Creating Better Parks Policy and Plan was first adopted by Council in 2008 as a blueprint to transform the park network. The aim was to create one of the best park networks in Melbourne through developing a hierarchical park network at a cost of $34m. The plan provides for six Flagship Parks; 27 Suburban Parks; 114 Neighbourhood Parks and 106 Local Reserves.

Council updated Creating Better Parks in 2016. At the end of June 2018, Council had invested $26.5m and upgraded 99 parks.
In 2017/2018 Council achieved the following:

**Suburban Parks**
- Jamieson Reserve, St Albans
- Sunvale Community Park, Sunshine (partially completed)

**Neighbourhood Park Upgrades**
- Antwerp Reserve, Keilor Downs
- Suffolk Rd Reserve, Sunshine
- Disraeli Reserve, St Albans
- Gillespie/Main Rd Reserve, Kings Park
- Churchill Reserve, St Albans

**Local Reserves**
- McCoubrie Reserve, Sunshine West
- Stevenage Crescent Reserve, Deer Park
- Profita Ave Reserve, Sydenham

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**Community Consultation/Engagement**

**McCoubrie Avenue Reserve, Sunshine West**
Council conducted a Listening Post at McCoubrie Reserve, Sunshine West on Saturday 26 August 2017 from 12 noon to 2pm. The event was well attended with approximately 40 people present. The feedback was very supportive of the designs and the proposal for the greening of this reserve with native trees. Harvester Ward Councillors attended the event.

**Disraeli Reserve, St Albans**
A Listening Post was held at the Disraeli Street Reserve in St Albans on Wednesday 4 October 2017. This event was well attended by approximately 60 local residents who provided positive feedback and made suggestions such as a large grassed area for the local children to play cricket or football and more exercise equipment. Grassland Ward Councillors attended the event.

**Park Classification Changes**
As part of the 2016 update to Creating Better Parks, Council included the ability to assess changes to park classifications known as Hierarchical Amendments. There were one report prepared that examined hierarchical changes to existing park classifications.

**Jackman Crescent Reserve, Keilor**
Jackman Crescent Reserve, Keilor has been reclassified from a Local Park to a Neighbourhood Park. The existing playground is scheduled for an upgrade in 2019/2020.

**Park Openings**

**Jamieson Street Reserve - Saturday 5 May 2018**
Approximately 100 local residents attended the successful opening of Jamieson Street Reserve. Council provided entertainment including music, face painting and a BBQ. Brimbank Mayor Cr Margaret Giudice officially opened the park and made a speech. Other Councillors also attended, including all Grassland Ward Councillors.

**Antwerp Reserve, Keilor Downs - Saturday 16 June 2018**
About 150 local residents attended the opening of Antwerp Reserve playground upgrade. The event was an enormous success. Council provided entertainment including face painting and BBQ. Brimbank Mayor Cr Margaret Giudice made a short speech at the event to officially open the park. Most Brimbank Councillors attended, including all of the Taylors Ward Councillors.
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Industry Recognition
In 2017 Creating Better Parks won an award of excellence for Open Space Planning at the annual Parks & Leisure Australia national and Victorian awards.

The jury citation said:
Creating Better Parks was adopted by Brimbank City Council in 2008 as a blueprint to transform the municipal park network. Since then, Brimbank City Council has upgraded 93 parks investing around $22 million to ensure that the community has access to quality green places that support physical and mental wellbeing.

Creating Better Parks has now been recognized on seven occasions since 2008 by the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects, Planning Institute Australia and Parks & Leisure Australia.

“It’s great to see Council investing in the community in the form of parks, it makes me feel proud of where we live, and encourages me to get outdoors more often with the kids.” – Brimbank Resident

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