



Kenny - Gungahlin's newest suburb - Listening Report

REPORT ON WHAT WE HEARD

Between 10 July and 25 August 2024, Suburban Land Agency (SLA) sought input from community and stakeholders to help understand their views on an initial Place Vision for the new suburb of Kenny, whether it meets the needs and desires of future residents, businesses, stakeholders, visitors etc. and how we might make the vision a reality.

Kenny is nestled between the inner north suburb of Watson and the Gungahlin suburb of Harrison. The 155-hectare suburb is bounded by Wells Station Drive to the north, Horse Park Drive to the east and Federal Highway to the south. It is a well located, central suburb for north Canberra, easily accessible and adjacent to Nadjung Mada Nature Reserve and the Sullivans Creek catchment.

Named after the pioneering Australian health practitioner Elizabeth Kenny, the new suburb of Kenny is included in the ACT Government [Indicative Land Release Program](#). In time the suburb is expected to be home to more than 4,000 residents.

The community and stakeholders were invited to provide feedback on the following seven key themes of the Kenny Place Vision:

- **Closely Connected:** Easy access to amenities, nature, and jobs
- **Sustainable:** Eco-friendly and climate-wise design
- **Diverse:** A variety of housing options for different needs
- **Ngunnawal Culture:** Respecting and honouring Ngunnawal culture and Country
- **Nature:** Strong connections to nature and water
- **Social Infrastructure:** Key amenities and services for residents
- **Village Feel:** A village centre of shops, cafes and community spaces.

Feedback from this engagement will inform the development of a masterplan design for the new suburb, to be provided to the planning authority as part of the subdivision design application.

THE CONVERSATION

We invited community members to provide feedback via in-person and online engagement activities. These were conducted during the consultation period between 10 July and 25 August 2024, and included:

- Two community pop-up stalls, one each at Gungahlin Marketplace and Watson Shops
- A community workshop at Wildbark Visitor Centre, Throsby
- A youth workshop at Shirley Smith High School for all current students
- A workshop at English Conversation Group meetings in the suburb of Taylor

