City of Ipswich

Community Engagement Report – Round 1

Rosewood Place Plan

September 2026



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ipswich City Council (Council) engaged CRED Consulting (CRED) to prepare a Place Plan for Rosewood. The plan will establish a shared vision, set objectives, and outline actions for council, state government and the community to improve the town over the next 10 years. Community and stakeholder engagement is an essential input into developing the place plan.

Rosewood is a District Activity Centre on the western edge of the Ipswich Local Government Area (LGA). The main street (John Street) is currently the key business and service centre for a wide rural and semi-rural catchment. There are also a range of important council owned spaces and facilities servicing the community. Rosewood is part of the Western Growth Corridor, which will bring significant residential growth. Appendix 1 shows the focus area for the Rosewood Place Plan.

Engagement forms the foundation of the Place Plan. The project has two phases of engagement:

- Round 1: Developing the plan (understanding vision and values)
- Round 2: Testing the plan (community consultation), planned for late September / October 2026.

This report presents the outcomes of Round 1 engagement, and summarises the process, participation and key findings.

WHY WE ENGAGED

The purpose of engagement was to:

- Understand how the Rosewood community uses, values and experiences the place today.
- Understand community priorities for the future of Rosewood.
- Generate testable directions and project ideas to inform the draft Place Plan, from quick wins and low-cost ideas for the community and businesses to deliver, to big ideas that require advocacy.
- Build trust by engaging with the community, building relationships and empowering people to take action.
- Deliver inclusive and representative engagement across the Rosewood community.
- Build community awareness that growth in the Western Corridor is the result of long-standing planning decisions, and that the Place Plan gives Rosewood residents an opportunity to shape how that growth affects them locally.
- Close the loop so participants can see how their input shaped the Place Plan.

The themes and stakeholder insights identified in this report will help inform the Rosewood Place Plan and assist council with future planning for this growing area.

Phase 1


Physical improvements
IDEAS
PRIZE
What is Missing in Rosewood
Favourite Place
What CAFE should I go to?
One word to describe Rosewood in the future
What is the vibe in Rosewood
One word to describe Rosewood now

HOW WE ENGAGED

The engagement was undertaken between 22 June 2026 and 2 August 2026.

ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK CHANNELS

The community was able to contribute their feedback through the channels detailed below.

Shape Your Ipswich

Comments were captured via two engagement tools on the project page, Rosewood Place Plan (https://www.shapeyouripswich.com.au/rosewood-place-plan), hosted on Shape your Ipswich. Survey questions can be seen at Appendix 2. The community survey asked people what they value about Rosewood today and explored opportunities to make it even better for current and future generations.

The second activity allowed participants to drop a pin on a map to contribute their ideas for Rosewood. Participants could share a project suggestion they would love to see in Rosewood. These suggestions could be something you could lead as a resident or community member or something they could do in collaboration with others.

Hard copy survey

Community members were able to complete a hard copy survey to share their feedback. The questions in the survey replicated the online version on Shape Your Ipswich. These surveys could be picked up at pop-up engagement events or downloaded from the website.

Community engagement/pop-up events

Five community engagement events were held to provide the broader community with general information on the project and capture feedback. The following events were held:

DATE	LOCATION
26 and 27 June 2026	Rosewood Show at the Rosewood Showgrounds
9 July 2026	Rosewood Family Fun Day at the Rosewood Church
13 July 2026	Councillor Pop Up at Rosewood Library
23 July 2026	Youth Pop Up at Cobb & Co Park
23 July 2026	Business After 5 at Rosewood Bowls Club

Community workshops

Three community workshops were held to allow a deeper dive into the project and to capture further feedback.

DATE	LOCATION
23 July 2026	Rosewood Library
27 July 2026	Rosewood High School
27 July 2026	Rosewood Cultural Centre at the Rosewood Showgrounds

Email

The community was able to directly reach out to council via communityengagement@ipswich.qld.gov.au with feedback on this project.

Phone

The community was able to directly reach out to council via 3810 6666 with feedback on this project.

PROMOTIONAL CHANNELS

To maximise awareness of the engagement opportunity, the following communication channels were used to reach the community and trigger awareness.

Ipswich City Council social media

A social campaign was delivered on Ipswich City Council's Facebook page, to raise awareness for the project and encourage community to share their feedback. A screenshot of the posts can be seen in Appendix 3.

SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNEL	DATE OF POSTING	REACH[1]	CLICKS[2]
Facebook	23 June – 2 August	59,013	2,089

Shape Your Ipswich

Three email campaigns were sent out via Shape Your Ipswich. The first campaign was sent on 22 June 2026 and was sent out to Shape Your Ipswich members who had selected any of the following categories of interest:

- Animals
- Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Business and economy
- City design and planning
- Community
- Environment, sustainability and climate change
- Governance
- Health and wellbeing
- Indigenous
- Parks and recreation
- Sport
- Transport and movement
- Waste/Resource Recovery
- Tourism
- Rosewood
- Thagoona
- Walloon

This campaign was sent to a total of 1,560 members, of which 629 opened the email.

A second campaign was sent on 9 July 2026. This was part of a broader newsletter covering multiple projects that have recent updates or opportunities for community to engage. This campaign was sent to a total of 4,427 members, of which 1,860 opened the email.

[1] Total number of times a social media post was viewed.
[2] Total number of times a URL in a social media post was clicked.

The third campaign was sent on 28 July 2026 and was sent out to subscribers to the category of interest, Rosewood, as a follow up to encourage participation from one of the project's key stakeholder groups. This campaign was sent to a total of 93 members, of which 43 opened the email.

Overall, these activities led to 3,211 views of the Shape Your Ipswich page.

Letterbox drop

A postcard was letterbox dropped to the suburbs of Rosewood, Thagoona and Walloon. The postcard provided an overview of the project and directed recipients to Shape Your Ipswich for further details. The was postcard was distributed from 30 June and was sent to approximately 2,670 households.

Ipswich First

An Ipswich First article, Ipswich launches Suburban Renewal with Booval and Rosewood Pilots (https://www.ipswichfirst.com.au/ipswich-launches-suburban-renewal-with-booval-and-rosewood-pilots/) was distributed on 9 July 2026. The article shared details of the project and received 745 views.

SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNEL	DATE OF POSTING	IMPRESSIONS	REACTIONS	COMMENTS	SHARES	CLICKS[3]
Facebook	13 July 2026	3,997	5	0	4	32

SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNEL	DATE OF POSTING	LIKES	COMMENTS	IMPRESSIONS	REACH	ENGAGEMENT	SAVES	REEL PLAYS
Instagram	13 July 2026	4	0	987	571	4	0	987

Signage

A3 and A4 posters were placed in local businesses across Rosewood, Thagoona and Walloon from 24 June to 2 August. The sign included a QR code to Shape Your Ipswich and encouraged community to share their feedback. The signage design can be seen in Appendix 4.

Overall, around 364 people took part in this phase of engagement. Table 1 summarises participant numbers by engagement activity.

Table 1 - Engagement activities undertaken in Round 1

Engagement activity	Cohort	Location	Date and time	Approx no.
Shape your Ipswich				
Community survey	Broad community	Online via Council's Shape your Ipswich website	22 June – 2 August 2026	70
Community project ideas map	Broad community	Online via Council's Shape your Ipswich website	22 June – 2 August 2026	17
Pop-ups and static boards				

[3] Total number of times a URL in a social media post was clicked.

Rosewood Show	Broad community	Rosewood Showgrounds	Friday 26 June & Saturday 27 June 2026 9am – 5pm	139
Family Fun Day	Families of Rosewood	Rosewood Anglican Parish	Thursday 9 July 2026 9am – 12pm	65
Councillor pop-up	Broad community	Rosewood Library	Monday 13 July 2026 9am – 11am	7
Youth pop-up	Young people	Cobb & Co Heritage Park	Thursday 23 July 2026 3pm – 4.30pm	31
Community Workshops				
Rosewood community workshop 1	Broad community	Rosewood Library	Thursday 23 July 2026 12pm – 2pm	14
Rosewood community workshop 2	Broad community	Rosewood Cultural Centre	Monday 27 July 2026	15
Targeted Engagement				
Business after 5 Workshop	Business community	Rosewood Bowls Club	Thursday 23 July 2026 5pm – 7pm	8
School student workshop	Young people	Rosewood State Highschool	Monday 27 July 2026	15
			Total number of participants	364

WHO ENGAGED

Where reasonable, demographic data was captured as part of engagement activities. To understand how likely the findings in this report reflect the sentiment of the affected community, sample size and demographic representation have been considered.

SAMPLE SIZE

The affected community was determined by research undertaken as part of the engagement planning stage. This project was considered most likely to affect residents of Rosewood (estimated population: 16,825).

For a 95% confidence level, best practice recommends between 196 and 384 people take part, giving a margin of error of 5–7%. This engagement received 364 responses, therefore achieving a margin of error of 5%, allowing for robust and detailed insights into community expectations.

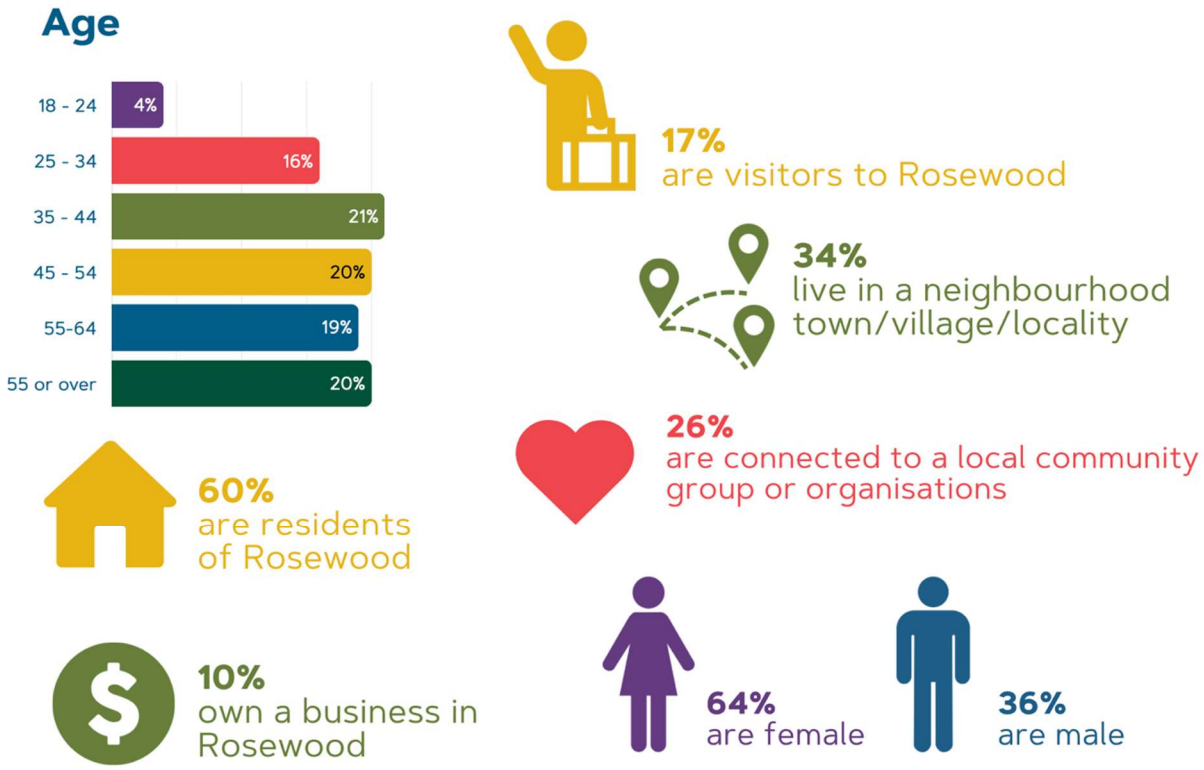
Across the engagement period, participants provided detailed responses, with an average of 129 words per submission and multiple identifiable themes emerging from the analysis. Feedback often included explanatory comments, examples, and reasoning, enabling clearer interpretation of community priorities. Overall, the engagement generated feedback of sufficient depth and clarity to meaningfully support decision-making.

DEMOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

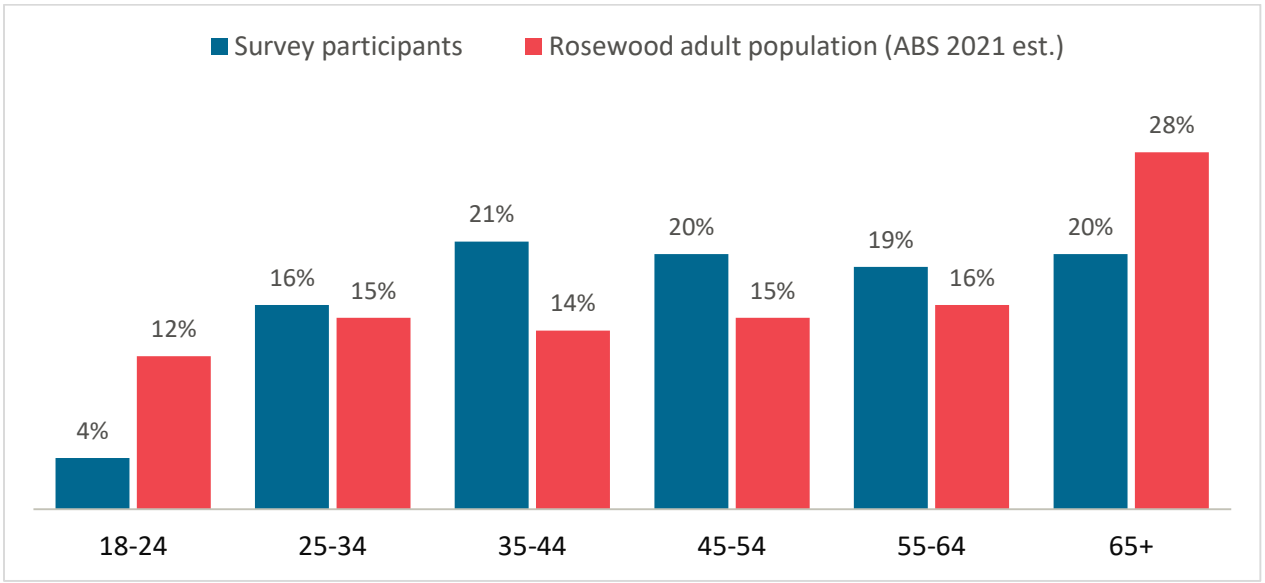
Demographic information was collected through the online engagement. For the other face to face engagement activities asking for this information was not appropriate for the format.

Age, gender and locality

These graphics show a demographic snapshot of survey participants.



The graph below compares the age profile of survey participants with Rosewood's adult population, from ABS Census 2021 data. It shows that residents aged 35 to 54 responded at a higher rate than their overall population share. Younger adults aged 18 to 24 and older residents aged 65 and over made up a smaller share of respondents relative to their share of the population.



OVERALL REPRESENTATIVENESS

Given the representation from most of the identified characteristics of the affected community, in conjunction to meeting the recommended sample size, findings outlined in this report are considered statistically representative of the affected community.

WHAT THE COMMUNITY TOLD US

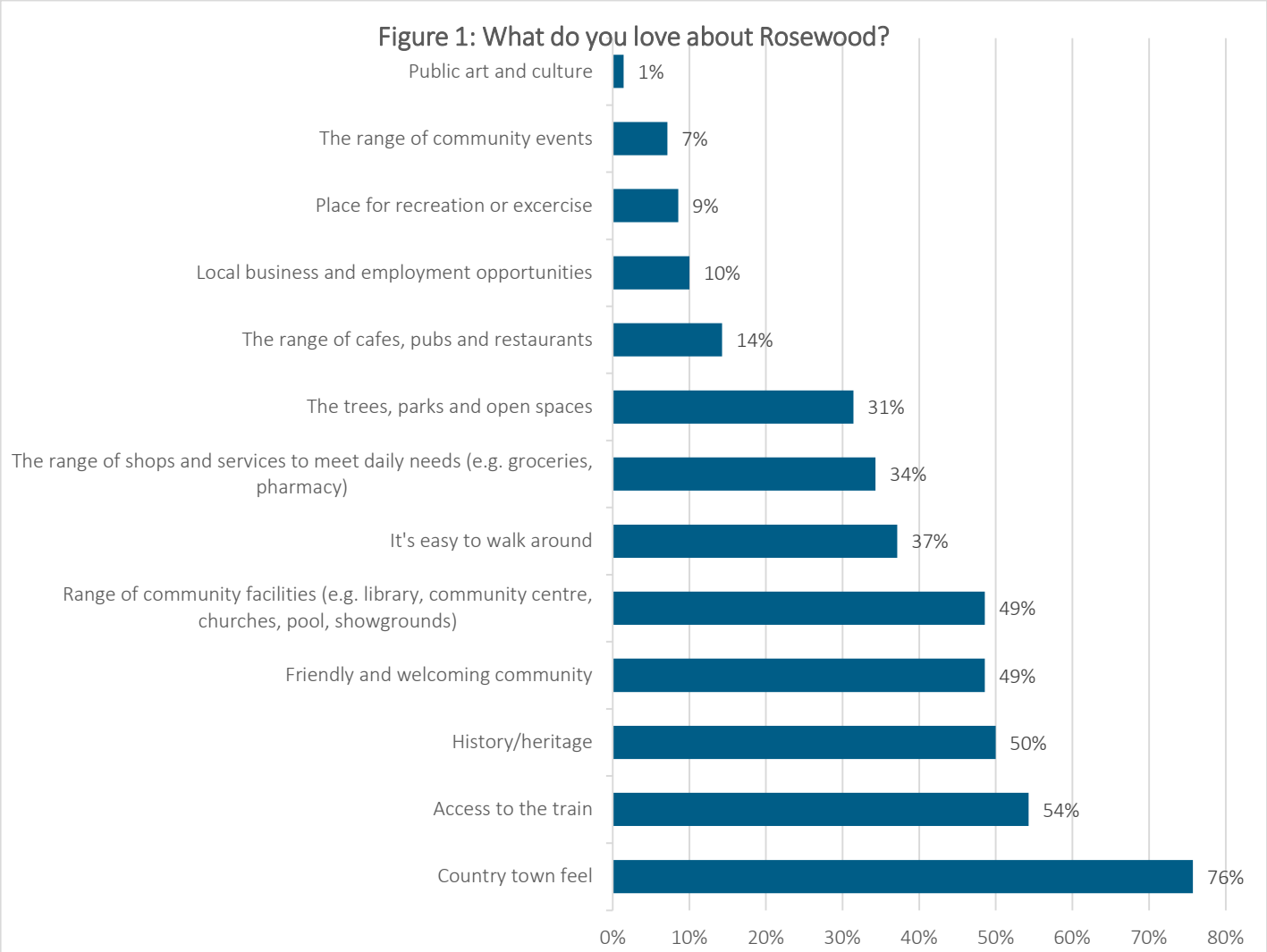
Community feedback for the Rosewood Place Plan was gathered through a range of engagement activities designed to reach residents, businesses, students and visitors. Reporting on different engagement methods is outlined below.

ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEY

The online community survey provided valuable insights into how the community experiences Rosewood today, their aspirations for its future, and the practical changes they would like to see through the Rosewood Place Plan. The following sections outline the detailed findings from each survey question and highlight the priorities, ideas, and aspirations raised by participants.

Rosewood today

The survey asked participants **What do you love about Rosewood?** They could choose up to five options from a list, or write their own response.



As shown in Figure 1, survey participants love Rosewood for its:

- Country town feel - 76%
- Access to the train - 54%

- Local history and heritage - 50%
- Friendly and welcoming community, and range of community facilities (such as the library, community centre, churches, pool and showgrounds) - 49%

Survey participants also love Rosewood for its local bank and post office, the walkability of the main street, and their own familial historical connections.

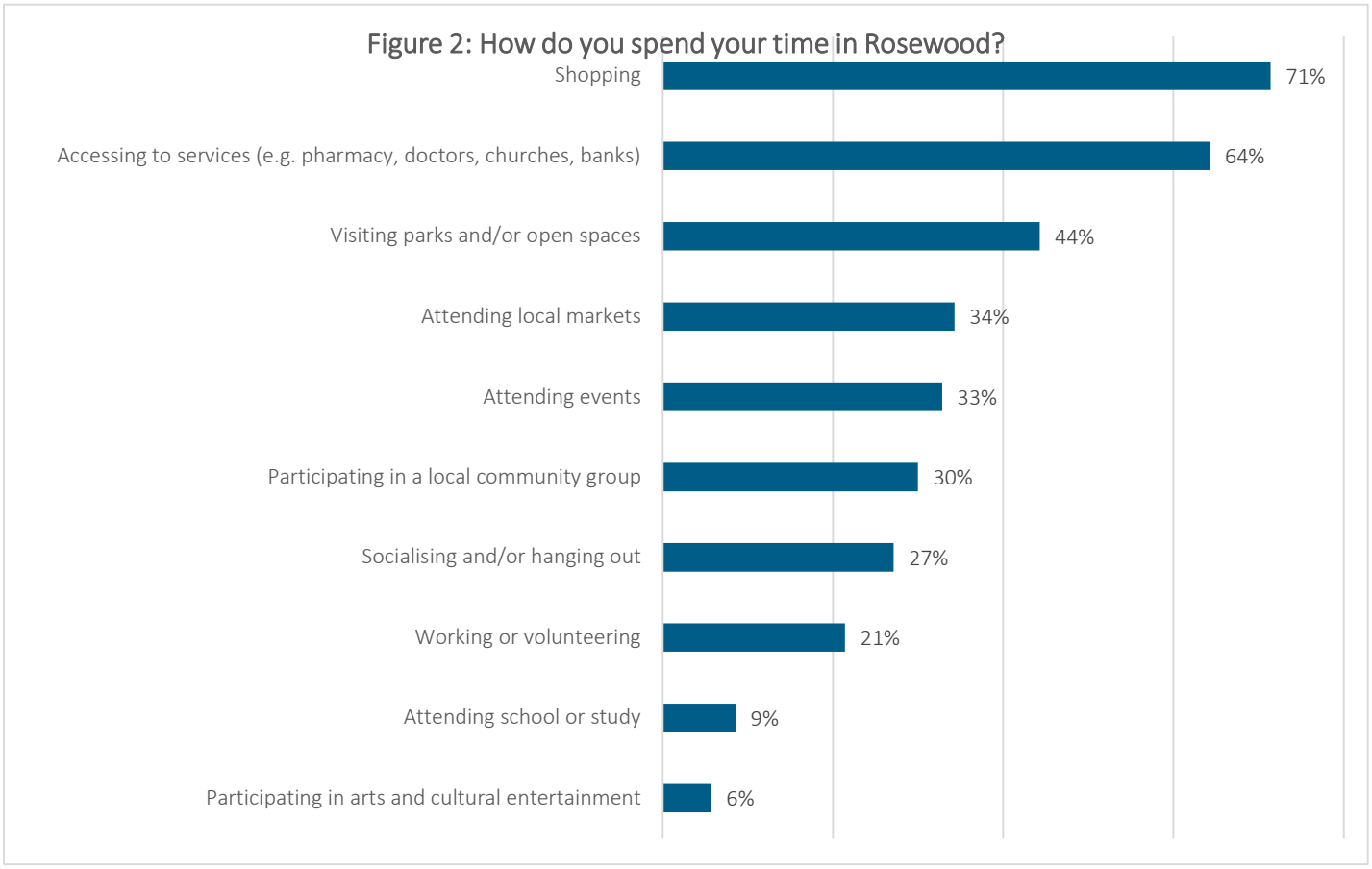
Survey participants were asked **How do you spend their time in Rosewood?** Participants could select all relevant activities from a list or write their own response.

As shown in Figure 2 , survey participants spend their time in Rosewood:

- Shopping - 71%
- Accessing services - 64%
- Parks and open spaces - 44%

Only a small proportion of participants engage in arts and cultural entertainment (6%) and attend school or study (9%) in Rosewood.

Survey participants that left 'other' comments mentioned that they commute to and from Rosewood Station and visit specific services and businesses such as the rubbish tip, library, op shops and cafes.



To gain an in-depth understanding about local values, key destinations and lifestyle, participants were asked **What are some of the special places, events, activities or other things that you love about Rosewood?** The following summarises the key themes from open ended responses.

Table 2 - Special places, events, activities and other valued aspects of Rosewood

THEME	SUMMARY	QUOTES FROM SURVEY PARTICIPANTS
Country character and identity	• A slower pace with less traffic and congestion than nearby urban areas • Heritage buildings, particularly the historic character of John Street • Business owners who know their regular customers by name • Friendly, welcoming and supportive residents • The surrounding rural and agricultural land, which contributes to local character • Locally owned, independent shops and businesses • A strong mix of essential services such as health, safety, retail and education alongside country style activities like the Show and bull riding	*"I love the country feel of Rosewood. It has charming buildings, history, friendly atmosphere and a slower pace than Brisbane."* *"As a young family with 2 small children we specifically moved to Rosewood for its small, family friendly environment and to distance ourselves from the continual urban developments of places such as Walloon and Ripley. These newer developments do not have the same sense of community or quality of life that exists in Rosewood at present"* *"...handy having the shops here. It's big enough that you have everything you need for emergency type things, so we don't need to travel too far."*
Community places and events	• Showgrounds, home to the Show, Christmas and ANZAC Day events, and poultry markets • Library and Community Centre, valued as welcoming community hubs • Dinosaur Park, a popular spot for family picnics • Pubs and local shops • Rosewood Pool, a cherished facility under pressure from growth • The Rosewood Show, the most commonly mentioned community event • Weekly Saturday Markets, the Poultry and Garden Expo Markets, ANZAC Day services and the Christmas event • Local History Group talks, church community events and a car show hosted at one of the pubs	*"The pubs have a lot of character and are a nice place to eat and catch up, but some could do with a bit of a refresh. The boutique and second-hand shops are great—always something different to find and they add to the town's charm."* *"Love going to the Rosewood Show - it's always a great day out and really brings the community together."* *The Rosewood History Group is awesome, always sharing interesting info about the area, and their guest speakers are really good."* *"Rosewood has many family friendly activities such as the yearly Rosewood Show which become occasions to strengthen community spirit and relationships."*
Connection to Country	• Strengthening Rosewood's connection to Country as part of the Place Plan, including through Aboriginal art and murals, NAIDOC Week celebrations, local yarning circles, and sharing local Aboriginal history alongside the town's settler history. See Connection to Country and inclusion, later in this chapter, for the full survey findings on this topic.	

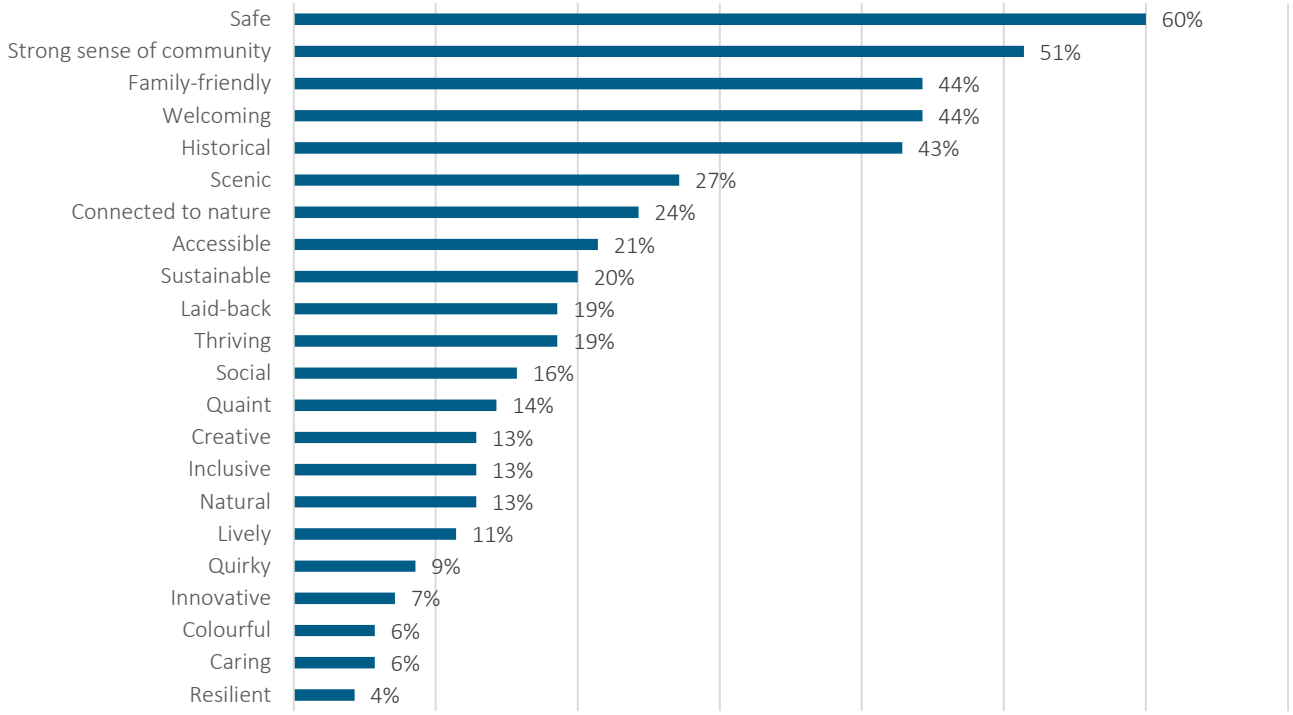
Your vision for Rosewood

The survey asked participants **What are the five words that best represent the type of place you would like Rosewood to be?** This question was designed to help shape the vision for the Place Plan.

As shown in Figure 3, the five words survey participants most often chose were:

- Safe - 60%
- Strong sense of community - 51%
- Family-friendly and welcoming - both 44%
- Historical - 43%

Figure 3: What are the five words that best represent the type of place you would like Rosewood to be?



The survey invited participants to **Complete the following sentence "in 10 years, I want Rosewood to be…".** 65 people provided responses. The key themes are summarised below.

Preserving its country feel and small-town character

The most common sentiment was about preserving today's "country feel" and "small town charm". People accepted some change in the town, provided it didn't come at the expense of local character and identity.

- *"Just as or better than it is now."*
- *"Still have that country feel with boutique cafes and shops that still feel like we are in the country."*
- *"In 10 years, I want Rosewood to be a vibrant, welcoming town that keeps its small-town charm with heritage buildings but offers better maintained spaces, and a mix of local shops, cafes, and activities for all ages."*

- *"Rosewood will be a vibrant, sustainable, and connected community that builds on its strengths. Enhanced facilities, thriving local businesses, improved transport links, protected green spaces, and strong community partnerships"*

A connected, safe and inclusive community

Survey participants want Rosewood's future to feel safe, inclusive, welcoming and accessible, a place where people feel looked after and looked out for.

- *"Community focussed where living in a rural township is not a disadvantage and there are community incentives, functions and events that balance what is sometimes lost not living in a more dense area, e.g., access to variety and competition in retail"*
- *"A place where the community can gather safely with many activities for them to participate in"*
- *"A welcoming town that balances its small town charm with opportunities for all generations."*
- *"A country town that welcomes families and has a strong sense of community, where everyone takes pride in the town and people look out for each other"*

Growing local business and improving John Street

Survey participants want a more diverse range of shops, eateries and services in Rosewood: cafes open all weekend, more boutique shops, a larger supermarket, more childcare centres and gyms.

Participants also mentioned the need to improve John Street, specifically through more regular cleaning, addressing flooding and drainage issues, and improving the road and footpath network.

- *"Fresher, offering denser above store residential options on the main street and near the train station, and space for alfresco eating outside cafes."*
- *"In ten years I want Rosewood to be exactly the same with a refresh of Main St and an extensive walking path preferable to bush land for exercise and push bikes."*
- *"A little more modern amenities and shopping with residential growth but somehow hold onto the historical and welcoming country feel"*

Rosewood as a key destination

Some survey participants expressed an aspiration for Rosewood to evolve to a key destination. They would like to attract more visitors to the town, provide a greater range of businesses and experiences.

- *"The town everyone would like to visit and fall in love with."*
- *"the principal economic business, shopping and social CBD hub of the Western Growth Corridor, with easy and safe vehicular access to/from the major highway network, with adequate carparking for shoppers, visitors, civic ceremonies and park-N-ride train."*
- *"In 10 years, I would like Rosewood to be a vibrant, walkable destination like Samford, or say Leura in NSW. Utilizing its premium rail station, the heritage core should serve as the cultural and commercial heart for the emerging communities along the WGC."*
- *"In 10 years, I want Rosewood to be a more mature and prosperous town, through a stronger focus on how it presents itself to its residents and visitors alike."*
- *"A place that people want to spend their weekend to escape the city rush"*

Importance of environmental assets

Several survey participants highlighted the importance of nature and the environment: good access to parks and open space, natural areas, and more trees and vegetation.

- *"Improved natural environment and access to healthy areas of nature/Rosewood Scrub"*
- *"More open about its founding history and with access to nature walks around the town"*

Quality and responsive growth

Several survey participants were concerned about Rosewood becoming overcrowded: dense, tightly packed housing on narrow streets and poorly planned urban sprawl. Instead, they want growth that is sustainable and respects the town's traditional character.

- *"Not overwhelmed by large scale and destructive housing developments"*
- *"Still a country agricultural town. Not a development home suburbia feel with tiny streets with no street parking"*

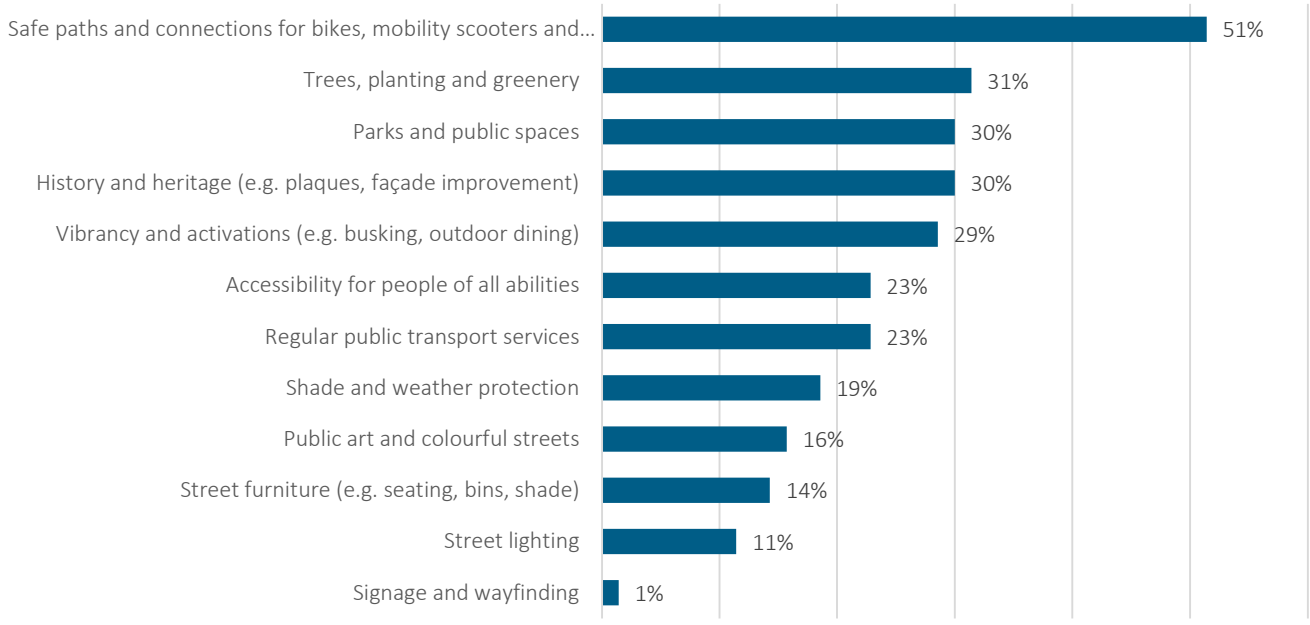
Your ideas for Rosewood

This question asked participants **Which of these physical improvements would make the biggest difference to Rosewood in the future?** As shown in Figure 4, survey participants selected:

- Safe paths and connections for bikes, mobility scooters and walking - 51%
- Trees, planting and greenery - 31%
- Parks and public spaces - 30%
- History and heritage (such as plaques and façade improvements) - 30%
- Vibrancy and activation (such as busking and outdoor dining) - 29%

Some participants made other suggestions, mainly about improving John Street: its connection to surrounding areas, kerb and channel, and mix of businesses. Others wanted more boutique shops, cafes and eateries.

