



Future of
Fremantle

Future of Fremantle Place Design Forum

Engagement Outcomes



Introduction

With Kwinana announced as the preferred location for Perth’s new container port, Western Australia has a rare opportunity to plan for the future of Fremantle | Walyalup’s Inner Harbour and surrounding land.

To inform the development of these plans, significant engagement activities have and will continue to take place to better understand and appreciate the range of views and experiences from the local and wider community in order to developed a shared vision for the future.

A central part of the engagement process for the Future of Fremantle project is a series of day-long workshops called Place Design Forums (PDF).

Involving the community, relevant stakeholders and a range of professionals, the PDF is a collaborative opportunity to have the meaningful conversations that will shape the vision for the future.

Taking place in the WA Maritime Museum, the first PDF of the project ran from the 14th to 18th August and saw more than 300 people contribute their ideas. The second and final Place Design Forum will take place on the 20 September, also at the WA Maritime Museum.

PDF Objectives

The PDF process will help develop a project vision and **three different scenarios** that will test different futures and associated ideas for the site.

The scenarios explore different possibilities to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Goals of equity, prosperity, wellbeing and resilience. They will also spatially explore the four emerging project themes.

A baseline plan to inform the three scenarios was developed at the first Place Design Forum. These three different scenarios will be considered and refined at the second Place Design Forum on September 20 September.

Part One: Vision & Aspiration

- Day 1** Positioning for a future-ready city
- Day 2** Creating a unique design brief

Part Two: Design & Strategy

- Day 3** Neighbourhood structure & technical resolution
- Day 4** Building an economic strategy
- Day 5** Implementation and staging

Foundation Principles

Equity

Prosperity

Wellbeing

Resilience



Emerging Themes



Future Jobs & Economy

How can we improve Fremantle’s economic performance while contributing to the competitiveness of WA to position it as a leading economy in the Indian Ocean Rim?



Place, Identity & Culture

How can we enhance the unique qualities and character of Fremantle that people know and love and make Perth a more equitable place for future generations?



Urban Planning & Mobility

How can we reorientate Fremantle’s role within and connectivity to the metropolitan region while promoting health and wellbeing of people and being flexible to future technology?



Greener Urban Future

How can we leverage Fremantle’s unique natural setting, while regenerating the environment and improving resilience and adaptation to climate change?

Part One: Vision and Aspiration

DAY 1

DAY 2

DAY 3

DAY 4

DAY 5

Dates Monday 14th August
Tuesday 15th August

Venue WA Maritime Museum

Attendees Participants (200+),
Key Speakers (9)

Part One of the PDF focused on building an understanding of the project, co-creating a vision and guiding principles, and developing a design and strategy brief.

The sessions were open to members of the public (via an expression of interest), technical experts, government agency representatives, landowners and industry representatives.

At the conclusion of Day Two, there was an Open House that were open to all members of the public to attend.



Day 1 - Positioning for a future-ready city

Attendees 100+

Online activities 7

Group activities 5

Speakers included WA's Chief Scientist Professor Peter Klinken AC, Emerita Professor Billie Giles-Corti, Professor Josh Byrne, youth advocate and John Curtin College student Amelia Turk, and Hatch Urban Solutions Leigh Holford and Duane Cole.

Topics covered:

- Emerging community aspirations
- Future drivers of change
- **Foundation Principle:** Wellbeing
- **Foundation Principle:** Equity
- **Foundation Principle:** Prosperity
- **Foundation Principle:** Resilience



Day 2 - Creating a unique design brief

Attendees 100+

Online activities 4

Group activities 4

Speakers included Mayor of Fremantle Hannah Fitzhardinge, Kambarang Director Danny Ford OAM, Fremantle Biennale Board Chair Peter Stone, Professor Josh Byrne, Hatch Urban Solutions Zanda Cameron, James Pearce, Jason McFarlane and James Moore.

Topics covered:

- **Emerging Theme:** Place identity and culture
- **Emerging Theme:** Future jobs and economy
- **Emerging Theme:** Greener urban futures
- **Emerging Theme:** Movement and access

Part Two: Design & Strategy



Dates Wednesday 16th August
Thursday 17th August
Friday 18th August

Venue WA Maritime Museum

Attendees Participants (100+)

Part Two of the PDF was focused on testing neighbourhood structuring and economic development strategies.

Part Two was designed to ensure interaction across broad technical disciplines. The sessions were open to a select group of technical experts, government agency representatives, landowners, and other stakeholders.

At the conclusion of Day Five, there was a Community Open House for all members of the community to pop-in and review the outcomes of the entire PDF. This included the development of a baseline plan that will be used to help inform the scenarios.



Day 3 - Neighbourhood Structure and Technical Resolution



Day 4 - Building an Economic Strategy



Day 5 - Implementation and Staging

Topics covered:

- How we will reconnect the site
- Regreening the site to improve resilience and adapt to climate change
- Making best use of the waterfront
- Creating self-sufficient neighbourhoods
- Advancing the blue economy and manufacturing opportunities

Topics covered:

- Potential target industries to underpin future job creation
- Economic performance for the future Inner Harbour precinct
- Strengths of existing Fremantle businesses and economic activity
- Future regional and global opportunities

Topics covered:

- Final discussions examining the timing, staging and implementation of the vision for the Inner Harbour port precinct

Key Findings

Equity

- 01 Diverse employment opportunities
- 02 Anyone can move, be mobile and safe (age, disability etc.)
- 03 Diverse housing types at different affordability thresholds
- 04 Spaces that exist without commercial activity
- 05 Culture and entertainment for all
- 06 Accessible beaches

Prosperity

- 01 High quality community spaces
- 02 Good / urban design and density done well
- 03 Diversity of education and employment opportunities
- 04 Affordable spaces for artists / new enterprise
- 05 Aboriginal Economic Development Strategy

Wellness

- 01 Open space / air
- 02 Walkability
- 03 Accessible community infrastructure and community spaces
- 04 Reliable, inclusive and cheap transport
- 05 High quality, multi-functional green spaces
- 06 Diverse housing

Resilience

- 01 Nature driven
- 02 Renewable energy generation – on site
- 03 Responsive to climate and coastal processes
- 04 Net positive impact on the land and environment
- 05 Protect Port Beach

Emerging Key Themes

Place, Identity and Culture

- 01 Cultural meeting place / cultural learning + healing
- 02 Public access for all beaches and waterfront areas
- 03 Business development models which includes and partners with Aboriginal people
- 04 Mixed use neighbourhoods
- 05 Allow the environment, story lines and songlines to generate an urban response)
- 06 Cultural interpretation through the landscape

Future Jobs and Economy

- 01 Governance approaches to support timely delivery.
- 02 Social and cultural outcomes are prioritised
- 03 Affordable spaces that are curated to add most cultural value (arts, culture, indigenous practice)
- 04 Global experience and authentic representation
- 05 Aboriginal economic advancement (procurement and training, capacity and capability)

Greener Urban Future

- 01 Tree canopies / urban cooling
- 02 Active transport trail (around perimeter and waterfront) connected to existing Fremantle and North Fremantle centres.
- 03 Connecting green spaces to the ocean
- 04 Protected ocean pool
- 05 River Uses: Crossings that connect and enliven the edges and the waterside activity
- 06 Beach must be preserved with appropriate setbacks

Urban Planning and Mobility

- 01 Engineering responses to support active transport
- 02 Mid-tier transport to connect North Fremantle and North Quay redevelopment
- 03 Relocate North Fremantle Train Station to service a larger catchment
- 04 Introduce a high public transport and active transport target
- 05 Ferries and water taxis
- 06 Make public transport reliable and well-connected