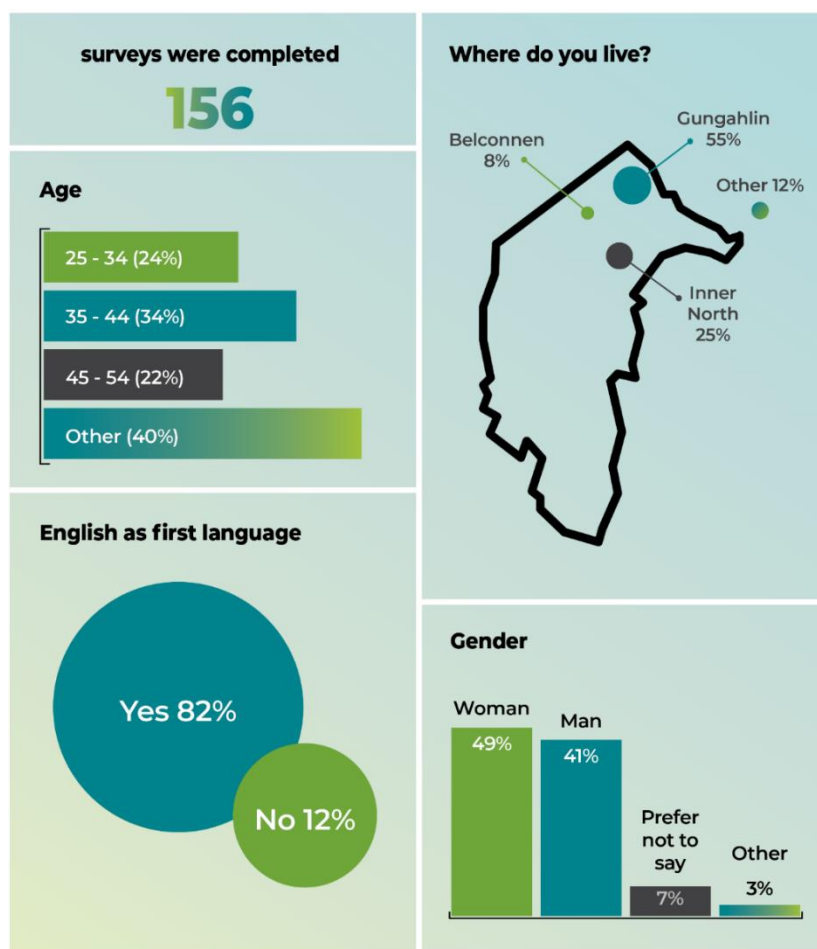


- YourSay Survey
- Email submissions
- A presentation to Gungahlin Community Council.

WHO WE ENGAGED

The engagement program sought to engage with interested community members and stakeholders. Stakeholder groups were identified as near neighbours, community special interest groups, industry special interest, and education. **See Annexure A for details.** They were invited to participate in the engagement program through direct email, letter box flyer drops and general promotion such as social media.

A total of **394** people participated across all engagement methods and **4,019** unique pieces of data were collected. A total of **1,162** pieces of qualitative feedback was collected through workshops, open survey questions, pop up stalls and submissions. Some insights about the YourSay survey respondents are given below.



Survey respondents' data



WHAT WE HEARD

Feedback received across different engagement activities under each theme is given below.

Theme: Village Feel

Kenny will offer its residents a village centre that is shaped by the people that live there. In the YourSay survey, respondents ranked Café, grocery store and outdoor seating and gathering spaces as their top three priorities for creating a village feel.

Students at Shirley Smith High School indicated a desire for a well-rounded village centre that balances commercial, recreational, and residential needs with a strong emphasis on community, convenience, and sustainability. The focus areas for them included retail and services, recreation and sports facilities, green spaces and sustainability, and diversity and location. There is a desire for diverse shops and dining options, including convenience/fast food and cafes.

In the community workshop for the village centre, participants emphasised the need for community and recreational areas such as nature play spaces, a dog park, outdoor exercise equipment, and a central open-air plaza with amenities like public toilets, seating, and shaded areas. Participants desired that the centre should be bike and pedestrian-friendly to promote active travel and reduce heavy vehicle traffic and the preferred location for the village centre is near the Harrison side for better access from surrounding suburbs.

Participants suggested hosting community events like night markets and live music in the central plaza to foster community spirit. The design should integrate with natural surroundings, featuring green spaces, native plants, and nature paths, and take advantage of proximity to a local waterway to connect with wetlands and open spaces.

Participants felt that the village should be welcoming and accessible, avoiding measures that deter homeless people and ensuring comfort for all users. Multi-storey buildings with residences above shops were proposed to maximise public space, with thoughtful design elements like ramps and wide paths for accessibility.

Theme: Social Infrastructure

In the YourSay survey, respondents identified an economically sustainable local shopping centre, play spaces, and health services as three important elements contributing to the social infrastructure of Kenny.

Students at Shirley Smith High School indicated a strong interest for parks, playgrounds and sports facilities including informal outdoor equipment such as ping pong tables, parks, and places to hang out like arcades, along with activities like hiking, go-karting, trampolines, and skate parks/skateable spaces. They also frequently mentioned about improved infrastructure, such as clean pathways and accessible medical centres.



Theme: Closely connected

In the YourSay survey, community was asked about connections to and from Kenny and preferred types of travel infrastructure. Connection from Kenny to the light rail stop on Flemington Road was rated as the most important connection for regular activities and for active travel such as walking, cycling or scootering.

Survey respondents rated pedestrian and cycling paths as the most important types of travel infrastructure in Kenny. Survey respondents as well as students at Shirley Smith High School felt that safe pathways will help make Kenny a walkable neighbourhood.

