

Truganina Community Centre – Elements (Interim Name)

Community Update Report July 2022



PROJECT BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the community conversations is to bring together community members and Wyndham City Council in a series of community conversations to build common ground and shared understanding around how the Truganina Community Centre - Elements (Interim Name) and its delivered services will continue to genuinely engage community to meet the needs of children, families, youth and aged community members.

Phase one

In 2021 Wyndham City ran a series of concept design workshops where community members had the opportunity to inform the design of the building. The feedback received from these workshops has helped inform the [draft concept design of the building](#).

Phase two

We are now moving into the series of workshops that focuses on building on the working relationship between community members and service providers in the Truganina Community Centre - Elements (Interim Name).

There will be a series of ten community conversations (workshops) which will take place from May 2022 to December 2023.

The second workshop themed “Learning about our community” was held on Saturday 23 July 2022 which focussed on:

- The community story - strengths and struggles of living in Truganina (Elements Estate)
- Formal Data

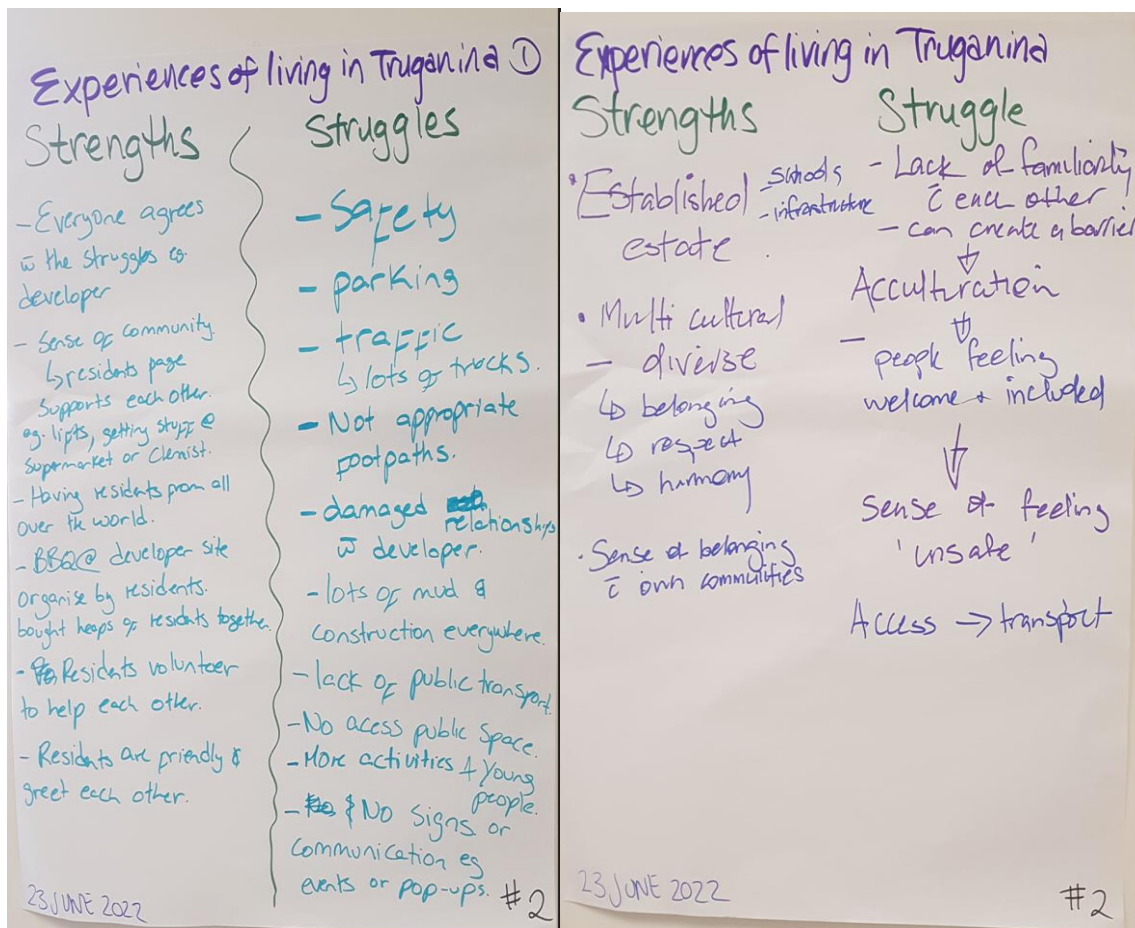
A summary of the workshop outcomes can be found below.

