

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION FEEDBACK RECEIVED FOR THE DRAFT BRC PARKS & OPEN SPACE STRATEGY 2019 - 2026**

Feedback Received	Council Response/Rationale/Recommendation	Amendment to strategy required (Y) / not required (N)	Amendments made
<p>1. Make shade trees and tree planting more prominent within the Strategy. Specific mention of coastal parks (Barolin Rocks and Coral Cove) and along coastal 'turtle path', and retaining/protecting existing trees in park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where the existing 'turtle pathway' runs behind houses (along road e.g. Coral Cove), additional trees can be considered as part of Street Tree Planting program</li> <li>• Provision of shade trees along coastal pathways will be considered in similar way to parks</li> <li>• Tree planting and protection of existing trees is adequately covered in Task 1.4.1 and Priority Area 4 as well as in other Council policies</li> </ul>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Reworded task 4.1.1 to ensure pathways and linear corridors are also mentioned</p>
<p>2. Feedback in regards to retaining/protecting coastal pathway so that it is useable for all people (as parkland and walking path)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unable to move the existing path that runs behind houses as the land along the coast line is already lined by existing properties/houses, however the LGIP ensures that any undeveloped coastal land will be retained by Council as parkland for future coastal pathways during developments</li> </ul>	<p>N</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>3. Preservation and development of Environmental Reserve in East Bundaberg (Telegraph Road and Step Toe Street) as Koala habitat and tourist destination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The land identified is insufficient land size for koala habitat</li> <li>• This area currently falls under management of Natural Areas (therefore outside the scope of this Strategy)</li> </ul>	<p>N</p>	<p>n/a</p>

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<p>4. Request for development of Watchbell Street 'Green Zone' (i.e. Tall Ships Park)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watchbell Park (west side of Watchbell St) is appropriately embellished for a local recreation park, although this area may benefit from additional shade trees which will be addressed under task 4.1.1. This park and the park on east side of Watchbell Street may receive further upgrades as required in the future.</li> <li>• The area referred to in the feedback is Tall Ships Park which is a State Reserve and is a non-trunk park. This area will be maintained as a green space and currently there are no plans to develop this area with infrastructure.</li> </ul>	N	n/a
<p>5. Query regarding the naming of Moneys Creek</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moneys Creek Park is the name used in planning processes within Council and is the area encompassing Moneys Creek, Rotary Park, Crawford Park and Archies Beach. While common names such as Crawford Park are used and will continue to be used in within community, the collective name of Moneys Creek remains useful for planning purposes and will be retained.</li> </ul>	N	n/a
<p>6. Incorporating art within parks, including opportunities for community members to be involved in park art or design.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporating art within parks and other cultural opportunities as well as related opportunities to involve community members are addressed in Priority Area 5, specifically Tasks 5.2.1 and 5.2.2.</li> </ul>	N	n/a

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<p>7. Increase opportunities for the inclusion of Indigenous language through park naming, signage with local Indigenous story telling</p> <p>8. Increased engagement with local history by the inclusion of signage with park history, area photos or photos of significant events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporating arts and culture within parks and other cultural opportunities are addressed in Priority Area 5, specifically Tasks 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 and this feedback will be considered when these tasks are undertaken</li> </ul>	N	n/a
<p>9. Increase provision of beach volley ball facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further investigation is required to establish community need and feasibility. Investigating potential sites for Beach Volley Ball Courts has been identified in the BRC Sports and Recreation Strategy 2018 - 2028</li> <li>Additionally, while not specifically mentioned as a recreation activity, beach volleyball is a potential recreation activity that could be included in park upgrades (similar to basketball courts, playgrounds and other infrastructure), therefore would be included in Priority Area 1</li> <li>As part of the design and development process for parks (see Tasks 2.2.1 and 2.3.2), community consultation will be a key component to ensure recreation activities are fit for purpose/meet community need</li> </ul>	N	n/a

