

# MOOLOOLABA FORESHORE

*Revitalisation*

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*"Immerse yourself in,  
on and under the water  
at Mooloolaba"*



The community is now invited to share their thoughts on two design concepts for the next stage of the Mooloolaba Foreshore Revitalisation, the Central Meeting Place.



## Project Update

With the Stage One Northern Parkland now open, the Central Meeting Place is prioritised for the next stage of the Mooloolaba Foreshore Revitalisation.

Two design concepts have been prepared to help guide the Stage Two Central Meeting Place, which encompasses 6500 square metres of beachfront parkland, and involves addressing the Loo with a View, its aged state and accessibility issues.

The designs, referred to as Concept Blue and Concept Yellow, have been guided by the Master Plan along with Placemaking Mooloolaba design principles, critical engineering reports, climate change considerations and key themes identified through the first phase of community engagement.

Detailed information, artist impressions and video explanations are now available for the community to explore.

**Scan or click the QR code to see how these exciting designs could transform the Central Meeting Place.**

Then click 'Share your thoughts' to complete the online survey before 5pm on Tuesday 25 October 2022.

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## MOOLOOLABA FORESHORE

*Central Meeting  
Place*

Central Meeting Place



## Stage Two Central Meeting Place

The Central Meeting Place is located near the Brisbane Road entry point along the Mooloolaba Foreshore. It is a place where our community can arrive, meet, gather, celebrate and connect with nature and each other.

The precinct will provide a variety of features for our community and visitors to enjoy, including:

- enhanced ocean views
- improved connection between the foreshore and esplanade
- revitalised event space to elevate Mooloolaba's status as a world-class destination
- improved viewing decks to take in the iconic coastal panorama
- accessible public amenities
- extensive landscaping

The Central Meeting Place is part of the evolving revitalisation of the foreshore, further elevating Mooloolaba's reputation as a world class destination for residents and visitors.

## Loo with a View update

While currently safe and functional, two independent engineering and access reports have deemed many components of the 35-year-old Loo with a View building\* as close to the end of life.

The facility requires significant ongoing maintenance, and it is not compliant with current People with Disability Access or modern sustainable building design standards.

The building's roof, timber decking and steel structure are suffering impacts from its highly corrosive beach environment.

Its surrounding decks and pathways provide limited access for those in our community with a disability, parents, carers, and those using mobility devices or prams.

Architects engaged by council for the Central Meeting Place's design advise there are extensive design constraints associated with trying to refurbish the existing structure and 'simply adding extra wheelchair ramps' is not a feasible option.

In addition to the structural and accessibility issues, there are problems identified with:

- lack of protection by the existing seawall in extreme weather events due to climate change
- poor building orientation to respond to the climate conditions
- safety, security and lack of surveillance
- interrupted views from footpaths, roads and properties on the opposite side of the Mooloolaba Esplanade
- insufficient natural light and ventilation.

Removing all failing elements of the existing building would mean that only the concrete columns and besser block walls remain.

While these elements have some further lifespan, refurbishment is not considered economically or environmentally viable with the revitalised foreshore being created with a 50-year future design life.

The existing building must therefore be completely removed to allow for new accessible public amenities, and other community facilities to be built in the central foreshore area.

Community input will help council determine the final design of the Central Meeting Place.



\*1987 project designers included architectural firm Clare Design (Architect Lindsay Clare) as commissioned by former Maroochy Shire Council. 1997 designers included John Mongard Landscape Architects with contributions by various artists.



## Design Concepts Revealed

Both the Blue and Yellow design concepts proposed for the Central Meeting Place feature Mooloolaba’s famed ocean views.

The designs feature improved functionality and amenity with public toilets, beach showers, viewing decks, meeting places, picnic areas, landscaping, integrated seawall and a coastal pathway.

Changing Places facilities have also been incorporated into both concepts to ensure people with a disability, their family members, carers, and friends have equal access to amenities.

A summary of the **key differences** between the concepts is provided below:

### Concept Blue

• This reimagines Mooloolaba’s beachfront arrival experience and celebrates the beach and natural beauty as the hero of the foreshore.

- A new, open sided, shade canopy inspired by nature, creates a new meeting place and event space, that flows onto a large, grassed area.
- This open-plan design allows for increased beachfront parkland with new viewing decks, grassed areas and terraced seating.
- New fully accessible public amenities, with Changing Places facilities and family change rooms, are located on the same level as Mooloolaba Esplanade for direct and easy access from the coastal pathway.
- The public amenities are housed in ‘pods’ in the same architectural style as Stage One Northern Parkland. Walkways and breezeways provide enhanced ventilation and views from the Esplanade to the ocean.



Take a 360 degree virtual tour.

Scan or click the QR code for **Concept Blue**



**360°**

Take a 360 degree virtual tour.  
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**Concept Yellow**

• This reflects on Mooloolaba’s recent history and involves the construction of a new and extended building that is influenced by the existing Loo with a View architectural design.

- A new meeting place is maintained on top of the public amenities block, consistent with the existing structure, while a connected lower viewing deck offers a meeting place and event space.
- Views of the beach and Point Cartwright are appreciated from an open, boat inspired, timber deck.
- New public amenities are located on the lower viewing deck, with entry via stairs or disability complaint ramps, set down from the Mooloolaba Esplanade level.



**Next steps...**

The community is now invited to share their thoughts on the design concepts via council’s [survey page](#) from Wednesday 28 September to Tuesday 25 October.

Community displays and drop-in days will be held at the Mooloolaba foreshore on Thursday 29 September, Tuesday 4 October and Saturday 8 October, along with other engagement activities during this time.

Council will consider the community’s feedback, engineering reports as well as any state authority approvals and funding requirements to assist in determining the final design of the Central Meeting Place.



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