

# Kedron Brook Vision and Master Plan Project

## Stage 1 Community Engagement Summary

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Brisbane City Council is planning to create a 20-year Vision and Master Plan to revitalise and rejuvenate the Kedron Brook catchment. Kedron Brook is a much-loved destination for many local residents, and we want to ensure it continues to be a great place to visit by boosting flood resilience and improving lifestyle outcomes.

### Stage 1 community engagement (14 April – 29 June 2025)

At this early stage of the project, we invited community input to help shape the Vision and Master Plan. Stage 1 community engagement offered opportunities for the community to share what they value most about Kedron Brook along with aspirations for the project focus area.

#### Kedron Brook catchment

Kedron Brook is a 110-square-kilometre catchment that runs through 14 suburbs from Ferny Grove to Nudgee. Kedron Brook catchment is mostly urbanised but significant areas of native vegetation remain, particularly in the upper catchment. As Kedron Brook passes Kalinga Park, Clayfield, it becomes a highly structured waterway and finally, at the Gateway Motorway Deviation Bridge, the canal becomes the Kedron Brook Floodway, a wide-walled waterway flowing to its outfall into Moreton Bay, near Nudgee Beach. Over 30 parks and reserves are situated adjacent to the creek and its streams, with uses ranging from conservation and open space to sports fields and golf courses. The main streams of Kedron Brook are known as Cedar Creek, Sandy Creek, Cannery Creek and Pound Drain.

The catchment has varied landscapes, uses and natural features. To help the community provide their input on the areas of the Kedron Brook catchment they are most familiar with, we divided the catchment into 3 areas, upper, middle and lower.

#### How we engaged with the community

The community participated through online and in-person engagement activities over 11 weeks. The online engagement activities consisted of an online survey and interactive mapping tool.

The interactive mapping allowed community members to drop pins and share ideas across 3 maps (upper, middle and lower catchments), highlighting specific locations for catchment related observations and/or what they found unique or special.

A total of 991 online surveys were completed, with 868 location-specific comments received via the interactive mapping tool.

Six information kiosks were held at popular locations across the full Kedron Brook catchment, as well one information stand at the Sustainable BNE Festival. Approximately 250 people participated through face-to-face conversations. Written contributions were also gathered on a community ideas board.

The various engagement activities resulted in a strong level of participation at this early stage of community engagement.



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## Online survey

Community members shared what they value and their ideas regarding the whole catchment. Community input highlighted how the community values the area's natural flora and fauna. Living alongside this natural environment and its wildlife is important to the local community. Ease of connectivity throughout this catchment is also a key priority. Residents value the ability to move easily, whether walking, cycling, commuting or enjoying activities like park runs. In addition, there is strong support for access to community spaces and recreation areas adjacent to the creek.

## What we heard - survey

Across the upper, middle and lower catchments, community members consistently expressed appreciation for:

- natural environment and wildlife
- walking and cycling paths
- connectivity and accessibility
- community and recreation.

The following graphs show data gathered through the online survey including demographic information, and respondents' connection to the Kedron Brook catchment.

