

A young girl and a toddler are lying on their stomachs on a grassy field, smiling at the camera. The girl is on the left, and the toddler is on the right. They are both wearing dark clothing. In the background, there is a large green field with some people and a tall light pole. The sky is overcast.

Centenary Lakes Revamp Engagement Summary

August 2022

What we heard from you...

Centenary Lakes is already one of the jewels of our region, but there is room for improvement. We asked you to tell us what you'd like to see included in a future vision for the park and sports complex.

Community input is an important part of planning for the future of our parks and recreation spaces. Your feedback, insights and collaboration are an essential part of developing a Masterplan for Centenary Lakes.



We are still early in the planning, so we asked what you wanted to see included.

We invited sporting clubs, residents and visitors to participate by:

- adding comments to an online interactive map
- attending one of our pop-up community displays and participating in activities like our 'dotmocracy' board
- providing your feedback by email
- sporting clubs were invited to on site meetings, a group workshop and a targeted survey.

We had 115 comments on our interactive map, 100+ conversations at pop-up events, 414 stickers on our dotmocracy board and meetings with 11 sporting clubs.

Thank you to everyone who got involved and took the time to tell us what you think.

From a good park to a great park!

Through our conversations and your input, we have a good understanding of what the community wants to see at Centenary Lakes. We think it can be summed up as:

We want the revamped Centenary Lakes to be an exciting place that blends beautiful natural areas with family friendly activities.

We see a park that is welcoming and accessible to everyone equally and provides opportunities for all ages and abilities.

We want high quality bike and pedestrian pathways, sporting facilities that meet our community's needs, and exciting playgrounds that attract families and visitors.

Alongside all of this, we want to celebrate our natural environment and waterways and have access to enjoy them.



A few of our favourite things

We asked you to tell us what you love about Centenary Lakes now, so we can protect those things as we plan for the future. Here's what you told us:

- trees and gardens
- lakes, waterways and river
- variety of different sports available
- walkways, footbridges and casual recreation opportunities
- low cost, family friendly activities
- dog off leash park
- wildlife and birds.

"Love all the pathways for walking your dog, or cycling, etc. It's a very pleasant environment"



"The BMX track keeps flooding and needs to be moved or upgraded to save on losses."

Concerns at the park

We also asked you about what wasn't working well and could be improved. Here are some of the concerns you raised:

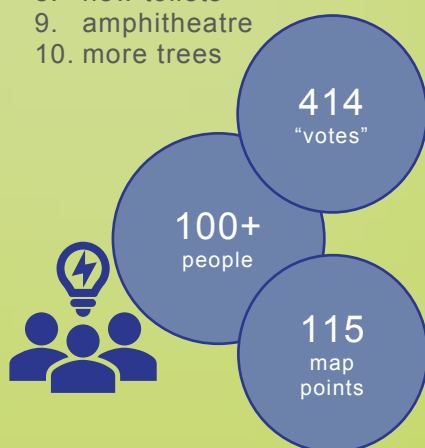
- quality of some footpaths
- quality, size and accessibility of playgrounds
- availability of carparking areas
- need for safe crossing points for pedestrians and wildlife
- not enough lighting in some areas
- need for more public toilets and water fountains
- need for more shade and shelters
- flood impacts on some sporting facilities
- improving pedestrian access to nearby streets and Caboolture town centre.

By the numbers

Dotmocracy

Our Dotmocracy board had 27 ideas for participants to 'vote' for. The top ten options voted for were:

1. water play area
2. community garden
3. parkour / skating / scooter park
4. flexible spaces for events and activities
5. commercial food and beverage
6. improved lighting
7. more water bubblers
8. new toilets
9. amphitheatre
10. more trees



Interactive map

Our interactive map allowed participants to add their own ideas. The top ten themes identified were:

1. improved sports facilities (including new sports)
2. improved pedestrian and bike paths
3. new and improved playgrounds
4. access to the River
5. food and coffee vendors
6. improved picnic and BBQ facilities
7. improvements to roads and car parking
8. improvements to the lakes (including fountains)
9. more trees and vegetation
10. holding events (including markets)

Your bright ideas for the future

We asked you to share your vision for the future of Centenary Lakes by voting for your favourite ideas on our dotmocracy boards at pop-up events or adding your own ideas to our online interactive map. We also held a workshop with the sports clubs to gather their ideas for the future of the park.

