

Agenda Briefing Session

Notice of Meeting

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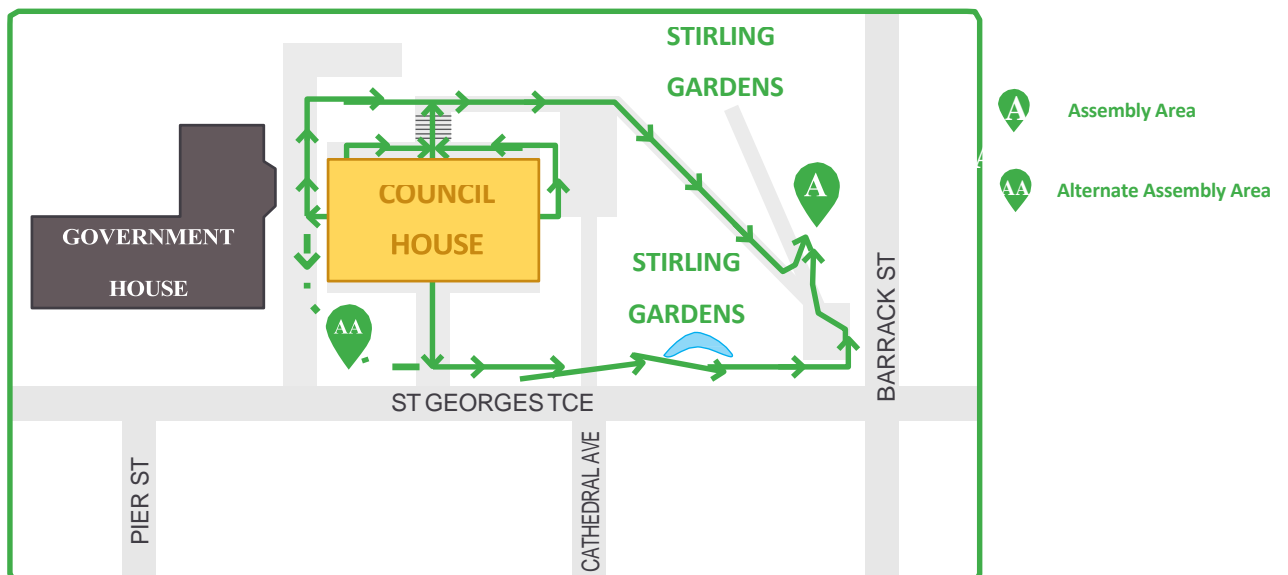
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Agenda Item 6.1 **28 (Lot 557) Barrack Street, Perth – Proposed Two Additional Car Parking Bays on Cathedral Avenue for Display and Hotel Guests to Test Drive**

FILE REFERENCE: 2018/5275
REPORTING UNIT: Development Approvals
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE: Planning and Development
ATTACHMENT/S: Attachment 6.1A – Location Plan
 Attachment 6.2B – Development Plan
 Attachment 6.2C – Photo

Purpose and Background:

In 2012, conditional approval was granted for the conservation of the existing heritage buildings (Old Treasury Buildings) for adaptive re-use as a 48-room hotel and the construction of a 35-storey office tower with basement parking on the subject site.

Approval was granted by Council on **24 April 2018** to facilitate the sharing of existing car parking bays within the Cathedral Precinct and the Special Control Area (SCA) enables car parking bays to be leased or used by the tenants of all properties within the SCA. Approval was granted on 31 April 2018 under delegated authority for the five car parking bays outside the hotel entry on Cathedral Avenue to be used for *short stay use by the tenants and guests of the hotel only*.

The hotel has used Cathedral Avenue for the display of two luxury cars for some time until the City advised that this did not comply with the current development approval. The hotel thereafter no longer persisted with this practice however, is now seeking formal approval.

