

Frequently Asked Questions

The City will be upgrading Garvey Street Park and constructing a new access laneway through the park between Garvey Street and Conlon Street.

What are the benefits of the park upgrade?

The play equipment in the park is ageing and as a safety requirement, it needs to be removed. The park itself is also in need of landscaping to better meet current water sensitive urban design standards.

The new park will incorporate crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) principles including low planting around pedestrian areas and activation of the park with new facilities to make it a safe and welcoming space for the community.

What changes will be made to the park?

The following works will take place over two stages.

Stage one

- New irrigation and grass
- Planting of approx. 11,800 new native shrubs to provide habitat for wildlife
- Removal of existing play equipment.

These works are anticipated to commence in spring 2021 and will take approximately four months to complete.

Stage two

- The installation of a bird water station to encourage birdlife in the area
- New play and exercise equipment
- New park furniture
- New table tennis table to provide activity for students and young adults.

Stage two is scheduled for the 2022/23 financial year and is subject to Council funding.

Why are some trees being removed?

The City values our trees and we do our best to meet our Urban Forest Strategy targets.

Over the years, Garvey Street Park has been planted with more than 50 trees to increase the City's canopy coverage. Unfortunately, two mature and two semi-mature trees need to be removed to make way for the new laneway and park upgrades. Several trees that pose a safety risk will also be removed.

Design principles to limit any damage to trees include:

- The alignment of the new laneway and footpaths away from existing trees
- No deep excavation that could damage tree roots
- The protection of trees that are medium and high priority for Carnaby's Cockatoo habitat.

Why is a laneway required?

The laneway is being constructed to provide improved access for the development of new dwellings in the precinct facing Manning Road and is a requirement of the Waterford Triangle Local Development Plan 2020.

Although the Local Development Plan shows a two-way cul-de-sac, following detailed design investigations the City opted for a narrow, one way laneway to provide a better outcome for residents and wildlife. This option provides the following benefits:

- more space and budget for park upgrades
- improved cycle access which enhances passive surveillance
- more useable park area in the sunniest part of park
- three mature trees saved including two Carnaby's Black Cockatoo priority trees
- less opportunity for illegal parking.

New lighting will be installed in the laneway once construction is complete and the laneway is in use.

How is this project being funded?

The City has secured funding for the majority of the works through Phase Two of the Federal Government's Department of Infrastructure Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

This program supports local governments in the delivery of priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.