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New Farm Park

In consultation with the community,
Brisbane City Council has prepared
a vision for New Farm Park.

Vision Statement

New Farm Park will continue to be a much-loved park, holding to the values it provides for the community now and into the future while also enabling enhanced experiences for residents and visitors alike, considerate of established heritage values.

Prior to European arrival, present day New Farm Park sat within a landscape that was covered in bushland with shallow lagoons dispersed across the area. This landscape supported a variety of wildlife and provided bountiful resources for Aboriginal people connected to and who have known this area as Binkinba, or “place of the land tortoise”. Council adopted the dual name for New Farm Park, ‘Binkinba’, in October 2004.



About New Farm Park

New Farm Park is an iconic, heritage-listed park that is highly valued by both the local and the broader Brisbane community.

The park was created in 1914, with a kiosk and bandstand being constructed in the following year. More features were added to the park over its more than 100-year history

New Farm Park now includes:

- rose gardens, mature jacarandas and poincianas
- an Edwardian bandstand
- an internal ring road
- sporting fields (croquet, tennis, football) and a basketball half court
- two playground nodes and picnic facilities
- coffee kiosks
- open landscape areas
- New Farm Park Library
- New Farm Park Ferry Terminal and river hub.



1960 aerial view of the park

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Council consulted with the community in late 2021 to help create a shared vision for New Farm Park that will provide a framework to guide the future of the park in keeping with the significant heritage and community values.

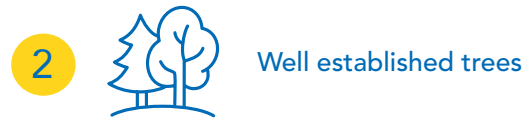
Creating the vision document

Council's engagement with the community included:

- more than 535 people involved in an online survey
- 110 people visited onsite information kiosks
- 81 ideas submitted by the public through an online ideas tool.

Feedback showed people mostly use the park for recreation, relaxation, picnics, informal exercise and to enjoy the natural environment and gardens.

The top five features most valued by the community:



Support for strategies

- ✓ Happy with the park as it is
- ✓ Relaxation, informal recreation
- ✓ Availability of food and drinks
- ✓ Night-time activation
- ✓ Art, culture and history
- ✓ Safety lighting
- ✓ Fitness and exercising
- ✓ Ongoing support for community and sporting activities



Creating the vision for New Farm Park

While a lot of feedback received was that the park is loved as it is, an analysis of all feedback has identified key themes and strategies for how a community vision for New Farm Park could serve the community into the medium and long-term future. The key themes and actions are set out in the following action plan.

New Farm Park Action Plan



Happy with the park as is*

Action statement

Provide maintenance budget to support the leisure and recreation needs of visitors for assets, facilities and services that will support the community's enjoyment of New Farm Park.

Time frame

Ongoing

Council will continue to maintain, develop and implement maintenance and management plans that are unique to New Farm Park to ensure its unique collection of plants and trees are cared for now and into the future.

Ongoing

** Council acknowledges that many respondents are happy with the park as it is currently. Council will continue to maintain the park for continued enjoyment now and into the future.*



Relaxation / informal recreation

Action statement

Continue to provide open spaces within the park for relaxation and informal recreation.

Time frame

Ongoing

Review picnic, BBQ and public amenity facilities to:

- ensure there is a sufficient number
- ensure facilities are appropriately located to meet the leisure and recreational needs of park users and visitors
- meet compliance and legislative requirements.

Short to Medium

Consider additional recreation facilities in the park.

Short to Long

Explore opportunities to increase shade from trees through the park along pathways and to support relaxation and informal recreation.

Short to Long

Explore the feasibility of trialling hire and use of watercraft from the New Farm Park River Hub.

Medium



New Farm Park action plan continued



Availability of food and drinks

Action statement

Assess food and drink opportunities (temporary and/or permanent) within the park to enhance visitors' experience.

Time frame

Medium to Long



Art, culture and history

Action statement

Promote the history of the park and wayfinding through development and implementation of an interpretation strategy.

Time frame

Short to Medium

Prepare guidelines to ensure a uniform materials palette and furniture suite for the park when installing any new or replacement items.

Short to Medium

Explore opportunities to add temporary artwork installations into the park.

Medium



Lighting

Action statement

Complete a lighting audit of the park to explore opportunities to enhance aesthetics and safety at night.

Time frame

Short to Medium



Public events and entertainment

Action statement

Identify and support appropriate events and/or activities in the park that enhance the visitor experience.

Time frame

Ongoing



New Farm Park action plan continued



Fitness and exercise

Action statement

Continue to assess and support events, activities and activations that are suitable and appropriate, and that enhance the park experience for all types of visitors and their abilities.

Time frame

Ongoing



Organised community and sporting activities

Action statement

Continue to provide leased areas that enhance and support the purpose, intent and heritage values of the park.

Time frame

Ongoing

Support the upgrade of leased facilities to ensure lessees can cater to changes in sport and recreation needs, their players and users.

Ongoing



Parking

Action statement

Continue to manage the internal ring road as an asset for park users.

Time frame

Ongoing

Prevent vehicles parking on and damaging trees and grassed areas of the park.

Short

All actions identified in the action plan will require consideration from a heritage perspective to maintain the heritage values of the park into the future. The implementation of actions will be determined subject to prioritisation and allocation of funding in competition with city-wide priorities.



Council is protecting and improving greenspace to make it easier for you to enjoy your city's great lifestyle. The New Farm Park Vision is part of Council's commitment to enhancing and maintaining more than 2160 parks across the city for enjoyment now and into the future.

More information

If you would like to find out more about this project, you can phone Council on **3403 8888** and ask to speak with the New Farm Park Vision project team.

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