

# My Future Melville Speaker Series

Melville's 20-year vision

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we need to plan effectively for change today.

- The 20 year vision for the City of Melville
- The key activity centre in your local area
- How our quiet suburbs will be retained
- How public transport will connect us
- Opportunities for business and jobs



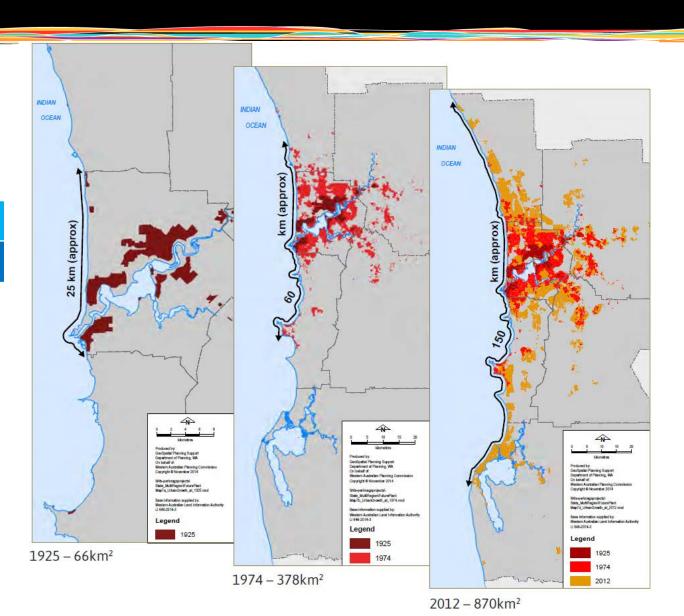
### Perth is getting bigger

Perth's population has grown by **10.5 times** 

### **Perth's Population**

1925	195,080
2015	2,039,200

Perth's geographical size has grown by **13 times** 



# Suburban spread 'biggest' problem

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Perth's urben sprawl is now recognised as one of the biggest in the world.

And if the city continues to spread at the current rate, experts say the Perth metropolitan area will stretch 270km — from Myalup to Lancelin — by 2050.

Property consultant and City of Perth councillor James Limnios says urban sprawl is now Perth's biggest economic and social problem.

And Curtin University's sustainability professor Peter Newman says it is now time for Perth to embrace high-rise buildings.

In its latest audit of the populations and densities of almost 1000 cities, US website Demographia ranks Perth as the world's 59th biggest city in geographic size.

But of all the non-US cities in the top 60, Perth has the lowest population of 1.67 million people.

The ranking puts Perth just behind Manila (38th, population 22.71 million) and London (55th, 10.15 million) and ahead of Montreal (60th, 3.47 million), Tehran (71st, 13.42 million), Berlin (74th, 4 million) and Dubai (77th, 3.4 million).

"This report highlights the extent of urban sprawl in Perth which is costing families large amounts of money in transport costs and taxpayers who are funding infrastructure in the evergrowing newer suburbs of Perth." Cr Limnios said. 'The extent of urban sprawl in Perth is costing families large amounts of money in transport.'

City councilor James Limnios

"We need to urgently implement a plan to encourage greater urban infill in near-city areas that will help reduce the geographic expansion of our city"

Or Limnios said this urgent plan should include the development of big tracts of under-used inner-city land, such as land around McIver train station.

He said this area could be transformed into "an artistic precinct, similar to the Latin Quarter in Paris" that would appeal to young people and regenerate a blighted inner-city location.

Consideration should also be given to limiting first-homebuyers grants to homes within a 10km radius of the Perth CBD.

Professor Newman said the next 30 years of Perth's urban development could easily be accommodated within the existing sprawl, with more urban infill and high rise.

This would save money for the government and for families.

"Population growth is not a bad thing if it is used to generate more sustainable cities," Professor Newman said. "Every city needs to see its growth plan as an opportunity to create a better city — one that has a reduced footprint and a better livability.

"If low-density sprawl characterises the development, it will simply be a wasted opportunity.

"There has been high-density housing built in inner suburbs such as South Perth, Northbridge, East Perth and Subiaco.

"But places such as Fremantle, Cottesloe, Nedlands and Scarborough have actively prevented high density" he said.

City of Armadale chief executive and spokesman for chief executives from outer-suburban councils, Ray Tame, said policies to attract more people to live in inner-urban areas were expensive and took time.