We have looked at all of your feedback to understand what you would like to see in the Masterplan for Centenary Lakes. Here is what we came up with:

We want the revamped Centenary Lakes to be an exciting place that blends beautiful natural areas with family friendly activities.

"Keep it sustainable - the less taken from the earth the better"
"Add an environmental centre, great opportunity to involve kids in the environment especially after weekend sport."

"Create a scented garden with a bench."

"More trees and shade - keep it green"

"Food trucks and support for small business"

We see a park that is welcoming and accessible to everyone equally and provides opportunities for all ages and abilities.

"Please provide modern play equipment catering for all ages."

"An all abilities playground, including adventure equipment, wheelchair friendly swings, or something similar"

"Accessible play and paths. Add a Sensory play area"

"Make the paths wider. Two wheelchairs cannot pass in opposite directions."

"Introduce Wheelchair sports"

"More play for all ages - climbing, zip line etc."

We want high quality bike and pedestrian pathways, sporting facilities that meet our community's needs, and exciting playgrounds that attract families and visitors.

"Incorporate a Disc Golf course into the park."

"Convert this space to Gateball/Croquet lawns"

"Add a skate park here and extend the BMX track so the two areas are connected."

"The link into the park from King Street along Riverview Street needs to be upgraded with off road cycle and footpath"

"Consult with Park Run and Rotary who run the Caboolture Chaplaincy Fun Run in the park to provide the infrastructure for an interesting run course"

"Provide water play areas like The Mill or Redcliffe Lagoon to make a true regional destination park"

"Provide a scooter/bike pump track"

Alongside all of this, we want to celebrate our natural environments and waterways and have access to enjoy them.

"More opportunities to view the river!"

"Access for recreational use of the river e.g. boat ramp for kayak entry"

"Space for little model boats"

"A coloured fountain at night would be awesome"

Sporting clubs' feedback

While each club at Centenary Lakes faces their own challenges for the future, there were some common themes in their feedback.



Carparking

Existing carparking is under strain during Saturday morning sport and big events.



Flooding

Concerns about the future sustainability of some sporting facilities due to regular flooding.



Public toilets

There is a need for more public toilets that are open when the club facilities are closed.



Storage facilities

Clubs wanted storage space where they could keep equipment outside of the flood zone.



Lack of room to grow

Some clubs are under pressure but have no space to grow their facilities.



Accessibility

Many club facilities have poor access for spectators or participants with mobility constraints like wheelchairs or walking frames.

The clubs we spoke to:

- Caboolture Sports Club
- Caboolture Snakes Rugby League
- Caboolture Tennis Club
- Moreton Bay Table Tennis Association
- Caboolture Boxing Club
- Caboolture Little Athletics
- Caboolture Amateur Athletics
- Caboolture Badminton Club
- Caboolture Netball Association
- Caboolture Road Runners
- Caboolture & District BMX

Some sports are expecting to grow rapidly over the next decade due to population growth in the region or the upcoming 2032 Olympics and Paralympics. Catering for this growth is a genuine concern for several clubs at Centenary Lakes. Some told us they were open to relocating to new sites either within the Centenary Lakes complex or at other sites that could offer more space and improved flood immunity.



Next steps for Centenary Lakes

Our parks planners are using your feedback and ideas to develop a Masterplan for Centenary Lakes. Here's what you can expect next:

- ✓ We will keep talking to the sports clubs about what they need for the future. This might mean making plans to relocate some clubs to other parts of Centenary Lakes or to other sites.
- ✓ We will consult local students and parents to help us design a new regional playground that will form part of the Masterplan.
- ✓ We will keep maintaining Centenary Lakes and making short term improvements while we develop a Masterplan for the site.

You can expect to see the draft Masterplan made available for public feedback in 2023.

Get involved in planning for our new regional playground

We're designing a new regional playground that will be the centrepiece of the Centenary Lakes Masterplan! We know you want a modern, all abilities, all ages facility. That could be a water park, nature-based playground, adventure playground, or something else entirely!



We want local families to help us design the new playground - including families with kids who are neuro-divergent, have special needs or have disabilities.

Want to get involved? Click the '+Follow' button on the project webpage at yoursay.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/centenarylakesrevamp and stay tuned for updates later this year.





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