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10. Request for a playground in Branyan (park location suggested was cnr Branyan and Bocks Road).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area identified in the feedback is not a reserve for parkland, therefore cannot be developed as such. However Council recognises the need for parkland/playground in this area and is currently investigating acquiring future parkland in Branyan as development occurs in this area (see Task 1.1.2)</li> </ul>	N	n/a
11. Dog Park fence at Mary Kinross requires repair between the small and large dog areas as well as the front area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This feedback has been passed onto parks operational team to investigate for repair works</li> </ul>	N	n/a
12. Transparency of all community consultation processes and data and clearer/easier to find information on the website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council's webpage is being redeveloped, which will make navigating the site and finding information much more user friendly. Task 1.5.1, 1.5.2 and 1.5.3 in the Strategy also addresses improving information sharing through the website and other means.</li> <li>Council are intending to release the full consultation report as a supplementary document to the final Strategy to ensure transparency</li> </ul>	N	n/a

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<p>13. Park lighting, specific mention of dog parks as well as lighting for after hours use (early morning or after work hours). This has a potential impact on perception of safety, increase use in hot climate, extended hours of operation for commercial uses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of park lighting is addressed in Task 1.4.4 and in the 3 year capital program</li> <li>• High use parks including dog parks and corridors/walking paths will be considered in Task 1.4.4 for lighting in parks. Sustainability and environment considerations (including low glow lights for turtles) remains utmost importance.</li> </ul>	Y	Reworded Task 1.4.4 to include high use parks, dog parks, corridors/walking to ensure intention is clearer
<p>14. Windermere Park to be considered for development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This park has been identified in Council's long term plan for future consideration, and although it is currently outside of the scope of the 3 year program it is listed in section 7.5 (p.90) to ensure it remains a priority</li> <li>• In the meantime, this park could benefit from Shade trees which can be considered as part of Task 4.1.1</li> </ul>	N	n/a
<p>15. Reclassify Parklands Reserve from a local recreation park to Neighbourhood recreation park level and protect the Emergent Forest area to the rear to the Parklands Reserve as a location for passive recreation use and flora/fauna habitat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parklands Environmental Park is currently appropriately categorised as Local Recreation Park level for surrounding population and at this stage upgrading to a neighbourhood level park is not required.</li> <li>• The status of the park can be reviewed in the future as further developments occur and as population growth occurs in this area.</li> </ul>	N	n/a

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<p>16. Neilson Park – Develop skate rink area (with all-weather shade shelter) as highly used by children, groups and individuals for exercise and skating</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neilson Park has been identified in the Strategy to be master planned (see Task 1.2.3), which includes the development of this space</li> </ul>	N	n/a
<p>17. Christsen Park repair and maintenance works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slippery sand covered ramp and stagnate water under beach shower</li> <li>• Viewing seats overlooking the Basin Pool</li> <li>• Beach showers and foot washing structures</li> <li>• Handrail leading into Basin swimming rock pool</li> <li>• Taps located beside picnic tables - drainage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This feedback has been investigated and can be addressed through the parks repairs and maintenance program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The slippery sand on ramp and water under beach shower – cleaning works of the showers are carried out through the cleaning contractors. The sand on the ramp will be monitored by parks operational staff and cleaned as required.</li> <li>○ The bike rack is well used and its location was chosen for security reasons (CCTV and passive surveillance), therefore the preference is for it to remain there. However, additional seating adjacent to bike rack and overlooking the Basin will be considered.</li> <li>○ Beach showers and additional foot washing taps – this is feasible and will be investigated. The issue identified regarding the single tap (broken tiles) was repaired under maintenance last year.</li> <li>○ We are unable to do handrail that leads into the rock pool as the Basin is a protected environmental zone therefore there are restrictions around doing construction within this zone. However on investigating this, we have identified repair works to be undertaken on the existing handrail.</li> <li>○ Taps beside picnic tables – this issue was addressed last year and a solution similar to the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	N	n/a

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	Turtle Park was undertaken. Regular maintenance work to maintain this will continue to occur under the parks maintenance program.		
18. Page 5 – Under the heading “how big are some of our passive open spaces” include Russo Nature Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The parks selected for this figure are there to provide reference point for park size and were chosen as they are parks commonly known across the entire LGA community</li> </ul>	N	n/a
19. Include Childers and Woodgate in Table 1 (page 9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please note that Childers and Woodgate are already included in the table as they form part of Bundaberg Region South Statistical Area 2 (SA2). However, to make this clearer, a footnote to the table will be added.</li> </ul>	Y	A footnote to the table has been added.