Residents in Elements were contacted via the registration database and the privately run residents Facebook page to attend the face-to-face workshop. 12 registrations were received.

There were 7 attendees at the face-to-face workshop which included two community members. One of the community members in attendance made a Facebook post in relation to the discussion questions and the responses received have been included in this report.

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK:

In the 1st part of the session, we discussed the strengths and struggles that the Elements community members experience while living in Truganina. The information below was collected on the day and via a Facebook post on the resident's page prior to the workshop.



Reponses from Facebook Post in relation to the workshops questions:

There are bunch of idiots have no driving sense and putting others at risk while driving. Over speeding, no stopping at zebra crossing, no stopping at give ways, no stopping at school crossing, and worst is keep driving even at the red lights. Lack of actions by the relevant authorities, this should be addressed immediately.

Hopkins road is not safe enough to drive, immediate action is required.

Construction companies/builders are not following compliances and health and safety while they building houses. Concrete, muds, stones all over the place.

Doherty road near elements doesn't have footpath. Concrete, stones all over the place.

Struggles: no public transport; no proper footpaths on Doherty (scary to walk with a kiddo to Albright school for example).

Not enough trees, greenery and shades.

Strength: Affordability of properties. Relatively quite but this might be relative and subjective.

I'm just replying regarding your post for the meeting this Saturday. In regards to the questions: We've been living here in Elements for 5 years. A lot has improved. The wetlands is such a good place to walk now but still waiting for those trees to get bigger so there's shade especially during summer. The walk path is safe to walk too. In my opinion Elements is not too bad. I think the estate need more trees. To have more activity playground that will stimulate children and help them to be more physically active. The location is not so bad - train station, shopping areas are just a drive away but it will be so convenient if the shopping precinct will be built soon and hoping for good local Cafe, takeaways and maybe a post office too. We're still hoping for the train station that was advertised for Elements (one of the reason we bought a house here). For now, we are hoping for regular bus service even just to and from Tarneit station so we wouldn't have to drive to city for work or park in the station. There should be a safe walk path/ bicycle lane along Dohertys Road to encourage people to ride bikes or to walk too the train station. I'm a new mom. Even if Tarneit library/ community centre is close to Elements, sometimes it's stressful to drive there with a newborn to have vaccinations or to attend parent group and playgroup and so as child care/kindergarten. It will be nice if we can just use the pram and walk to the community centre. And at the moment I'm making good use of the library to borrow books for my baby, so it will be nice to have a library that's close that will encourage moms to go for pram walks and borrow books at the same time, both beneficial for mums and bubs. These are the things I can think of the moment. I hope these helps. I want to thank you also for being a part of the committee looking after our estate.

Ripun woods Rd intersection with boundary Rd will need addressing soon too... Need to be very precise turning left off boundary Rd. Street lights at minimum would be very useful on that corner.

|What's your experience living in Truganina (Elements Estate) ? and/or the experience of others (your neighbours, friends, family)) - it's been good so far, plenty of nice neighbours that acknowledge each other, conveniently located more so with the opening of Morris road bridge and the construction of nearby town centre/ shopping centre and education precinct (very excited!) What are the strengths of the community? - some friendly neighbours, some proactive people in the community as well What do you/ or other people struggle with? - not much struggle, pretty comfortable, probably just safety wise, worried with all the burglaries happening but it's everywhere I suppose. Is there anything else you'd like to add to the discussion? Hopefully a closeby special school of some sort for those with special needs kids, hopefully there will also be a medical centre and pharmacy in the nearby town centres

We Asked	You Said	Our commitment
What are the strengths of living in Truganina (Elements Estate)?	- Established estate (school and infrastructure) - Multicultural diverse – Belonging – Respect – Harmony - Sense of belonging – Own communities - Everyone agrees with the struggles in regard to developer - Sense of community - residents page - Residents volunteer to help each other e.g. giving lifts, picking up items @ from the chemist or supermarket, moving furniture - Having residents from all over the world - Residents are friendly and greet each other - Wetlands are a good place to walk - Resident organised a BBQ to get community together prior to pandemic	We will attempt to work with the community on their strengths. We will continue to strengthen the sense of community that already exists. We will continue to ensure that everyone is welcomed and is able to participate in these community conversations.
What are the struggles of living in Truganina (Elements)?	- Safety - Not enough parking especially next to the park - Not enough walking tracks causes traffic - Not appropriate footpaths to get to services - Damaged relationship between residents and developer - Lots of mud, concrete left everywhere by construction companies - No access to indoor public space - Lack of activities for young people	We will be clear on the community conversations' objectives by sending agendas and completing after workshops reports on what was discussed We will support residents to be involved in the ways that are most relevant to them including posting questions on the Facebook page prior to the community conversations We will be clear with our communication about upcoming

