

# Future Rochester Plan

Your kitchen  
table discussion  
guide



## Inside:

- Instructions for hosting a discussion on the Future Rochester plan
- Maps and information on the Future Rochester plan
- Feedback form to capture your group's ideas

# Help us prepare the Future Rochester plan

We are developing a plan for Rochester's recovery and resilience. The Future Rochester plan will set the vision for the future and outline the actions that Council, community and others can take to achieve it.

Use this kitchen table discussion guide to host your own consultation discussion with your family, friends, neighbours, community groups or colleagues – at home, in a park, a café, or a pub. It's up to you.

You will find the following in this guide:

- Instructions for hosting your discussions
- Maps and information to help you host your conversation to inform the Future Rochester plan
- A feedback form to capture your group's views

## How to submit your completed discussion guide

You can drop back your completed kits to the following locations:

- Campaspe Service Centre – Rochester
- Rochester Community House
- Ampol, Rochester

Or scan a copy and send it through to [rochesterpbp@campaspe.vic.gov.au](mailto:rochesterpbp@campaspe.vic.gov.au)

## The Future Rochester plan will include:



Rochester's unique character and identity



Maps of community assets



Rochester's community values and vision for the future



Strengths, challenges, ideas and opportunities for the future



An action plan to guide us



**Take a photo of you all together so we can see you in action!**

**Send your photo to:**  
[rochesterpbb@campaspe.vic.gov.au](mailto:rochesterpbb@campaspe.vic.gov.au)

# Getting the conversation started

This guide is a 'conversation starter' to contribute your ideas and vision for Rochester in 20 years' time. You don't need to be an expert; all you need is a group of people who are willing to share and discuss ideas.

The following pages provide a series of questions for your group to discuss. Please take note of your answers and submit them using the instructions on page 3 when you're done.

## To start, tell us a bit about your group

**How many people are in your group?**

**Where are you meeting?**

**Are you local residents or business owners, or both?**

**How old are the people in your group?**

**How do you know each other?**

**Your contact person**

*Who and how we can contact you if we need to clarify any of your responses?*

**What do you love, what would you change and what would you add to Rochester?**

Please write your answers in the columns below.

**LOVE**

**CHANGE**

**NEW**

# What places are important to you in Rochester?

Think about some important places in Rochester and answer the below questions.

What is it about these places that makes it important? Describe the specific things that make these places great.

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What kind of activities do you do in these places?

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Who uses these places?

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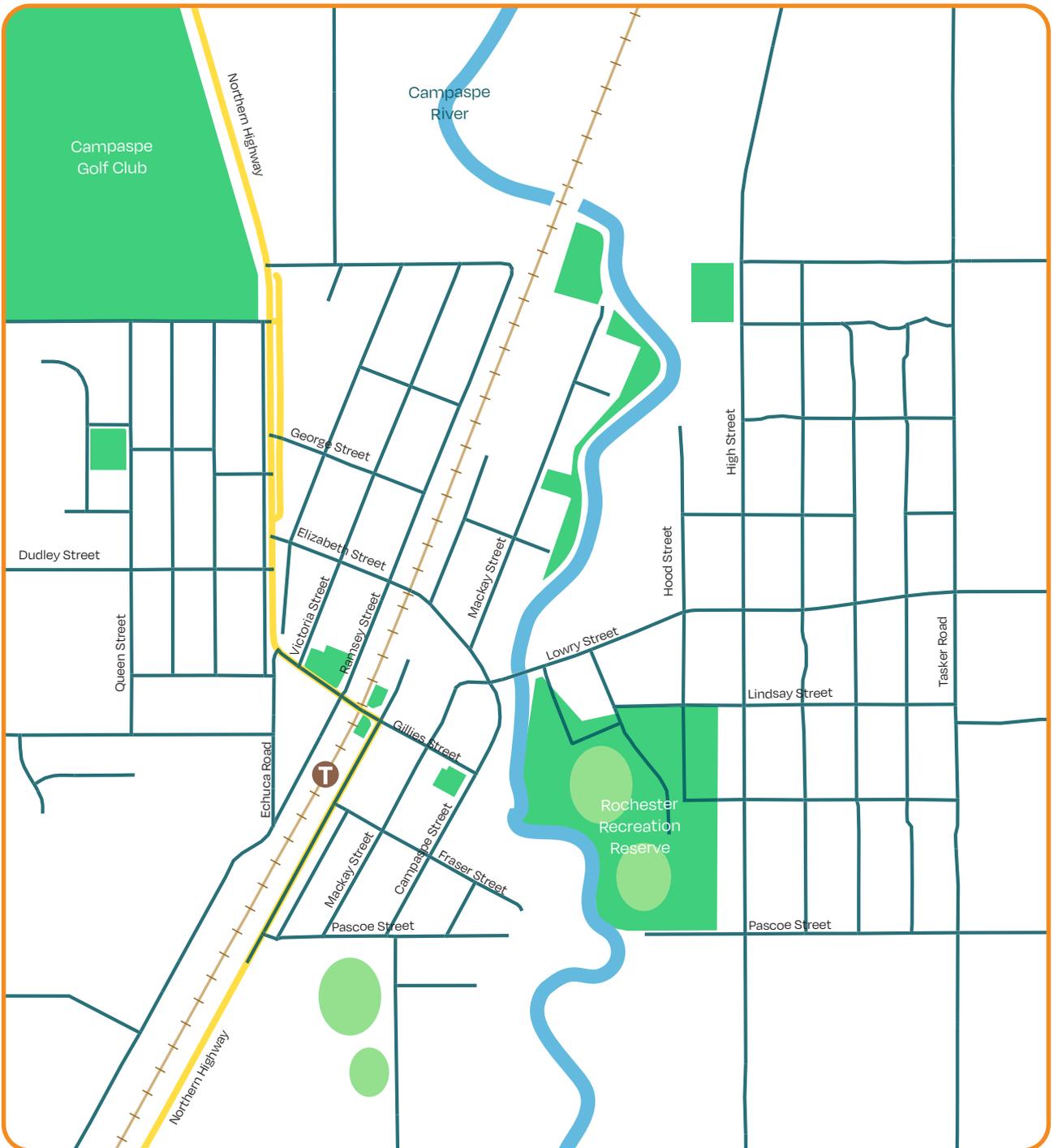
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Mark your important places on the map below.



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| 2. _____ | 6. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ | 12. _____ |

# Your vision for Rochester

**What are your top 5 priorities for Rochester in the next 5 years?**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Cast your mind forward 20 years in the future to 2045 and complete the following statement**

**In 2045, we want Rochester to be a town that ....**

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**Which of the following words would you like to be able to describe the character and personality of Rochester in 20 years time?**

Circle your selected words

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural     | <input type="checkbox"/> Family-friendly                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Innovative   | <input type="checkbox"/> Village feel | <input type="checkbox"/> Diverse                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regenerative | <input type="checkbox"/> Inclusive    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming    | <input type="checkbox"/> Thriving     | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Please write any other words here:</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human        | <input type="checkbox"/> Exciting     | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecological   | <input type="checkbox"/> Walkable     | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peaceful     | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe         |  |

**What do you think are the main challenges that will need to be overcome to achieve your vision for Rochester in the next 20 years?**

Write your response below

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**Do you have any further feedback or ideas on the following:**

**Housing:**

**Infrastructure:**

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**Business and industry:**

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**Community events:**

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**Community spaces and services:**

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**The environment:**

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**Thanks for your  
feedback!**

**Stay tuned for more  
information about Future  
Rochester**