In the meantime, he said new families were flocking "at the rate of a suburban street a week" to the new outer suburbs that promised a terrific quality of life.

"There is a clear push by industry sectors at State and national level to centralise knowledge, jobs and services in the central business district and then lay the question of traffic congestion and better public transport at the government's door," Mr Tame said.

"There has to be recognition this centralising must stop and jobs, services and the knowledge economy be decentralised ... shortening the commute distance and providing affordable living."





### Key issues driving change

### Perth is changing

- Rapidly increasing population
- Ageing population
- Poor sustainability outcomes

### Perth is a sprawling city

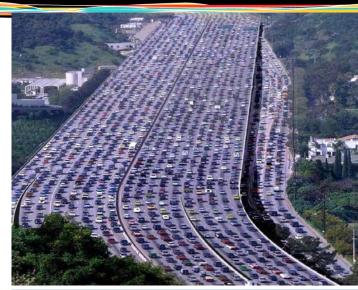
- Stretches 150km along the coast
- Urban sprawl creates traffic congestion

### State Government strategies

Plan for activity centres and corridors

### Lifestyle choices people make

- Need for a range of housing choices
- Live close to schools, shops, transport
- Desire for vibrancy and culture
- Affordability

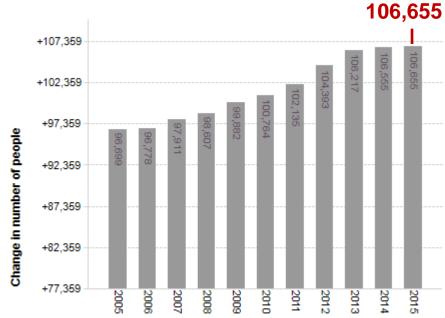






### Melville's population is growing

#### Estimated Resident Population, City of Melville



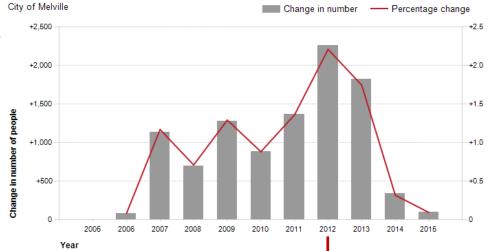
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth, Australia (3218.0). Compiled and presented by .id the population experts

### Our population is growing

But it is not the same every year. Sometimes the population growth is very fast, sometimes slower.

We need to be "ahead of the game"

#### Annual change in Estimated Resident Population (ERP)



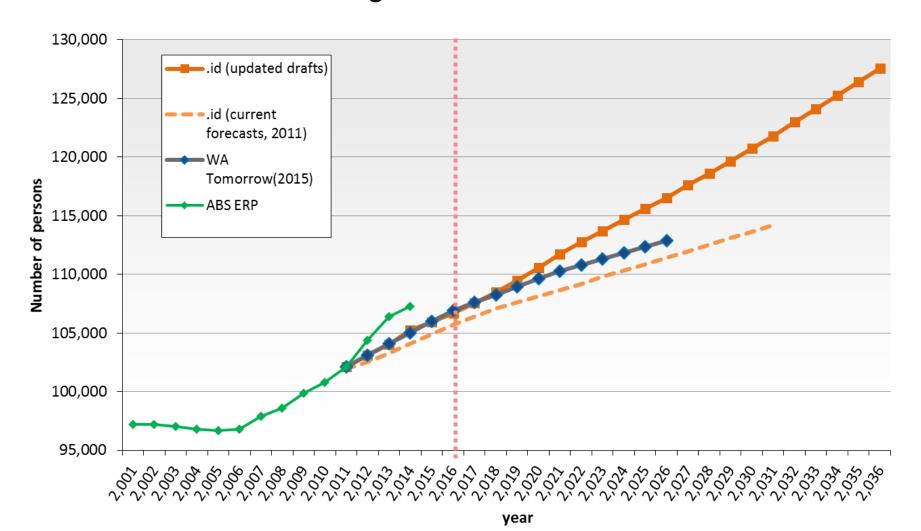
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# Melville's population is growing

### What is the future looking like?





### **My Future Melville**

- Indications are that Melville will keep growing
- What Strategic Urban Planning is being done to accommodate and direct this growth?





## We need to align with State Government strategies



Over the next 35-40 years, 800,000 new homes will be required to accommodate Perth's growing population.





