



Whyalla: A flourishing city

Participant Information Sheet

Title	<i>Whyalla – A Flourishing City</i>
Short Title	City of Whyalla: A flourishing and empowered city that supports optimism and development
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1.1 Introduction

Thank you for being interested in contributing to this project. We are excited about Whyalla's prospects, and your contribution will make a huge difference.

Whyalla is the third largest city in South Australia with a steady population of just under 22,000 people. The town has been a focus of iron ore (since 1900s) and ship making and steel industries for most of its settlement history, often dealing with uncertainty about its future.

Mayor Phill Stone has said "the projects on our near horizon are incredibly exciting and represent opportunities not seen since the construction of the steelworks.

We will finally see the diversification of our economy that we've all craved for decades, helping ensure our success is no longer solely tied to the fortunes of any single industry.

Although this is brilliant news for our city, there is a lot of work to be done to ensure our city is prepared for the growth and change we're about to experience.

Increased housing availability, improved educational offerings, reduced crime rates, community commitment to positive change, improved facilities and activities – these are all elements that will not be automatically fixed by an injection of new industry.

We all need to start thinking about what we want our city to feel and look like in 10-20 years; and how we can each play our part in ensuring this comes to life."

The University of South Australia and the City of Whyalla Council have joined forces to explore and map out pathways to create an empowered city that supports optimism and development.

To do this, over a six month timeframe we will be engaging the Whyalla community (leaders, business, community groups, residents and visitors) to better understand our city and develop a series of tools and civic leadership opportunities that will help us all play our part in creating Whyalla: a flourishing city.

1.2 What is the purpose of this research?

The idea about researching 'Whyalla: a flourishing city' has come about given the significant opportunities on our doorstep, and our aspirations to live in a vibrant city with a thriving economy and flourishing community.

The main aims of the research are to:

1. map out pathways to create a city that is ambitious, welcoming and inclusive, forward looking and reaching for the stars, and planning for growth and development
2. strengthen relations and align the contributions of Whyalla community and civic leaders, businesses, civic groups, residents and visitors towards 'living' and behaving with optimism and hope for the future
3. build urban leadership

1.3 What does participation in this research involve?

You can be involved in one or more of the following ways:

- Completing a 30-minute city wide survey
- Participating in an interview with researchers (taking around 30 minutes)
- Participating in one or more 2-hour workshops/focus groups

Separate details on each of these options is attached.

1.4 What are the possible benefits of taking part?

It is believed that this research will develop new ways to empower the Whyalla community, promoting individual and community wellbeing and preventing barriers to Whyalla's growth and development as a city created by prevailing mindsets focused on the past.

The main benefits of this work will be:

- an empowered (psychologically resilient) city that supports optimism and development
- strengthened relations and aligned contributions of Whyalla civic leaders, businesses, civic groups, residents and visitors towards 'living' and behaving with optimism and hope for the future
- greater urban leadership

For individual participants, the benefits of taking part will include:

- Opportunities for lifelong learning through the development of civic leadership skills and experience.
- Develop stronger networks and relationships with the wider Whyalla community.
- Improved understanding and engagement with city development principles, offering opportunities to be an advocate for city development.

1.5 What are the possible risks and disadvantages of taking part?

Participation in this research project does not pose any risks or disadvantage.

1.6 Do I have to take part in this research project?

Participation in this research project is entirely voluntary. You will also be able to withdraw from the research project at any time.

1.7 What will happen to information about me?

The research will only collect limited information about participants, including name and contact/email details, for the city wide survey only - demographic information, and your thoughts on a series of questions such as:

1. What contributes to community cohesiveness, wellbeing and resilience?
2. What depth and breadth of resources does the city have access to?
3. What is Whyalla's 'personality', and how does this contribute to and/or impact the city's ability to grow and develop?
4. How can Whyalla think *constructively about the past, gain optimism and hope for the future and, as a result, gain greater happiness in the present.* [1]
5. What resources (people and assets) are available, ready, willing and able to contribute in the City of Whyalla.
6. What resources do we need to be cohesive, well and resilient.

