PIRIE VOICES

Shaping our future, together

Hello from Pirie Voices!

Thanks to the incredible support of our community, **Pirie Voices has reached an important milestone**. What started as a bold goal to hear from 1,000 local voices has now grown into **almost 1,200 conversations** with people across Port Pirie sharing their hopes, challenges and ideas for the future. This remarkable response has provided a strong foundation for the next stage of the journey.

We've also attached an **infographic** that captures our journey so far, highlights what we've achieved together, and provides an overview of what's coming next as we move into **Phase 2**. We hope you'll take a few moments to explore it and see how your voice has helped shape this important milestone.

Welcoming Anita Kuss

As we move into this exciting next phase, we are delighted to welcome **Anita Kuss** as the new **Strategic Lead** for Pirie Voices.

Following her time as CEO of Uni Hub Spencer Gulf, Anita brings a wealth of experience in community-led development and is passionate about ensuring local people remain at the centre of shaping the future of Port Pirie.



"It's an initiative close to my heart. Pirie Voices is a community-led movement that puts local people at the centre of shaping their own future."

What happens next?

The conversations you've shared over the past year are now being carefully analysed to identify the key themes, hopes and priorities emerging from our community.

Over the coming months we will:

- Prepare a report that reflects what our community has told us
- Share the findings with everyone who has participated
- Continue the conversation about practical actions in the areas that matter most
- Transition Pirie Voices to a **community-led governance model**, ensuring the initiative remains owned by the community for the long term

Community Leadership Workshops

It was great to welcome **Jeanelle Gibson from PLACE Australia** to Port Pirie recently to spend some time with Pirie Voices and our community.

Jeanelle helped facilitate a workshop with the Pirie Voices Leadership Group and other local organisations, exploring how we can develop and support local leaders to help drive place-based change in Port Pirie.

There were lots of ideas shared, but a few clear themes came through:

- Build on the people, relationships, programs and networks we already have in Port Pirie, rather than starting from scratch
- Recognise that leadership happens everywhere – in sporting clubs, schools, businesses, community groups, volunteer organisations and through people who simply step up and make things happen
- Make it easier for people to get involved, with small and practical opportunities to contribute
- Keep building relationships, trust and connections across our community
- Most importantly, keep Port Pirie and community voice at the centre of what happens next

The ideas generated will give us something to take back to the broader community so more people can have a say in what local leadership could look like and how we can support people to turn community ideas into action.

While Jeanelle was here, we also held an informal catch-up with some of the wonderful people who helped Pirie Voices reach our 1,000 Voices target. It was an opportunity to say thank you, hear what

people valued about being involved, reflect on what we have achieved together and talk about what comes next.

A big thank you everyone who contributed and to all the people have supported and continue to give their time, ideas and voice to Pirie Voices.

Thank you

To every person who completed the survey, stopped for a chat, hosted a conversation, volunteered as a Community Conversation Leader, or supported Pirie Voices in any way — **thank you**.

Every conversation has contributed to building a stronger understanding of what matters most to our community. Together, we've created an evidence base that can help shape future services, infrastructure and decisions for Port Pirie.

This next chapter isn't about finishing the conversation—it's about building on it. The voices we've heard are now guiding meaningful action, and we look forward to continuing this journey with you.

Stay Connected

We'll continue to share updates as we release the community findings, explore the next steps together, and build a lasting community-led movement for Port Pirie.

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