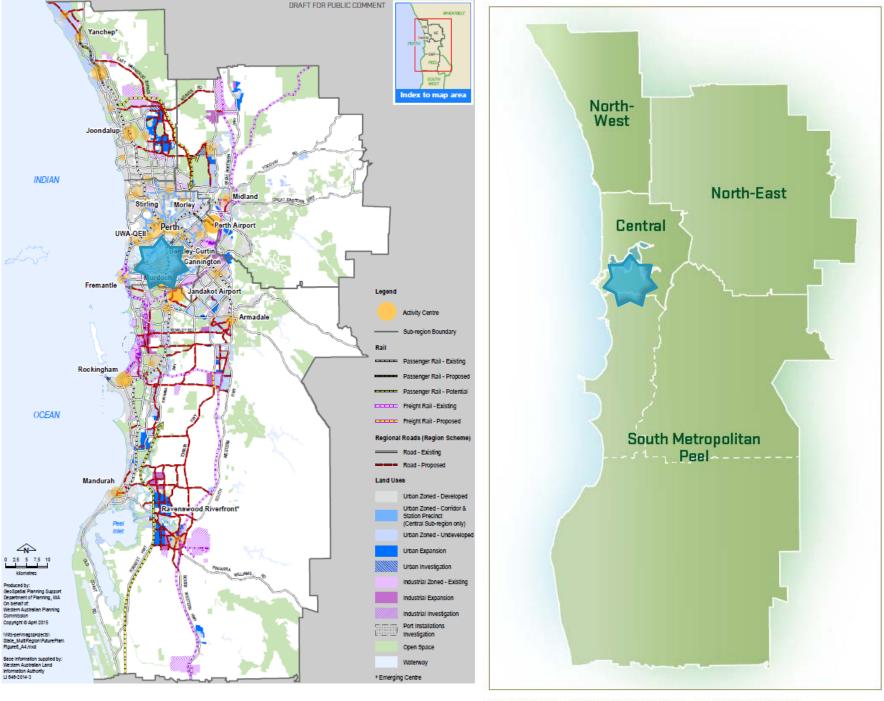


FIGURE 1: SUB-REGIONAL BOUNDARIES



# Central Sub-region Responsibilities

To accommodate Perth's growth to 3.5 million, each sub-region is given certain responsibilities

- The Central Sub-region has established infrastructure, good accessibility and liveability, and an established network of centres and transport corridors
- Melville points of difference over other Central Sub-region LGAs:
  - Proximity to key centres Perth CBD, Fremantle, Jandakot
  - Freeway
  - Railway access
  - Established and relatively unconstrained major growth centres at Murdoch, Canning Bridge and Booragoon









## Broad metropolitan strategies lead planning in the City of Melville

Every local government has housing targets to accommodate future population growth

The City of Melville is in Perth's Central region -

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REGI		2011	2011 2050					
NOR	TH WEST							
ථා	People	322,486	740,318					
<b>6</b>	Jobs	80,566	229,089					
命	Homes	114,923	283,716					
NOR	TH EAST							
ථා	People	209,156	450,590					
•	Jobs	82,379	187,986					
命	Homes	76,547	76,547 179,101					
CENT	RAL							
ಜಿ	People	782,974	1.2m					
•	Jobs	540,000	780,000					
命	Homes		2050 infill target of 215,000 homes					
SOUTH METROPOLITAN PEEL								
ථා	People	523,406	1.26m					
<b>_</b>	Jobs	143,971	437,725					
命	Homes	205,493	507,670					

