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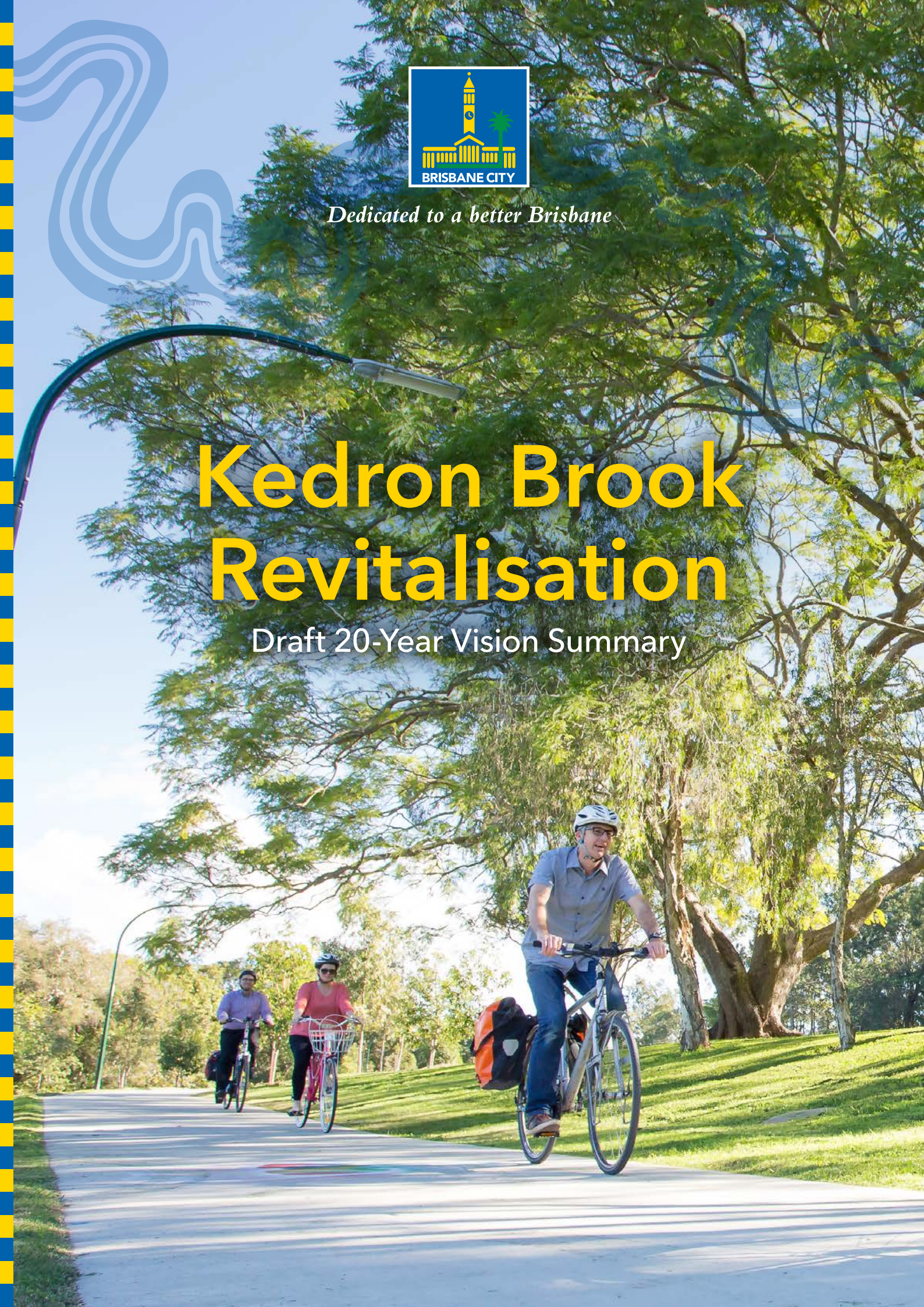
Kedron Brook Revitalisation

Draft 20-Year Vision Summary



The draft vision sets out a 20-year direction for Kedron Brook as a leading lifestyle and recreation corridor with a healthier, more resilient waterway for generations to come.

