

Draft Birkdale Community Precinct Master Plan

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Heritage values

Protecting the past, while enhancing our future

The land in which the Birkdale Community Precinct (BCP) exists holds significant heritage values for Aboriginal (Indigenous) and historic (European) values.

The Draft BCP Master Plan embraces these heritage values as a 'cornerstone' of the overall concept, ensuring a careful balance exists between the important elements from the past, whilst allowing for change for the future.

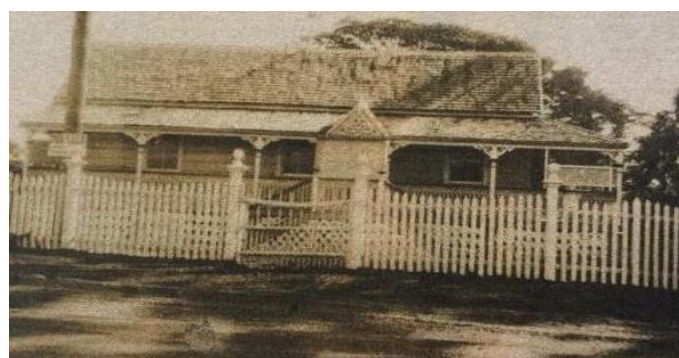
The Quandamooka People are the Traditional Owners of much of Redlands Coast, including the BCP. The Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) undertook a Part 6 Study which identified sensitive areas and values, which has been utilised as the guiding document for managing the Aboriginal cultural heritage significance during the development of the Master Plan for the precinct.

Similarly, to the rich Indigenous history existing on the site, the BCP contains two heritage places which are entered on the Queensland Heritage Register (QHR) and Redlands Local Heritage Register (Schedule):

- Willards Farm
- US Army Radio Receiving Station (former)

Willards Farm, also known as 'The Pines' holds historic heritage significance, as one of the oldest surviving farms and residences within Redlands Coast. Willards Farm demonstrates a rare and intact example of early-phase rural settlement and land-use within the Capalaba area, illustrating the history, growth, and evolution of the surrounding region.

The Receiving Station is of historical importance for its role in the US-Australian collaboration in the South West Pacific Area radio communications from 1942, servicing General Douglas Macarthur's office in Brisbane and survives as the only intact example of a US Army receiving station of this type in Australia.



Willard's Farm. C.1890s (Kerr, 2015)

Both Willards Farm and the US Army Radio Receiving Station (former) are no longer in use for the purpose in which they are historically significant.

In such circumstances, an approach which considers the conservation of key elements of the place is generally coupled with the 'adaptive re-use' of these places, so they live on for future generations.

To facilitate this function, Council engaged Australian Heritage Specialists (AHS) to undertake detailed study of these places, including the development of a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for each place.

These documents, along with the QYAC Part 6 Study, have directly informed the Draft Master Plan and act as the guiding document for managing heritage values into the future.

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Community consultation on the Draft Master Plan will continue until 6 June, 2022, through an online survey on the project's Your Say website. Go to yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au or scan this code:

