



# Community Engagement Report

## Parkinson Reserve

Consultation period – Thursday 2 October to 5pm Wednesday 22 October 2025.

## Purpose of engagement

To seek feedback from the local community on what sporting equipment they would like to see at Parkinson Reserve

## Overview

Community engagement for the Parkinson Reserve project was hosted on our engagement platform:  
[www.yourholdfast.com/parkinson-reserve](http://www.yourholdfast.com/parkinson-reserve)

The community were able to share their feedback by:

- An online survey and priority tool on [www.yourholdfast.com/parkinson-reserve](http://www.yourholdfast.com/parkinson-reserve)
- Written feedback (via mail or email)
- Phone

37 participants responded to the survey.

11 participants responded to the priority tool.

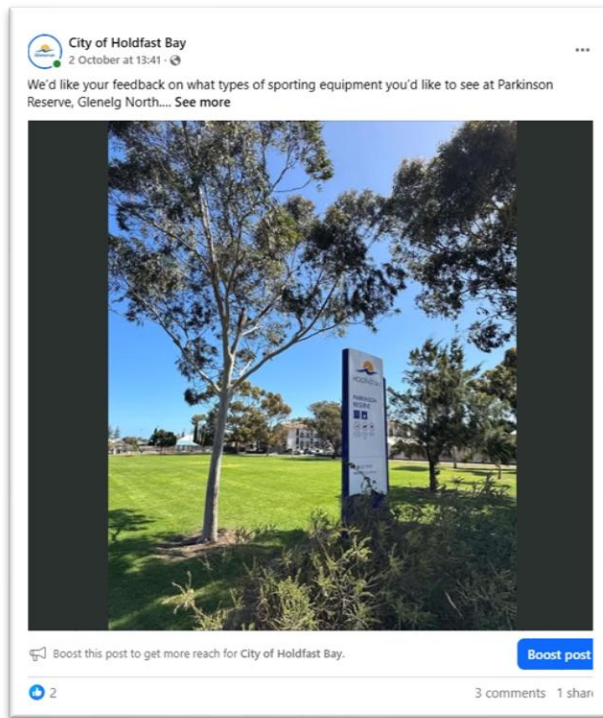
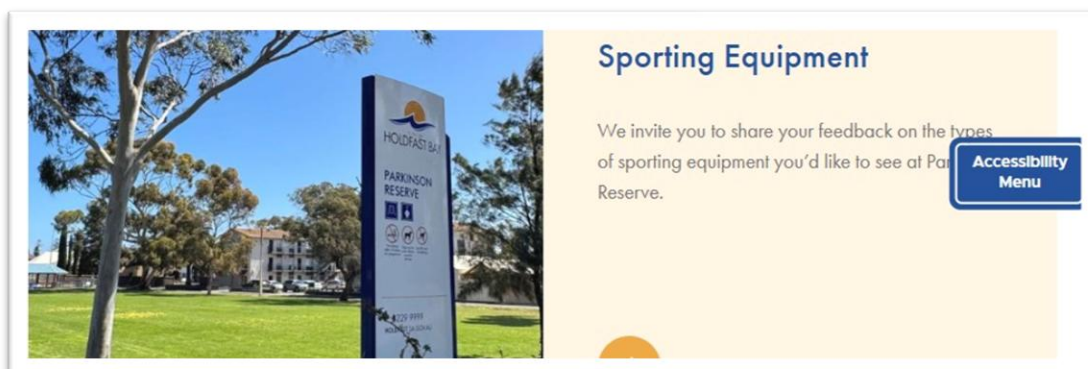
## Promotion of engagement

This engagement was promoted in the following ways:

- Homepage of YourHoldfast
- Council website homepage campaign (15 October – 22 October)
- Two corflutes displayed at reserve with QR code
- Letters delivered to residents within a 250-metre radius of Parkinson Reserve
- Holdfast News on 26 September 2025

- One Facebook post on 2 October 2025

## Examples of Promotion



## Survey Results

The following is a summary of the results for the online survey. Participants were asked to provide answers to Rank their preferred sporting equipment for Parkinson Reserve and provide comments

### 1. Please rank the following sporting equipment you would like to see at Parkinson Reserve from highest to lowest priority

37 participants answered.



| Equipment                                | Average | Score | Final rank |
|------------------------------------------|---------|-------|------------|
| Basketball/Netball ring and playing area | 5.63    | 4.86  | 1          |
| Mini soccer goals                        | 3.77    | 3.16  | 5          |
| Volleyball net                           | 3.26    | 2.73  | 7          |
| Cricket stumps and mini pitch            | 3.70    | 3.00  | 6          |
| Learn to Ride Track                      | 4.74    | 4.49  | 2          |
| Fun Goals – AFL/Soccer/Rugby             | 4.39    | 3.68  | 3          |
| Handball Squares                         | 3.81    | 3.19  | 4          |

## 2. Please provide any comments, suggestions and ideas

14 participants answered. There were 5 key themes that participants raised regarding

