

Glenfields Neighbourhood Park Including Dog Exercise Area

Concept Plan Report

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Creating the plan

The Glenfields Neighbourhood Park Landscape Concept Plan is the result of exploring and understanding the community's vision for the park and implementing it within the parametres of councils strategies and policies.

The community had 6 main areas of focus for the park:

- Play
- Shade
- Sport
- Facilities
- Safety
- Parking

PLAY

The majority of the community expressed appreciation for the park's design, which supports multiple activities. Many community members emphasized the need for an upgraded playground, noting that the current facilities are limited and do not adequately serve children across all age groups.

Design response

Multiple play areas and improvements are proposed:

- An upgraded and expanded playground tailored to pre-school aged children through to upper primary school.
- Improved accessibility to the existing flying fox with the extension of the path network, suitable for children up to 18 years old.
- An upgraded basketball half court and the inclusion of a netball circle suitable for children of all ages from upper primary school onwards.
- By keeping the play areas in the existing play space, the remainder of the park will remain open and available for informal sports and recreational activities such as ball games, kicking, and throwing.

SHADE

Improving the shade provisions within the park was a common request from the community. It was noted in several areas including over play areas and covered picnic facilities there was a strong desire for more shade.

Design response

- A shade sail will be retained over the playground.
- A new shelter that includes a picnic table setting and a single BBQ will be installed adjacent to the playground.
- In addition to these structural elements, the planting of native trees is also proposed to provide natural shade over time. These trees will not only enhance comfort but also contribute to local biodiversity by creating habitat for native fauna.

SPORT

The existing half basketball court is a valued feature of the park and a key reason for community visits. However, there is strong public interest in expanding and upgrading the sports facilities to better meet local needs. Community suggestions include enlarging the basketball court, introducing netball facilities, adding a pump track and bike riding paths, and improving the surface and drainage of the open space to support training, football, and other recreational sports. Additionally, there is a clear desire to expand the fitness station, which is used daily by parents and individuals seeking regular exercise.

Design response

- It is proposed to expand the basketball court to the full dimensions of a half court and incorporate multifunctional features to support basketball, handball, and hopscotch, fostering inclusive and versatile recreational opportunities.
- We propose the installation of a concrete netball circle to support enthusiasts of the sport and promote active, healthy recreation within the community.
- The design also includes a dedicated 'learn-to-ride' track for scooters and bikes, aimed at encouraging engaging and active play among pre-school and primary school-aged children.

FACILITIES

The community are enjoying the new public amenities, exercise equipment, and existing barbeque facilities. Another frequently requested facility from the community is the provision of a designated dog exercise area in the Glenfields estate. While the need for a dog exercise area is widely acknowledged, some residents also expressed concerns about potential conflict associated with these facilities.

A dedicated dog exercise area will support the needs of local pet owners and promote responsible pet ownership.

Design response

- A fenced dog exercise area is proposed for Glenfields Neighbourhood Park and is supported by the community and council. A dog exercise area is a secure, well-maintained space where dogs can exercise off-leash. Such a facility would provide social and physical benefits for both dogs and their owners, encourage outdoor activity, and foster community interaction.
- Two additional shelters are proposed; one with BBQ facilities and a picnic table is located near the playground and another with picnic tables positioned adjacent to the existing BBQ shelter, away from the more active zones.
- Additional park seats are proposed throughout the path network of the park to allow for adequate rest and pause points.

SAFETY

Currently, there is limited lighting on the formal pathways within the park, making it difficult to access safely.

Walking was identified by the community as one of the top reasons for visiting the park. As a result, there is a clear need for an improved pathway network that provides connections to all of the surrounding streets, improving accessibility and encouraging more inclusive use of the space.

Design response

- Additional lighting to the path network has been added to increase safety and community peace of mind. The lighting will be amber coloured to aid in reduced night pollution and be fauna friendly. They will be equipped with timers and motion sensors to ensure energy efficiency and reduce environmental impact during after-hours use.
- An improved pathway network is proposed to connect the park to all adjacent roads via accessible paths; to Mountain Ash Drive, to connect existing paths on Escolar Drive to Glenfields Boulevard.
- An improved internal path network is proposed to provide accessible routes to all key facilities within the park, including picnic tables, BBQ areas, the playground, multifunctional court, and the flying fox. This initiative aligns with the council's commitment to creating inclusive spaces that cater to people of all ages and abilities.

PARKING

The community has expressed concerns about the lack of parking, particularly as the park is upgraded to a district-level facility with elements that will attract a larger number of visitors.

Design response

- A district-level park requires five parking bays per hectare. Based on this standard, 12 parking bays are needed for Glenfields Neighbourhood Park.
- The concept plan allows for six new off street formal car parking bays; including one PWD bay on Escolar Drive and one PWD bay located on Glenfields Boulevard.
- Additional informal (no line marking) on street parking is available to the perimeter of the park and on Glenfields Boulevard.



