



# rockingham strategic centre

## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

17 June 2021





**welcome and thank you for coming...**



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**we're here to help  
every question is a good question  
we want to hear from you about what is important**

# housekeeping

we have some tips about how to get the most out of today's meeting....

- + our team will help you through this and give you all the information you need
- + we will be taking photos - let me know if you do not want us to use photos of you in our reporting
- + mobile phones are fine, but perhaps move away from the table if you are chatting
- + bathrooms are outside the door to the right
- + In case of emergency we will meet at the assembly point, down stairs and in the grassed area by the car park
- + tea/coffee/biscuits are provided - please take advantage of this to keep your energy up for the discussion!
- + be COVID safe - try and keep 1.5m away from others, use the hand sanitiser at the back of the room, hold on to your pen until you leave and please make sure you practice good hygiene if sneezing
- + There is still plenty of time to get involved following today's session





**what are we talking about today?**

workshop purpose

# why?

- + Rockingham Strategic Regional Centre - Centre Plan prepared in 2009 / 2010.
- + Centre Plan has provided framework for land use change and development.
- + It was bold for its time, promoting different development types.
- + Review now required.







# cities change, so does planning



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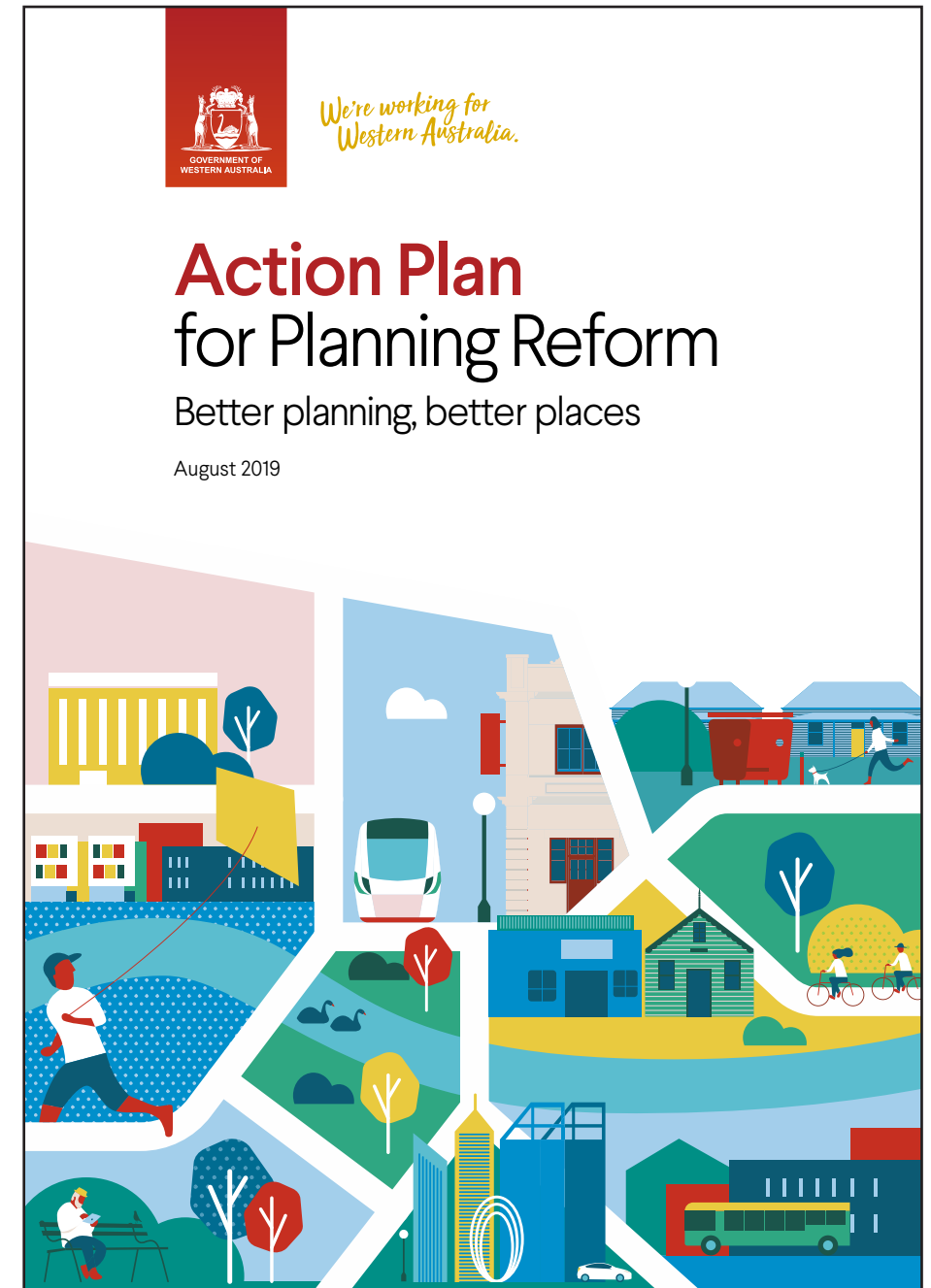


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# the need for a review

## PLANNING REFORM

- + The State Government has identified three goals for planning reform:
  - Planning creates great places for people
  - Planning is easier to understand and navigate
  - **Planning systems are consistent and efficient.**
- + To achieve greater consistency and efficiency ten initiatives have been identified:
  - **Structure and precinct planning tools are fit-for-purpose**
- + Review of important state design policies is also happening.





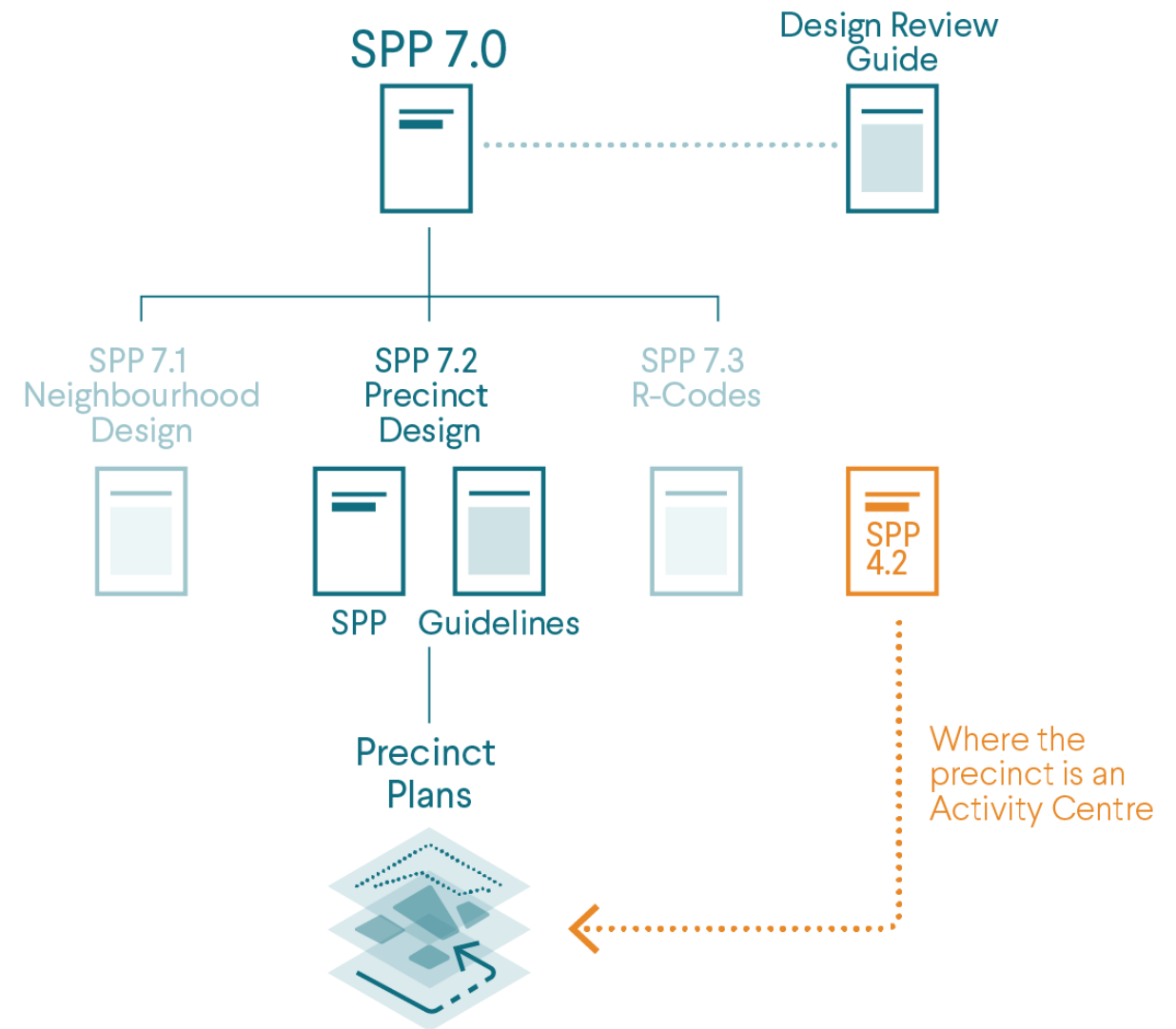
# the need for a review

## STATE POLICY 4.2 - ACTIVITY CENTRES

- + Policy began in 2010. It is being updated.
- + Sets out how centres are distributed, and coordinated across Perth and Peel.
- + Rockingham is one of ten Strategic Centres identified in the policy.
- + Draft has been prepared to simplify/link to SPP 7.2.