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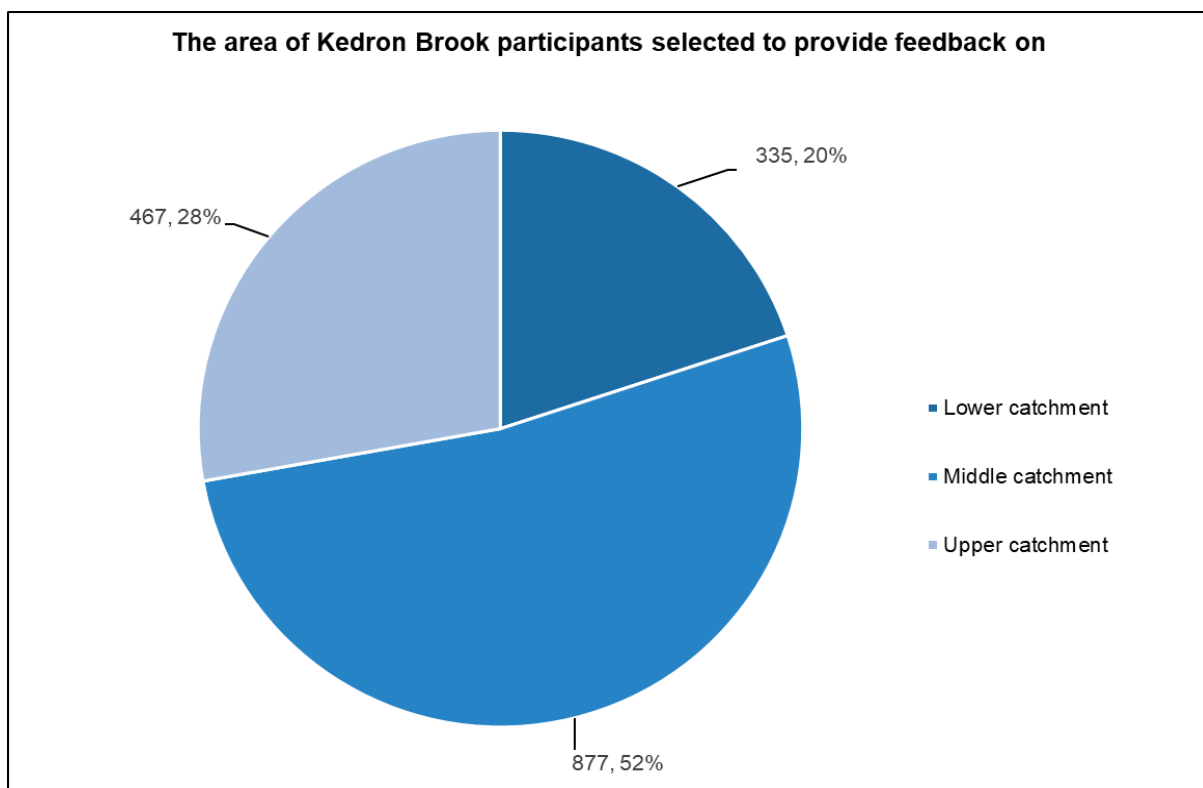


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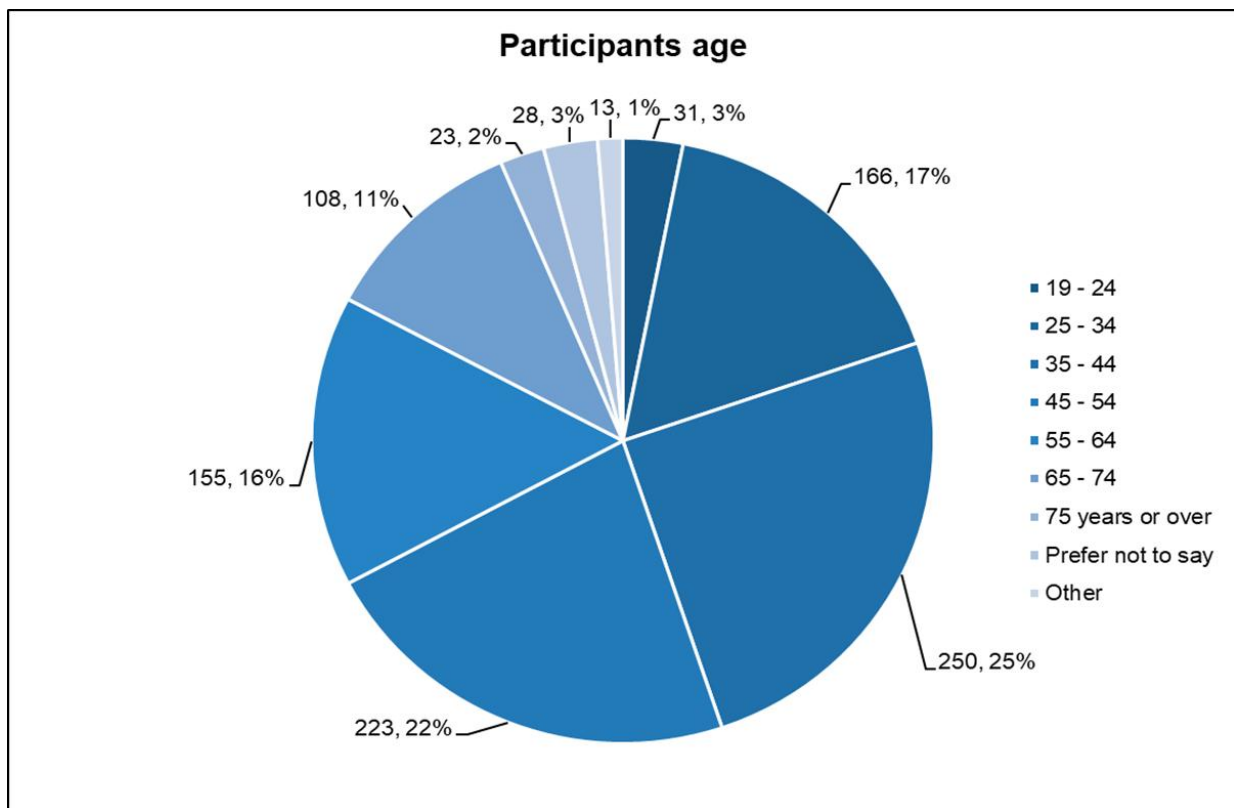


