



Victoria Park / Barrambin

EARLY PROJECTS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT



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Brisbane City Council is transforming Victoria Park / Barrambin into an expansive new parkland for the city. To create more to see and do in the park sooner, Council engaged with the community on early projects in the park ahead of the release of the Draft Master Plan.

This report provides a summary of the engagement activities conducted, results from the 'Have Your Say' survey and feedback from the community on the early projects.

Early projects in the park



The proposed **Spring Hill Common** at the park will feature tiered seating and a flat outdoor space for active and healthy activities, community gatherings and picnicking.

This project was identified in the Victoria Park Vision.



The proposed **Urban Pump Track** at the park is designed to take advantage of the park's natural topography and offer a space for younger children, elements for more advanced riders, small skateable features and be a new destination for families in the inner city.

A community park was identified for this area of the park through the Vision process.

Community engagement events

Council distributed a project update newsletter to more than 10,000 local residents and businesses in Herston, Kelvin Grove and Spring Hill in May 2022, with information about the projects, community engagement events, and how to provide feedback via an online Have Your Say survey.

An Electronic Direct Mail (EDM) was sent to more than 2000 subscribers to the park project database. Information on the projects was also provided on Council's website and in the *Living in Brisbane* newsletter, distributed to all Brisbane households.

An information kiosk was held at the Green Heart Fair event at the park on Sunday 29 May 2022.

- The event was attended by more than 15,000 people.
- Members of the project team were available to answer questions from the community about the early projects. The project team spoke to approximately 100-150 people during the day about the projects and the vision for the park. The kiosk featured a display on the early projects and a project information video, along with a range of children's activities and a display of artefacts from the park.
- **Feedback from the community:** There was overwhelming support for the early projects with some residents expressing concerns about the Urban Pump Track project. The main areas of concern were about the location, noise and safety.

A community engagement event was held on Sunday 5 June 2022 at the proposed site of the Spring Hill Common project.

- Members of the project team attended this event with approximately 30 residents visiting to discuss the early projects.
- The event included a project display, live music, a yoga demonstration, children's soccer activity and a coffee cart to demonstrate the type of activities suitable for the Spring Hill Common space.
- **Feedback from the community:** Some local residents were unsupportive of the Spring Hill Common project and wanted the space to remain in its current form. Other areas of concern were about the size of the flat space, impacts to vegetation and concerns around increased use by local schools.

A community engagement event was held at the Herston side of the park near the Victoria Park Bistro on Sunday 12 June 2022 near the site of the proposed Urban Pump Track.

- Members of the project team attended this event with approximately 200 people in attendance.
- The event included a project display, live music, children's activities, coffee cart and a demonstration from the QUT Centre for Robotics.
- **Feedback from the community:** Some local residents expressed concern about noise, safety, impact to vegetation and suitability of the proposed location of the Urban Pump Track.



Online Have Your Say survey

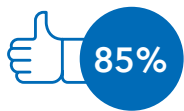


314
surveys
completed

A 'Have Your Say' survey on the early projects was available on Council's website from Friday 13 May 2022 to Sunday 19 June 2022. The survey included 16 questions about the projects and 314 surveys were completed by the community.

Survey results

Spring Hill Common



strongly/somewhat
supportive



strongly/somewhat
unsupportive

Feedback from the community raised the following areas for consideration by Council:

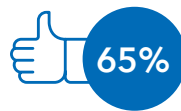
- impact to native wildlife and vegetation
- excessive access by local schools
- car parking and public transport access to the area
- noise from events and activities
- improved active travel and accessible routes
- flooding and drainage issues.

Council asked the community what activities they would like to see held at the Spring Hill Common. Community feedback included:

- recreational activities for families and children
- local markets
- cultural events
- live music and small concerts
- health and wellness activities such as yoga, pilates and personal training.



Urban Pump Track



strongly/somewhat
supportive



strongly/somewhat
unsupportive

Feedback from the community raised the following areas for consideration by Council:

- impact to local wildlife
- noise from users of the pump track and small skateable features
- proximity to local residents
- safety concerns with Herston Road
- flooding and drainage issues
- impact to the Murray Spinaze Bushland and other vegetation
- parking in the area
- options for locating the pump track in another part of the park

Other engagement activities and feedback

Council received a number of written submissions and direct feedback from the community about the projects. Members of the project team also met with residents onsite to discuss the projects.

How is Council responding to feedback for the early projects?

The community vision is for the park to become a natural retreat and urban park for adventure, discovery and reconnection. Council is committed to the restoration and enhancement of the 64-hectares of parkland as well as providing a variety of recreation spaces with something for everyone.

The early projects are drawn from the community vision for the park and will feature in the Draft Master Plan to be released later in 2022.

Spring Hill Common

Based on the community feedback and technical investigations completed, Council has reduced the size of the flat space to minimise impact to vegetation. The Spring Hill Common will now be up to 70 metres long x 29 metres wide (approximately 10 percent reduction in size). An accessible pathway will also be built to connect the space with Gregory Terrace. Bookings for events and activities in the space will be managed by City Parklands Services to ensure equitable access for all users.



Urban Pump Track

Based on the community feedback and technical investigations completed for the Urban Pump Track, the park will now comprise small skateable features, with the primary focus being an urban pump track for beginner and intermediate riders. The space is intended to be a family friendly destination with picnic shelters and seating featured to make the area inviting, and support families with children of varying ages to enjoy the space together.

A 15-space off-street car park will be constructed with a left in, left out entrance. Habitat restoration and enhancement will feature as part of the project and through the delivery of the Master Plan. The proposed works will include water management and drainage. The Urban Pump Track will be located more than 50 metres from residential properties and approximately 40 metres from the Murray Spinaze bushland habitat which is proposed to be enhanced as part of the overall Master Plan delivery.

Council will share the draft detailed design of the Urban Pump Track later this year at a small community event. To register your interest in attending the event please email victoriapark@brisbane.qld.gov.au.



More information

For more information about the vision for Victoria Park / Barrambin visit brisbane.qld.gov.au or call Council on **3403 8888**.

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