Brisbane’s Future Blueprint.

Eight principles and 40 actions to guide our city’s next exciting chapter.
Thank you for having your say

More than 100,000 residents had their say

15,000+ ideas generated

Input from every age group

That’s 1 in 5 Brisbane households

270,000+ Interactions with the community

Every suburb participated
Brisbane is a great place to live, work and relax. It’s no wonder our city is growing, with more people than ever wanting to call Brisbane home.

Together we’ve achieved a lot. We’ve created more lifestyle and leisure options and delivered better public transport while keeping Brisbane clean and green.

But there’s more work to be done. With 1300 people moving to Brisbane each month, we’re committed to working with the community to carefully plan for our future.

That means providing more housing choice and supporting a growing economy while continuing to make getting around our city quicker and safer with more travel options.

We invited residents to help shape our city’s next exciting chapter. More than 100,000 people did just that - from every suburb in Brisbane, that’s one in five households. Through more than 20 types of engagement activity, including an online game and a series of forums and surveys, more than 15,000 ideas were generated by everyone from primary school students to our senior residents.

As a community, we talked about Brisbane’s future and asked some important questions about trade-offs and priorities. How do we create greenspace and leisure areas with more people and limited land? How do we make it easier to get around our city? How do we keep Brisbane liveable and friendly as we grow?

We heard you loud and clear. As we adapt to change, there are things we need to protect and there are things we need to do differently.

There’s so much we can all agree on, and these eight principles will help guide decisions and make sure our city thrives as a friendly and liveable place for future generations.

Read the eight principles and find out how we’ll get there with 40 clear actions.

This is our shared vision for our city’s next exciting chapter. This is Brisbane’s Future Blueprint.

Graham Quirk
Lord Mayor
June 2018
Create a city of neighbourhoods

Our diverse city is richer for its unique local communities. Rejuvenating these neighbourhoods and improving their amenity will ensure residents are close to the services they need and the lifestyle and leisure options they want.

HOW WE’LL GET THERE

01
Improve the amenity of local retail villages with upgraded paths, trees, seating and lighting.

02
Partner with local businesses to bring unused space and laneways to life.

03
Bring more markets to the suburbs by expanding the Brisbane Food Trucks program.

04
Incentivise social enterprises and start-ups to locate in empty suburban shop fronts.

05
Expand the number of places people can celebrate Brisbane’s outdoor lifestyle and have a drink while enjoying large public spaces.

Brisbane Food Trucks is an initiative that allows mobile food businesses to trade from Council land subject to obtaining a Gourmet Food Truck Approval (bnefoodtrucks.com.au).
"In the past, jobs were in factories, office towers, and CBDs. As the connectivity of our world increases, the need to decentralise cities is necessary. Work where we live, live where we work."

SAMUEL, ANNERLEY
Protect and create greenspace

Keeping Brisbane clean and green will make our city liveable and sustainable for our children, and their children to follow. More greenspace will mean a healthier city with new places to relax as a community.

HOW WE’LL GET THERE

01
Protect and increase Brisbane’s natural habitat from 37% to 40% by 2031.

02
Work with schools and P&Cs to open up ovals to community groups outside school hours.

03
Open up under-used public land for community sport and recreation.

04
Make it easier for new developments to include rooftop gardens and green open space.

Propose to amend Brisbane City Plan 2014 to allow the addition of a rooftop amenity space while not being included as a ‘storey’ for the purpose of maximum storeys allowable for a new development.

05
Provide more shade trees around bus stops and along walkways.

ONGOING
“Brisbane needs to have substantial amounts of greenspace and make better use of the river.”

JOHN, HAMILTON
Create more to see and do

With growth comes more lifestyle and leisure opportunities across Brisbane, giving residents new ways to enjoy our subtropical city.

HOW WE’LL GET THERE

01 Create new community parks in Brisbane’s suburbs with facilities for the local community to enjoy.

02 Bring new fresh food markets to Brisbane, including a new seafood market.

03 Bring our river to life with more access and infrastructure for recreation, tourism and events.

04 Make Mt Coot-tha a leisure and adventure precinct with a new zipline, picnic areas and trails.

05 Bring more festivals and markets to the suburbs.
“I think Brisbane should have more entertainment options for kids and adults such as swimming and exercise to try and get people involved more.”