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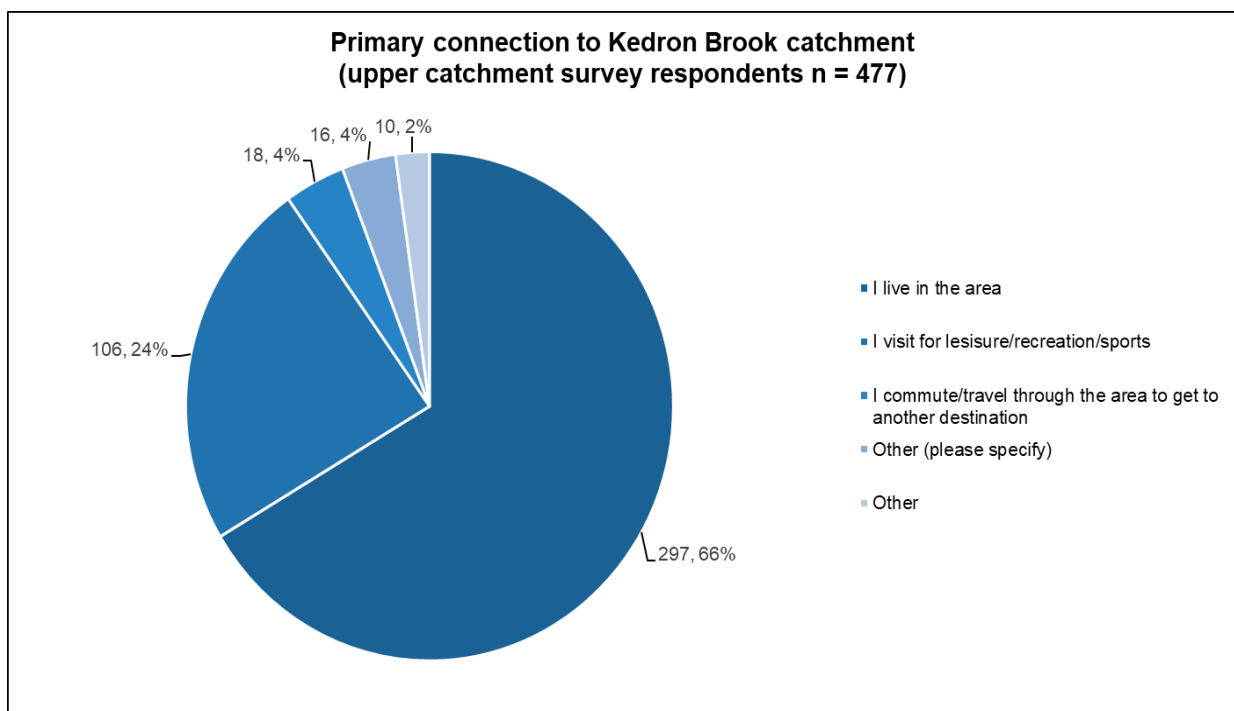