## STATE POLICY 7.2 - PRECINCT DESIGN

- + Policy began operating in December 2020.
- + Planning for the Rockingham SC **must be in accordance** with this framework.
- + Requires '**Precinct Structure Plan**'. Which is then approved by the State Government.





# what is a precinct structure plan?

- + A planning document that **guides future subdivision and development**.
- + It is prepared and approved under the provisions of a Local Planning Scheme.
- + It bring together all the elements that make a centre:
  - Land use;
  - Density and development;
  - Access arrangements
  - Infrastructure;
  - Environmental assets; and
  - Community facilities







# **what does the existing centre plan include?**

overview of the existing plan



# centre plan vision (2010)

For a **modern, distinctly coastal centre** offering a **wide range of mixed uses** including retail, commercial, office, civic, residential, education and recreation within an **accessible and highly inter-connected, urban-scaled townscape**, comprising a major activity centre and related urban villages based on ‘**main street**’ principles.





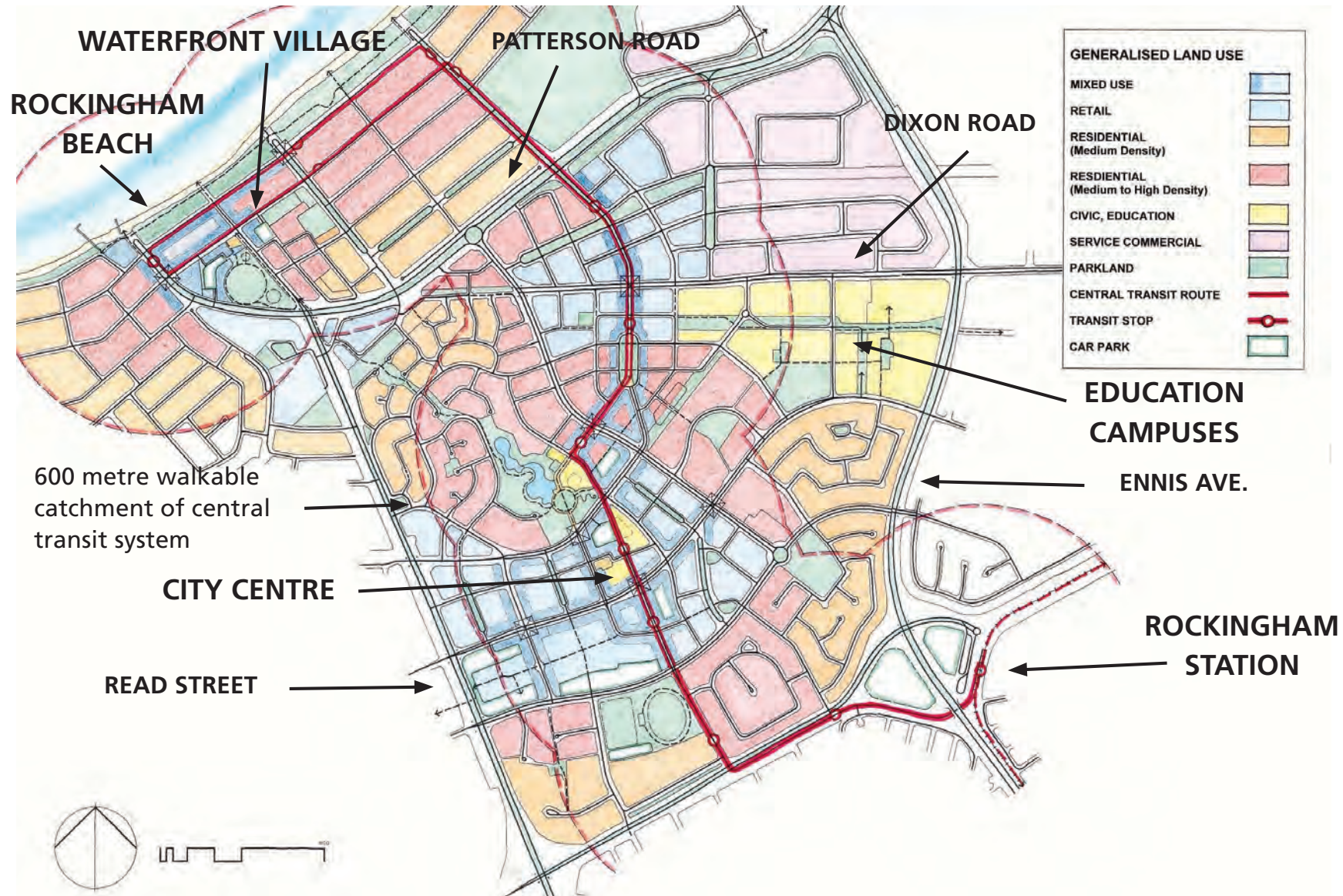


# centre plan principles (2010)

- + **Medium to high density development** based on **activated, “Main Street”** principles.
- + A configuration of generally **contiguous street front buildings** and a **mix of uses** that generate high levels of pedestrian activity.
- + A **street-based transit system**, with closely spaced stops.
- + A **permeable network of streets, laneways, arcades and public spaces** that provide **high quality linkages**, particularly for pedestrians, to Centre activities from transit stops, street and off-street car parking and from the surrounding walkable catchment.
- + An **identifiable City Centre hub** to provide major CBD functions.
- + **Connected village precincts** between the City Centre and Rockingham Beach **along the route of the transit system**.
- + The new village precincts will make provision for **mixed and consolidated education (university), technology, commercial and medium to high density residential development**, based on sustainable planning principles and design criteria.



