

# Graceville Riverside Parklands

## Precinct Plan

An initiative of the 'Oxley Creek  
Transformation Master Plan'



*Dedicated to a better Brisbane*

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## Acknowledgement of Country

Brisbane City Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land and their unique relationship with their ancestral country. We pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders of Brisbane, and recognise their strength and wisdom.

### Note:

Images and plans are artist's impressions and highly conceptual. They describe general intents for the locations shown. Further planning, detailed design and comprehensive technical investigations will be required in order to determine final uses and physical outcomes.



## A message from the Lord Mayor

We are creating a liveable and sustainable city for future generations, with even more to see and do in Brisbane. Our existing 2,000 parkland areas are well-loved and enjoyed, and we know Brisbane residents are looking for even more ways to enjoy the great outdoors.

That's why we're building new destination parklands across the city and enhancing our outdoor lifestyle. Restoring the Oxley Creek Corridor to create the city's newest outdoor recreation hub is just one of the many projects currently underway. The Oxley Creek Transformation project will provide new leisure and lifestyle opportunities including facilities for kayaking, boating, sports and bike riding.

Oxley Creek is a significant historical environmental Brisbane landmark and for many years this corridor has been largely closed to the public. Now, as part of the Oxley Creek Transformation project, we're uncovering the creek and surrounding area's hidden value to welcome visitors and preserve the natural habitat for the future.

We're investing \$100 million over 20 years to create Brisbane's newest, and one of our largest, natural parkland areas.

The Graceville Riverside Parklands is the third of several precinct upgrades in our plan and will become a major destination for families from across Brisbane to enjoy our outdoor lifestyle. The area is already a popular local community park, which will be enhanced with upgrades to sports fields, a new playground, a new water activity hub, a larger pontoon, and improvements to picnic areas.

The Oxley Creek Transformation project is building a 20-kilometre world-class lifestyle and leisure destination, and we're proudly creating a lasting green legacy for the Brisbane of tomorrow.

**Adrian Schrinner**  
Brisbane Lord Mayor

# About Oxley Creek's transformation

Brisbane City Council is investing \$100 million over 20 years to transform the Oxley Creek corridor into a lifestyle and leisure destination, providing residents and visitors with more opportunities to enjoy Brisbane's natural environment.

Oxley Creek is one of the Brisbane River's major tributaries. Beginning in the Scenic Rim, south of Ipswich, it joins the Brisbane River approximately 70 kilometres downstream at Graceville. The creek and its surrounds have endured a long history of land uses that have degraded its health and condition, limiting its ability to positively contribute to Brisbane's greenspace network.

The Oxley Creek Transformation project is the next stage of our work towards improving the environmental health of Oxley Creek and making it a place for the people of Brisbane to enjoy. It builds on the achievements of the Lord Mayor's Oxley Creek Catchment Taskforce, as well as past on-ground works delivered through Habitat Brisbane, Community Conservation Partnerships programs, and many other projects and programs championed by both Council and community groups over the years.

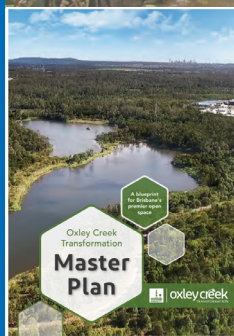
The *Oxley Creek Transformation Master Plan* released in 2018, plans for new and upgraded parklands, recreation facilities, community hubs, environmental restoration and connections for people and wildlife.

**Oxley Creek will be transformed into a world-class green, lifestyle and leisure destination, befitting our New World City**  
 - Oxley Creek Transformation Master Plan 2018

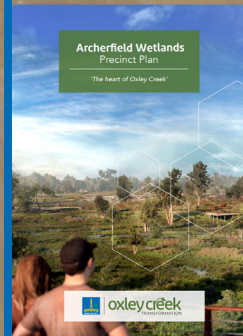


## Project progress to date

Oxley Creek Transformation Master Plan finalised  
**2018**



Archerfield Wetlands Precinct Plan finalised  
**2019**



Warril Parkland Stage 1 opens to the public  
**2020**



Archerfield Wetlands Discovery Trail commences construction  
**2021**



Graceville Riverside Parklands Precinct Plan finalised  
**2022**



# Graceville Riverside Parklands vision

**To enhance the existing qualities of the parklands and improve connections to the river, creek and wider Oxley Creek corridor.**

**Enhancing and protecting our natural assets.**

A location that respects, complements and protects the natural environment.