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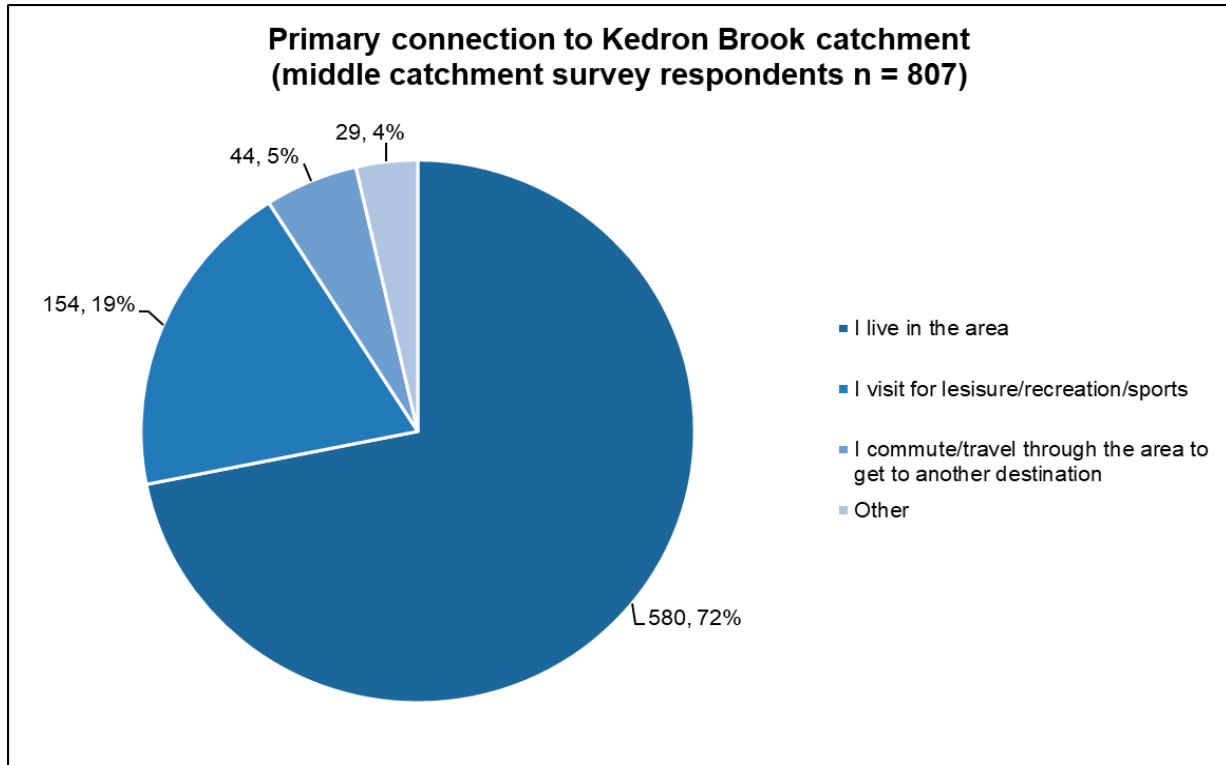
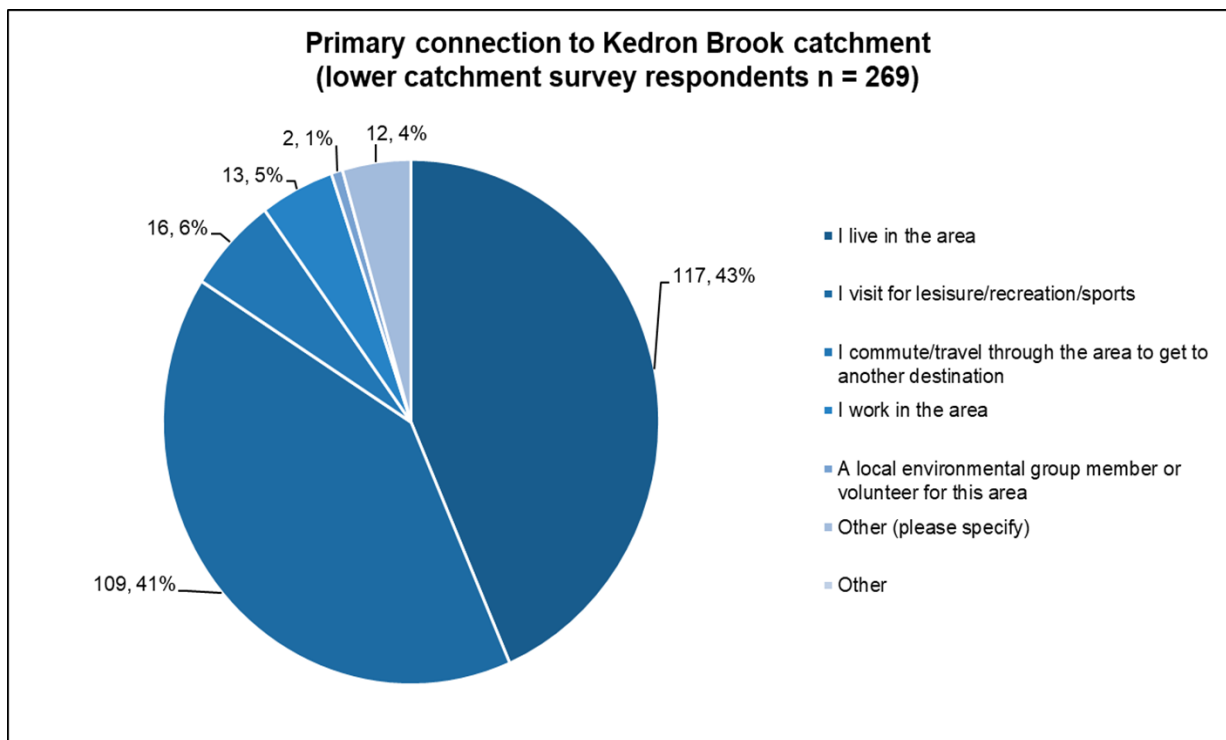


