

The first stage of the Mooloolaba Foreshore Revitalisation project is nearing completion with the Northern Parkland set to be unveiled in July.

Sunshine Coast Council is now seeking community input on two elements of the foreshore masterplan ahead of future works.

Stage One: Northern Parkland - opening soon!

The \$16 million Northern Parkland is a joint initiative between Sunshine Coast Council and the Queensland Government. It includes:

- a new 200-metre-long accessible boardwalk and viewing platform
- open grass spaces to picnic, play ball, or host weddings and entertainment events
- · new beach access points
- sheltered barbecues and dining tables
- · state-of-the-art Adventure Playground
- new public amenities offering People with Disability access and ambulant facilities
- · upgraded seawall to protect our foreshore
- · accessible pathways and public seating
- SmartCity technology
- more than 120 new trees and 10,000 new plants.

Construction is expected to be completed in June (weather permitting) ahead of a community celebration planned for July 2022.

Subscribe to the project <u>webpage</u> for further updates on construction progress and opening events.





Stage Two: Central Meeting Place

The next stage is the Central Meeting Place which is located near the Brisbane Road entry point along the Mooloolaba Foreshore. It will be a place where our community can **arrive**, **meet**, **gather**, **celebrate** and **connect** with nature and each other.

The Central Meeting Place will provide a variety of features for our community to enjoy, including enhanced ocean views, improved connection between the foreshore and esplanade, revitalised event space to elevate Mooloolaba's status as a world-class destination, improved viewing decks to take in the iconic coastal panorama, and accessible public amenities. Community engagement will determine how these future works progress.

Like Stage One, future stages will be planned and constructed in sections to minimise inconvenience to the community, and as funding becomes available.

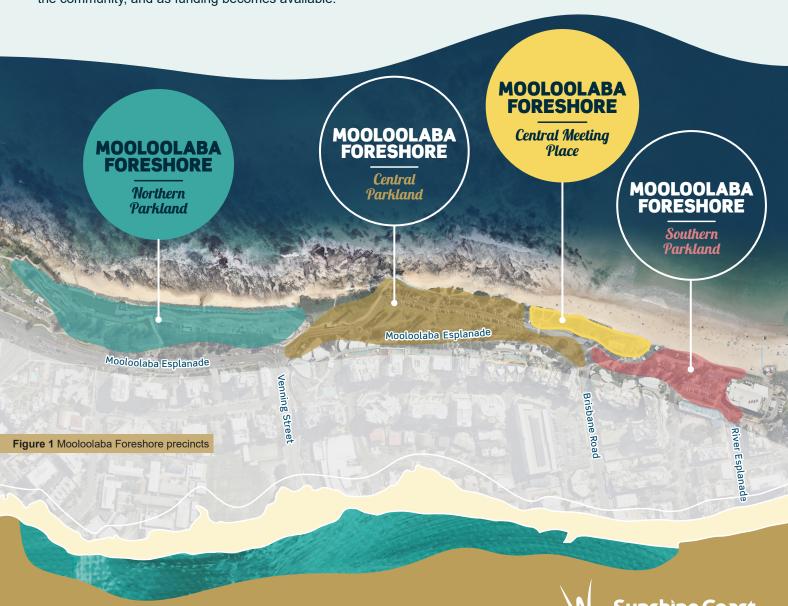
Community Engagement

As part of Stage Two planning, council wishes to seek further community feedback on two elements from the 2015 Placemaking Mooloolaba Master Plan and 2019 Detailed Design that have since been impacted by social and environmental change.

From Wednesday 30 March to Wednesday 4 May 2022, council will ask our community for feedback on two elements of the foreshore revitalisation:

- The meeting place and public amenities (Central Meeting Place): to help determine the functions and facilities residents and visitors value in the Central Meeting Place, which encompassess the Loo with a View.
- Cove Kiosk (Northern Parkland): to understand what type of food and drink outlet/s should be available in the Northern Parkland.

Complete the survey here.





Loo with a View update

Constructed in 1997*, the Loo with a View is located on Mooloolaba's central foreshore. It includes toilets and showers, public seating, viewing and event decks and local artwork.

Recent independent engineering and access assessments have revealed that the ageing Loo with a View building does not meet current Universal Access (People with Disability Access) requirements, or modern sustainable building design standards, and is subject to the escalating impacts of climate change.

To meet modern building design standards and Universal Access requirements, refurbishment of the existing facility will require significant redesign.

*Project designers included architectural firm Clare Design (architects Kerry and Lindsay Clare) and John Mongard Landscape Architects (landscape architect John Mongard) with contributions by various artists.

Improving accessibility and inclusivity across our region is a high priority for council. The existing Loo with a View building cannot be easily accessed by all.

For these reasons, the Central Meeting Place area has been prioritised for the next stage of construction, and council is exploring options for the Loo's future. This may include refurbishment, building new or some other option highlighted through the engagement process. These options will be presented back to the community for further feedback later in the year.

