



COLLEGES CROSSING

This recreation reserve is named **Colleges Crossing** (also known as Colledges)

in recognition of George Colledge, an early settler to the area, who initially made the first river crossing in the district just one hundred metres from the current crossing.

The current bridge over the Brisbane River was opened by the Mayor, H.E. Wyman in 1894.

-  PLANNERS
-  URBAN DESIGNERS
-  SURVEYORS
-  ENGINEERS
-  LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS



PROJECT PROFILE

COLLEGES CROSSING RECREATIONAL RESERVE

Chuwar- South East Queensland
Government - Open Space & Recreation

FAST FACTS

CLIENT	Ipswich City Council
SCALE	Large open space recreation reserve including playgrounds and flood immunity design - 12 ha
DISCIPLINES	  
HIGHLIGHTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Flood Recovery Project to fit within strict funding guidelines ▪ Custom Flood strengthening devices to protect important park infrastructure ▪ 'Nature based' playground design ▪ Damage investigation and rectification



After being hit by floods in 2011 and 2013, Ipswich City Council commissioned JFP to complete the flood reconstruction of Colleges Crossing Recreational Reserve, a popular recreational space on the banks of the Brisbane River in Ipswich.

JFP was responsible for completing detailed survey of remaining infrastructure on site, in order to complete an analysis of what could be salvaged, and what was required to be rebuilt.

In order to improve flood immunity in the future, JFP undertook detailed design of large protective structures, while also integrating them into the park to become a public installation - creating an iconic theme for the area. These installation pieces have also been embraced as an opportunity for the local indigenous community to provide public artwork into the park.

The existing damaged formal playground was redesigned as a 'Nature based' playground, to reduce the risk of major damage in the future, while still providing a range of play experiences for children; such as varying textures, informal paths, play swale and natural elements.

JFP also developed strategies to reconstruct and improve the damaged drainage infrastructure throughout the site, with the intention of limiting risk and reducing cost of potential future flood damage, while retaining a pleasing aesthetic.