When asked about public transport connections, students at Shirley Smith High School ranked connection to Gungahlin Town Centre, followed by connection to Civic and to the school in order of their priority.

Theme: Diverse

The term diverse relates to types of housing delivered and people who will enjoy living in the neighbourhood. In the YourSay survey, community was asked to rank features in terms of how important they will be to support diversity in Kenny. The top three features in order of priority were:

1. A range of housing sizes and styles to suit different household types and preferences
2. Housing at a range of price points
3. Parks and playgrounds for all age groups

Students at Shirley Smith High School would like to see diverse and affordable housing options, including distinct types of homes and townhouses. There is also a strong focus on ensuring accessible, disability-friendly public spaces and catering to cultural and religious needs.

Theme: Sustainable

In the YourSay survey, community selected the following five initiatives (in order of priority) that they felt will be most important to achieve a sustainable new neighbourhood in Kenny.

PRIORITY 01	PRIORITY 02	PRIORITY 03	PRIORITY 04	PRIORITY 05
Extensive tree canopy to promote urban cooling and provide habitat for animals and insects	Neighbourhood design that encourages active transport (walking, riding and public transport) rather than car travel	Landscape design to encourage biodiversity of plants and animals	Social facilities and projects that build community wellbeing such as community gardens to grow and share produce	Connection to the adjacent nature reserve and water saving initiatives

For students at Shirley Smith High School, there's a strong focus on sustainability, including renewable energy sources like solar panels, recycling facilities and eco-friendly community gardens. Students desire more parks, and areas with trees.



Theme: Nature

Kenny has a unique microclimate and unusual geography with wet, flat and low terrain. There are grasslands with striped legless lizards and green wildlife corridors with box-gum woodland. In the YourSay survey we asked the community to rank activities in terms of how important they will be to support nature in Kenny. The top three activities in order of priority were:

1. Naturalise creeks and waterways
2. Achieve at least 30% or more tree coverage
3. Create green/nature corridors through the suburb to enable animals to travel safely

For students at Shirley Smith High School, providing plenty of nature trails/walking tracks, growing plant species to encourage local bird life and creating green/nature corridors throughout the suburb to enable animals to travel safely are the priorities under this theme.

Theme: Ngunnawal Culture

Key themes identified by First Nations peoples include water, resilience and memory, journeys through Country, knowledge sharing, the spiritual landscape, ongoing programming, caring for non-human kin and health and healing.

Students at Shirley Smith High School are interested in places for cultural celebrations and events, as well as spaces for educational signage and cultural exhibitions. There was also an interest in facilities and services for First Nations people, such as clinics and cultural tours. The top three priorities for students under this theme are given below.

Connect the design with water by planting local native water species and creating pathways that interact with waterways

Protect nature by incorporating green corridors for animals to travel through, creating habitats for native animals, birds and insects and preserving and planting native vegetation

Include public art and educational displays that tell the story of Journeys through Country

For detailed insights gathered via engagement activities, please go to Annexure B.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The feedback gathered from this consultation will inform the masterplan for Kenny. It will include aspects like housing options, public spaces, and connections to surrounding areas. Further community and stakeholder engagement is anticipated in 2025, ahead of the subdivision design application.



KEY TIMINGS

2023: Development of a draft SLA place vision for Kenny

November 2023 - June 2024: Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander community members

10 July 2024 - 25 August 2024: Community engagement and consultation period

December 2024: Release of listening report

2025: Master Plan designs shared with the community; Community and stakeholder engagement ahead of submitting the subdivision design application to planning authority