Figure 4: Which of these physical improvements would make the biggest difference to Rosewood in the future?

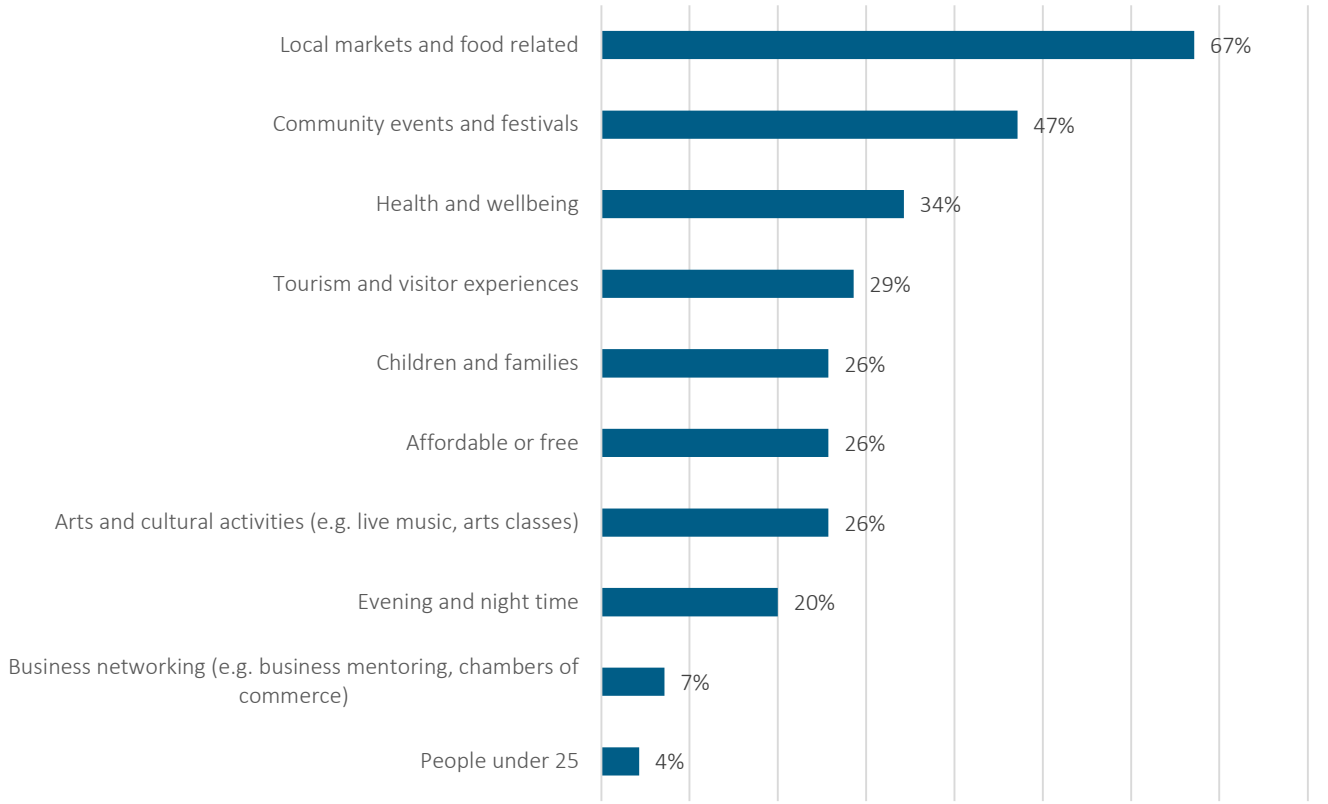


This question asked participants **What types of activities or events would you like more of in Rosewood in the future?** As shown in Figure 5, survey participants selected:

- Local markets and food-related activities - 67%
- Community events and festivals - 47%
- Health and wellbeing related activities - 34%

- Tourism and visitor experiences - 29%
- Activities and events for children and families - 26%

Figure 5: What types of activities or events would you like more of in Rosewood in the future?



Your ideas big and small

The survey asked participants **Thinking about your answers so far, what is a project you would like to see right away that wouldn't cost a lot? (e.g. less than $2,000).** There were 65 responses to this open-ended question.

The survey also asked participants **And what is a big idea that could be done in the longer term?** There were 65 responses to this open-ended question.

Table 3 summarises the key themes and ideas across both questions. Some individual responses touched on more than one theme, so mention counts add up to more than the number of respondents.

Table 3 - Small and big ideas from survey participants

THEME	TOTAL NO. OF IDEAS	SUMMARY OF SMALL AND BIG IDEAS	QUOTES FROM SURVEY PARTICIPANTS
Streets, Footpaths & Pedestrian Safety	30	• Improve walking and cycling connections linking the town centre and surrounding areas, including new housing estates • Develop a rail trail • Improve pedestrian safety on John Street and Walloon Road (e.g. pedestrian crossings, speed bumps and other traffic calming) • Install street lighting • Divert through-traffic off John Street • Provide additional off-street / public car parking (e.g. near the train station, Library, Drakes)	*"Pedestrian crossings, speed bumps along the Main Street, street lights"* *"An additional trail from the start of the rail trail at Wulkuraka through to Rosewood and up over the Tallegallah ridge to Marburg. It could even link up with the Cobb and Co tourist drive but be a walkable, bikeable or horse-ridden route."*
Main Street and town centre improvements	28	• Plant more street trees throughout town • Install planters and greenery outside shops • Support small-business facades and presentation, from a facade incentive scheme now to full streetscape restoration long term • Deliver upskilling workshops for local businesses • Ensure new residential development reflects Rosewood's country/heritage character • Activate underused buildings and sites (e.g. the old cinema) for community or tourism use	*"Give the main street a face lift to reflect the heritage. Make it a unique place where people come from the city to visit. All based around a country theme"*
Parks, recreation and nature	16	• Upgrade Rosewood's pool to a modern, accessible, year-round facility • Expand fitness and wellbeing options - outdoor exercise equipment and classes in the short term, a full gym/fitness centre later • Protect and open up natural areas (Masons Gully, the former mine site) for conservation and passive recreation • Maintain existing parks well (cleanliness, toilets) while planning for new ones	*"The local pool to be open all year round."* *"Rosewood has Masons Gully and lots of potential for wildlife habitat."*
Supporting people – young and old	13	• Build a program of youth and seniors programs, run in existing halls in the short term • Give young people ownership over designing and running their own programs • Support vulnerable residents through food relief and skills-sharing initiatives • Invest in health, safety and care infrastructure, from more visible policing to a satellite hospital and more childcare places • Deliver new youth hub	*"Something for the youth and young adults that they can organise and run, making them responsible and able to participate."* *"Satellite hospital. More parks and safe places for children to play."*

Markets, festivals and events	11	• Regular eco/sustainable markets • Establish local produce / artesian markets and a regular food truck venue • Night markets • Hold regular festivals involving residents and build on existing events (e.g. Christmas lights, flower spring) • Host a major local festival	*"A big festival like a Comedy Festival, Arts festival, a food themed festival or sustainability festival. Something that will attract people and encourage travel from other areas to Rosewood."*
Arts, heritage and culture	11	• Activate public spaces with local art (murals, street art, library exhibitions) • Develop a heritage and culture trail • Arts and cultural events: this could be an activation program similar to Ipswich Spark, or an annual arts and cultural festival • Build a tourist information centre and giftshop celebrating local history	*"An art event, artify Rosewood, include the bins, the concrete pathways, the electrical posts."* *"Community paint sessions at the skatepark. Youth of Rosewood to come together and colour a mural that has been outlined, of an image that depicts 'Rosewood'*
Shops, services and jobs		• Attract everyday retail (e.g. chain supermarket) • Build multi-purpose shopping centre (e.g. grocery, specialty shops, community space) • Grow local job opportunities	*"Way more job opportunities."*

Your involvement in the Rosewood Place Plans

The survey asked participants **We want to support grassroots action. Do you have a specific idea for a project that you can lead and get off the ground, or would you be open to contributing to someone else's?**

26 survey participants (37%) said they were interested in supporting local projects and grassroots action.

Of those interested in supporting a local project, 58% were open to contributing to another community member's idea, and the remaining 42% shared a specific project idea of their own. Table 4 below summarises some of the project ideas put forward.

Table 4 - Your involvement in the Rosewood Place Plans

IDEA	SUMMARY
Rosewood Family-Friendly Community Precinct	*"Create a family-friendly community space that provides a safe place for families, children and residents of all ages to connect, spend time together and participate in activities"* *"Potential features include all-ages and all-abilities play space, shaded seating, water play, walking paths, space for community events, community garden, local artwork"*
Town square and public green space	*"Place to sit, gather, take in public art. Could include a zero depth water feature"*
Monthly eco-market	*"Markets with a sustainability focus, including skill development opportunities for young people"*
Rosewood talks	*"Rosewood Talks is a community engagement initiative that provides local residents with a platform to share their ideas, opinions, and aspirations for*

	the future of Rosewood. It creates an inclusive and welcoming space where community members can discuss local issues, identify opportunities, and contribute to decision-making that shapes the town"
John Street building improvements	*"The local commercial buildings need colour and a heritage makeover to make the town more visually appealing"*
Camping ground	*"A 5 km track we can walk with, with a little camp ground at the end. So kids can go camping with their families, adult supervised, with a tiny drop toilet. We can get them into nature, walking, with maybe some trivia signs along the way. It's good exercise for everyone"*
Youth oriented programs	*"Skill development on farms"* *"Mentoring / coaching for at-risk young people"*
Food truck park	*"Food truck park"*

Rosewood business owners

The survey asked business owners a series of questions to understand their experiences and gauge their interest in future activities. Six (6) people responded to these questions.

The survey asked **What are the strengths of running a business in Rosewood?**

The main strengths were rural charm, proximity to Brisbane and Ipswich, and loyal local support.

- *"Supporting people that support us"*
- *"Word of mouth market where reputation matters"*

The survey asked **What are the challenges of running a business in Rosewood?**

The main challenges identified were car dependence, lack of marketing, high or limited rents, and a lack of small business spaces and events. Attracting visitors to spend time across the whole business precinct is also a challenge.

- *"One of the biggest challenges is attracting more visitors and encouraging people to spend time across the whole business precinct, rather than just passing through."*

Other Feedback

Survey participants were asked **Is there anything else you'd like to share with us or is there anyone else we should be talking to?** 43 people responded to this question. A summary of key themes and findings is provided at **Error! Reference source not found.**.

Table 5 - Other Feedback

THEME	TOTAL NO. OF MENTIONS	SUMMARY FEEDBACK	QUOTES FROM SURVEY PARTICIPANTS
Country town character and identity	10	• Retain Rosewood's small-town, family-friendly and country character and identity into the future. • Encourage future growth and development is directed towards other nearby areas, such as Thagoona and Walloon.	*"Please don't change Rosewood. The town is unique because of its style and community involvement. Make your development plans in Thagoona or Walloon!"* *"Please keep our town as a destination for people to come*

			to. There are not many small country towns around anymore, embrace this uniqueness"
Concern about the Place Plan engagement process	10	• Concern that the engagement process did not include enough opportunities for in-depth consultation with key community groups and leaders • Desire for Council to empower community to deliver placemaking initiatives and to be recognised for their contributions • Include appropriate stakeholders in developing actions and initiatives.	*"Having the Main Street businesses included in any decisions relating to the Main Street"*
Road improvements	9	• Upgrades required to several road in and around Rosewood (e.g. Just St, McGeary's Rd, Rosewood-Thagoona Rd) • Upgrade to road infrastructure is needed prior to future housing growth • Congestion and flooding are key issues on Mill Street • More car parking needed at Drakes	
Economic development	7	• Support economic development in Rosewood – grow business and tourism • Suggest reducing rent for empty shopfronts • Encourage new investors, with fresh energy and ideas to improve the town	*"Looking at similar towns like Boonah and Kalbar and how they've successfully built up events, weekend visitation and local tourism could provide some really useful inspiration for Rosewood's future."*
Growth management and urban design	7	• Desire not to see 'highway-retail development' in Rosewood and small-lot subdivisions • Suggestions for improved planning and design outcomes in new residential areas • Continue to improve local infrastructure	*"Make all new development be on larger lot sizes, suggest 500m2 as minimum, and include wider streets and more parks in new developments."*
Pedestrian and cycling safety	5	• Need for safer walking and cycling routes, especially from Rosewood Green into town • Improved street lighting	*"Safe pedestrian access from estate (Rosewood Green specifically) to Rosewood - I do not have a car... but cannot [visit town] as it is unsafe to walk..."* *"The problem is it's too dangerous to [cycle into Rosewood] any time other than early Saturday or Sunday morning."*
Safety	5	• Concerns about rising youth crime, homelessness, speeding and unregulated e-scooters • Suggestions for speed bumps, cameras, police presence, and parking enforcement	*"As I shop and chat to the friendly staff, they have let me know their concerns for speeding in the local streets at night. Can we introduce multiple speed bumps and cameras please to keep the Community safe."*

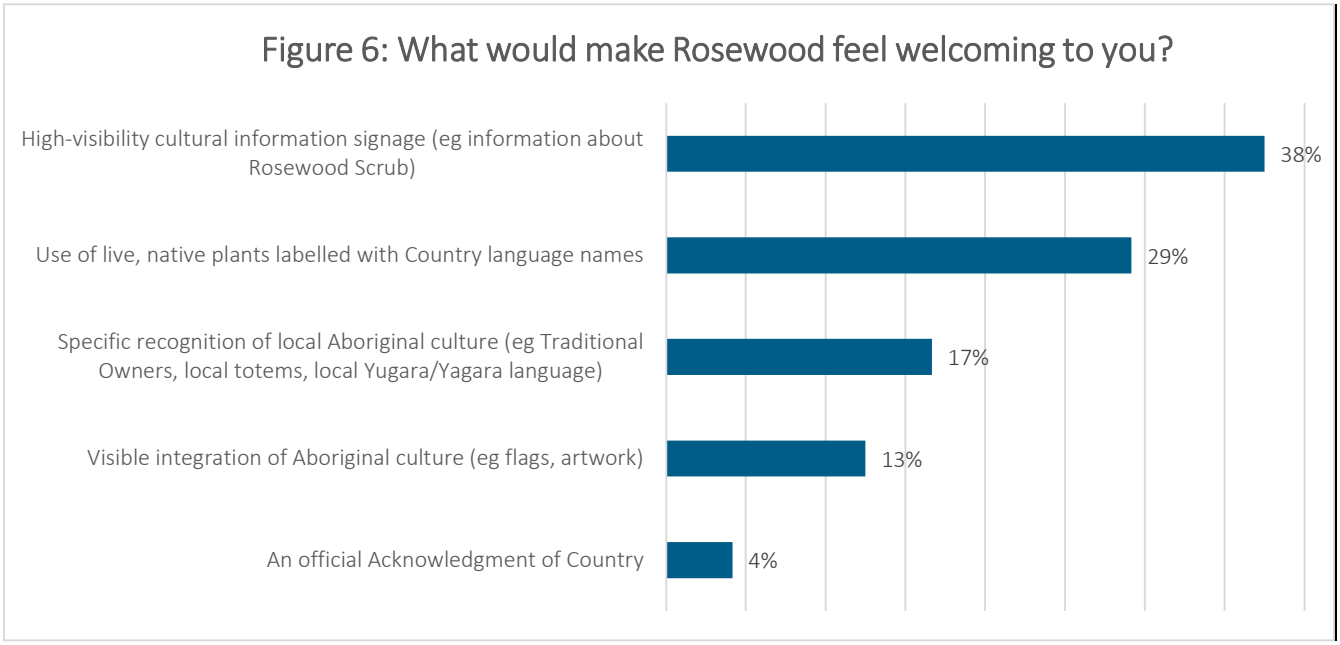
		• Many avoid walking or cycling outside quiet early-morning hours because they feel unsafe.	

Targeted First Nations specific questions

Survey participants were asked **What would make Rosewood feel welcoming to you?** Participants could select up to three options. 21 people responded to this question.

