

Samford Commons

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Samford Commons concept and vision?

The Commons' vision is *a place to grow*. To grow ideas, knowledge, networks, food, creativity and the community itself.... and more! It will include a large range of hands-on activities, street art and theatre, renewable energy exhibitions, co-working business spaces, urban farming in practice, sustainability education programmes and seasonal markets.

Samford Commons will hold community events and festivals, host conferences, sell natural produce, hold demonstration field days, conduct school programs, embrace a full engagement with the broader community and provide innovative activities for businesses, schools, visitors, community members and online clients.

A Community Hub building will help service the needs of Samford residents and community organisations by providing meeting spaces and other services.

Go to www.samfordcommons.org.au for more.

How did Samford Commons originate?

Samford Commons grew out of the Samford Futures process of 2011-2014 and also the Master Plan for the Samford Parklands developed 10 years ago by the Moreton Bay Regional Council and the community. The Samford and District Progress and Protection Association played a part in this process.

Who decided to have Samford Commons at the old CSIRO site?

The Moreton Bay Regional Council has given in-principle agreement to the proposal which was put to them by what is now Samford Commons Ltd. This proposal came from two years of the community wide Samford Futures process.

Who 'owns' Samford Commons?

The community owns Samford Commons, which is a not for profit entity accountable for the design and delivery of the Samford Commons concept. Members of the public are able to be voting members of Samford Commons. Samford Commons is a registered charity.

How can I be a member?

Go to www.samfordcommons.org.au or send an email to admin@samfordcommons.org.au with your details. The membership fee is \$10.

Is the Samford Commons concept finalised?

The foundation vision and concept comes from a number of years of in depth consultation, but the overall 'how to do it' will forever be a work in progress. All residents are invited to participate and help shape the future of Samford Commons. There will be further public meetings and workshops in the coming months.

How will Samford Commons be funded?

Until now Samford Commons has been resourced largely by the volunteer time and energy of a large contingent of community members. We have also received some funds from our partners the Moreton Bay Regional Council and the Progress Association to support our web presence, community information material, legal costs and other basics. Funds will be sourced from more grants, partnerships, sponsorships and income generating activities. In line with its not for profit status, all funds will go into the further development of Samford Commons.



How is progress going on the old CSIRO site itself?

Samford Commons is expecting to sign lease agreements with the council any time now.

What will we see first on the site?

Partnerships with Millen Farm, Creative Samford, the Samford School of Sustainability and Samford Connect are expected to see urban farming, an arts precinct, an educational space and an online portal being first up on the site. The refurbishment of one of the buildings is expected to result in a Community Hub space established early in the piece.

How does Samford Connect fit into Samford Commons?

Samford Connect is the online presence for Samford Commons. It is a virtual place for Samford residents, community groups and businesses, to grow, collaborate, connect and share. At the moment this consists of a Facebook page and a Twitter account. There are plans for a blog, an online portal, Instagram, YouTube and other platforms that help people to connect!

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