Lord Mayor's message

Kedron Brook is one of Brisbane's most popular outdoor lifestyle destinations.

Stretching through 14 suburbs from the D'Aguilar Range to Moreton Bay, it connects more than 30 parks, reserves and sports fields, providing a place for people to walk their dog, go for a ride, spot wildlife, play sport or have a picnic.

Our Draft 20-Year Vision is all about making sure Kedron Brook gets even better for local residents.

Just as we've done for Oxley Creek in Brisbane's south, our vision will ensure Kedron Brook continues to improve as both an important lifestyle corridor and a resilient waterway.

Our vision is for Kedron Brook to become an even better nature-based destination, with well-lit paths, safer crossings and more resilient bridges, more shade, seating and drinking fountains, new lookouts, and more trees to help create cooler, leafier neighbourhoods.

While we cannot prevent flooding, we can plan for it. This draft vision will improve flood resilience, restore the natural function of the Brook where possible and protect the natural environment that makes it so special.

As Australia's lifestyle capital, we're investing in places like Kedron Brook so our residents have even more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors close to home.

More than 1,500 pieces of feedback helped shape this draft. Thank you to everyone who contributed their ideas.

I encourage you to have your say and help shape the future of Kedron Brook.

LORD MAYOR
Adrian Schrinner

Running through 14 suburbs from the D'Aguilar Range to Moreton Bay, connecting over 30 parks, reserves and sports fields.

About the Brook

Kedron Brook is one of Brisbane's most important waterways. Over time, parts of the Brook have been changed to help move floodwater away from homes and communities. Today, it faces new challenges, including heavier rainfall, urban growth and erosion, which are placing increasing pressure on the waterway.

Upper catchment

In the upper catchment, the waterway still has a more natural shape, with bends, vegetation and habitat for wildlife.

