

REVISED FORESHORE MASTER PLAN PROPOSES BETTER PEDESTRIAN PATHS AND KEEPS NATURAL VIBE

Enhancing what we love about the two-kilometre long space

Providing wider, shadier and accessible paths is a key proposal in the revised draft Infrastructure Master Plan.

Walking is the most popular activity on the foreshore, so it was an important consideration when fine-tuning the draft plan.

Shared and separate pathways look to tackle safety risks and enhance the overall experience

for walkers, joggers and cyclists. This has been achieved while maintaining most car parking spaces, keeping the tennis court with possible multi-use options and leaving the boat ramp facilities untouched.

“Earlier this year, you clearly told us what was considered important for this public recreational space, and we’ve listened,” Mayor Frank

Wilkie said.

Eight key design topics emerged from that community feedback in June.

‘It’s important to have a plan so we can chase external funding when it becomes available’

These key areas have now been addressed, so it’s time for the

community to review the plan, tell us what they like, have we got it right and what could be improved.

“We all love the foreshore, so keeping the relaxed vibe and character was essential and has been the focus of the much simpler, easy to understand draft Master Plan,” “It is a long-term vision, nothing will happen immediately, and more consultation will occur as design aspects progress,” Cr Wilkie said.

The much-loved Pirate Park will be upgraded, a new toilet block is included, plus upgrades to existing furniture so this remains a treasured part of Noosa.

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Lola and Fletcher love using the foreshore paths.



Improvements and repairs already happening

Regular maintenance along the foreshore continually delivers vital upgrades and improvements to keep the public space safe, accessible and enjoyable

The natural look and feel, and relaxed vibe is at the centre of regular work that occurs along the Noosaville Foreshore.

Apex Park now boasts durable, accessible fitness equipment, while some essential repairs have been completed at Pirate Park.

This type of maintenance helps ensure we keep the much-

loved space without changing too much. “We’ve got around \$10 million worth of ageing and failing infrastructure at Noosaville Foreshore that requires work, such as stormwater pipes, playgrounds, outdoor furniture and pathways,” Acting Infrastructure Services Director Shaun Walsh said.

Without proper planning, the

challenges faced by the foreshore, will continue to grow. “You have the opportunity to replace like-for-like or with something which is better for the future,” he said.

This Master Plan helps minimise costs to ratepayers by allowing access to more State or Federal Government grant funding, as it becomes available.

“For example, we could replace our old stormwater pipes with better pipes that are fitted with gross pollutant traps, which remove nutrients and pollutants from the stormwater and improve the quality of the river,” Mr Walsh said.

“Planning is a difficult process, but important so we can protect Noosa’s most treasured space.”

Locals love their special place



Local residents Laurie and Pam James visit the foreshore regularly.

Look after it but keep it the way it is – that’s the message from long term locals Laurie and Pam James.

The couple tends to spend most days soaking up the vibe and relaxing along the Noosaville foreshore.

“It’s important to us, as residents of 22 years, we don’t want it to change too much,” Pam said.

Laurie and Pam James acknowledge that it’s important to maintain and even upgrade the facilities along the two-kilometre public space.

“It needs a bit of work, so we understand that Council must plan for that,” Laurie said.

We haven’t got a Gold Coast here, we’ve got Noosa,” Laurie said.

“We like it with this natural look,” Pam chimed in.

At the forefront of the revised draft plan is the focus to preserve, protect and improve what is cherished about the Noosaville foreshore.

The plan will guide the work and improvements required over the next 20 years.

“It’s been so liveable for so long,” Pam said.

And Laurie has a clear message about the beloved foreshore.

“We feel this is ours and while that appears to be selfish, we want visitors to enjoy it, but it needs to retain its natural look,” he said.

The revised draft has carefully considered the desire of the community and made significant changes to some of the key areas. During this phase of consultation, it’s important to tell us what we have got right and also suggest where things can be improved.

We’re confident the revised plan meets the criteria of Laurie and Pam and many others who love our foreshore, while setting a plan for upgrades and improvements to ensure it is enjoyed for generations to come.

Foreshore rich in cultural heritage

Nurtured, cared for and developed for over 100 years

The Noosaville foreshore’s rich history dates back to over 30,000 years, serving as a focal point for gathering, healing and celebration through festivals and ceremonies for Traditional Custodians the Kabi Kabi Peoples.

By 1933, the landscape changed with about 60 houses and shops along Gympie Terrace, to support the burgeoning fishing industry and holidaymakers.

The mid-20th century saw key amenities emerge, including yacht and rowing clubs plus a tennis court approved in 1946 and rebuilt in the 1970s.

Community efforts in the 1970s saw the creation of the Lions and Apex parks.

During these periods, council has proactively maintained the area with sand renourishment and construction of rock revetment walls to tackle erosion to help protect the riverbank.

The 1990s brought further improvements, shelters, pathways, playgrounds and barbecue areas, transforming the foreshore into a beloved gathering place. In 2001, an amenities block was built, much to the delight of locals.

Many of the assets need replacing, so this is the next step to protecting, enhancing and ensuring what we love about the foreshore continues to thrive.



In Brief

First Nations help shape foreshore future

There has been extensive engagement with the Kabi Kabi Peoples Aboriginal Corporation to provide opportunities to recognise and respect their deep cultural connection to the foreshore and river.

This is particularly relevant for Chaplain Park where Council proposes to partner with Kabi Kabi so they can share culture, stories and history and engage their Native Title rights.

Partnering on nature-based restoration work and a dedicated cultural walk are also part of the long-term vision.

It’s hoped further design concepts can be developed over the next 5 to 10 years.

How to have your voice heard

For the next four weeks, there are several ways to have a say on this draft document.

Fill out the online survey by registering on the Your Say website, yoursay.noosa.qld.gov.au

If you need an alternative way to provide feedback, send an email to foreshoremasterplan@noosa.qld.gov.au. Pop in to any of our information sessions. Dates will be announced shortly on the Your Say website.

To view the draft plan or a summary of the document, visit yoursay.noosa.qld.gov.au. A series of fact sheets and maps are there to help you visualise what’s being considered.