As shown in Figure 6:

- High-visibility cultural information signage (for example, information about Rosewood Scrub) was the most popular response, selected by 38% of people who answered the question
- Use of live, native plants labelled with Country name languages was selected by 29% of respondents



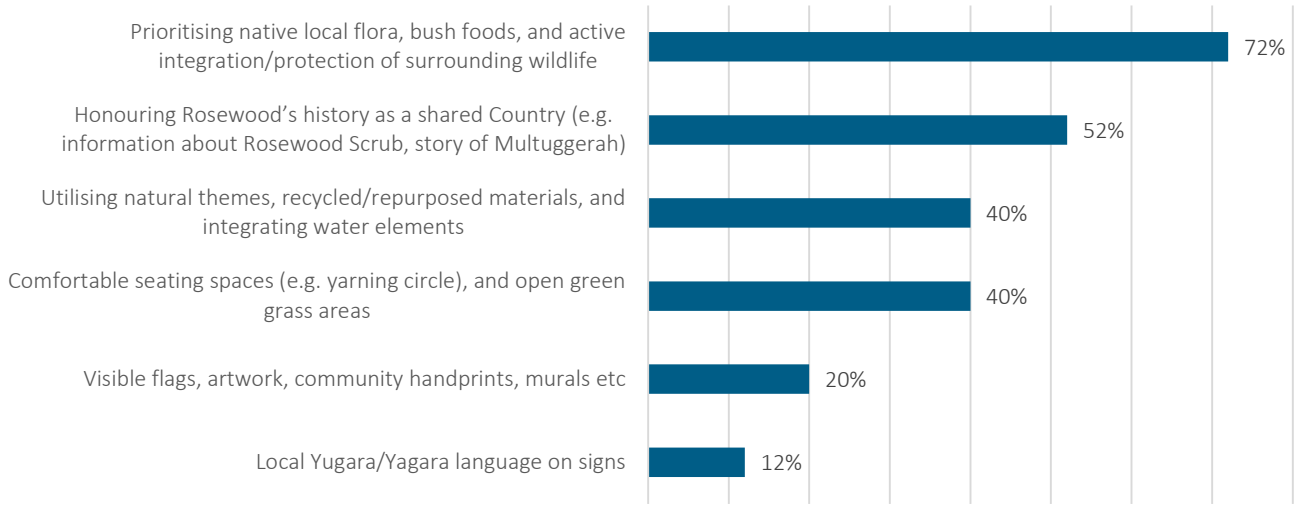
Survey asked participants **How could this Place Plan for Rosewood reflect Connection to Country?** Participants could select up to three responses.

As shown in **Error! Reference source not found.** prioritising native local flora, bush foods, and active integration and protection of surrounding wildlife was the top response, selected by 72% of respondents.

Other suggestions for ways to embed Connection to Country in Rosewood, included:

- Highlight Country throughout developments across Rosewood, for example, sharing information about native flora and fauna by planting sustainable gardens throughout Rosewood
- Referring to existing sources, such as the “Rosewood Then & Now” children’s book
- Place naming and use of local language names on street signs
- Aboriginal art and murals throughout the town
- NAIDOC Week celebrations
- Local yarning circles
- Engage with the community to understand local Aboriginal history and Settler history, including the history of mining, mills and agriculture.

Figure 7: How could this Place Plan for Rosewood reflect Connection to Country?



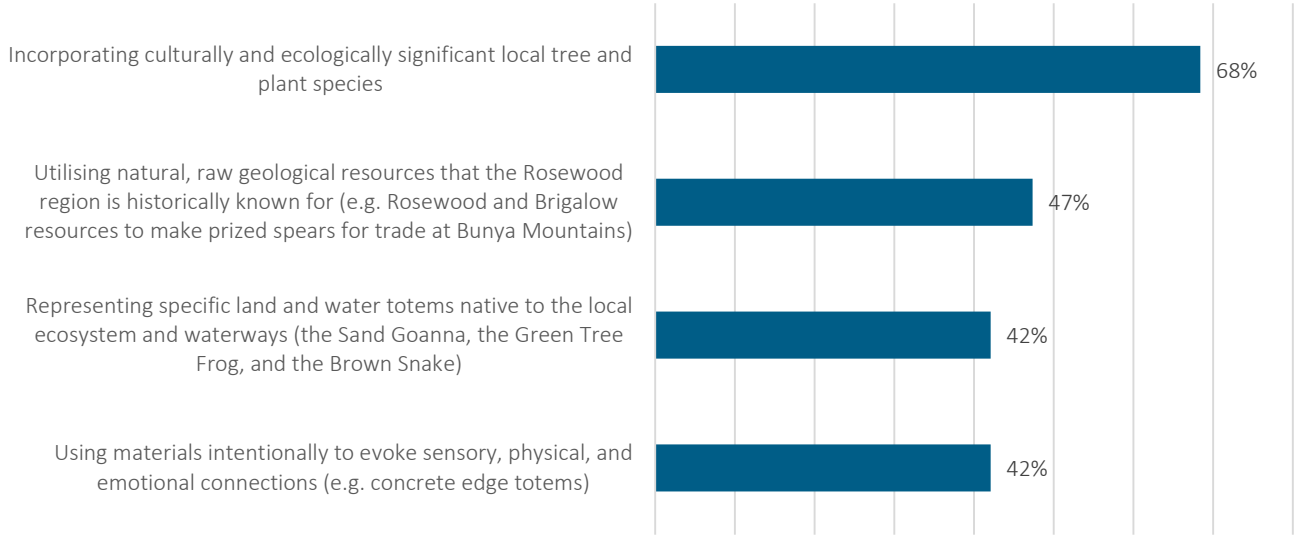
Survey participants were asked **Are there any unique materials that could be highlighted in the Place Plan to help connect potential future designs to place?** Respondents could select up to three options. 21 people responded to this question.

As shown in **Error! Reference source not found.**, survey participants selected:

- Incorporating culturally and ecologically significant local tree and plant species - 68%
- Utilising natural, raw geological resources that the Rosewood region is historically known for (e.g. Rosewood and Brigalow resources to make prized spears for trade at Bunya Mountains) – 47%.

Survey participants also suggested drawing on the local arboretum for key native plants like wattles and using native shrubs and trees to protect local wildlife. They called for the Place Plan to balance local history by showcasing both Indigenous and Settler heritage, alongside cultural activities that teach local Aboriginal culture.

Figure 8: Are there any unique materials that could be highlighted in the Place Plan to help connect potential future designs to place?



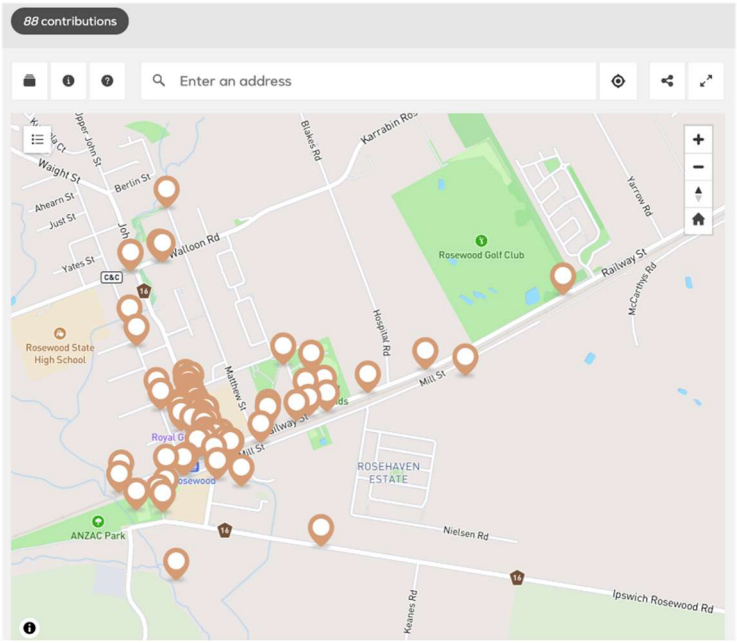
COMMUNITY PROJECT IDEAS MAP

The Community Project Ideas map, “Your ideas for Rosewood”, was an interactive online social map hosted via Shape Your Ipswich from 22 June to 2 August 2026.

Participants could drop a pin anywhere on a map of Rosewood to suggest an idea or project for that specific location, see what other participants had suggested, and upvote or downvote other participants’ pins.

The map received 88 individual ideas from 17 contributors. In addition to this we had another 15 people upvote/downvote the suggestions totalling 32. Because every idea is tied to a specific location, this report groups them by the area of Rosewood they relate to, not theme.

The table in Appendix 5 lists every idea submitted through the map, grouped by location and shown verbatim. Where an idea received upvotes or downvotes from other participants, this is noted alongside it.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/POP-UP EVENTS

Five pop-up events were undertaken during the engagement period as summarised in *Table 1 - Engagement activities undertaken in Round 1*. The pop-ups sought to promote the project across the community at different locations and events. This provides people an accessible way to give feedback, particularly those without access to a computer, and helps engage people.

In total, around 242 people were engaged through the pop-up events.

During the pop-ups, community members interacted with display boards, asking:

1. What do you love about Rosewood?
2. Activities and events – what types of activities would you like to see in the future?
3. Physical improvements – what are the top three physical improvements you would like to see in Rosewood in the future?
4. What is a small idea you have for Rosewood (less than $2,000)? And What is a big idea you have for Rosewood?
5. Youth pop-up only – positive and negative places mapping, and visual recording artist.

Copies of the pop-up boards are provided in Appendix 6, and photos from the pop-up engagement are included in Appendix 7. A summary of responses is provided below.

1. What do you love about Rosewood?

Community members were asked to write what they love about Rosewood on a sticky note. Table 6 provides a summary of the key themes across participants.

Table 6 - Pop-ups: What do you love about Rosewood?

THEME	TOTAL NO. OF MENTIONS	SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK	QUOTES FROM POP-UP PARTICIPANTS
Country town character and identity	31	• Quiet, small, country-town feel of Rosewood • History and heritage • native animals and available space	*"Country town with ease of public transport eg. Train"*
Sense of community	19	• Close-knit and connected community • People are kind and look out for each other • Love for neighbours and friends in Rosewood.	*"Amazing community feel"*
Great local shops and facilities	23	• Community centre • Pool, library • Local shops and friendly shop owners	*"Love the library! - always clean - fast access to books + information - gaming room on Thursday afternoons - constantly have events"*
Parks and open space	16	• Skatepark • Dino Park • Cobb & Co Park	*"Love the Dinosaur Park.-Shade - Good place for parties - fenced for safety"*
Well connected	12	• It's convenient • Train station • Walkability	*"Having easy access to the shops and being able to walk anywhere in the town without having transport"*

2. Activities and events

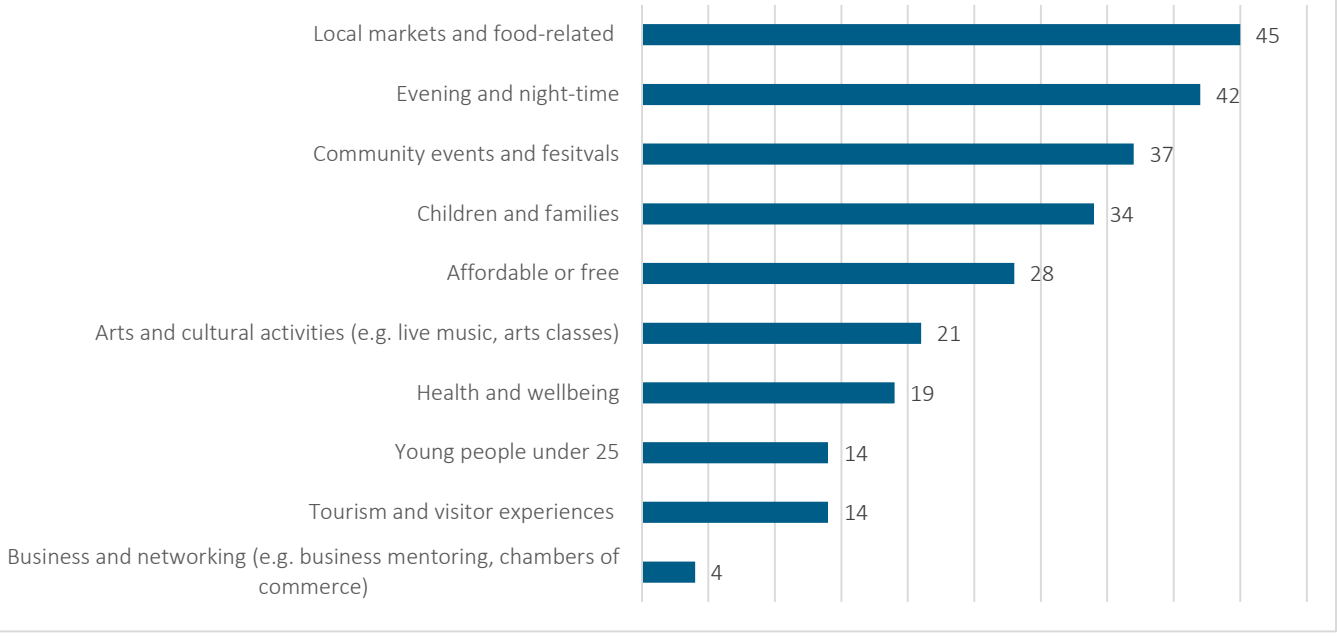
Community members were asked to vote for the top three types of activities and events they would like to see in Rosewood.

As shown at **Error! Reference source not found.**, across the pop-up events, participants most commonly selected:

- Local markets and food-related events (45 votes)
- Evening and nighttime activities (42 votes)
- Community events and festivals (37 votes).

Some community members also shared additional insights on potential activities and events, such as more regular activities including kids' fitness classes, an arcade, an annual festival, and better advertising of what's on. One participant described wanting Rosewood to feel like "a little Maleny".

Figure 9: Activities and Events Dotmocracy Board



3. Physical improvements

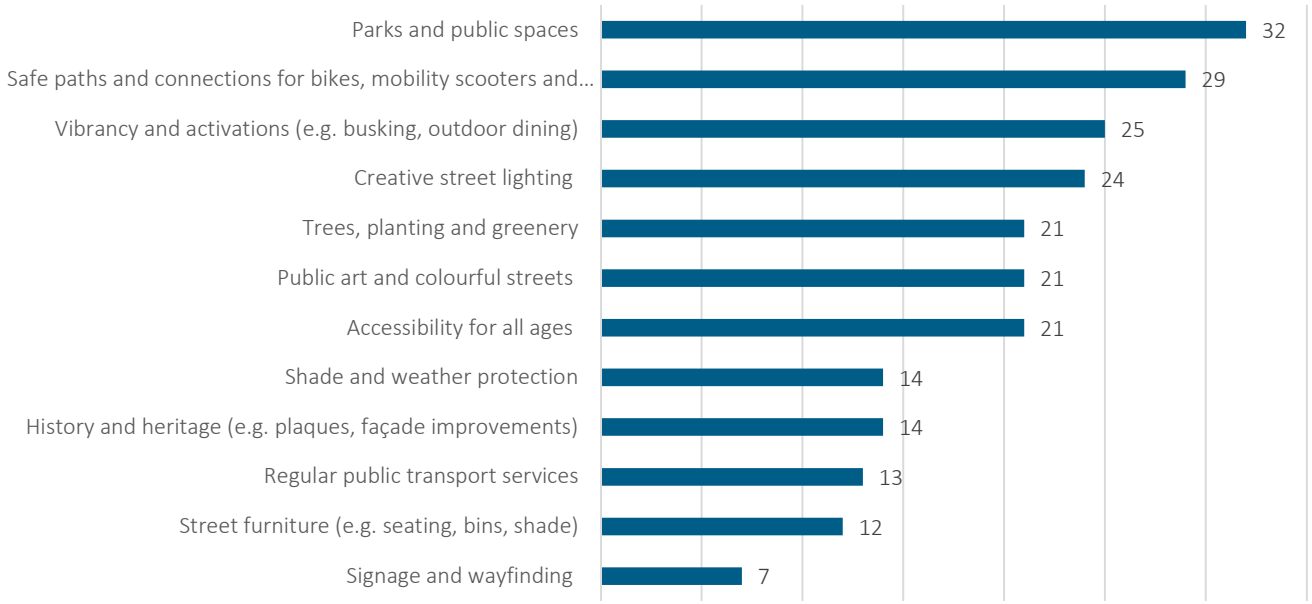
Community members were asked to vote for the top three physical improvements they would like to see in Rosewood.

As shown at Figure 10, across the pop-up events, participants most commonly selected:

- Parks and public spaces was the highest rated - 32 votes.
- Safe paths and connections for bikes, mobility scooters and walking - 29 votes
- Vibrancy and activation (which focuses on activating public spaces through outdoor dining or busking) - 25 votes.

Participants also shared comments about potential future physical improvements, including improving playgrounds, and installing fencing at local parks to enhance safety.

Figure 10: Physical Improvements



4. Small and big ideas

Community members were invited to share their ideas, big and small, for how to improve Rosewood into the future. Table 7 provides a summary of feedback from across the pop-up events.