All data collected will be de-identified, aggregated and analysed towards answering the above questions. It will be reported at the 'group' level. Your email address for the city wide survey will only be used for your personalized city wide survey feedback.

All data will be stored securely at the University of South Australia Whyalla Campus. It may be retained for future use in the ongoing development of Whyalla as a flourishing city. It may also be used by the City of Whyalla as part of its annual planning processes.

1.8 What if something goes wrong?

You will be immediately notified if something goes wrong. As previously mentioned, the only data gathered about participants are names and contact details. These details will be non-identifiable for the purposes of final reporting and data storage upon completion of the project.

1.9 What happens when the research project ends?

Results of the research will be communicated in community workshops as well as an event at the end of the project. For participants or community members who cannot or do not wish to attend these workshops in

person, an electronic or paper version of all presentations (and/or publications) will be sent to participants by email or post. They will also be published by the Whyalla City Council on their website.

1.10 Who is organising and funding the research?

This research is being organised and funded in partnership between the University of South Australia and the City of Whyalla Council.

1.11 Who has reviewed the research project?

The ethical aspects of this research project have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) of the University of South Australia as required by the Australian government research requirements, specified in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007 - updated 2018). This statement has been developed to protect the interests of people who agree to participate in human research studies.

1.12 Further information and who to contact

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you want any further information concerning this project or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the project, you can contact the researcher on [Phone number] or any of the following people:

Research contact person

Name	Kathy Jarrett
Position	Lead Researcher
Telephone	0434 305 565
Email	Kathy.jarrett@whyalla.sa.gov.au

If you have any complaints about any aspect of the project, the way it is being conducted or any questions about being a research participant in general, please contact:

Reviewing HREC name	University of South Australia Human Research Ethics Committee
HREC Executive Officer	Human Ethics Officer
Telephone	+618 8302 6330
Email	humanethics@unisa.edu.au

Reviewing HREC approving this research and HREC Executive Officer details

What does completing a 30-minute city wide survey involve?

Completing a 30 minute city wide survey will provide great insight into Whyalla's personality.

Participation in this internet-based survey is voluntary and you will be free to withdraw from the survey at any time by closing your web browser.

However once you submit your survey, if you have not included your name or contact details we will be unable to remove your response as it will be impossible to identify your individual data.

Every effort will be made to ensure that responses are confidential, however the researcher cannot guarantee the confidentiality or anonymity of material transferred by email or the internet.

What does participating in an interview involve?

Participating in an interview with researchers (taking around 30 minutes) will provide an opportunity for you to tell your stories and help us understand and generate ideas on how the Whyalla community can flourish.

To assist our researchers capture your story, we would like to audio-record the interview.

However, we know that some people will be uncomfortable with this approach, so our researcher will ask you for your consent before any recording happens.

If you do not consent, we will not record the interview.

Please note the recording will only be used for analysis purposes by the researchers and will not be disseminated any further.

By participating in the interview, you are indicating that you have read and understood this Participant Information Sheet and give your consent to be involved in the research.

What does participating in one or more workshops / focus groups involve?

The 2 hour workshops/focus groups will map Whyalla's strengths and assets; and design some principles, frameworks and tools that can be implemented across the city to build on our optimism and bring our aspirations to life.

To assist our researchers capture your input and bring to life the outcomes of the project, we would like to photograph and video-record the workshop/focus group.

However, we know that some people will be uncomfortable with this approach, so our researchers will ask for all participant's consent before any recording or photography happens.

If you do not consent, we will not record or photograph the workshop.

Please note the recording and photographs will be used for analysis purposes and to bring to life the outcomes of the project. They may be used as part of the researchers reporting and will add value to the success of the project by demonstrating real people have been involved.

All participants who take part in a workshop/focus group session will be asked to maintain the confidentiality of discussions and preserve the anonymity of specific commentary by workshop / focus group participants.

Please note, however, that given the public nature of workshops/focus groups, this cannot be guaranteed.

By participating in a workshop, you are indicating that you have read and understood this Participant Information Sheet and give your consent to be involved in the research.