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Karratha City Centre Precinct Structure Plan (PSP)

Community Engagement Update



Summary of Engagement

The engagement used a targeted approach to reach a broad cross-section of people with an interest in the Karratha City Centre.

Who we spoke to and when

- May – June: Community engagement
- 24 April – 12 June: Online survey open
- 14–16 May: In-person workshops and pop-ups held during the REAF Festival
- Engagement included residents, workers, businesses, landowners, young people, community groups and government stakeholders

Activities undertaken

- Community engagement sessions and pop-up conversations.
- Targeted stakeholder discussions.
- Online or hard-copy survey responses.
- City Centre based feedback on what is working well and what could be improved.
- Collection of community ideas, priorities and direct quotes.

Key Numbers

Total participants

- Community participants 233
- Government/City participants 35

Survey responses

- Community Survey (48 responses)
- Mapping Exercise (68 responses)
- Fund it Survey (23 responses)
- Young People Survey (6 responses)
- Young People – Paper based (20 Responses)
- REAF pulse check (68 responses)

Sessions held

- St Lukes Year 12 Targeted session (14 May 2026 – 16 students + 2 teachers)
- City of Karratha Youth Advisory Group (26 May 2026, 12 Young people + 5 City representatives)
- Industry round table session (14 May – 3 attendees (Rio, Woodside, Clough Saipem)
- Accessibility Session (14 May – 8 attendees)
- City of Karratha Officers (14 May – ~12 attendees)
- Landowners (14 May – 2 attendees)
- Business Owners (15 May – 12 attendees, 2 KDCCI representatives and 4 City officers)
- Business walk around (4 June 2026 – City of Karratha staff)
- REAF event pop up and shopping centre stall (15 and 16 May – 65 responses)
- Pilbara Disability Network (21 May 2026, City Representative)
- State Government Agencies (17 June 2026 + 8 State Govt representatives, 2 City representatives)



Key themes from the engagement

These themes reflect what people value, where improvements are needed, and what should be considered as the Precinct Structure Plan is prepared.



Public Realm Quality, Comfort and Green Space

Public spaces and green areas, shade, heat protection and overall comfort, with a strong focus on making the city centre a place people want to spend time in. (The Quarter green space is very highly valued)



Movement, Access and Connectivity

Walkability, legibility, wayfinding, accessibility and inclusive access, and the balance between pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.



Safety and Perception of Risk

Lighting, passive surveillance and design responses that improve real and perceived safety across the city centre, day and night.



City Centre Role, Identity and Activation

The city centre as a recognisable heart and arrival point (+wayfinding), supported by events, age-diverse activity and spaces that reflect everyday use by locals, including young people and families.



Economic Activity, Retail and Local Business

Retail mix, food and hospitality, support for local business, and the activation of vacant or underutilised land to provide a greater diversity of shops.



Development, Housing and Delivery

Housing and accommodation needs, planning controls, development feasibility and realistic delivery expectations to support long-term change.



What the community said

“The public open space at The Quarter is lovely, and the only green space in town.”

“Carparking dominates the main street, adds significant heat load and is a poor use of space”

“Increase street lighting.”

“Work with Karratha City Plaza to expand on the building to create more shopping and business opportunities.”

“Make the entrance into Karratha something that visitors talk about.”

“Better signage and wayfinding”



What the community said

and how this will inform the Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) process

This is what you have told us, and how the feedback will be used to shape the Precinct Structure Plan.

What the community said	How this will inform the Precinct Structure Plan (PSP)
 Valued Green	Green spaces will continue to play an important role in the city centre, and opportunities will be identified to improve accessibility, connectivity and their role as valued community destinations for recreation, relaxation and community connection.
 More retail choice	Opportunities for a more diverse mix of retail, hospitality and local services will be identified to support its role as a destination for every day needs and social activity.
 More shade	The Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) will incorporate urban greening and shade objectives, including increased tree canopy, to improve comfort and useability throughout the city centre.
 Safer places	The city centre will be designed to feel safer and more welcoming through improved lighting, visibility and opportunities for activity throughout the day and evening.
 Stronger identity	The Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) will establish a clear vision for the city centre's identity, using public spaces, streetscapes, wayfinding, art and built form to build on Karratha's distinct character.

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 Housing choice	A broader mix of residential zoning will provide more opportunities for people to live close to services and amenities.
 Better walkability	Pedestrian connections, street design and wayfinding will be prioritised to create a safer, more comfortable and connected walking environment.
 Activation	Flexible spaces and supporting infrastructure will support a range of events, recreation opportunities and community activities, helping to create a lively and welcoming centre throughout the year.
 Realistic delivery	The practical implementation framework will identify actions that can be progressed through planning, alongside longer-term opportunities requiring partnership, advocacy or future investment.



What's next

The next steps of the process include:

- > Prepare the draft Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) and supporting technical reports
- > Share the draft Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) with the community for feedback
- > Update the Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) in response to community and stakeholder input
- > Submit the Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) to the WAPC for approval and adoption

For further information, check the **WHAT WE MAKE IT** project page
<https://whatwemakeit.karratha.wa.gov.au/city-precinct-structure-plan>

Timeline