#### **City of Melville Targets**

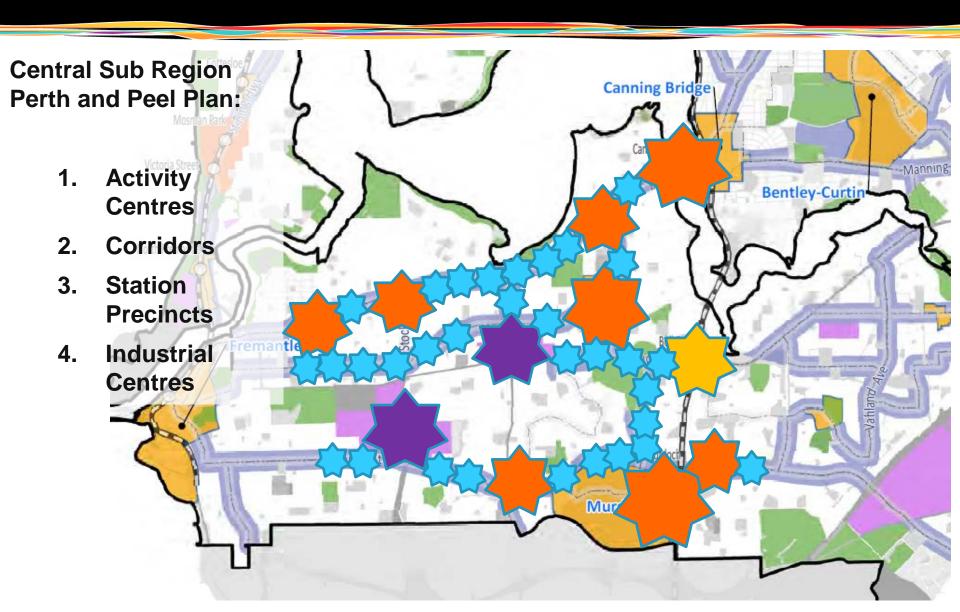
By 2031	11,000 new dwellings
By 2050	18,500 new dwellings

Figure 4: Perth's population, jobs and homes ta

(Source: Perth and Peel @ 3.5 Million - what will Perth and P look like in 2050? Western Australian Planning Commission,

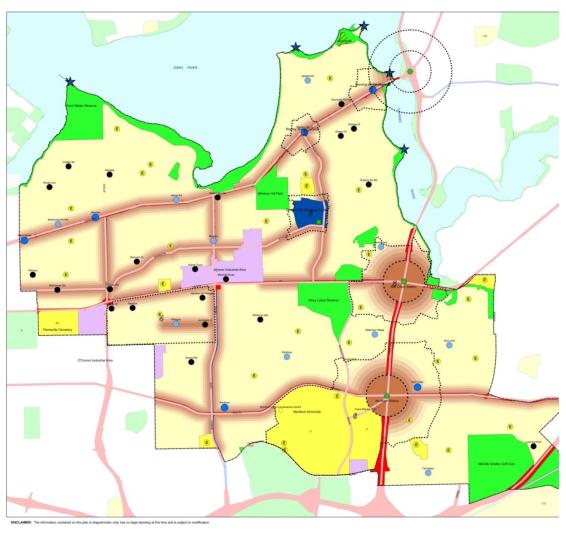


### **Centres and Corridors**





### Melville's Planning Response: The Local Planning Strategy



- A range of housing types,
   whilst maintaining our suburbs
- Protection of industrial and commercial areas from encroachment
- Supporting public transport and an efficient road network
- Access to jobs and services
- Protection of environmental features
- Promoting the region's unique tourism opportunities