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<p>20. Reclassify Russo Nature Park from a local recreation park to a regional recreation park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council recognises the importance of protecting natural areas and therefore feel it is appropriate to maintain the forefront area of the park classified as a recreation park and to protect and manage the environmental area to the rear through the natural areas management team.</li> <li>• The park is currently appropriately categorised as Local Recreation Park level for surrounding population and at this stage upgrading to a neighbourhood level park is not required. The status of the park can be reviewed in the future as further developments occur and as population growth occurs in this area.</li> <li>• The forefront area of the park can be embellished to Local Recreation Park standard through development infrastructure offsets.</li> </ul>	<p>N</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>21. Page 60 – include in Table 21 Childers Showgrounds, Cordalba Showgrounds, Apple Tree Creek Community Park and Apple Tree Creek Recreation Reserve</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apple Tree Creek Community Park and Apple Tree Creek Recreation Reserve are identified on the map, although not in the table because they fall outside the mapping boundary area.</li> <li>• Showgrounds are out of scope for this Strategy, but a comment will be added to page 32 to describe how showgrounds are used by community for recreation although not classed as a recreation park</li> </ul>	<p>Y</p>	<p>A comment has been added to page 60 that showgrounds are used by community for recreation although not classed as a recreation park</p>

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22. Include Development of Childers Lions Drive Streetscape (southern end) (p. 90, 7.5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is road reserve and out of scope for this Strategy</li> </ul>	N	n/a
23. Rename Redridge Environmental Park to Russo Environmental Park, and location should read as North Isis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council acknowledges the error in the naming of Redridge Environmental Park, and that the park name should be Russo Park as per Council's resolution at the Ordinary Meeting July 8, 2008. This will be updated in the Local Government Infrastructure Plan through the statutory amendment process.</li> </ul>	Y	Include this change in Appendix 6 – Recommendations for changes to LGIP
24. Page 99 – Hinterland Paradigm. Include Russo Nature Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The table on page 99 identifies future parklands (i.e. land not yet acquired or developed). Russo Park is not included in this table as it is an existing park and is therefore identified in the table prior (see table of Existing Trunk Parks).</li> </ul>	N	n/a

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25. Edible landscapes and opportunities for community to contribute in the space - fruit trees, indigenous foods, community gardens, garden markets, native bees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While Council acknowledges this feedback and its potential benefits, further investigation is required to establish costs and feasibility associated with managing edible landscape initiatives</li> </ul>	N	n/a
26. Where feasible - increased opportunities for nature play using natural resources such as branches, leaves, movable rocks, water elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This feedback has been noted and will be considered during the planning and implementation of Task 1.3.6 (Increase number of Nature-based Play playspaces across the region)</li> </ul>	N	n/a
27. Consider the investment in exercise equipment. Is there a greater return on developing shaded flat areas with access to water and supporting fitness operators to offer no cost / low cost services?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council recognises that currently the utilisation of existing fitness equipment in parks in the region is not well understood. While there is community desire for fitness equipment in parks, we know from previous evaluation (ABCD study) and the existing academic literature that there are challenges associated with translating desire for fitness equipment into using equipment. Further investigation is required in order to make an informed decision as to whether installing more is a worthwhile investment and will have the desired community health and wellbeing outcomes in both the short term and long term. Therefore a research partnership to explore this further will be established</li> </ul>	Y	Reworded Task 1.2.4 to reflect the research partnership approach to this

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<p>28. When developing the guideline for commercial use consider including health promoting strategies to encourage physical activity, nutrition, social cohesion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This feedback has been noted and will be considered in the development of these guidelines</li> </ul>	<p>N</p>	<p>n/a</p>