

Robinvale Housing Revitalisation Project

This fact sheet summarises the Robinvale Housing Revitalisation Project. This project will identify opportunities and investment strategies to support the construction of additional housing in Robinvale.

BACKGROUND

Over the last five years, the lack of suitable affordable housing for the growing Robinvale community, including the seasonal horticultural workers was identified as a significant constraint to economic growth and prosperity.

In response, in 2019, Swan Hill Rural City Council prepared the Robinvale Housing Strategy and Implementation Plan. This strategy included a broad range of initiatives to improve the housing accommodation situation in Robinvale.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR?

Since 2019, several projects identified in the original strategy have been funded and are in delivery:

- Swan Hill Worker Housing Project has commenced construction of 8 new dwellings on Ronald Street.
- The Seasonal Worker Accommodation Plan commenced in October 2021 and is reviewing compliance and incentives for increased volumes of on-farm accommodation to house the seasonal workers

Council is looking to build on this momentum. This project seeks to identify additional barriers to investment and identify further opportunities, development partners and concepts for new affordable housing accommodation in Robinvale.

PURPOSE OF THIS ENGAGEMENT

Over the next two months, Council working with Holmes Dyer, a specialised Planning & Development Consultant, will prepare several affordable housing concepts. In addition, the project will engage with local landowners, potential investors, and community housing organisations to identify potential investment partnerships.

WHAT WILL THE HOUSING CONCEPTS CONSIDER?

The consultant will prepare several affordable housing concepts. The concepts will consider best practice design and sustainability initiatives to meet the identified gap for affordable, 1–2-bedroom homes in Robinvale.

Opportunities will be explored to include small-scale commercial, retail or community support services where appropriate. However, the concepts will primarily focus on housing accommodation.

The concepts will seek to complement the existing architectural character of Robinvale.

Exploration will occur to identify a range of stimulus and grant funding opportunities available to catalyse the next tranche of projects towards the delivery of the Robinvale Housing Strategy.

WHAT SITES ARE TO BE INVESTIGATED?

Council is seeking to identify a range of potential opportunities to partner with existing landowners interested in redeveloping existing or building new housing accommodation projects in Robinvale. Council will also explore potential project sites on Council land that may warrant further detailed investigation.

HOW CAN I HAVE A SAY?

If you would like to register your interest in partnering on a future housing project or have feedback for consideration, please provide via email or post by

Friday 22nd October 2021:

- Email: engagement@holmesdyer.com.au - attention to Robinvale Housing Revitalisation Project
- In writing: c-/ Holmes Dyer Pty Ltd, Level 3, 15 Featherstone Place, Adelaide SA 5000 - attention to Robinvale Housing Revitalisation Project

NEED FURTHER INFORMATION?

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