

Proposed Ecological Park

Sunshine Coast Council has acquired 65 hectares of land adjoining the Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve.

This land presents a unique opportunity to create a future ecological park experience that will strengthen the ecological and recreational values and diversity of our region.

Council is in the early planning stages of the proposed ecological park.



Land acquired adjoining Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve.

Project Update

As a Transformational Action of Council's Environment and Liveability Strategy, securing additional land to complement the ecological and recreational functions of the Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve has been a key focus over the past five years.

Preliminary ideas for the proposed Ecological Park have focussed on creating a place of cherished nature and ecological wonder for the generations to discover and enjoy.

Council have completed background investigations to confirm the feasibility of this project.

Over the next 18 months, Council will be engaging a consultant to prepare a Master Plan and Strategic Business Case.

A comprehensive consultation process will be an integral component of the Master Plan

Expanding our major green spaces

The Sunshine Coast is well known for its natural beauty, green spaces and coastal and hinterland living.

The green spaces that surround our neighbourhoods and towns significantly contribute to both the liveability and identity of the region.

As the Sunshine Coast population grows and is expected to exceed 500,000 by 2041, we need to plan for the future and secure land to protect natural assets, respond to climatic changes and provide further green spaces for people to enjoy.

These green spaces provide for conservation, flood management, rural production and sport and recreation opportunities. They also provide visual and physical relief from the built environment and enable us to build our resilience for the future.

The proposed Ecological Park is located within one of the Sunshine Coast's five major green space – *Mountain View*.

Mountain View seeks to celebrate the iconic Glass House Mountains and surrounds, create landscape connections and support nature-based recreation.

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