

4. Activating Public Space

COVID-19 disruptions forced residents to live locally, resulting in increased utilisation and appreciation of Council facilities. Brimbank's natural environment and public spaces were identified as places that became a beacon of hope and connection in a time of change. We will focus our immediate efforts on increasing opportunities for individuals, groups and families to socialise, exercise and recreate in our public space network.

Our Actions Towards Recovery

Implement COVID-19 State and Federal partnership infrastructure stimulus projects in Brimbank, including projects such as pocket park activation, walking and cycling infrastructure and local road upgrades.

Through the Brimbank Climate Emergency Plan, deliver the 'Brimbank Oasis' project, with a focus on Dempster Park which is scheduled for completion in 2021.

Continue to deliver Council's Biodiversity Strategy and Habitat Connectivity Strategy that provides healthy, connected and protected natural environments accessible to the community through programs as Nature Places at Lakes Reserve Grassland.

Continue to develop Council's draft Creating Better Streets document to ensure streets are greener and provide more pedestrian and cycling connections to local public spaces, shops and services.

Continue implementing 20-minute neighbourhood partnership program in Sunshine West and consider future pop-up activation projects to other local activity centres.

Continue to the implement of Council's Creating Better Parks program and start a review to guide park projects for the next 5 years.



Continue community education on our local environment through engagement programs in the Environmental Events Calendar 2021 that highlight protection and sensitive use of local ecosystems resulting from increased community use.

Continue to work with project partners to finalise the Upper Stony Creek transformation project and any future opportunities to further walking, cycling and landscape outcomes.

Review and refresh the Brimbank Transport Priorities Paper to respond to changes in travel behaviour associated with COVID-19, and facilitate travel in a COVID-safe manner.

Develop and deliver an activation program to support outdoor dining, activity centre activation and local businesses, artists, entertainers and musicians.

Capture and understand resident experience and ongoing usage of park and open space during COVID through intercept surveys

Explore opportunities to install additional bicycle parking in key destinations such as activity centres, community facilities and open spaces

Complete existing work relating to Hampshire Road masterplan and ensure the development of the Alfreida Street masterplan facilitates a COVID-safe recovery.

Continue to support sporting clubs and community organisations to remain COVID safe and maximise participation.