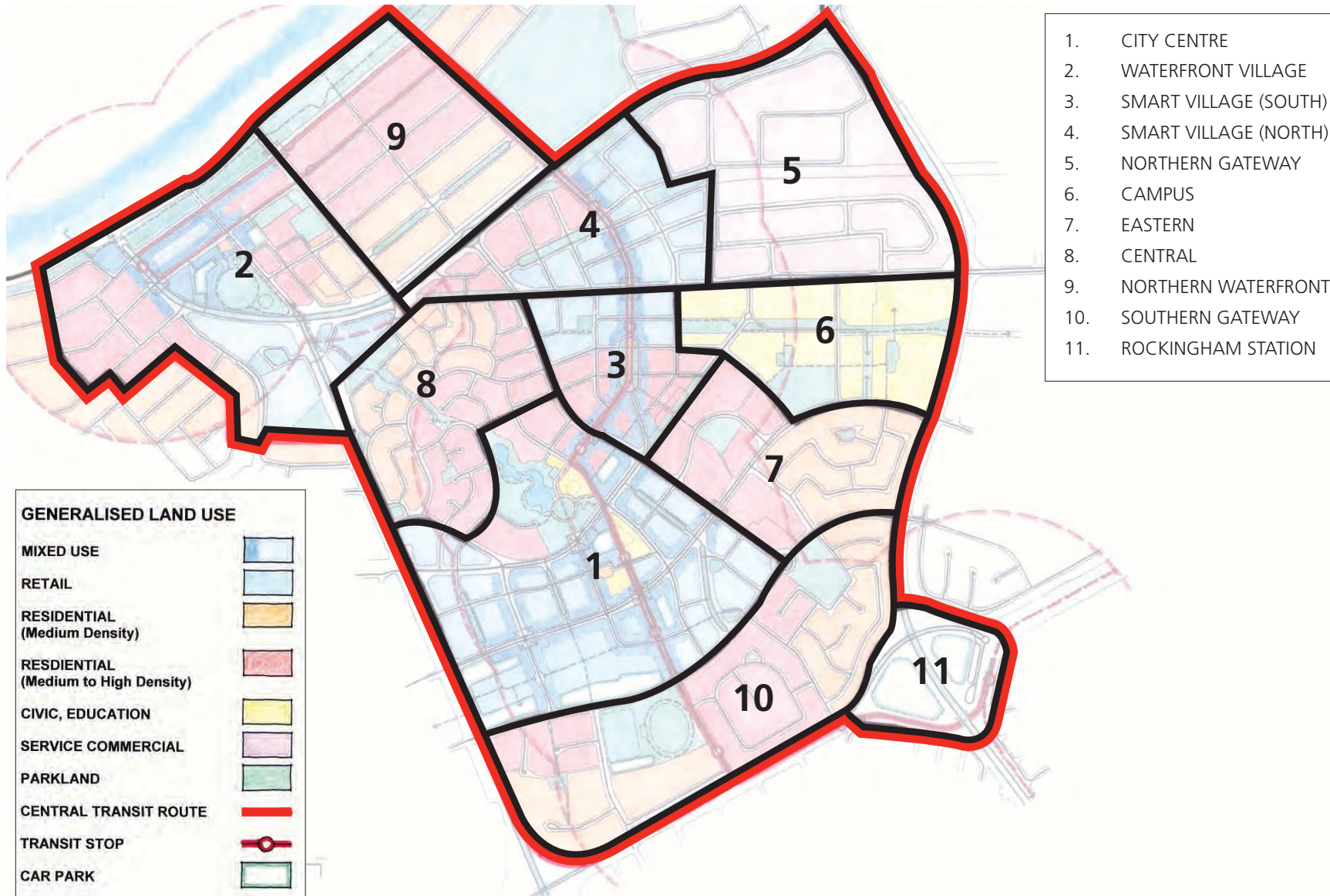
# centre plan concept (2010)







# centre plan sectors (2010)



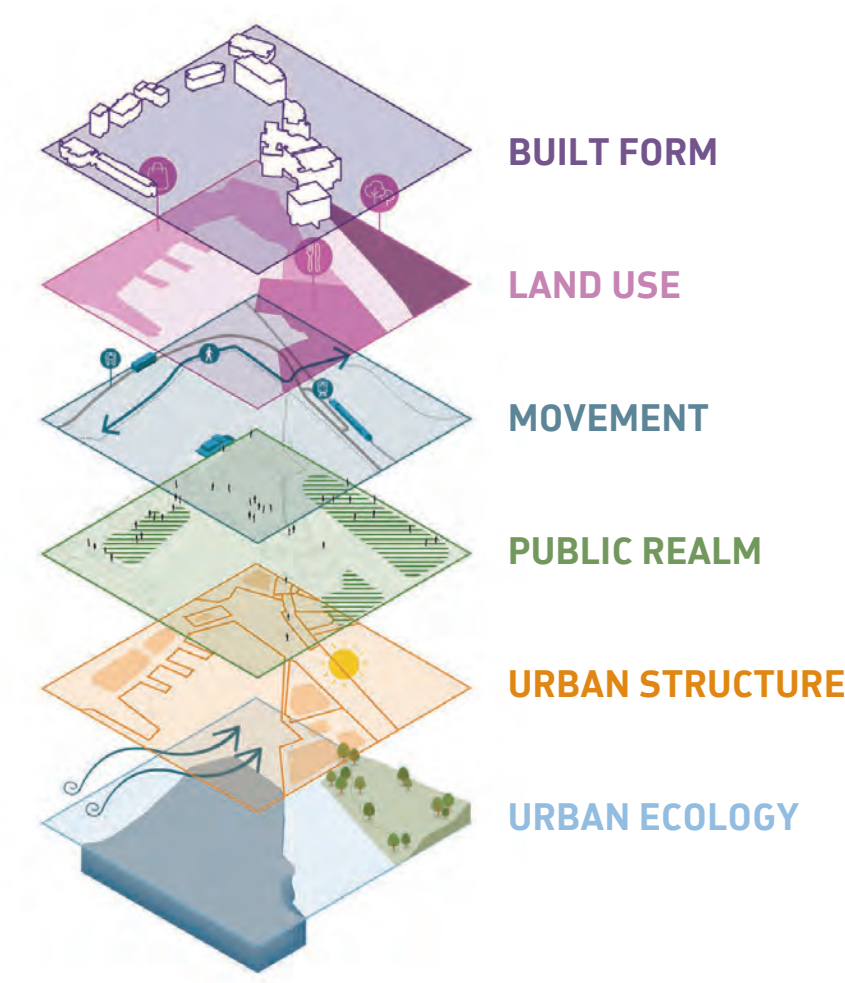
- + Each sector includes a 'Sector Policy'
- + Provides detailed guidance on land use and built form.



# what needs updating (State expectations)

- + We've worked with the State Government to understand what most needs updating, and what matches their expectations.
- + Some of these updates are more procedural, other elements need more community input.

DESIGN ELEMENT	AMOUNT OF UPDATE NEEDED		
	MINIMAL	MODERATE	HIGH
Built Form		✓	
Land Use	✓		
Movement	✓		
Public Realm		✓	
Urban Structure	✓		
Urban Ecology			✓







# what's unlikely to change from the 2010 plan

- + As the city continues to grow there are certain things that the State expects of this updated plan.
- + Rockingham Strategic Centre is still expected to be major employment, entertainment and residential hub.
  - This means the heights and densities may be adjusted or calibrated, but should generally stay.
- + Structuring Rockingham around a future Rockingham City Centre Transit System is expected.
  - This includes development around future stations.



**what have we found so far?**

response to context





# context analysis

## + Governance Context

- State and local planning policies, strategies

## + Community Context

- Population growth and demographics
- Housing needs
- Economic growth
- Character, values, identity