Table 7 Small and big ideas collated from pop-ups

THEME	SUMMARY OF SMALL IDEAS	SUMMARY OF BIG IDEAS
Streets, footpaths and pedestrian safety	• Fix potholes and drainage issues on John Street and repair damaged gutters • Add more pedestrian crossings (e.g. Skinner/John Street) and stop signs to slow traffic • Provide accessible parking near Drakes/the pharmacy, a ramp at the post office, and better parking for tradespeople • Improve street lighting, including shielded/sensor lighting	• Deliver separated, safe cycle paths and bike infrastructure (e.g. BMX/dirt bike tracks) • Add more parking near the train station and on Railway Street, including more disability parking • Widen footpaths, improve roads in new estates, and address flooding on Matthew Street • Improve bus services and explore smaller/battery train options • Add further pedestrian crossings (e.g. news agency to post office, near Cobb and Co/Dino Park)
Main street and town centre improvements	• Facelift and spring clean the main street, with more seating, planting and lighting • Add clearer town identity and entry signage • Support outdoor dining along the main street	• Cover shopfronts and footpaths for weather protection, and renovate John Street • Create a laneway space (e.g. behind John Street) for use when the street closes for events • Better connect and present main street businesses

		• Draw inspiration from other appealing country towns
Parks, recreation and nature	• Upgrade the skate park with more equipment, shade and a toilet • Improve playgrounds with more slides and equipment, and better maintain toilets and bubblers • Keep the pool open all year and build a BBQ facility in parks • Establish a community garden and walking tracks, and improve the tennis court	• Deliver a bigger, modern skate park and refreshed, larger playgrounds • Keep the pool and water park open all year and add outdoor fitness stations • Improve Dino Park with more amenity (BBQs, toilets) and protect natural areas for bushwalking (e.g. Stirling and Purga reserves) • Provide a sport and recreation precinct for young people and improve the golf club
Supporting people – young and old	• Provide more activities and support for young people, including addressing antisocial behaviour • Establish a community shed for local groups and more library support for youth • Support vulnerable animals through a shelter	• Deliver a youth centre or youth space and a bigger, multipurpose community hub • Improve community safety, including working CCTV, and support services for people experiencing homelessness • Bring different community groups together and provide accessible, inclusive facilities
Markets, festivals and events	• Hold more family friendly and evening community events, including music (e.g. Battle of the Bands) • Establish local produce markets and a unique festival reflecting Rosewood's identity • Continue the Op Shop Trail	• Host bigger festivals and events (e.g. Christmas festival, cattle muster, outdoor cinema) • Provide more activities and venues for families, similar to school holiday programming • Explore niche interest events such as gaming and racing
Arts, heritage and culture	• Celebrate Rosewood's heritage through walking trails, signage and restored historic buildings • Share local history, such as mining history and Haigslea, through interactive maps and displays • Support public art such as murals and a supervised graffiti wall	• Build a museum celebrating Rosewood's history, in partnership with First Nations communities • Improve and promote the railway museum, and repurpose old railway buildings • Establish a lookout and visitor information centre
Shops, services and jobs	• Attract a wider variety of food and retail businesses	• Reactivate empty shopfronts and attract more shops, food outlets and a supermarket • Grow Rosewood as a food and tourism destination

YOUTH POP UP

The youth pop-up was an important opportunity to hear specifically from young people. While their ideas are incorporated with the whole of community pop up findings above, the following section highlights the key messages of what we heard and what matters to young people.

Around 31 young people from Rosewood took part in this engagement activity.

What do you love about Rosewood?

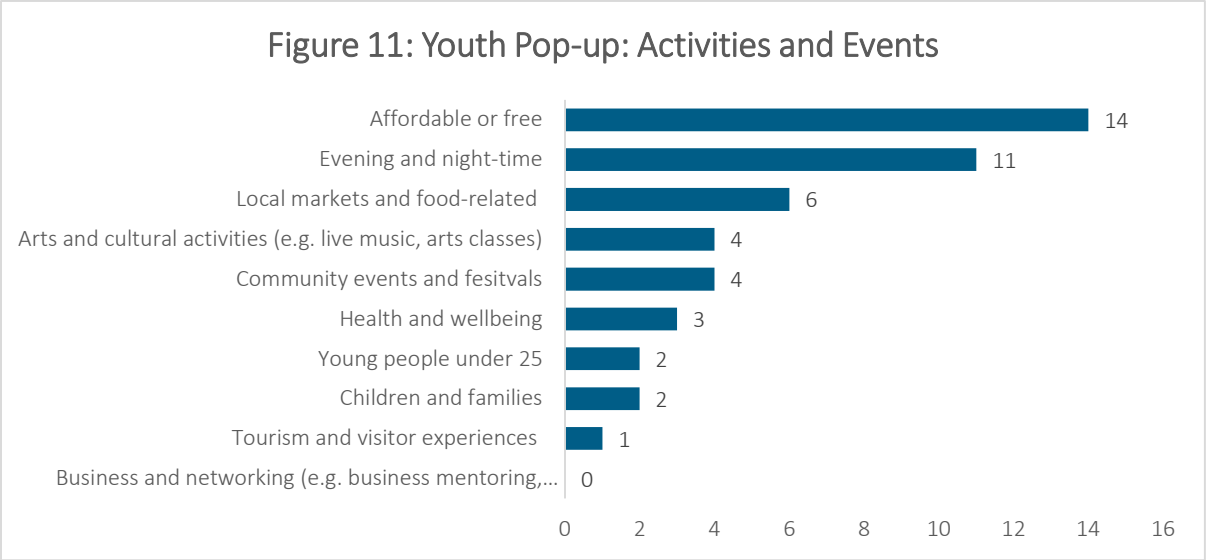
Young people were asked what they love about Rosewood. Their responses were captured via a visual recording, pictured below. Young people said they loved the parks and public spaces, especially the skate park, Cobb & Co Heritage Park and the Dino Park. Many also liked the town's safe, quiet, small town feel, its walkability, and how easy it is to bike or scoot to friends' homes. The library, local shops such as Drakes and Ocean Bites were also named as some of their favourite places.

Youth Pop-up: Graphic Artist representation of What do you love about Rosewood?



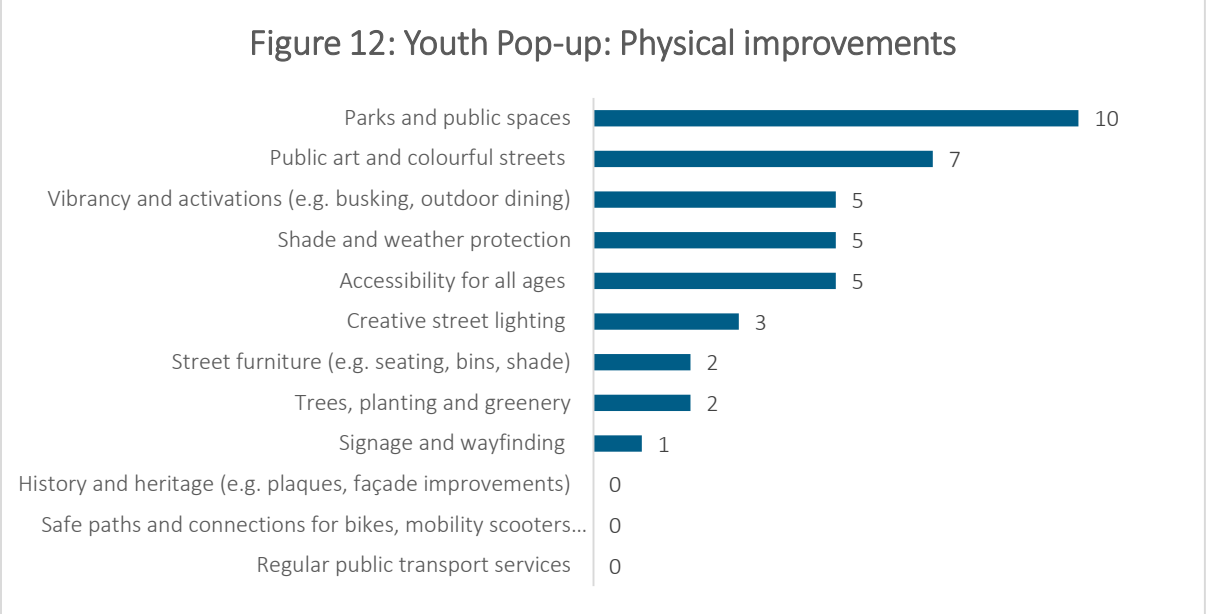
What activities and events do you want more of?

Young people to vote for the top three activities and events they would like to see more of in Rosewood in the future. Affordable or free activities (14 votes) and evening and night time activities (11 votes) were the clear priorities, followed by local markets and food related events (6 votes). Figure 11 shows all responses.



Physical improvements

Young people also voted on the top three top physical improvements they would like to see (see Figure 12). Parks and public spaces was the highest rated, with 10 votes, followed by public art and colourful streets (7 votes), and shade and weather protection, accessibility for all ages, and vibrancy and activations, each with 5 votes.



Your ideas big and small for the future

The illustration below captures some of the key ideas young people had for Rosewood, as summarised in Table 8.

Table 8 Youth Pop-up: Small and big ideas

SUMMARY OF SMALL IDEAS	SUMMARY OF BIG IDEAS
• A legal graffiti wall, with rules on what can be painted • More events for younger children, such as animal shows and an art class • Keeping the pool open all year round	• A bigger skate park, with a toilet, shade, and play equipment suited to younger and older riders • A dedicated youth space with air conditioning, music, gaming and somewhere to watch movies

• More slides and play equipment at the playground – adventure playground for older children with climbing features • A better multi-use park, with basketball, climbing, skateboard and soccer facilities • A light show and food trucks • More shade over the skate park • Park run • More stop signs, better lighting, clean toilets and fewer potholes	• More shops, cafes and food options (including a convenience store) open later in the evening • More zebra crossings, particularly near the dinosaur park, and footpaths linking new estates to town • An outdoor cinema • Turning the old railway line and museum building into a walking trail, park run and heritage attraction • Upgrades to Cobb & Co Heritage Park, including BBQ and lounge seating, new bubblers and play equipment – somewhere to hang out • A performance space or show for local actors, and more live music

Youth Pop-up: Graphic Artist representation of Ideas Big and Small



Positive and negative places in Rosewood

The pop up involved a mapping exercise where young people could mark 'good' and 'bad' spots around Rosewood.

Places marked *positively* included:

- Arnold Creek Walk
- the Community Gardens
- Johnston Park
- Rosewood Library
- Rosewood Aquatic Centre
- John Street locations including Drakes and the monthly markets site (Church).

Areas identified as *negatively* included:

- Albert Street (speeding traffic)
- Bassett Lane (drug related litter)
- John Street/Waight Street intersection
- an overgrown, unmarked track near Matthew Street
- the skate park, which participants said feels isolated, lacks toilets and lighting, and is hard to see into from the street.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Two community workshops were held on 23 and 27 July 2026 to gather insights from the Rosewood community on emerging themes from the engagement. A total of 29 people attended the workshops representing a range of community groups (e.g. Lions Club), facilities and services (e.g. Community Centre, Rosewood State High School) and local business, as well as general community interest. The Community Workshop Boards are at Appendix 8 and Table 9 outlines the activity.

Table 9 Community Workshops 1 and 2 engagement activity

Engagement activity	Cohort	Location	Date and time	Approx no.
Rosewood community workshop 1	Broad community	Rosewood Library	Thursday 23 July 2026 12.00 – 2.00 pm	14
Rosewood community workshop 2	Broad community	Rosewood Cultural Centre	Monday 27 July 2026 5.00 – 7.00 pm	15
			Total community workshop participants	29

The community workshops involved three key activities:

- **Icebreaker**: Understanding participants special skills and passion areas to contribute to improving Rosewood
- **Testing emerging ideas**: Testing, building understanding and identifying potential actions around the following key themes that were emerging from the broad engagement process existing skills
    - Vibrant main street
    - Events and activities
    - Getting around safely

    - Nature, recreation and wellbeing
    - Country town identity and heritage
- **Vision**: developing a vision statement and identifying key outcomes and achievements for Rosewood in the future.

Key insights

- **Heritage is Rosewood's greatest asset, and it needs ongoing investment to protect it.**

Verandas, character buildings, op shops and locally-owned institutions define the town's identity, and participants want to see this character actively supported and promoted as growth continues. Many cited the importance of investing in restoration rather than left to erode through neglect or rising maintenance costs.

- **The main street needs more activation**

Empty shops, a lack of dining/retail variety, and dead space were the most common issues identified, with ideas consistently focused on filling vacant spaces, adding restaurants and cafes, and improving streetscape presentation through landscaping, lighting and public art.

- **Safety and accessibility are key challenges**

Uneven footpaths, poor disability access, unstaffed train stations, and a shortage of pedestrian crossings came up repeatedly. These issues were raised when considering the future of John Street, transport and programs and events – highlighting its importance across many aspects of Rosewood life.

- **Young people and community infrastructure need to be planned for**

Participants feel the young people are currently underserved in Rosewood. We heard that there aren’t enough activities or things to do and that play equipment is tired. Local community facilities, such as the community centre, pool and gym need to be improved and invested in to keep pace with new housing and population growth.

- **Rosewood as a destination, not a pass-through**

From rail trails and heritage walks to festivals and a visitor centre, the strongest ideas centred on giving people, locals and visitors alike, more reasons to stop, stay and engage with the town.

- **Events and activities: residents want more, and want them back in the main street.**

While active community groups and popular events like the Op Shop Trail and annual car show a strong volunteering culture already exists, participants want a stronger events calendar overall, including a dedicated youth festival, the Christmas Carnival returning to Main Street instead of the Showgrounds, and better promotion of what's on offer.

- **Growth is welcomed, as long as it's progress rather than loss.**

Participants don't want Rosewood to resist change or become a "sleepy" or a lower socioeconomic area. They want growth that brings new families, businesses and opportunities, while strengthening rather than diminishing the community spirit, heritage and connection that makes Rosewood special.

Testing emerging ideas

The following provides a summary of feedback across the workshop activity exploring the key themes and emerging issues for the Place Plan. There were five boards and each was rotated around the group, so that everyone had the opportunity to provide more details on the themes.

- **Vibrant main street**

The table below provides a summary of feedback from both workshops on the topic of vibrant main street.

Table 10 - Community workshop - Vibrant main street

QUESTION	SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK	QUOTES FROM PARTICIPANTS
What is working now?	• Heritage character - verandas, character buildings, weather protection • Op shops (3–4), especially the Op Shop Trail • Two pubs • Post office • Railway station • Parking directly outside businesses • Compact, walkable layout • Good variety of independent local businesses	*"Verandas are great - character and weather protection"* *"Already points of interest e.g. Masons Gull, Dinosaur Park"*
What isn't working?	• Lack of dining/retail variety — no restaurant, no fruit & veg/organic shop, calls for more cafes (incl. gluten free) • Empty shops and dead space • Footpaths a patchwork, hard for prams/wheelchairs • Unclear parking signage, no caravan parking • Old buildings expensive to maintain • Business security concerns • Removal of station staff – safety concerns • TMR roadworks seen as necessary but disruptive	*"Old buildings are expensive to maintain/upgrade"* *"Access for older people needs to be better in the main street"* *"Footpaths for prams/wheelchairs is patchwork"*
Ideas	• Activate empty shops - pop-ups, low/free rent • More restaurants and alfresco dining • Greater variety of shops (e.g. supermarket, gift shop, cafes) • Street trees, hanging planters • Lighting/fairy lights • Murals • Heritage facade incentives • More pedestrian crossings, ramps • Disabled toilets • Expanded CCTV, visible police presence/liaison officer • Progress the 2017 Transforming John Street plan • Community notice boards	*"Get local businesses to decorate around festive holidays"* *"Destination for a different type of shopping"* *"Alfresco dining needed"* *"Encourage people to meander / wander"* *"New carpark on private vacant land - Albert St behind drakes"* *"Landscaping, fairy lights, public art"* *"Marketing to attract tourism - possible art installations"* *"Use empty shops for pop-ups"*

- **Events and activities**

The table below provides a summary of feedback from both workshops on the topic of events and activities.

Table 11 - Community workshop - Events and activities

QUESTION	SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK	QUOTES FROM PARTICIPANTS
What is working now?	• Active community groups - Lions, line dancing, community garden • School holiday programs via Community Centre	*"Community Centre runs school holiday events"*

	• Op Shop Trail/Crawl • Annual car show (~85 cars, 75 bikes) • Family fun days (Christmas fire engine, Santa) • Good volunteering opportunities, if known about	*"Lots of opportunity to volunteer (in many different ways)"* *"Op. shop trail - successful"*
What isn't working? Who might be missing out?	• Young people underserved, especially ages 8–12 • Tired play areas/equipment • Christmas events pushed to Showgrounds due to street closure costs (~$5,000 + insurance) • No courtesy bus, taxi, Uber or shuttle loop	*"It costs too much money e.g. $5k to close the street."* *"Playgroups in town have closed - missing out"* *"Play areas / equipment is a bit sad."*
Ideas	• Youth programs, youth festival (music, skateboarding, graffiti wall, craft space) • Dedicated play spaces • Bring Christmas Carnival back to Main Street • Annual Rosewood festival • Stronger events calendar (winter festival, food trucks, car/motorbike rallies) • Better promotion - Rosewood Talks platform, Ipswich events promotion • Gym and heated pool	*"Churches working together to hold a Christmas nativity walk through town"* *"Heritage themed walking tours"* *"Bring back the Christmas Carnival Event at Main St"*

- **Getting around safely**

The table below provides a summary of feedback from both workshops on the topic of getting around safely.