### Local Planning Strategy The community wants a mix of all these things

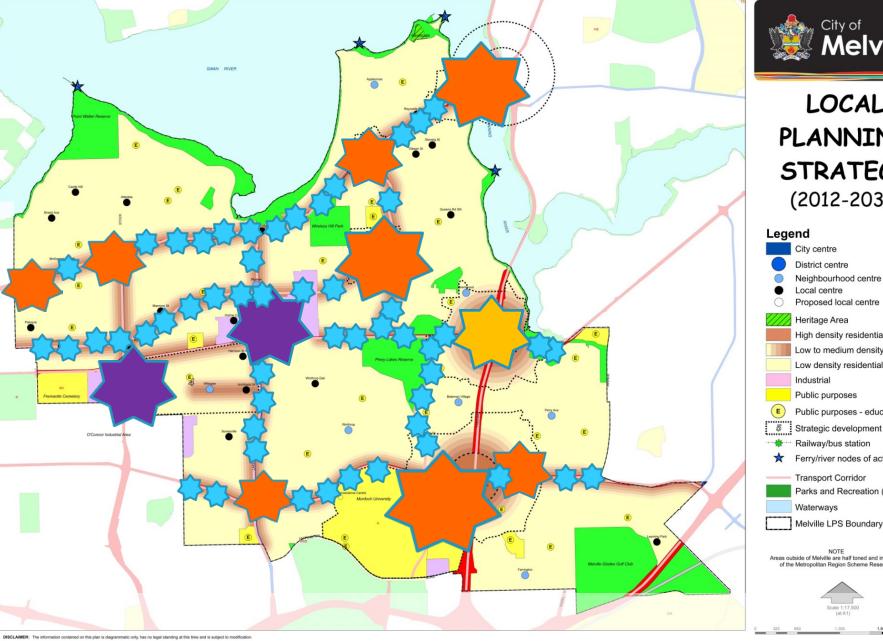


**Vibrant activity centres** 



Range of transport choices

**Quality parks & natural areas** 





### LOCAL **PLANNING** STRATEGY (2012-2031)

- Heritage Area
  - High density residential
  - Low to medium density residential
- Low density residential
- Public purposes
- Public purposes education
- Strategic development areas
- Railway/bus station
- Ferry/river nodes of activity
- Transport Corridor
  - Parks and Recreation (Regional)
- Waterways
  - Melville LPS Boundary

NOTE
Areas outside of Melville are half toned and indicative of the Metropolitan Region Scheme Reserves

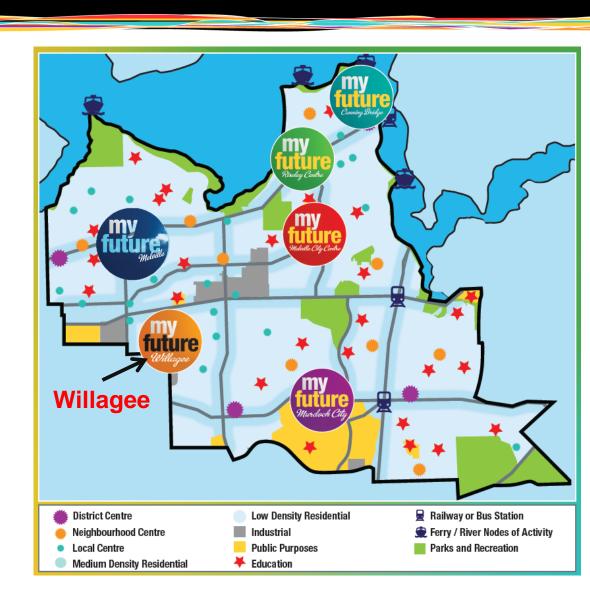




### **Our Local Planning Strategy**

Adoption of Local Planning Scheme 6 - May 2016

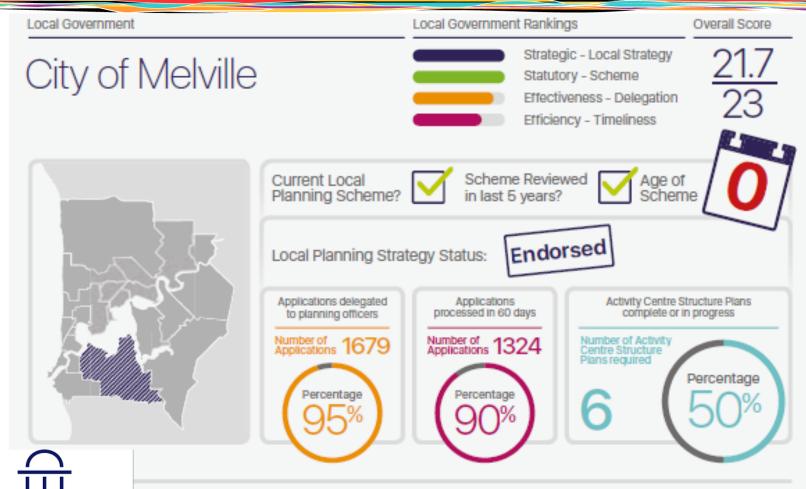
Rollout of Structure Plans for key centres and precincts





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# My Future Melville: Best Practice Planning Performance



Best performing council: Very recently adopted Local Planning Strategy and Scheme. Very high levels of planning delegation and very good processing times.