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## Mapping activity

The interactive mapping activity offered the community the opportunity to drop pins and provide a comment at specific locations they found unique or special in addition to improvement suggestions.

There were 3 catchment maps that these pins could be added to, one each for the upper, middle and lower catchment.

### What we heard – mapping activity ideas

Some of what makes the Kedron Brook catchment special and unique includes the natural beauty, the tranquil and picturesque nature of having this ‘green space’ so close to the city and the many pedestrian and cycle pathways that traverse the catchment.

Love of the natural beauty and ecological value of places like Sparkes Hill and Samford Conservation Park, along with activities like the Mitchelton parkrun, were highlighted in the **upper catchment**.

In the **middle catchment**, the pockets of native vegetation, recreational amenities, artworks and the separated bike and pedestrian paths stood out.

The criterium track located in the **lower catchment** was identified as something special to this area. The community also told us unique to the lower catchment are the mangroves, birdlife and the Bora Ring located at Nudgee Waterhole Reserve.

### What we heard – mapping activity observations

The online survey and mapping activity also captured community observations about the catchment and local recreational amenities.

### Flood resilience and drainage

The community shared that improving flood management measures and drainage systems is important to them. Maintaining creek banks and addressing sediment build-up were highlighted as priorities. Pathways and bridges that can withstand flooding were also identified as important considerations.

### Pathways and connectivity

Community members shared ideas to improve how people move through and experience the catchment. Feedback reflected a strong interest in creating more user-friendly, accessible routes for walking and cycling. Suggestions included filling gaps in existing pathways, providing clearer separation between pedestrian and cycling areas, and making paths wider and crossings easier to navigate. There was also a focus on enhancing connections to key destinations such as train stations, parks and local retail hubs.



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### **Lighting and user-friendly amenity**

What we heard from the community shows a strong interest in making pathways feel more welcoming and secure, especially for evening use. Ideas included adding lighting along key routes, improving visibility to reduce blind spots and incorporating features that help people feel confident, such as emergency call points. These suggestions reflect a shared desire for spaces that are comfortable and accessible for everyone.

