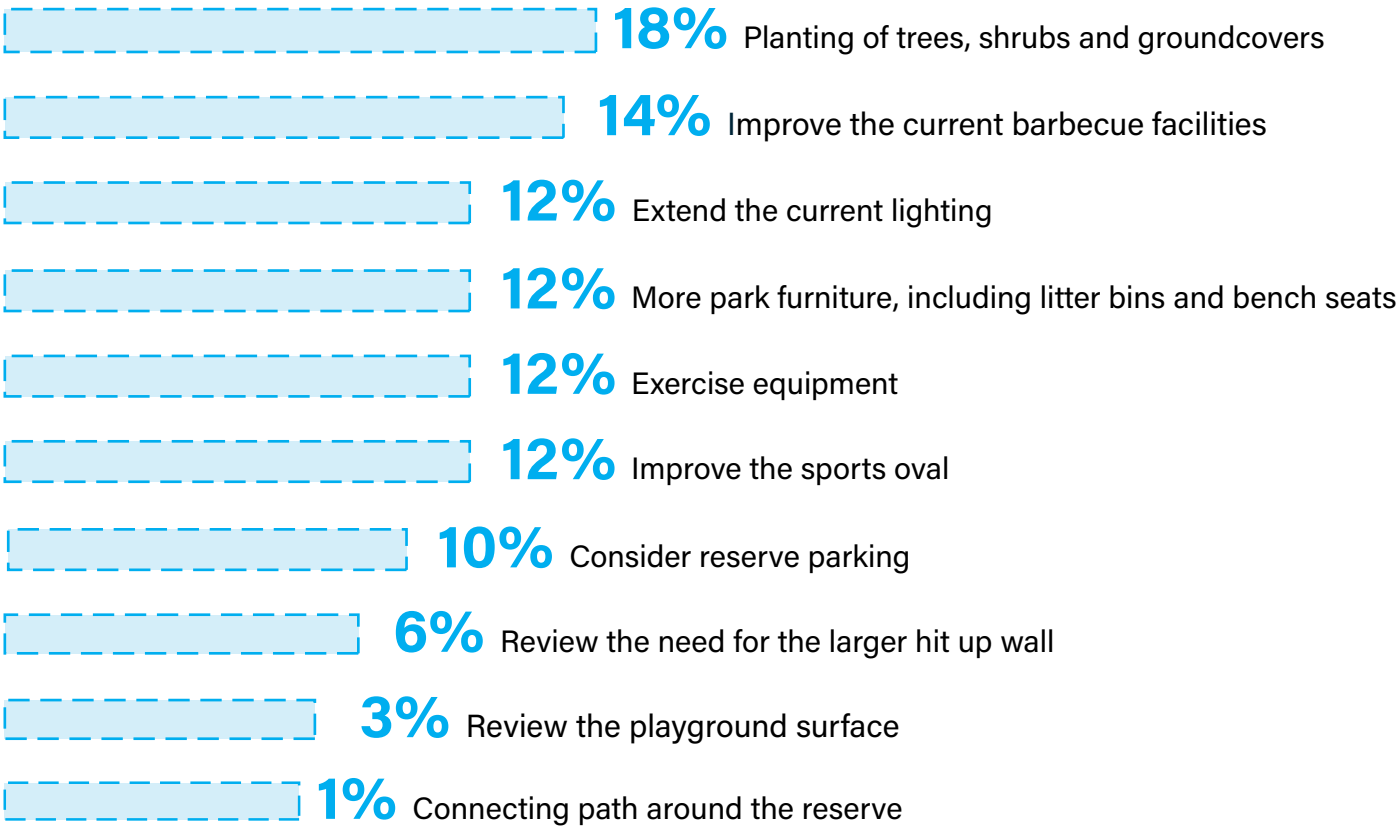
"Jackadder Lake, for its beautiful lake."

"Yes, Jackadder lake"

"Jackadder reserve"



Here are some recent feedback suggestions about what the park may need. Tick which ones you believe are needed and important. If there is something you would like to see that is not listed please include it in the "Other" box?



Other suggestions

"Improve the children play equipment to something of the calibre of Jackadder lake."

"Pickleball court to replace hit up wall."

"Shade on playground."

