

Imagine

A place for connection & community

FACT SHEET 11

BIRKDALE COMMUNITY PRECINCT

Aboriginal heritage

Traditional Owners have lived, traded and camped on and around this part of Tingalpa Creek for tens of thousands of years and it is an area where they have strong spiritual, social, historical and scientific connections.

Fresh water and food sources were plentiful. This gave the area rich potential as a hunting and camping ground. It was also most likely an area for Traditional ceremony.

Tingalpa Creek, which curves around the western and southern borders of the precinct, not only gave canoe access to Moreton Bay but also inland into wetlands that existed long before the Leslie Harrison Dam came along.

Today there are few physical reminders of Traditional settlement on the precinct but the artefacts that have been found are significant.

Studies have been completed into the site's Aboriginal cultural heritage. Specific areas of significance were mapped and identified for protection.

We understand the Traditional Owners see these archaeological sites as part of an interconnected cultural landscape that stretches well beyond the boundaries of the precinct.

There are anecdotes from the colonial settlement era of the Willard family's interaction with the Aboriginal population. Margaret Willard wrote of her fascination as

she watched Aboriginal women using their feet to fish for crabs and crawfish in the shallow waters of the creek.

Council is committed to working with the Traditional Owners, supporting their role as custodians of their Traditional lands, and helping ensure the future prosperity and cultural enrichment of the community.

It is time to imagine the future of Birkdale Community Precinct. What are your ideas for the site and how do they respect and reflect on its Aboriginal heritage?

Is it an idea based around formalised education and instruction; or is it more about an immersive experience in Aboriginal culture that seeks to explain and entertain? How does the precinct's Aboriginal heritage help shape the land's future?

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KEEP IN MIND

- Aboriginal cultural heritage
- How do we protect this asset?
- What are the best uses?
- How do we celebrate it?
- What suits the site?

Redland City Council acknowledges Quandamooka People as the Traditional Owners of much of the area we now call Redlands Coast



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