Local Planning Scheme significantly reflects Local Planning Strategy



Local Planning Strategy significantly reflects State Strategic direction





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Property Council, September 2016

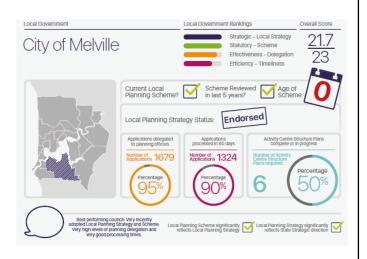


Figure 1: Comparison of best practice planning performance of local authorities in the Greater Perth area (2014/15)



LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN DESCENDING ORDER	LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY (MAX =6)	SCHEME (MAX=6)	DELEGATION (MAX=5)	TIMELINESS (MAX=6)	SCORE OUT OF 23		
Melville	6.0	6.0	4.8	4.9	21.7		
Belmont	6.0	6.0	4.9	3.2	20.1		
Armadale	6.0	3.0	5.0	3.9	17.8		
Kalamunda	6.0	1.0	4.9	4.4	16.3		
Mundaring	6.0	5.0	4.8	Did not provide data	15.8		
Cottesioe	5.0	6.0	4.7	Did not provide data	15.7		
Kwinana	2.0	3.0	4.9	3.6	13.4		
Stirling	2.0	1.0	4.9	4.4	12.3		
Joondalup	2.0	0.0	5.0	4.9	11.9		
Subtaco	5.0	0.0	3.9	2.8	11.7		
Bassendean	6.0	1.0	4.6	Did not provide data	11.6		
Vincent	2.0	2.0	4,5	2.8	11.3		
Nedlands	1.0	1.0	4.8	4.2	11.0		
East Fremantle	2.0	2.0	2.7	4.2	10.9		
Canning	1.0	1.0	4.8	4.1	10.8		
Fremantle	1.0	1.0	4.3	4.3	10.5		
Swan	2.0	0.0	4.6	3.7	10.3		
Cockburn	1.0	4.0	5.0	Did not provide data	10.0		
Murray	1.0	0.0	4.9	4.0	9.8		
Rockingham	1.0	0.0	4.8	3.8	9.5		
South Perth	0.0	1.0	4.9	3.6	9.5		
Perth	0.0	0.0	4.6	4.4	9.1		
Peppermint Grove	3.0	1.0	0.0	4.2	8.2		
Mosman Park	6.0	2.0	Did not provide data	Did not provide data	8.0		
Serpentine - Jarrahdale	0.0	0.0	4.8	3.1	8.0		
Mandurah	2.0	2.0	4.9	Did not provide data	7.9		
Wanneroo	0.0	0.0	5.0	Did not provide data	5.0		
Gosnells	0.0	0.0	4.6	Did not provide data	4.6		
Cambridge	0.0	0.0	3.8	Did not provide data	3.8		
Bayswater, Claremont, Victoria Park		Did not participate in the survey					



### Willagee Structure Plan



Adopted December 2013 (part of Scheme since February 2016)







- Willagee needs rejuvenation
- Community asked us to help

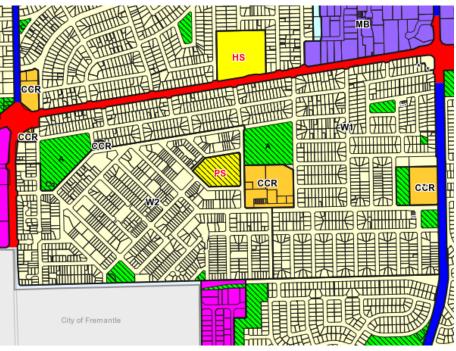


- Housing Authority wants to redevelop
   & reduce presence
- Federal initiatives
- Need to develop Carawatha land in harmony with rest of suburb











### Willagee's Strengths & Weaknesses in 2013: What locals said

### **Strengths**

- Great location
- High-frequency bus route
- Laid back village feel
- Commercial areas
- Community facilities
- Relatively affordable
- Nice parks

### **Opportunities**

- Chance to guide development
- Some key sites vacant
- Chance to guide Housing Authority
- Future improvements to bus services
- More trees and landscaping can help create a better environment
- Chance to improve public realm: eyes on the street, nicer buildings

#### Weaknesses

- Run down buildings
- Little to no investment
- Businesses finding it hard
- Concerns with public housing
- Safety at night
- Need for more medical facilities
- Some key sites vacant

#### **Threats / Constraints**

- Leach Highway could get busier with heavy freight
- Viability of development
- Need to preserve suburban qualities of Willagee



### Finding the right balance



If there are **no rules at all**, owners can do anything they like with their land.

This doesn't work.

If there are **too many rules**, compliance becomes the main goal of design and we often end up with awful buildings.

This doesn't work either.

Rules need to bring a vision to life!



