



# Redlynch Community Sporting Precinct

*Bringing sport and recreation facilities to the western suburbs.*

With public open space dwindling in the Redlynch area, Council purchased the largest remaining parcel of undeveloped land in the suburb in 2017, to provide for the future recreation needs of Redlynch and the neighbouring suburbs of Brinsmead, Caravonica, Freshwater Kamerunga and the Redlynch Valley (total population 21,718 census 2021).

Adjacent to existing playing fields and outdoor multi-purpose courts at St Andrews High School, which are open for public use outside school hours, the location provides for an integrated sporting facility catering to a wide variety of sporting activities.

It's perfectly located to leverage nearby major recreational parks, active transport networks and Freshwater Creek.

Developed in 2017, the award-winning Redlynch Sport and Recreation Parklands Masterplan guides the transformation of the 51ha Portelli Road site.

The first two stages – development of Cape York House for Girls, and extensive pedestrian and bike trails through the site and along Freshwater Creek – have been built leaving the final components, collectively referred to as the Redlynch Community Sporting Precinct to be completed across a further three stages.

Council is seeking \$5 million from the State Government, matched by Cairns Regional Council, to deliver Stage 3 of the development which comprises, new rectangular fields, new oval field, accompanying amenities, internal roads and carparking.

**At a glance**

**\$5 million**

from the State Government, matched by Cairns Regional Council, to deliver Stage 3 of the Redlynch Community Sporting Precinct.

**Electorate:**

Barron River

## Project timeline

- 2019**  
 Stage 1, AFL Cape York House For Girls opens (funded by AFL Cape York)
- 2021**  
 Stage 2, active transport and pedestrian links at a cost of \$3.4 million through 50/50 partnership with the State Government
- 2025/2026**  
 Stage 3, construction starts on sporting fields, amenities, internal roads and car parking
- Future:**  
 Stage 4, completion of remaining sporting fields.  
 Stage 5, covered courts and nature-based recreation area



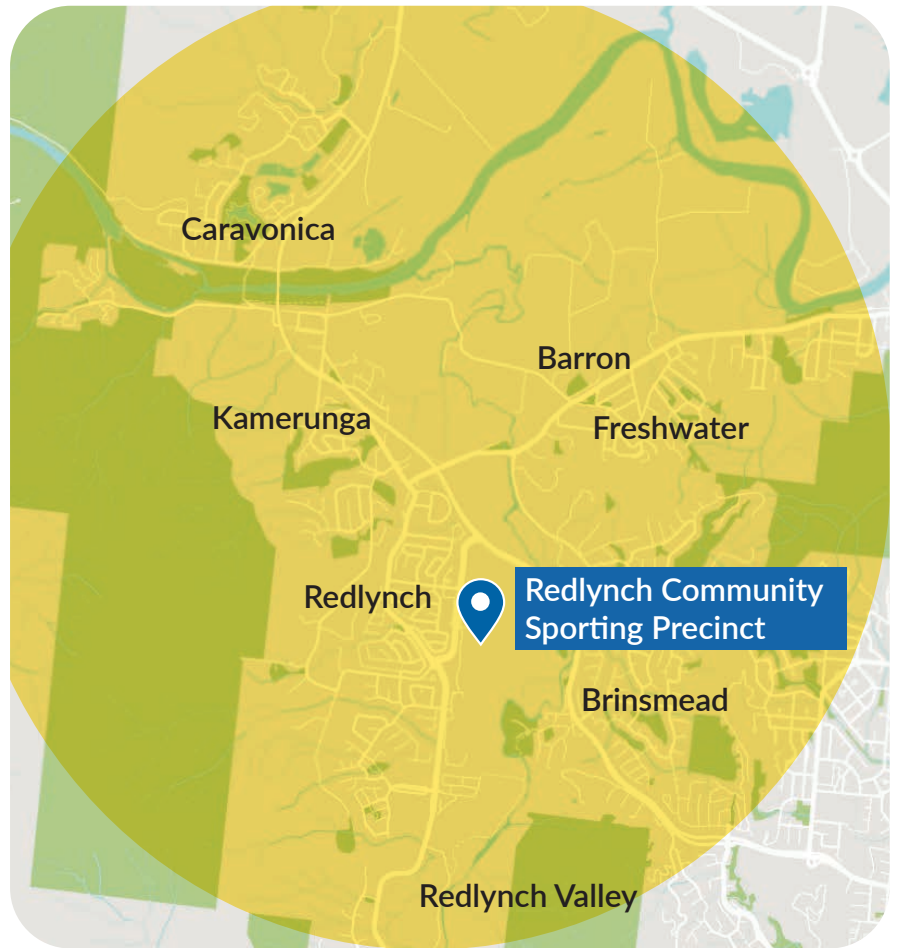
## Vision

The Redlynch Sport and Recreation Precinct will provide much-needed sport and leisure opportunities for residents in the western suburbs of Cairns.

Completed in a staged approach, the final precinct will include:



- 5 playing fields covering soccer, cricket, AFL, rugby league and rugby union
- 2 club houses
- Nature-based recreation area
- 2 covered courts
- Amenities
- Internal roads and car parking



## Community benefits

- 1** Improved recreation facilities contribute to physical and mental health of the Redlynch communities - a suburb with identified disadvantage - and neighbouring communities.
- 2** Builds on existing public / private partnership between Council and the Catholic Diocese of Cairns to leverage available land.
- 3** Opens opportunities for clubs using the existing facilities to grow while providing a new home for emerging sports and community groups.
- 4** Bike and walking paths improve safety for students attending St Andrews High School, while linking Redlynch to the region's extensive cycling network.
- 5** Masterplan is sensitive to, and protects, the environmental values of the Freshwater Creek corridor.

