

Yanchep expected to rival Joondalup

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THERE are big development plans for the northern corridor over the next 50 years, with Yanchep expected to rival Joondalup for size and supremacy.

Wanneroo Council chief executive Daniel Simms said people were being encouraged to inhabit the coastal areas, and urbanisation of suburbs such as Alkimos Eglinton, Yanchep and Two Rocks had begun.

There was much to come over the next 50 years and development centred on sustainable living.

"Housing will be mixed with retail for a buzzing atmosphere," Mr Simms said.

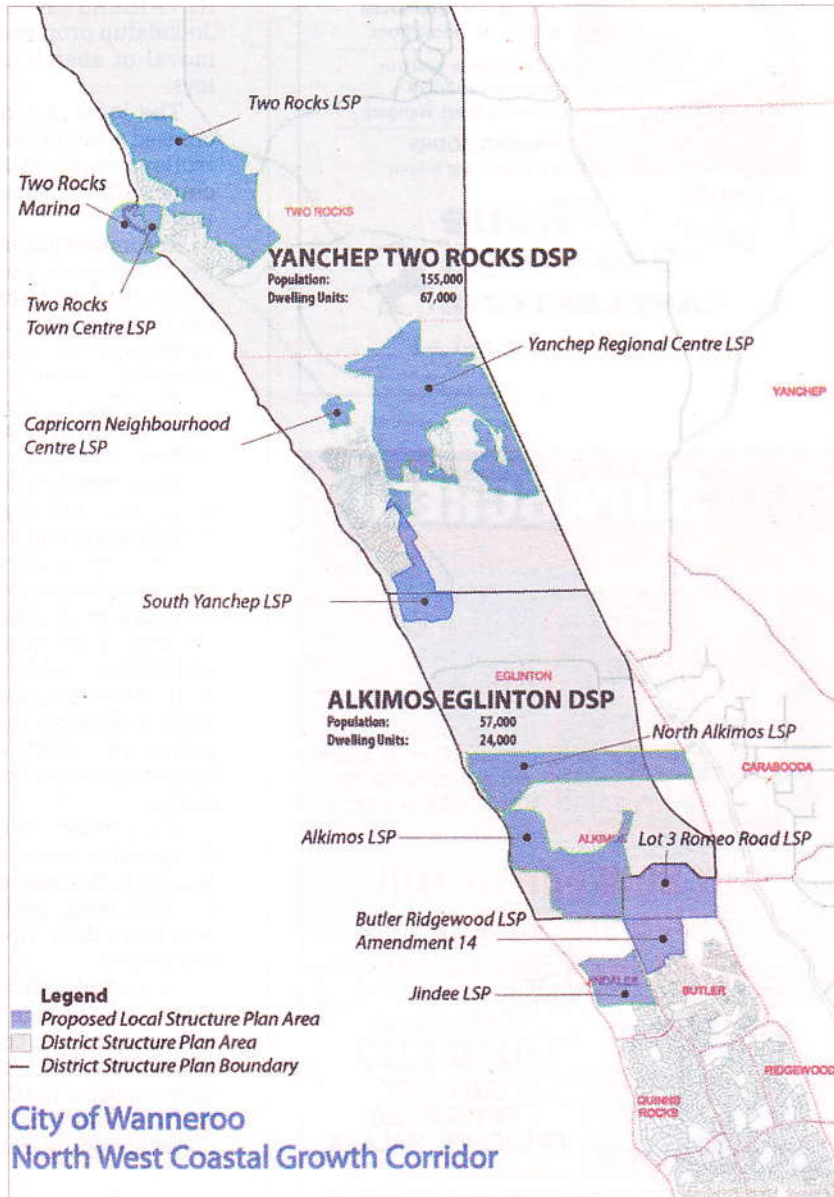
"We want to create a situation where we encourage people to live, work and shop in the same area."

Mr Simms said there had been some concern open space and natural bushland were being removed for development. However, the council had no choice because the land along the northern corridor was zoned urban and privately owned.

"The land was zoned for growth," he said.

"It was zoned urban and has to be developed and that decision is at a state level."

The Yanchep district structure plan involving a regional cen-



tre will be a "similar size to Joondalup, if not bigger", according to Mr Simms and plans are in place for a Yanchep City.

Mr Simms said there would be a need for police stations, law courts, universities and an arena in

Yanchep and the suburb would be linked by the extension of the railway some time in the future.

The population of Yanchep is expected to reach 155,000 over the next 50 years – about 25,000 more than the current population of

the City of Wanneroo – and 57,000 in Alkimos Eglinton, which has a 25-year development time frame.

Alkimos Eglinton is expected to provide the population with 24,000 homes, 18,000 jobs and have a workforce of 25,000.