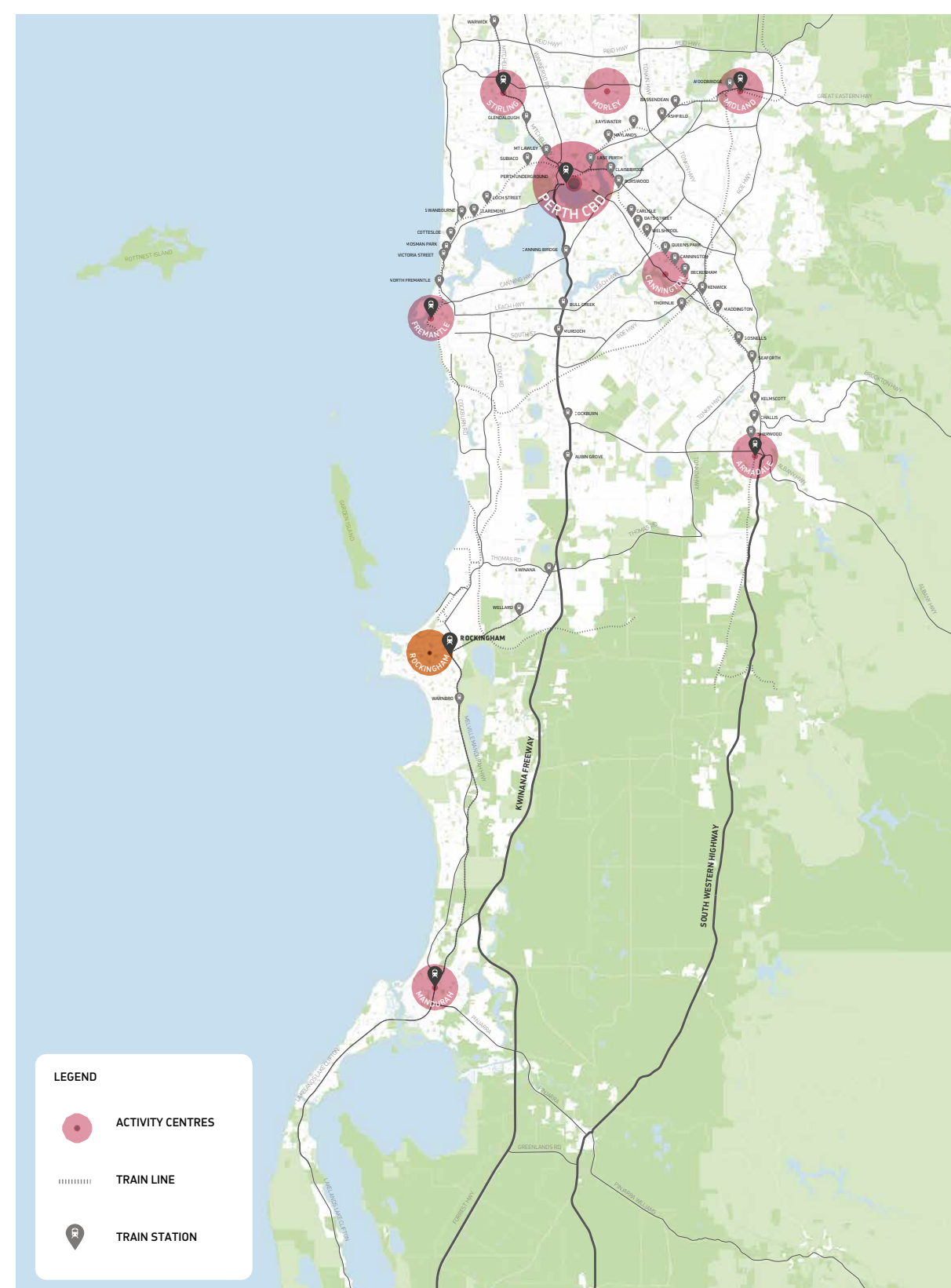
## + Physical Context

- Regional and local context
- Precinct context



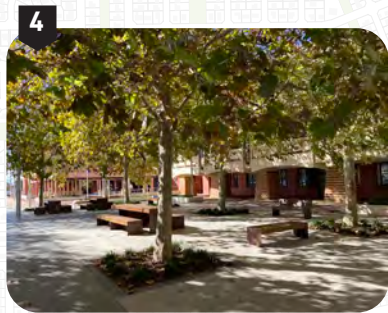
# regional context

- + Rockingham is one of ten Strategic Centres across the Perth Metropolitan Area.
  - Main regional activity centres.
  - Multi-purpose centres that provide a diversity of uses – full range of economic and community services necessary for their catchments.
  - Expected to service substantial populations and provide a diversity of housing.
- + Rockingham is the primary centre between Cockburn and Mandurah.
- + Services a broad catchment which includes Rockingham / Kwinana LGAs and parts of Mandurah and Cockburn LGAs.



