



Kenrick Park Masterplan - Stage 1

Creating a safe, sustainable, and connected place that supports quality of life

Kenrick Park covers 5.7ha in Gordonvale (Mulgrave Electorate), a key population growth area in the southern part of the Cairns Regional Council area. It is a relatively undeveloped park for the approx. 9,100 (2021 Census data) residents of the area.

Council proposes to transform the park into a dynamic community space to provide casual social, recreation and play opportunities, for not only Gordonvale residents, but the entire southern corridor, expected to grow by 40,000 people by 2050.

Activation of the area will not only increase liveability and improve physical and mental health outcomes, but address crime and anti-social behaviour, while providing a safe active travel link across the Bruce Highway to connect Gordonvale residents.

This project is shovel ready following

extensive public consultation, masterplanning and detailed design.

Council is seeking matched funding to complete the \$6 million Stage 1 works in the 2023/24 financial year.

Stage 1 will deliver connectivity and key all-access social, recreation and play elements of the masterplan:

- Seating, shelters, picnic tables, barbecues
- Public toilets
- Car parking
- Fenced dog off-leash park
- Intermediate pump track
- Basketball court
- Extensive playground including swings, flying foxes, ropes course, spinner and basket swing
- Central pathway / cycleway linking residential areas
- Landscaping and lawned glades.

At a glance

\$3 million

Capital investment:
State Government investment of \$3 million in 2023/2024 (matched funding) to partner with Council in fast-tracking Stage 1 project delivery.

Electorate:
Mulgrave.

Government Alignment:
This project aligns with Activate! Queensland 2019-2029 and the State Infrastructure Strategy.

Government Minister:
Leanne Enoch, Minister for Communities and Housing

Vision Kenrick Park will be delivered in three stages

STAGE 1

\$6 MILLION
Proposed delivery 2023/24

- Site preparation (drainage, profiling, irrigation) and service connection (power, water, CCTV) - Council funded
- Initial play, recreation and social infrastructure
- Initial glades and arboretum.

STAGE 2

\$2 MILLION
Subject to future funding

Tree of Life (a central tower, taking inspiration from the iconic Gordonvale Water Tower), including viewing platform, play pods including slides and rope connections, sensory play area, and central tree with canopy walk for quiet respite.

STAGE 3

\$6 MILLION
Subject to future funding

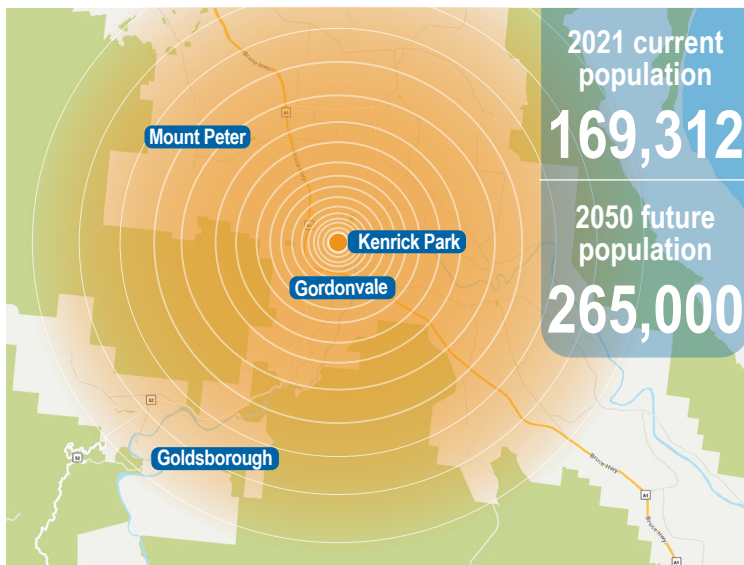
- Skate elements
- Climbing wall
- Fitness station
- Beginner and advanced pump tracks, learn to ride track.
- Final glades, landscaping and arboretum.

Community benefits

1 Kenrick Park, with a basic skate park, dirt BMX bump track and ageing basketball court, has limited facilities that do not meet the current or future needs of the growing Gordonvale /Mt Peter area. There are no toilets, playground, car parking, barbeques, landscaping or other elements needed to enhance the liveability of the region.

2 Gordonvale has grown significantly to span both sides of the 4-lane Bruce Highway. The Kenrick Park project will provide a pedestrian and cycleway that connects Mt Peter residents with Gordonvale through the Edmonton to Gordonvale (E2G) Gabay Gubudala Pedestrian overpass, providing key active travel connectivity and a safe way for children to get from their homes to the park, school and other activities.

3 Activating the area, including CCTV network, will help address anti-social behaviour that has become frequent in the area.



Timeline

2018
Masterplan developed,
community consultation

June 2019
Masterplan endorsed with
significant public support

2021/22
Detailed design and costing

Early 2023
Staging reviewed and adjusted
to deliver some elements
within budget constraints

2023/24
Stage 1 – site preparation,
car park, social amenities,
playground, dog off-leash area

What we need

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in 2023/2024 (matched funding) to partner with Council in fast-tracking Stage 1 project delivery.

