

Foster Park

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Foster Park – Spring 2016 update

Take a stroll at Foster Park

New shared walking/cycling paths that can now be used by the public have been laid around the perimeter of the park and through the park (see map opposite for path locations). Additional paths will be laid in the future.

Foster Park hosted its first winter sport season with over 600 footballers of all ages taking part in weekend matches. A new LED sports field lighting system was installed in March and is providing good lighting which is cost efficient for evening sports practices and games. Rolleston Men's Shed have established a building at the Dynes Road end of the park and are using their new home. A new temporary toilet facility has been installed near Broadlands Drive (5 on the map). Permanent toilet facilities will be included in a planned indoor sport complex.

Foster Park is in bloom!

14,500 daffodil bulbs were planted in the autumn by volunteers and Council staff and the daffodils are now starting to bloom at the park. You can view the display, but please don't pick the flowers – leave them for everyone to enjoy. We are also planning to plant more daffodils – with around another 5,000 to be planted each autumn for the next three years, with help from volunteers.



Work planned this summer

Over the next six months we plan to work on these projects at the park at the locations shown on the map:

- Creating a new sealed carpark near Broadlands Drive
- Developing a hockey mini-turf for local hockey teams
- Developing three new sports fields near Dynes Road (shown as 7 on the map) to increase sports field capacity in Rolleston
- Creating some landscaped banks (at 11) to provide an area for relaxation
- Continuing to design the new playground, which is planned to be built within the next 12 months.



Children's playground update

The Council recently surveyed 83 Rolleston schoolchildren and invited comments from adults to gather information on what they would like included in a major new playground to be developed at Foster Park opposite the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

Some of the most popular types of play equipment kids wanted to see included a mouse wheel (similar to a large hamster wheel), a big slide, a tree hut fort, a flying fox, swings, a BMX and scooter track and a climbing wall.

"The survey results have helped identify what types of activities kids would most like to have at the park. While we may not be able to fit all of the play options into the park we are looking to accommodate as many of the most popular options as we can comfortably fit into the space available," says John Reid, Major Projects Property Manager, who is overseeing the development of Foster Park.

John says the park will be designed as a destination playground which offers a wider range of play options than local neighbourhood play grounds. "We're aiming to create a very exciting facility for kids that will bring people to the park to enjoy a family outing," he says.



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