Details:

The application is seeking approval for the addition of two display vehicle bays for the Como Hotel to display luxury vehicles that could also be used by hotel guests to test drive. The bays are located directly outside and immediately to the north of the Hotel entry on Cathedral Avenue. The applicant advised that:

‘COMO The Treasury will enter into commercial arrangements with luxury car brands from time to time to display vehicles outside the hotel entrance. This arrangement is consistent with industry practice, whereby luxury hotel operators regularly enter into arrangements to display vehicles of luxury car manufacturers outside their hotel entrances. These agreements are to support and promote the luxury car brands to the luxury hotel demographic. In relation to COMO The Treasury the vehicles would be made available for hotel guests to test drive’.

Comments:

Consultation

The Department of Transport has advised that it does not support the creation of new parking bays as this would exceed the maximum number of bays for the property under the Perth Parking Policy(PPP)and the *Perth Parking Management Act 1999*.

Parking

In this city centre location the provision of the maximum tenant car parking bay numbers under the PPP is consistently applied. The Department of Transport has confirmed that the two additional display parking bays as proposed are considered commercial tenant car parking bays and therefore not supported. Under the City Planning Scheme No. 2 (CPS2) Policy 5.1 Parking Policy the provision of parking for Special Residential Uses within the Perth Parking Management Area is to be assessed in accordance with the PPP.

The City considers that there is room now, to internally in the SCA to negotiate for use of additional parking bays for hotel use and would be prepared to support an application to allow the use of some of the existing five short term bays in Cathedral Avenue for display vehicles which could also then be used by hotel guests.

Design, Materials and Finishes

The original development application for the Treasury Building adaptation and Office Tower earmarked Cathedral Avenue adjacent to the building as a pedestrian route and forming part of and providing access to the civic square. It is considered that it will adversely impact on comfortable pedestrian movement along Cathedral Avenue and will adversely impact on the amenity of the revitalised church square and civic space as well as the presentation of the heritage buildings.

The City's City Development and Design Guidelines 4.1 Paragraph 5.3.2 (c) Location and Design of Car Parking requires car parking areas to be located as an undercroft or basement to the building, or towards the rear of the site and screened from public view. The proposal does not correspond with the policy intent.

Heritage

It is considered that the parking of additional vehicles alongside the building and at the entrance to the hotel in Cathedral Avenue which is there primarily for display of the vehicles including use by guests out in the open and not screened from view will have an adverse impact on the setting and presentation of the building from Cathedral Avenue and the public plaza.

Summary:

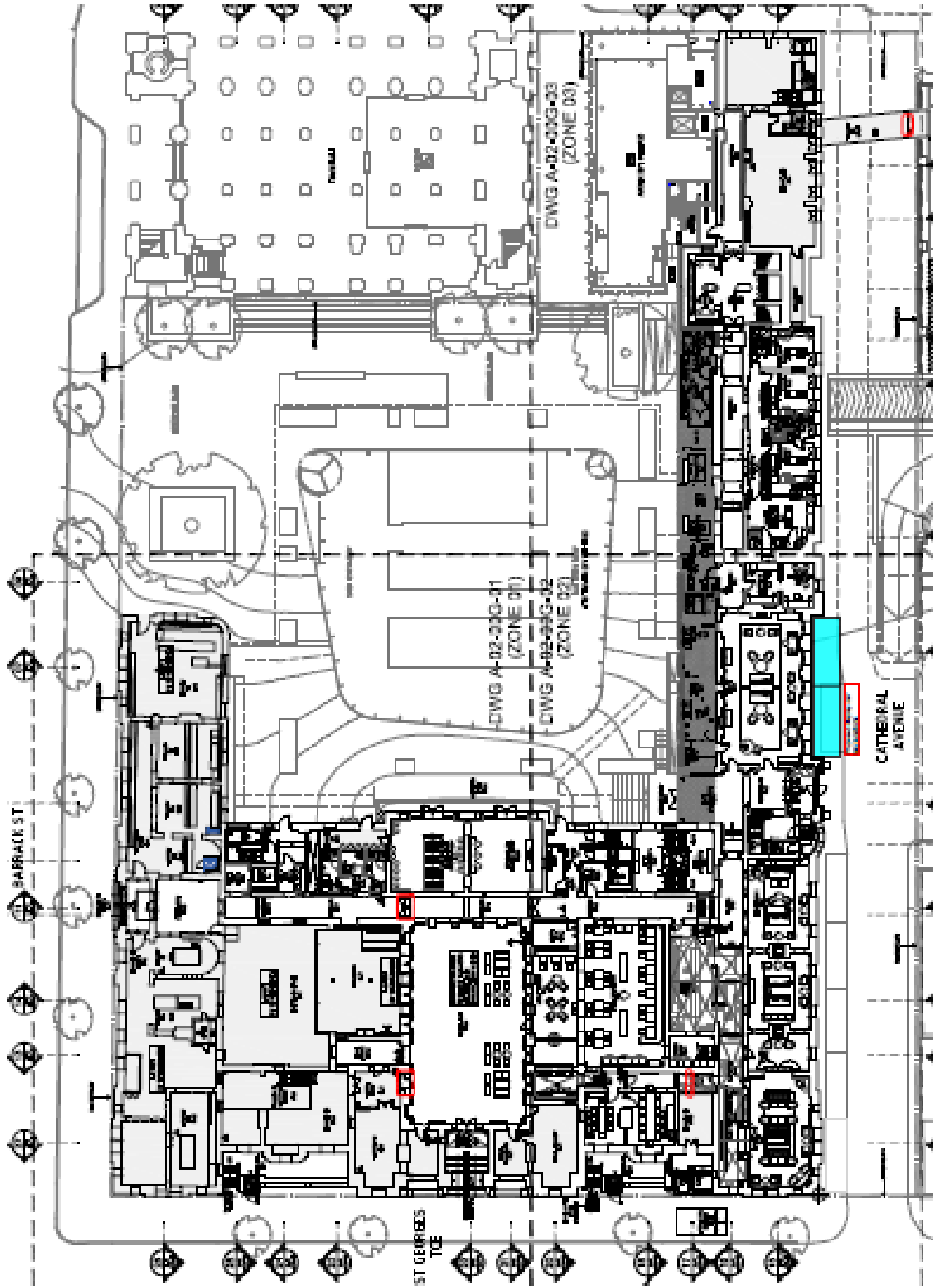
The development application proposes two additional tenant car parking bays for the COMO The Treasury intended for the display of vehicles and use by hotel guests. The two bays are located next to the hotel entrance on Cathedral Avenue to the north of the existing short-term guest tenant car parking bays. The additional parking does not comply with the maximum parking numbers of the City and the State Government's Parking Policy provisions and the application is not supported by the Department of Transport noting that the Department is responsible for the licencing of cap parking. Furthermore, the location of the additional parking bays does not comply with the City's Development and Design Guidelines as it is not located in a basement or undercroft, is located at the front entrance of the building and not to the rear of the site as required and is not screened from public view.

ATTACHMENT 6.1A



ATTACHMENT A: 2018/5275; 28 (LOT 557) BARRACK STREET, PERTH

ATTACHMENT 6.1B



ATTACHMENT B: 2018/5275; 28 (LOT 557) BARRACK STREET, PERTH



ATTACHMENT C: 2018/5275; 28 (LOT 557) BARRACK STREET, PERTH

Agenda Item 6.2 Historic Heart of Perth Inc Stage 2 Art and Landscape Revitalisation Initiative

FILE REFERENCE: P1027658
 REPORTING UNIT: Economic Development
 RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE: Economic Development and Activation
 ATTACHMENT/S: Nil

Purpose and Background:

Established in 2016, Historic Heart of Perth Inc (Historic Heart) is an incorporated, not-for-profit association and is registered with the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission. Historic Heart was established with the aim of revitalising Perth's East End. Historic Heart defines the 'Historic Heart of Perth' as the area spanning from Barrack Street in the west to Hill Street in the east.

