

Key Messages and FAQs: Brighton Foreshore concept plan project

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- Brisbane City Council is giving residents more to see and do in a clean and green Brisbane by preparing a concept plan for the Brighton Foreshore Parklands.
- This project is part of Council's commitment to enhancing and maintaining more than 2180 parks across the city, which helps residents get outdoors and enjoying our city's unique, sub-tropical lifestyle.
- With the Brighton Foreshore Parklands Concept Plan, Council is providing more opportunities for recreation, relaxing, and meeting with family and friends in one of the many places that makes our city great.
- Council is committed to protecting and improving our city's natural areas while also promoting active, healthy lifestyles for residents.
- By working with the community to develop the Brighton Foreshore Concept Plan, Council will propose upgrades to the foreshore area that are resilient, protect the heritage values of the foreshore and meet the diverse needs of the community.
- Council acknowledges the feedback from the community provided on the foreshore parklands between 2004 and 2010, which has helped inform the following works Council has completed in the foreshore parklands since 2011:
 - Groyne/sand work at 19th Avenue Beach
 - Decker Park upgrades including basketball court, Dog Off-Leash Area works, picnic facilities and playground equipment
 - sand remediation works at Brighton Park o new footpath between 9th Avenue and 15th Avenue and between 18th Avenue and Decker Park o new lighting.
- While Council acknowledges the previous feedback from the community, the current project will allow Council to better understand the current needs of the community and prepare a concept plan that will better service the community into the future.
- Council intends for the concept plan to focus on the esplanade area along Flinders Parade which hasn't experienced recent works.
- All proposed works in the Brighton Foreshore Concept Plan will be subject to detailed analysis and availability of future funding.
- The parkland area that Council is considering for potential upgrades only includes land above the high tide water mark, generally designated by the seawall.

Stage 3: Final Concept Plan (2024)

- Brisbane City Council is pleased to release the Brighton Foreshore Concept Plan.
- After engaging with the community and receiving feedback in February and March 2023 and again in August and September 2023, Council has developed this concept plan to meet the diverse needs of the community now and into the future.
- Council would like to thank the community for participating and providing their valuable feedback throughout this process.

FAQs:

The following FAQs have been developed to assist the NEWS team in responding consistently to project-specific community and stakeholder enquiries.

What feedback did Council receive about the draft concept plan?

Council invited feedback from the community on the Brighton Foreshore Parklands draft concept plan between 22 Nov – 17 Dec 2023. Overall, more than 130 people attended the information kiosks and over 137 surveys were submitted, providing feedback to help inform the preparation of the final concept plan.

There was strong overall support for the improvements shown in the draft concept plan including the two recreational areas, the widening of the promenade pathway, coastal inundation protection measures and environmental enhancement features. Minor modifications to the 2 recreation areas have been made to enhance the recreational potential of these locations for the enjoyment of residents and visitors to the foreshore.

Key highlights

- 81% of survey respondents indicated support for the overall concept plan and the proposed improvements to the foreshore area.
- 78% support for the vision and objectives.
- Support to retain all existing trees and plant more for shade and wildlife habitat.
- Support for rebuilding the existing boat ramp near 12th Ave and making it more accessible for people and non-motorised watercraft.
- Concern from some people that the proposed change in disability parking spaces at 19th Ave would be dangerous given the need to reverse into traffic on a corner and risks from speeding motorists.
- Concern from some people about the provision of toilet facilities whilst other people were supportive.
- Support for improved beach and tidal flat access. o Include rinsing facilities for people to wash themselves and their nonmotorised watercraft.

How does the community feel about the pathway widening from 15th to 18th Avenue?

- The draft concept plan presented 4 ideas for widening the pathway from 15th to 18th Avenue.
- Equal support for the Very High Change pathway widening option and the High Change option with the latter preferred if lesser cost. Some objections to Moderate Change option because of loss of parking.
- Some support for the idea of reclaiming into the bay but others were concerned about the environmental impact.
- Support for the existing shade trees and parking spaces to remain.
- Overall understanding from the community about the difficulty of widening the path and wanted Council to determine the most cost-effective and feasible way and implement that.
- Due to the difficult site constraints, Council needs to undertake more investigations on this before this pathway widening can be delivered.

When will Council deliver the improvements shown in the plan?

- The delivery of the improvements from the final concept plan will be prioritised in accordance with city wide priorities as budget becomes available.
- A first stage of works has been prioritised for delivery in the next few years thanks to a recently secured \$5M Federal Government grant. Information about the grant purpose can be found on their website <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/territoriesregions-cities/regional-australia/regional-and-community-programs/investing-ourcommunities-program-and-priority-community-infrastructure-program>.
- Council is delivering this project on behalf of the Australian federal government.

What is the scope of work funded by the Australian Federal Government grant?

- The funding will enable upgrades to be delivered to both the 12th Avenue and 19th Avenue recreation areas as shown in the final concept plan, as well as some new park furniture in the parkland between 9th and 18th Avenue.

How was the scope of the grant works determined?

- Council selected features of the draft concept plan based on community feedback received during the project consultation phases and what could be delivered efficiently with the available funding.
- Council also considered works that were not at risk of being 'undone' by any further potential improvements to the foreshore in the coming years, including the pathway widening and coastal resiliency measures. What is the benefit of the grant works to the community?
- Council aims to ensure that our popular metropolitan parklands continue to meet the recreational needs of residents and visitors wanting to enjoy these beautiful locations. This includes ensuring that facilities are upgraded, and suitable infrastructure provided to enable people to make the most of their time in the parkland. In addition, Council aims to improve accessibility for members of the community who have different care and mobility needs, in accordance with outcomes from Council's Access and inclusion Plan 2019-2029. The upgrade to the 19th Avenue recreational area will provide enhancements and improved access to both the parkland and the adjoining beach area including upgraded disabled parking spaces, a new amenity building which includes an Accessible Adult Change Facility (AACF), pathway connections and a beach access ramp. The upgrade to the 12th Avenue recreation area includes a drop off bay and upgraded ramp to launch nonmotorised watercraft.

Why was the pathway widening not prioritised for this funding?

- Council acknowledges that the community considered this the highest priority. However, given the further investigations required to determine the most effective pathway widening method, and the anticipated cost being greater than \$5M, this feature of the concept plan is best delivered at a later stage.

When will the grant works be delivered?

- Under the grant guidelines, Council must deliver the works by December 2026. There is more design to be done and approvals to secure before construction will commence but Council anticipates that works would commence on the ground in early 2026.