

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

30 November 2012 – City Of Rockingham Administration Centre

The youth engagement workshop was held on the 30th of November between 4.00pm and 6.00pm. It was attended by 19 young people aged under 25.

The workshop was split into three segments of introduction and information followed by three workshop sessions. The three topics were housing (where we live), economy (where we work and shop) and community wellbeing and environment (where we play). The young people were organised into three groups with a facilitator from the Youth Council in each group to discuss the ideas and information presented. A participant in each group acted as a scribe and recorded the ideas presented. Surveys and facts sheets were handed out to the participants. In workshop session 1 the opportunities and issues for housing, education and transport were discussed. In workshop session 2 the opportunities and issues for employment, retail and tourism were discussed. In workshop 3 the opportunities and issues for recreation, entertainment, environment and heritage were discussed.

Start 4.00

Welcome, introduction and power point presentation from Warren.

Questions 4.30

Questions and Discussions

Q	Are there privacy issues in regards to double storey houses?
A	There are regulations in place to ensure that there are no privacy issues. Perhaps the City of Rockingham needs more double storey houses to increase the density of the area.
Q	Will more bush land be cut down to accommodate residential and tourism activities?
A	If we encourage smaller lot sizes we can fit more people in without cutting down bush land.

Workshop Session 1 - Opportunities and Issues

What is good, what is needed, what are the risks?

Discussion topics:

- Housing
- Education
- Transport

The following is a summary of the issues and opportunities identified and discussed in workshop 1. The raw notes taken by the participants during the workshop are compiled in Appendix XX.

Housing

Issues	Opportunities
High costs of high rise apartments	Apartments on the foreshore
Extra traffic and roads due to higher population	Rural settings
Not enough land for large blocks	More modern houses, energy efficient houses and crisis accommodation
Rising crime rate due to higher population	Existing large blocks could be developed e.g. blocks in Baldivis
Lack of rental properties	
The cutting down of bush land for residential areas	
Lack of housing diversity (high rises)	

Education

Issues	Opportunities
Not enough high school options	The return of higher education institutions to the area e.g. Murdoch University
Universities and TAFE are located to the north of the river	Encourage more university campuses to the area (engineering school)
Location of existing schools is not ideal	Better access to existing education facilities
The gap between education and jobs/employment	Better transport to Karnup
Expensive school fees for transport	Increase in school programs, more diverse.
Bullying	
Lack of drama schools	

Transport

Issues	Opportunities
Not enough bus stops	Increase in cycle paths
Poor bus stop amenity	Bus friendly roads (e.g. designated bus only lanes)
Long travel times	Light Rail
Age to get driver's license is too high	Keep free parking
Large car parks in the middle of the city	School specific public buses going to the high schools

Trains already very full – do not have enough capacity – similar problem with the buses.	
Poor transport accessibility between Warnbro and Mandurah.	
High cost of public transport	

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- Rockingham in the future - planning considerations
 - Economy – Where we work and shop

This segment gave information about planning considerations for Rockingham in the future regarding the economy. With an increase of 60 thousand people in the city, there needs to be around 30 thousand jobs to sustain this increased population. It is important to ensure that there is enough land set aside now for future employment activity and diversity.

The following are current facts about the economy in the City of Rockingham –

- In the last 10-15 years there has been an increase in demand for services such as panel beaters and light manufacturing industries.
- With the ageing of the baby boomers, there is the possibility of a skill gap occurring as the experience of the baby boomers disappears. To avoid this gap it is necessary to train and educate younger generations to keep these services and therefore business within the city.
- Current roads are not going to last the next 20 years it is important to plan for improvements and expansions.
- Employment diversity is currently lacking, the city needs to attract blue collar and white collar workers to move the economy.
- Tourism in the City is occurring as a one day activity. For the future, the City must encourage people to stay for more than a day trip.

Workshop Session 2 - Opportunities and Issues

What is good, what is needed, what are the risks?

Discussion topics:

- [Employment](#)
- Retail
- Tourism

Listed below are the suggestions which arose from the second workshop.

Employment

Issues	Opportunities
Lack of employment opportunities and diversity	Encourage energy efficient industries
Lack of part time jobs which are not in the fast food industry	Support steel industries
Limited white collar opportunities	Work experience or internship opportunities for students that are not in the mining industry
	A theme park in the area would provide employment opportunities for young people and increase tourism.
	Networking sessions instead of handing out of resumes online and in person.
	Workshops to gain experience in retail jobs.

