

Imagine

A place for connection & community

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FACT SHEET 6

BIRKDALE COMMUNITY PRECINCT

Environment and ecology

The creek running alongside Birkdale Community Precinct provides an environmentally rich supplement to this naturally wonderful piece of Redlands Coast.

The precinct sits within an ecological corridor along the lower Tingalpa and Coolnwynpin Creek catchments and links with a broader network of conservation reserves and protected areas. More than half of the precinct is protected land.

A study of the site's ecology, commissioned by Redland City Council, discovered 219 flora species on the precinct and some 38 fauna species, including koalas. Future uses for the area will nurture and continue protecting these species.

Possible within the precinct's conservation areas are some low-impact projects that are respectful of their environment. It brings to mind such opportunities as nature walks (both day and night) and small scale, eco-friendly stay options, such as camping or glamping. Some of the precinct's areas that fall under a Community Facilities zone have minimal identified environmental values, allowing potential community uses amidst the wonderful environment across the precinct.

With the precinct being such a large green space nestled beside residential areas and commercial development, and still showing signs of its farming past, it is interesting to consider what lessons it may have about nature's resilience or otherwise, and other environmental threats. Just how can we use this unique environment and its qualities to learn more about our place in the world?

Recent years have been tough but the one thing we all have been reminded of is the importance of reconnecting. With travel restrictions and more people working from home or not venturing out of their communities as much as before due to COVID-19, the need to reconnect with nature has for many become a priority. Birkdale Community Precinct offers an amazing opportunity to help frame that reconnection. It has a bountiful ecosystem set within rich land and cradled by the attributes of Tingalpa Creek.

It is a site worthy of envy and offers a significant opportunity to deliver Redlands Coast and south-east Queensland a world-class precinct of local, regional and national significance.

The framework to use when thinking about these aspects and future uses for the site is 'preserving, showcasing and innovating'.

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- A protected ecosystem
- The watercourse and wetlands
- Using the land respectfully
- A focus on 'community'



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