**Creating a riverside recreation and activity precinct.**

A place to slow down, get active or celebrate with the community.

**Establishing a gateway for adventures along Oxley Creek.**

A starting point for exploring the creek corridor by bike, watercraft or on foot.

Graceville Riverside Parklands is bounded by the Brisbane River and Oxley Creek. The parklands are filled with pockets of shade provided by eucalypt, mango and fig trees and hoop pines. Simpsons 'boat park' Playground provides a setting for children's adventures, while the Sea Scout hall, Canoe Club and associated water-access pontoon, supply a steady buzz of community activity.

The Graceville Riverside Parklands Precinct Plan is the latest part of the Oxley Creek Transformation project's ongoing commitment to plan and deliver Brisbane's newest environmental and recreational asset.

This plan proposes enhancements to the parklands to improve the function, character, and identity of park features already appreciated by the community, while establishing a key gateway into the Oxley Creek corridor and a hub for water-based recreation.

## Developing the Precinct Concept Plan

The feedback received during community engagement has played a key role in shaping the final document, reflecting an ongoing commitment to work together with the community to deliver places and experiences that offer a diverse range of recreational and leisure opportunities. For more information, visit [www.sustainablebrisbane.com.au/showcase/oxley-creek-transformation-project/](http://www.sustainablebrisbane.com.au/showcase/oxley-creek-transformation-project/)



# Concept Plan

Located where the Brisbane River and Oxley Creek meet, the parklands are a picturesque greenspace cooled by river breezes. Revitalisation works will provide the local community and visitors with a range of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.



## Legend

- 1 Parkland entry: Nadine Street
  - 2 Car parking
  - 3 Picnic areas
  - 4 Playground
  - 5 Existing toilet
  - 6 Community green
  - 7 Controlled vehicle accessway to Water Activity Hub
  - 8 Water Activity Hub
  - 9 Sea Scout hall and watercraft storage
  - 10 Rigging area and disability parking
  - 11 Pontoon
  - 12 Viewing terrace
  - 13 Watercraft launching ramp
  - 14 Gateway to the Oxley Creek Paddle Trail experience
  - 15 Gateway to The Greenway experience
  - 16 Junior Greenway scooter track obstacle detours
  - 17 Exercise stations located along riverside pathway
- Proposed trees (green circle icon) Existing trees (grey tree icon)



## Water Activity Hub

### A place for riverside recreation

A new multi-purpose Water Activity Hub facility will adjoin the existing Sea Scout hall. At creek level, it will provide watercraft storage and rigging space. At park-level, a covered terrace with seating areas, toilets, changing facilities and access to power and water will make the Water Activity Hub a natural gathering place for community groups and visitors to the parklands.

The new terrace will also provide the perfect opportunity to take in views of the river and spectate sailing and paddling events.