Table 12 - Community workshop - Getting around safely

QUESTION	SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK	QUOTES FROM PARTICIPANTS
What is working now?	• Train service seen as excellent (but lack of station staff = safety concern) • Pathways on most streets • Accessible ramps at cultural centre, Vinnies, library • New police station present, though presence not felt as effective	*"Train - Visitors can access street shopping easy"*
What isn't working?	• Uneven, patchwork footpaths, poor disability access • Poor visibility/lack of parking on John Street • Poorly positioned/maintained planter boxes • Broader safety concerns; calls for better lighting • No pedestrian crossing at library end • Railway carpark pressure from new housing • Infrequent bus service to Laidley/Lockyer Valley (hourly) • Heavy vehicles through town centre	*"Footpaths are uneven - "collage of broken rubber + concrete""* *"Safety is becoming a bigger concern locally"* *"Heavy Vehicle Coming through Centre of Town"* *"Planter boxes - position bad for disabled, poorly maintained, no local natives"*
Ideas	• More pedestrian crossings (Drakes, library, hardware store, St Brigid's, John Street generally) • Expanded CCTV • More police foot patrols • Accessible parking behind John Street	*"Highly visual ped (pedestrian) crossings, raised crossings. Post office."* *"Re-surface Albert st."* *"Pathways/cycle paths will be needed for all new developments"*

	• Upgraded disability access at Cobb and Co toilets • Cycle paths in all new developments • Heavy vehicle detour • Kiss-and-go zone at railway station • Resurface Albert Street	*"Upgrade Cobb + Co toilets for disability access"*

- **Nature, recreation and wellbeing**

The table below provides a summary of feedback from both workshops on the topic of nature, recreation and wellbeing.

Table 13 - Community workshop - Nature, recreation and wellbeing

QUESTION	SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK	QUOTES FROM PARTICIPANTS
What is working now?	• Community garden; • Masons Gully and Peace Park Bushcare groups (25 years running) • Johnson Street Park • Food relief via community garden/centre • Healthy activity groups • Street trees doing well • Men's Shed	*"Community garden"* *"Mason's Gully + Peace Park Bushcare groups do amazing work - group been going 25 years"*
What isn't working?	• Concern over social housing application at Matthew Street/Masons Gully • Development over Masons Gully catchment worsening flooding • Concern for wetlands near Seven Mile Bridge and Rosewood Scrub near Edward Street • Feeling council approves development without enough greenspace • Unclean/unsafe park toilets; needles found in playground bark • Old pool and gym not heated • Walking trails (incl. old railway line) feel unsafe or underused	*"No development over Mason Gully catchment - will worsen flooding over John St"* *"Old railway line not maintained for trail walking"* *"Old pool + Gym (not heated)"* *"Arnold Reick walkability - started never got going"* *"Lack of local volunteers for Masons Gully"*
Ideas	• Rail trail linking Showgrounds and Rail Museum, potentially to Brisbane Valley Rail Trail • Conservation/park area at old Oakleigh coal mine site • Heat the pool • Bikeway between Rosewood and Walloon • Bigger community centre to match growth • Develop Matthew Street site as parkland linked to Masons Gully • Protect green space/habitat trees • connect conservation areas via walking infrastructure • Better signage an wayfinding • A park run	*"Permanent community shed behind the community centre (would need to be on stilts/Raised)"* *"Bikeway/walking path between Rosewood and Walloon"* *"Correspondence to Rosewood Lions to sponsor a nature/rec project."* *"Wayfinding needs to be improved to show community facilities"* *"Use disused rail line for biking or walking path. Possible connect to BVRT."*

- **Country town identity and heritage**

The table below provides a summary of feedback from both workshops on the topic of country town identity and heritage.

Table 14 - Community workshop - Country town identity and heritage

QUESTION	SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK	QUOTES FROM PARTICIPANTS
What gives Rosewood its identity now?	• Heritage buildings, old churches, shops, pubs; main street at town centre • Locally owned institutions — CWA, post office, Bendigo Bank, courthouse, hardware store, op shops • Easy access to nature/farmland • Strong volunteer base and community connection • Local family-run businesses rather than chains	*"Old houses old shops old pubs old churches"* *"We have a main street that is in the centre of town"* *"The small town feel & country feel* *Hearing birds, seeing cows "*
Why does country identity matter for the future?	• Seen as Rosewood's point of difference — the last taste of country before Ipswich • Want progressive growth, not decline into a sleepy/low socioeconomic area • Rosewood seen as unique, not a suburb of Ipswich • Compared favourably to Kalbar/Boonah in retaining identity through growth • Concern that community infrastructure isn't keeping pace with development	*"Point of difference"* *"Tourism potential + its special + different"* *"We are unique - only country town (not a suburb of Ipswich)"*
Ideas	• Visitor centre (given RV traffic) • Wayfinding/information boards • Heritage-style streetscape (wrought-iron benches) • Turn the Cobb and Co building into a cafe/business • Old courthouse into a museum • Better promotion of heritage walks/trails • Interactive phone-based history trail • Support sharing Rosewood Scrub history and Indigenous history • Support for heritage-in-keeping renovations (incl. Queenslanders)	*"Promotion of trails + walk"* *"can't have a country town in the middle of the city"* *"Old wrought iron benches - horse, wagon pulling a horse – decorative"* *"A visitor centre - so many RVs coming to town every week - what to do, share local attractions"*

An additional theme was raised by a workshop participant around the topic of infrastructure and its ability to keep pace with growth. Their feedback included:

- Water treatment: sewerage from Walloon, and soon Thagoona, is already being sent to Rosewood, and floods contaminate Western Creek. Urban Utilities have said they do not want to build further plants. Proposed solution: build a treatment plant at Karrabin, near the proposed solar farm, where there are no houses.
- Need for another hospital or medical centre, as Ipswich Hospital is already at capacity.
- The RAAF base is getting bigger and noisier, an issue for future development nearby.
- Need for more schools, both primary and high school, with a concern that larger schools risk students feeling a lack of belonging and not being seen.

- Flood levels are increasing with more development and hard surfaces, with a call to keep water where it lands.

Vision Activity

Participants completed a "Rosewood Times" visioning activity, creating a future front page imagining Rosewood in 2046. They were asked to provide a headline, describe how the town had transformed since 2026, identify a proudest moment, sketch a front-page photo, and choose one word to describe Rosewood in 2046. Six small groups across the two workshops completed the activity, though not every group completed every section of the worksheet. An example of the completed vision worksheets can be found at Appendix 9 and all responses can be seen at Appendix 10.

TARGETED ENGAGEMENT

Alongside the broad community engagement, CRED and council carried out several targeted engagement activities including a trader walk along John Street, a Business After 5 workshop with local business owners, a workshop with students at Rosewood State High School and a walk with a local resident.

Traders Walk

Council and CRED walked John Street, door knocking to introduce the Place Plan and drop off postcards on how to get involved.

Business After 5

Council along with CRED attended a Business After 5 networking event on Thursday 23 July 2026, from 5.00 to 7.00 pm at the Rosewood Bowls Club The event gave local business owners the opportunity to informally chat with the project team, however some businesses had already attended or were planning to attend one of the workshops. About 8 people shared their ideas with the project team on the night. A photo of the event can be seen at Appendix 11.

Rosewood State High School Student Workshop

Council and CRED held a workshop with students at Rosewood State High School on Monday 27 July 2026, with 15 young people taking part. A photo of the students that we engaged with can be found at Appendix 12.

The workshop asked students two open questions about their experience of Rosewood:

- where their favourite places are and why
- what they think Rosewood needs more of or could improve.

The table below provides a summary of the key places in Rosewood young people like to go to. It demonstrates the popularity of the local Drakes as well as parks and sporting fields.

Table 15 – Rosewood State High School workshop – Favourite Places

PLACE	NO. OF MENTIONS
Drakes (IGA)	6
Skate park	3
Sporting fields (rugby/footy/soccer)	3
Parks / green space	3

Library	2
Markets	2
Rosewood Pool	1
Memorial Hall (RSL/ANZAC Day)	1
Masons Gully	1
Playgrounds	1
Old churches	1
Vista estate (friends' homes)	1

- "Going to the rugby field to kick the ball with my dad"
- "Rosewood library with my mates to hang out"
- "The skate park, it has nice drops and isn't overly popular it needs to be expanded and have a concrete path to it."
- "Park because it is a good place to meet friends"

The table below provides a summary of the key improvements or additions for Rosewood identified by young people.

Table 16 – Rosewood State High School workshop – Needs more of/Improvements

IMPROVEMENT	NO. OF MENTIONS
More car parking	6
Skatepark (improvements / additions)	3
New indoor gym	3
Greater variety of food and drink offer	3
Recreational/hangout spaces (arcade, skating, etc.)	3
Public toilets (improvements / additions)	2
Clothing stores	2
Concerns about more housing estates	2
Removing the bats	2
Playground upgrades	2
Sporting courts/facilities	2
Albert Street safety (roundabout, crossing)	1
Employment opportunities	1
Vacant shops (reuse)	1
Footpaths	1
Transport	1
Removing the bottle shop	1

- "Parking because there are more houses getting built in the new estates which means there would be more people coming into the community, and the small town doesn't have enough carparks for the growing community".
- "A crossing on Albert Street, after school people walk on the road"
- "Sporting courts. More employment opportunities. There are a few vacant shops that could be used. Fun recreational places (arcade, skating, etc.). Food or drink places (BOOST PLEASE)

A walk with a local resident

Council also held an informal walkshop with a local resident, who shared a wide range of ideas about Rosewood's future. Some of the feedback and ideas raised are summarised below.

- A funded, one or two day masterclass for Rosewood's food and hospitality workers, to lift the standard and variety of food on offer beyond typical pub meals.
- A schools based place planning award, inviting written submissions from Rosewood and district primary and high school students, judged by school principals and council's Place Planning Team, with the Mayor presenting awards.
- Drainage and parking improvements around John Street and Railway Street, including increasing the size of a stormwater pipe connecting the two streets, and moving the railway fencing on Railway Street back to create more car parking.
- A large conservation area around the old Oakleigh East and Oakleigh West mine sites, near the Rosewood Railway Museum, in the spirit of Mount Cootha's Botanic Gardens, potentially freeing up more land for the Museum if council's depot were relocated.
- Perry's Knob as a site of First Nations significance.

NEXT STEPS

The findings from this round of engagement will inform the draft Rosewood Place Plan. Feedback from the community survey, pop-ups, community workshops, and targeted engagement will together shape the vision, priorities and actions in the draft Plan.

SUPPORTING ENGAGEMENT EVIDENCE

In addition to this engagement, Ipswich City Council has conducted other engagement activities on the Western Growth Corridor, which relate to this project.

These findings allow for a more robust understanding of community sentiment and expectations to ensure informed decision-making.

Western Growth Corridor

The engagement was undertaken between 19 June and 20 July 2025. 240 individuals provided feedback through this engagement.

There were three themes that reflect areas the community highlighted as important for shaping a sustainable and connected future:

- Transport and Connectivity
- Infrastructure and Services
- Environment and Community Character

This feedback aligns with the findings identified in the Rosewood Place Plan – Round 1 engagement.

Detailed findings from the Western Growth Corridor have been outlined in the Community Engagement Summary Report (https://www.shapeyouripswich.com.au/download_file/view/8496/1487).

Additional engagement commenced on 7 September 2026 and will close on 19 October 2026.

FINDINGS

Review and analysis of the data from all engagement activities identified the following key findings from the community.

1. People love Rosewood's small country town character

The clearest and most consistent message from all engagement activities was the community's strong attachment to Rosewood's small country town character. We heard that there are many things that contribute to local identity such as the heritage buildings, main street, close knit community, key events and activities (e.g. Rosewood Show) and local businesses.

People want new development and growth to respect this character, there is a desire to actively strengthen and elevate it – not just protect what already exists.

- *"I love the country feel of Rosewood. It has charming buildings, history, friendly atmosphere and a slower pace than Brisbane."*
- *"There are not many small country towns around anymore, (we need to) embrace this uniqueness"*

2. People value Rosewood's heritage, buildings and character

The local history and heritage of Rosewood is important to the community and has multiple active local history groups. People value John Street's heritage buildings, verandahs and character shopfronts and would like to see these improved over time. Participants highlighted different parts of Rosewood's history and heritage story, including First Nations, remnant Rosewood Scrub natural heritage, and rail and mining heritage.

- *"Give the main street a face lift to reflect the heritage. Make it a unique place where people come from the city to visit. All based around a country theme"*

3. People want safer, better connected paths for walking and cycling to make it easier to get around

People value how accessible and connected Rosewood is, the train station and scale of the town make it easy to get around. However, there is a desire to improve the walking and cycling network, to better connect the town centre to surrounding residential areas, more safely through surface improvements and reducing vehicle speeds in some locations and with more shade.

More pedestrian crossings over John Street and safer paths to local schools were consistent priorities across participants, as well as establishing a rail trail along the old rail corridor for the benefit of both residents and visitors to Rosewood.

- *"An additional trail from the start of the rail trail at Wulkuraka through to Rosewood and up over the Tallegalla Ridge to Marburg. It could even link up with the Cobb and Co tourist drive but be a walkable, bikeable or horse-ridden route."*

4. Improving safety

Safety was identified as a key issue across all engagement activities. People raised concerns about youth crime, antisocial behaviour, speeding through local streets at night, and the lack of a visible police presence. Youth disengagement emerged as big issue across, with participants, including young people, pointing to a lack of activities, programs and spaces for young people in Rosewood.

- *"There are a lot of at-risk youth in Rosewood. Youth crime is increasing, particularly in the main street (business area). There is a need for a co-ordinated approach between Youth Workers and the Police Service to assist these children with making better decisions for their future." – Survey Participant*

5. The opportunity and challenge of population growth

There were mixed views across participants about the impact of the Western Growth Corridor on Rosewood. Some people see growth as an opportunity: a chance for Rosewood to become a stronger, more vibrant destination with a wider range of shops, services and visitors. Others were worried that additional growth could erode the qualities of Rosewood that they most value now. A consistent message is that future population growth needs to be well managed and respect the characteristics that make Rosewood special.

- *"(Rosewood could be) the principal economic business, shopping and social CBD hub of the Western Growth Corridor, with easy and safe vehicular access to/from the major highway network, with adequate carparking for shoppers, visitors, civic ceremonies and park-N-ride train."*
- *"They (council) need to fiercely advocate for current and future residents and work closely with the state government to ensure development is sustainable and all needed infrastructure is in place before large scale housing developments go ahead."*

6. A more vibrant main street with a stronger local economy

People love John Street, they highly value the local businesses and its strong heritage character. However, they also see opportunities for improvement. We heard that people would like to see more variety in the types of shops, activation of empty shopfronts, cafes open on weekends, a proper supermarket and better presentation of the street itself including more greenery and flowers.

We heard from business owners that there are some challenges to running a business in Rosewood, such as high rents, lack of marketing and limited passing trade.

- *"John Street unified from end to end, all the way to the roundabout, so it looks and feels cohesive."*
- *"One of the biggest challenges is attracting more visitors and encouraging people to spend time across the whole business precinct, rather than just passing through. Towns like Laidley have many more cafes, and shops."*

7. People want more markets, festivals and food events

Across engagement activities, people told us that they would like to see more local markets and food-related activities in Rosewood. There were also strong calls for evening and nighttime activities, markets, a larger events calendar, food trucks and seasonal events. People also want to see Christmas events and quality decorations return to the main street.

This tells us that the community value the opportunity to come together, connect with one another and celebrate what makes Rosewood special.

- *"A big festival like a Comedy Festival, Arts festival, a food themed festival or sustainability festival. Something that will attract people and encourage travel from other areas to Rosewood."*

- *"Regular food truck venue/location that caters for drop in food trucks."*
  "Encouragement of an artisan/arts and fresh produce market."

8. People value places to come together and be active in the community

There are a ranges of spaces, places and facilities that underpin the lifestyle and quality of life in Rosewood. The Showgrounds, Library, Dinosaur Park and the Rosewood Pool were identified as the 'glue' that holds the town and community together. People would like to see improvements to existing facilities to make them more comfortable, support longer stays and appeal to a wider range of uses and users.

- *"Love going to the Aquatic Centre, it is very obvious that, with the increase in population, the pool needs a big upgrade. At the very least to enable it to remain open all year"*
  "(we need) a Town Square and public green space with a zero depth water play feature. It's a place to sit, gather, take in public art or music or other performance."

9. People are passionate about nature conservation

Rosewood's natural surrounds are central to its identity. Masons Gully and the Rosewood Scrub remnant are valued for their habitat (and potential for further conservation and rehabilitation efforts), their bushcare history and their connection to Country. The surrounding agricultural landscape is also important to the Rosewood community, people love being able to hear cows, see paddocks and value the connection to the surrounding land.

People are passionate about the importance of protecting the environment and nature as Rosewood grows and changes over time.

