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ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Tracy Davis (Civic Cabinet Chair), Councillor Kim Marx (Deputy Chair), and Councillors Alex Givney, Steve Griffiths and Trina Massey.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Councillor Krista Adams.

A COMMITTEE PRESENTATION – WYNNUM, MANLY AND LOTA FORESHORES REVITALISATION MASTER PLAN

1. The A/Planning and Investment Lead, Asset Planning and Engagement, Natural Environment, Water and Sustainability, Environment, Parks and Sustainability Services, attended the meeting to provide an overview of the Wynnum, Manly and Lota Foreshores (the foreshores) Revitalisation Master Plan (the Master Plan). She provided the information below.

2. The Master Plan is a long-term strategic planning project that stretches from Wynnum North to Lota and incorporates approximately 8 kilometres of foreshore. It seeks to balance recreation, accessibility, environmental resilience and heritage conservation, with upgrades proposed to be delivered over the next 20 years.

3. Community consultation undertaken in 2025 generated 1,460 pieces of feedback identifying recreation, connection and the natural environment as the key themes important to the community. Feedback informed the development of the Master Plan and future priorities for the foreshores.

4. The Master Plan identifies 4 distinct foreshore precincts, each with its own character and opportunities for future enhancement:
   - Wynnum North, recognised for its wetlands, mangroves and habitat values
   - Wynnum, the civic and recreational heart of the foreshores
   - Manly, known for its maritime heritage, boating activities and village centre
   - Lota, characterised by its quieter coastal landscape and natural foreshore environment.

5. Wynnum North contains important wetlands, mangroves and habitat areas that support environmental protection and education initiatives. Opportunities identified for the precinct include:
   - protecting the Ramsar wetlands through new planting and improved habitat
   - extending the mangrove boardwalk
   - improving walking links and accessibility
   - delivering new visitor amenities
   - improving signage and environmental education
   - upgrading car parking and playground facilities.

6. Wynnum serves as the civic and recreational centre of the foreshores and includes beaches, parks, playgrounds and community facilities. Opportunities identified for the precinct include:
   - protecting local heritage values through restoration
   - upgrading pathways
   - improving accessibility
   - enhancing event and gathering spaces
   - revitalising public amenities and improving foreshore connections.

7. Manly's strong maritime heritage, boating recreation, lively village centre and coastal landscapes are key features of the precinct. Opportunities identified for the precinct include:
   - improving pathways and accessibility
   - delivering a new jetty
   - beach matting and seawall upgrades
   - strengthening connections between parkland and the bay
   - constructing a new mangrove boardwalk and kayak launch facilities
   - enhancing Eastwood Beach through dune restoration and coastal resilience works
   - delivering a new water plaza and parkour park
   - enhancing Beitz Place for community events and markets
   - providing additional shade, picnic areas and facilities
   - expanding public art opportunities
   - rationalising parking.

8. Lota's natural foreshore landscape offers a quieter coastal setting for walking, recreation and social gatherings. Opportunities identified for the precinct include:
   - widening and upgrading foreshore pathways to improve connectivity, accessibility and active transport
   - new shelters and barbeque facilities
   - lighting and wayfinding improvements
   - upgrades to the Fig Tree Point Park playground and facilities
   - improved parking arrangements at Fig Tree Point Park and Lota Camping Reserve.

9. Proposed first-stage works at Wynnum Wading Pool Park include improved walking and cycling connections, seawall works and terraced seating, a new playground, improvements to Pandanus Beach, additional visitor facilities, upgrades to the toilet block and revitalisation of the wading pool.

10. The revitalisation of the wading pool responds to feedback identifying the facility as one of the foreshore's most valued destinations. Proposed improvements include a new sandy beach area, additional seating, deck areas, boardwalks, landscaping and increased shade, while maintaining a sensitive approach that preserves the heritage character of the site.

11. Following a number of questions from the Committee, the Civic Cabinet Chair thanked the A/Planning and Investment Lead for her informative update.

