

Wynnum, Manly and Lota Foreshores Revitalisation Master Plan

Frequently asked questions

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What were the results from community engagement in 2025?

In 2025, Council asked the community to share what they value most about the Wynnum, Manly and Lota foreshores and their ideas for the future. More than 1,460 online surveys were completed, 470 pins were placed on an online mapping activity and more than 250 people attended 5 information sessions.

Feedback highlighted the community's strong connection to the foreshores and support for better parks and recreation spaces, improved walking and cycling connections, better swimming and water access, more shade and trees, and a balanced approach that protects the natural environment and coastal character.

You can read more about what we heard from the community in 2025 [here](#).

What is a master plan?

A master plan is a long-term planning document that provides a conceptual layout to guide future planning, investment and decision making. A master plan is informed by community feedback and the results of technical investigations and planning requirements. Master planning typically involves preparing spatial maps that show key features, spaces and connections for potential future delivery, depending on future funding availability, approvals, city-wide priorities and further planning.

Why do we want to know what you think about the draft master plan?

Your insights will help Council understand what people support, what may need further consideration and what matters most to residents, visitors and local businesses. What you tell us will be considered alongside technical and planning requirements before the master plan is finalised.

Why are we preparing a master plan for the foreshores?

The Wynnum, Manly and Lota foreshores are some of Brisbane's most loved coastal destinations. As Brisbane grows, the master plan will help guide future improvements so the foreshores continue to support recreation, access, community life and tourism while protecting the area's natural environment, heritage and bayside character.

What is the extent of the master plan area?

The Wynnum, Manly and Lota Foreshores Revitalisation Master Plan covers Brisbane's eastern bayfront from the Wynnum North Conservation Area in the north to Lota Point Park in the south. The master plan area includes beaches, parklands, tidal flats, mangroves and wetlands that collectively form one of Brisbane's most valued coastal destinations.

The master plan does not include private properties or businesses, or land owned or managed by the Queensland Government, such as Manly Boat Harbour.

How was local heritage considered when preparing the draft master plan?

Local heritage was considered by reviewing the area's cultural, maritime and community history and identifying opportunities to reflect and celebrate these values in future planning and design. This included considering First Nations connections to Country, local heritage places, the foreshores' long-standing role in recreation and community life, and opportunities for interpretation, storytelling and public art.

How has the natural environment been considered when preparing the draft master plan?

The natural environment was considered by reviewing the foreshore's ecological values, including wetlands, mangroves, tidal flats, wildlife habitat, coastal processes and areas vulnerable to climate impacts. This helped identify opportunities to protect sensitive areas, improve habitat, increase shade and tree planting, strengthen coastal resilience and provide responsible access so people can enjoy and learn about the natural environment.

Why are there 2 concept design options for George Clayton Park and Drevesen Park?

Council is seeking community feedback on 2 options because there are different ways the parkland and Lower Esplanade could be arranged in the future.

Both options include a separated Moreton Bay Cycleway for improved active transport connectivity, enhanced connections between the foreshore, beaches and surrounding destinations through a more people-focused public area, and reorganised car parking to improve safety and parkland connectivity.

Option 1 would close 550 metres of Lower Esplanade to create 7,000 square metres of new foreshore parkland, strengthen the continuous parkland corridor along the waterfront, provide more useable open space for new recreation, gathering and event areas, and remove vehicle movements and the risk of conflicts to improve safety. 235 metres of Lower Esplanade is retained around Darling Point Special School, with a cul-de-sac turn around facility.

Option 2 would retain one-way southbound vehicle movement to create more space for recreation opportunities and reduce traffic volumes in the park area.

During early planning, we sought to understand the road network effect of these options. This assessment found that any redistribution of traffic can be supported by the surrounding network.

Feedback will help Council understand community preferences before a preferred direction is confirmed for potential future delivery.

What are the next steps after the community engagement period closes?

After the community engagement period closes, we'll review what we heard from you alongside technical and planning requirements to refine the master plan. The final Wynnum, Manly and Lota Foreshores Master Plan is expected to be published on Council's website in early 2027.

When will initiatives in the master plan be constructed?

The master plan is not a commitment to deliver all projects right away. Instead, it provides a long-term roadmap to guide future improvements, with any potential projects subject to future funding availability, approvals, city-wide priorities and further planning.

The master plan features are at an early stage of development and may change or not be able to proceed following further technical, environmental, safety and operational assessment.

When will the Wynnum Wading Pool Park upgrade be delivered?

We're planning for the Wynnum Wading Pool Park upgrade to be one of the first projects delivered as part of the master plan. This upgrade responds to community requests to upgrade the wading pool and provide a swimmable beach experience, while protecting its rich heritage. The concept design is still being refined and more information about timing and delivery will be provided before works begin.

Is this project related to the Wynnum Centre Suburban Renewal Precinct?

The Wynnum, Manly and Lota Foreshores Master Plan is a separate project that focuses on the long-term future of the foreshores from Wynnum North to Lota. While the projects are being delivered by Council independently, they support a shared vision of creating a vibrant, connected and welcoming bayside destination for residents and visitors.