# The City of Rockingham – an Economic Snapshot

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- Population Growth: 2006 87K ......2016 -135K.....40% or 55K
- Length of Coastline: 36.8 Km
- Area of Municipality: 261 Sq Km
- 40 Km south of Perth
- Rate Revenue:\$71 M
- Annual Turnover (including gifted assets): \$275M
- City workforce 600 (540 FTE)
- Development Activity over last 10 years:

Residential sub divisional lots released: 14,384

Commercial, Industrial, multi-res developments: 5490@ \$3.8 Billion



- Councillors 10, 4 year terms half council elections every 2 years in October
- Mayor –Elected by Councillors
- Political Representation
  - Federal Brand: Gary Gray
  - State Rockingham: Mark McGowan

Warnbro: Paul Papalia

Kwinana: Roger Cooke

Baldivis: New seat after electoral redistribution

Foundation member of National Sea Change Task Force



- Employment as at 31/12/2015: Workforce: 64,756 Unemployed 4642 Rate 7.17%
- Mean Annual Incomes

| Baldivis       | \$52,624 |
|----------------|----------|
| Safety Bay     | \$42,640 |
| Secret Harbour | \$54,600 |
| Shoalwater     | \$40,404 |
| Rockingham     | \$41,080 |

Number of Small Business (under 20 employees)

3,120 non-employing

1,410 1-4 employees

<u>493</u> 5-19 employees

5,023



Employment by Industry 2014/15:

| Industry                          | Number | %    | WA % |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------|------|
| Retail                            | 5,676  | 16.5 | 9.2  |
| Education and Training            | 4,490  | 13.1 | 8.7  |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 4,156  | 12.2 | 9.9  |
| Public Administration and Safety  | 3,730  | 10.9 | 7.4  |
| Construction                      | 3,711  | 10.9 | 10.5 |
| Accommodation and Food Services   | 2,777  | 8.1  | 5.5  |
| Manufacturing                     | 1,816  | 5.3  | 7.4  |
| Other                             | 7,815  | 22.9 | 41.4 |



## **Economic Development Strategy**

#### **Key Recommendation 1**

- The City's major economic development focus and priority resource allocation be directed towards projects and activities that:
  - are unique and attractive to prospective investors
  - come under the control, management and influence of the Local Government
  - fall within the capabilities and expertise of the City as a corporation to deliver successfully
  - provide increased revenue streams for the City as a corporation
  - benefit the community at large and will facilitate measurable new investment

#### Why this approach?

• Very limited resources to spend on Economic Development with rate revenue situation and other corporate and council priorities. Targeted approach required.

### Michael Porter's Theory of Competitive Advantage:

- In his defining work on creating and sustaining superior performance in corporations, Harvard University Professor of Economics, Michael Porter, identified two fundamental types of competitive advantage:
- Cost advantage: Having products that deliver the same benefits at lower cost than your competitors
- Differentiation Advantage: Having a product that is unique and valuable to buyers

# Competitive Analysis: Fremantle Versus Rockingham



| rtoomignam                                   | Freo         | Rocko        |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Swimming Beaches                             | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Major City Centres with "brand" retail       | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Parks and recreation facilities              | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Recreational maritime facilities             | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Community pride and spirit                   | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Public Transport                             | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Developable Land                             | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Hospitals and Schools                        | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Food and Beverage                            | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Heritage Buildings                           | $\checkmark$ | $\times$     |
| North Facing Beach surrounded by green space | $\boxtimes$  | $\checkmark$ |
| Funky Hipster Vibe                           | $\checkmark$ | $\boxtimes$  |
| HMAS Stirling                                | $\boxtimes$  | $\checkmark$ |
| Cappuccino Strip                             | $\checkmark$ | $\times$     |
| Low cost absolute beachfront land            | $\boxtimes$  | $\checkmark$ |
| Decent Football Team                         | $\boxtimes$  | $\checkmark$ |



- Defence: HMAS Stirling
  - 3500 4000 "real" jobs
  - Submarine and Frigate Base long term
  - Anticipated increase in U.S. Activity
  - Future growth and sustainability confirmed in recent Defence White Paper and Defence Posture Review
  - Support industries for new submarines
  - Defence CRC or Applied Research Facility
  - Activity is insulated from the "economic cycle"



- Rockingham Beach Foreshore
  - Surrounded by 10.8 hectares of shaded parkland
  - Competitively priced and vacant prime development sites
  - Serviced by numerous small bars, restaurants, cafes, takeaways and tourism retail in the waterfront precinct
  - Plenty of parking and public transport options
  - North facing sheltered beach
  - Mean wind strength 3pm January is 33km/h or 20 knots from the south west. The "Fremantle Doctor"



Leighton Beach 3pm









### Foreshore Masterplan – Rockingham Beach





- Beachfront land available and affordable for mixed use food and beverage, residential, hotel, tourism retail. All medium to high density.
  - Waikiki Mixed Use Tourism / Residential
  - Port Kennedy Kennedy Bay
  - Secret Harbor
  - Rockingham Beach Road
- This land is at least 20% cheaper than comparable land with absolute coastal frontage in the Perth metropolitan area.
- The Investment Attraction Team's role is to keep these sites on the development industry "radar" and link investor, developer and owner.



# Thank you



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