12. **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT COUNCIL NOTE THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ABOVE REPORT.

B PETITION – REQUESTING COUNCIL UPGRADE THE SKATE PARK IN PERTH STREET PARK, CAMP HILL
137/220/594/559

13. The Group Executive, Environment, Parks and Sustainability Services, provided the following information.

14. A petition containing 11 signatures requesting Council upgrade the skate park in Perth Street Park, Camp Hill, was presented to the meeting of Council held on 12 May 2026, by Councillor Lucy Collier, and received. All the petitioners live within the City of Brisbane.

15. A condition audit undertaken in May 2019 by a specialised contractor identified surface deterioration at the skate park fixture, including rough surfaces, minor chips and cracking. The facility was assessed as being in 'fair' condition, with an estimated remaining service life of approximately 10 years. The condition audit recommended resurfacing works to improve safety and usability, while also extending the skate park fixture's service life. In response, Council allocated funding in the 2025-26 financial year to carry out these works, which commenced in May 2026 and have since been completed.

16. While the scope of works focused on restoring the skate park fixture and extending its service life, Council acknowledges the petitioners' interest in a more contemporary skate facility. This request will be considered at the end of the skate park's useful life.

17. In the 2026-27 financial year, Council distributed $14.4 million evenly to each ward through the Suburban Enhancement Fund (SEF) to deliver local priority projects, including the provision of local park improvement works. Local Councillors play a role in determining which new projects are funded from their SEF. As this request meets the requirements of the SEF, it has been forwarded to Councillor Lucy Collier, Councillor for Morningside Ward, for consideration.

Consultation

18. Councillor Lucy Collier, Councillor for Morningside Ward, has been consulted and supports the recommendation.

Financial Impact

19. Funds are available under Program 3 – Sustainable City.

Customer impact

20. The submission responds to the petitioners' concerns.

21. The Group Executive recommended as follows and the Committee agreed.

22. **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT THE INFORMATION IN THIS SUBMISSION BE NOTED AND THE DRAFT RESPONSE, AS SET OUT IN ATTACHMENT A, hereunder, **BE SENT TO THE HEAD PETITIONER.**

Attachment A
Draft Response

Petition Reference: 137/220/594/559

Thank you for your petition requesting that Council upgrade the skate park in Perth Street Park, Camp Hill.

Council acknowledges the importance of providing high-quality and safe recreational facilities for the community, including skateboarding infrastructure for young people and families using Perth Street Park.

A condition audit undertaken by a specialised contractor identified surface deterioration at the skate park fixture, including rough surfaces, minor chips and cracking. The condition audit recommended resurfacing works to improve safety and usability. In response, Council allocated funding in the 2025-26 financial year to carry out these works, which commenced in May 2026 and have since been completed.

While the scope of works focused on restoring the skate bowl and extending its service life, Council acknowledges your interest in a more contemporary skate facility. This request will be considered at the end of the skate bowl's useful life.

In the 2026-27 financial year, Council distributed $14.4 million evenly to each ward through the Suburban Enhancement Fund (SEF) to deliver local priority projects, including the provision of local park improvement works. Local Councillors play a role in determining which new projects are funded from their SEF. As this request meets the requirements of the SEF, it has been forwarded to Councillor Lucy Collier, Councillor for Morningside Ward, for consideration.

Should you wish to discuss this matter directly with Councillor Collier please contact the Morningside Ward Office on 3407 8200 or via morningside.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au.

The information provided above will be forwarded to the other petitioners via email.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ju-Pin Hung, A/Program Officer, Asset Planning and Delivery, Natural Environment, Water and Sustainability, Environment, Parks and Sustainability Services, on 3178 0352.

Thank you again for raising this matter.

C PETITION – REQUESTING COUNCIL RECONSIDER THE PROPOSED REMOVAL OF A *FICUS RELIGIOSA* TREE LOCATED ON THE FRONTAGE OF 67 GATLING ROAD, CANNON HILL
137/220/594/592

23. The A/Executive General Manager, Public Space Operations, Infrastructure Services, provided the following information.

