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Community Maps

User Guide

Brisbane City Council

Document Information

This user guide aims to provide the reader with sufficient knowledge, to become a competent user of the Community Maps mapping application.

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Users must accept the [Terms and Conditions for Open Data](#) to download the layers used in Community Maps.

The map layers displayed in Community Maps are compiled from a variety of sources. Further information on the source and completeness of each layer may be obtained by viewing the metadata in Council's Open Data.

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- a. The Licensed Data does not purport to represent the precise location of cadastral corners or the surveyed dimensions of cadastral boundaries: and
- b. The Licensed Data was captured from available cadastral mapping, and its positional accuracy varies with the map type and the respective scale of the mapping used.

The Land & Environment Map includes the Protected Vegetation layer and shows vegetation protected by the Natural Asset Local Law 2003 ("NALL"). The NALL helps to protect our city's natural assets, including bushland areas, wetlands, waterway corridors and trees.

The status of Protected Vegetation mapping is determined from the best available information to Council at the date of access. The Protected Vegetation status for a particular property may change if further information becomes available.

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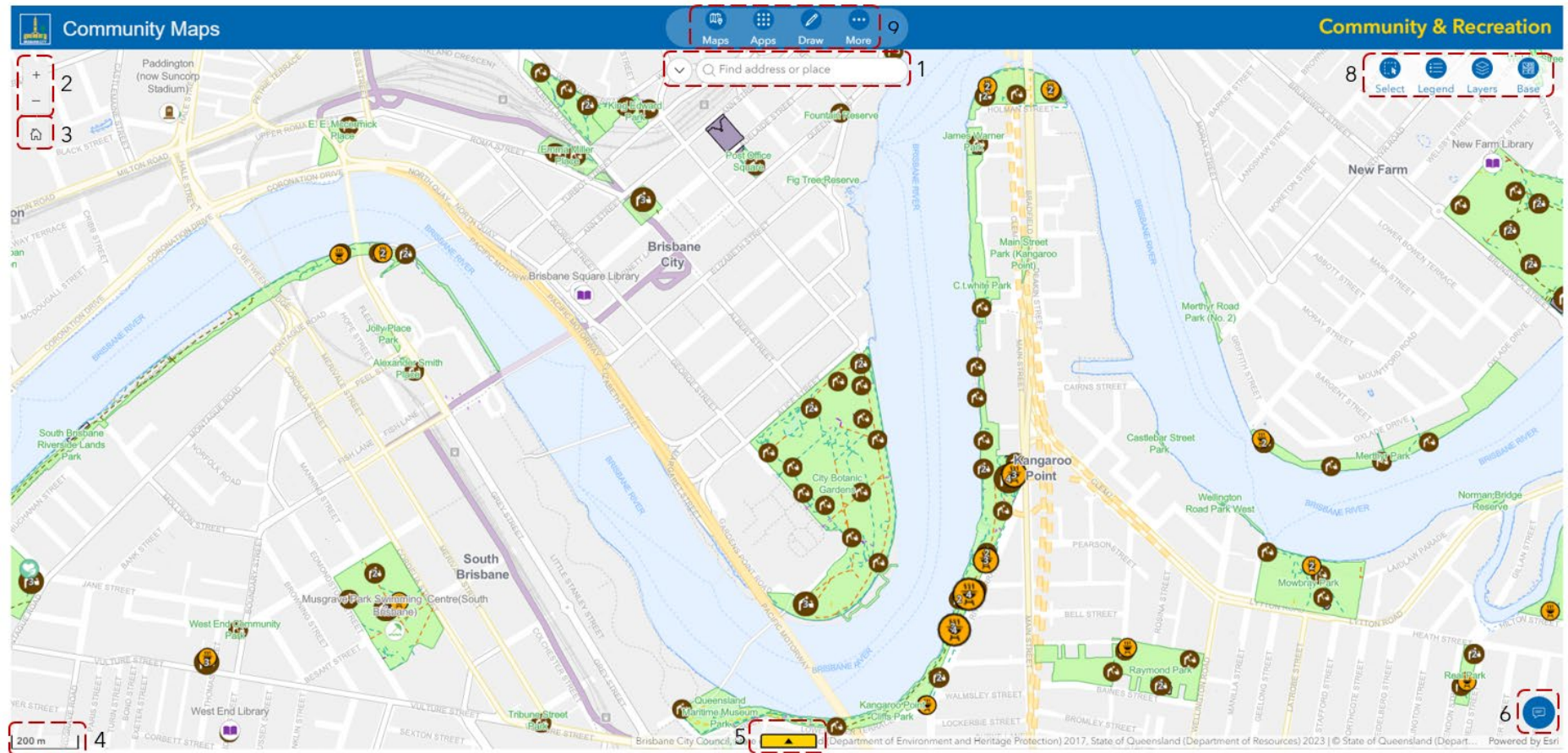
Document Information

This document, aims to provide knowledge on the use of the Community Maps mapping applications and contains information about tools, menus and functionality, that can be found in the Community Maps mapping applications, however not every tool, menu and function is discussed in this document.

Spatial Reference

The Community Maps mapping applications, web services and underlying data, have been created and stored in the Map Grid of Australia 1994 projection (MGA94 Zone 56). Many of the services are available via Brisbane City Councils [Open Data](#) website.

Main screen elements

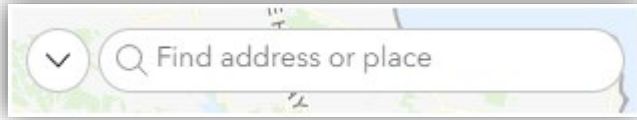


1. Search Bar
2. Zoom in/Zoom out
3. Home
4. Scale
5. Table

6. General Enquiries
7. Information tool - NOTE: no button - refer to Information Tool explanation below
8. Map Toolbar
9. Advanced Toolbar

Basic Map Tools

Search Bar



The 'Search' Bar enables users to search for specific information and helps locate features in the Map Window. Below are some examples of searches:

- Address
- Lot and plan
- Park Name
- Suburb

Note: The Search bar has been configured to search for specific item in the map. To see which items are configured for each map, click the down arrow to the left of the search bar.

Zoom in/Zoom out



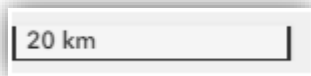
Zooming in and out on the Map window can be achieved by either using the Zoom in/Zoom out buttons or by using the scroll wheel on the mouse.

Home



Click this button to return to the home (initial) map position.

Scalebar



The Scalebar, found in the bottom left-hand corner of the map, represents the scale distance in the Map Window.

Table

Parcel

Suburbs

Q Search

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The table displays layer attributes and can be opened by clicking the yellow tab in the bottom centre of the map.



If viewing attributes of multiple layers, each layer will have its own tab at the top of the table.

Note: Clearing a highlighted feature (via show on map) can be achieved by clicking the rubbish bin button  that appears in the bottom right (after minimising the table).

Feedback



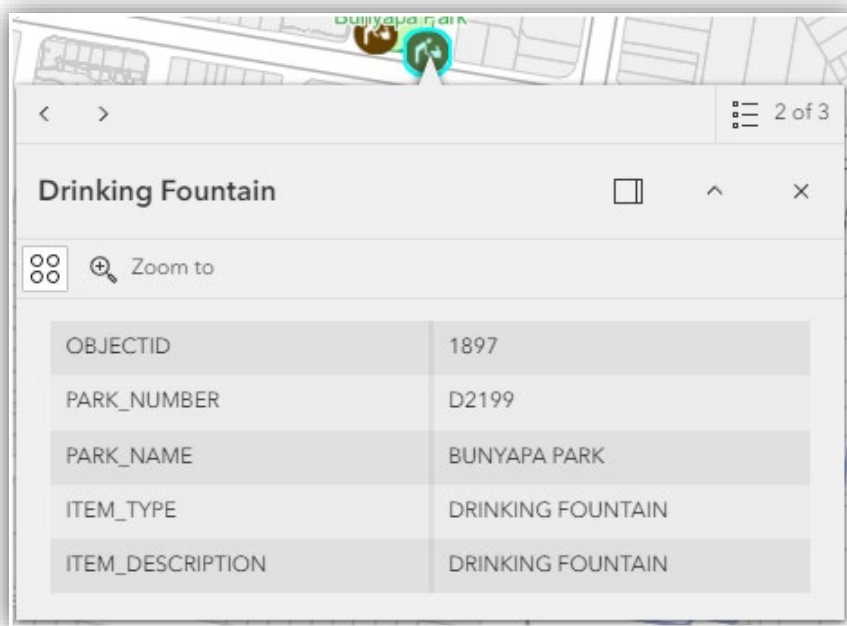
Click the Feedback button to contact council about the Community Maps mapping applications. Once clicked, the tool will open a new browser window and display the *Email Council* webpage. Follow the steps below to provide your feedback to help us improve Community Maps:

1. Click on the Select dropdown arrow and choose the *General enquiries, general complaints or feedback* option.
2. Fill in the required details
3. Add your Feedback to the *Write your letter* box
4. Click Next
5. Review the Information you have supplied
6. Click Submit

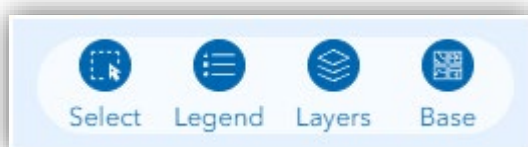
Information tool

Many layers have popups enabled. For information on a particular feature, simply click on the feature to see all the information associated with that feature.

There may be more than one feature in the location you clicked, you can see how many features have been selected in the top right-hand corner of the popup. If you have more than one feature selected, you can cycle through the selected features using the arrow buttons (< >) in the top left-hand corner of the popup.



Map Toolbar



Select

Use the select tool to select a feature from any of the layers listed in the select tool window. Users can select by rectangle, lasso, circle, line, point or data. Layers must be turned on in the [Layers](#) tool to be selectable.



Ensure to click on the select button (the button will then be highlighted in blue) prior to selecting features from the map.

Note: Clearing a highlighted feature (via show on map) can be achieved by clicking the rubbish bin button  that appears in the bottom right (after minimising the table)

Select by data

Selecting by data enables users to select features from layers using selected features in another layer. Buffering is also available when using the Select by data method.

When Selecting by data, users must:

Select

Clear all

Select by data

Apply

Relationship

Contain

Selecting features

Park Boundary

Buffer distance

0

Meter

There are 1 features inside this data.

Layers

☐ Suburbs

☐ Local (Ward Boundaries)

☐ Electoral State Boundaries

☐ Electoral Federal Boundaries

☐ Community Composting Hub locations

☐ Cemetery locations

☐ Historic Cemetery locations

☐ Botanic collection – Sherwood Arboretum

☐ Golf Course locations

☒ Barbeque locations 3

☐ Drinking Fountain Tap locations

1. Tick on the layer they wish to select from in the Select tool's Layers sub-menu

2. Choose which feature they wish to select with (eg parcel, suburbs)

3. Choose the type of selection they would like to perform eg contain

4. Optionally input a buffer distance

5. Open the Layer tool and turn on the layer the user is selecting with (step 2)

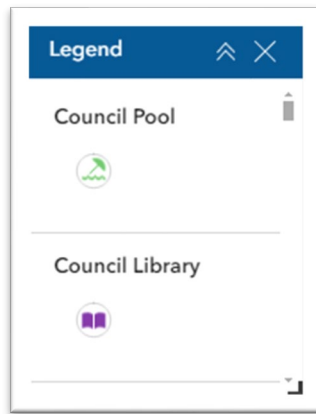
6. Select on the map, the specific features (a specific parcel or specific suburb) the user wishes to select with.

7. Click Apply

Legend

The legend tool enables the user to see the legend (symbolology), for all visible layers.

Note: The Legend panel is resizable by clicking and holding the mouse button over the bottom right-hand corner of the map and dragging the mouse to resize the panel to suit.



Layers

The layers tool lists all available layers in the map.

Users can:

- search for a specific layer using the inbuilt search bar,



- reorder the layers in the list using the layer reposition option (to the left-hand side of the layer select box) and

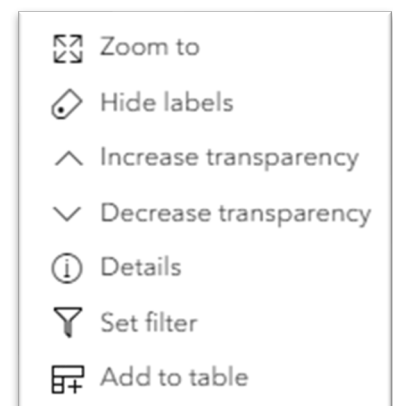


- expose the symbolology of a layer of interest by using the Legend option (to the right of the layer name).



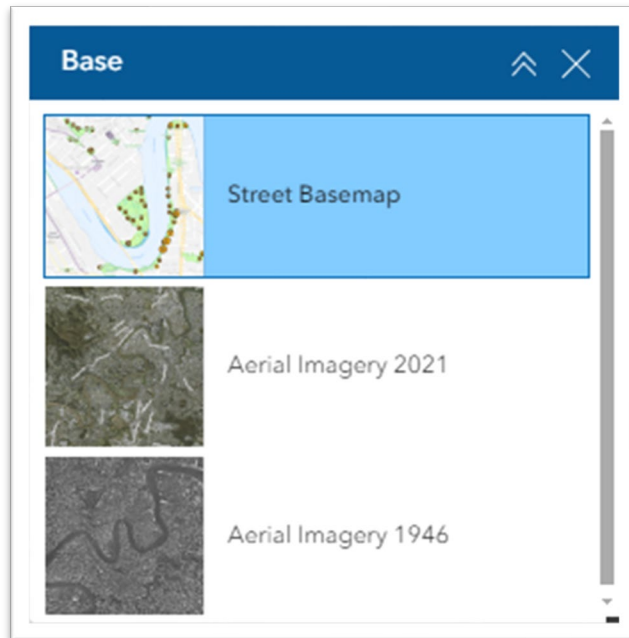
Additionally, the layer Options button (to the right-hand side of the layer name) enables users to:

- zoom to a layer,
- hide labels,
- increase or decrease the layer transparency,
- navigate to specific layer details,
- set a filter on a layer,
- add the layer to the table



Base

The base tool allows users to switch between different basemaps, including aerial imagery.



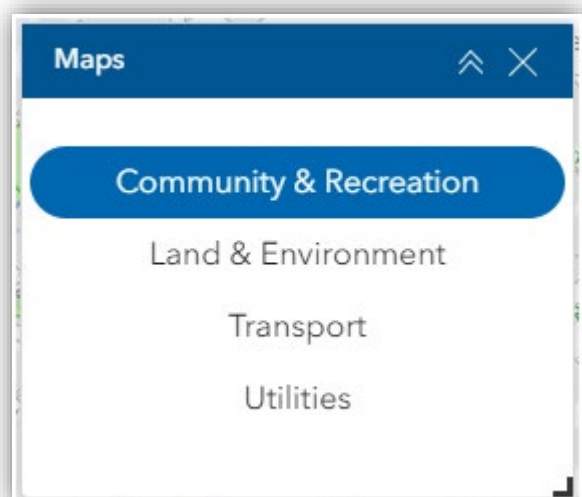
Advanced Toolbar



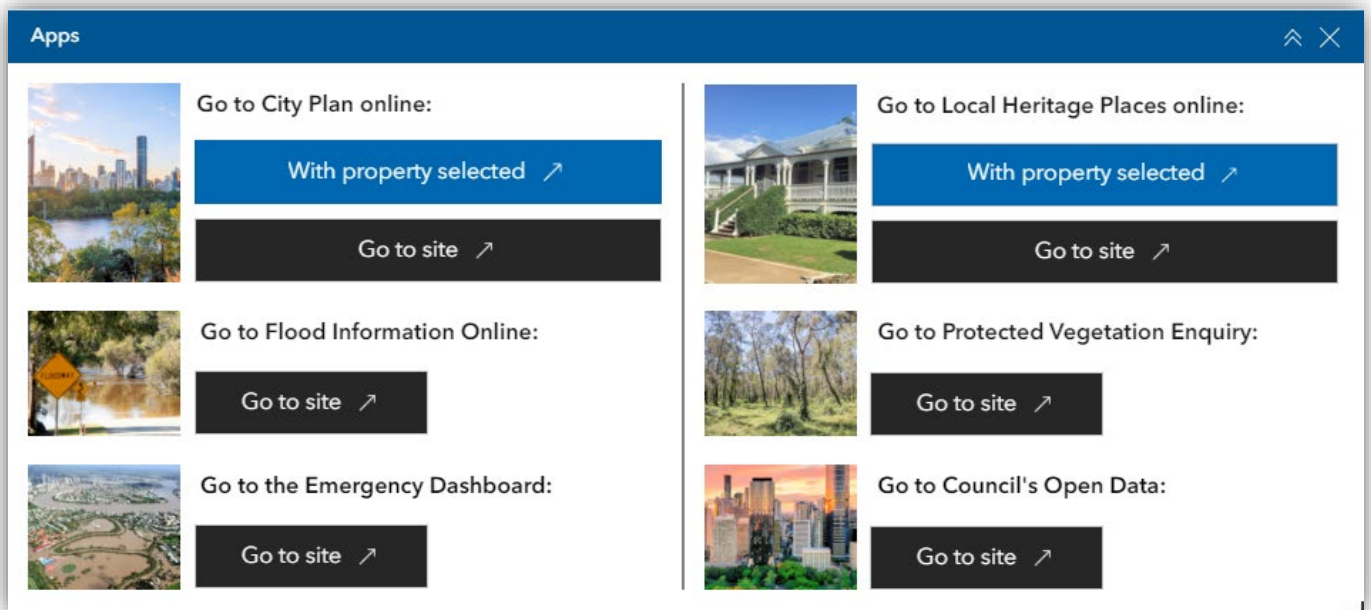
Maps

Navigate to the other maps within the Community Maps suite while retaining the geographic location by using the Maps buttons:

- Community and Recreation Map
- Land and Environment Map
- Transport Map
- Utilities Map



App



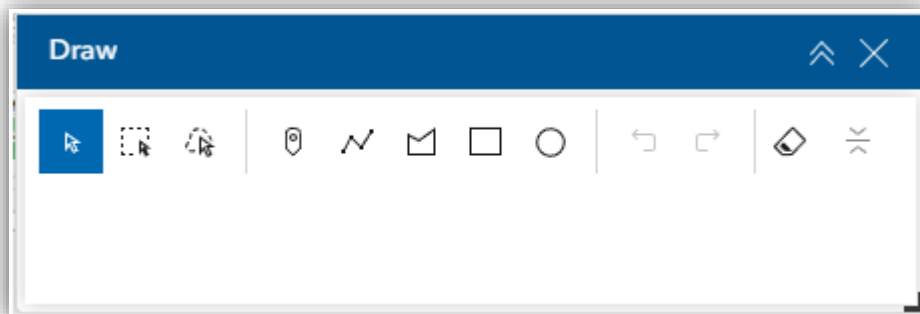
Use the Apps tool to navigate to Brisbane City Council's mapping and other applications:

- City Plan Online
 - With property selected - If a parcel (from the Parcel layer) is selected in the map, clicking on this button will open the City Plan Online application at the address selected.
 - Go to site - Click on this button to open the City Plan Online homepage.
- Local Heritage Places Online
 - With property selected - If a parcel (from the Parcel layer) is selected in the map, clicking on this button will open Local Heritage Places Online application at the address selected.
 - Go to site - Click on this button to open the Local Heritage Places Online homepage.
- Flood Information Online
 - Go to site - Click on this button to open the Flood Information Online homepage.
- Protected Vegetation Enquiry
 - Go to site - Click on this button to open the Protected Vegetation Enquiry homepage.
- Emergency Dashboard
 - Go to site - Click on this button to open the Emergency Dashboard homepage.
- Council's Open Data
 - Go to site - Click on this button to open Council's Open Data homepage.

Draw

The draw tool allows users to draw on the map by:

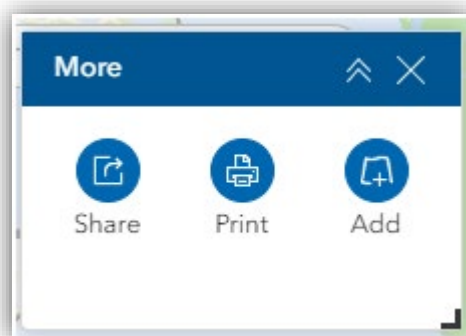
- Drawing a point
- Drawing a polyline
- Drawing a polygon
- Drawing a rectangle
- Drawing a circle



Users can also choose colour, thickness, display measurements, alter transparency, undo/redo changes, select, duplicate and move drawings and finally delete/clear user created drawings.

Note: the select tools within the draw tool    only work on drawn features.

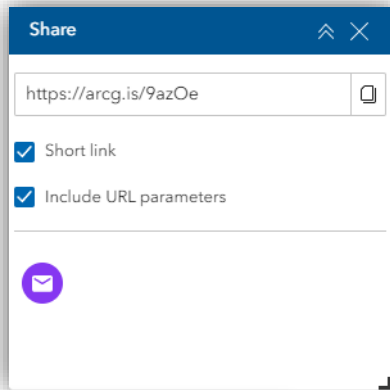
More toolbar



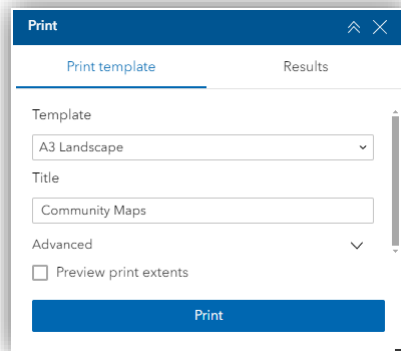
Click the More tool within the Advanced Toolbar to gain access to more advanced tools.

Share

Share the application with others (or yourself for future use) using the share button. While drawings and layers added via the Add tool will not be preserved, location and visible layers will be preserved.



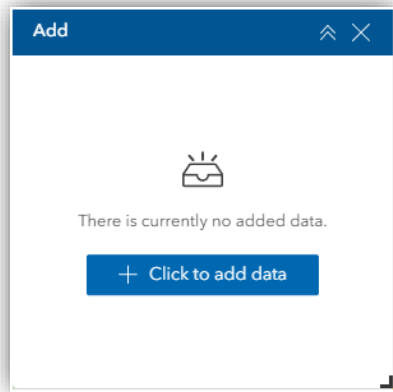
Print



Print maps using the print tool. The printed pdf can be found in the Results tab.

Add

Use the Add tool to add datasets to the map. Clicking the “Click to add data” button will open the catalogue of Brisbane City Council Open Data services. Use the search bar to narrow down the list of services.



Layers can also be added by URL or by file. Shapefiles added from file need to be zipped.