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

6000

flyers delivered to
neighbouring
households and
businesses

85

people emailed on the
stakeholder list

36

people attended Taylor
English conversation
group

81

students attended the
Shirley Smith High
workshop

8

people attended
the community
workshop at
Wildbark

156

people completed the
online survey

5

submissions were
received

2,342

YourSay page visits

108

people visited pop up
stalls

15,447

reached by social
media posts



Annexure A

CATEGORY	STAKEHOLDER
Near neighbours	• Businesses in Mitchell • Residents of Franklin, Harrison, Throsby and Watson
Community special interest groups	• Create & Co's Waterways Symposium attendees • Gungahlin Community Council • Canberra Organic Growers Society (COGS) – Mitchell Garden • Northside Community Service • Communities@Work – children's services, seniors and PWD • People with Disability ACT (PWDACT) and Women with Disability • Rights and inclusion Australia • Barnados - Shaun Hodson • Belco Arts (Gungahlin Arts) • Capital Region Community Service • Multicultural Youth Hub • Playgroups ACT • Bendora Boarding Kennels and Cat Flats • Goodies Junction (St Vincent De Paul) • Council of The Ageing (COTA) • ACT Council of Social Service (ACTCOSS)
Industry special interest groups	• Australian Property Institute • Property Council of Australia ACT • Community Housing Industry Association (CHIA) • Housing Industry Association ACT • Mitchell Traders Association • Master Builders Association ACT • Planning Institute of Australia (ACT chapter) • Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council • Australian Institute of Architecture • Green Building Council of Australia • Pedal Power • Public Transport Association of Canberra
Education	• Shirley Smith High School (Kenny) • Harrison Public School • Majura Primary School • Gungahlin College



Annexure B

THEME: VILLAGE FEEL

Feedback from the online survey - multiple choice questions

Kenny will offer its residents its own village centre that is shaped by the people that live there. In the YourSay survey we asked the community to rank features of the village centre in terms of how important they will be to create a village feel. The top three features in order of priority were:

Table 1 Village feel priorities

PRIORITY 01	PRIORITY 02	PRIORITY 03
Cafe	Grocery store	Outdoor seating and gathering spaces

QUALITATIVE FEEDBACK

Local businesses and services:

- Centralised shopping hub with a mix of retail, local markets, speciality shops, cafes, and eateries to support social interaction and community feel
- Large supermarket within walking distance (e.g., metro supermarket, IGA, Woolworths or Coles)
- Inclusion of essential services such as accessible healthcare centres, supermarkets, gyms, and local businesses
- Encourage a mix of small, not-for-profit, and local enterprises to boost the local economy
- Include essential services like post offices, banks, and medical facilities including for general healthcare needs.

Parks and recreation:

- Playgrounds, parks, green spaces, dog parks, nature reserves and walking trails near the village centre to maintain a connection to nature
- Fitness equipment, jogging routes, and sports ovals to promote an active lifestyle
- Suggestions for unique sporting facilities like a bouldering wall or unique skate park designs
- Quiet areas designed for relaxation and meditation.

Education and learning:

- Suggestions for a new public primary school and pre-school facilities
- Support for childcare centres strategically located near schools and community hubs.

Example feedback from a participant

Locate the village centre closer to the Harrison side of the site for shared access with surrounding areas.



THEME: SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Feedback from the online survey - multiple choice questions

Social infrastructure represents the organisations, places and spaces that help communities create social connections. As Kenny will respond to the needs of the future Kenny community as well as Harrison and Throsby, social infrastructure is important to help these communities thrive. In the YourSay survey we asked the community to rank elements in terms of how important they will be to contribute to the social infrastructure of Kenny. The top three elements in order of priority were:

Table 2 Social infrastructure priorities

PRIORITY 01	PRIORITY 02	PRIORITY 03
Local shopping centre that is economically sustainable	Play spaces	Health services

QUALITATIVE FEEDBACK

Community spaces and amenities:

- Cafes, entertainment venues, and community centre for social interaction
- Amenities that cater to families, including playgrounds, community gardens, and all age child-friendly spaces. Diverse play structures for inclusive play including climbing trees, natural parks, adventure playgrounds, sensory playgrounds and water play
- Enhance local engagement, a sharing culture and education through amenities such as mobile libraries, outdoor learning labs, community art walls and a community toolshed
- Facilities for cultural activities and places of worship
- Public toilets including gender-neutral facilities, libraries, shaded seating and picnic areas with BBQ facilities
- Centrally located and multifunctional community centre for events, meetings, classes, and various activities
- High-speed internet and other modern utilities in public spaces
- Amenities for teens and young adults, including formal and informal sports facilities and places to hang out.