- *"Rosewood has Masons Gully and lots of potential for wildlife habitat."*

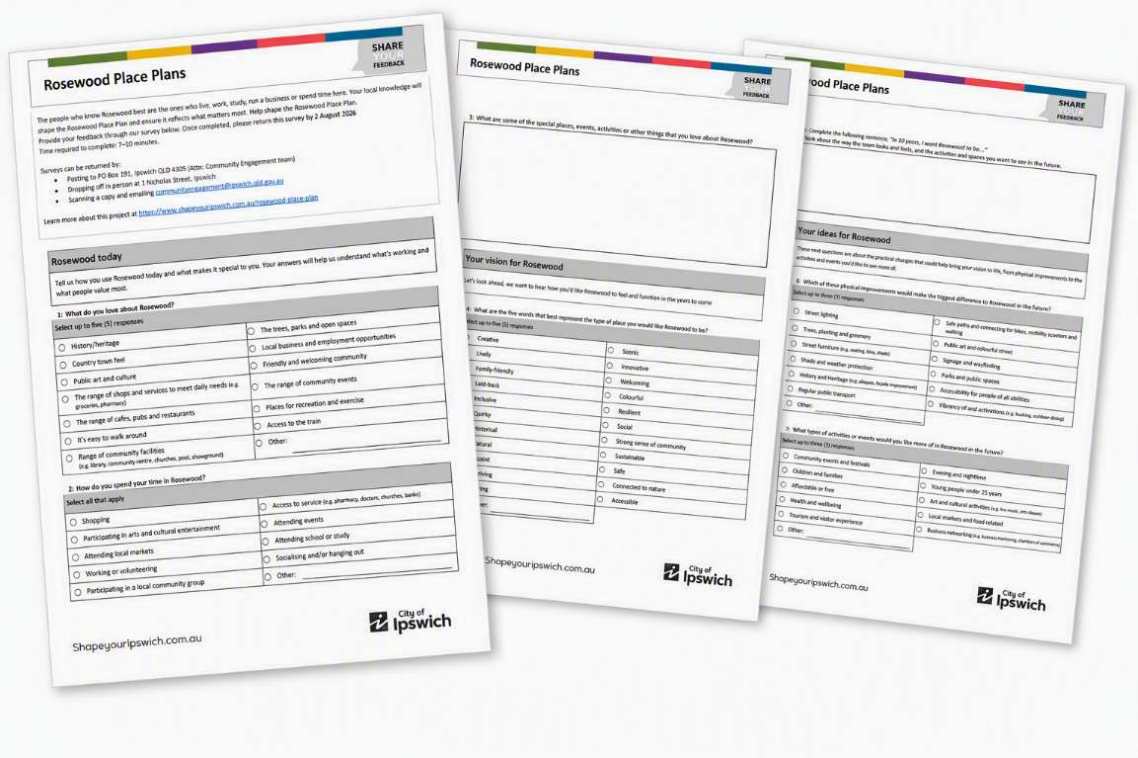
The information may be used to inform next steps for this project.

APPENDICES

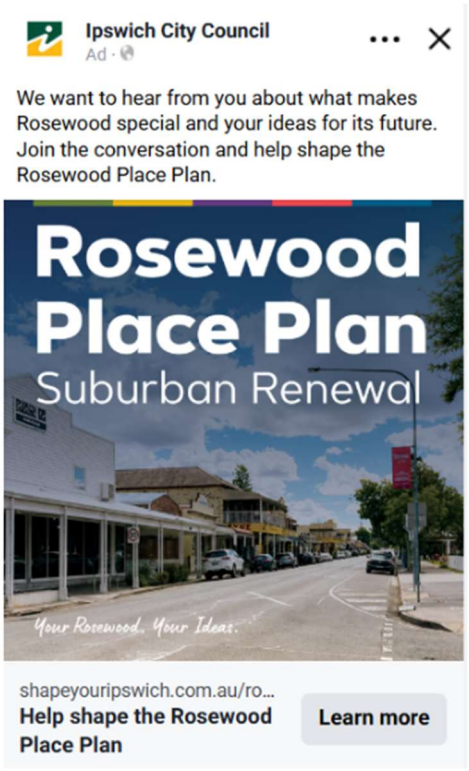
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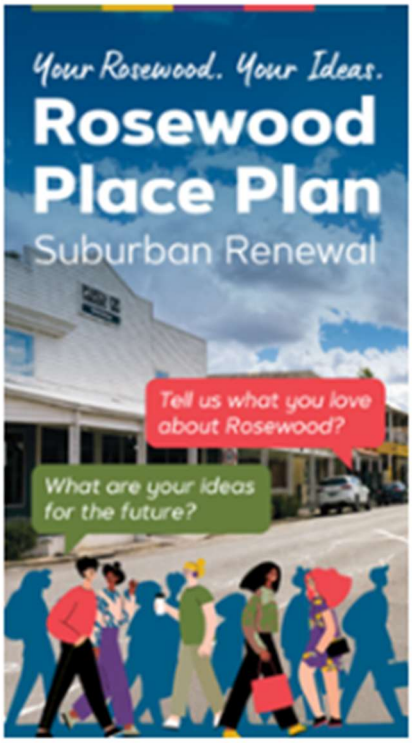


2. SURVEY



3. SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN POSTS





4. PROJECT BOARD AND POSTERS

The posters were put up throughout Rosewood at businesses and facilities and then were used at community engagement.



5. COMMUNITY PROJECT IDEAS MAP

The table below lists every idea submitted through the map, grouped by location and shown verbatim. Where an idea received upvotes or downvotes from other participants, this is noted alongside it. The ones that are bolded received the most upvotes.

LOCATION	*SUMMARY OF IDEAS*
John Street and the town centre	• Footpaths need to be evened out, and improved disability access to shops in John St. The footpaths aren't currently very "walkable" due to clutter like large bins. • A heritage and history trail using augmented reality & location based mapping (Pokemon Go tech) to show the John St streetscape as it was at a point in time. Images from Picture Ipswich. Include the history of the town and buildings. • Gateway signage or a town entry statement at each end of the business centre. Lighting and a pavement treatment. • Update park. Play equipment is outdated and the park has a "look but don't touch" vibe. The coach needs to be moved to open the space to the main road frontage. The toilet is not disability compliant & there is no baby change facility, despite signage. • A Town Square. Green space and a place to gather, with a zero-depth fountain/water feature. • A Town Square. • Arts and Cultural Centre for theatre and music shows (1 upvote) • As a quick, cost effective solution to fixing the uneven broken collage of footpath surfaces in the CBD footpaths, before the necessary footpath, roadworks and stormwater drainage infrastructure in John St, resurface with self levelling concrete • **Transform John Street into a weekend automotive and cycling event space through flexible street closures. Capitalizing on Willowbank proximity for organized Show and Shine meets drives massive regional visitor spending straight into our local main street (3 upvotes)** • Create a low-cost, streamlined permit process that includes pre-approved weekend parking bay closures. Reducing council red tape encourages regular Show and Shine tourism drives while ensuring these local vehicle meets remain safe and organized. (1 upvote) • Upgrade council street edges outside John Street hotels with reinforced paving and wheel-stops. Improving this infrastructure accommodates weekend Show and Shine tourism safely, moving vintage vehicles out of the dirt into structured display spaces. (1 upvote) • Supply a shared community event kit with traffic barriers and marquees. This allows local pubs to safely run informal weekend Show and Shine events, protecting attendees without forcing small businesses to buy expensive safety equipment. • Waive annual commercial footpath dining fees for businesses meeting high-quality design standards. Removing permit fees incentivizes pubs and cafes to expand outdoors with greenery and quality seating, transforming downtrodden main street edges. (1 upvote) • Create a quick-response outdoor dining rebate program for local cafes and hotels. Small cash rebates for installing high-quality timber planters, umbrellas, and lighting rapidly boost evening street appeal without complex council construction delays. (2 upvotes)

	• Introduce dollar-for-dollar matched Facade and Courtyard Improvement Grants for John Street businesses. Matched funding successfully drives private investment into revitalizing rundown beer gardens and cafe eating areas across other regional towns. (3 upvotes) • Do not permit new commercial developments to have front-facing parking lots or blank concrete walls. Enforce a strict heritage style where shopfronts directly meet the footpath, keeping parking at the rear to preserve a walkable, active street edge. (3 upvotes) • Do not widen vehicle lanes or remove on-street parking on John Street for commuter flow. Keep speeds low and prioritize raised pedestrian crossings. Route heavy growth-corridor traffic around the town center core, not through our historic main street. (2 upvotes) • a program to match local landowners with independent micro-retailers. Clunes or Woodend have revitalized their main streets by carving larger, underused heritage commercial footprints into shared multi-vendor spaces (1 upvote) • Enforce the maintenance of existing but also building of new verandahs down John Street to create a country town feel and support economic activity along the strip. Footpaths should be useable by local businesses. • Create 'parklets' along the street / footpath alcoves between car parking up John Street where seat benches and planter boxes can be located. Also allow cafes and pubs to use so hospitality can spill out into the street. (3 upvotes) • Council to work with TMR to renew kerb and channel on both sides of John St between William and Railway Sts AND to renew all CBD footpaths kerb to property in a style in keeping with a country town, with new style streetlamps with security cameras (4 upvotes) • reuse old buildings for additional shops salons etc. (1 upvote) • shopping village • CommBank (5 downvotes from other participants) • Aldi (2 downvotes from other participants) • Sushi Train (4 downvotes from other participants) • Speed Bumps along this road (2 upvotes, 4 downvotes) • Pedestrian Crossing (1 upvote, 2 downvotes) • Crosswalk (2 upvotes)
Railway Street and the station precinct	• Sustainability or Eco Friendly Markets and Events to be held at the Showgrounds, we could relocate the Sustainable Ipswich Festival to here, it's so central with great public transport and we can have an Eco Markets here once a month too • Extended library hours, inclusion of more workshops and live performances (1 upvote) • Rosewood is listed as being an RV Friendly Town. An opportunity exists to increase the number of camping and RV pads within the Showgrounds, bring extra visitors and tourists to the Town and shop locally. • Reprofile and reseal both Showground Lane and Railway St to rear of Golf Club, as a staged road improvement plan to safely cater for increasing population. The Showground Lane to a major public venue is an embarrassment with unsafe parking • Remove difficult traffic hazard, being the open drain across Railway St at Mathew St intersection and replace with suitable sized under-road stormwater drainage pipe from Mathew St GIP and into railway reserve drainage system (1 upvote)

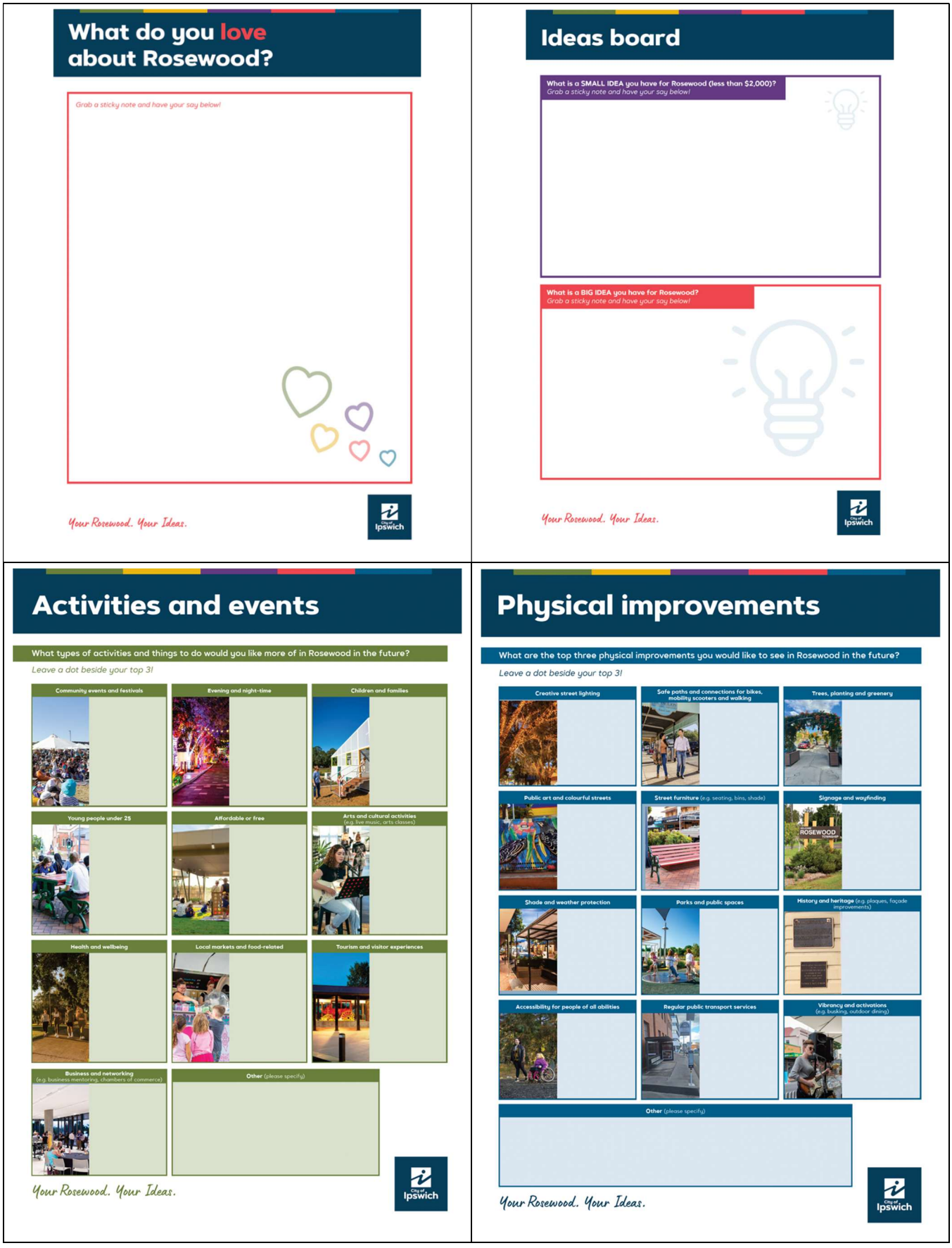
	• Council to work with TMR/QR to increase the capacity of stormwater flow from CBD stormwater drainage system from Railway St outlet and through a larger capacity culvert under the rail line adjacent to Masons Gully - BEFORE drainage work in Railway St • 3 or 4 small, 4 level tiered seating stands with all weather and sun protection, evenly spaced around the edge of the showring to accommodate spectators during day and nighttime events, after the installation of new floodlighting in 2026. • Dedicated cycle paths that connect the train stations to the future residential developments along the Western Growth Corridor. Not painted on but separated by a hob or entirely off the road. (2 upvotes) • **"active edges" along the pedestrian path from the Rosewood Railway Station down to the main commercial strip. This means introducing evening lighting installations, clear heritage-themed wayfinding signage, and dedicated real estate for mobile food truck (3 upvotes)** • Council to work with QR for provision of sealed and safe off-street carparking on the southern side of Railway St west of the Station platform, serviced with a concrete footpath to the Station entry and bus parking zone. (2 upvotes) • Bikeway, walking track, rail-trail path along the former rail corridor from Railway St through to Oakleigh Colliery Road (3 upvotes) • 24 hour Macdonalds (5 downvotes from other participants) • Pedestrian bridge (1 upvote) • **Nature Reserve Walking Track (4 upvotes)** • Pedestrian crossing (2 upvotes) • **Railway walk. All the way to Cabanda station. (3 upvotes)**
Albert Street, Walloon Road and the Rosewood-Laidley Road corridor	• Measure to reduce speeding on entire length Albert St • Shopping centre entry/exit redirection- due to increased traffic many near misses turning in and out of shopping centre. Risk increased due to frequent speeding along Albert St. (1 upvote) • Reprofile and asphalt seal the entire length of Albert St and redesign the left-turn corner radius to better facilitate vehicular west turn into Rosewood-Laidley Rd • Pedestrian crossing at some point along this road (1 upvote) • We need at least one pedestrian crossing along this road. Kids coming home from both primary schools have no where to safely cross • Council to sell vacant unused council property, to be zoned for rural use and designated not permitted for residential occupancy • Council to work with property owners to develop a public carpark and civic space between Drake's carpark and the Library carpark to cater for huge influx of visitors to the CBD during business hours; and for civic events, markets and Christmas functions . (2 upvotes) • Council to collaboratively negotiate with property owners to create a public carpark between Drakes and the Library using the 100-year-old disused land behind all John St frontage businesses, for parking during business hours and also as a market square (1 upvote) • Make John St one way from roundabout, to railway line, with more traffic calming. A lot of traffic already uses Albert St, so it can become main thoroughfare, rather than John St (2 downvotes from other participants) • Pedestrians crossing • Pedestrians crossing. Increased traffic is making crossing dangerous. (2 upvotes)

Mill Street corridor	• Speedbumps along Mill Street. There are frequent hoons who fly down this road, making it unsafe for those having to cross. • Speed Bumps along this road- too many motorists (including motorbikes, trucks) speed down this road • Railway St pavement to be reformed and sealed to QR fence boundary so as to permit safe angle parking between St Bridgid's and the Showgrounds to cater for both school events and more particularly for major events at the Showgrounds. • Relocate Council Works Depot from Mill St to alternative flood free property and develop medium density residential living gated community • Council to work with QR to develop off-street carparking bays off Mill St, in QR property, adjacent to State School and Memorial Hall to cater for the influx of park-n-ride commuters in district. • Council to work collaboratively with QR/TMR to provide off-street carparking in QR property adjacent to RSS and up to Rosewood Memorial Hall to cater for increased park-N-rail commuters with access to platform bridge. • Bunnings (2 downvotes from other participants) • Road Access to Mill St and new developments (1 upvote) • Addition to football fields to include soccer and a synthetic running track (2 upvotes)
School Street, sport and recreation precinct	• We need a location and space for a new community centre. We've outgrown the current one. We need space for therapists, extended community programs. • Additional Park N Ride sealed parking bays to be installed in Mill St next to rail corridor and opposite the Rising Sun Hotel property. • new sealed road to be constructed between Mill St and Rosewood-Warrill View Rd, alongside the SES Depot, to facilitate an alternative safe traffic path for vehicles going to the State School during drop-off and pick-up times and to SES, & sports ground. • Expansion to provide year round pool and modern gym facility (4 upvotes) • Park, soccer field • Roundabout/defined intersection? This is a very dangerous area with lots of traffic (bearing in mind it is close to a school and train line) (1 upvote, 2 downvotes) • fully functional changerooms and toilets to soccer club - inclusion of a running track around the perimeter of the park (2 upvotes, 1 downvote) • 50m aquatic centre open air with grandstand and a 25 m indoor pool (4 upvotes)
Natural areas, conservation and rural surrounds	• A lookout platform • Work with TMR during the Rosewood Marburg Rd reconstruction to restore the old railway tunnel. This would complete the connection for a Rail Trail starting at the old siding near the showgrounds, & continue to the Rail Museum at Kunkala • Railway Museum to be expanded to include a Rosewood History museum. There are many important historical collections just sitting in garages because we lack a museum space. • The old siding could be transformed into an info centre for the beginning of the Rail Trail. Incorporate a "hole in the wall" coffee shop as a fundraiser for the Railway Museum. • Cafe with the views - paying homage to history of Sydney Cotton • Extension and revamp of walking path

	• Improved intersection- high traffic area • Nature Walking Track • Future Tourist Information Centre, Kiosk, local and first-nations people History Centre, tourist and bus parking adjacent to toilet facilities - on elevated section of vacant former Oakleigh West Mining property. (2 upvotes) • Reopen Tallegalla Primary School. With the increase in population in the area schools are quickly filling up. Stop letting this school go to waste. (1 upvote) • With increased demand on schooling in the area, reopen Tallegalla School as a school. • Create a recycled, salvaged building materials, green waste/ community compost tip shop within the existing Rosewood Rubbish Centre (3 upvotes) • Former open cut coal mining property to be dedicated and staged developed as public open space and recreational, within a conservation area with native botanic gardens , walkways, bikeways, sections for mountain bike courses, picnic rest areas (1 upvote)
Rosewood Green and the eastern growth corridor	• Add a 3m wide walking path with fitness stops such as stretching benches pull up bars etc. along the route the length of Railway St from Rosewood to Thagoona to give residents a safe place to exercise. A lot of the area has no footpath or equipment (2 upvotes, 1 downvote) • Need a foot path between Rosewood Green and town. There has already been an incident of an accident involving a child here. There is limited parking in Rosewood itself and if people could safely ride to the shops it would ease traffic and parking issues (5 upvotes)

6. POP-UP ENGAGEMENT BOARDS

The following boards were used during community consultation to encourage people to respond to questions.



