

Frequently Asked Questions

Oleander Park Upgrade

FACTSHEET – 2

Why is Council upgrading Oleander Park?

Oleander Park is a much-loved local park in Kawungan. This upgrade will provide updated infrastructure and a more inclusive and engaging space that encourages active play and better reflects the needs of the local community—especially young families.

What is included in the upgrade?

The concept design includes a mix of traditional and imaginative play and recreation elements:

Play & Active Features

- **New playground with large tower, swings and other smaller elements** – suitable for toddlers to age six
- **Concrete bike track** with weaving poles, berms, play huts, and bike ramp
- **Multi-Goal half court** including hopscotch, and handball markings

Infrastructure & Embellishments

- **Shade and Picnic shelters** and **sandstone seating** for families
- **DDA-compliant carpark** and new **pathways to shelters to improve accessibility**
- **Water bubbler, bike rack, and bins**
- **Increased landscaping** including more shade trees and plantings

How is this upgrade funded?

Funding has been allocated through Council's Parks and Open Space capital works program, guided by the Fraser Coast Park Strategy 2041. The Strategy ensures upgrades are equitable and strategically prioritised.

How will feedback be used?

Community input will help choose the elements for the playground and refine the design concept. Once feedback is reviewed, Council will conduct a procurement process and appoint contractors.

Will the park be closed during construction?

Yes, once construction begins, sections of the park will be temporarily closed to ensure safety. Council will provide notice and signage to keep the community informed during the construction phase.

How long will the upgrade take?

Exact timeframes will be confirmed once a contractor is appointed. Construction is expected to begin in late 2025 – early 2026, pending procurement processes and sourcing the playground elements.

How can I have my say?

Council is seeking feedback on the design and elements to make sure the park reflects the values and needs of local residents.

For more information visit: – frasercoast.engagementhub.com.au/oleanderpark-upgrade

- ✓ Complete the quick poll to help us choose the elements
- ✓ Provide comments on the concept design

Feedback closes: 11:55pm, Monday 1 September 2025

What is the Fraser Coast Park Strategy 2041?

The **Fraser Coast Park Strategy 2041** is Council's long-term plan to ensure that our region's parks are accessible, inclusive, sustainable, and well-maintained. It sets out:

- What types of parks should be provided
- Where they should be located
- What facilities they should have
- How they should be designed and maintained

Why do we need a Park Strategy?

The Strategy helps ensure:

- Equitable access to parks across urban and rural areas
- Investments are prioritised based on need and sustainability
- Each park fits into a broader regional network
- That Council can maintain parks effectively into the future

It also responds to changing community expectations, trends in outdoor recreation, and population growth.

What types of parks are included in the strategy?

The strategy covers all Council-owned and managed parks, including:

- **Sports Parks** – Formal sporting activity spaces (e.g. football fields, netball courts)
- **Recreation Parks** – Recreation & play spaces – for physical activity & social interaction
- **Environmental Parks** – Bushland reserves, natural landscapes & conservation areas
- **Constrained Parks** – Drainage land or utility corridors with limited recreational use

What is the difference between Local, District and Regional Recreation Park?

Type	Who it's for	Distance from homes	Typical Features
Local Recreation Park	Nearby residents	Within 1km (10–15 min walk)	Neighbourhood spaces – incl. Playground, seating, picnic spaces and shade.
District Recreation Park	Community Spaces	Within 5km	Multi-use spaces to accommodate small community gatherings and events.
Regional Recreation Park	Whole Fraser Coast region	Drive-to destinations	Range of embellishments, facilities and spaces to accommodate large events and activities.

What is a “Local Recreation Park” and what does that mean for the upgrade?

Local recreation parks are designed for short visits and casual, unstructured play. They are intended to serve people within a 1km or 10–15 minute walking distance.

As such, they do not typically include:

- Public toilets
- BBQs
- Parking
- Sports/ Events facilities or lighting for night use

The **Oleander Park upgrade** is being designed with this purpose in mind—but it will still exceed many local park embellishment standards.

Will my local park be upgraded?

Not all parks will be upgraded immediately. The Strategy helps Council prioritise upgrades based on:

- Population growth
- Gaps in access to parks
- Community need
- Safety and infrastructure condition
- Budget availability

The Park Strategy doesn't guarantee immediate upgrades but helps guide future infrastructure and investment decisions.