"The wall is an important part of the park and needs to stay. The multiple uses for this especially if you want to practice certain sports solo which many adults and children do for example tennis and soccer."

"A Bmx/mountain bike pump track."

"Enforce dog poo pick up laws. most people comply but some don't."

"Fenced in playground, age appropriate climbing frames walls monkey bars for ages 10 and up! basketball ring, soccer/tennis wall."

"Improve the grass, it is basically all weed bar the areas away from the main oval. A basketball ring on the other side of the tennis wall would be good. Some parking on the sides of the park where cars park on the grass may be of benefit."

"Replacement of current water drink fountain standpipes to those that are a combination of Dog water drink bowl with a drinking fountain outlet above which also has a stronger water flow than there currently is."



If you could change three things about La Grange Dongara Reserve what would they be?

This is a snapshot of what you told us

Improve trees and shrubs in park Basketball hoop on hit up wall Larger playground equip for older kids.

Lighting BBQ Larger Climbing Equipment, climbing frames, monkey bars for the Teenagers within the area. Basketball hoop.

Add basket ball ring Fence in playground (certain dog owners don't do the right thing!) Add monkey bars,climbing frame, wall for ten yrs to teens ages. There was a good one and was replaced with baby ones.

More facilities eg BBQ, tables to have a picnic More trees etc Shade on playground.

1. Replace the hit up wall with a 1x tennis court and a basketball/netball hoop 2. More picnic facilities (more seats, BBQ, lighting) 3. Improved grass surface (lots of weeds, uneven surface).

1) the kids playground to a more nature play look. 2) more shaded areas with tables 3) good quality outdoor gym equipment.

More versatile seating options.

Make sure dog poo bags are always stocked. plant more trees. inspect existing trees to ensure they are safe.

Addition of a couple more park benches on the Northern side of the Park.

Improve the grass surface. Add some parking bay around the oval exterior. Better lighting for evening use.

Remove hit up wall. Remove cricket pitch, never get used. Add in facilities for exercise like jackadder lake has or sports facilities like pickleball, basketball, skateboarding.

Add a pump track Add more drinking fountains Public toilets.

Add shade sails above playground. Build public toilet. Add a skate ramp for kids.

Upgrade the tennis court wall only nothing else to change.



Are there any other improvements you think need to be considered?

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Embrace improvements that will encourage kids from 10 to 16 to play, hang there.

Shading for the playground, some more pathways around playground/BBQ facilities.

Get rid of table tennis table, nobody uses it.

Please consider AFL goal post. Doesn't need to be full sized and you don't have to have it at either end. 1 set will do.

Please put in a Basket Ball Hoop off to the side of the wall area so that area can be used for multiple ball sports A mural by a local artist on the wall and the local kids within the community and get involved in the mural and take ownership of "their" park.

The grass needs lots of care more weeds than grass now. Dog owners need to be told not to let dogs dig in grass!

Just shade solutions.

Make it more of a weekend entertainment spot. Gate in the whole park, upgrade bbq and add shaded seating areas.

The roads around the reserve.

I strongly agree to the addition of exercise equipment but something a lot more substantial than the slot boards that appear to be permeating into parks these days. These also need to be adjustable, as one size does not fit all!

Some other forms of recreation to AI opportunities would be nice, like basketball, disc golf, some sports goals for leisure.

I think installing a pickleball or half tennis court and exercise equipment would greatly improve the reserve.

A sick pump track (fun for everyone) and possibly a jumps line.



Any additional comments you would like to share?

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It is a great open space, and people meet there regularly. I have 4 grandkids that feel they have outgrown the playground and there is no where to sit or skateboard or bicycle around.

A few good changes will be used more efficiently than trying to do all the things not well. We need to listen to the kids, the young girls coming up today and give them the climbing frames - that's where they will hang out and talk...give them the basketball hoop so they can gather together and run around in the fresh air and be a part of the community in a safe way.

We would like the park a safe place for teens to go to play sport and be active. Maybe a mural on a wall involving them with a local artist like Linzi Carter. As to create a sense of community with the local teens at their park.

One single soccer Goal with an all weather net, would have been more cost effective but its placement would have had to be carefully considered.

Appreciate our park being considered for refurbishment. The grass is a big consideration please, I come from a leisure planning background so am happy to support the project.