7. POP UP ENGAGEMENT PHOTOS

Photos from the Pop-up events held across the engagement period.





Rosewood Show pop up – Friday 26 June 2026



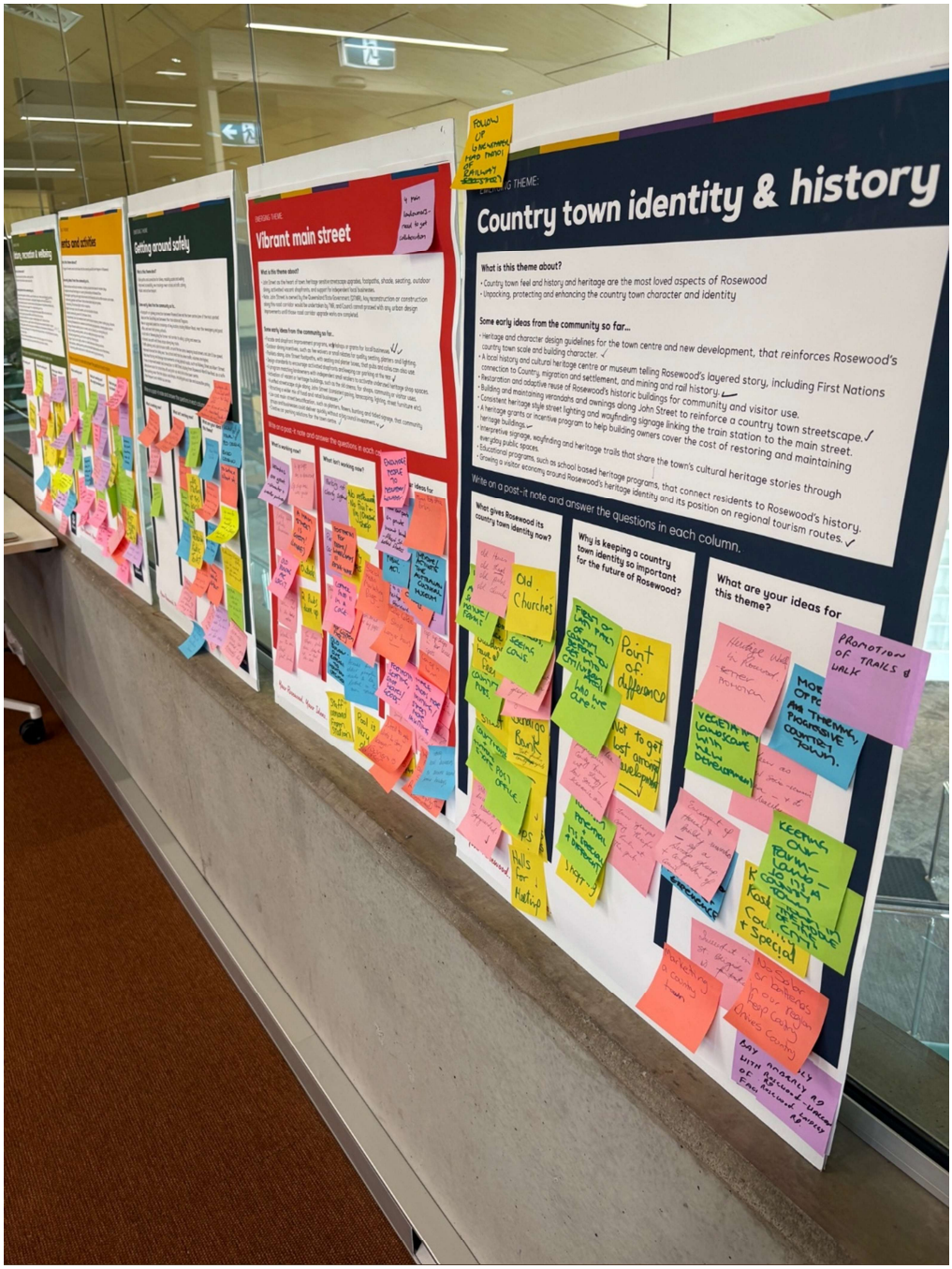
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Youth pop-up at Cobb & Co Heritage Park

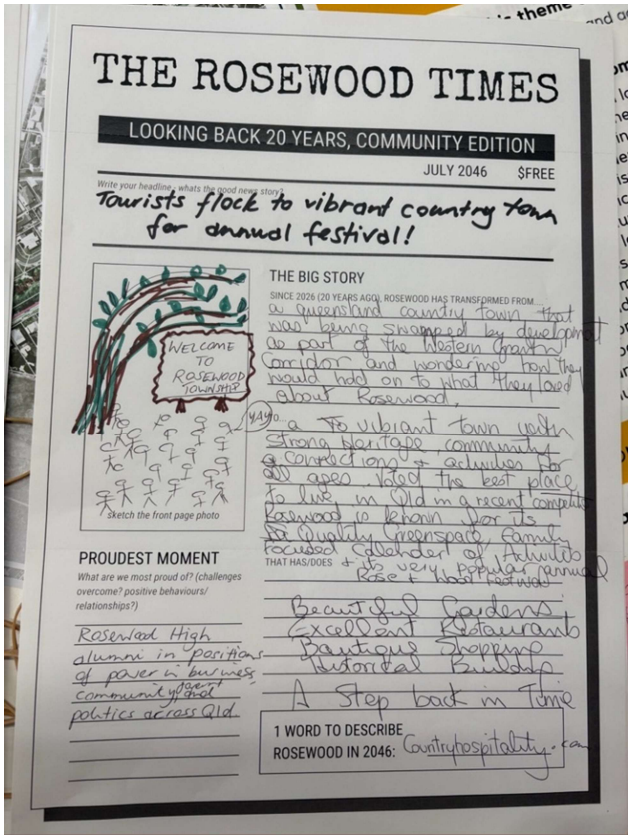
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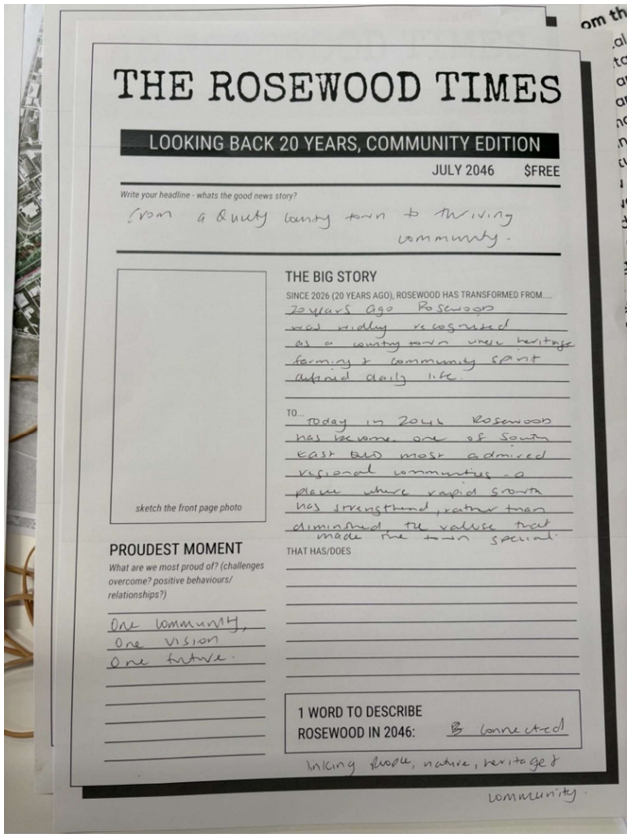
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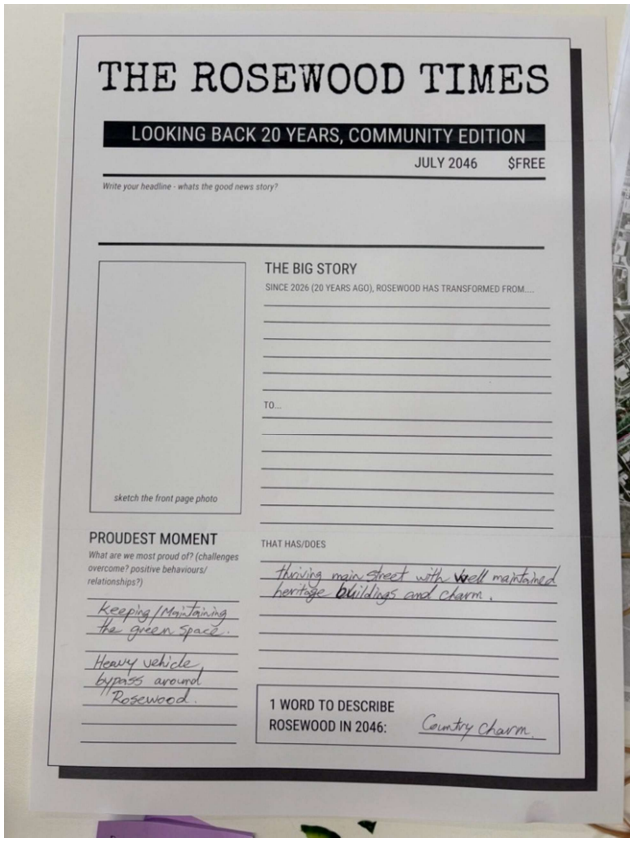


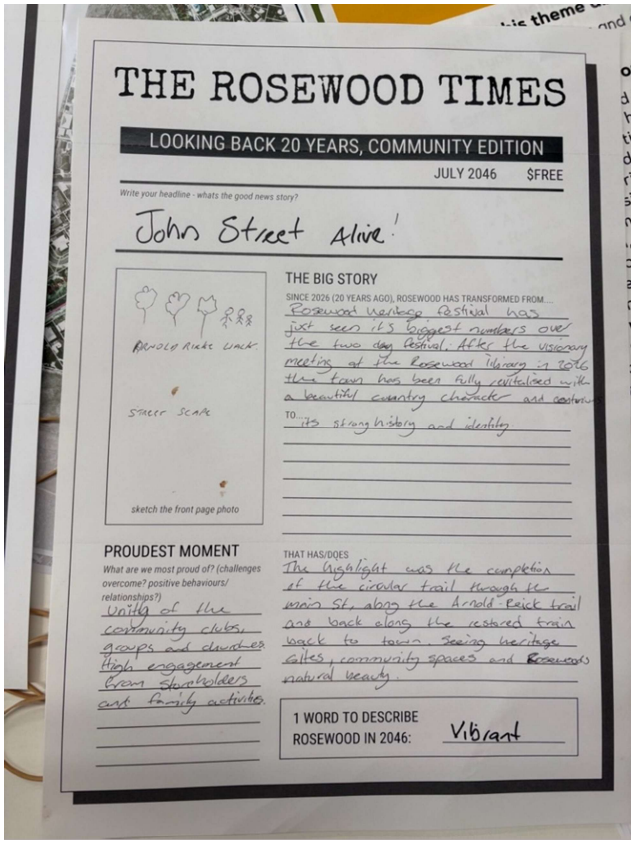
9. COMMUNITY WORKSHOP - ROSEWOOD TIMES ACTIVITY

Example of completed vision worksheets









10. COMMUNITY WORKSHOP - ROSEWOOD TIMES RESPONSES

These are all the responses collected through this activity.

Write your headline: what's the good news story?

- From a quiet country town to thriving community
- Tourists flock to vibrant country town for annual festival!
- John Street Alive!
- We are more than a town, we are a destination with community spirit
- The spirit of unity… together we grow, together we thrive…

The Big Story: since 2026, Rosewood has transformed from… to… that has/does…

- Twenty years ago Rosewood was widely recognised as a country town where heritage, farming and community spirit defined daily life. Today, in 2046, Rosewood has become one of South East Queensland's most admired regional communities, a place where rapid growth has strengthened, rather than diminished, the values that made the town special.
- A Queensland country town that was being swamped by development as part of the Western Growth Corridor, and wondering how it would hold on to what people loved about Rosewood, has become a vibrant town with strong heritage, community, connection and activities for all ages. Voted the best place to live in Queensland in a recent competition, Rosewood is known for its quality green space, family focus, calendar of activities, and its very popular annual Rose and Wood Festival, that has beautiful gardens, excellent restaurants, boutique shopping, historical buildings, and a step back in time.
- A thriving main street with well maintained heritage buildings and charm.
- The Rosewood Heritage Festival has just seen its biggest numbers over the two day festival. After the visionary meeting at the Rosewood Library in 2026, the town has been fully revitalised with a beautiful country feel, and continues to build on its strong history and identity. The highlight was the completion of the circular trail through the main street, along the Arnold Reick trail and back along the restored train, with heritage sites, community spaces and Rosewood's natural beauty on show.
- A quiet little day trip destination has become a place that's on everyone's go to list. Rosewood has maintained its country charm, with beautiful cafes and eateries and extensive greenery on the way through town. Visitors can shop and explore, from cafes, gift shops and dress shops, to having a full meal at the heritage hotels, explore the area on the trails, and stay at the fully equipped Showgrounds with ensuite suites, pools, spas and activities.
- When the town was quieter, with fewer homes, fewer businesses and a slower pace of life, neighbours knew everyone by name, country roads were peaceful, and life felt wonderfully simple. Today the town has grown and evolved. New families have arrived, new businesses have opened, and the community is much busier than ever. While much has changed, the heart of the country town remains the same, with community spirit and people who still look out for each other. As we look towards 2046, we celebrate how far we've come while cherishing the country values that make this town such a special place to call home.

Proudest moment: what are we most proud of? (challenges overcome, positive behaviours or relationships)

- One community, one vision, one future.
- Rosewood High alumni in positions of power in business, community, government and politics across Queensland.
- Keeping and maintaining the green space, and the heavy vehicle bypass around Rosewood.
- Unity of the community clubs, groups and churches, and high engagement from traders and family activities.
- That the town's heritage has stayed, able to be shared with future generations, with community and business owners working in collaboration to present a tourist destination in its own right.

- Coming together as one, community and businesses alike. It is this spirit of unity, generosity and country pride that has helped the town grow into the wonderful community it is today.

Front page photo (sketched by participants) **Note: Three groups did not complete this section*

- A "Welcome to Rosewood Township" sign
- Trees, the Arnold Park walk, and streetscape
- Two clock faces, a 2026 clock and an arrow marking twenty years later, captioned "our town, our people, our future… Rosewood"

One word to describe Rosewood in 2046

- Connected, linking people, nature, heritage and community
- Countryhospitality.com
- Country charm
- Vibrant
- Community
- Evolved

11. BA5 (BUSINESS AFTER 5) ‘COUNTRY CONNECTIONS’ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENT



12. ROSEWOOD STATE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WORKSHOP



GLOSSARY

Affected community – People and groups who are most likely to experience direct or indirect impacts from the project.

Cleaned data – The process of checking and correcting data. This includes removing duplicates, obvious errors or incomplete entries. This work is undertaken prior to analysis.

Confidence level – The statistical likelihood that the engagement results reflect the views of the broader population within a stated margin of error.

De-identified data – Removal of personal identifies within data to ensure individuals cannot reasonably be identified.

Demographic representation – The degree to which the profiles of respondents reflect the affected community.

Exploratory research – Engagement designed to identify broad themes and trends.

Margin of error – A statistic expressing the expected range of difference between sample results and the true population view (smaller margins require larger sample sizes).

Open thematic analysis – A qualitative method for coding comments and identifying recurring themes and patterns without a predefined coding frame.

Sample size – The number of participants who provide input. This influences the reliability of findings.

Statistical representation – The extent to which a sample's size and composition allow findings to be reflective of the wider affected community.



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