

Latest News from the Kuranda Community Precinct

In 2017, the Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee secured funding from the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) to engage a consultant to create a 'place-making plan' (Plan) for the future development of the Precinct. This culminated in a community workshop in October 2017, where 10 Kuranda community groups met at the Precinct to contribute to the vision for the precinct.

At the Workshop, the community agreed to a list of priority projects and the consultant utilised this information to develop the place-making plan. This inclusive approach ensures that the development of the Precinct will take place in a way that reflects the needs of the broader community.

The Plan

The Plan provides a long-term vision for the Precinct which incorporates a range of potential environmental and structural elements, including paths, to ensure that the space is opened by improving lines of sight through the Precinct. The potential projects identified by the Kuranda community include some short-term projects, through to very long-term aspirational projects.

Works Underway

The Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee has started working with Kuranda Envirocare, RISE Ventures (Kuranda-based employment agency) and Djabugay to commence with the first project, which incorporates building the walkway throughout the precinct. This feature is a foundational element of the long-term vision for the precinct.

Envirocare has completed detailed vegetation mapping and has recommended plants which may be cleared to improve lines of sight through the precinct, and also identified trees which are significant to the area.

Envirocare representatives are finalising these recommendations which include the removal of exotic plants and vegetation in locations which are not conducive to opening the site up for community use. There are some native trees which Envirocare have identified for removal, mainly due to their location.

The clearing of this vegetation will allow the commencement of the pathway, with a view to also incorporating a picnic setting soon. Initial plans are also underway with Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation and the Kuranda Garden Club to achieve other elements of the plan.

The significant contributions offered by these groups will ensure that the cost to complete these projects is more achievable by providing volunteer efforts, cultural knowledge, historical information and a workforce.

Funding Sources

The consultant provided preliminary cost estimates for the implementation of the plan which are significant, at almost \$500,000. This means that projects need to be very carefully prioritised and a strategic approach to securing funding is required.

Mareeba Shire Council has set aside approximately \$130,000 for the development of the Precinct. These funds will be used over the long-term to contribute to projects which will increase the community utilisation of the Precinct. As these funds are not sufficient to achieve the lofty vision in the Plan, the Committee will work closely with Council's staff to identify grant programs from the State

and Federal Government, and other funding bodies. The Place-Making Plan is a valuable tool in applying for grant funds, and Council will consider allocating some funds as seed-funding for grant applications. A portion of Council's funding allocation will also be used to pay the material costs for projects with partner groups including Kuranda Envirocare, Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation and the Kuranda Garden Club; and fund some short-term projects to encourage immediate use of the precinct, by Kuranda residents.

The contribution of the Kuranda community in determining the priority projects, under the leadership of the Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee to Council, has been significant, which means the development of the precinct aligns with the vision for the site which is:

The Precinct is a well-used and flexible community space which is available for the long-term enjoyment of all Kuranda residents for recreational, sporting, cultural and educational experiences and activities. The Precinct is integrated and connected with surrounding facilities and promotes the history of the site.

For further information please contact John Baskerville, Chairperson – Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee.



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Landscape Concept Plan



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View of Entry



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View of Information Forecourt



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View of Playground



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View of Fitness Node



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View of Interpretive Walk



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KURANDA COMMUNITY PRECINCT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

MEDIUM PRIORITY PROJECTS Medium Term: 2 - 5 Years	Project Overview	Project Elements	Total Estimated Cost	Funding Source	Community Contributions	Timeline
	Potential structural and interpretive elements, including: - Interpretive Signage - Playground - Small Shelter - Fitness Node - Musical Walk	Small interpretive Signs	To be determined, pending project development.	Grants; Council seed-funding utilised to secure funding.	Non-cash contributions; Labour; Skills; In-kind assistance with cultural and community knowledge.	Dependant on the availability of grant funding.
		Park Bench/ Seating				
		Picnic Setting				
		Rubbish Bins				
		Soft Landscape				
		Fitness Equipment (Stationary)				
		Nature Play & sand pit (approx. 250sqm)				
		Drinking Fountain				
		Demolition Works				
		Concrete footpath				
		Shelter with interpretive signs				
		Musical Playground				
	Ongoing Planting	Plant supply				
LONG TERM POTENTIAL PROJECTS Long Term: 3 - 10 Years	Interpretive Walk and Seating Nodes <i>Note: This project will enhance the interpretive walk which will be commenced in Priority 1: Partner Projects</i>	Gravel Footpath and nodes	To be determined, pending project development.	Grants; Council seed-funding utilised to secure funding.	Non-cash expertise and labour skills.	Dependant on the availability of grant funding.
		Small Interpretive Signs				
		Picnic Settings				
		Park Bench / Seating				
		Rubbish Bins				
		Drinking Fountain				
		Soft Landscape				
		Demolition works				
		Additional Asphalt Carpark				
		Axis footpath (concrete or other material)				
	Potential access and structural improvements, including: - Central Spine - Axis path - connecting Arara & Carroona Streets - Increased off-road carpark	Rubbish Bins				
		Sculptures				
		Soft landscape				
		Demolition Works / Earthworks				
		Central spine - footpath (concrete or other material)				
		Concrete Retaining wall on ramps				
		Entry Signs				
		Soft Landscape				
	Central Interpretive Shelter	Shelter with interpretive signs				
		Concrete footpath around shelter				
	Community Garden and Shed - Sensory garden - Herb garden	Demolition Works				
		Community garden beds				
		Garden Shed				
		Soft Landscape				
FUTURE POTENTIAL PROJECTS Very Long Term: 10 Years +	Precinct Forecourt - gathering place	Information forecourt concrete paving	For future consideration - pending Mareeba Shire Council priorities.	Grants; Council seed-funding utilised to secure funding.	To be determined.	Dependant on the availability of grant funding.
		Information Signs				
	Future Development Buildings	Scope & Use TBC				
	Water tanks	Scope & Use TBC				
	Arara Street Widening and On-street Carpark	Demolition Works				
		Additional Asphalt road and carpark				
		Concrete Footpath (200 lin m.)				
		Trees (15x 25L or 300mm)				
		Grass				