



Fact Sheet 2

Where We Live

As Rockingham's population grows and changes, so will the demands for new and diverse types of housing. This fact sheet will provide some background to the challenges the City will face over the next 20 years and how best to plan for where we live.

Housing Today

Housing is an important part in the growth of the City, where we live and the type of housing we live in will influence the liveability of our City. The role of the Local Planning Strategy will be to guide the form and location of new housing and to regulate and support development to meet community needs. Currently, there are more than 42,000 homes in the City of Rockingham.

Future Housing

- In 20 years, Rockingham is expected to have an additional 60,000 new residents.
- As the population grows and changes there will be a need to provide for housing, education, employment, community facilities, and new business opportunities.
- A change in household size will mean the City will require more diverse housing types, including higher density housing closer to shops and transport.
- The number of one-person households may increase in numbers.

The State Government, through its strategic planning document *Directions 2031* has placed a priority on increasing housing density of existing residential land by 50 percent. We need to plan for our community and more importantly where they will live and the type of housing they will live in.

Some Facts (Source: 2011 Census and the City's Community Survey)

- The City has a population of 104,105, with a median age of 34.
- 22% of the City's population is children aged between 0-14 years.
- Families occupy approximately 80% of houses in Rockingham.
- Significantly, 20% are one-person households.
- Approximately 50% of one-person households live in homes with more than three-bedrooms.
- 53% of houses in Rockingham are detached, 4 bedroom homes.
- 44% of all homes in Rockingham are being purchased.
- 28% of houses are rented.
- 9% of rented homes are state housing.
- 6,000 new homes have been built in Rockingham in past 5 years
- 78% of new homes built are single story detached houses.



Discussion

We need to plan for:

- A variety of housing choice and density in existing residential areas;
- New higher density housing around infrastructure and major transport links;
- A mix of housing types, reflecting all stages of the life cycle and resident preferences;
- Apartments for young couples, larger blocks with back gardens for families and children and smaller housing for independent seniors;
- New residential subdivisions;
- Diversity in the type of housing offered; and
- Maintain affordable housing options to ensure that people of all incomes types can live in Rockingham.

The City is committed to making sure that everybody who wishes to live in Rockingham has the opportunity to do so.



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