

SHAPING HEDLAND'S FUTURE

Community



During the **Shaping Hedland's Future** project, the Town asked the community their priorities and insights about current and future opportunities to improve community cohesion and connection in the local government area. The purpose of this exercise was to understand where potential development and growth initiatives could be leveraged to improve community wellbeing through programming, activities and improving physical spaces in the future.

The project team asked the following questions:

- What are the important considerations in planning for community facilities in the Port Hedland precinct?
- Tell us your great idea to improve the sense of place in South Hedland: what improvement would you like to see and where would you like to see it?
- In planning for community facilities in South Hedland precinct, are there important considerations?

What we heard from community and stakeholders

- General support for more childcare within Port Hedland, including alternative models such as in-home care.
- Support for more diversity of activities for children and youth across all interests, genders and ages, ensuring that these activities are accessible through the year and provide opportunities for youth to engage during the day and evenings (including addressing needed social issues for this age group).
- Centralise broader community facilities near schools to act as a 'one stop shop' for families.
- Strong support to plant more native trees along verges and in carparks to increase shade and beautification of streetscapes. Tree selection to consider maintenance required by the Town to reduce tree mortality (i.e. water sensitive urban design and endemic species).

- Increase food security and access to fresh produce, through a combination of edible food gardens maintained by the community and planting native tucker street landscaping.
- Support to prioritise maintenance and upgrades of current facilities (such as parks and gardens), thoughtfully utilising existing infrastructure and concentrating new assets close to where people live.
- Avoid placing new infrastructure or development where there is a known risk of coastal hazards.
- Reduce the physical and psychological disconnect between Port Hedland and South Hedland to improve community outcomes and consolidate access to community facilities. Suggestion for greater pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.
- Develop more indoor recreational spaces for all ages such as a theatre, cinema, swimming pool, sports, art and culture, preference for multi-functional community spaces.
- Centralise broader community facilities near schools to act as a 'one stop shop' for families.
- Encourage initiatives that connects people to their neighbours: for instance, various projects and initiatives supported by Council (e.g. tree planting, litter collection, proactive role in Council decisions, lifeguards).
- Encourage and promote sustainable living initiatives, promote sustainable living in the community using community initiatives e.g. tree planting days, Transition Town.
- Install better street lighting for roads, paths and bridges as a crime prevention measure.
- More accessibility to public transport for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities.
- Support for youth services within Port Hedland as well as South Hedland.
- Encourage more diversity in hospitality, retail and commercial businesses to increase activity.

Response within the Local Planning Strategy

The Strategy identifies a number of actions in response to community issues, including:

- Ensure 'Childcare Premises' and 'Family Day Care' land uses can be permitted in a range of appropriate zones to encourage a greater provision of these services.
- Ensure an appropriate level of public open space is provided in future residential subdivision, particularly in South Hedland.
- Progressively implement the McGregor Street Master Plan, South Hedland Integrated Sports Complex and JD Hardie Master Plan to provide a range of active recreation facilities for the community.
- Develop a path and cycleway access strategy to address gaps in the network.
- Consider Native Title rights and interests in decision making around land use and development.
- Continue to maintain a Heritage Inventory and separate Heritage List under LPS7.

Where can I learn more?

To learn more about the Shaping Hedland Future project, including fact sheets and FAQ's, go to www.porthedland.wa.gov.au/planning-building-and-environment/planning/shaping-hedlands-future.aspx.

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