

MEDIA STATEMENT



Friday, 28 October 2016

Pop-up stores to provide planning scheme advice

Property owners, developers and investors will be able to obtain expert advice about their property and how it may relate to the City of Bunbury's draft Local Planning Scheme 8 when "pop-up stores" open their doors from Monday, 31 October.

The new Local Planning Scheme is expected to open Bunbury to more diverse development and drive growth over the next 20 years once adopted following a public consultation period.

Key elements of Local Planning Scheme 8 (LPS8), which has been formulated by the City over a period of several years, include greater opportunities for living and working within walking distance and expanding the city centre to engage with the "three waters" of the Leschenault Inlet, Indian Ocean and Koombana Bay.

To help residents find out more, City officers will be available to answer general and site specific questions regarding their property from 11am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, from 31 October to 11 November.

There will also be an opportunity for more information on 3 November and 10 November from 5pm to 7pm with the "shopfront" aimed at people who cannot visit during business hours.

Acting Director Planning Development and Regulatory Services John Kowal said the draft planning scheme had already generated much discussion in the community.

"These shopfronts will allow even more people to find out specifically how the new planning scheme could potentially benefit their property," Mr Kowal said.

"It is an opportunity to be involved in the process and discover more about the opportunities LPS8 will provide in our City."

Under the new Scheme, the development potential of Bunbury's CBD will be unlocked by the ability to potentially double the amount of floor space through the new Regional Centre Zone.

More mixed use, such as commercial space on a lower floor with residential above, is also being promoted through two new mixed use zones.

The shopfronts will be held at the City of Bunbury administration building, 4 Stephen Street, Bunbury. Bookings are not required.

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The Scheme is available for comment until Friday, 16 December with the public encouraged to have their say via a submission form. The draft Scheme can be viewed at the City of Bunbury administration building (4 Stephen Street) or on the city's website www.bunbury.wa.gov.au

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