Retail

Issues	Opportunities
Not enough shops and diversity, resulting in people travelling to Perth to shop.	Greater diversity in retail shop (e.g. Apple store)
Too much anti-social behavior at night	Increase in number of small corner shops including cafes, ice cream stores, delis and food vendors, as well as some located along the coast line for easy access from the beach.
Increase in retail shops in Baldivis and Secret Harbour.	Attract large shopping chains such as Myer.

Tourism

Issues	Opportunities
Not enough family oriented accommodation	Natural beauty of the area
Caravan park has permanent residents	Develop Point Peron area.
No multicultural centres	More activities (e.g. jet ski hire, jet boat rides, go karting, helicopter rides, model boat races, water park/theme park, more fairs, zoo, museum, night clubs, restaurants, Christmas festival, music festivals)
Lack of accessibility to Penguin Island.	
Not enough exercise equipment	
Nowhere for tourists to stay, lack of	

hotels.	
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- Rockingham in the future - planning considerations
- Community wellbeing and Environment – Where we play

This segment gave information about planning considerations for Rockingham in the future regarding community wellbeing and the environment. Community wellbeing refers to a happy, comfortable, healthy lifestyle. Currently the city has great community services, cultural activities and a well-protected natural environment. The effects of climate change on the environment must be planned for.

The following are current facts about the city of Rockingham –

- On the happiness index, 90% of people surveyed said they were happy in the City of Rockingham
- People in the area do not do enough physical activity. Only 26% of people do 30 minutes of exercise a day. This leads to bad health.
- Ageing population. 11% of people were aged 64 or over. This will continue to increase over the next 20 years.

Workshop Session 3 - Opportunities and Issues

What is good, what is needed, what are the risks?

Discussion topics:

- Recreation
- Entertainment
- Environment
- Heritage

Listed below are the suggestions which arose from the third workshop.

Recreation

Issues	Opportunities
Not enough skate parks	Increase in recreation activities such as - Indoor pool, graffiti wall/zones, public attraction at the salt lake, recording studios, arts centre, gaming centre, suburban parks, enclosed dog parks, skate parks, youth centres, archery/shooting ranges, hiking trails, outdoor gym equipment, central sporting complexes).
Not enough leadership groups	Increase in activities close to the beach

	such as a kid's carnival and a youth zone.
No adventure play grounds such as the one in Mandurah.	
Unsafe to run and be out alone at night	
Lack of foot paths, cycle paths and street lights in the Karnup area	
Lack of recreation activities (e.g. BBQ areas, goal posts)	
Parking at the foreshore is inadequate	

Entertainment

Issues	Opportunities
Run down night clubs	Activities such as – theme park, outdoor cinema or drive in cinema, new nightclub, larger bars, new versatile show ground, more Wi-Fi, youth centres and activities.
Bars are too small	
Lack of musicals, state shows, music acts in Rockingham	
Lack of show grounds for shows and exhibitions	
Lack of entertainment for teenagers under the age of 18.	

Environment

Issues	Opportunities
Impact of development on wildlife	Incentives for household to be more energy efficient (e.g. solar panels).
Not enough public bins	More parks, walks, night stalks, village greens.
Waste disposal is too expensive	Planting programs for endangered plants
Not enough environmental protection	Upgrade the Point Peron Camp

Heritage

Issues	Opportunities
Not enough knowledge about heritage	New war memorial
	Restoration of old buildings
	Better access to heritage information and learning programs
	Multicultural center

General Feedback from participants

Notes were received from the young people involved in this engagement workshop who felt that the presentation was not as youth orientated as it could have been.

List of Participants

Some of the participants of the youth engagement workshop, not all participants gave their names -

Rebecca Winn – Aged 14
Gabrielle McDonald – Aged 13
Bethany McDonald – Aged 12
Maddison Earle – Sadler – Aged 15
Tahnee Cooper – Aged 15
Morgan Pettersson – Aged 23
Susheel – Aged 13
Nathan – Aged 11
Ellie
Jordan – Aged 18
Gleya – Aged 11
Bri – Aged 13
Andreou – Aged 24