

Lions Park and Norrie Job Park, Coolum – landscape plan

Project overview

Sunshine Coast Council is committed to providing high quality open space that supports active and healthy communities.

Council's 2021-2031 Sunshine Coast Recreation Parks Plan (RPP) provides a framework for the delivery and management of functional and affordable recreation parks over a 10 year period.

For the purposes of the landscape plan, Lions Park and Norrie Job Park are considered one land parcel with the two parks separated by an open, grassed drain.

The parks, together with Tickle Park at Coolum Beach provide a council-wide recreation function, supported by other district level recreation parks such as Jack Morgan Park in Coolum and others in Marcoola, Mudjimba and Peregrine Springs.

Following two rounds of community engagement in 2016 and 2022, community feedback has helped to inform a landscape plan for Lions Park and Norrie Job Park.

Council is now seeking community feedback on the landscape plan with a view to finalising the plan and starting staged construction in 2024.

Landscape plan features

The landscape plan aims to enhance what people already love about the parks and address some of the challenges currently facing the parks. Please refer to Figure 1 on page three of this newsletter.

The new landscape plan includes:

- Major drainage upgrade works – installing an underground culvert (a concrete tunnel structure) to improve drainage capacity in the parks
- Increasing open green space – reshaping the land previously occupied by the open grassed drain so that it is more usable. This will increase the total useable area of the park by approximately 2000 square metres and link the western and eastern areas of the parks.
- New accessible pedestrian pathway - looping through and connecting all areas of the park
- New public amenities building (including a PWD toilet and hand washing facilities)
- New picnic and barbecue shelters and seating
- New outdoor exercise stations, drinking fountain and bike racks
- An upgrade to 240 linear metres of the Coastal Pathway – continuation of the three metre wide shared pedestrian and cycle path
- New park entry signage, landscaping and shade trees
- An upgrade to the existing beach shower and bus shelter
- Investigations for a potential Pump Track* area for younger people (teenagers and young adults)

* A Pump Track is a hard track for wheeled sports equipment (bicycles, scooters, skateboards, rollerskates/blades etc) that does not require pedalling or pushing. Users “pump” up and down using their body weight to maintain momentum around the track. This activity would complement the recently installed basketball half court, further accommodating active, youth play.

Timelines

To minimise inconvenience to the community and take advantage of available funding, construction will be undertaken in stages as follows:

- 2023 - Finalise the landscape plan and prepare construction documentation
- 2024 - Stage One Construction
- 2026 - Stage Two Construction

The above staging is based on Council’s current 10 year Capital Works Program. Council will also seek grant opportunities from other funding sources as applicable.

Council will keep the community informed about the construction program once a contractor has been appointed.

Share your thoughts on the plan

You can view the landscape plan and an artist impression of the park on page three of this newsletter.

Council invites you to share your feedback on the landscape plan by completing the **Have Your Say** survey between **Monday 13 March to Monday 3 April 2023** (inclusive).

You can also access the survey by scanning the **QR code** below using the Camera app on your device.

All community feedback will be assessed and used to confirm the final design and project staging.



Register for future updates or for further information

Council’s commitment to sustainability means that all future project updates will be emailed to those who register to receive them.

To register for updates and for further information, send your name and email address to the project team on:

lionsnorriejobpark@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Alternatively, contact council’s customer service team (please quote ‘Lions Norrie Job Park landscape plan’) via:

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A note from your local councillor

Existing park users and young people have provided feedback about how they would like to use public space. Lions Park and Norrie Job Park’s prime location, adjacent to Coolum Beach, makes this area a popular destination for locals and visitors. I thank our community for participating in the previous rounds of community engagement and look forward to hearing your feedback on the landscape plan.

Cr Maria Suarez

Figure 1: Lions Park and Norrie Job Park upgrade – landscape plan



Figure 2: Artist Impression – Southern Entry



Figure 3: Existing site photos