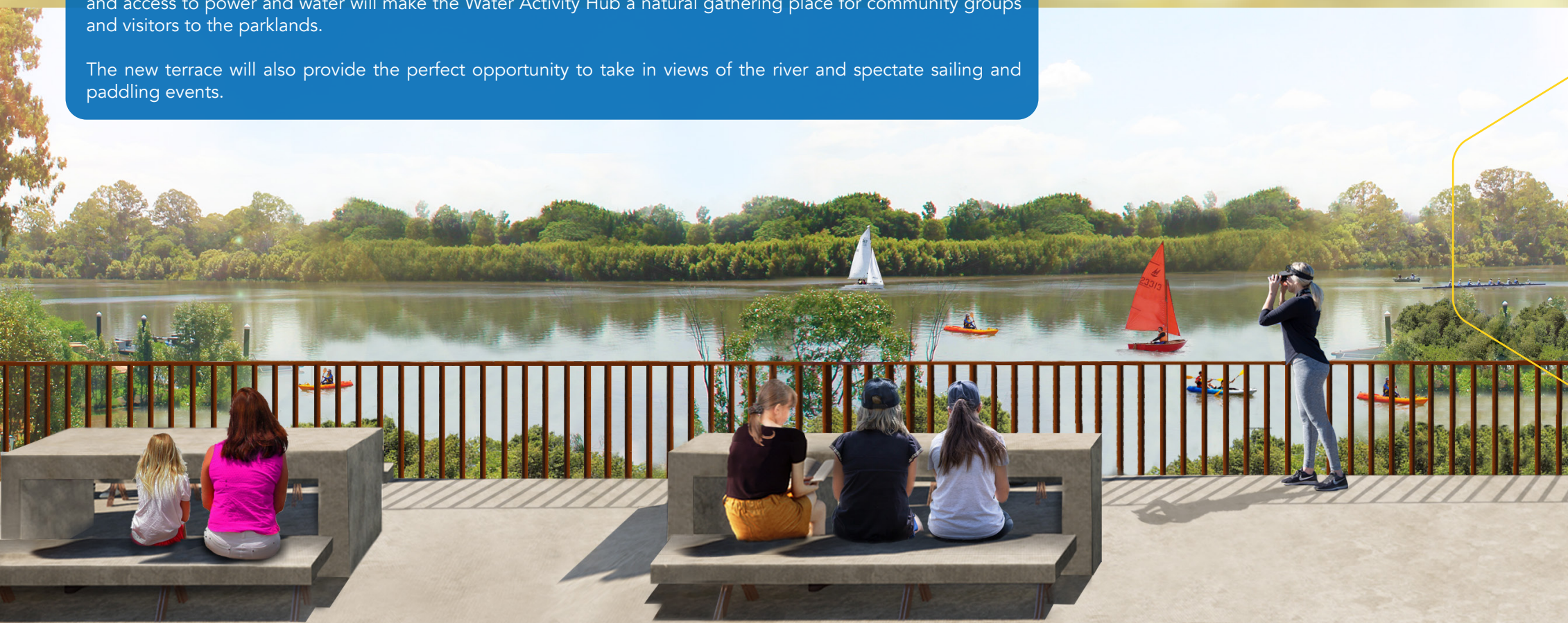
### Getting on the water

Replacing and relocating both the pontoon and watercraft launch ramp will improve access to the water for people of all abilities.



### Adventure trail head

The new pontoon will allow tour boats to drop off and pick up visitors to the Oxley Creek corridor. Opportunities will be investigated to provide hire facilities within the parklands to supply visitors with bikes, canoes and kayaks so they can sample The Greenway and Oxley Creek Paddle Trail experiences in the future. For more information on The Greenway and the Oxley Creek Paddle Trail, visit [www.sustainablebrisbane.com.au/showcase/oxley-creek-transformation-project/](http://www.sustainablebrisbane.com.au/showcase/oxley-creek-transformation-project/)



# Enhancing the parklands

## Spaces to play, exercise and relax

Situated under a grove of mature trees, the existing boat playground will be the centrepiece of a new play space designed to encourage imagination and curiosity. Getting to the parklands will be an adventure with the new Junior Greenway. Kids of all ages will enjoy the scooter and cycle obstacle detours located parallel to pathways within the precinct. New exercise stations on the riverside exercise circuit will challenge those seeking a workout. Open grassed areas with picnic shelters and electric barbecues will adjoin the playground, while grassed areas under large shade trees will provide a range of locations to lay out a picnic blanket.



Artist impression of the community green



Artist impression of the Junior Greenway scooter obstacle detours



Artist impression of the upgraded playground

## Celebrating community

A community green in the centre of the parklands will provide the setting for local community and cultural celebrations and double as a large open space for informal play and relaxation. Fringed by shady mature trees, the community green will be event-ready with power and water available, while soft feature lighting will support activity extending into the early evening.



### An outdoor classroom

The Oxley Creek Junior Ranger Program will host an on-ground discovery trail that will build children's knowledge of First Nations People and European history, as well as the environmental challenges associated with an urban waterway.



### A connected riverside destination

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### Natural regeneration

Environmental rehabilitation efforts within the parklands will focus on strengthening existing wildlife corridors, as well as increasing the width of riparian vegetation and creek-edge mangroves. Weed management and new native plantings will encourage natural regeneration of the original ecosystems to increase habitat. Park improvements will explore the opportunity to increase the amount of local native tree shade cover.

# Continuing to deliver for Oxley Creek

The Oxley Creek Transformation Master Plan continues to act as a catalyst for change. Priority Projects identified in the Plan are coming to life.