Entertainment, events and activations:

- Encourage community programs, interest groups, and events to foster connection and belonging
- Night markets including local farm produce and organic options
- Ensure public spaces are well-maintained, clean, and inviting
- Facilities for children like cinemas, bowling alleys and arcades for entertainment
- Public art and creative installations
- Use storefronts or temporary spaces for community interaction
- Encourage innovative ideas for community engagement and education.

Example feedback from a participant

Systems where residents can trade services or skills using time as currency, fostering a strong and supportive community.



THEME: CLOSELY CONNECTED

FEEDBACK FROM THE ONLINE SURVEY - MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Kenny will aspire to be a walkable neighbourhood where people are inclined to leave their cars behind. In the YourSay survey we asked the community questions about connections to and from Kenny and preferred types of travel infrastructure.

Table 3 Closely connected priorities

QUESTION	PRIORITY 01	PRIORITY 02	PRIORITY 03
Most important connection when using active travel such as walking, cycling or scooter	To the light rail stop on Flemington Road (82%)	To the new local centre within Kenny (74%)	To parks and outdoor spaces within Kenny (56%)
Most important types of travel infrastructure in Kenny	Pedestrian and cycling paths (70%)	Light rail stop and bus stops (69%)	Car parking spaces (52%)
Most important ideas that will help to make Kenny a walkable neighbourhood	Pathways that feel safe (51%)	Pathways that are accessible for all levels of mobility (49%)	Housing that is within easy walking distance to amenities (48%)
Most important connections from Kenny to the surrounding areas in terms of importance for regular activities	To the light rail stop on Flemington Road	To Gungahlin Town Centre	To Civic

QUALITATIVE FEEDBACK

Public transport and traffic management:

- Efficient public transport, including connections to light rail and buses
- Concerns about traffic congestion, particularly on major roads like Horse Park Drive, Wells Station Drive, and the Federal Highway. Suggestions include multiple suburb access points, traffic flow management and avoiding bottlenecks.

Cycle, scooter and pedestrian movement:

- Dedicated cycle paths, bike libraries, and connections to existing trails such as the Bicentennial National Trail
- Strong demand for wide footpaths and safe crossings (especially over highways)
- Design a suburb that minimises car use.

Safety and connectivity:

- Connect the suburb with surrounding areas via paths, roads, and public transport
- Well-lit, safe and inclusive pathways for various people and people with disability.

**Example feedback from a participant**

Easy and affordable transport options save time and money, allowing for a better lifestyle. Decongesting roads saves time for drivers and pedestrians, money on fuel, decreases pollution, and increases safety for all road users including pedestrians.

THEME: DIVERSE**Feedback from the online survey - multiple choice questions**

The term diverse relates to both the types of housing delivered and people who will enjoy living in the neighbourhood. In the YourSay survey we asked the community to rank features in terms of how important they will be to support diversity in Kenny. The top three features in order of priority were:

Table 4 Diverse connected priorities

PRIORITY 01	PRIORITY 02	PRIORITY 03
A range of housing sizes and styles to suit different household types and preferences (75%)	Housing at a range of price points (72%)	Parks and playgrounds for all age groups (67%)

QUALITATIVE FEEDBACK**Diverse housing:**

- Create a diverse range of housing options, including affordable home purchase schemes, market-rate housing, public housing, and low-medium-density housing
- Include a mix of townhouses, family homes and apartments, to meet diverse community needs.

