

# Attachment - Item 8

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MOORABOOL SHIRE COUNCIL  
CENTRAL RECORDS

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February 18, 2016

Dear Mr. Croxford,

My name is Jasmine John and I am a homeowner, resident and mother in the Essence Estate in Bacchus Marsh, Victoria.

My husband and I chose this estate because of the family-friendly sized blocks of land, strong community atmosphere, promised local amenities (including schools), and the various parks and recreational areas for families to play, enjoy, relax and meet others - a perfect environment to raise our young children, and so far it has proven to be a fantastic decision.

Unfortunately in the 18 months that we have lived here we have become more and more surprised that there is nowhere for our two year old and four year old daughters to play within the estate. At the time of purchasing our land it was suggested by the Sales Officer that the 'council reserve' in Stage 2 (Stonehill drive) would be a usable recreational space. This however is not the case. Fortunately when Stage 5 was released, the idea of a large recreational area for all of the local families was widely appreciated. It was with great disappointment however, that the decision to put in a children's playground was somehow overlooked.

This is such a great reserve - it is spacious, shaded, roped off from the road, and central to the many, many young families who already live in this estate. A children's playground in this space just makes sense. If you look at the Stonehill Estate nearby, their children's playground is absolutely one of the main drawcards for families in the area, and is frequented daily by so many people enjoying time with their children, friends and families. It is an asset to the Stonehill Estate, and the heart of their community.

All we are requesting is that a children's playground be installed in the Stage 5 Parkside Avenue reserve in the Essence Estate so that the local families have somewhere close, safe and exciting for our children to play and meet other local children and families.

On the 11th January 2016 myself and a future resident and mother, Elise Davies, started an online petition to see how many local families agreed with our stance. As of the 18<sup>th</sup> February we have in excess of 120 signatures (both online and in person) supporting our request for a children's playground in the Parkside Avenue Reserve.

On the 12th January we were approached by the Melton Moorabool Star Weekly Newspaper to write an article about our petition, and on Tuesday 19th January this article was published and also available online.

The support that we have received has been phenomenal and outstanding and just highlights how wonderful and supportive our local community is, and how strongly people feel about needing a children's playground within our estate.

We have attached the online petition, online petition comments, in-person petition signatures and the Melton Moorabool Star Weekly news article for you to review.

We look forward to your response and discussing this further.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jasmine John and Elise Davies', written in a cursive style.

Jasmine John and Elise Davies

Petitioning Moorabool Council

# Install a Children's Playground in the Parkside Avenue Reserve, Essence Estate

Jasmine John Australia



This installation of a children's playground at the allocated Reserve on Parkside avenue will allow many of the families in the estate a place to play, relax, entertain and meet other local families to help build a friendly and welcoming local community here in the Essence estate and also the surrounding Stonehill estate. It will be a great addition to our Estate and make the reserve a much more usable space for all members of our local community.

# Signatures

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Jasmine John	, Australia	2016-01-11
William John	Australia	2016-01-11
Julie Taylor	Australia	2016-01-11
Aleksandar Chicko	Australia	2016-01-11
Jane Kampus	Australia	2016-01-11
Lauren Lee Meddings	Australia	2016-01-11
Rebecca Dann	Australia	2016-01-11
Nathan Dobson	Australia	2016-01-11
Annmarie Dobson	Australia	2016-01-11
Matthew Dobson	Australia	2016-01-11
Andy Guljas	Australia	2016-01-11
Stan Peska	Australia	2016-01-11
Natalie Caulfield	Australia	2016-01-11
Elise D	Australia	2016-01-11
Claire Jenkn	Australia	2016-01-11
Rebecca Lees	Australia	2016-01-12
Rebecca McMahon	Australia	2016-01-12
Shaun Hopper	Australia	2016-01-12
Daniel temby	Australia	2016-01-12
Susie Jackson	Australia	2016-01-12
Alison Edwards	Australia	2016-01-12
Kim Hopkinson	Australia	2016-01-12
Nicole Holowko-Green	Australia	2016-01-12
Grant Allan	Australia	2016-01-12
Bev Williams	Australia	2016-01-12
A Rizvi	Mooroolbark, Australia	2016-01-12
Bree Temby	Australia	2016-01-12
Levana Dobson	Australia	2016-01-12
Danielle Ware	Australia	2016-01-12
Lyn Edwards	Australia	2016-01-12

