

## WTF?! What's the Future?

Community Workshop – – Wednesday 12 April 2023 - Priorities

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*"My vision is for community to be friendlier, communicate, to say hello, to be respectful and smile. We need to teach our young one's respect by showing it to others."*

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The key themes to emerge were –

**HOUSING**

**TOURISM**

**EDUCATION**

**HEALTH SERVICES**

**SPORT, LEISURE & RECREATION**

**YOUNG PEOPLE**

**DIVERSIFICATION OF INDUSTRY/JOBS & BUSINESS**

**ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY**

**SECURITY & SAFETY**

**COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**DIVERSITY**

**AGED CARE**

**BARNGALA PEOPLE**

**OTHER**

## HOUSING

1. Diversity of community housing – location as well as design.
2. Affordable housing.
3. A healthy supply of good quality housing.
4. Modern accessible affordable housing.
5. Housing - cheap affordable, sustainable housing.
6. Retirement village.
7. Revitalisation of town area. Housing.
8. Embrace new technologies in new approach to building housing.
9. Housing plan – for singles in couples.
10. Housing.
11. Infrastructure and facilities that would encourage people to want to live here.
12. Build our support infrastructure (housing) to accommodate our future.
13. Housing for homeless and people with disabilities.
14. Tackle homelessness. More rental properties. Reopen the youth hostel. Fix up vacant Housing Trust houses.
15. Encourage the whole family to stay together in Whyalla, through proper amenity and opportunity for all ages.
16. Including minority groups in decision-making – development, e.g. retirement.
17. Housing in Main Street. Main Street upgrade.
18. No fly in and fly out. People need to be encouraged to live in our community.
19. More vibrant main street. Lots of history and close to beach.
20. Sustainable growth.
21. Pet friendly units for aged and young to free up larger homes for families preferably near the beach community.
22. Modern, contemporary, sustainable housing to enable population and economic growth.
23. More affordable housing.
24. Housing. For the homeless and health. Having more housing services. Such as Common Ground, Salvation Army, Housing Trust, City Council, mobile assistance, patrol sobriety, modern, contemporary, sustainable housing to enable population and economic growth.
25. More housing opportunities for everyone.
26. Increased housing.
27. More people. Increased industry. Housing. Restaurants and bars.
28. Housing.
29. Housing. More liveable city.
30. Housing. Homelessness. Shelters for men who are often neglected. Low income earners. Housing Trust expect all young who work are expected to get private rental.
31. Housing and infrastructure.
32. Growth. In business housing education we need to move forward.
33. Self-sufficient (one stop shop) – live, work, be entertained, educated, socially connected lifestyle.
34. Housing. Comprehensive permanent and temporary housing plan not just for the steel/ GFG business. But the whole community.
35. Develop affordable modular sustainable housing, not brick veneer.
36. More housing estates.
37. Better housing. More secure.
38. Housing for future families.
39. Great housing for everyone.
40. Affordable housing.
41. Development. Futuristic - early adoption of new ideas to build a city. Juxtapose the heritage in out of this world new development.

42. Housing – all forms of affordability. Executive to family to affordable. No shortage to be able to expand population.
43. Housing.
44. Housing for the homeless support for them resources and shelter - security for the homeless.
45. Building houses with brick on the inside and cladding on the outside.
46. More affordable housing that allows pets.
47. Housing.
48. Apprentice training for trades needed in Whyalla. Housing for all people.
49. Better housing in general.
50. A growing city through partnership of community government and local government and housing plan.
51. Sustainable housing.
52. Accommodation. Sustainable and affordable.
53. Housing – quality diversity, suitability, age care.
54. Affordable sustainable housing.
55. Well thought housing plan. New blocks new designs approved local parks local kids playground.

