

# The 4549 meeting of the Brisbane City Council

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Councillor TOOMEY: Thank you, Madam Chairman. My question is to the Chairman of the Environment, Parks and Sustainability Committee, Councillor McLACHLAN. This Administration is committed to improving green space throughout our city. Can you please update us on Council's latest park upgrade which is keeping Brisbane clean, green and sustainable?

Chairman: Councillor McLACHLAN.

Councillor McLACHLAN: Thank you, Madam Chairman, and I thank Councillor TOOMEY for the question. Madam Chairman, our team is committed to creating new lifestyle and leisure opportunities, and is currently investing some \$73 million to deliver new and upgraded parklands over the current term of our Administration. So, plenty of parks in the pipeline.

The current LGIP, the Local Government Infrastructure Plan, includes around 1,000 projects worth \$2 billion for stormwater, transport, parks and land for community facilities across the city for the next 10 years. The LGIP predicts the infrastructure Brisbane will need to service a growing population and to support healthy well-functioning neighbourhoods, it provides developers with an indication of likely infrastructure, including parks that are acquired for proposed projects.

So, Madam Chairman, parks, be they formal, informal, sports, et cetera, are also provided through other processes such as neighbourhood planning. For example, in my ward of Hamilton, the Lutwyche Corridor neighbourhood plan identified now many years ago the need to provide a new park in the vicinity of Chalk Street near a major shopping centre down from Lutwyche Road along that major growth corridor.

So, previously residential blocks in the identified area are being acquired as residents take up the option to sell, and within a few years we'll have another great local park there. Some eight properties of 11 have been acquired for that future park, and it will be turfed in the interim and it will be, in the future, a great local park. It is due for completion somewhere after 2021.

Another example, Madam Chair, coming through that process is Bunyapa Park, formerly known as the West End Common. Council recently delivered that, and it shows what can be done in relatively small spaces—that was a space previously occupied by commercial buildings—to respond to the needs of residents.

Madam Chairman, another park in the pipeline is in Milton, and that's going to be called the Milton Common. So far we have approximately 1,200 square metres of land for the common—that was acquired by Council in 2014 after the Milton Station neighbourhood plan was developed. That urban common, Madam Chairman, will be developed in stages, and this is the first stage. Future stages will see more embellishments—a small expansion through the closure of part of Manning Street, and the total area in the future will be about 1,500 square metres.

The Milton Urban Common will be a great green oasis in the urban inner city area of Milton and just a short walk from the Park Road restaurants and the Milton train station located on the corner of Railway Terrace and Manning Street. This is a key objective to implement improvements in the park that align with community desires and values, as well as increasing the recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

We know, Madam Chairman, that the fabric of Milton is changing, once known just for the XXXX Brewery and Lang Park, but is now home to many Brisbane residents, offices and small businesses, and is being transformed from an industrial and commercial neighbourhood to what is and will be an even more vibrant and exciting area. Council is adapting and changing to those needs. Green spaces are a critical part of that.

I know Councillor MATIC is looking forward to the new space, and the residents of his ward are as well. We have released a concept plan which shows large shade trees, garden and outdoor furniture, and further future plans for toilets, shelters, picnic area and a table tennis table—another table tennis table. Great to see these being put in parks across the city.

I do encourage residents who live and work in the Milton area to have their say on the proposed common to ensure feedback is included in the final design. Residents can undertake the survey that's online, and there will be three information stalls on this one—one at the Milton markets this Sunday 4 March, and a further two information sessions later in the week down at Railway Terrace. So, all those details are on the Council website.

Madam Chairman, spaces like the Milton Common can't go ahead without the support of the public and the initiatives of this Administration. Also, this weekend residents who registered will participate in a co-design workshop for the Stone's Corner precinct, about the community needs for Hanlon Park. I know Councillor McKENZIE is very interested in that one. This is a consequence of the Norman Creek Master Plan, and this is the next delivery. Hanlon Park was a priority precinct identified in that Norman Creek Master Plan.

So, again, all these projects are about delivering on and promoting a strong sense of community, making sure that we include increased recreational space and contribute to the healthy ecosystems and waterways of our parks and spaces. Thank you, Madam Chair.