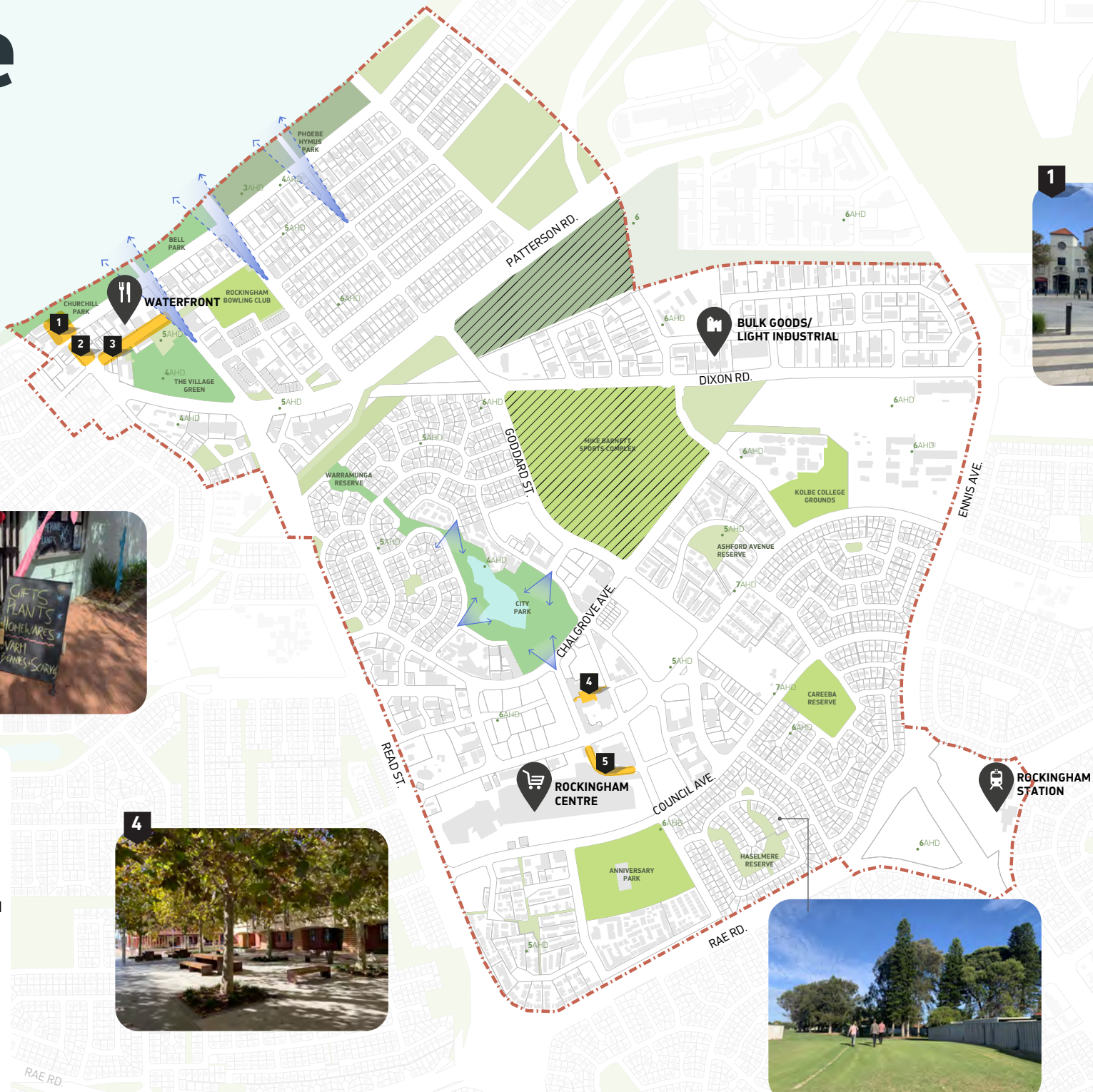


# landscape



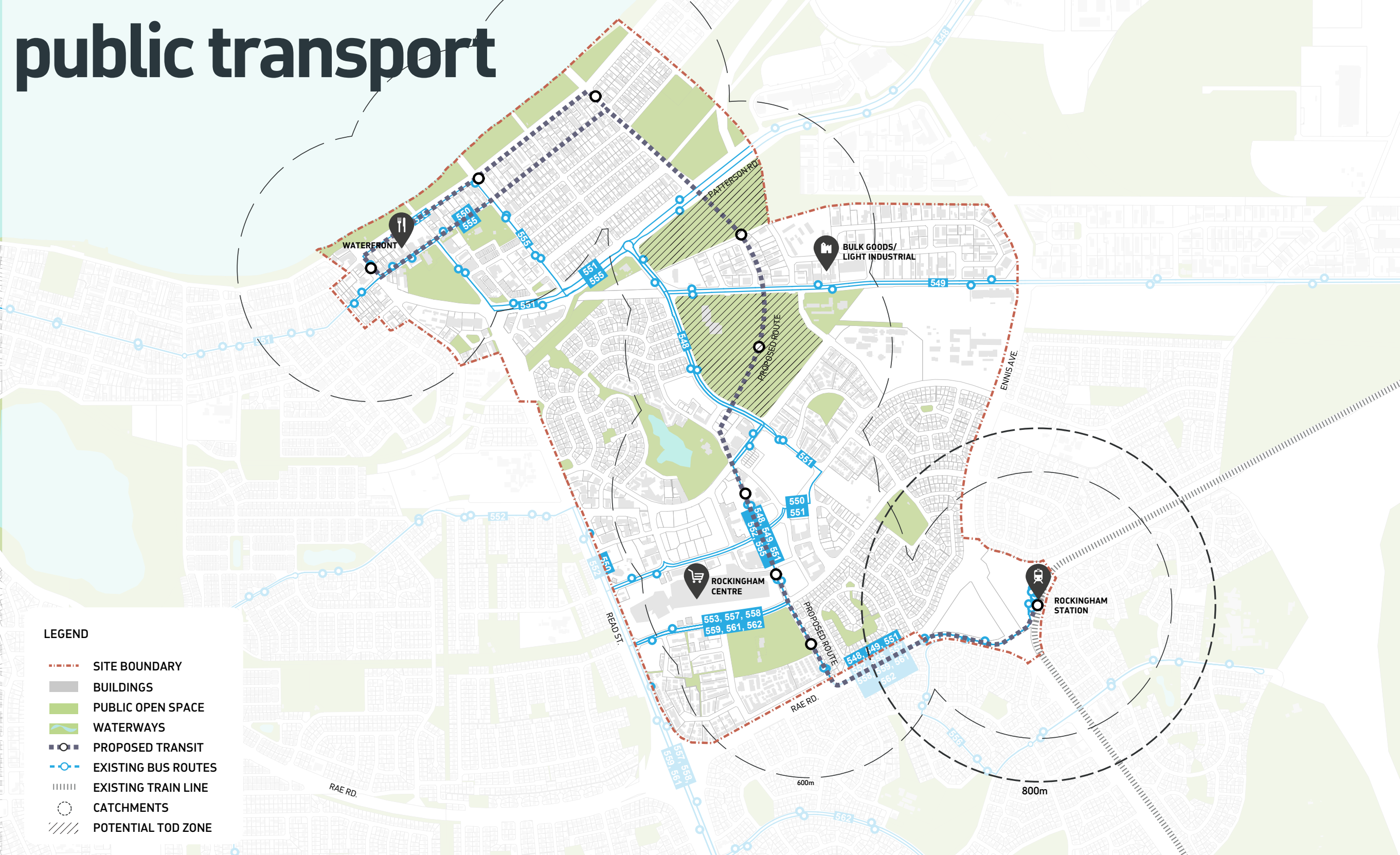
## LEGEND

- SITE BOUNDARY
- FORMAL LANDSCAPED PARKS
- SPORTS AND PLAYING FIELDS
- NATURAL RESERVES/REMNANT VEGETATION
- PUBLIC REALM NODES
  - 1. ROCKINGHAM BEACH PLAZA
  - 2. RAILWAY TERRACE
  - 3. SECONDARY MAIN STREET (KENT STREET)
  - 4. CIVIC PLAZA
  - 5. SYREN STREET
- SPOT LEVELS
- PUBLIC FILTERED VIEWS
- DIRECT VIEWS
- POTENTIAL TOD ZONE





# public transport





# vehicles



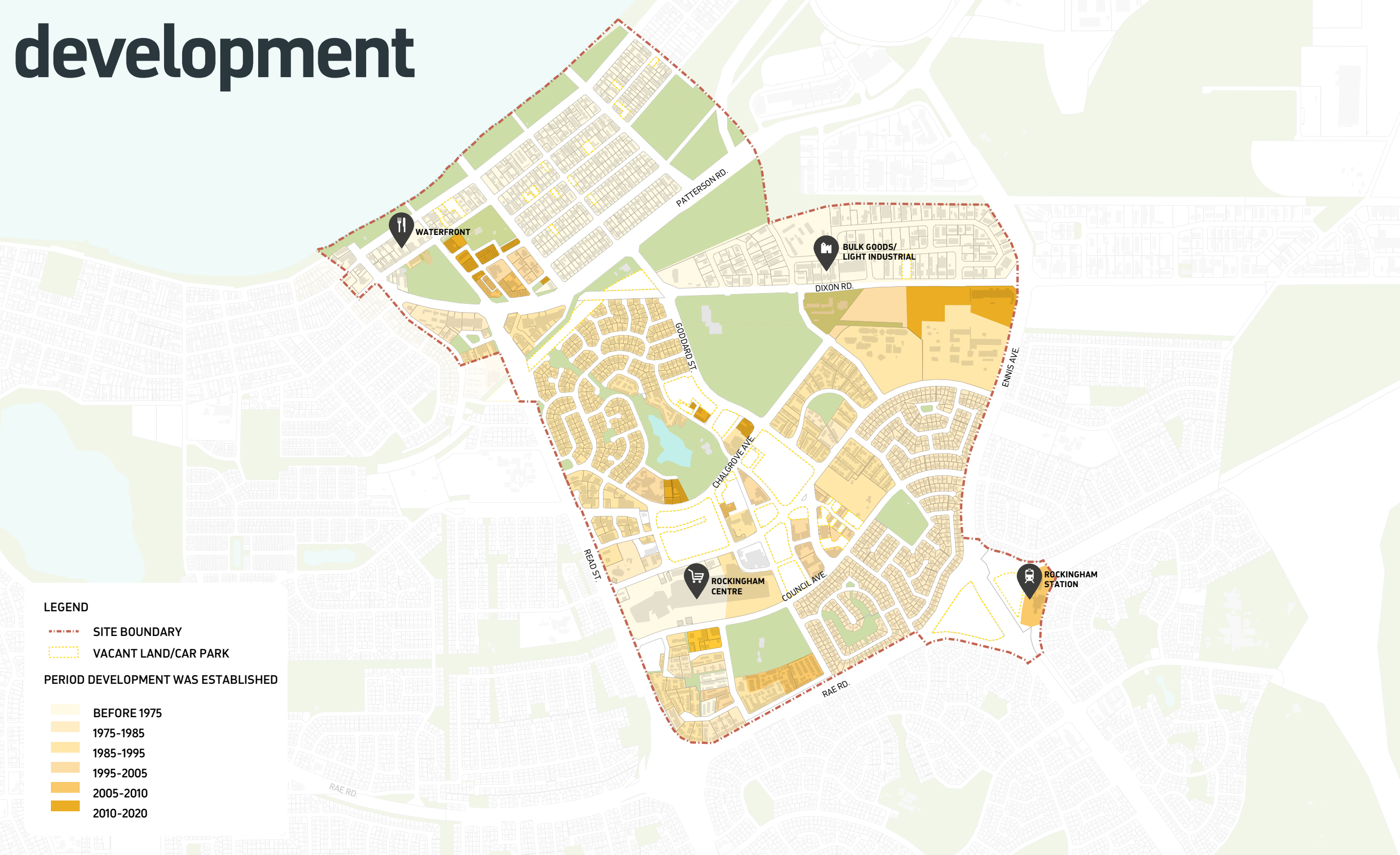


# land use



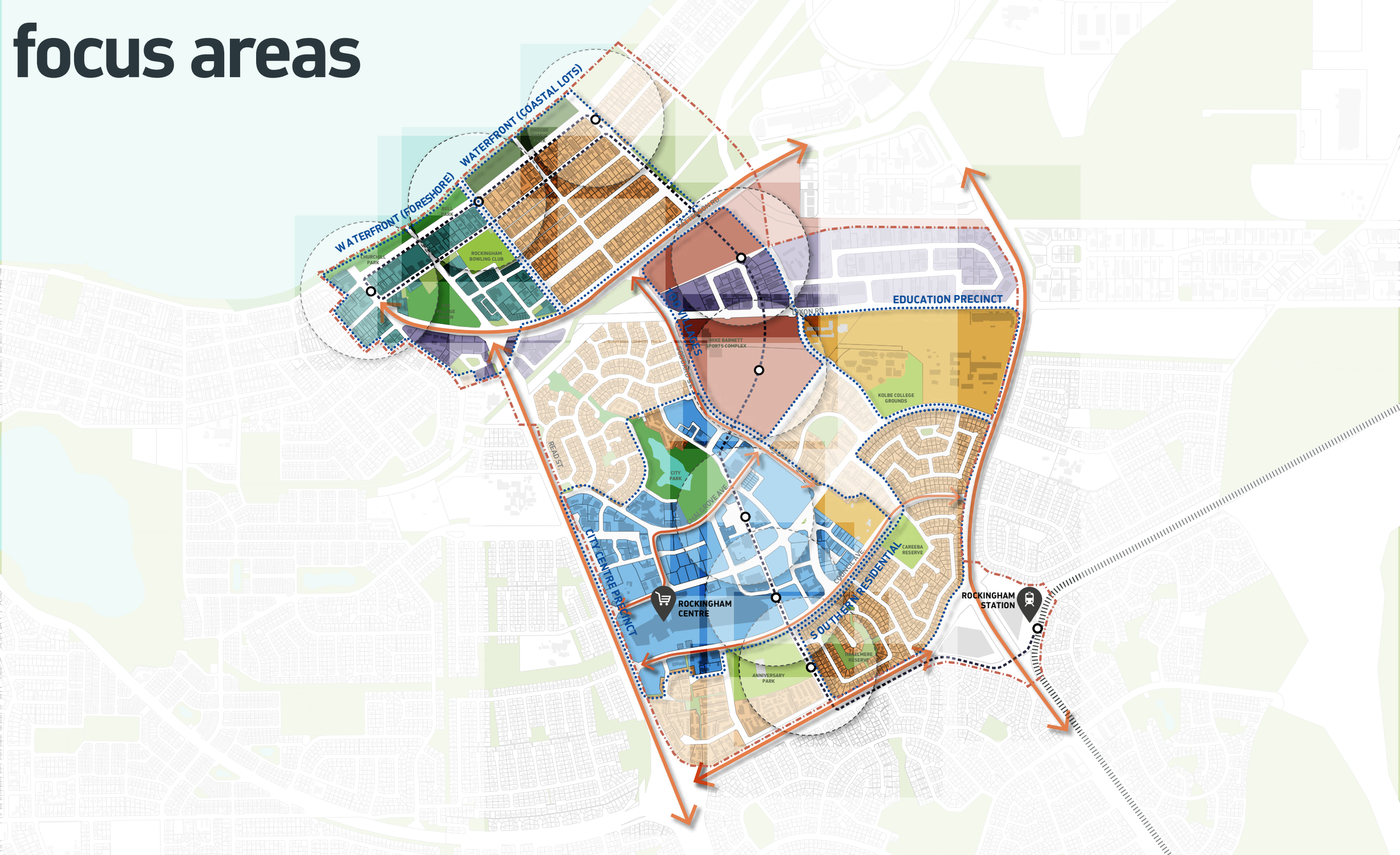
- LEGEND
- SITE BOUNDARY
  - OPEN SPACE
  - RESIDENTIAL
  - COMMERCIAL
  - CIVIC/INSTITUTIONAL
  - MIXED USE - CITY CENTRE
  - MIXED USE - WATERFRONT