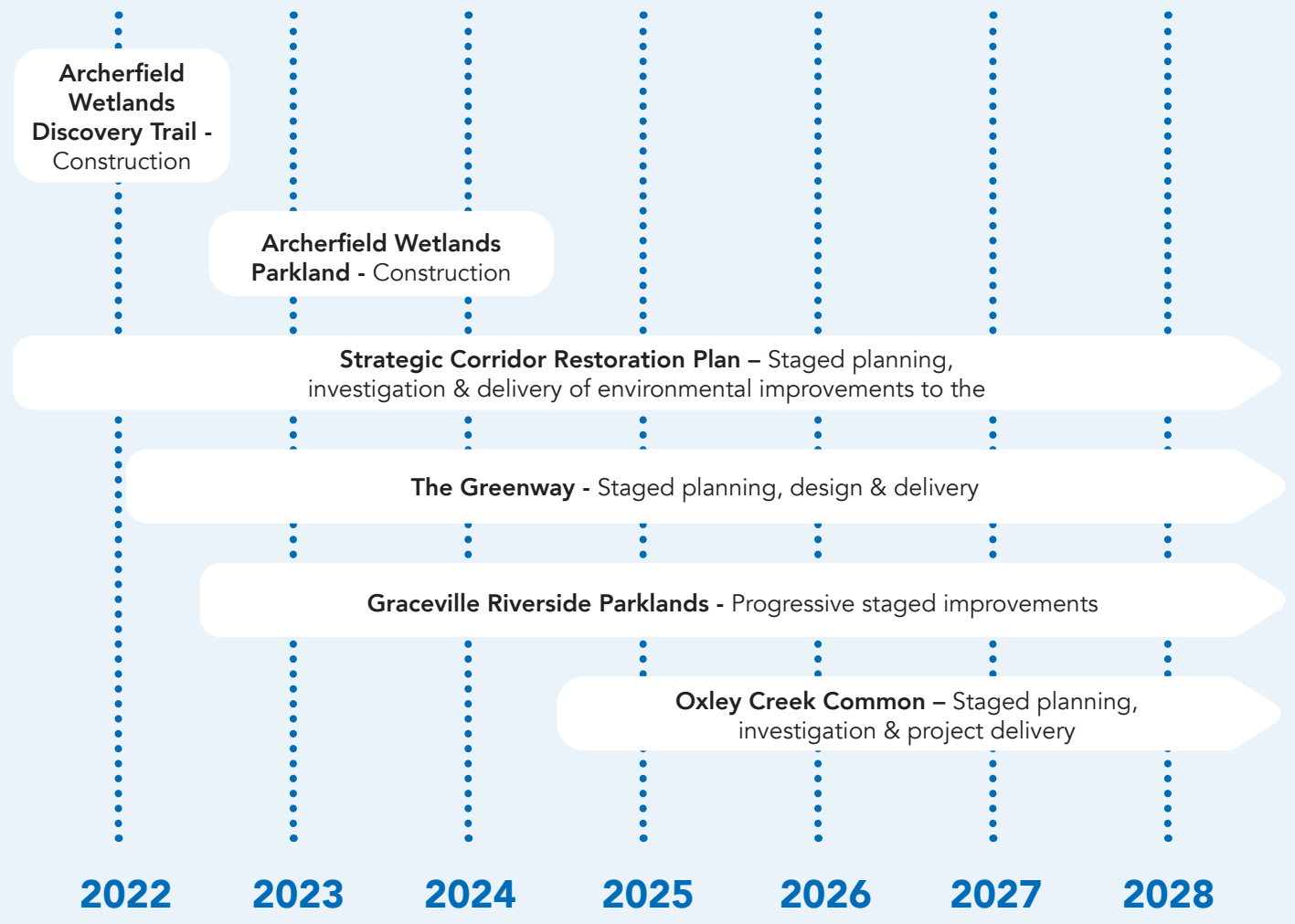
The first stage of Warril (Nature-based Adventure) Parkland is now complete, construction is underway on the Archerfield Wetlands Discovery Trail and the district Parkland at Archerfield Wetlands will commence construction in 2022.

Planning and investigations have commenced on both The Greenway and environmental improvement projects associated with the Strategic Corridor Restoration Plan.

Graceville Riverside Parklands' enhancements will be undertaken in stages to ensure there is minimal impact to the existing functions of the parkland. Further planning, stakeholder consultation, detailed design and technical studies will be required in order to ensure the improvements respond to the site's characteristics and the community's needs.



## Staging improvements to the creek corridor



## Stay in touch

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