*See Appendix 1 – Survey Results Response Data for further details.*

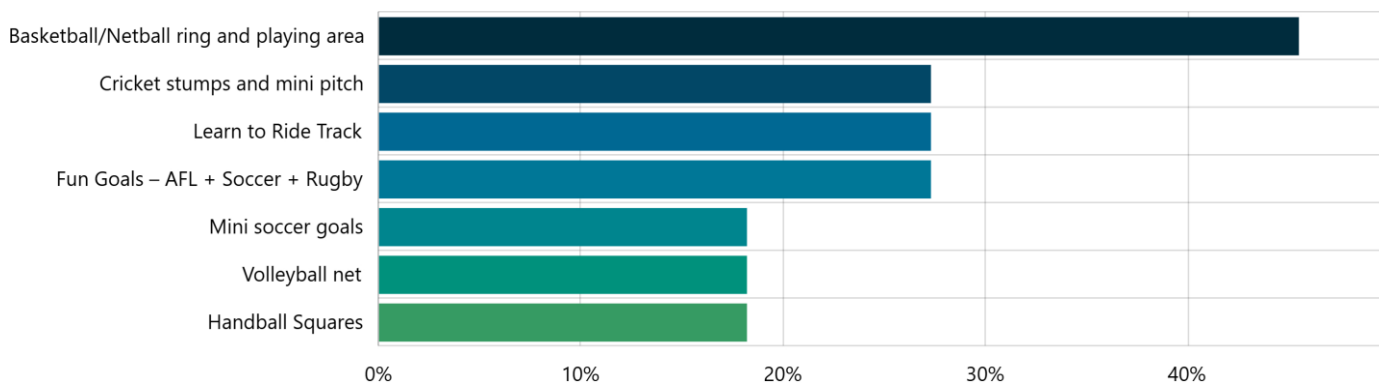
| Theme                            | Number of times raised |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Would like Outdoor Gym Equipment | 5                      |
| Would like Toilets               | 3                      |
| Would like a Pickleball court    | 2                      |

Other items raised included a request for shade, a dog water station, and promotion of PT Sessions.

## Priority Tool summary

Results of participant voting showing which projects were most and least funded (calculated as project votes / total contributions).

11 contributions



| Project Name                             | Cost   | Total Votes | %   |
|------------------------------------------|--------|-------------|-----|
| Basketball/Netball ring and playing area | 20 pts | 5           | 25% |
| Cricket stumps and mini pitch            | 2 pts  | 3           | 15% |
| Learn to Ride Track                      | 15 pts | 3           | 15% |
| Fun Goals – AFL/Soccer/Rugby             | 5 pts  | 3           | 15% |
| Mini soccer goals                        | 5 pts  | 2           | 10% |
| Volleyball net                           | 2 pts  | 2           | 10% |
| Handball Squares                         | 3 pts  | 2           | 10% |

## Website Statistics

Below is the information regarding how people access and viewed the project page.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>307</b><br><b>views</b> | <b>169</b><br><b>visits</b> | <b>142</b><br><b>visitors</b> | <b>5</b><br><b>followers</b> |
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**Views** – The number of times a Visitor views any page on a Site.

**Visits** – The number of end-user sessions associated with a single Visitor.

**Visitors** – The number of unique public or end-users to a Site. A Visitor is only counted once, even if they visit a Site several times in one day.

**Followers** – The number of Visitors who have ‘subscribed’ to a project using the ‘Follow’ button

### How people accessed the website

Below shows how people accessed the website.

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|----------------|-----|
| Direct         | 111 |
| Social media   | 41  |
| Websites       | 10  |
| Search engines | 7   |

## Appendix 1 – Survey Results Response Data

Please note all comments are written verbatim. All personal details have been redacted.

