



Community Conversation: health

Community conversations aim to provide a forum for sociable conversation where a small group can come together and discuss opportunities and challenges around a single topic, and help inform the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility project as it progresses.

This community conversation was held on 3 September 2021, with representatives from Kimba's Probus Club, Men's Shed, Lions Club and Senior Citizen's Club, and a focus on health.

Attendees

Kimba Probus Club: Fay Miller, Nita Ramsey, Audrey Smart, and Brian Pain

Kimba Men's Shed: Clive Eastwood, Joe Woolford, Rob Larwood, and Allan Crowhurst

Kimba Lion's Club: Mark Stewart, Robyn Stewart, and Tony Rowe

Kimba Senior Citizen's Club: Des Cant, Rhonda Hannan, Marie Larwood, and Lance Rogers

Areas of discussion

Health care challenges in Kimba

- Retention and attraction of health staff and services, and appropriate training of health staff is a big concern.
- Travel to access allied health services, and making changes to support accessibility of older peoples' homes were also raised.

Improvements that could be made in Kimba

- A broader economic base, say 10 industries instead of 2 or 3, would improve Kimba's sustainability.
- Bigger and better health services would improve service delivery in Kimba.

Positives about health care/services in Kimba

- A NRWMF may bring an increase in the population that could lead to improvements to doctor availability and service provision.
- Nurses working in Kimba are very caring.

Other considerations

- Creating employment around a new industry will hopefully help a range of issues in Kimba, including access to health services, and bringing people back to Kimba if they've left for boarding school or university.