## TOURISM

1. Hotel to be built. Tourism. Upgrade visitors centre. Promote museum.
2. Promote upgrades – tourism and opportunities.
3. Inclusive community spaces.
4. Tourism – accommodation for people to attend Whyalla without having to stay in Port Augusta or Cowell.
5. Beautification of our city. Especially the eyesore areas in the Western area. Better lighting. Walk up to the jetty.
6. Fancier hotels/accommodation – tourists.
7. Beach café facilities – that are disabled and children friendly. Beach – seaweed problem.
8. Beach upgrade. Where boating, yacht club. Seaweed. Clean beach.
9. Improved amenities. Social capital. Shops, restaurants, and activities.
10. Nature-based tourism.
11. Need to create a centre square.
12. Ramped up parks and gardens. More than outdoor areas. More hiking trails highlighted on maps marked out and vegetated. Pave the Fitzgerald Bay ocean Drive to increase tourism rating.
13. Vibrant for sure and Main Street to showcase history culture and amenity.
14. We continue to beautify the city and create spaces to spend time that attracts tourists.
15. Attractive for families to visit. Short and long holiday.
16. Maintain community gardens established. Council and community groups.
17. Great community spaces - for sure, bikeways, sports, arts.
18. Tourism hub - force your facilities with food, and a view that is opened on the weekend and extended hours. A destination.
19. A town centre.
20. The main street clean-up - beautification. Beautiful buildings. So dirty. Can't help empty shops, but at least windows covered in interesting paintings, etc. how about shops showing our history stories.
21. We've heard the talk over so many years but it's not happened yet.
22. Tourism – need a new visitor centre with more space and café facility.
23. Environmental spaces - create a new Eden on Earth starting here.
24. Clear the beach of seaweed. You want it to be useful to all those who use it as a tourist draw card.
25. That's for sure, and our other natural resources aren't overdeveloped.
26. To be proud to show off our city to anyone that visits, not only for an hour or a weekend, but for the rest of their lives.
27. Better tourism facilities. Current visitor centre too small.
28. Greater diversity – businesses and experiences.
29. Nice to beach. Well, not beach but like nicest stuff around it. Because it is kind of not appealing unless you already know that it is nice.
30. A shopping/food and drink hub in the Foreshore area.
31. As you're traveling to Whyalla, there's two signs that it doesn't look like a nice town from the highway let's make it nicer.
32. Social capital areas for people to come together for example, Daylesford is known for its spa. What are we known for? Maybe it's the green place.
33. Tourism.
34. Development of entertainment precincts like the foreshore development.

## EDUCATION

1. Best possible educators. Education facilities look great, but are pointless. If no great teachers.
2. Education and Council leaders to push the limits. Innovative/take risk.
3. Better education. Choice of career paths. More university courses.
4. Education for our youth.
5. Skilled labour.
6. Happy place and engaged community.
7. Focus on education/employment pathways.
8. New thinking - new living.
9. Business leaders involved. Education.
10. World standard education system – STEM, trades and arts.
11. Increase in educational programs for local people to live study and stay in Whyalla.
12. Better education system that covers a wider variety of relevant professions. This will keep people local, including psychology, engineering.
13. Better education at the University, and TAFE - more university courses, so kids don't need to go to Adelaide. More apprenticeship places.
14. Jobs. Plans for youth education, supported by business. To employ school leavers.
15. Actively link education, training, and employment.
16. Education, opportunities for everyone.
17. Education city. Expand University. TAFE facilities to encourage local and regional centres close to Whyalla to use our facilities. Youth will be closer to home environments and will not have to travel and stay in Adelaide, which can be a great expense to families.
18. Education. Focus on education keeping kids in schools. Improve on the lessons. Make it fun and more engaging. That way they will get educated and a job in the future.
19. Education.
20. A+.
21. Face-to-face lectures at TAFE and university. So many courses offered online only.
22. Establish skills needs for our future vision.
23. Education for our future industry.
24. Increased education opportunities. University, RTO's, jobs, TAFE, and schools.
25. More focus on education facilities (high school, technical trades health, etc.)
26. Education. Teach your students how to think rather than what to think we could turn this town into an innovation hub. Rather than a workers paradise. We need more people who can think for themselves!

## HEALTH SERVICES

1. More health and mental health supports.
2. More mental health support.
3. Health. Improve health services. No more wait times to see the doctor. You're half dead by the time.
4. Money well spent wisely.
5. Better entertainment, facilities, and health facilities.
6. We need doctors and specialists.
7. Healthcare – easier access to Hospital and Doctors. Need an expansion to the hospital and less travel to receive medical treatment.
8. Health services across lifespan and cohorts.
9. Local access to medical care.
10. Better health system.
11. Better health care - more specialists.
12. Health - for everyone – we need a lot more human resources – so opportunities for training upscaling. More doctors and nurses. More Aboriginal workers especially in the hospital.
13. Improved health facilities/mental health support/support for people with addiction issues.
14. Economically and socially sustainable city with first class medical education and liveability/facilities for the community.
15. Better health care facility. Without going to Adelaide.
16. Advanced healthcare facilities. More GPs. High end, medical.
17. Need more medical specialists.
18. Better health care.
19. More doctors so you're not traveling to Adelaide and up-to-date medical.
20. Hospital upgrades. Doctors specialists etc. to live in the community.
21. Security and health. Employment, education, recreation and retirement.
22. Get the unemployed working and off the dole. Healthcare is poor.
23. Liveability - city. Connected. Service rich. Health and education. Safe.
24. Better health facilities and access to mental health, drug rehab.
25. Better health options.

