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Broome community have their say on urban renewal

Open spaces, attractive streets and better lighting were some of the key areas of focus identified by Broome residents at recent community workshops.

With an urban renewal strategy for Broome underway, the first of a series of workshops provided an opportunity for the community to have input into the future of three residential precincts – Anne Street, Dora Street and Woods Drive in Cable Beach.

Locally based firm UDLA are running the workshops on behalf of the Housing Authority and the Shire of Broome.

UDLA Kimberley manager and focus group facilitator Vanessa Margetts kicked-off the round-table discussions with an overview of urban renewal within a Broome context, what it means for residents and the positive impact it will ultimately have on the local community.

Participants were then invited to share their own impressions and ideas for the future of the precincts, and the elements that they liked, as well as the issues and challenges the community faced.

Common themes in the discussions included their aspirations for better lighting, infrastructure and amenities, better road layouts, improved streetscapes and more parks and recreational spaces.

Vanessa said the focus groups provide a great opportunity for locals to come together, share their vision for their community, and help deliver constructive outcomes for each precinct.

“The discussions we’ve had tell us that each precinct is unique, with different themes, wants and concerns.”

Shire of Broome President Cr. Ron Johnston said through urban renewal, the Shire and the Housing Authority are seeking to improve the local area and lifestyle for residents of the Anne Street, Dora Street and Woods Drive precincts.

“The Shire of Broome and the Housing Authority are exploring urban renewal in the three precincts to improve local amenity and liveability for residents and introduce greater housing diversity and choice by creating local affordable housing options,” Cr Johnston said.

Further focus groups are planned for the weeks commencing 17 October 2016 and 5 December 2016.

Vanessa encourages all residents of the Anne Street, Dora Street and Woods Drive precincts to be involved and have their say on future redevelopment.



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“The more people we have involved in the discussion, the more we learn and can incorporate these views into the designs and ideas for change. We’d like to capture as many ideas and views as we can,” she said.

Broome is one of the Housing Authority’s priority sites in regional WA for urban renewal. This process has commenced within a selected precinct of high public housing presence as part of the \$564 million Social Housing Investment Package (SHIP).

Residents and homeowners interested in participating in the upcoming focus groups can register their interest by phoning Vanessa on 9192 8531 or emailing her at vanessa@udla.com.au.

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