Inclusive development:

- Developments that cater to diverse needs, including disability-compliant, accessibility-friendly housing and family-friendly options like townhouses rather than just small apartments.

Example feedback from a participant

Include diverse housing options since plenty of people are looking for bigger homes since family's are expanding and Canberra is growing.

THEME: SUSTAINABLE**Feedback from the online survey - multiple choice questions**



Thinking innovatively about sustainability is a must for any new ACT development. Kenny will be the latest exemplar of an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable place. In the YourSay survey we asked the community to select five initiatives that they felt will be most important to achieve a sustainable new neighbourhood in Kenny. The top five initiatives in order of priority were:

Table 5 Sustainable priorities

PRIORITY 01	PRIORITY 02	PRIORITY 03	PRIORITY 04	PRIORITY 05
Extensive tree canopy to promote urban cooling and provide habitat for animals and insects (78%)	Neighbourhood design that encourages active transport (walking, riding and public transport) rather than car travel (76%)	Landscape design to encourage biodiversity of plants and animals (66%)	Social facilities and projects that build community wellbeing such as community gardens to grow and share produce (58%)	Connection to the adjacent nature reserve and water saving initiatives (57%)

QUALITATIVE FEEDBACK

Sustainable landscaping:

- Maintain natural elements such as mature trees, grasslands, and water bodies
- Plant native plants to encourage biodiversity
- Incorporate eco-friendly infrastructure like water-sensitive urban design.

Sustainable architecture:

- Sustainable materials, solar passive homes, and centralised composting and waste recycling systems.

Urban heat management:

- More trees and green spaces to reduce urban heat islands
- Community gardens
- Design homes and public spaces to maximise natural cooling and shade.

Electric vehicles

- Electric vehicle charging stations.

Example feedback from a participant

The Government's recently released Food Strategy highlights the need for community gardens across Canberra. The establishment of Kenny represents an ideal opportunity to incorporate the establishment of a community garden as part of the social infrastructure of Kenny for the benefit of the community.



THEME: NATURE

Feedback from the online survey - multiple choice questions

Kenny has a unique microclimate and unusual geography with flat and low terrain. There are grasslands with striped legless lizards and green wildlife corridors with box-gum woodland. In the YourSay survey we asked the community to rank activities in terms of how important they will be to support nature in Kenny. The top three activities in order of priority were:

Table 6 Nature priorities

PRIORITY 01	PRIORITY 02	PRIORITY 03
Naturalise creeks and waterways	Achieve at least 30% or more tree coverage	Create green/nature corridors through the suburb to enable animals to travel safely

QUALITATIVE FEEDBACK

Integration with nature:

- Design the suburb to blend with the natural landscape rather than imposing traditional urban infrastructure
- Ideas for permeable surfaces, and the use of existing natural landmarks.

Wildlife corridors and habitats:

- Create green corridors for wildlife to safely move through the suburb and into surrounding areas
- Protect existing habitats like turtle crossings and wombat burrows.

Nature reserves and green spaces:

- Preserve existing nature reserves and incorporate green spaces
- Retain the natural landscape and integrate new developments with minimal ecological disruption.

Water:

- Connect the design with water by planting local native water species and creating pathways that interact with waterways.

Example feedback from a participant

Leave some space for wildlife and incorporate safe crossings and wildlife corridors into the suburb design.



THEME: NGUNNAWAL CULTURE

QUALITATIVE FEEDBACK

Community and facilities:

- Create cultural community centres, gardens, meeting spaces and parks that enable connection and knowledge sharing and recognise and celebrate the Ngunnawal culture and other First Nations communities
- Include specific facilities and services, including First Nations healthcare services and community support for Aboriginal and other First Nations people.

Cultural recognition and education:

- Recognise and preserve Ngunnawal culture through various means, such as educational signage and exhibitions
- Host regular on-country events.

