



Tonkin Gap Project and Associated Works



Frequently Asked Questions

Under Redcliffe Bridge community space

Jointly funded by the Federal Government and State Government, the Tonkin Gap Project is part of a suite of improvements to transform the Tonkin Highway corridor, providing a high standard north-south transport link from Muchea down to Mundijong.

Q. Why are you activating the area under the Redcliffe Bridge?

A: Extensive community engagement identified an opportunity to improve the space under Redcliffe Bridge for community use as part of the project.

What engagement has been done to date?

A: Community and stakeholder engagement started in 2018. We sought feedback from the local and wider

community through workshops, surveys, social media, letterbox drops and face to face events.

Starting with understanding how people currently use the area and what improvements they would like to see, we collected input from more than 700 community members and stakeholders.

Our concept designs have been tested and modified several times in line with community sentiment, bringing us to our final concept design.

Q: What are we including in this community space under the bridge?

A: All the elements that will be included in the activation are in the attached graphic design and are designed to be “low-key” elements with minimal ongoing maintenance requirements.

Q: What is a pump track?

A: A pump track is a recreational activity for bike riders. Riders use a ‘pumping’ motion with their upper and lower body to gain momentum as they ride around the track. The track is a looped sequence of humps and banked turns and is an activity that is accessible for all ability levels and a learning tool for all ages.

Q: What is a Mountain Bike (MTB) skills area?

A: A mountain bike skills area is a dedicated area for those riders who want to develop specific off-road bike handling skills.

This area will feature varied elements and obstacles, built and natural, to allow riders of all abilities to challenge their mountain bike skills. The skill elements will provide options for users to skip if required and to cater for different skill levels.

Q. When are you starting works?

A: Construction will begin in mid-2023 and with completion expected before the end of the year.

Q. Why don't you build a skate park?

A: A new skate park has recently been built nearby at Wotton Reserve in the City of Bayswater.

Q. Won't activating the space attract anti-social behaviour?

A: We are working with the City of Bayswater to install CCTV and some lighting. This will allow the community and residents to enjoy the space with confidence.

Q: Won't a pump track and MTB skills area destroy the current vegetation?

A: The pump track and MTB skills area are directly under the Redcliffe Bridge, where vegetation doesn't grow.

There will be no natural vegetation removed to accommodate the track. In fact, we will be planting more.

Q. Why did we include a pump track and mountain bike skills area as a part of the community space?

A: Community consultation showed a high desire for the space to be converted to a family-friendly space, which included support for a pump track and mountain bike skills area to be built under the bridge. The decision was supported by the City of Bayswater.

Q: Will this activation impact the riverbank?

A: We have been working closely with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) to protect the river from impact. We will stabilise the current riverbank and revegetate the area.

Q: What cycling and walking connections are there?

A: The principal shared path (PSP) will connect to the shared paths. You will be able to walk or ride to Riverside Gardens, Claughton Reserve and Garvey Park. You will also be able to park in the Claughton Reserve car park and walk to this area under the Redcliffe Bridge via a shared path connection.

Q: Will this area be dog friendly?

A: Yes. Currently Claughton Reserve is dog friendly, so it makes sense to keep this area dog friendly too.

Q: Have you considered the impact of flooding under the bridge?

A: We have designed the area to cater for flooding events. The infrastructure will be built using natural and low maintenance material, that can be easily, and cost effectively, repaired if required.

Q: Can you revegetate under the bridge instead of a pump track or mountain bike skills area?

A: Unfortunately not, vegetation will not grow under the bridge. However, we will be planting in surrounding areas that are more likely to be receptive to vegetation.

Q: Can the existing car park at Claughton Reserve be moved to under the bridge?

A: This option was considered, however there was more support for a community activity space. The car park at Claughton Reserve will remain where it is.

Q: Will the community space interfere with the natural habitat and wildlife?

A: The design focuses on preserving the natural habitat of the area and does not include the removal of any vegetation. Additionally, we are constructing natural elements to provide shelter to animals as they cross under the bridge.

Q. Is the City of Bayswater supportive?

A: City of Baywater is supportive of the final design for under the Redcliffe Bridge, which includes a pump track, mountain bike skills area and canoe landing.

We have also engaged with the City's Skate and Bike Development Advisory Committee (SABDAC) to seek their input on the proposed pump track and mountain bike areas.

We will continue to work closely with the City of Bayswater to ensure this space meets local needs and

can be a place the community will enjoy for many years to come.

Q: Was there any local Aboriginal engagement as a part of the activation and design for the space?

A: This area is of great significance to the Whadjuk Noongar people. Along with the City of Bayswater and the local community we have consulted with the Tonkin Gap Alliance Traditional Owner Working Group during the works and the design for this space. Aboriginal culture and history has also been incorporated in the final design, including a yarning circle, Whadjuk revegetation planting, artwork on the bridge pier and preservation of two scar trees identified during the Heritage Survey at the start of the project.

Further information

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