# development



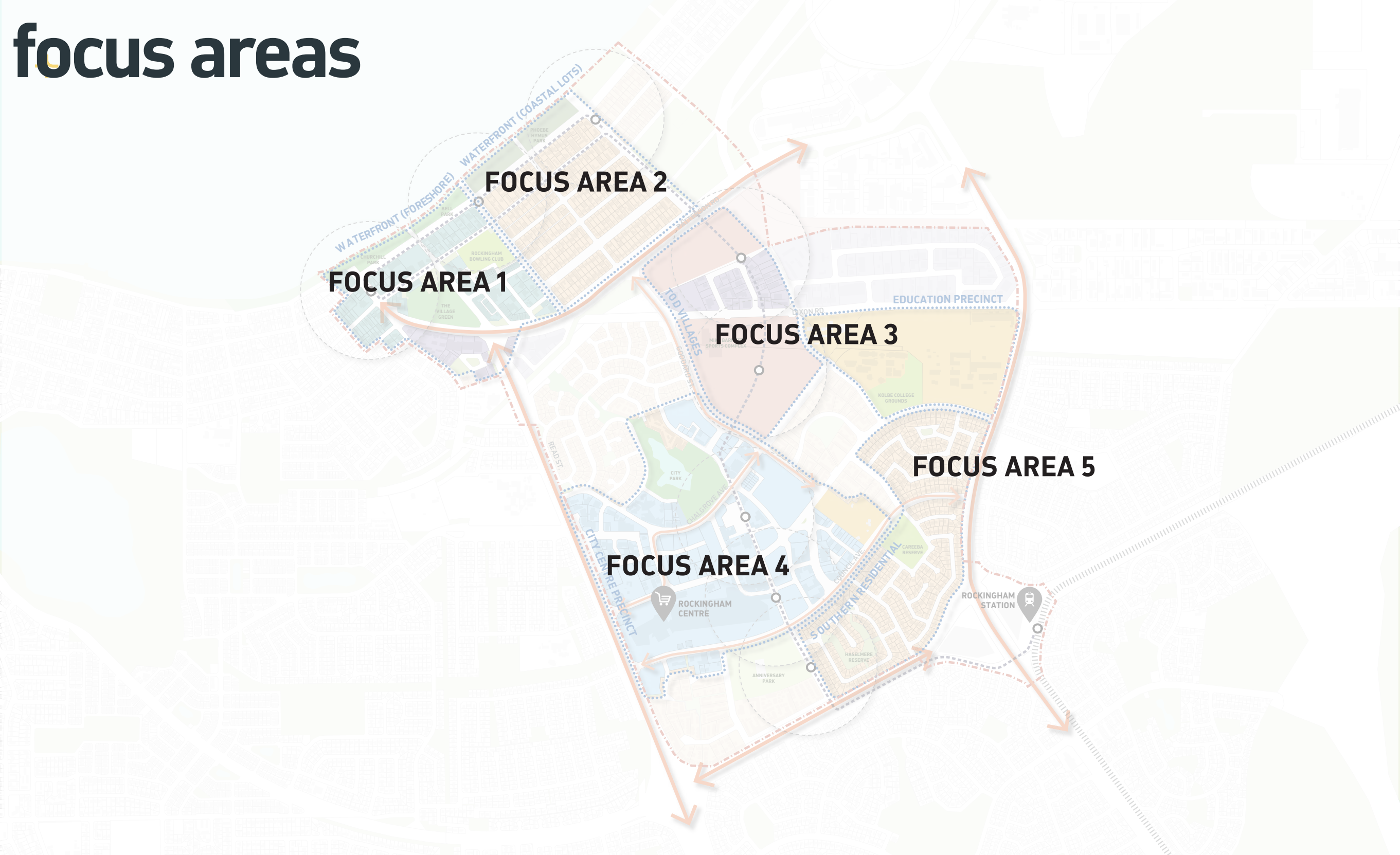


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# **focus area discussion 1**

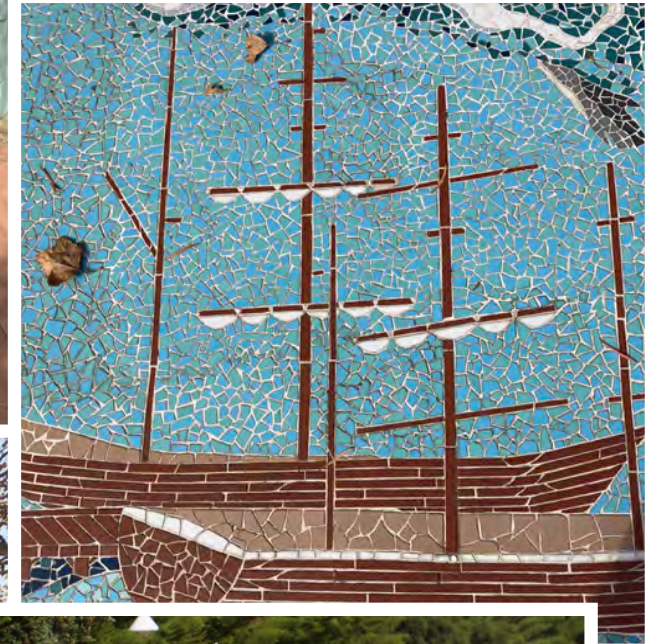
## character





# what does urban character mean?

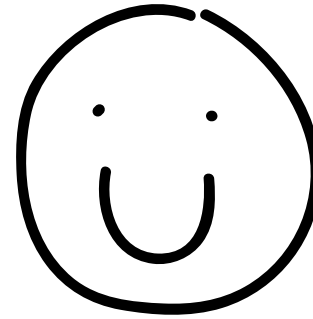
- + Character incorporates many aspects of built and public life:
  - Activities that take place;
  - How people get to and through places;
  - The stories people remember;
  - How we explain a place; and
  - The physical form of buildings (e.g. materials), streets and landscape.
- + **It's about the things that make Rockingham unique.**



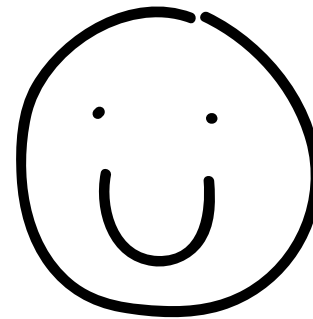


# why is it important as a place changes?

- + We know that cities change and evolve over time. That's true of Rockingham!
- + Through the Precinct Structure Plan we can highlight the characteristics and qualities that make a place.
- + If we identify them now then we can then think about how that should apply to development standards in an area.



I notice the large garden spaces between the streets and the houses, they add to the green feel of the place.



The car parks and wide traffic lanes are what I think about when I arrive into Rockingham.