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Karen O'Keefe	Bacchus Marsh, Australia	2016-01-12
Kathryn Darveniza	Australia	2016-01-12
Caress Beattie	Australia	2016-01-12
Daniel Mendes	Australia	2016-01-12
Josh Bordieri	Australia	2016-01-12
Andrea Enever	Darley, Australia	2016-01-12
Abbey Collins	Australia	2016-01-12
Bill Mansell	bacchus marsh, Australia	2016-01-12
John Guljas	Australia	2016-01-12
M C	Australia	2016-01-12
Daniel McGillivray	Australia	2016-01-12
Tara Shanks	Australia	2016-01-12
Stephen O'Dwyer	Australia	2016-01-12
Melinda Abbey	Australia	2016-01-12
Rebecca Jong	Australia	2016-01-12
Gaye Yuille	Melbourne, Australia	2016-01-12
Laura Hudson	Wendouree, Australia	2016-01-13
rajesh sharma	Australia	2016-01-13
Danica Naidoo	Australia	2016-01-13
fiona hepperlin	Australia	2016-01-13
Luke Simpson	Australia	2016-01-14
lindy edwards	Australia	2016-01-14
neil raymond	Bacchus Marsh, Australia	2016-01-16
Ashlee Higgins	Australia	2016-01-16
Esther Morrow	Australia	2016-01-16
emily spiteri	Australia	2016-01-16
Rachel Spurr	Australia	2016-01-16
Anne Marie Bullock	Wyndham Vale, Australia	2016-01-16
Elaine Byron	Darley, Australia	2016-01-16
Hayley Galbac	Australia	2016-01-16
Mark Gilliland	Australia	2016-01-16
Joy McInerney	Australia	2016-01-16

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Lauren H	Australia	2016-01-16
Jared Mallegrom	Australia	2016-01-17
Karen Davidson	Australia	2016-01-18
Tatum Fogarty	Australia	2016-01-18
Brooke McComb	Australia	2016-01-18
Rachel Yuille	Australia	2016-01-18
Fiona Young	Australia	2016-01-19
Andrew Dobson	Australia	2016-01-19
Brooke Galea	Australia	2016-01-19
Margaret Derbyshire	Saint Marys, Australia	2016-01-19
Jade West	Australia	2016-01-19
Melanie McComb	Australia	2016-01-19
Rebecca Halliwell	Australia	2016-01-19
Sophie Krokos	Australia	2016-01-19
Natalie Heath	Australia	2016-01-23
kerry small	Australia	2016-01-23
Hayley Iannazzo	Australia	2016-01-23
Jasmine Bathis	Melbourne, Australia	2016-01-23
Courtney Chafer	Australia	2016-01-23
Penney Smithers	Australia	2016-01-23
Morgan Brown	Melbourne, Australia	2016-01-23
Elaine mcdonald	maddingley, Australia	2016-01-23
Judi Sherri	Australia	2016-01-23
Deborah Vivian	Bacchus Marsh, Australia	2016-01-23
Chris Huculak	Darley, Australia	2016-01-23
Alana Olthof	Melbourne, Australia	2016-01-23
Viv McComb	Australia	2016-01-23
Briony nuske	Australia	2016-01-23
Christina Gazic	Australia	2016-01-23
Kirsty Ryan	Darley, Australia	2016-01-23
Nikola Gazic	Australia	2016-01-23
Lauren Withers	Australia	2016-01-23

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Kirsty Kearney	Australia	2016-01-23
Megan Cameron	Australia	2016-01-23
Jacqui Black	Australia	2016-01-23
J Tazzyman	Australia	2016-01-23
Rebecca Spiteri	Australia	2016-01-23
Renèe K	Australia	2016-01-23
Kristine Lorenc	Australia	2016-01-23
Kylie Benson	Australia	2016-01-23
Travis Young	Australia	2016-01-23
Josh Barber	Australia	2016-01-23



# Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
William John	Australia	2016-01-11	I want this to happen!
Aleksandar Stevanovski	Melbourne, Australia	2016-01-11	Would be great for all the family and kids living in the estate
Jane Kampus	Australia	2016-01-11	I really hope this can happen!! There is currently quite a few kids who play outside in Porter Ave (mine included) and with Essence only going to get more built up with more cars on the road, it would not only be fun for the kids but safer too!!!
Matthew Dobson	Australia	2016-01-11	I have 2 beautiful nieces who live in this area, having a playground nearby could really help get the children and parents out of the house, also my sister told me too :)
Andy Guljas	Australia	2016-01-11	I have young children who would frequent the park very often and it would also give our little community an area to make friends and mingle.
stan peska01@yahoo.co.uk	Australia	2016-01-11	Because children deserve s playground and rich developer's have obligation to complete their workes to resemble their glossy sales brochures.
Elise D	Australia	2016-01-11	This is a huge brand new family Estate with already so many kids! A playground is needed
Daniel temby	Australia	2016-01-12	i am building in porter avenue now and my 3 yr old daughter would love a park close for her to play on
Susie Jackson	Australia	2016-01-12	It gives the kids somewhere safe to play
Alison Edwards	Australia	2016-01-12	Because my sister lives there and my niece would love a park .
Kim Hopkinson	Australia	2016-01-12	Kids need a playground in a massive child friendly estate
Nicole Green	Australia	2016-01-12	I live in the next estate and would love to see more family friendly parks made available in our local area.
Grant Allan	Australia	2016-01-12	Family estate needs a family playground just makes sense
A Rizvi	Mooroolbark, Australia	2016-01-12	Our new home should be up in a few months (Porter Ave) and this would be great! We were told by the land sales person at the tome of signing the contract that there were definitely plans for a children's playground here, just surprised why it needs a petition! Please put up the said playground on Parkside Ave. Thanks!
Bree Temby	Australia	2016-01-12	I'm building in this estate and would love a park tgere
Lyn Edwards	Australia	2016-01-12	A public toilet should also be installed
Elise Bettie	Bacchus marsh, Australia	2016-01-12	We will be building the that estate mid this year and i have a young son 17months old and planning to extend our family. Would be nice to be able to walk to the park with my son for afternoon play time □
Abbey Collins	Point Cook, Australia	2016-01-12	We live in essence estate with two young children. They need a communal place to visit and congregate with other local kids safely. We moved here for the community feel and as we await other families to move in there is limited space for them to play
Daniel McGillivray	Australia	2016-01-12	There is never enough though that goes into these estate's. They want families to buy smaller and smaller blocks but dont way to provide anything back
Stephen O'Dwyer	Australia	2016-01-12	I live in the Estate and this initiative would be great for all families like ours.
lindy edwards	Australia	2016-01-14	my grand daughter needs this so she can play in a park and not on the road..
neil raymond	Bacchus Marsh, Australia	2016-01-16	kids need it

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Hayley Galbac	Australia	2016-01-16	Kids need something to do when not inside.i have one in stonehill and I see a lot of kids playing there and having fun. Not all Kids want to be on there phone all the time. Some still like to play outside so why would we take that away from them?
Joy McInerney	Australia	2016-01-16	it will give the children an area to play
Brooke Calnan	Australia	2016-01-18	When we go to visit the kids need somewhere to play
Fiona Young	Australia	2016-01-19	Playgrounds give children the opportunity to get exercise, fresh air and to socialise with other children. Part of the experience of growing up and being a child.
Andrew Dobson	Australia	2016-01-19	I'm signing because I want to support the building of a community playground for my grandchildren. Somewhere safe and fun that I can take them to when I visit
Margaret Derbyshire	Saint Marys, Australia	2016-01-19	My great granddaughters would love to have a park close to their new house.
Jade West	Australia	2016-01-19	I have kids and they need a playground
Rebecca Halliwell	Australia	2016-01-19	Being a new estate with young families with children, it's the most important thing children/parents to have for meeting other children/parents within the area of where they live. Only one is situated within stone hill and people flock to it... We need more activities in bacchus marsh to keep our children & selfs entertained.
Sophie Krokos	Australia	2016-01-19	Kids need a playground to have fun and parents can meet
kerry small	victoria, Australia	2016-01-23	all kids deserve to be able to have access to a playground its part of growing up
Jasmine McCarthy	Melbourne, Australia	2016-01-23	My family is about to move to Bacchus Marsh and think this is a great idea
Courtney Chafer	Australia	2016-01-23	I have been a resident with a 10 year old who needs to go outside to see lay outside & enjoy himself. Most new estates have a playgroup, how can my soon enjoy himself if there is no local park in thebeetatebrontake him too?
Elaine mcdonald	maddingley, Australia	2016-01-23	Kids should be outside playing somewhere not stuck inside
Viv McComb	Australia	2016-01-23	for the kids
Christina Gazic	Australia	2016-01-23	Playgrounds are the best thing to get our kids up and out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy the sunshine
Kirsty Kearney	Australia	2016-01-23	Common spaces are an oft over looked commodity for community togetherness and spirit.
Jacqui Black	Australia	2016-01-23	I have a small daughter and think it would be beneficial for the community at this end of town


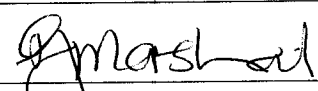

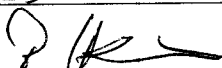
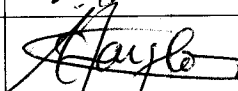
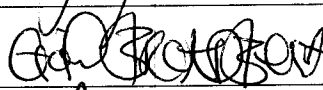

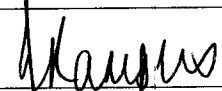

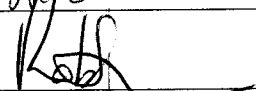
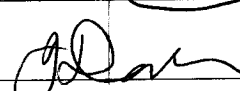
# Install a Children's Playground in the Parkside Avenue Reserve, Essence Estate

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Contact: Jasmine John 0413 756 716 / jasmine\_john@live.com

Objective: *We the undersigned petition Oliver Hume to install a children's playground in the Essence Estate.*

The installation of a children's playground at the allocated Reserve on Parkside avenue will allow many of the families in the estate a place to play, relax, entertain and meet other local families to help build a friendly and welcoming local community here in the Essence estate and also the surrounding Stonehill estate. It will be a great addition to our Estate and make the reserve a much more usable space for all members of our local community.

First Name	Last Name	Address or Street Name	Signature
Kristi	Sims	Stonehill Drive	
Cecelaine	MARSHALL	Stonehill Dr	
Denise	Davies	Stonehill Dr	
Peter	Steinhoff	stonehill Dr	
Calvin	Taylor	74 Stonehill	
GAIL	BROOBEENT	PORTER AVE	
Alanna	LeGUYON	PORTER AVE	
Jane	Kampus	Porter Ave	
Karen	Porter	Porter Ave	
Robert	Power	Porter Av	
Joanna	Derrick	Essence	



# Kids just wanna have play space

By Esther Lauaki

An online petition calling for a children's playground in Bacchus Marsh drew 52 signatures of support in its first week.

The petition, created by mother-of-two Jasmine John and calling on the community to support the push for a new playground in the town's Essence estate, went live on Change.org last week.

"As far as we know, there is no playground scheduled to be built in the estate within the next three years," Mrs John said.

"This installation of a children's playground at the allocated reserve on Parkside Avenue will give many of the families in the estate a place to play, relax, entertain and meet other local families... to help build a friendly and welcoming local community here in the Essence estate and the surrounding Stonehill estate.

"It will be a great addition to our estate and make the reserve a much more usable space for all members of our local community."

Mrs John with her husband and their two daughters, aged four and five, moved in 18 months ago.

"We've lived here long enough to know that we really could use a playground in the area," she said.

"With it being quite a new estate, many of us built our homes and have not yet had time to landscape the backyard, so we actually don't have backyards.

"It would be wonderful if we could have a playground at the reserve down the road so that



Conner, mum Elise, Charlotte and Ethan; mum Julie with Ethan and Jesse; and mum Jasmine with Ava and Lilya. (Shawn Smits)

we don't have to walk all the way to Stonehill to use the one there."

Many local residents also expressed their support in signing the petition on Facebook.

"We live in Essence estate with two young children," one poster wrote. "They need a communal place to visit and congregate with other local kids safely.

"We moved here for the community feel and, as we await other families to move in, there is limited space for them to play."

"I really hope this can happen," another wrote. "There are currently quite a few kids who play outside in Porter Avenue, mine included.

"With Essence only going to get more built-up, with more cars on the road, it would not only be fun for the kids but safer, too."



Lisa Hawlett, of Highlands Local Learning Network

## A bedside

Clinical educator Sue Chapple says reward is inspiring young learners.

Ms Chapple's work with year 12 students has earned her an award from the Highland Local Employment Network for outstanding commitment to learning.

Last September, Ballan District Care hosted four secondary school students interested in nursing careers.

Under Ms Chapple's guidance and supervision, the students observed hospital staff and interacted with nurses and other healthcare professionals.

She organised staff mentors for each student and briefed the students daily.

Highlands Local Learning Network youth transitions