Historic Heart state their vision is to reinvigorate and revitalise Perth's East End by creating an identifiable neighbourhood with a strong sense of place, making a contribution to the city and to the people who live, work and visit the area. The name 'Historic Heart' is designed to bring together the history of the urban environment (Historic) and the Indigenous culture, community and natural environment (Heart).

Historic Heart of Perth Project – Stage One Art and Landscape Project

In July 2016, the City of Perth commenced dialogue with Historic Heart to explore ways to assist in the implementation of a targeted arts and landscape revitalisation initiative for the East End of Perth. The initial scope of works to be implemented by the Historic Heart group was estimated at \$1.6 million for all stages, with Stage One completed in February 2018. Stage One works were supported by a \$250,000 matched funding agreement with the State Government of Western Australia with contributions from relevant agencies as follows:

<u>Contributing State Government Agency</u>	<u>Funding Amount</u>
Department of the Premier and Cabinet	\$125,000
Water Corporation	\$ 50,000
Department of Transport	\$ 25,000
Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
Total	\$250,000

Historic Heart also raised an equivalent amount from the private sector. This funding was applied towards Stage One of the Historic Heart Art and Landscape Project, a series of urban interventions in Perth's East End, with the first initiatives launched at the Perth Heritage Weekend in October 2017.

Stage One included:

- The installation of 65 bespoke planter boxes and benches. These were designed by local architects Eekos and fabricated locally by Respoke;
- The planters were painted by local artists (including seven from the not-for profit Art Collective WA, and five from the Ruah Art Group, which offers support across the areas of homelessness, mental health and wellness, domestic violence and justice). A

'People's Choice Award' was held to engage the community, with the public invited to vote for their favourite work;

- Gardening expert Sabrina Hahn selected native plant species for the planter boxes, which are aiming to build on the work of the 'Wildflower Capital' initiative;
- Green World Revolution (GWR) were engaged to take care of the plants and planter boxes. A not-for-profit social enterprise, GWR aims to provide sustainable livelihoods for people suffering from long term unemployment, with two jobs created as part of the project;
- Three mural artworks were created by artists Helen Smith and Jeremy Kirwan-Ward; and
- A series of walks and trails throughout the area, including 'Small Museum Walk', 'Architecture Walk', 'Stadium Walk' and 'Art Walk'.

At the Council meeting on **19 December 2017**, a Notice of Motion was moved to explore the potential of establishing a "matched funding" agreement with Historic Heart of up to \$300,000. In response, the City has developed a funding agreement template with legal advice (reflective of the requirements of the Notice of Motion) that ensures consistent protections and indemnities for the City informed by the Stage One works undertaken by Historic Heart.

This activity has informed the development of the City's new Precinct Development Grant Guidelines, to ensure a consistent, transparent and proactive approach to working with precinct groups in line with the City's Strategic Community Plan, including encouraging entrepreneurialism at a local level, nurturing of thriving neighbourhoods and creation of communities by collaboration.

Summary

Proposed Stage Two Art and Landscape Project

Historic Heart have provided the City of Perth with a proposal for Stage Two of the Art and Landscape improvement initiatives. The City was presented with three options for matched funding support, as follows: -

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 25 planter boxes and benches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 40 planter boxes and benches • one large scale mural work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 40 planter boxes and benches • two large scale mural works • laneway lighting upgrade.

Assessment was undertaken by a panel of three senior City staff and an independent external assessor with expertise and experience in place management and neighbourhood groups.

The Historic Heart Stage Two scope of works will be appropriately timed to coincide with the development cycles between larger more expansive works such as streetscape improvements and the two-way streets program planned within the East End Revitalisation Masterplan.

Funding Agreement

The funding agreement outlines the necessary considerations, eligibility, criteria and milestones for the City to successfully fund, implement and acquit prescribed works with external precinct focused organisations. It contains obligations upon Historic Heart to promote and acknowledge the role of the City in supporting the initiative and to coordinate media and promotion. The agreement also includes the right of a City representative to attend all Historic Heart committee and general meetings to act in a liaison role between both parties.