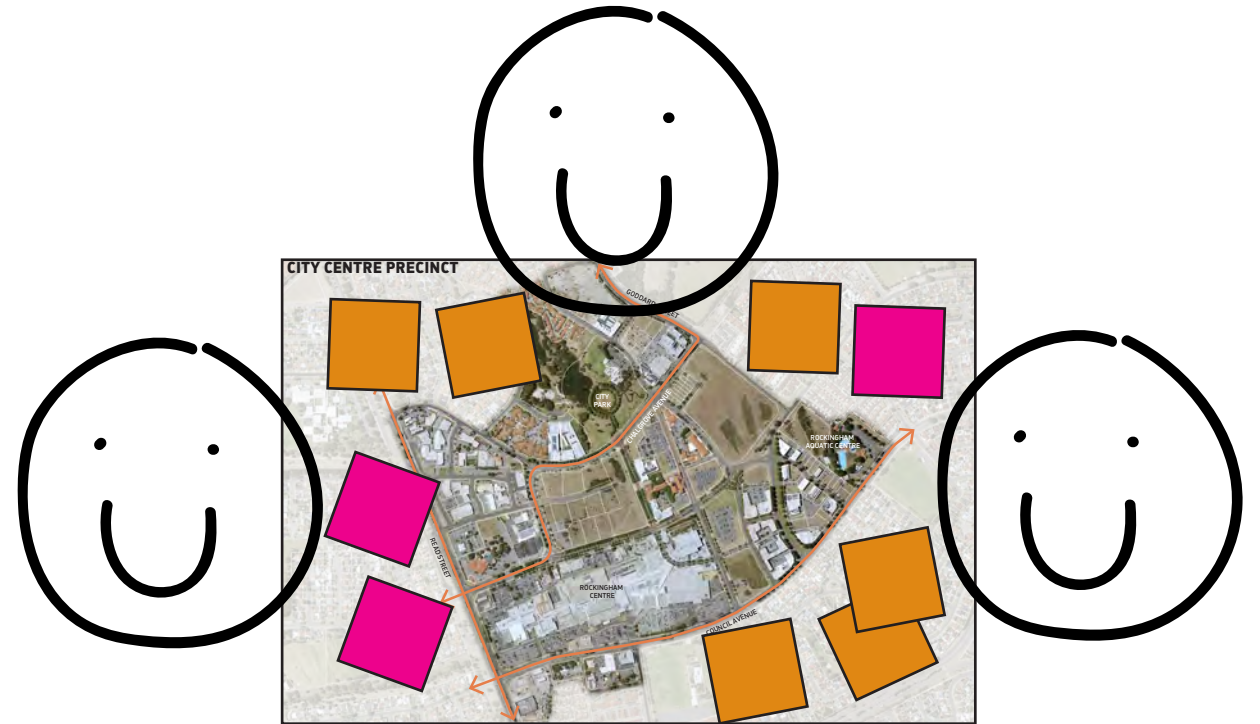


# how do you define local character?



The aerial plan for each focus area is for comments and post it notes.

We want to know how you define the character of each area, what you like and what you'd like to see less of.



The photo board is provided as a 'prompter'.

**Orange notes** = characteristics that we like

**Pink notes** = characteristics we'd like to see less of





# **character discussion**

your table facilitator will guide you

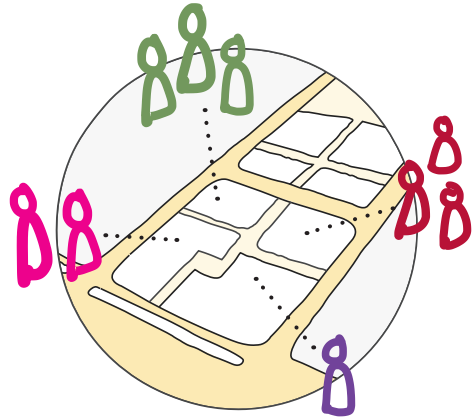


# **focus area discussion 2**

## built form and land use

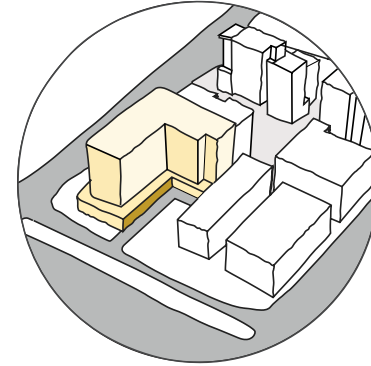


# built form and land use



## LAND USE

- + Land uses are the types of activities that happen on a site or in a building. Some examples are:
  - Residential places for living
  - Commercial places for office work
  - Retail places to buy goods, food and services
- + Land use type, proportion, mix and location should will change over time to respond to community needs.



## BUILT FORM

- + Buildings are different sizes, shapes and orientations. It depends on what land uses they have inside and where they are placed.
- + Rockingham's 2010 plan supported building types with more people living and working will help local businesses and public transport.
- + The planning framework has settings that explain what heights, setbacks and other characteristics are supported in each area.

# built form and land use

- + Precinct name
- + Future intent
- + Key questions we'd like to ask of you today
- + Level of change anticipated

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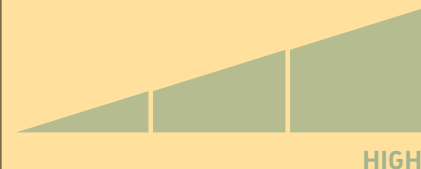
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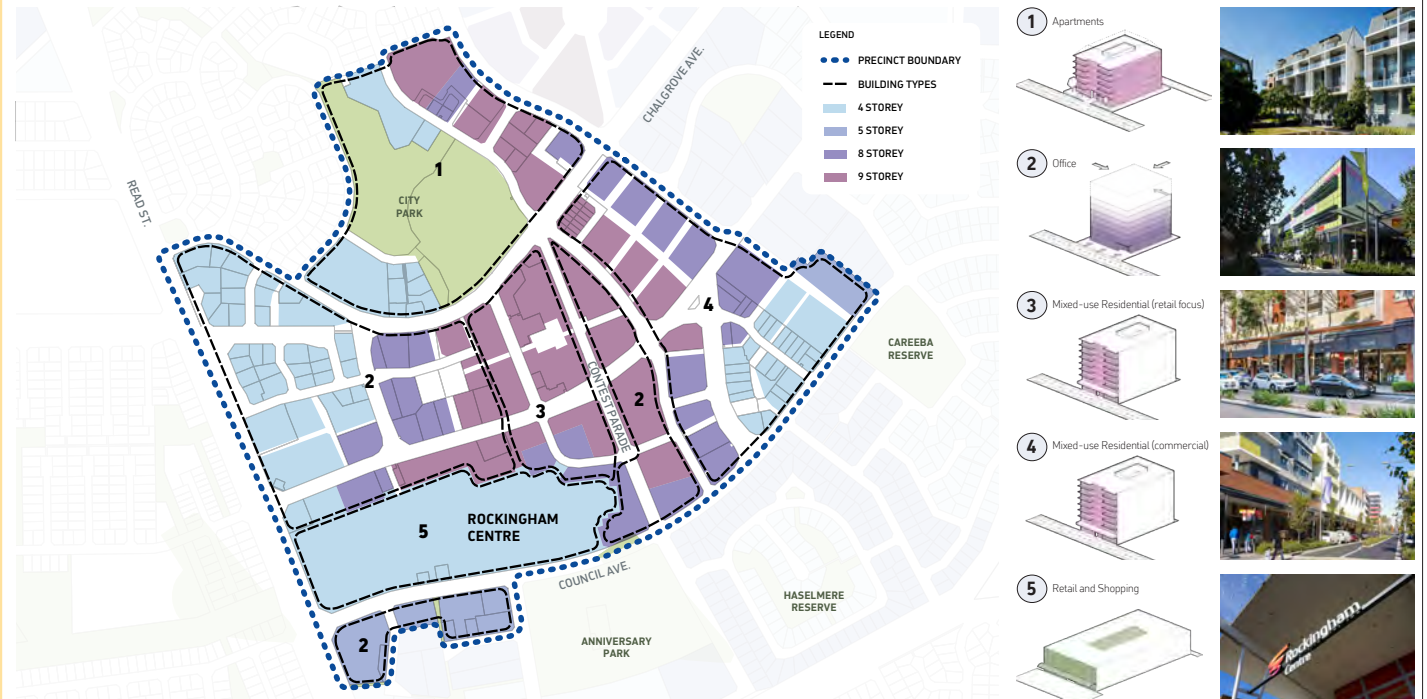
- + Of the permitted building types, which ones do you want to see more of?
- + Based on the existing permitted building height map, are there any other areas where more height would be suitable?
- + How do you use and access the commercial area east of Contest Road? Do you have any suggestions that could improve your experience here?
- + What features/uses/amenities would attract you to live in this precinct?
- + Do you have any suggestions that could improve your experience at the shopping centre precinct?
- + What character qualities do you value that should be maintained as the place changes?