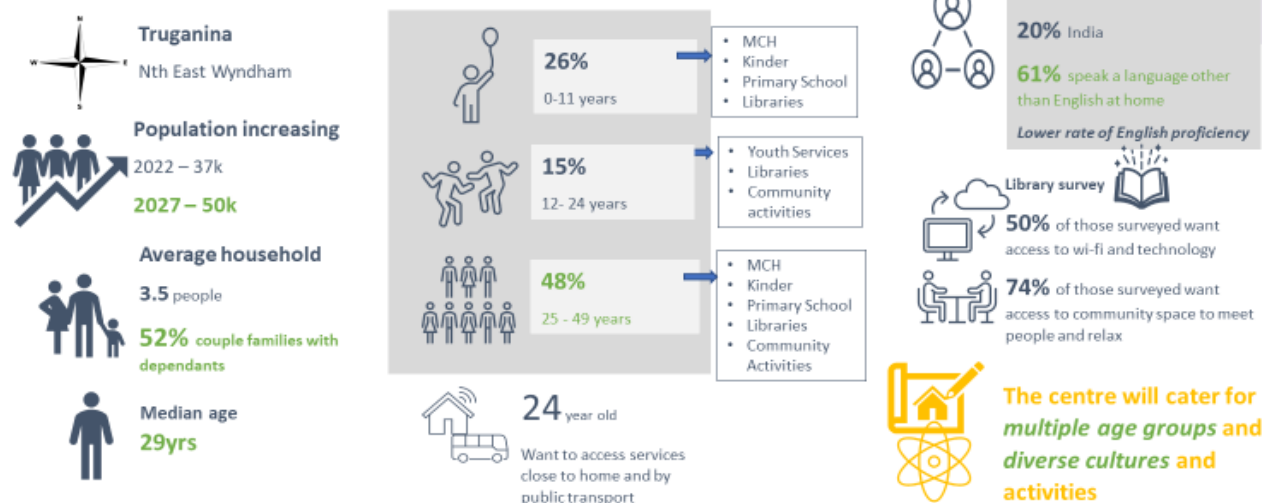
- No appropriate communication about upcoming events e.g. movie night
- Lack of familiarity with each other - can create a barrier
- Acculturation – people feeling welcome and included
- Sense of feeling 'unsafe'
- Access – transport
- Not enough trees or shade available
- Traffic e.g. speeding, intersections are dangerous

community conversations that are occurring that relate to this project.

We will work with other internal departments about their communication about upcoming events in the area.

In the next part we discussed formal data and its impact on relying on it to inform planning.

A bit about the community



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What does the formal data tell us about Truganina?	- Data does not include those above 49 - The Centre needs to be intergenerational and welcoming to people of all ages - Population growth if it continues to grow it will become a problem - Formal data does not tell the whole story as, for a large proportion of the population, English is not their first language, they might not understand why the data is being collected - Community connection will be important, while being flexible to be able to meet future needs - Remove barriers to welcome newcomers to the community and reinforce the importance of hearing community members and their own experiences	We will attempt to included everyone in these community conversations. We will continue to engage with people across different mediums to ensure that everyone's voice is included in these community conversations. We will use our existing networks and connections to reach out to people, attempting to reach a diverse audience. We will continue to remove barriers that may present an issue for people to participate in these community conversations eg sending the agenda via facebook and getting someone to bring back communities comments

Next steps:

- Wyndham City to complete a summary report and upload onto The Loop and residents to upload to Facebook residents' page
- Wyndham City to check in with registrants that were not able to attend
- Wyndham City to organise registration for workshop #3 scheduled for **Saturday 3 September 2022**.
- Wyndham City to advise when tender application is completed and update the Major Project page
- Wyndham City to inform community when a billboard with photo will be position onto the site. This will be part of the communications plan for the project.
- Wyndham City to investigate the possibility of a hybrid model for future community conversations
- All residents to share their experience with other community members e.g. via a Facebook post (residents), face to face with 2 or 3 other people in the neighbourhood residents, WhatsApp group post (residents),

HOW CAN PARTICIPANTS STAY INVOLVED/INFORMED?

Participants can stay informed by visiting The Loop page and selecting to “Follow” the project. Updates will be posted on The Loop, the project timeline will be updated to reflect project status and registrations to the next workshops will all be available via The Loop.

Participants can also stay informed with updates available on Council’s Capital Works Dashboard
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/capitalworksdashboard