Engagement and interaction with First Nations People:

- Tours focused on Ngunnawal culture and history, as well as input from First Nations people, are recommended to increase cultural awareness
- Encourage interactions between residents and First Nations people to foster mutual respect and understanding.

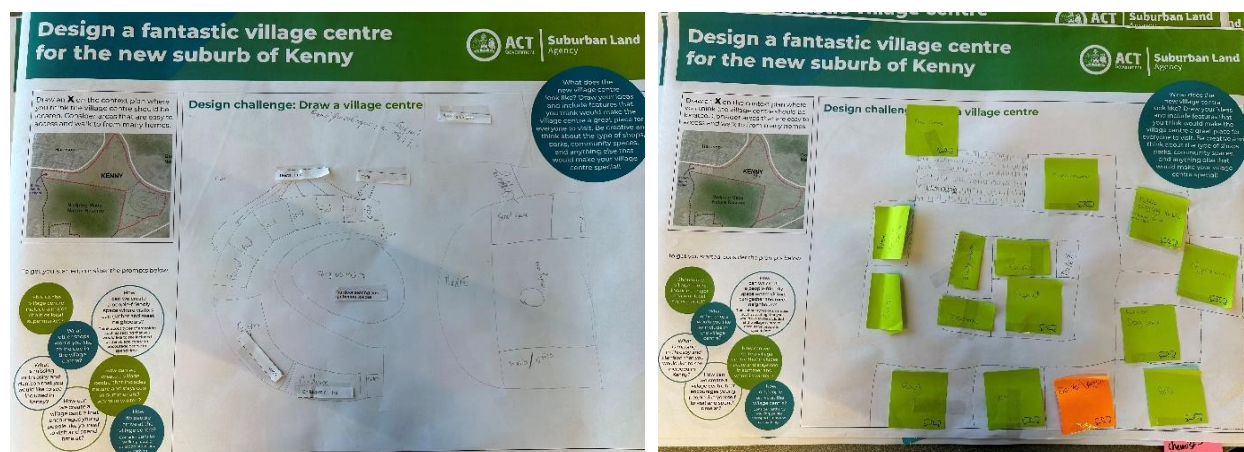
Example feedback from a participant

Inclusion of a second Aboriginal health service or extension of Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services through funding. The provision of a reasonably-sized (under 80 places per day) not-for-profit early education and care service with strong ties to Ngunnawal culture and identified positions.



INSIGHTS FROM SHIRLEY SMITH HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT DESIGN IDEAS FOR THE VILLAGE CENTRE



Student designs for the Kenny village centre

VILLAGE CENTRE DRAWING ACTIVITY

Below are common themes identified from the students' drawings. The themes indicate a desire for a well-rounded village centre that balances commercial, recreational, and residential needs with a strong emphasis on community, convenience, and sustainability. In order of frequency, the following comments were made:

Retail and services

- There was a strong focus on diverse shopping and dining options, including retail shops, supermarkets (Woolworths, Aldi, IGA), restaurants, cafes, convenience/fast food outlets (Oporto) and specialty stores (craft, gaming)
- Community services like medical centres, childcare centres, dentists, and emergency services were also highlighted to meet essential needs.

Recreation and sports facilities

- There was strong support for formal and informal sports and recreational facilities like gyms, sports fields (soccer, cricket), playgrounds, indoor sports centres, swimming pools and parks.

Green spaces and sustainability

- The inclusion of green spaces such as parks, open grasslands, and nature reserves is a consistent theme
- These areas were often drawn with seating, water features, and are surrounded by shops.
- Several drawings included sustainable elements like solar panels, EV charging stations, and facilities for recycling.



Diversity and location

- Students shared ideas for the inclusion of housing, retail and services, a central park and open spaces surrounded by a U-shaped or circular shopping complex, some with multiple levels
- Many drawings suggested the village centre be located near or bordering the nature reserve, school, or northern edge of the site.