### LEVEL OF CHANGE ANTICIPATED

From today's environment



### PERMITTED BUILDING HEIGHTS AND TYPES



Diagrams and photos are indicative to assist with workshop activities only. They may not reflect accurate heights / setbacks in the existing planning framework.

### EXAMPLES OF EXISTING DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA





# built form and land use

- + Map illustrating building heights and types that are currently permitted in the existing 2010 plan
- + Illustrative examples of common building types that are permitted.
- + Numbers correspond with plan to show typical locations.

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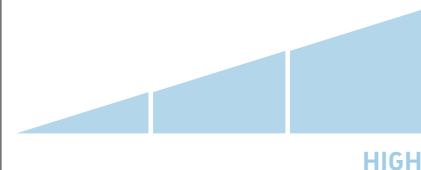
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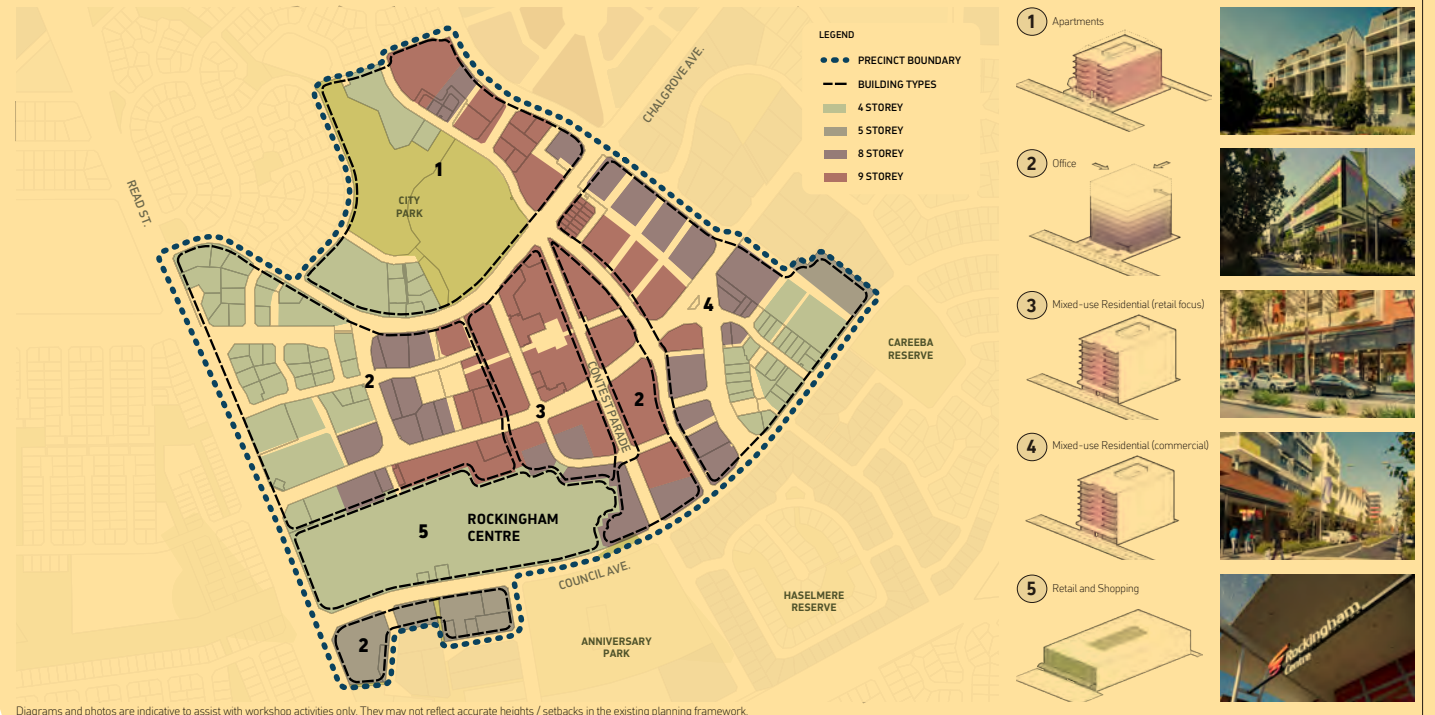
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# built form and land use

- + Photos of existing buildings and streets in each focus area.

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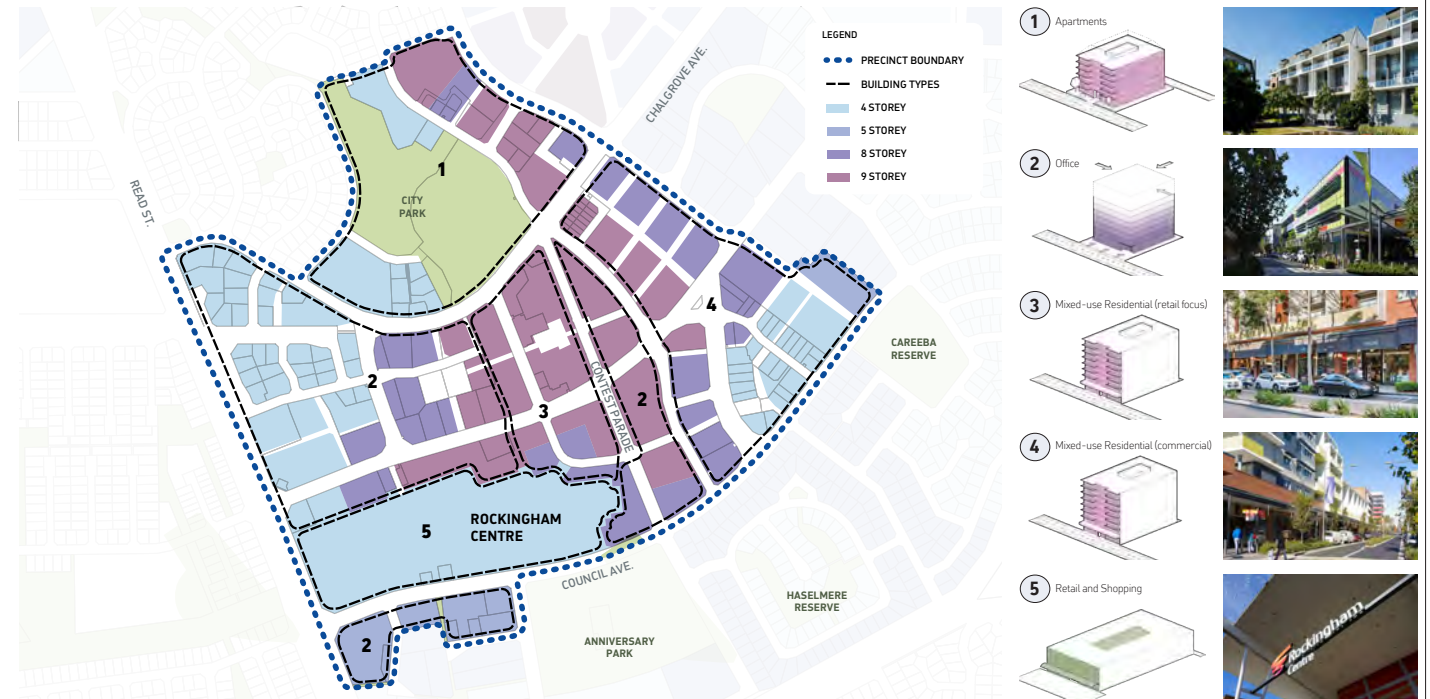
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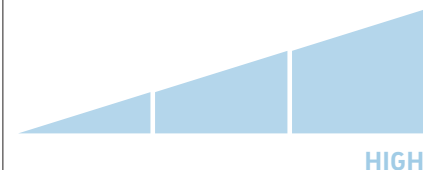
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**what's next....**





# next steps

- + **June - July 2021**

Business workshop and key stakeholder meetings.

- + **August 2021**

Concept Design.

- + **October - December 2021**

Draft Precinct Structure Plan Report.

- + **January 2022**

Council Endorsement

- + **February 2022**

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