

Key features of Buona Vista community node

The new 1.6 ha Buona Vista community node features new spaces for sports and play, community and cultural events nestled amidst nature for people of all ages and abilities. This is an outcome of agencies’ extensive public engagements on the node since the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA)’s call for proposals in 2015 on the Concept Master Plan for the Rail Corridor and the National Parks Board’s (NParks) subsequent engagements with community stakeholders and the Friends of the Rail Corridor. A key point that emerged from the engagements was for the Buona Vista community node to retain the rustic feel of the Rail Corridor, and this was taken into consideration when designing the node.

(A) New spaces for play and community bonding

<p><u>Children’s playground with biophilic elements</u></p> <p>The children's play area with biophilic elements draws inspiration from the natural wilderness of the Rail Corridor. The playground is designed to offer diverse textures and environment that encourage interaction with nature. It seamlessly integrates materials that enhance the overall experience.</p>	
<p><u>Fitness areas for adults and seniors</u></p> <p>The fitness areas are accessible via barrier-free ramps.</p> <p>One piece of equipment, the Push Hand, is specially designed to be accessible for individuals with physical disabilities.</p>	

'Plug-and-play' space underneath the North Buona Vista Link viaduct

The 900 sqm 'plug-and-play' space is intended to serve as a multi-functional community space that can be used for a variety of activities and events.

Sports enthusiasts can make use of the anti-skid painted surface as a high intensity interval training (HIIT) circuit while residents and those working in the area can utilise the space for community bonding activities.

The 'plug-and-play' space will also be equipped with amenities such as water points and electrical power points, which will be ready for use from May 2024.



Community lawn

The 500 sqm community lawn provides a flexible outdoor event space amidst nature.



Street art space underneath the Commonwealth Avenue viaduct

The space underneath the Commonwealth Avenue viaduct was previously activated as an interim space for street art in 2015 and 2016. URA is studying plans to revitalise the art space for future community use.



Vegetated swales

The node has been planted with vegetated swales, which recall the original stream and marshland landscape of the Rail Corridor before the railway was first built. Some species planted include *Lepironia articulata*, a critically endangered species, and Narrow-leaf Cat Tail (*Typha angustifolia*).



Habitat enhancement efforts

Since May 2023, NParks has engaged various members of the community in long-term habitat enhancement efforts near the node. These include invasive species management and tree planting sessions under the OneMillionTrees movement with NUS Toddecats and residents.



(B) Access paths into Buona Vista community node