ACTIVITY TO COMMENT ON A RANGE OF TOPICS

Students had 15 minutes to think about, discuss and comment on five boards with the following headings: Ngunnawal Culture; Diversity; Sporting facilities; Sustainability; and Your ideal suburb. Below are common themes in order of frequency:

Sporting facilities

- Students are interested in sports and recreation facilities like soccer fields, basketball and tennis courts, swimming pools, and gyms
- Students want informal outdoor equipment such as ping pong tables, parks, and places to hang out like arcades, along with activities like hiking, go-karting, trampolines, and skate parks/skateable spaces.

Your ideal suburb

- There is a desire for diverse shops and dining options, including convenience/fast food and cafes
- There is strong interest in recreational spaces like parks, playgrounds and sports facilities
- Improved infrastructure, such as clean pathways and accessible medical centres, is also frequently mentioned.

Sustainable

- A recurring theme is the importance of green spaces and nature
- Students desire more parks, and areas with trees
- There is a strong focus on sustainability, including renewable energy sources like solar panels, recycling facilities and eco-friendly community gardens.

Diversity

- Students would like to see diverse and affordable housing options, including distinct types of homes and townhouses
- There is also a strong focus on ensuring accessible, disability-friendly public spaces and catering to cultural and religious needs.

Ngunnawal Culture

- There was interest in facilities and services for First Nations people, such as clinics and cultural tours
- Students are interested in places for cultural celebrations and events, as well as spaces for educational signage and cultural exhibitions.



VOTING ACTIVITY

The table below identifies the students' priorities across the themes listed in the table. Students voted on their top three priorities for each theme.

Table 7 Students voting activity top priorities

THEME	PRIORITY 01	PRIORITY 02	PRIORITY 03
Closely connected	To local sporting and recreation facilities	To Shirley Smith High School	To the new local centre within Kenny
Public transport connections	To Gungahlin Town Centre	To civic	To school
Walkability	Pathways that feel safe	Housing that is within easy walking distance to the shops	Pathways on both sides of the street
Ngunnawal Culture	Connect the design with water by planting local native water species and creating pathways that interact with waterways	Protect nature by incorporating green corridors for animals to travel through, creating habitats for native animals, birds and insects and preserving and planting native vegetation	Include public art and educational displays that tell the story of Journeys through Country
Nature	Provide plenty of nature trails/walking tracks	Grow plant species to encourage local bird life	Create green/nature corridors throughout the suburb to enable animals to travel safely

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

DESIGN IDEAS FOR THE VILLAGE CENTRE

Below are ideas identified from the community workshop for the village centre in order of frequency:

Community and recreation spaces

- There was a strong desire for recreational areas, including nature play spaces, a dog park, outdoor exercise equipment, and a central open-air plaza
- These spaces should be accessible to all ages and include amenities like public toilets, seating, and shaded areas
- Suggestions also included sports courts and spaces for activities like yoga and an outdoor cinema.

Location and amenities

- Support was given for essential services like a community centre, childcare, a small supermarket, and shops



- The village centre should be bike- and pedestrian-friendly, promoting active travel while minimising heavy vehicle traffic in suburban streets
- Both groups agreed to locate the village centre near the Harrison side for better access from surrounding suburbs.

Social infrastructure

- Several comments suggest hosting community events like night markets live music and other gatherings in a central open-air plaza to develop a sense of community and vibrancy.

Nature and water

- The village centre should integrate with natural surroundings, featuring green spaces, native plants, and nature paths
- Proximity to a local waterway offers a unique chance to connect with wetlands and open spaces
- Environmental sustainability, including flood prevention and wildlife protection, especially for nearby turtles, is also a priority.

Diversity and accessibility

- The design of the village should be welcoming and accessible, avoiding measures designed to deter homeless people and ensuring that everyone can access and use the spaces comfortable
- Multi-story buildings with residences above shops were proposed to maximise public space, and thoughtful design elements like ramps, and wide paths were emphasised for accessibility.



Proposed village centre designs