Location: Christie Downs
South Australia

Client: City of Onkaparinga

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Christie Downs
Railway Precinct Masterplan

The Christie Downs Railway Station is surrounded by a well used baseball park and club rooms on one side and an undeveloped public reserve on the other, incorporating the Christie Downs Community Centre, a well used and loved local community facility. The adjacent park 'n' ride car park is not well used, and there are security problems associated with the area due to the lack of overlooking from surrounding housing or other activities.

Jensen Planning + Design was engaged to provide masterplanning advice during a two day Community Design Charrette, with the aim of helping produce Masterplan options that had the support of the local community. A number of Design Principles were developed and supported at the commencement of the Charrette, providing a framework for the development of options.

The preferred option involved relocating a nearby shopping centre to a site next to the Station, and then upgrading the park to provide improved recreational facilities within a smaller park area. Mixed use activities including residential development were also proposed, with a loop road system providing improved bus and pedestrian access through to the Station.

By relocating and upgrading the retail centre as a mixed use retail / community / housing hub adjacent the station, the whole of the station precinct and the public reserve will become a safer and more attractive "heart" for the Christie Downs community. With new medium density housing and additional public open space being created to the north of Flaxmill Road on the former retail site, more people will be living close to the station, assisting with the viability of the soon to be upgraded Christie Downs Railway Station.

These initial options developed with the community will now be fully evaluated prior to moving to the next steps of implementation.