## SPORT, LEISURE & RECREATION

1. Leisure and recreational options within the town. Upgrade rec centre.
2. New rec centre. Build a new one while keeping the old one.
3. A sport and rec precinct located in centre of city that includes indoor and outdoor pool basketball and netball stadium.
4. Build a new rec centre/pool before closing the current one so we can keep using it until new facilities are ready. We can't not have one for 18 months to two years. You have babies school kids older people all using this facility plus disabled.
5. New rec centre to be built and the old establishments to remain open whilst it is built.
6. Build a new rec centre for fixing up centre without closing it for 18 months because the community needs it to be open.
7. That Whyalla embraces its best feature its waterfront.
8. Liveable, attractive city - attract employees, social life, football, things to do, arts/sports/nightlife, open spaces.
9. Sports - regional development centres to bring opportunities to the region, reducing the need to chase for opportunity more chances for young athletes to succeed.
10. Sporting hub – for all sports, not just football, share facilities with all
11. Attractive places – foreshore parks cafés.
12. More sporting activities and or carnival things or at least things that will bring those smaller communities together because it needs to be more connected and stuff.
13. More activities for people eateries music entertainment at the beach.
14. Job security - sporting hub centre
15. More activities/events in the future.
16. Entertainment facilities – pubs and clubs, restaurants, movie, theatres, drive-in and theatre, horse racing brackets, major event, clothes, brackets, easy land, easy licensing, new CBD.
17. It's important to plan any improvements well i.e. build a new recreation centre before closing the old one.
18. More open space for social interaction.
19. An outdoor pool open all year round
20. New pool facility with Olympic pool, medium pool and toddler pool with shade
21. Places to be active and entertained?
22. For all new developments to go ahead for sure, etc.
23. Parks and sports facilities.
24. Sports clubs.

## YOUNG PEOPLE

1. Future opportunities for use i.e. education and jobs.
2. Facilities for used to have a hang out - drug and alcohol free.
3. No homelessness re-open a youth shelter for teenagers to go to for help and a roof over their heads.
4. Communication with youth of the town – use their way of communication.
5. Targeted supports for vulnerable youth/families. Support mental health and trauma healing.
6. Education and community involvement for Young.
7. Support and job opportunities for our youth - apprenticeships, traineeships and jobs.
8. Focus on connecting youth with the Whyalla community.
9. Good education and pathways for employment for youth.
10. Improved education/training opportunities, so that all school levers have opportunities locally. Larger TAFE, Uni.
11. More reasons for the young to stay here and contribute to community.
12. More communication with the younger generation regarding work opportunities.
13. That's how young people see a future in our town.
14. Voice for young people and clear vision for them as well.
15. More for our children to do. More options for the future.
16. Council funding for our regional youth arts centre.
17. Safe community space is for young people (Alcohol free) and with fun activities for socialisation.
18. More creative opportunities for the youth developed in collaboration with the youth give them a voice. Ask what they need.
19. Yes, activity free. Health food fitness.
20. Youth having more say in THEIR community.
21. More opportunities for the youth to get involved i.e. workshops in Westlands. Safe place to chill.
22. Different diversity/religions all coming together as one.
23. That the advent of new technology at the steel Works brings new skills, new ideas, and those that come and build these things a percentage ultimately stay and bring more diversity graduate programs.



## DIVERSIFICATION OF INDUSTRY/JOB & BUSINESS

1. Prosperity for all - with the changes and opportunities coming everyone must benefit.
2. That a diverse community develops or is maintained.
3. Jobs.
4. Attracting businesses to Whyalla.
5. Stand out in south Australia, Australia, and the world.
6. Acceptance of new opportunity and developments in the city, hydrogen plant, desalination plant, etc.
7. Employment opportunities. For our young and local, especially the 20 to 35 year age group. Make sure our aboriginal community are considered for these employment opportunities such as longevity with employment.
8. Empowered citizen enjoying their four-day work week.
9. More for small businesses and opportunity. Support.
10. Employment – security and training.
11. Sustainable industry. Increased workforce.
12. Prosperous industry. Expansion. Green steel, diverse industry.
13. Multi industry.
14. To be a leader in renewable energy.
15. Diversification of industries.
16. Clean industry and tourism to provide jobs for population.
17. That we get more shops cafés restaurants so we can shop locally. Movies are every day.
18. A city that offers more opportunities for people that visit and can inspire new ventures and innovations that benefit the community.
19. More diversity within the job market.
20. The focus and identity of Whyalla is not so linked to the success or failure of the steelworks.
21. Jobs/thriving decarbonized industry, decarbonised steelworks, hydrogen hub enabling more industry. Modern technological jobs.
22. Green iron and steel hub for the state.
23. Industry and employment.

## ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

1. That any growth is sustainable both environmentally and economically.
2. Sustainability.
3. Stop uranium mine on Mullaquana. Push green initiative not supporting nuclear industry. Bad look for Whyalla. The new green belt of SA.
4. Building and integrating more appropriate community – less car, centric, and more ambulant Cissy design.
5. Capitalise on Green industries and renewable energy.
6. Sustainable and resilient community.
7. New sustainable water source.
8. Clean air.
9. Clean Whyalla - no more black dust.
10. Actually see plans in place completed and get the town booming.
11. Environmental considerations/sustainability
12. Sustainable – no debt, financially rock solid. Profitable.
13. Whyalla as a Clean green economy and community.
14. Environmentally sustainable – with green options.
15. Recognised centre of excellence for green technology and manufacturing.
16. Care for and showcase the semi-arid landscapes.
17. Sustainability – economic, environmental, water, and energy.
18. Sustainability in action.

## SECURITY & SAFETY

1. Safe environment for all.
2. Safe connected community with something to do.
3. Safer communities for all.
4. In 10 to 20 years, I want to see Whyalla being a clean and safe city.
5. Safe future place.
6. Community, unity and a safe environment.
7. Safe place to live.
8. Sustainability - social and economic.
9. Cleaner safer more accessible facilities for public use. Lighting. Better amenities.
10. Safe community. Community consultation.
11. A place that makes people feel safe.
12. Security and safety.
13. More police on the beat. Sort out all the crackheads and rat bags. Car theft, break-ins, bashings. We have a huge ice problem in Whyalla.

## COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

1. United community with relevant services.
2. Enhance peer support networks for youth and community development.
3. Public transport that services the whole community is more accessible.
4. All kids to do community service and “own” areas for a sense of pride and ownership.
5. Connected and cohesive social communities.
6. A sense of community that helps and builds upon what has been established.
7. Create more community. Reduce social issues.
8. Better community services and supports for people living here. Financial literacy. Financial education. Gambling addiction support. Family and DV support. Financial counselling services.
9. Social services to support growth.
10. Support systems and opportunities for young professionals migrating to Whyalla.
11. Community gardens. More businesses. Chemists – different connections, e.g. National Pharmacy. Banks.

## DIVERSITY

1. More awareness for the LGBTIQ+ community. More education surrounding the community to build a better understanding.
2. More education and support for the LGBTIQ+ community.
3. More liveable for people with disabilities is more liveable for everyone.
4. Better, cultural connections.
5. Artistic, innovative, and cultural leadership.
6. A bright, vibrant, and thriving arts and culture scene.
7. More colourful stuff around Whyalla. It’s very orange and brown. Kinda dull.
8. Embrace and exploit its historic diversity. Eat Street. Rug on the grass (music).
9. Barnjarla recognition across the city and other safe spaces for diverse people.
10. Strong caring multicultural community. No fly in fly out.

## AGED CARE

1. Aged care in Whyalla.
2. Food. Fitness for all ages. Free along our beach – benches to sit on for elderly.
3. More aged care facilities.
4. Facilities for all demographic – especially young and old.
5. To create a place not just for workers, but for people to retire to as well – more community things, events, sport.
6. Age care – need more beds and better care.

7. More age care, facilities to keep the elderly fit at home with adequate support as they deserve to be treated. More residential homes for elderly - not have to go out of town away from loved ones.

## BARNGARLA PEOPLE

1. Local Aboriginal community. Whyalla Aboriginal Community Centre that is place for the local and visiting Aboriginals. This allows opportunities for non-Indigenous to connect with Aboriginal community.
2. Cultural centre – First Nations to share info, culture, traditions to all people – like Kaurua Centre of Tauondi College.

## OTHER

1. Positivity – with planning things well look out the window screen not in the rear vision mirror.
2. Local opportunities.
3. I want to see all industries working together for the benefit of Whyalla. community and not an individual.
4. Hard work. Time to pull together while sharing ideas.
5. Togetherness – let's work together to build a culture for our city.
6. People of Whyalla feel proud of their city and confident in their opportunities.
7. Digitization and modernisation.
8. Not lose our history and what makes us unique. We don't want to become another mini-Adelaide. We still need to keep what makes Whyalla.
9. Steelworks. Bridge across to Port Pirie - Whyalla steelworks supply for bridge. Advertising on bridge for Whyalla.
10. Strong local partnerships that lift her spirits of Whyalla.
11. Creating an incredible amenity across the city. Buildings parks, verges, etc. Arts and culture.
12. A place that attracts the best and brightest people.
13. Removing heavy metals from the water system.
14. Less fly in fly out workers - people settling in the town with families investing the money they earn here in the community. Supporting schools, sports, etc.
15. Amenity - liveability, access, variety, health, age care, education.
16. Growth - increased workforce, opportunity, retail, recreation, services.
17. Strong transport connections. Road air and rail. Gulf bridge.
18. Transport.
19. Fix main street.
20. Better transport to Adelaide - cheaper, quicker, better.
21. Try getting the more people to facilitate future plans.