### Question Please provide any comments, suggestions and ideas

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| 1. | "I'd be much more interested in some open gym equipment than the options listed above. I'm thinking about chest and leg press, hand rower, pullup bar.<br>Jon Miller Reserve Gym (26A Esplanade, Somerton Park SA 5044) is a good example."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2. | What about putting in a pickleball court                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 3. | Would be great to have some outdoor exercise equipment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4. | Encourage local Gyms and PTs to conduct early morning group sessions such as HIIT, Boot Camp, Yoga for all levels of fitness and age.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 5. | Please provide a dog water station.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 6. | Don't ruin a nice open area. Too much equipment could encourage the wrong type of people into the area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 7. | <p>Existing users of Parkinsons Reserve include adults visiting with younger children to use the playground equipment, dog walkers who generally embrace leash-free use, and, to a much lesser extent, backyard cricket, some soccer—usually involving family groups—and occasionally frisbee and football. In season, some weekend family and special interest groups use the shelters and BBQ facilities for social gatherings. The reserve also serves as a shortcut to transport and shops for residents living west of it. Commuters and schoolchildren traverse the open space to reach Alison Street.</p> <p>The provision of more safe, shaded areas through suitable plantings would significantly enhance the reserve's amenity. The recent addition of a Moreton Bay Fig tree is highly commendable; future generations will thank those responsible. A slightly meandering path, diagonally oriented from Alison Street, accompanied by additional shade plantings, is worth considering for future development.</p> <p>The area is delightfully diverse, with a broad mix of residents including recent immigrants from multicultural backgrounds, and people spanning a wide range of income levels and ages.</p> <p>In my observation, Aussie Rules football enthusiasts—engaging even in one-on-one kicking practice and similar ball games—tend to dominate the open space. This dominance discourages other users from freely enjoying the area while these activities are ongoing. Such a mix of activities can be unsafe, leading to potential injuries or disharmony, and therefore should not be encouraged.</p> <p>While I acknowledge the council's desire to provide more sporting opportunities, the existing recreational use should not be diminished.</p> <p>The proposed installation of goal posts and mini soccer goals will detract from current usage. As noted, large ball-focused activities often involve running adults who are mostly unaware of their surroundings while chasing, catching, or kicking the ball. Inevitably, they dominate the available space in a hazardous and disruptive manner.</p> <p>Moreover, installing goal posts will likely lead to increased ad-hoc "regular practice nights" by coaches and players seeking free, readily available facilities—potentially inappropriate for this reserve. This will also worsen the already limited street parking, which suggests these users would not be local residents.</p> <p>Rather than detract from the reserve's existing low-impact enjoyment, I propose adding adult outdoor gym equipment, such as air walkers and parallel bars, to enhance our community park.</p> <p>Providing accessible fitness equipment promotes physical activity for all ages and cultural groups, encouraging inclusivity and well-being.</p> <p>Outdoor gyms support cardiovascular health, muscle strength, and mobility, benefiting adults of all ages. They also foster social interaction, which is vital for mental health and community cohesion.</p> <p>Pairing the installation of this equipment with ongoing community fitness awareness programs will further motivate participation and educate residents on healthy lifestyles.</p> <p>Investing in this initiative aligns with the council's goals for public health and community engagement, offering an affordable, sustainable way to improve residents' quality of life while preserving the existing amenities of the reserve.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.</p> |

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| 8.  | <p>Parkinson Reserve has desperately needed toilets for all of this Century. It must be embarrassing for parents to make their kids go behind a tree or in the verge. Sadly there is virtually no parking around the reserve. Even 5 Two to Three hour parking spots would be helpful. Gym equipment would be good and an upgraded playground with a border fence would be excellent.</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity and I hope upgrades are not far off.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 9.  | <p>Thank you for your recent invitation to contribute ideas for the development of Parkinson Reserve. My suggestions focus on sustainability, safety, and creating opportunities for all age groups to enjoy the space. A central theme could be wellness and care for our natural environment. Around the park perimeter, planting water-wise native shrubs and ground covers would support local birdlife, provide shade and shelter for smaller species, and help create a softer green boundary. At the same time, shrubs planted thoughtfully could enhance safety by creating a natural barrier around play areas, giving children a sense of enclosure away from nearby roads while still keeping sightlines open for parents and carers.</p> <p>A winding perimeter walking/learn to ride track would be a valuable addition, designed for both walkers and those using bikes or scooters, encouraging everyday movement and supporting community health. Along this pathway, Council might also consider interpretive signage about local flora, birds, and sustainability in action.</p> <p>For play opportunities, natural elements such as large boulders, recycled tree trunks, sand, and rocks could be incorporated. These features not only create low-maintenance landscaping but also provide an “adventure play” area suitable for older children. They spark creativity and imagination while maintaining sustainability. A mini obstacle course—perhaps using logs, climbing nets, and balance beams—could appeal across a wide age group while also promoting health and fitness.</p> <p>To enhance the park further for a broad age range, innovative outdoor sporting equipment could be considered. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parkour-style structures or modular climbing frames for free movement and strength training.</li> <li>• Calisthenics stations with bars for pull-ups, dips, and body-weight exercises.</li> <li>• Outdoor table tennis or futsal spaces, which don’t require large upkeep but encourage social interaction.</li> <li>• Smart fitness stations that use QR codes to connect to phone apps, guiding safe exercise routines.</li> </ul> <p>These additions, combined with the walking track, adventure play, and natural landscaping, would create a vibrant and welcoming community space that builds on the existing shade structure, BBQ and play equipment for younger children. Development aligns with Councils sustainability principles, supports local biodiversity, and encourages people of all ages to enjoy healthy outdoor activity.</p> <p>I appreciate the Council’s work in planning for the wellbeing of the community and hope these ideas will be of interest as you consider future developments for the park.</p> |
| 10. | what about tennis courts?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 11. | Would be great to have some shade over a picnic table/area. The current table is in full sun at all times really limit the usability of the space. Would also love a toilet here.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 12. | A pickleball court would be #1!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 13. | Whatever sporting equipment is chosen I think it is essential that a shade cloth be erected over the whole playground area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 14. | We need more playgrounds with toilets and more playgrounds to be fully fenced                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |