Inner Spark

Brisbane's Book of Big Ideas



Dedicated to a better Brisbane



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Lord Mayor's foreword

Brisbane is where bold, bright ideas and opportunities come alive.

We know Brisbane residents are passionate about their city. This is why we started a conversation to help spark the brightest and biggest ideas for the

Did you know Howard Smith Wharves, Queen's Wharf, and the Kangaroo Point Green Bridge, all started as ideas from the community? Through bold ideas, we can create new and exciting places to enjoy that are alive with opportunity.

The Inner Spark engagement program gave us a chance to build on the success of past decades and improvements by taking the time to stretch our imagination about what we would like our city to look like in time for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and beyond.

Brisbane's Book of Big Ideas celebrates the breadth and depth of aspirational ideas received through the Inner Spark engagement program with the community's contribution. We are now using those ideas as creative input to help drive the evolution of Brisbane as a city and destination on the world stage.

Adrian Schrinner Lord Mayor





Inner Spark - starting a conversation

In April 2022, Brisbane City Council launched Inner Spark, a citywide conversation and engagement program, with the aim to generate the brightest ideas from Brisbane communities to help shape the future of the inner city.

Brisbane is Host City of the Brisbane 2032
Olympic and Paralympic Games. Brisbane will be home to 18 of the 32 Olympic competition venues, including 11 for Paralympic competition, as well as key non-competition venues within South East Queensland including the International Broadcast Centre, the Media Press Centre and the Olympic and Paralympic Athletes Village.

Brisbane's inner city will play a vital role in the success of the 2032 Games. Now is the time to think big and invest in transformational projects that will enhance the experience of residents and visitors alike during the 2032 Games and beyond.

We initiated Inner Spark by putting the call out for 'Big Ideas' from design studios, university students, industry bodies and professionals in the built environment industry. We received more than 60 big, bold ideas accompanied by initial design concepts.

Those Big Ideas were the basis of a public engagement phase that aimed to:

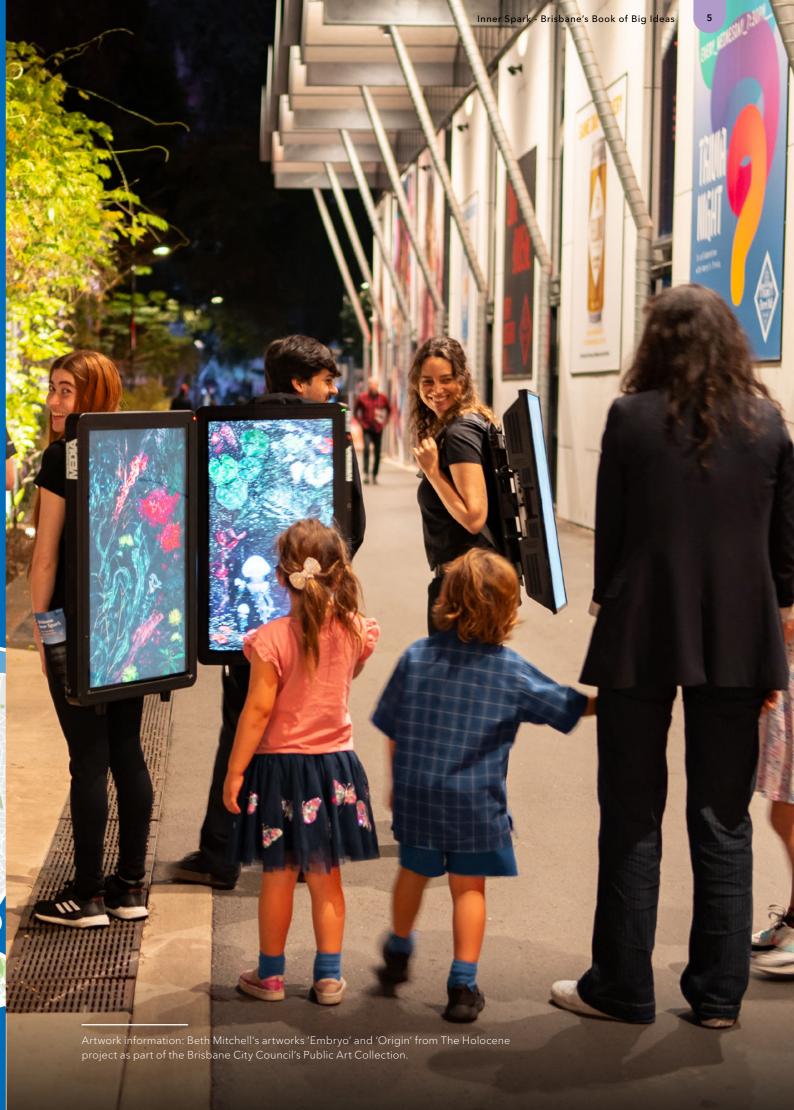
 seek more ideas for the inner city from the community, to understand their priorities for the future

 gather community feedback to help identify and prioritise the Big Ideas.

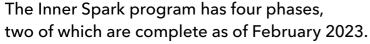
Inner Spark focused on Brisbane's inner city precincts - Albion, Herston, Fortitude Valley, City Centre, Milton, South Brisbane, Toowong, Woolloongabba and Boggo Road Brisbane's Book of Big Ideas showcases the diversity and creativity of the Big Ideas as well as the variety of community ideas and feedback we received about ways to improve and enhance Brisbane's inner city.

The initial ideas generated, together with the ideas and feedback gathered from the community will contribute to Council's planning programs - in the lead up to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and beyond - including Brisbane's Inner City Strategy, the new City Centre Master Plan, and other inner city precinct plans and strategies.





The Inner Spark program has four phases,





Complete

April to June 2022



for their favourites.

Focused stakeholder engagement involving a series of targeted workshops.

18 pop-up community events across Brisbane's inner city.

Development of seven guiding engagement themes.



Green



Welcoming



Beautiful



Connected



Animated



Future Focused



Resilient

66 Big Ideas displayed for the public to vote

Community ideas and feedback gathered.



Underway

ideas and feedback.



Phase four

Up next

Release of strategic planning documents for Brisbane's inner city including Brisbane's Inner City Strategy, the City Centre Master Plan and other precinct plans.



Review of the Big Ideas, and community

Development of actionable projects for



Call for Big Ideas from our industry stakeholders and organisations.

Engagement snapshot - what we aimed to do

Excite, grab attention and issue a call to action to all of Brisbane.

Generate transformational and relevant ideas from industry stakeholders and organisations and the community to gather feedback and inform the inner city planning process.

Generate and longlist bold planning and design solutions and set future priorities.





Show the community how the feedback can be used in master planning processes.

Co-deliver engagement with community groups, organisations, businesses, industry and across Council's extensive festival, events and sponsorship programs.

Make it easy for younger people to contribute.

Reach and engage a diverse range of community members in a meaningful way.

Engagement snapshot - what we achieved

industry stakeholder groups and organisations reached through

workshops

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pop-up community events during phase two

650 individual and group ideas generated through workshops

29,789 community ideas

Green was the most popular engagement theme

workshops conducted with industry stakeholders and organisations

6760 people attended community events

696,544 impressions across Council's social and

external media

1960+ through Inner Spark

Big Ideas submitted through call for ideas process

community ideas gathered through phase two

35,882 website and YourSay Brisbane page views

By the end of Inner Spark phase two, the community had helped us prioritise the Big Ideas. This book showcases the 'top three' ideas within each theme as well as other ideas from the

Summary of what you told us - by theme

Inner Spark is based around seven engagement themes - designed to help stimulate and categorise ideas and feedback throughout the engagement phases.



Green

Clean, green, sustainable, carbon positive

The community told us we can create a greener city by:

- focusing on being clean, green and sustainable in the inner city by reducing our carbon footprint, reducing waste, using renewable energy sources, focusing on flood mitigation and investing in electric public transport and infrastructure
- investing in improving wildlife habitat in the inner city through increased planting and removal of wildlife barriers
- encouraging new development to embrace green architecture and a 'green plot ratio' within the City Centre.



Welcoming

Create more to see and do, promote access and inclusion

The community told us we can create a more welcoming city by:

- creating a sense of place
 that reflects Aboriginal and
 Torres Strait Islander peoples
 culture and strengthening the
 identity of the local community
 through cultural celebration and
 placemaking
- investing in the renewal or new development of community infrastructure such as libraries, pools and health facilities in key precincts
- facilitating a diverse range of events such as festivals and markets in the community for all ages and abilities.



Beautiful

Green our city, create walkable streets, activate small spaces

The community told us we can create a more beautiful city by:

- prioritising investment in greening the inner city through increased tree planting, more flowers and dedicated green infrastructure
- improving pedestrian links through and to key precincts by increased shading, greening, lighting and landscaping
- focusing investment on greening and beautification for specific places and in new and upgraded parks.



Connected

Improve the cycle network, enhance river connections, upgrade public transport, improve connections to inner city green space

The community told us we can create a more connected city by:

- prioritising investment in transport infrastructure, such as additional ferry terminals in key locations
- improving the pedestrian and cycle network by constructing additional separated bike paths and improving and widening existing footpaths in the inner city
- facilitating better linkages between key precincts, including additional green bridges, active transport links and improved public transport.







Future focused

Facilitate growth, plan our Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games legacy

The community told us we can create a more future focused city by:

- repurposing surplus space used for transport for other uses, including public space, recreation and exploration
- future proofing dynamic urban precincts by including green public spaces, pedestrian and cycle networks, and public transport connections to surrounding precincts
- considering more affordable housing options that respect the character of our inner city precincts and allow for a variety of housing choice.

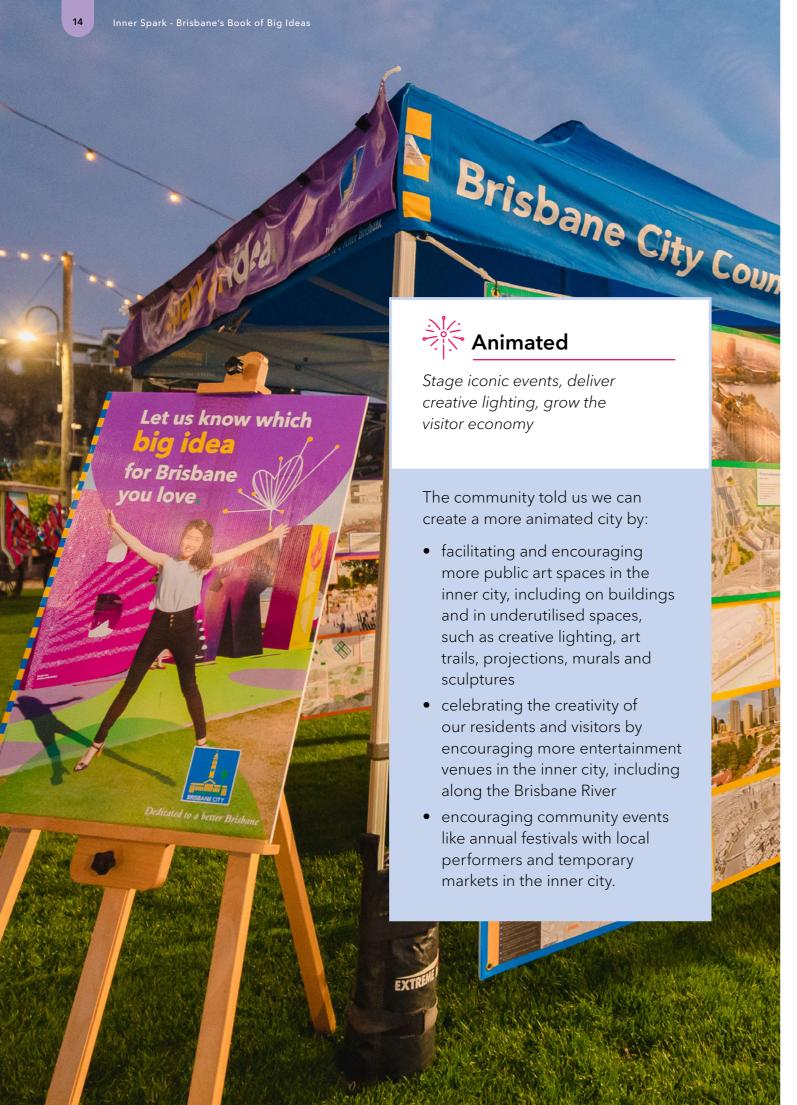


Resilient

Ability to respond, adapt and rebuild to challenging conditions

The community told us we can create a more resilient city by:

- improving flood mitigation measures in the inner city to ensure developments in flood-prone areas are suitable and the local community is well-prepared for future flood or natural disaster events
- ensuring new developments in the inner city integrate natural design elements and are responsive to unplanned natural events while acting as urban coolers, habitats for wildlife and spaces for public art.



Engagement activities

Phase one - April to June 2022

Call for ideas

Phase one of Inner Spark involved starting a conversation with our stakeholders - specifically seeking Big Ideas. Council approached design studios, university students, industry bodies and professionals in the built environment industry, and involved them in a series of workshops.

During a six-week program of engagement with our industry stakeholders and organisations, more than 60 aspirational ideas were submitted. These ideas were presented to Brisbane communities for feedback and to gather further ideas to help inspire the future of our inner city.



Workshops

Commencing in phase one, a total of 17 workshops were held with industry stakeholders and organisations. The aim of these workshops was to facilitate big thinking for the future of Brisbane's inner city, focusing on the inner city and identified Brisbane 2032 precincts. During these workshops, over 650 individual and group ideas were received.

Industry stakeholders and organisations included:

- Council's Independent Design Advisory Panel
- Property Leaders Brisbane
- Griffith University
- Engineers Australia

- Australian Institute of Architects
- Australian Institute of Landscape Architects
- Planning Institute of Australia
- Urban Development Institute of Australia
- Queensland University of Technology
- Council's Small Business Roundtable
- Brisbane City Centre Coordination Steering Group
- Lord Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee
- Business South Bank
- Property Council of Australia
- Assemble Brisbane.

Phase two - July to September 2022

Phase two of Inner Spark was focused on community engagement. Council used a mix of face-to-face and online channels to speak to Brisbane communities and ask them to have their say on the Big Ideas generated in phase one, and to also submit ideas of their own.

Community events

Council collated and displayed the 66 Big Ideas at 18 different community events throughout the city.

We asked you to help us prioritise the Big Ideas by 'voting' for your favourite and writing down ideas of your own for display in the travelling pop-up booth.

Online engagement

The 66 Big Ideas were also displayed on Council's website and social media platforms and provided the opportunity for the wider community to submit their ideas through Council's online consultation tool. Members of the community were able to view and vote for submissions.

Pedestrian.TV campaign

Alongside other avenues to promote and encourage community engagement during phase two, we ran a 'call for ideas' campaign and competition specifically targeting young people through Pedestrian.TV, a youth-focused online news and entertainment publisher. A total of 451 ideas were submitted and considered by a panel within Council that selected a competition winner.

This map shows where our 18 events were held in relation to the inner city.

Phase three - underway

Phase four - up next

Overall, we reached a broad cross-section of the community through a range of engagement channels during Inner Spark phase two. We received feedback and more than 1200 ideas from children, teenagers, students, younger adults, wider community groups, arts and creative organisations, as well as families.





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Big Ideas for a greener city

During Inner Spark phase two, the community provided feedback on the 66 Big Ideas and indicated they liked these three ideas the most for 'a greener city'.

Green the Queen

This Big Idea proposes to transform the Victoria Bridge into a subtropical public space offering diverse, shaded, multi-levelled garden outcrops for rest and unimpeded views.

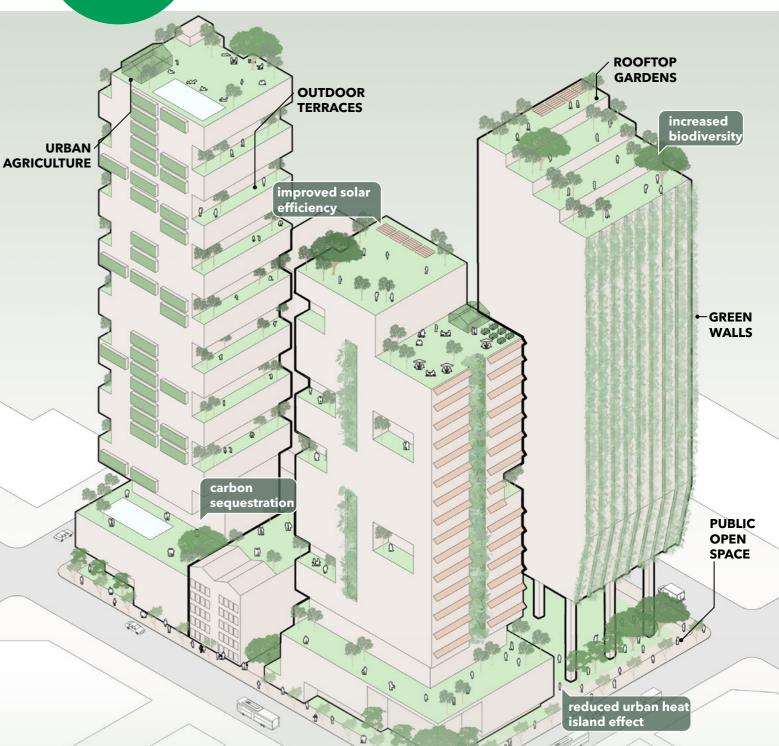
Idea by Simon White, ARIA / Urbis



Create standards around 'green plot ratio' as a Big Idea to ensure new buildings also create public spaces and gardens that improve visual amenity to reinforce a distinctly Brisbane character.

Idea by Urbis

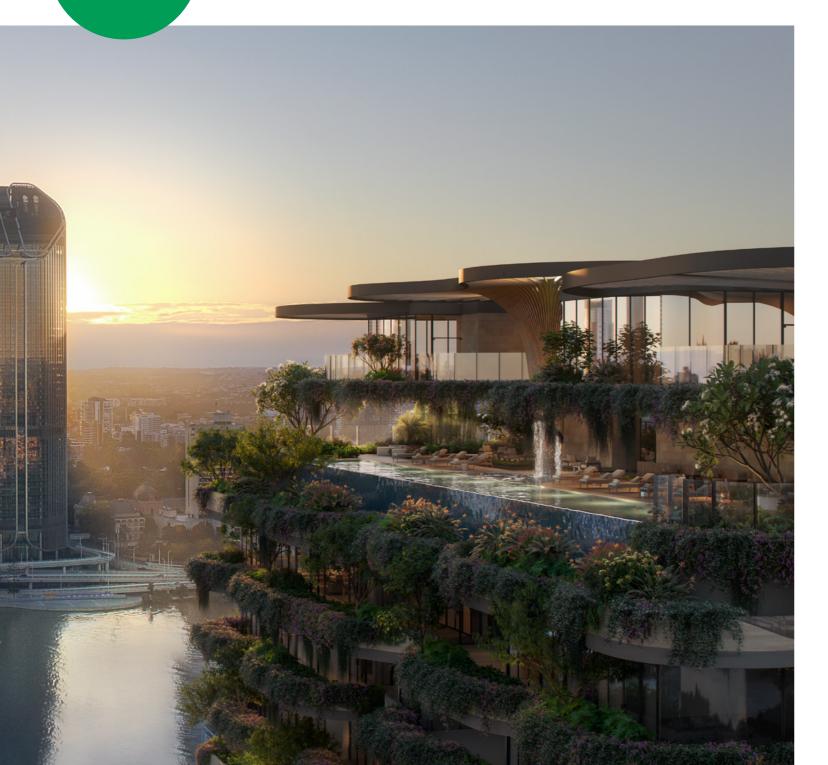






Urban Forests Urban Forests is a Big Idea that embraces green architecture to represent Brisbane as a green and biodiverse city on the world stage.

Idea by Howard Tran, ARIA



Most liked community ideas for a greener city

During Inner Spark phase two, the community submitted a range of other ideas to create a greener city. A total of 49 additional community ideas were submitted under this theme, with the most liked ideas outlined below.

Location	Idea
Citywide	Reduce our city's impact on the environment through minimising waste, using energy efficient and solar-powered lighting, cleaning the Brisbane River, and investing in eco-friendly transportation and infrastructure.
Citywide	Increase permaculture and edible community gardens throughout the city to reduce food waste and carbon emissions, increase food and plant species diversity, and increase accessibility to healthy food.
Citywide	Introduce more electric public transport vehicles.
Citywide	Implement more sustainable initiatives throughout the city and promote Brisbane as a destination for environmental education, conservation, and tourism.
Citywide	Create more space for wildlife habitat throughout the city.
South Brisbane	Transform Montague Road to be more adaptive to climate change by planting large trees, encouraging resilient home design, flood proofing utilities, constructing creative water storage solutions, implementing green walls and roofs, reducing the carbon footprint of buildings, improving public transport infrastructure, and building a disaster/climate refugee hub.
City Centre	Plant more trees to increase shade cover and construct more water fountains to cover and cool our stone streets to reduce Brisbane's heat island effect.
Citywide	All apartments should have solar panels as individual residents cannot install solar. Additionally, tidal turbines could be installed in the Brisbane River to add to the inner Brisbane green grid.

Big Ideas for a more welcoming city

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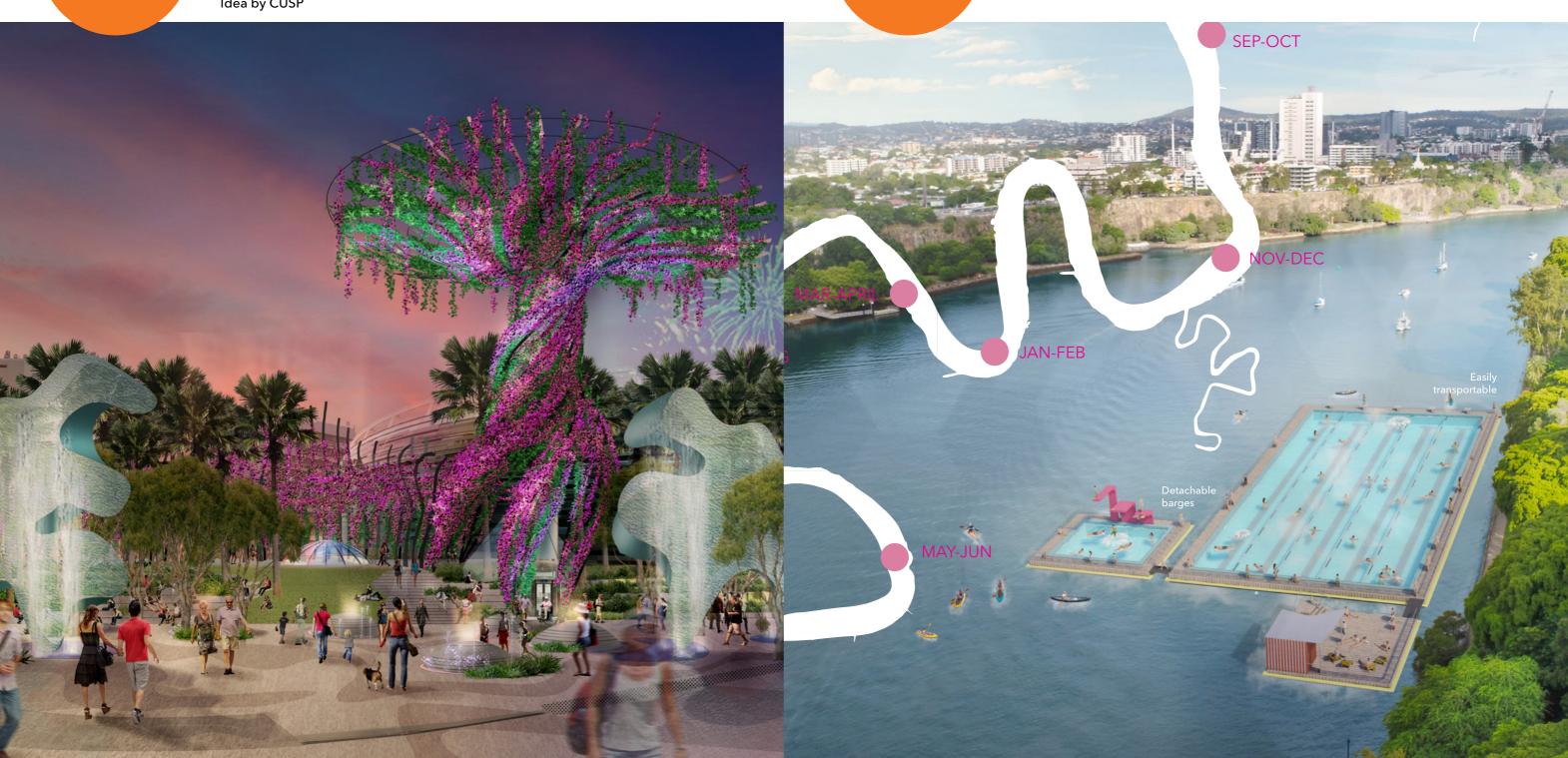
Gabba Plaza

This Big Idea proposes a celebration of 'water' defined through public art, water features, lighting, planting and paving designs. It also includes a combination of terraced gardens, seating and steps, a lawn, bar and café area, and a 'South Bankinspired' arbour to link the Woolloongabba Cross River Rail Station to the stadium.

Idea by CUSP

Seasonal **River Pool** The Seasonal River Pool Big Idea creates a floating, moveable, Olympicsized swimming pool in the Brisbane River to celebrate the city's 'swimming culture' in different river-based locations throughout the year.

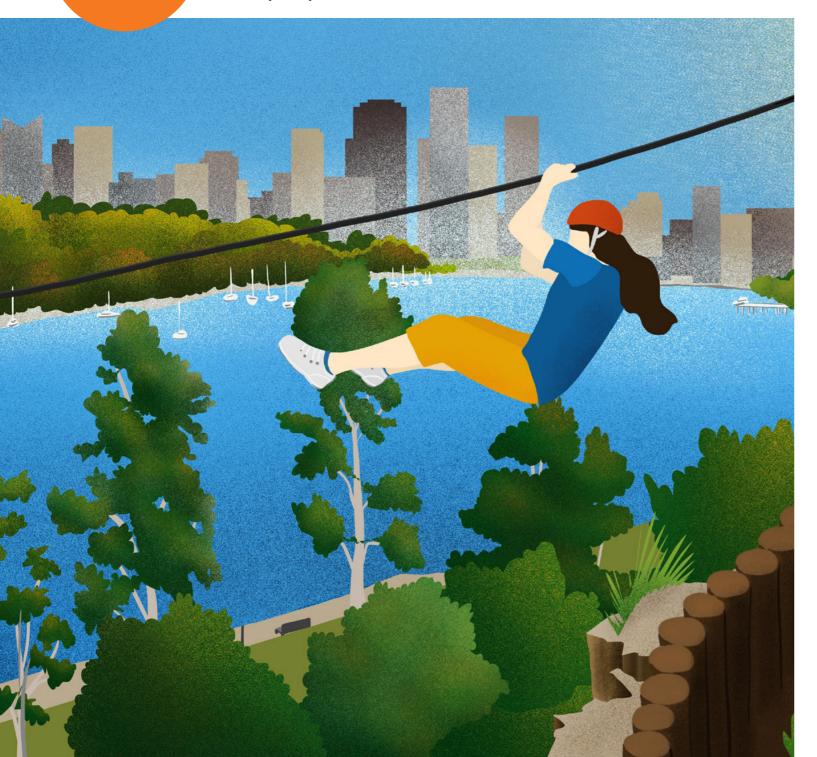
Idea by Urbis





Green Glider A Big Idea to create a clifftop natural play area at Kangaroo Point with enhanced biodiversity planting and a flying fox to the City Botanic Gardens - connecting the two green recreational spaces.

Idea by Jenny Elliott



Most liked community ideas for a more welcoming city

During Inner Spark phase two, the community submitted a range of other ideas to create a more welcoming city. A total of 100 additional community ideas were submitted under this theme, with the most liked ideas outlined below.

Location	Idea
Citywide	More cultural representation and acknowledgement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities through public art, markets, festivals, and a cultural centre.
Citywide	More events, festivals, and markets in streets and laneways around Brisbane that celebrate different cultures, invigorate our nightlife, and provide a safe and fun environment for young people.
Citywide	More and improved community infrastructure such as libraries, train stations, public toilets, drinking stations, pools, bowls clubs, health centres and outdoor workstations that are accessible for all ages and abilities.
Citywide	Invest in mental health and support for young adults and cultural groups by providing wellbeing rooms, access to health professionals and encouraging a balanced lifestyle.
Citywide	Provide more support for young people entering the workforce.
Bowen Hills	Convert the Old Museum into a 'Brisbane Food Hall', a food market where people can come together over food and celebrate cultures from Queensland and around the world.
Brisbane River	Create a swimmable Brisbane River by investing in swimming enclosures, floating pools based on popular locations along the river, and known historical swimming locations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
Citywide	Invest in creative housing solutions to alleviate homelessness.

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Big Ideas for a more beautiful city

During Inner Spark phase two, the community provided feedback on the 66 Big Ideas and indicated they liked these three ideas the most for 'a more beautiful city'.

The Low Line The Low Line is a Big Idea that shows what is possible when 'forgotten' city spaces are activated with public amenities such as fitness equipment, plantings, artwork, bikeways, and community spaces.

Idea by Vicki Barclay, RPS

Citywide Bougainvillea Path This Big Idea extends the South Bank bougainvillea arbour to further promote walking within a beautiful, subtropical, iconic trail, and enhance linkages between significant inner city places.

Idea by Business South Bank







Woolloongabba Urban Park A Big Idea that proposes an urban parkland at the Woolloongabba Stanley Street precinct - stitching a series of public spaces together via an urban promenade to enhance the pedestrian journey, provide green space, and provide places for social and economic activities.

Idea by Conrad Gargett



Most liked community ideas for a more beautiful city

During Inner Spark phase two, the community submitted a range of other ideas to create a more beautiful city. A total of 185 additional community ideas were submitted under this theme, with the most liked ideas outlined below.

Location	Idea
Citywide	More trees, nature and flowers across the city, including at key locations in the inner city, to create shaded spaces, places for sitting and public art.
City Centre	Remove the Riverside Expressway and turn it into a space for public use with food and beverage outlets, active transport connections and better access to the river.
South Brisbane	Transform Montague Road into the 'Kurilpa Boulevard' that features dense planting, shade, asphalt removal, seating, pedestrianised sections, fairy lights and green space.
City Centre and South Brisbane	Remove private vehicle traffic from the City Centre to prioritise pedestrians by allowing space for shady trees, outdoor dining, seating and cultural events in the streets.
City Centre and Fortitude Valley	Improve pathways, shade, streetscaping, lighting and landscaping to link the City Centre with Fortitude Valley.
Herston	Connect the two sides of Victoria Park with a natural bridge to stitch the inner city together, increase the size of Victoria Park, improve air quality, and reduce noise of passing traffic for park visitors.
Citywide	Increase planting requirements in all new developments.

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Big Ideas for a more connected city

During Inner Spark phase two, the community provided feedback on the 66 Big Ideas and indicated they liked these three ideas the most for 'a more connected city'.



Significant landscape, shared zones, green space, activation, public realm investments, and incremental reduction of vehicle access are proposed in this Big Idea to transform a collection of city blocks between George and Edward, and Adelaide and Charlotte streets.

Idea by Urbis

Victoria Barracks Bridge A Big Idea to open the rail bridge connecting Victoria Barracks to Roma Street Parkland, to renew the barracks and extend a green spine from City Botanic Gardens through to Suncorp Stadium and Petrie Terrace.

Idea by Urbis





A Filigree of Laneways The stitching together of new and existing laneways to create and intensify pedestrian spaces between Adelaide, Queen and Elizabeth streets is this Big Idea for a 'filigree of laneways' in the City Centre.

Idea by Caryl Heraldo, ARUP



Most liked community ideas for a more connected city

During Inner Spark phase two, the community submitted a range of other ideas to create a more connected city. A total of 175 additional community ideas were submitted under this theme, with the most liked ideas outlined below.

Location	Idea
Citywide	Relieve traffic in the inner city by reducing private vehicles and investigate opportunities for road network changes.
Brisbane River	Focus on the Brisbane River as a means of removing private traffic from the City Centre by building more ferry terminals and increasing services.
Citywide	Focus on widening or improving existing footpaths, construct new separated bikeways, and improve the overall pedestrian and cycling network, particularly between the Ballymore sports precinct and Crosby Park.
Brisbane River	Build more green bridges throughout Brisbane.
Citywide	Focus on widening or improving public transport services, including new underground stations linking key precincts and better integrated planned public transport services (e.g. Brisbane Metro and Cross River Rail).
Citywide	Create a new Brisbane Metro line from UQ Lakes station to Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mount Coot-tha via Toowong train station, for better connection between the city and one of Brisbane's best visitor attractions.

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Big Ideas for a more animated city

During Inner Spark phase two, the community provided feedback on the 66 Big Ideas and indicated they liked these three ideas the most for 'a more animated city'.

Subterrain

A Big Idea to enable Brisbane's emerging artists to create visual art and stage cultural events via an 'experimental contemporary art space' under the Riverside Expressway.

Idea by Andrea Goodwin, Creative Road Art Projects

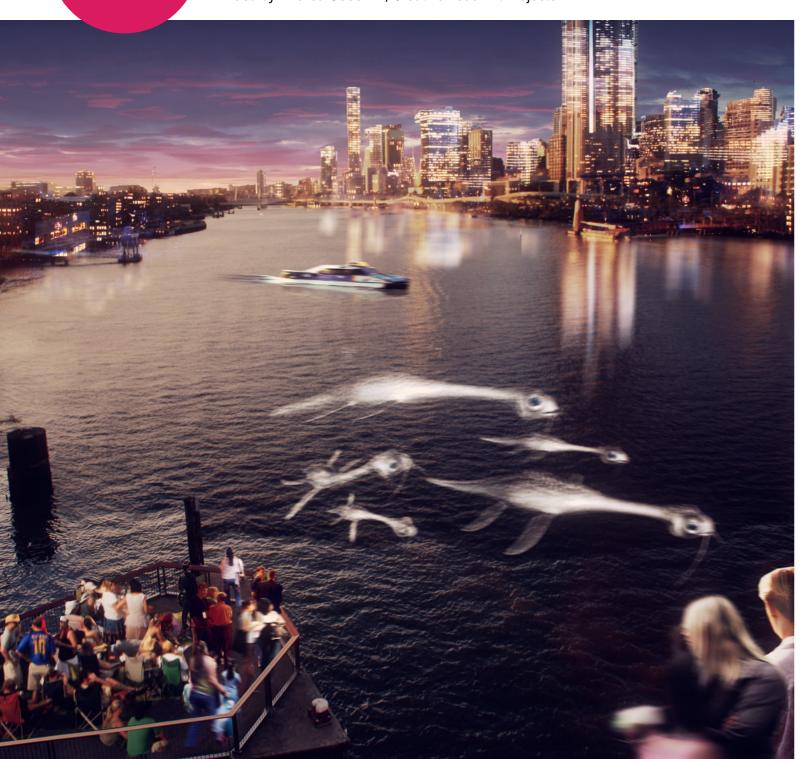
Heart of Woolloongabba Heart of Woolloongabba is a Big Idea to create a pedestrian-only hub on Logan Road, decked out with plants, lights, games, shaded seating areas, water refill and bike stations, and colourful artworks.

Idea by Emily Griffioen



Play of Light This Big Idea calls for an annual program of semi-permanent lighting and projection artworks by Australian and international artists - designed for locations on and around the river.

Idea by Andrea Goodwin, Creative Road Art Projects



Most liked community ideas for a more animated city

During Inner Spark phase two, the community submitted a range of other ideas to create a more animated city. A total of 93 additional community ideas were submitted under this theme, with the most liked ideas outlined below.

Location	Idea
City Centre	More public art, including creative lighting installations, art trails, murals, sculptures and statues.
Citywide	Build more entertainment venues like a stage on the Brisbane River and smaller venues out in the suburbs.
Citywide	More street parties and live music opportunities in our neighbourhoods.
Inner City	Create more annual festivals, temporary markets and performances in the inner city.
Citywide	Hold more festivals that celebrate cultural, religious and sexual diversity.
South Brisbane	Replace the Maritime Museum with a coral shaped museum or gallery that celebrates the Great Barrier Reef.
City Centre	Create free entertainment hubs around the city for performers such as musicians, bands, theatre groups and comedians.
Citywide	Invest in more tourism-based infrastructure that showcases Brisbane's landscapes.

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Big Ideas for a more future focused city

During Inner Spark phase two, the community provided feedback on the 66 Big Ideas and indicated they liked these three ideas the most for 'a more future focused city'.

Remove the Riverside Expressway without Replacement A Big Idea that calls for the removal of the Riverside Expressway, diverting traffic to other networks such as the Clem Jones Tunnel (Clem7), Veloway 1 (V1) cycleway, rail, etc, to make the riverfront more amenable and discourage car use in the City Centre. 3D Visualisation fly-through by Scharp.

Idea by Ben Gardiner



The Gabba Link is a Big Idea to enhance connectivity and open space by undergrounding parts of Vulture and Stanley streets and removing the Riverside Expressway - converting the Captain Cook Bridge into a green bridge for pedestrians and cyclists.

Idea by David Uhlmann







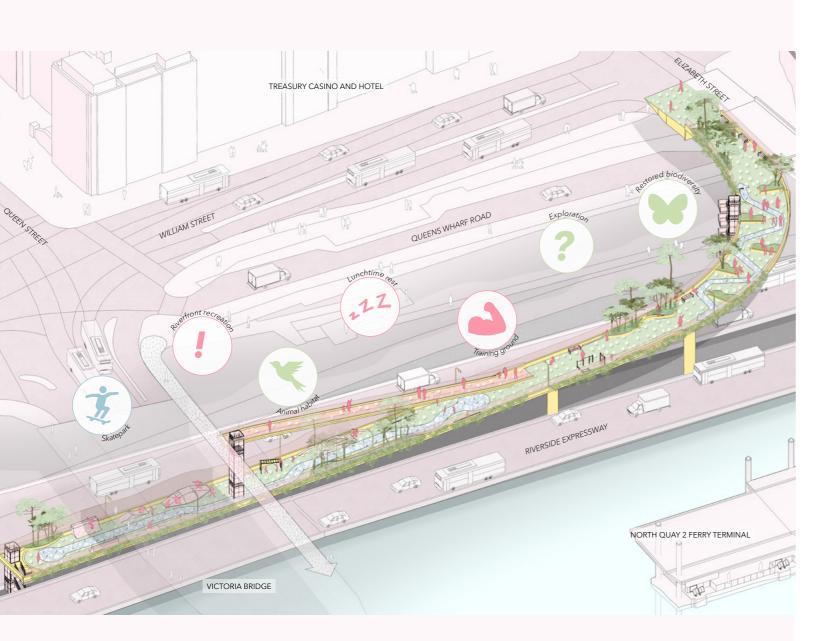
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Beautification of parts of the Riverside Expressway is a Big Idea that suggests small-scale lighting and art interventions, as well as larger transformations to create public spaces such as a highline concept on the Elizabeth Street off-ramp.

Idea by Urbis



Most liked community ideas for a more future focused city

During Inner Spark phase two, the community submitted a range of other ideas to create a more future focused city. A total of 66 additional community ideas were submitted under this theme, with the most liked ideas outlined below.

Location	Idea
Citywide	More affordable social housing options; however, not at a cost to our biodiversity.
Woolloongabba	Upgrade the Gabba Stadium. Build studios around the outside for an athletes' village during the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and potential other uses, including temporary homes for those experiencing homelessness, additional housing, and government offices to better utilise the inner city destination.
Citywide	Build a hub or community centre for Brisbane's youth community, including more recreational venues such as roller skating and hockey.
Citywide	Create a program for young people to gain connections with people in the workforce, to help guide them into an appropriate and suitably linked profession.
Citywide	Recreate Brisbane's brand identity to tell the story of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the land known now as Brisbane, to reflect the natural beauty of our city and make it a multicultural hub.
City Centre	Build an aquarium in the city, creating strong links with Moreton Bay and Queensland, serving as a place to connect locals and tourists, and to educate visitors on the importance of underwater systems.

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Big Ideas for a more resilient city

During Inner Spark phase two, the community provided feedback on the 66 Big Ideas and indicated they liked these three ideas the most for 'a more resilient city'.

Brisbane City Super Canopy

A Big Idea to expand incentives that encourage elevated and rooftop gardens in the City Centre - enhancing shade and providing a rich habitat for wildlife.

Idea by Urbis





Blue Brisbane is a Big Idea that calls for a holistic and integrated blue network infrastructure plan that utilises innovative ways to adapt and build resilience to flood conditions.

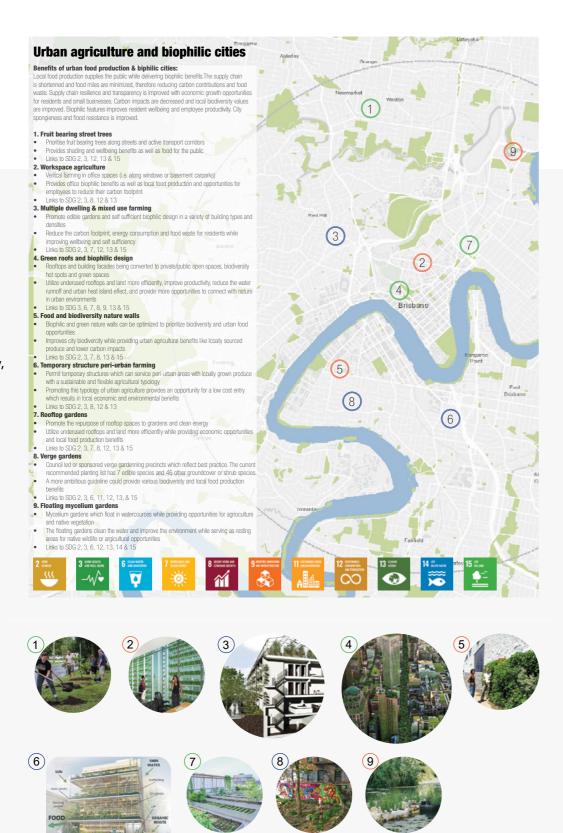
Idea by Lucy Johnson, ARUP



Urban Agriculture

Urban Agriculture is a Big Idea that explores what Brisbane could look like with more urban agriculture and biophilic design elements.

Idea by Ryan Kennedy, ARUP



Most liked community ideas for a more resilient city

During Inner Spark phase two, the community submitted a range of other ideas to create a more resilient city. A total of 17 additional community ideas were submitted under this theme, with the most liked ideas outlined below.

Location	Idea
Citywide	Raise electricity infrastructure so it is above flood level, ensuring continuity of supply during and after flood events.
Citywide	Better prepare for emergency response and communication in a flood event.
Citywide	Increase Brisbane's flood resilience by investing in long term flood infrastructure.
Citywide	Improve flood mapping and ensure it is continually updated.
Citywide	Reclaim areas along waterways that are flood affected and create parklands, walkways and bikeways - a green corridor for everyone's use that mitigates flood damage to infrastructure.
Citywide	Invest in mass water storage and flood and drought resilience.
Citywide	Ensure new active transport connections are resilient to flooding.

What's next?

Inner Spark phases one and two enabled an exciting opportunity for Council to start the conversation and engage Brisbane communities in generating exciting and aspirational ideas for our bright future. As showcased in *Brisbane's Book of Big Ideas*, we received an amazing and diverse array of high-quality submissions and feedback.

Work is already underway to prioritise and deliver projects for the future of our inner city, with the ideas and feedback gathered throughout the Inner Spark program inspiring many future projects. Future projects and their delivery timelines will guide Council's development of *Brisbane's Inner City Strategy*, the *City Centre Master Plan* and other precinct plans set to transform the inner city.

Brisbane City Council

Projects that are identified and delivered - no matter how evolved from their original idea - will help make the Brisbane of tomorrow even better than the Brisbane of today.

Steps to deliver future projects for Brisbane's inner city

Inner Spark engagement program

Gather big ideas and identify opportunities

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Brisbane's Inner City Strategy

City Centre Master Plan Other precinct plans

Deliver projects, initiatives and actions that shape our inner city's future

The other Big Ideas



Thank you to the Brisbane community for helping identify and prioritise the top three Big Ideas from each of the seven Inner Spark categories.

The diversity and inventiveness of the other 45 Big Ideas presented to the public showcase the creativity and aspirations of some of our brightest sparks. These remaining Big Ideas are from six of the seven Inner Spark categories. No additional Big Ideas were submitted under the resilient theme.

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Other Big Ideas for a greener city



Kurilpa **Riverfront Parkland**

This Big Idea is for a generous riverfront parkland that follows the Brisbane River's edge to offer enhanced green spaces for recreation, relaxation, views of and interaction with the Brisbane River and civic events.

Idea by Urbis





A Wild River's Edge A Big Idea to widen and rewild North Quay to complete the river's edge experience created by Howard Smith Wharves, City Reach, City Botanic Gardens and Queen's Wharf - creating new parkland and community places and a unique gateway into the city's west.

Idea by Mel Jones



Reimagine Our Core This Big Idea looks at a sustainable core to our peninsula-based city - typology that is typically hard to centralise - with temporal structures and open space that is an active, fluid hub to accommodate growth and changing uses.

Idea by Jared Hall, ARUP



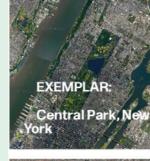
Green Spine expanded through Albert St, Botanic Gardens and Kangaroo Point Cliffs

Circular economy systems at the heart of Brisbane

Interconnected urban farming with markets

Cross-laminated timber structures and office buildings

Kangaroo Point Cliffs Green Bridge









Greening King George Square A Big Idea to further green and shade King George Square by rationalising bus station entries and repurposing as a green lawn with signature cultural trees.

Idea by O2LA

Frog's Hollow Civic Space A Big Idea for a new civic space on the corner of Albert and Mary streets, providing a green focus opposite the new Cross River Rail Station, reinforcing the green spine between the City Botanic Gardens and Roma Street Parklands.

Idea by FORM





Enlivening Victoria Bridge - Our City Gateway

This Big Idea aims to enliven and enhance the two-kilometre primary connector between Queen and Boundary streets including the Victoria Bridge and other key areas such as the Treasury Building forecourt.

Idea by O2LA

Inner City Green and Blue Ribbon

This Big Idea seeks to enhance the amenity and accessibility of the inner city by connecting and increasing parks and waterways - ribbons of green and blue to create a network of spaces that are greater than the sum of the parts.

Idea by AECOM, Cox and Place Design Group





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Glenelg Street Masterplan

A Big Idea to transform Glenelg Street into a green spine to link Musgrave Park and West End to the river and South Bank with opportunities to host community events, activate street corners, edges and under crofts.

Idea by Damian Thompson, LatStudios with ARIA



River Is-land?

This Big Idea suggests a series of new and elevated landscapes to provide Brisbane with benefits including recognition, environment, economy and a way integrate ecology with our public open spaces.

Idea by Jared Hall, ARUP

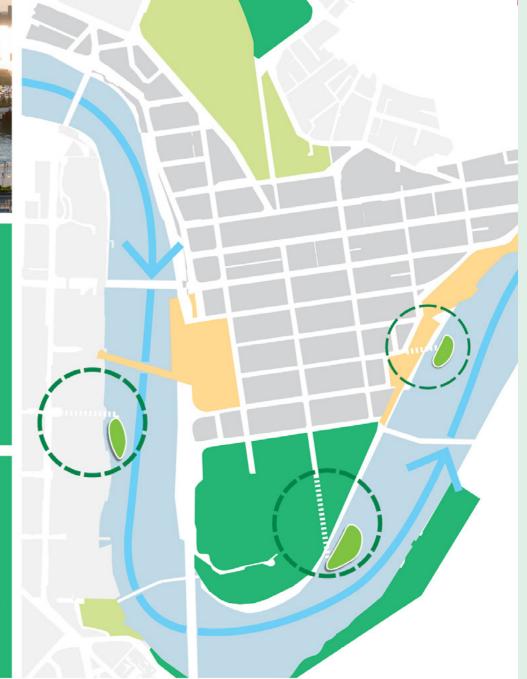


Green Spine & Knowledge Corridor extension

Innovative infrastructure allowing new data collection and testing ground for ecological and hydrological research

Removal of South Bank Piazza to make way for stronger pedestrian connection from Glenelg St to South Bank Parklands

Elevated event venue and parkland above the Brisbane river with city backdrop



Create a welcoming, flexible 'landing pad' into the TAFE

Enable community events to activate this side of the intersection (in tandem with our new park)

Potential community artwork on this open corner as part of precinct wayfinding.

6 ART UNDERCROFT

Draws pedestrians under and through

Projection Art, Lighting and seating Green Walls + signage flanking entries

No works to bridge soffit

Links pedestrians under and through Providing a safer and more interesting link

Colour and lighting to be incorporated



Other Big Ideas for a more welcoming city

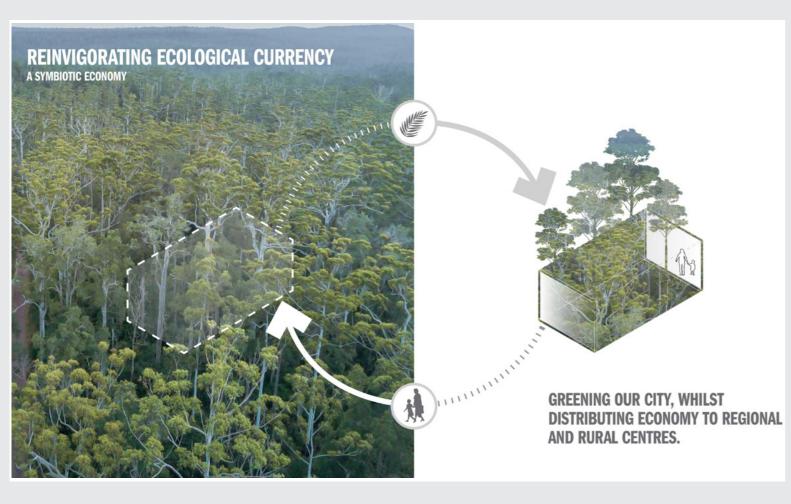


Portals to South East Queensland A Big Idea to embrace the region's biodiversity through temporal 'green infrastructure' to create a neighbourhood-informing competition promoting domestic and international partnerships and position Brisbane as a design capital.

Idea by Jared Thorp

Albert Street Urban Kitchen A linear outdoor urban kitchen along Albert Street is this Big Idea's way of celebrating our multicultural city and bringing theatre and purpose to the green spine.

Idea by Alex Dimmock





An Inner City of **Experiences**

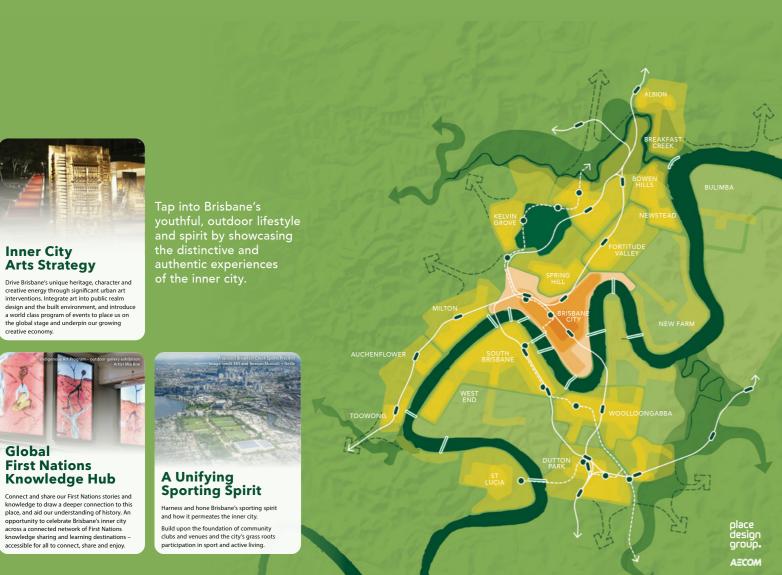
A Big Idea to tap into Brisbane's youthful, outdoor lifestyle and spirit by showcasing the distinctive and authentic experiences of the inner city.

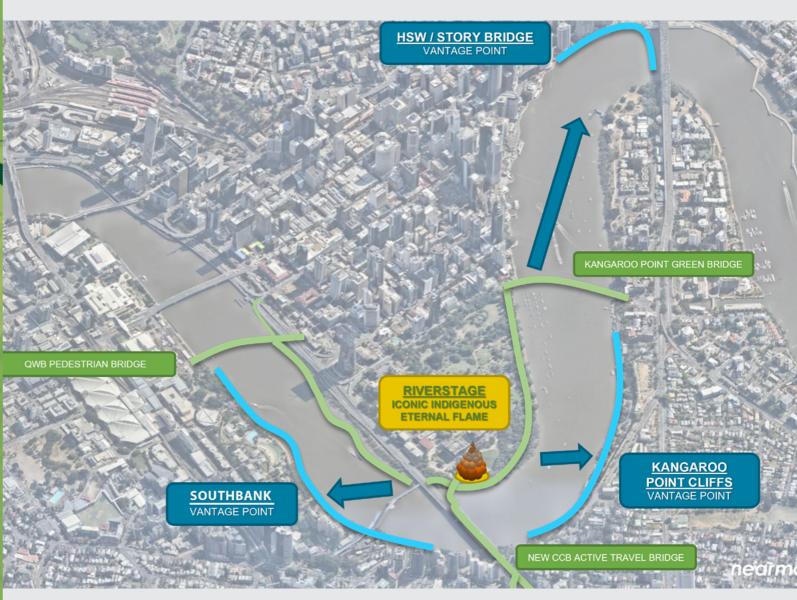
Idea by AECOM and Place Design Group

Icon: Riverstage Indigenous Eternal Flame Landmark

A Big Idea for an iconic architectural structure 'Eternal Flame' placed above the Riverstage to enshrine our rich Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, blended with the global Olympic movement, at the city's focal point on the Brisbane River.

Idea by David Hayward, Stantec





Inner City Arts Strategy



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Australia's New Iconic Landmark

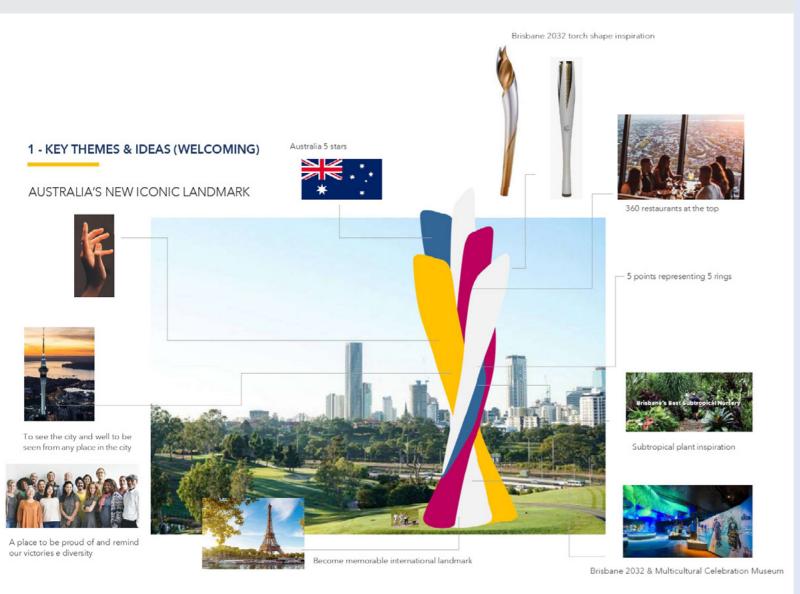
A Big Idea consisting of an iconic structure to celebrate the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and our multicultural city, a bridge between Noble Street and Fagan Road, and zoning for commercial, shops, hotels, offices and residences.

Idea by Joarez Moraes Bispo, QUT Student

Animated Multicultural Nodes and **Patches**

This Big Idea aims to transform underutilised, unappealing nodes and patches to welcoming, connected, animated, beautiful, future focused, green and resilient 'coupled human' natural systems, that will ignite a spark, activating the city matrix.

Idea by Dr Sudipto Roy, D4: Fourth Dimension





Ireplacing raised kerb with flush kerb to achieve one seamless continuous profile with different surface treatments for road, median, shoulder and sidewalk - thereby promoting universal access and inclusion, including provisions for elderly, disabled and visually impaired citizens Connected:
2.introducing dedicated bikeways, improving the cycle network - thereby promoting active transport and lifestyle

Animated:

3. delivering creative lighting installations - thereby creating safe, visible environments, helping to attract visitors and participants even after sunset, providing surveillance, preventing crime, enabling the growth of the visitor economy

4.wrapping multi-coloured strings, patterns and lights around tree trunks and branches - thereby creating visual interest and animated streetscapes

Beautiful:

ng pedestrian connections and crossings - thereby creating walkable streets and activating small spaces

6.introducing green walls next to pedestrian footpaths - thereby reducing façade glare and urban heat island effect 7.introducing dynamic colour themed solar panels that are inspired by five interlocking Olympic rings - thereby promoting renewables, clean, green, sustainable, carbon positive technologies

Future focused:

8. Introducing smart poles [providing city-wide Wi-Fi connectivity, active surveillance and data support] and dynamic colour themed solar panels [providing night-time illumination, animating the space] that are inspired by five interlocking Olympic rings - thereby planning our Olympic and Paralympic Games legacy and promoting crime prevention through environmental design [CPTED]

9.reducing extent of impervious road surface and replacing impervious surface with grass joint pavement – thereby reducing the urban heat island effect and increasing the ability to respond to localised flash flooding]

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Linking Generations A Big Idea to build Brisbane as a city where all generations are respected, understood, connected and engaged together in their communities. This idea advocates for intergenerational design frameworks to provide opportunities for generations to come together.

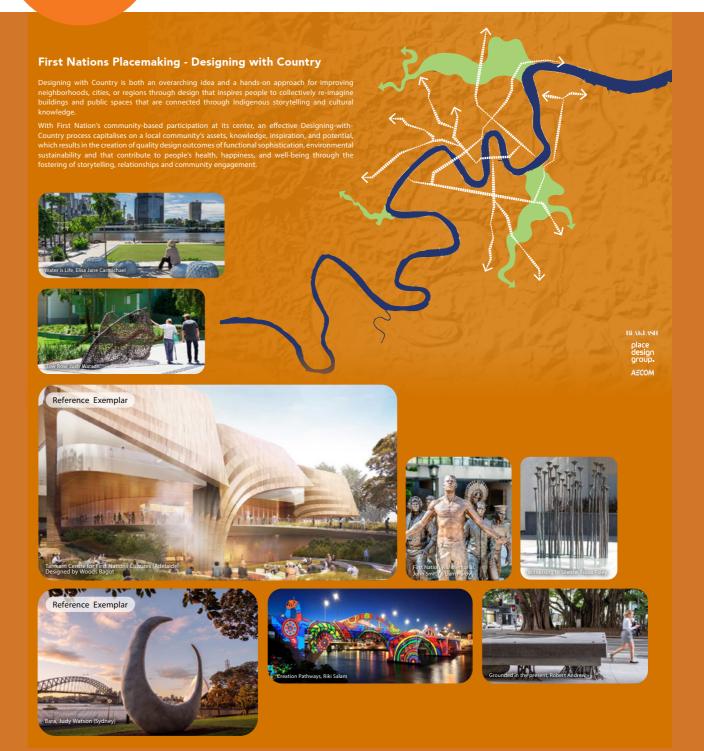
Idea by Mimi Tsai



First Nations
Placemaking Designing with
Country

This is a Big Idea to improve built environments and people's wellbeing through First Nation's community-based participation which results in the creation of quality design outcomes of functional sophistication and environmental sustainability.

Idea by Blaklash in partnership with Place Design Group and AECOM



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Other Big Ideas for a more beautiful city

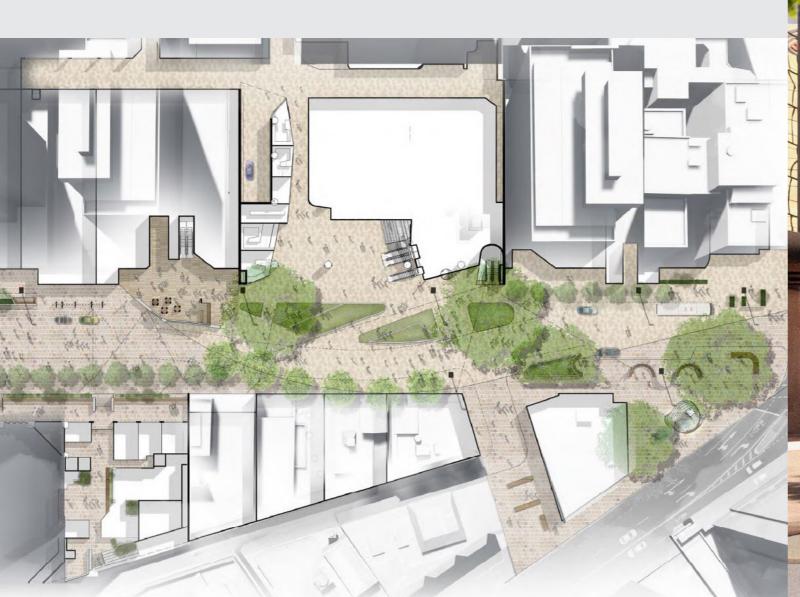


Queen Street Park Queen Street Park is a Big Idea that involves the creation of a new iconic civic space in the heart of the City Centre by 'taking back' a road for pedestrian use. Queen Street is Brisbane's most important pedestrian street.

Idea by Michael Cattoni, Charter Hall + Urbis

Market Square on Market Street A Big Idea that calls for licensed seating for tenancies in Market Square - befitting the atmosphere and heritage of the surrounding building and providing comfortable amenity to underpin the vibrant activation of the square.

Idea by Reilly Mallon, Cavill Architects in association with Urbis





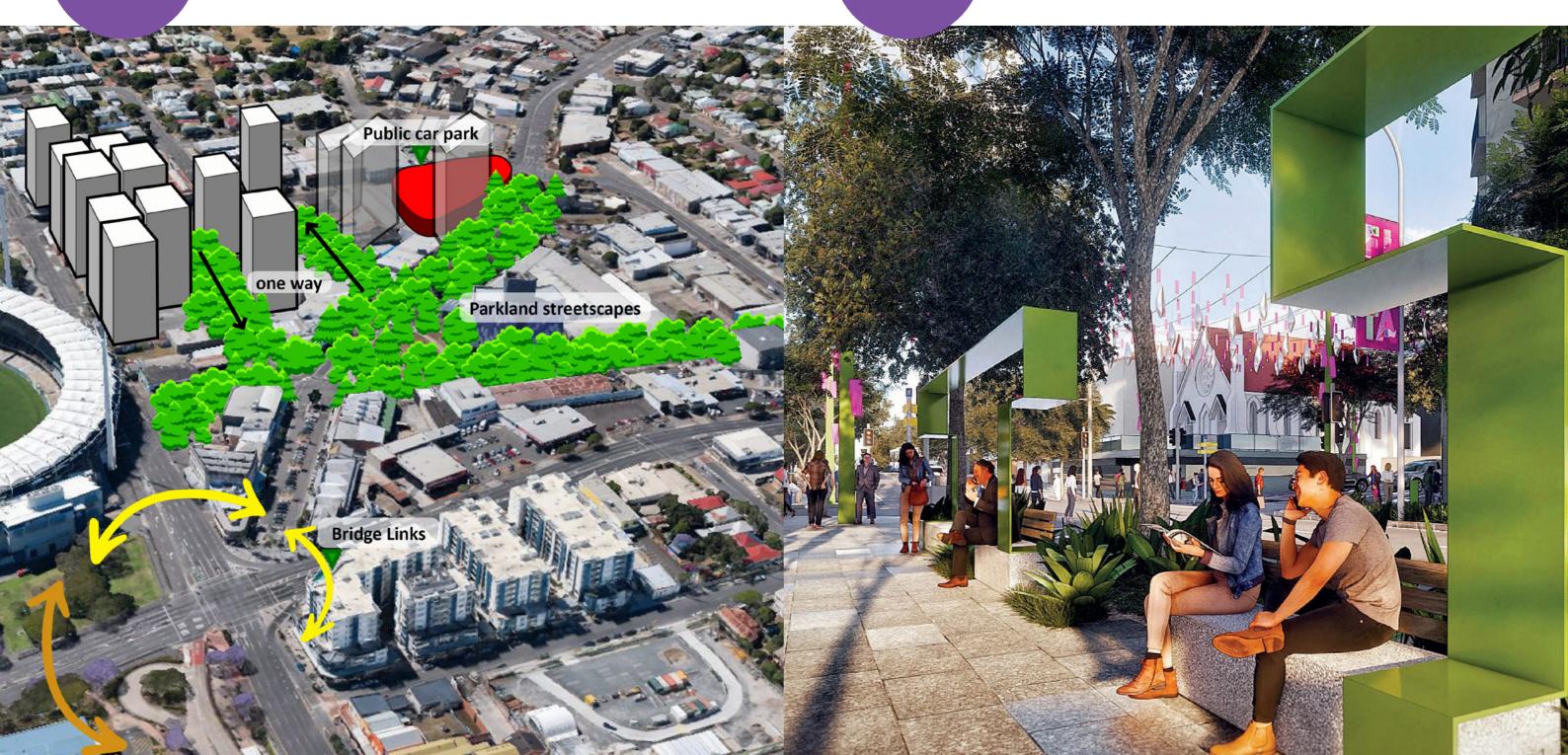


The Block Park A Big Idea for a block park in Woolloongabba with parkland style streetscapes, local traffic only and densely planted, pedestrian priority extended verges - bounded by Wellington, Ipswich and Balaclava Streets.

Idea by Tessa Leggo, FRED St

Brunswick Street Master Plan A Big Idea to transform Brunswick Street from a busy road to leafy, pedestrian boulevard that prioritises comfort and safety and encourages active transport via a strategic link between the Brisbane River and the bustling heart of the Valley.

Idea by Damian Thompson, LatStudios with Pointcorp



Other Big Ideas for a more connected city



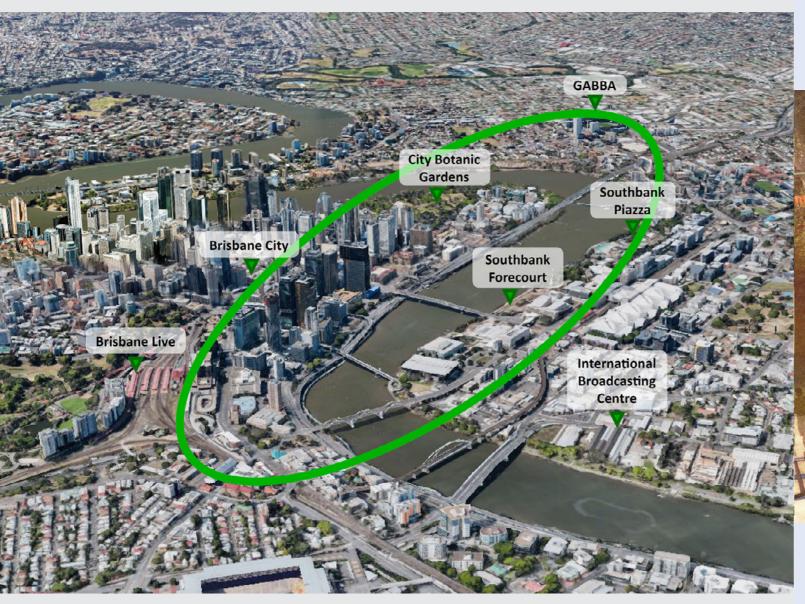
The Walkable Loop

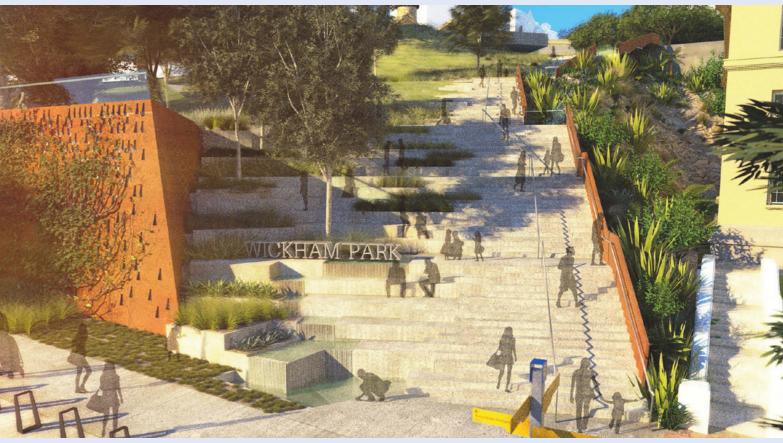
A Big Idea to connect key destinations and key Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games nodes to allow visitors to intimately engage with Brisbane.

Idea by Tessa Leggo, FRED St

Wickham Park Precinct This is a Big Idea to open up the Wickham Park precinct with strong connections and adaptive reuse of the heritage reservoirs to integrate these isolated green spaces into the city fabric, creating a significant people place for Brisbane.

Idea by Daniel Kallis, Hassell





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Roma Street Parkland City Gateway A Big Idea to supercharge the Albert Street green spine that connects the City Botanic Gardens with Roma Street Parkland through expansion and amalgamation with Wickham Park and Emma Miller Place.

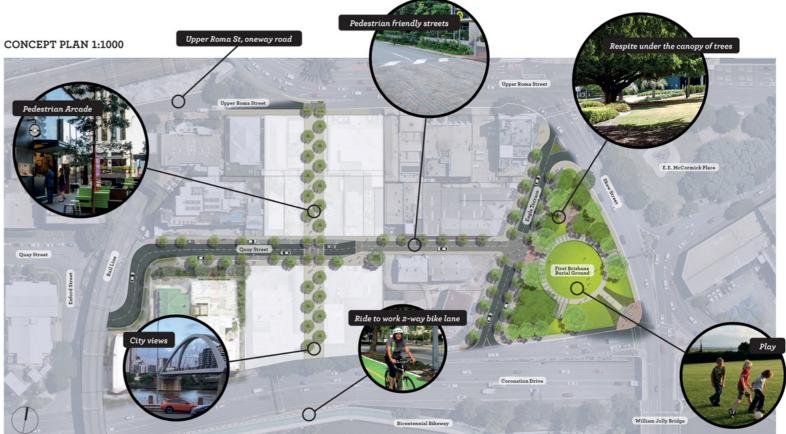
Idea by Michael Madden, City Parklands Services



A Big Idea for a verdant parkland celebrating Brisbane's first European burial ground - with traffic calming and incorporating E.E McCormick Place - and a hub linking Suncorp Stadium, Caxton Street, the Barracks and Roma Street to other destinations.

Idea by Damian Thompson, LatStudios with Maple Development Group





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Valley Stitch

The Valley Stitch is a Big Idea to link the Valley retail core with neighbouring employment and residential precincts and back into the city.

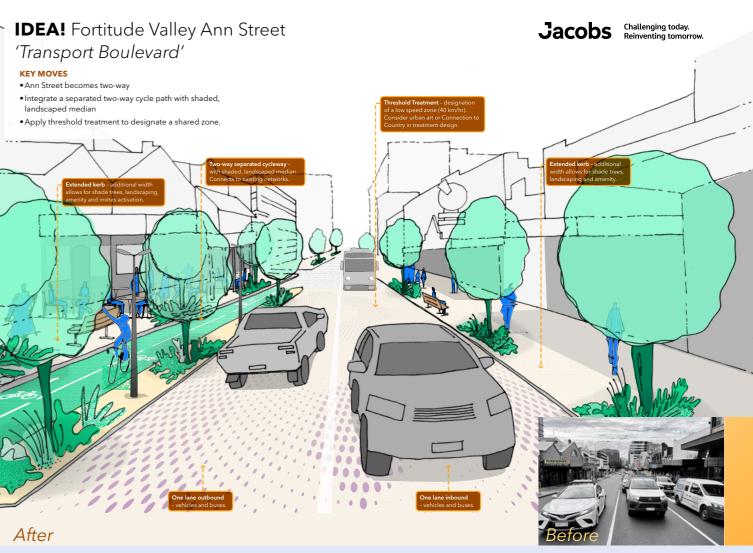
Idea by Urbis

Fortitude Valley Ann Street - Transport Boulevard

A Big Idea to transform Ann Street into a transport boulevard with two-way access, an integrated but separate cycle path with a shaded and landscaped median, plus threshold treatment to designate a shared zone.

Idea by Jacobs





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West End to Newstead - a Connected City Centre

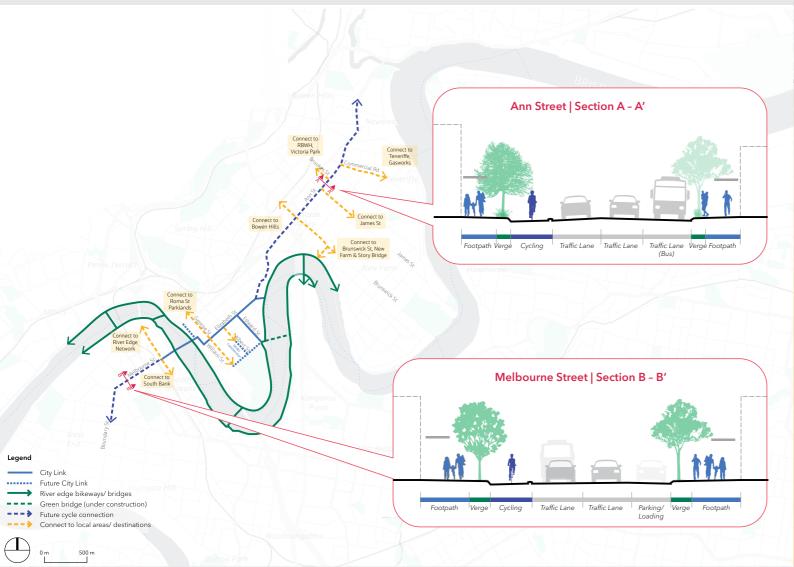
This is a Big Idea that visually demonstrates possibilities for integrated walking, cycling, bus and car infrastructure that connects West End to Newstead.

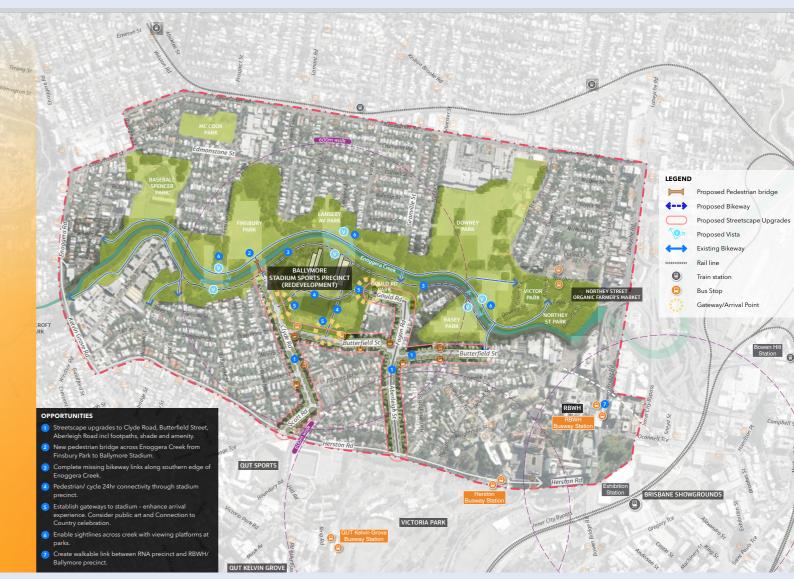
Idea by Jacobs

Inner Northern
Sports Precinct
- Public
and Active
Transport Plan

A Big Idea that visually demonstrates ways to improve and enhance connectivity between sports precincts and communities north and south of Enoggera Creek.

Idea by Jacobs







Principal
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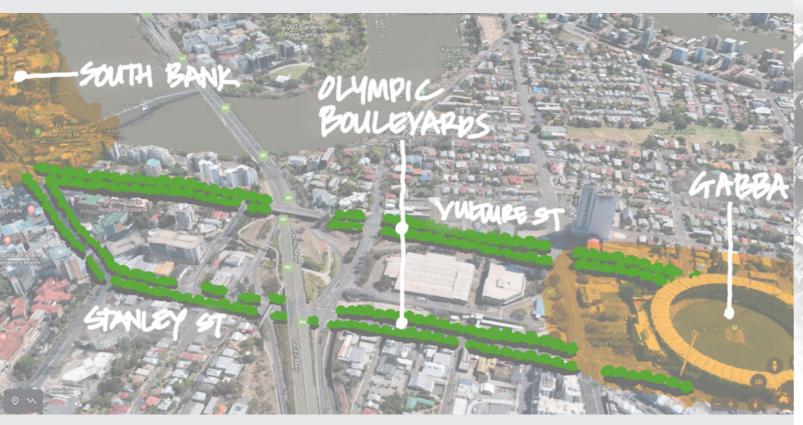
A Big Idea to apply proven methodology to identify active transport network routes, audit to identify shortcomings and prioritise for investment to ensure efficient, pleasant and convenient active transport.

Idea by O2LA



Lebron Link is a Big Idea for an elevated open space and active transport link, providing new activated open space within Fortitude Valley and a connection between the destinations of Victoria Park and New Farm.

Idea by Luke Micali, VEE Design collaborating with Mike Jones







Other Big Ideas for a more animated city



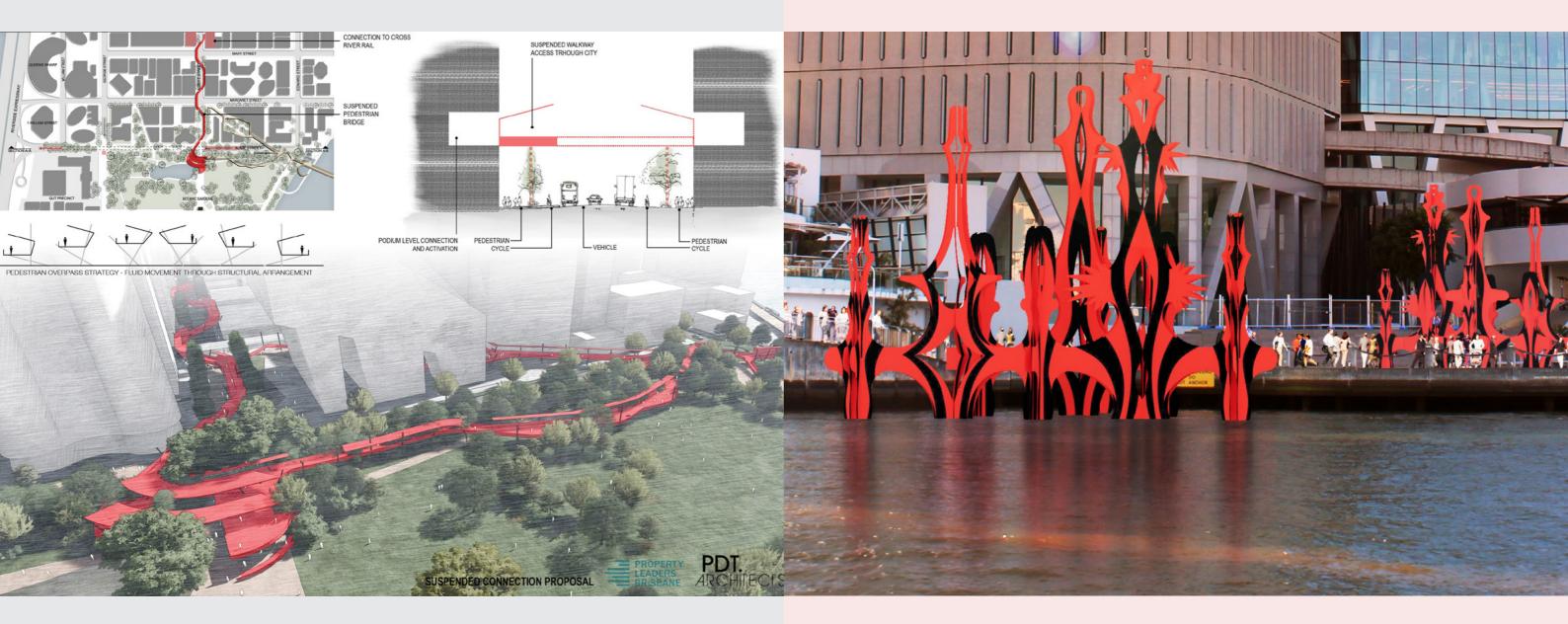
Suspended Connection Proposal The aim of this Big Idea is to create a high-level space forming another plane of connectivity and accessibility throughout the city - with segregation of pedestrians from vehicles to maximse safety and efficiency.

Idea by Miranda Sheehan, PDT Architects | Property Leaders Brisbane



River Icons is a Big Idea for major public art commissions by high-profile Australian and international artists - installed on or within water, or used as a medium.

Idea by Andrea Goodwin, Creative Road Art Projects

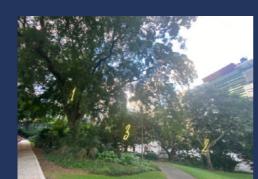


Fairy Trail Addition A Big Idea to add to the night-time vibrancy of Brisbane city and improve perceived safety by expanding where to find 'fairy trails' in the city to include King Edward Park.

Idea by Samantha Collins, Mirvac

There are three largely established trees from this park that have beautiful canopy cover and would provide a great canvas to add light to.

Below are reference images to show the potential of these trees, taken from the existing Fairy Trail.





City Art Loop The City Art Loop is a Big Idea for permanent and temporary public artwork looping around the City Centre to Kangaroo Point, along the Brisbane River's edge through South Bank, the Kurilpa Bridge and connecting back to the city.

Idea by Urbis





Play at Little Roma This Big Idea imagines a new urban park focused on sport, health and wellness underneath the Turbot Street underpass - a park that is welcoming, connected, animated and beautiful, and one that also enhances our outdoor lifestyle.

Idea by Liz Ryan, Mirvac

Tank Street Entertainment Strip A Big Idea for programmed street closures on weekends or for specific events to allow for markets and other live entertainment opportunities to help rebuild patterns of visitation to the City Centre.

Idea by Urbis

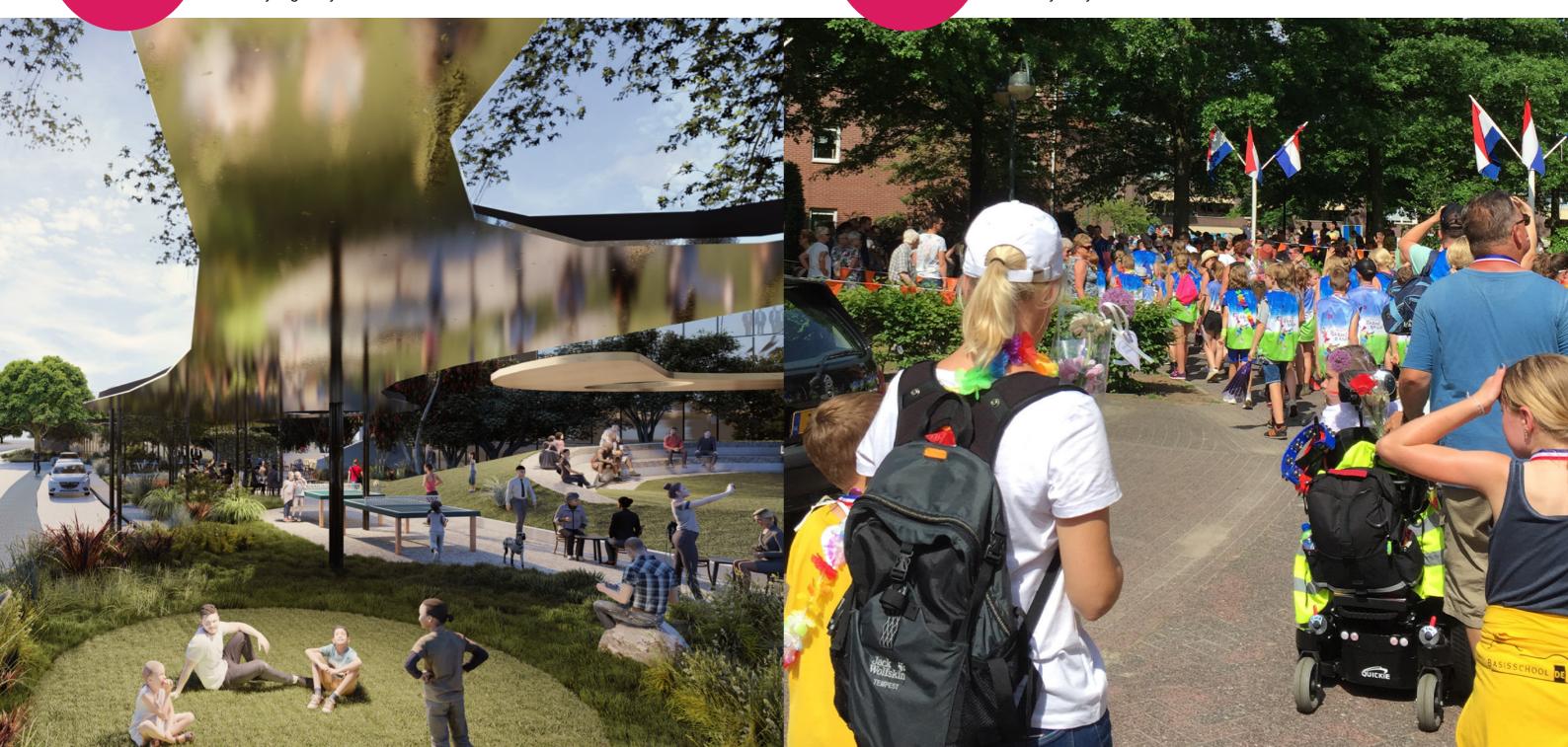


Logan Road Ribbon Park This Big Idea suggests a ribbon park formed by a series of linked spaces offering recreation, relaxation, entertainment, cafes and artworks embodying Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander narratives; and a road re-alignment with parallel parking and bike lanes.

Idea by Blight Rayner

Walk 4 Brisbane A Big Idea (inspired from the Netherlands Avondvierdaagse) for a charitable walking event over four consecutive days starting from and returning to the City Centre – participants can choose from 5, 10 or 15 kilometre and individual or group options.

Idea by Emily Griffioen



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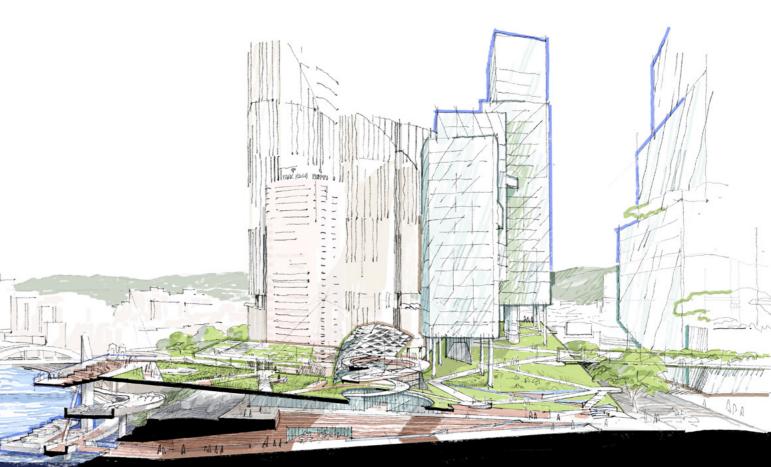
Next Generation Knowledge Corridor A Big Idea to disseminate the knowledge corridor throughout the city to transform employment precincts and inner-city neighbourhoods to create a more complex and interconnected innovation ecosystem.

Idea by AECOM, Bull + Bear Economics and Place Design Group

Mandjar: Roma Street Precinct Reimagined This Big Idea calls for this once shared place to emerge as a reconnected precinct through new linkages and alignments with its past, informing new communities as it weaves itself into the fabric of Brisbane and welcomes a global audience.

Idea by Stephen Long, Architectus





Brisbane City Blindspot The GPO precinct is a collection of important City Centre sites and laneways. This Big Idea suggests that it be considered a 'blindspot' that would benefit from a more focused and integrated approach to planning and development.

Idea by Andy Ong, Hames Sharley





A Big Idea for a digital participatory platform for the co-creation of the city to leverage local knowledge and community will with citizens actively shaping the City Centre, which is ideal for community led co-design.

Idea by Liam Suter, ARUP

YOUR CITY BRISBANE

The IDEA

Your City Brisbane, a **digital participatory platform** for **the co-creation of the city**.

By leveraging the knowledge, how-to, and will of the citizens, the **public actively shapes the city with proposals supported with public funding.**

The city centre (central ward) is the perfect urban laboratory - for community led co-design, with ideas transformed into real projects and policy.

The WHY

Cities are made by people, and citizens should partner closely in the development of the city, its services, and its many communities. The experience of the city-the user experience, is best informed by the users themselves.

Because first we shape the cities – then they shape us.

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and technical expertise







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Bishops(re)bourne

The chosen subject area of this Big Idea is a unique and hidden landholding offering opportunities to revitalise the heritage Bishopsbourne buildings and to elevate Milton's position as a vibrant inner city precinct.

Idea by Matt Martoo, Property Leaders Brisbane, Ellivo Architects, Ethos Urban

Breakfast **Creek Sports Precinct**

This Big Idea focuses on Breakfast Creek as a premier destination for elite and community sport and as an iconic lifestyle centre in Brisbane's inner-north - positioned to maximise convenience, the precinct showcases Brisbane's best qualities.

Idea by EKS on behalf of Brisbane City Council



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present/short term



unlocking potential mixed accommodation









This unique and hidden land holding offers an abundance of opportunity for revitalisation of the heritage Bishopsbourne buildings which can unlock wider opportunities for elevating Milton as a vibrant inner city precinct.



future/long term





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