TINA, GEEBUNG
Our city’s history and character is vitally important. Protecting Brisbane’s way of life will mean our exciting future looks familiar, by retaining the things we love about our city. More choice for how residents live and relax will mean families can still choose to spend time in the quiet of their own yard.

HOW WE’LL GET THERE

01
Stop townhouses and apartments being built in areas for single homes.
Allow townhouses and apartments only on appropriately zoned land, such as medium density residential areas.

02
Ensure that suburban development fits in with its surroundings.
Audit Emerging Community land and rezone to Low Density Residential land where appropriate.

03
Preserve the space between homes by ensuring minimum setbacks on property boundaries.
Work with the Queensland Government to enforce minimum setbacks.

04
Protect our character and heritage by demanding greater enforcement powers and penalties from the Queensland Government.
“We have our own unique architecture to accommodate our tropical weather.”

ANNE, FAIRFIELD
As Brisbane grows, requiring high-quality and attractive design will mean new development makes good use of space and matches the area in which it’s built.

HOW WE’LL GET THERE

01 Mandate best practice design that fits surroundings and meets community standards.

02 Create a design rating scheme to ensure buildings comply with higher design standards. Develop a scheme that encourages higher quality design.

03 Increase the required areas for tree planting and deep landscaping in new development. Propose to amend Brisbane City Plan 2014 to increase the requirement for deep planting areas from 10% of the site to 15%.

04 Stop cookie-cutter townhouses by limiting repeated designs.

05 Establish a Brisbane Design Office to implement a new design strategy for Brisbane.

06 Preserve our city’s Queenslander and other traditional designs.
“We should have well-designed high-density living in areas close to the city.”

MARNIE, DUTTON PARK
Empower and engage residents

Brisbane belongs to all of us, so every resident can play a role in planning for its future. Making engagement easier will mean busy residents can have their say.

HOW WE’LL GET THERE

01
Give residents better access to development information and history with a new easy to use website.

02
Create an alert system that makes it easier for residents to stay up to date with development.

03
Convene an annual Intergenerational Planning Forum to hear from the community directly.

04
Continue to explore new technology to better engage with residents.

05
Create a specific Character Design Forum for residents to guide the preservation of our city’s Queenslanders and other traditional designs.
“Engage the public in decisions regarding environmental issues, greenspace, transport enhancement, and housing development decisions.”

SUSANNE, NEWSTEAD
As Brisbane grows, so too will the need for more travel options so residents can spend more time with family and less time travelling. Better roads and more public transport will make it easier to get around our city.

**HOW WE’LL GET THERE**

- **01** Deliver the new 21 km, high-frequency Brisbane Metro with 18 stations and two dedicated lines from Eight Mile Plains to Roma Street and Herston to St Lucia. Works for the Brisbane Metro will begin in 2019 (brisbane.qld.gov.au).

- **02** Increase the car parking requirements for development in suburban areas.

- **03** Invest in more bikeways, local roads and active travel options.

- **04** Expand car-sharing facilities to make it easier to not own a car in the inner city.

- **05** Deliver better public transport for the suburbs.
“We need public transport and more walkable, cyclable neighbourhoods to support our communities and connect us.”

JAMIE, INDOOROOPILLY
Give people more choice when it comes to housing

By encouraging the supply of diverse housing options with a focus on affordability, residents will have more choice of housing that better suits their needs and actively assists people to own their own home.

HOW WE’LL GET THERE

01 Facilitate a wide range of housing types and sizes to cater for all Brisbane residents.

02 Create and implement a housing strategy to ensure supply for people at every stage of life.

03 Help Brisbane residents own their own home by continuing rates discounts for owner-occupiers and continuing the most generous pensioner rates discount in Australia.

04 Cater for an ageing population with a Retirement and Aged Care Incentive Scheme.

05 Report on the housing targets set by the Queensland Government’s South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017.
“As Brisbane grows, we need more affordable housing.”

GEOFFREY, WYNNUM