



Open day

A community open day was held on Saturday 15 May at the Kedron AFL Club to let interested community members know what residents have told us so far, and to further explore the types of facilities that could be developed in the area.

Over 75 people came out to join us on the day. Here's an overview of what you told us:

- A fresh food store similar to Farmer Joe's is a high priority and a health food store would be a nice addition to the area.
- Reinstatement and an extension of non-enclosed, off-leash dog areas along the Brook is wanted by many pet owners in the area.
- Creating a café culture with coffee shops and cafés would be desirable.
- A library would be a useful facility for Kedron and Gordon Park.
- More green space including revegetation with natural bush should be provided.
- Any commercial and community facilities need to be accessible by residents on foot and bikes, and need to be wheelchair and pram friendly. Another suggestion was to provide more bicycle, motorbike and scooter parking at shops.
- Kedron Brook needs to be returned to a usable space for recreation and exercise including some fitness infrastructure.
- Parking in local streets is an issue and any new facilities need to be appropriately located and provide adequate parking.

Other suggestions from residents related to future street and traffic management, reinstatement of local bus stops, noise mitigation measures and improved lighting along streets and the Kedron Brook pathway.

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

We want to thank everyone who has shared ideas and suggestions for Kedron and Gordon Park so far and encourage you to keep telling us what you think. Your ideas will help set the tone for future development in the area.

Over the next 12 months, CNI will be working with the State Government to identify land that won't be needed after construction and that could be redeveloped into new retail and commercial facilities. Once we are sure which parcels of land will be available for development, we'll be in touch with an update.

Over the past few months, you have also raised some issues – including the reinstatement of the off-leash dog area at Kedron Brook, local traffic management or development of community facilities – that need Brisbane City Council's agreement or support. We'll be contacting Council to bring these issues to their attention.



YOUR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF KEDRON AND GORDON PARK – WHAT YOU'VE TOLD US

Welcome to our second newsletter. In March 2010, we asked the Kedron and Gordon Park community what type of facilities you would like to see in the area once construction on the Airport Link and Northern Busway is complete.

To help us understand people's views and ideas we undertook a number of research activities including:

- A resident survey of around 3,000 households.
- Focus group meetings.
- A community open day at Kedron Brook.

The answers from the community helped us gain a good understanding of what locals value about Kedron and

Gordon Park and what kind of facilities you would like to see in the area in the future.

This newsletter summarises what you have told us so far and describes how this information will be used and fed into the planning and decision-making process going forward.

We thank everyone who has participated in this important process and encourage you to keep sending us your ideas for Kedron and Gordon Park.



CONTACT DETAILS

Planning and consultation on the future of Kedron and Gordon Park is ongoing. We would like you to continue to share your ideas for future facilities in Kedron and Gordon Park.

You can do this by:

- Emailing the dedicated Kedron 2012 email address at kedron2012@cni.qld.gov.au or
- Calling the CNI community information line on **1800 990 038**.

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WHAT YOU TOLD US

Resident survey

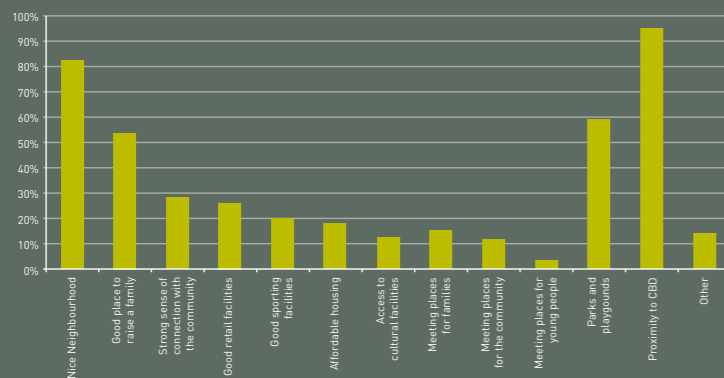
A resident newsletter and survey was distributed to over 3,000 homes within the communities of Kedron and Gordon Park at the end of March 2010. The survey asked local residents what they value about their neighbourhood and what facilities they would like to see in the area once construction of the Airport Link and Northern Busway is complete.