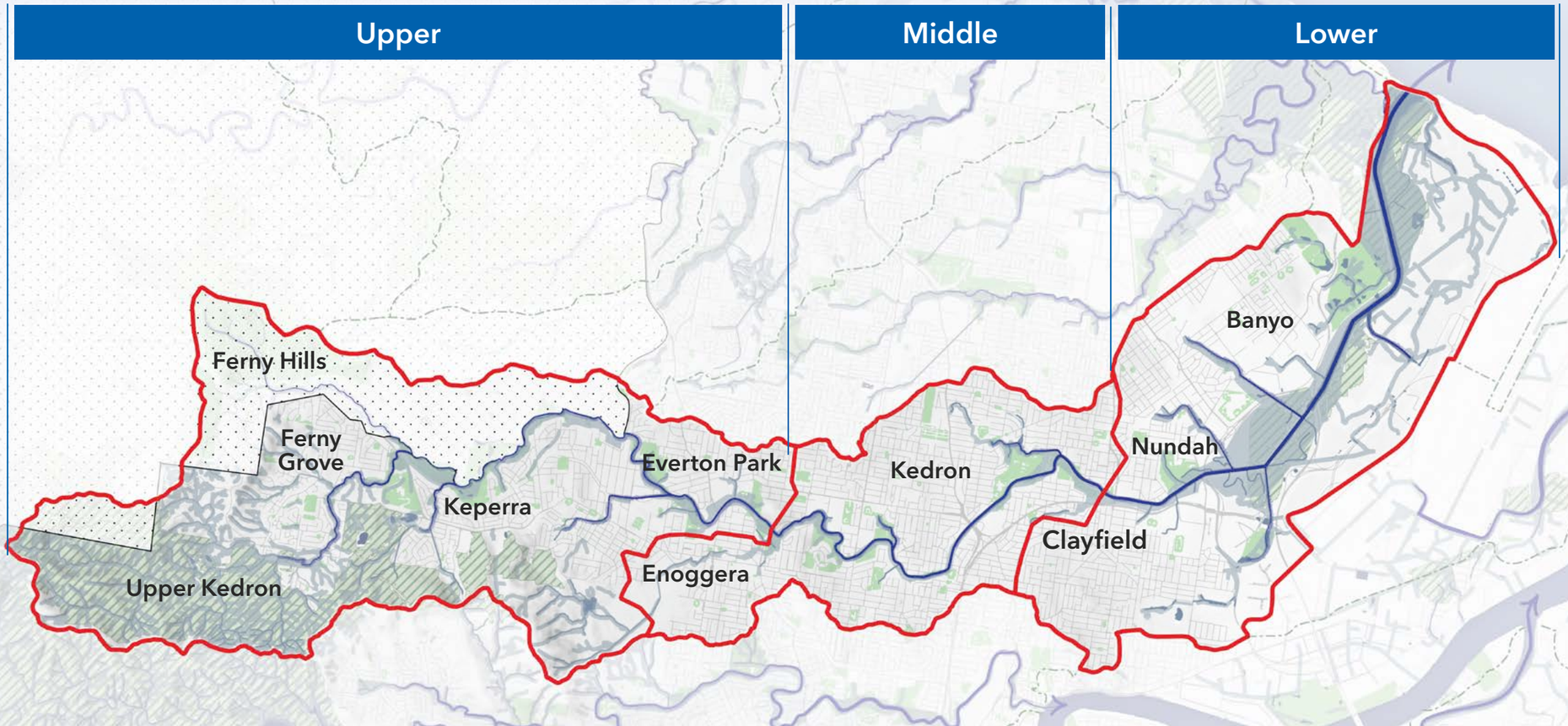
Middle catchment

In the middle catchment, the Brook transitions to sections with modified channels and embankments. These areas tend to have more paths and community facilities nearby.

Lower catchment

In the lower catchment, the waterway becomes Schulz Canal, which has been shaped to move floodwater through the area and out to the bay. Passing under the Gateway Motorway, the canal becomes a wide, walled waterway as it moves through coastal wetlands into Moreton Bay.

Kedron Brook catchment



What we've heard

In mid-2025, we asked the community what they value most about Kedron Brook and what they would like to see in the future. Feedback from the community, together with local cultural perspectives, will help inform future planning and design.

Better footpaths and bikeways

People would like better connections to public transport, parks, local shops and community facilities. They asked for wider paths, safer crossings, clearer separation between people walking and riding, and improved signage to help people move around more easily.

Better amenities and facilities

The community would like more facilities along the Brook, including toilets, drinking fountains, seating, shelters and dog-friendly features to make visits more enjoyable and convenient.

A welcoming and safe place

Residents and visitors want the area to feel welcoming and safe, especially in the evenings. Better lighting was identified as a key improvement to support comfort and safety.

Flood water and drainage resilience

Residents told us they want Kedron Brook to be easier to access, safer to use and better protected. They asked for stronger flood and drainage solutions, more stable creek banks, less sediment build-up, and paths and bridges that cope better with flooding.

Environmental protection

Protecting the natural environment was also a major theme. Residents want more vegetation and erosion management, native plants, better habitat protection, and more information shared on the Brook's cultural heritage.

1500 pieces of feedback from community engagement.

Vision

Kedron Brook will continue to be one of Brisbane's great outdoor spaces, a place where people can walk, ride, play sport, connect with nature and enjoy their local community in a flood-resilient landscape.

Elements of the draft vision

Lifestyle

Create welcoming parks, paths and public spaces that people enjoy using every day.

Waterway

Help Kedron Brook function more naturally and cope better during floods.

Environment

Restore and protect the natural environment, as achieved at Hanlon Park / Buranda in Stones Corner.

