

What we heard from you: New Redmond Place Neighbourhood



We recently asked Orange locals what your needs and priorities for housing are, and what you think Landcom and Orange City Council's future development at Redmond Place should look and feel like.

Between December 2023 and February 2024 we spoke to young people, families, retirees, new locals and longtime locals – and we loved hearing your diverse perspectives. This is what people told us:

At a glance:

- 158 survey responses
- Two workshops held at the Glenroi Community Centre and Orange City Council
- 60+ conversations at a pop-up in Orange City Centre
- 400+ visitors to Your Say Orange.



We need more homes.

One in four are currently renting, but would buy if they could find the right product at the right price.



There's room for smaller homes in the Orange market.

One in five own their own home but want to downsize. Downsizing opens up existing larger homes for growing families.



A vibrant, growing city needs options.

While two-thirds still prefer traditional detached houses, one in three is looking for something different, with terraces and townhouses most popular.



To read the full engagement report and have your say, scan the QR code or visit:
<https://www.yoursay.orange.nsw.gov.au/redmond-place-draft-vision-statement>

To find out more about Redmond Place and Landcom, visit:
landcom.com.au/projects/redmond-place

Understanding Orange's housing needs

We started our consultation by asking about people's current living situation, what they hope to do next, and why.

Of the survey respondents who currently own their home, half plan to stay for the foreseeable future. For the half that plan to move, more are looking to downsize (59%) than move to a bigger place (41%).

The top reason why respondents want to purchase a bigger home is to provide space for their growing family (56%), whereas the most popular reasons for wanting to downsize were to reduce maintenance and upkeep (25%), to reduce energy and running costs (22%) or because their current home is too big for their household (22%).



Your top three most desired features in a home

- Private outdoor space
- Public open space
- Off-street car parking

Your top three neighbourhood attributes

- Feeling safe when walking, cycling or taking public transport
- Easy access to shops and amenities
- A sense of belonging and community connection

We heard a strong desire for Landcom and Council to create a neighbourhood that prioritises sustainability, energy efficiency and healthy lifestyles.

“Dedicated walking paths and cycleways are a must”

“I wish to see more multiple occupancy dwellings such as modest apartments... and communal green spaces, excellent footpaths and public transport”

“Make this suburb a benchmark for environmentally sustainable, affordable housing”

Creating a vision for Redmond Place

We worked with community members on a project vision for Redmond Place. Two in-person workshops at the Orange City Council Chambers and the Glenroi Community Centre were accompanied by an online survey and ideas board on Your Say Orange.

We are grateful for the community's time and ideas.

Feedback was collected along four key themes:

Activity - what can you do there?

- Spaces for young people to be active and play equipment
- Walking and riding bikes
- Community gardening
- Local shopping

Amenity - what is provided?

- Safe pedestrian paths around natural areas that are shady during the day and well-lit at night
- Play and youth amenity
- Access to public transport

Design - how should it look

and feel?

- Natural areas of wetland and native trees
- Tree-lined streets
- Multi-storey housing

Vision - what is most important?

- Trees
- Open space
- Neighbourhood shops
- Housing choice



Community members sharing ideas with the project team at workshops in Glenroi and Orange City Council.

Have your say on our draft vision

We've used community ideas and feedback to create a draft vision for Redmond Place:

We hope that it captures the community's aspirations for this future neighbourhood, but we need your help to know if we've got it right.

"Redmond Place is the future of sustainable living in Orange, with housing choices for people at every stage of life. An inclusive, safe and well-connected community, nestled within parklands and tree lined streets. A neighbourhood designed to foster opportunities for the community to learn, grow and evolve together."

Tell us what you think via a short survey at Your Say Orange before Sunday 16 June 2024. We'll use your feedback to shape the final vision, which will guide design and delivery for the life of the project.

What's next?

We will soon return to the community with an exciting new concept masterplan for the development. This will accompany a planning proposal to rezone the site for residential development. Head online to find out more about how you can stay informed and involved.



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