The survey closed on 23 April with over 250 replies received.

Here's a snap shot of what you told us:

What do you like about living in Kedron and Gordon Park?

People love living in these areas because they are close to the CBD and seen as good neighbourhoods. Other factors that scored highly were the availability of parks and playgrounds and that Kedron and Gordon Park are great places to raise a family.



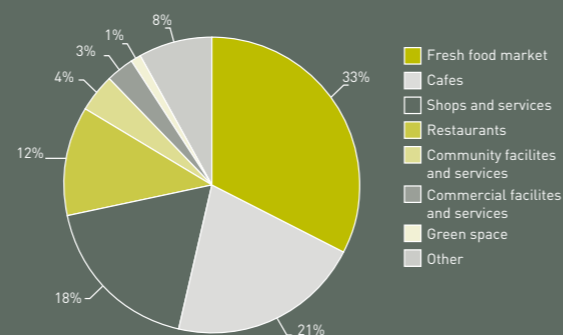
What do you think Kedron and Gordon Park need to make it an even more liveable place?

Residents of Kedron and Gordon Park love their neighbourhood, but had a number of ideas for making the area more liveable including:

- New and upgraded footpaths and bike ways.
- Cafes.
- Restaurants.
- Meeting places.
- Boutique shops.
- Fresh food shops.
- Community facilities (for example a hall or BBQ area).
- More green space.
- Reinstatement of off-leash dog areas.

What would be your top three retail or commercial priorities for the area?

The results were overwhelmingly focussed on quality shops, including a fresh food market, more cafes and places to eat and drink.



Focus groups

Throughout April 2010, CNI ran a series of focus groups in the local community attended by over 45 people.

The groups provided us with a good opportunity to gain a detailed insight into residents' aspirations for their community, and the type of retail and commercial facilities they would like to see or not see developed. Discussion in the groups centred on what makes a community a great place to live and how these factors could be addressed and incorporated into Kedron and Gordon Park in the future.

The main ideas discussed in the groups were as follows:

A community hub

Many residents would like to see a community hub or village square that provides a place for people to get together. This hub should include high quality grocery, clothes, book, homeware and convenience shops as well as small food outlets like coffee shops or cafés. People would also welcome a regular outdoor market. Other facilities people wanted included a library, children's play area, and a multi-use space for cultural performances or community meetings. It was made clear that a community hub needs to be easily accessible for pedestrians, cyclists and cars and should be located close to a bus station to limit traffic.

Easily accessible services and facilities

Many residents thought the area would benefit from a range of individually owned shops and facilities to replace those that have been lost through construction, including fresh food, fruit and veg shops, a deli, butcher, bakery, bookshop, high quality clothes boutiques, art and crafts shop, newsagents, restaurants/cafés and a wine bar.

Residents would not like to see large chain supermarkets, franchise fast food outlets or more car yards developed in the area.

Community facilities that people are keen to have in Kedron and Gordon Park include swimming pools, a library, a space for cultural events or performances and sporting facilities such as a bowling alley, skate park or basketball court.

These facilities need to be conveniently located, easily accessible by foot, bicycle, prams and wheelchairs and feature adequate car parking.



Greenery and open spaces

Greenery and open spaces are highly valued by the community and participants strongly believed current green spaces should remain, while some want more to be created.

Rehabilitation of Kedron Brook is very important to locals. Ideas to improve the Brook include better pedestrian and bicycle access and paths with separate lanes, a café with views of the Brook, non-enclosed off-leash dog areas and more crossing points. Many would also like to see well-maintained BBQ areas with shelters and drinking fountains – both along the Brook and generally in parks around the area – and more playgrounds and child-friendly spaces. Some people thought the community hub should be close to the Brook or a park to integrate green space with cafés and shops.

Others

Other ideas discussed were:

- Local traffic management to calm traffic and restrict parking in residential streets.
- Improved connectivity and easy access into, out of and across the community.
- Public safety through improved street lighting, well-maintained footpaths, safe street crossings, and active street fronts.
- Creating a facility and facilities for both younger and older members of the community.