As more people choose to live in the catchment, the Brook will play an increasingly important role in supporting healthy, active and connected communities.

Community Strategies

Footpaths and bikeways

- Improve connections between neighbourhoods, parks, schools, local centres and public transport.
- Seek opportunities to upgrade paths and bridges to make them more resilient to flooding.
- Provide more shade, seating, drinking fountains and other amenities along popular routes where possible.
- Help people move around with confidence by considering flood-resilient signs, directions and lighting where appropriate.
- Support safe and more accessible routes for people of all ages and abilities.

Community resilience

- Plan new facilities with flood risk in mind.
- Locate key buildings, park amenities and infrastructure in less flood-prone areas where possible.
- Use parks and open spaces to help manage floodwater during major rain events.
- Support sporting clubs to improve flood resilience and recovery.
- Encourage sustainable water management for parks and playing fields.

Celebrating history

- Create opportunities for people to learn about the history and heritage of the catchment.
- Support cultural events and community activities along the Brook.
- Work with Traditional Custodians to care for the Brook and surrounding landscape.
- Incorporate cultural interpretation into future projects and public spaces.

A flood-resilient lifestyle corridor with community and sports hubs, connected paths and recreation destinations will improve liveability and bring communities together around the Brook.

Waterway

We can improve the Brook's health and resilience by restoring natural systems, reducing pollution and erosion, and supporting better monitoring, planning and stormwater management.

Waterway Strategies

Natural systems

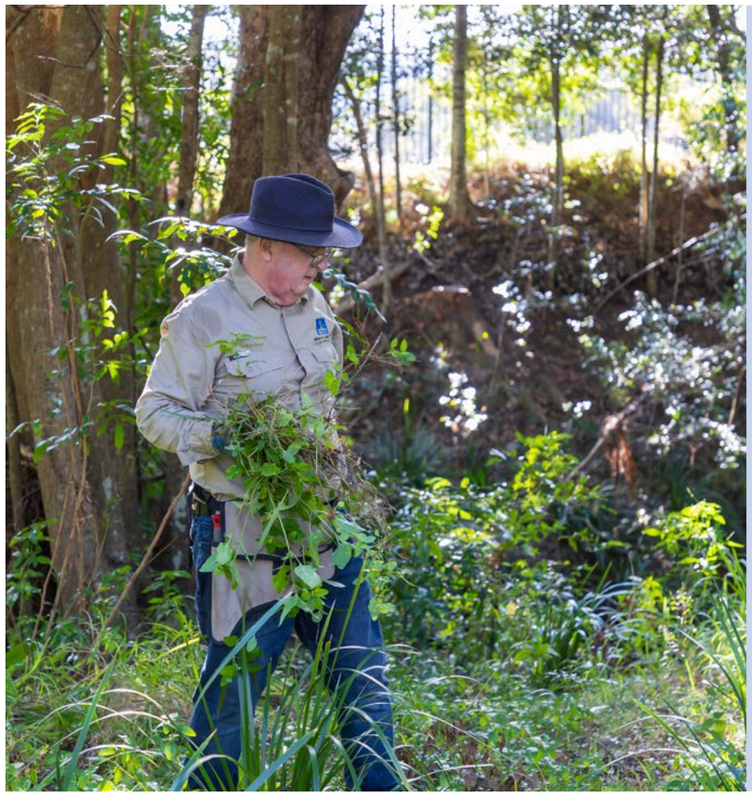
- Protect and restore natural sections of the Brook.
- Give floodwater more room to spread out during major rain events.
- Use natural approaches alongside engineering solutions to manage erosion and flooding.
- Improve the health of creek banks with native vegetation and restoration works.
- Use wetlands and other natural systems to slow and manage stormwater runoff.