### Willagee Structure Plan



### A revitalised suburb

4 Policy areas & suburban Willagee

Concept plans for Carawatha site & Archibald Hub

Plan specially commended by Planning Institute Australia

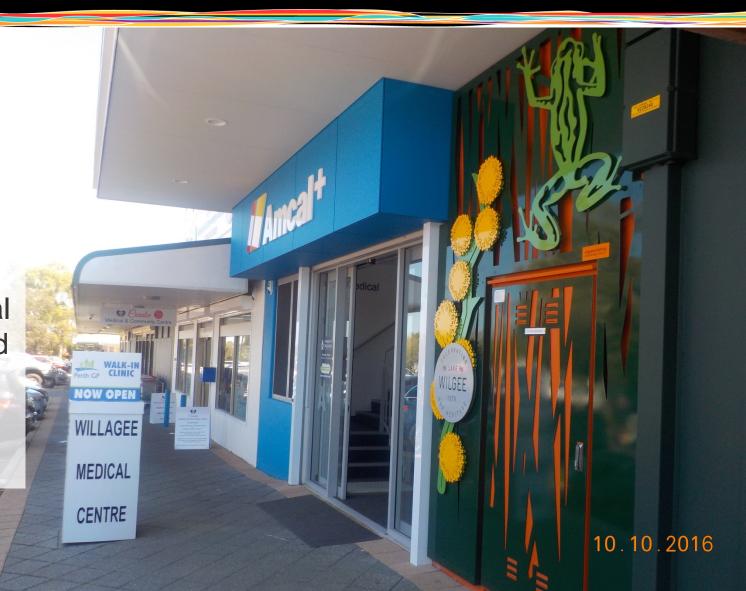


### Wins in the Archibald Street Hub

New two-storey medical centre: room for 4 doctors

Another medical centre relocated

Several new businesses





### Wins in the other centres: Bawdan Street





### Wins in the other centres: Archibald East

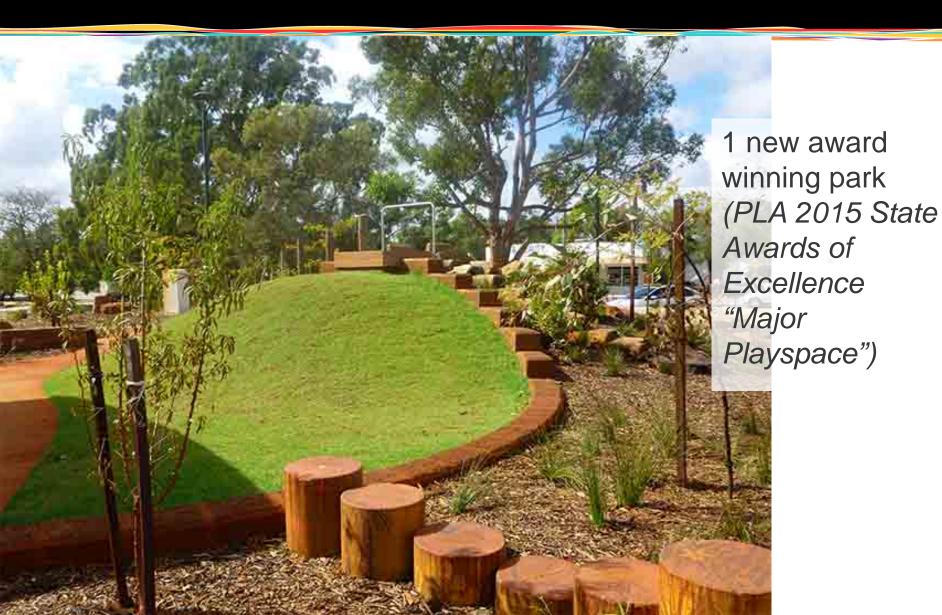


Small businesses opening across suburb!





### Wins: Carawatha Park





### **Wins: New Development**

New agedcare facilities up and running More units on the way elsewhere











### Wins: locals working together





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Community art projects Kaya Lane: Youth drop-in







### Wins: Carawatha site concepts

#### Residential

Mix of single residential cottage lots, two-storey townhouses & apartments

### Entry statement building on corner

Work starts late next year, homes on sale early 2018

Staged development City has control over outcome

No Housing Authority





Thank you for your interest in

### The City's 20 year vision for the future

A great place to live, work and play