

Information Sheet

Whinnen Reserve and playspace proposed upgrades



Background

Council is seeking feedback from the community about proposed upgrades to Whinnen Reserve and playspace. Whinnen Reserve is located at 5-9 Benbowie Street, St Agnes (behind the St Agnes Shopping Centre on North East Road).

Council's Open Space Asset Management Plan identifies Whinnen Reserve as a 'local' level playspace which primarily caters for people living within walking distance of the play area. The Open Space Asset Management Plan outlines the way in which Council plans, designs and maintains its playspaces across our City.

What's being proposed?

In this financial year Council has allocated \$480,000 to upgrade Whinnen Reserve and replace the play equipment. Subject to final design and budgetary considerations, the proposed upgrades (which can be found in the enclosed draft concept plan) include:

- Replacement of play equipment to include at a minimum:
 - a double swing, including a toddler swing
 - a slide
 - climbing equipment
- Balancing, rocking and spinning play types will also be considered
- Rubber softfall installed under and around the swings with pine chip softfall used in the remaining area of the playspace
- Upgrade to existing concrete pad with new log seating and surface graphic
- New screen planting, new and refreshed garden beds and a new irrigated grass area
- New rubble path (connecting to St Agnes Shopping Centre)
- Replace and relocate picnic setting, replacement of existing seating and installation of new seating
- Removal of fence along Benbowie Street and Whinnen Street
- Removal of drinking fountain

Given the playspace's 'local' level classification, the provision of a toilet, BBQ or shade sail is not being considered.

Play opportunities and age group proposed for the playspace

Local playspaces are generally small and designed to cater for short term visits. They typically provide play opportunities for one age group. They may include sliding, swinging, balancing, spinning and climbing play types. Based on demographic data for the area and population trends, the age group proposed for Whinnen Reserve is 5-12 years of age, with some play options provided for younger children.

Have your say

Before we take any further steps, we would like to hear from local residents and users of Whinnen Reserve and playspace. We're particularly interested in hearing people's thoughts about:

- the upgrades and changes proposed
- anything that is particularly liked or valued about the reserve and playspace currently
- preferred play equipment types
- suggestions for any other elements or equipment we could consider.

We encourage feedback from the whole family, including children, where possible.

You can provide your feedback through any of the options below:

Scan the QR code:



- **Online** at: yoursay.cttg.sa.gov.au/reserve-upgrades-26
- **Request a hard copy** feedback form to be posted to you or collect a hard copy at the Civic Centre reception, 571 Montague Road, Modbury
- **Email** community.engagement@cttg.sa.gov.au
- **Call** the Community Engagement team on 8397 7444

We value your comments and would appreciate your feedback **by 5pm, 30 April 2026**.

All feedback received on this proposal will be considered as we develop the final plan for the playspace and reserve, taking into account budget and other project considerations. The final concept plan will be shared on our Your Say website. Those who provide feedback will be advised when the final plan is available.

More information about how we provide, develop and maintain playspaces across our City can be found in the Open Space Asset Management Plan. A link to this plan is available at the Your Say web page above.

Questions

If you have any questions about this project, you can use the Question tool on the Your Say webpage for this project, or you are welcome to contact Valdis Zvaigzne, Strategic Landscape Projects Manager on 8397 7444.