LEGEND - PROPOSED ELEMENTS

- 1 Existing playground renewed with larger multi-user elements
- 2 Playground extension with proposed pod swing
- 3 New shelter with single BBQ & picnic setting
- 4 Basketball court extension, netball circle, & connecting path
- 5 New shade trees
- 6 Spectator mounds with shade tree planting x 3
- 7 Planting and steppers to separate play zones
- 8 Existing flying fox, new path & rubber surfacing to takeoff point
- 9 Landscaping to existing amenities building
- 10 New seating
- 11 New shelter with two picnic settings
- 12 Future PWD car parks
- 13 Existing football goals to be relocated and/or renewed
Improved drainage and top dressed to provide a level surface finish to existing kick & throw open space
- 14 New wider path
- 15 New path to connect to Mountain Ash Drive
- 16 Boulder terracing to water way and localised revegetation
- 17 Picnic setting
- 18 Entry threshold
- 19 New shared path
- 20 Painted substation
- 21 Fenced dog exercise area (DEA)
- 22 DEA agility equipment
- 23 DEA shelter and seating
- 24 Learn to ride track

LEGEND - EXISTING ELEMENTS

- 1 Shelter with BBQ & picnic setting
- 2 Fitness area
- 3 Amenities building
- 4 Path
- 5 Remnant vegetation
- 6 Concrete-lined creek
- 7 Picnic setting
- 8 Bus stop
- Swales
- Seats
- Post box
- Signs
- Lights
- New Lights
- Utilities
- Bins

Finishes Palette



Furniture and Built Form

A robust furniture palette fitting of a lush environment, built to withstand the elements. A combination of hardwood timber, aluminium, and stainless steel is proposed.

The Open Space Landscape Infrastructure Manual (LIM) will provide guidance during the design, development and delivery.

1. Shelter with BBQ and picnic tables
2. Play equipment - Multiplay Unit
3. Dog exercise area- Fenced
4. Play equipment - Pod Swing
5. Basket ball half court upgrade
6. Play equipment - Double swing



Planting Palette

Trees, Shrubs and Ground Covers

The planting palette for Glenfields Neighbourhood Park is guided by the ***Sunshine Coast Street Tree Master Plan (2018)***.

The proposed planting strategy for Glenfields Neighbourhood Park focuses on enhancing the existing native vegetation to preserve the ecological integrity of the area while minimising disturbance to local wildlife. By supporting habitat for native fauna, the strategy aims to strengthen biodiversity and maintain the park's natural character.

Remnant vegetation within the park, which includes native species of significant ecological value, will be protected and complemented through targeted revegetation efforts.

Shade trees are proposed along the pathway network to improve comfort and usability for visitors. Additionally, boulder terracing along the waterway and localised revegetation are planned to stabilise the landscape and enhance the visual and environmental quality of the park.

1. *Backhousia citriodora*
lemon myrtle
2. *Callistemon 'Wild fire'*
bottle brush
3. *Cupaniopsis anacardioides*
tuckeroo
4. *Ficus fraseri*
Fraser Island fig
5. *Melaleuca quinquenervia*
broad-leaved paperbark
6. *Tristaniopsis laurina 'Luscious'*
water gum
7. *Waterhousia floribunda*
weeping lilly pily
(Not pictured)



Staging Plan and Costings

Primary Priorities

- 1 Play space**
Includes: playground, medium shelter, tree planting, soft landscaping.
- 2 Play space**
Includes: basketball half court, netball circle, park furniture, path network, rubber softfall to flying fox, tree planting, soft landscaping.

Secondary Priorities

- 1 Dog exercise Area**
Includes: path network, fencing, small shelter, park furniture, drainage improvements, tree planting, soft landscaping, dog agility equipment.
- 2 Car park and Park entry from Escolar Drive**
Includes: car park, path network, Park furniture, Wayfinding signage, tree planting, soft landscaping.

Long term Priorities

- 1 Learn to ride**
Includes: path, park furniture, tree planting.
- 2 Kick and throw open space**
Includes: drainage improvements, renewal of goal posts, seating, tree planting.
- 3 Park lighting**
Includes: upgrade existing lighting, additional park lighting, associated electrical infrastructure.
- 4 Path connection to Mountain Ash Drive**
Includes: path network, park furniture.
- 5 Picnic area and Creek terracing**
Includes: medium shelter, associated electrical infrastructure lighting, picnic settings, connecting path, tree planting, soft landscaping, creek interface.
- 6 Park entry- Glenfields Boulevard**
Includes: path network, park furniture, wayfinding signage, tree planting, soft landscaping.