24. A petition containing 18 signatures requesting Council reconsider the proposed removal of a *Ficus religiosa* tree (the tree) located on the frontage of 67 Gatling Road, Cannon Hill, was received during the Winter Recess 2026. Of the petitioners, 10 live in the Doboy ward and 8 live in other wards in the City of Brisbane.

25. Council acknowledges the petitioners' concerns regarding the removal of the tree and that it has been cared for by the residents of 67 Gatling Road (the residents) for many years and is seen as an important part of the local neighbourhood. The residents recognise that the tree's roots have lifted sections of the footpath and understand Council's responsibility to keep public areas safe and accessible. However, the residents have asked that removal only be considered as a last resort, after all other options, such as rebuilding or realigning the footpath, managing the roots and pruning have been fully explored.

26. In response to concerns raised about the proposed removal, Council conducted a detailed assessment of the tree before making a final decision. The assessment was reviewed by qualified officers from Council's Arboriculture Technical team.

27. After considering all available information, the assessment concluded that retaining the tree was not a suitable long-term option because the tree has already caused damage to a Council footpath and a driveway. Council also considered the tree's fast growth, extensive root system and ongoing maintenance needs and its proximity to homes, driveways, footpaths, roads, underground services and overhead powerlines. A range of alternatives, including root barriers, were investigated. However, due to the tree's characteristics and the limited space available, these options were not considered practical or likely to provide a lasting solution.

28. The outcome of the review was discussed with the residents on 27 July 2026. Council acknowledges the tree held significant personal value for the residents and their family. The residents requested that the matter be escalated for review and, subsequently, the Technical Manager Arboriculture assessed the case and agreed with the recommendation to remove the tree. Following communication of the decision to the residents, the tree was removed.

Consultation

29. Councillor Lisa Atwood, Councillor for Doboy Ward, has been consulted and supports the recommendation.

Customer impact

30. The submission responds to the petitioners' concerns.

31. The A/Executive General Manager recommended as follows and the Committee agreed, with Councillors Steve Griffiths and Trina Massey dissenting.

32. **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT THE INFORMATION IN THIS SUBMISSION BE NOTED AND THE DRAFT RESPONSE, AS SET OUT IN ATTACHMENT A, hereunder, **BE SENT TO THE HEAD PETITIONER.**

Attachment A
Draft Response

Petition Reference: 137/220/594/592

Thank you for your petition requesting Council reconsider the proposed removal of a *Ficus religiosa* tree (the tree) located on the frontage of 67 Gatling Road, Cannon Hill.

Council acknowledges your concerns regarding the removal of the tree and appreciates the strong value placed on the tree by local residents and the broader community. Mature canopy trees can provide important environmental and amenity benefits, including shade, habitat opportunities, urban cooling and a contribution to local character.

Before a final decision was made, Council conducted a detailed arboricultural assessment of the tree and considered the issues raised in the petition. The matter was reviewed by qualified officers from Council's Arboriculture Technical team.

After considering all available information, the assessment concluded that retaining the tree was not a suitable long-term option because the tree has already caused damage to a Council footpath and a driveway. Council also considered the tree's fast growth, extensive root system and ongoing maintenance needs and its proximity to homes, driveways, footpaths, roads, underground services and overhead powerlines. A range of alternatives, including root barriers, were investigated. However, due to the tree's characteristics and the limited space available, these options were not considered practical or likely to provide a lasting solution. Taking these factors into account, the outcome was discussed with the residents and the tree was removed.

Please let the other petitioners know of this information.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Blake Lamborne, Arboriculture Coordinator Technical, Trees and Reserves, Public Space Operations, Infrastructure Services, on 3178 5247 or via email at PSO-Trees@brisbane.qld.gov.au.

Thank you for raising this matter.

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