Flood resilience

- Protect important floodplain and creekside areas.
- Improve access to flood information and real-time monitoring.
- Monitor how the Brook changes over time to inform future planning.
- Support long-term investment in flood resilience across the catchment.
- Help the Brook cope with heavy rain and floods by repairing eroded banks, removing weeds, planting native plants and making more room for water to move.
- Look at raising key bridges so people can keep moving between locations after heavy rain.

Water quality

- Reduce pollution entering the Brook from surrounding urban areas.
- Use rain gardens, wetlands and other treatments to clean stormwater.
- Plant more trees to provide shade and improve aquatic habitat.
- Continue working with partners to improve sewer performance and protect waterways.
- Reduce erosion and sediment entering the Brook.
- Support better stormwater management in future development.



Small changes can make a big difference. Recent plantings near the Brook helped protect surrounding areas during floods, while also creating a greener and healthier creek corridor for the community to enjoy.

Environment Strategies

Ecological corridors

- Plant more native trees and vegetation along the Brook.
- Improve habitat connections between parks, bushland and wetlands.
- Remove barriers that restrict fish movement.
- Encourage residents to create wildlife-friendly backyards.
- Build nest boxes and other habitat features where appropriate.

Environmental resilience

- Focus restoration efforts on key habitat and creekside areas.
- Support local bushcare, catchment and conservation groups.
- Improve environmental monitoring to better understand how the Brook is changing.
- Provide opportunities for education, learning and community stewardship.
- Manage weeds and invasive species in environmentally significant areas.

Subtropical living

- Increase tree canopy along streets, parks and pathways.
- Design public spaces that provide more shade and shelter.
- Encourage more landscaping and planting.
- Improve how rainwater is absorbed and managed across the catchment.
- Help people better understand the role waterways, wetlands and floodplains play in a healthy city.
- Encourage businesses and community buildings near the Brook to face paths and public spaces, helping these areas feel safer and more welcoming.

By restoring habitats, supporting local conservation groups, and fostering environmental education, we are creating a healthier, more connected and cared-for Brook where nature and community thrive together.

Opportunities for a more liveable Kedron Brook

Upper Catchment

Key Opportunities

- Better, well-lit walking and cycling pathways including links to key public transport nodes.
- More flood-resilient parks and sporting facilities.
- Healthier creek banks and waterways.
- Expanded habitat, increased tree canopy and native plantings.
- Improved bridges and crossings.

Middle Catchment

Key Opportunities

- Better walking and cycling pathways to the Brook and surrounding parklands and sporting precincts.
- Well-lit separated pedestrian and cycle pathways.
- More resilient bridges and recreation pathways including improved bridge connections at Wolverhampton Street precinct.
- More shade, seating and places to rest.
- Improved amenities along active transport routes.
- A healthier, more natural waterway including naturalisation of Grinstead Park concrete channel, similar to the work undertaken at Hanlon Park / Bur'uda, Stones Corner (pictured).
- Greater habitat and flood storage opportunities.

Lower Catchment

Key Opportunities

- Enhanced walking and cycling pathways.
- Partnership opportunity with Toombul redevelopment site for connection with the Brook.
- New boardwalks, lookouts and visitor experiences.
- Improved waterway and wetland health.
- Stronger habitat connections and celebration of local culture.

A plan for revitalisation

The plan provides a starting point for ongoing conversations about the future of Kedron Brook and how it can continue to be a valued place for nature, recreation and lifestyle.

Bringing this vision to life will be an ongoing process, shaped by community input, partnerships and opportunities as they arise.

We are inviting the community to have a say on the draft plan. You can view the full document at **brisbane.qld.gov.au** or by scanning the QR code.

Project timeline

2024
Catchment planning, prioritisation and technical investigations

2025
Stage 1 community engagement

Mid-2025 to mid-2026
Prepare draft vision

Mid-2026
Stage 2 community engagement on draft vision

Late 2026
Finalise vision

Next steps
Program planning, partnerships, design and implementation

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