

Imagine

A place for connection & community

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FACT SHEET 3

BIRKDALE COMMUNITY PRECINCT

Education and discovery

A green, natural haven set beside the gentle ebb and flow of Tingalpa Creek is not only an attractive and conducive space for studying and learning, but it is a rich educational resource in its own right.

From its time of settlement by Traditional Owners through to its colonial farming heritage and World War II history, the precinct offers valuable insights into the life and times of those who walked and worked upon its land. What lessons can they tell us that could help shape the future for this precinct?

Being such a large parcel of land, the protected ecosystem of the site is again a resource to learn from and explore. How has the flora and fauna coped with human use of the land? What can it show us in terms of future uses?

Respecting the existing natural environment and the precinct's cultural history underpins future use ideas for the site, but it could also be an active pursuit by Redlands Coast residents. Restoration of the landscape, protective management of its ecosystems and physical restoration of existing structures such as the Willards homestead and farm buildings could be achieved as part of education and training courses. From programs as informal as community working bees to structured TAFE courses and the practical course requirements of a university degree, the local and regional community could be involved in site management on various levels and commitments.

The wonders associated with discovery are particularly exciting for the younger members of the community.

Could the precinct be a place where children get to meet and learn about local wildlife in a formal way or possibly get to camp among the eucalypts and run and play in the open spaces and discover the precinct's beauty informally?

Within a framework of 'enlightening, sharing and innovating', how do you best feel Birkdale Community Precinct could be used under the theme of Education and Discovery?

It could possibly be a site for a university campus or other education facility. Or it could be a network of interpretive walking/riding/canoeing trails focusing on wildlife, conservation, the wetlands and creek, Aboriginal culture or the ecology. Or it could be all of these things and more. Visit yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au

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- Rich history with hidden lessons
- A unique and protected ecosystem
- A place conducive to learning
- A focus on 'community'



A community legacy for everyone.

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