### **Amenities and facilities**

The community expressed interest in features that make the catchment more comfortable and enjoyable for all users. Ideas included adding more toilets, drinking fountains, seating, shelters and clear signage. There was also a focus on dog-friendly infrastructure, such as bins, taps, and fenced areas, as well as access to the creek near parks and spaces where community events take place. These suggestions highlight a desire for practical amenities that support recreation and social connection.

### **Environmental protection**

Community input highlighted an interest in care for the natural environment and preserving its unique character. Ideas included removing invasive species and planting native vegetation, stabilising creek banks to reduce erosion, and protecting biodiversity and habitat areas. There was also a desire to celebrate and share Aboriginal history and the cultural significance of the catchment. These suggestions reflect the community's commitment to sustainability and respect for Country.

## **Information kiosks – community conversations**

Six information kiosks were held at popular locations across the full Kedron Brook catchment, plus one information stand at the Sustainable BNE Festival. Approximately 250 people participated through face-to-face conversations. Written contributions were gathered on a community ideas board.

### **What we heard – information kiosk conversations**

- **Dash Street Park, Keperra (upper catchment):** Dog parks and shade trees valued; suggestions for more planting, waterway maintenance, disability access and recreational spaces; with requests for more toilets and maintaining the area's natural character.
- **Grinstead Park, Alderley (upper and middle catchment):** Connectivity and bikeways valued; calls for more amenities, off-leash dog areas and separated paths; with a range of ideas related to waterway access and resilience.
- **Shaw Estate Park, Wavell Heights (middle and lower catchment):** Walking and cycling paths, dog-friendly spaces, and natural environment valued, with requests for user-friendly, connected paths, lighting, amenities, green space, signage and flood resilience.
- **Teralba Park, Everton Park (upper catchment):** Public space usability and natural environment valued; requests for weed control, lighting, signage and better road connections; with flooding and creek bank resilience.



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- **Kalinga Park, Clayfield (middle and lower catchment):** Natural environment and paths valued; requests for upgraded amenities (toilets, bins, drinking fountains), more dog areas and improved drainage.
- **Hickey Park, Stafford (middle catchment):** Wildlife and green space valued; calls for clearer path separation, more dog-friendly infrastructure, flood resilience and lighting for greater usability.
- **Sustainable BNE Festival, Roma Street Parklands:** Off-leash dog areas valued; aspirations for Kedron Brook to resemble Norman Creek; expressing interest in flooding and environmental resilience.

### Verbatim comments

- *“More casual tables, chairs and benches for seating, better lighting (suitable for wildlife).”*
- *“More trees, making the space a genuine green zone and floodproofing the areas around the brook.”*
- *“Keep bikes and scooters separate from pedestrians please.”*
- *“Better connection between the 3 segments and better connectivity to paths into the city to encourage more cyclists”.*
- *“More shade trees along the walking/bike track.”*
- *“Public amenities – more toilets, water fountains and picnic shelters could increase the useability of the space for community gatherings, dog off-leash areas.”*
- *“Safe creek access near parks and community event areas.”*
- *“More focus on restoring the natural environment e.g. replanting native vegetation, removal of invasive species etc.”*

### Community ideas board – common themes

At each of the information kiosks visitors could add to our community ideas board. We asked them to share their answer to our question, ‘*What is your key aspiration for the 20-Year Master Plan?*’.

Below is a small sample of the many ideas provided.

- Wider and upgraded pathways for walking and riding.
- Lighting along Kedron Brook for greater usability.
- Preservation of the natural vista (native planting, weed management, wildlife protection).
- Sharing and celebrating Aboriginal history of the area.

### Next steps

We will review all the ideas and observations shared during Stage 1, along with technical advice, to help shape a draft Vision and Master Plan. The draft is scheduled to be released for community review in 2026. Please note that the draft will remain subject to further investigations and available funding within broader Brisbane priorities.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this early stage of the project, your input is valuable in guiding the conversation about the future of the catchment.



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