Other protections and relevant clauses include indemnification and insurance provisions to protect the City, make good requirements, relocation requirements at seven days' notice from the City (if required) and ongoing cleaning and maintenance of any works undertaken under the auspices of this agreement.

Comments:

The City's support for Historic Heart's Stage Two Art and Landscape Project complements the investment of the State and private sector into Stage One, and assists Historic Heart to continue its momentum and to successfully integrate its initiatives with the activities of the City such as the East End Improvement Model and larger East End Revitalisation Masterplan.

The interventions proposed will allow for visible urban improvements around strategic development sites and the pedestrian desire path to Optus Stadium from the City, assisting in promotion and investment attraction to the East End and the provision of pedestrian interest and enhanced place amenity.

Officers consider the relevant protections within the agreement and the quantum recommended via the assessment undertaken will be an appropriate contribution by the City.

Agenda **Wellington Square Enhancement – Final Masterplan** Item 6.3

FILE REFERENCE:	P1032731
REPORTING UNIT:	Co-ordination and Design
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE:	Planning and Development
ATTACHMENT/S:	Attachment 6.3A – Consultation Results Summary Attachment 6.3B – Wellington Square Final Masterplan 2018 Attachment 6.3C – Wellington Square Final Masterplan 2018 – Overview Report

Purpose and Background:

This report presents feedback from the stakeholder consultation received on the Draft Wellington Square Masterplan and outlines the proposed next steps for the Final Masterplan.

Since 2016 the community has been actively engaged in the development of a masterplan for Wellington Square which will guide the staged enhancement of the park for the next 5-10 years. The plan will ensure that Wellington Square transitions from a 19th Century landscape into a contemporary city park that can be enjoyed by the whole community.

The Draft Masterplan attracted a total number of 159 responses at the close of the consultation process on 16 February 2018.

The following key areas of interest emerged during the consultation process on the Draft Masterplan and the feedback received has informed the refinement of the Final Masterplan:

- Location of toilets on the corner of Wittenoom and Bennett Streets;
- Waterbody;
- Playground response;
- Cultural Heritage;
- Lighting; and
- Retention of existing trees.

Other key elements of the Final Masterplan include:

- Creation of a formal sports area to the west of the square based on Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries guidelines;
- Creation of social spaces for respite and relaxation;
- Creation of event spaces with associated infrastructure;
- Creation of active spaces such as basketball;
- New network of paths to connect spaces;
- Future pedestrian priority along Wittenoom Street to the north of the square;
- Stormwater capture in bio-swales; and
- Increased tree diversity, understory planting and canopy cover.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder and community participation in the development of the Wellington Square Masterplan was identified as critical to achieving the best outcome for the project. The Wellington Square engagement processes was based on the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2). The community and stakeholder engagement program for the enhancement of Wellington Square commenced in 2016 and was completed in the following phases:

- **Phase 1 – Direction and Vision;**
- **Phase 2 - Wellington Square Framework; and**
- **Phase 3 – Draft Wellington Square Masterplan**

Summary of Key Stakeholders:

State Government	Community	Other
South West Sea and Land Council	Wellington Square Community Reference Group made up of:	WACA
Member for Perth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents and businesses; 	Mercedes College
Main Roads WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whadjuk Working Party; 	Artrage
Department of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Perth Cricket Club; 	City Farm
Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Perth Community and Safety Group; 	Nyoongar Well Being and Sports
Department of Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claisebrook Brook Catchment Group; and 	The Big Issue Football
Department of Planning Lands and Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Perth Football Club 	WA Football Commission
Royal Perth Hospital	Residents and business within 400m	Street Roller Hockey League WA
WA Police	Activate Perth	Service providers for Wellington Square
	Yokai	
	Bringing them Home Committee	
	Wellington Square Working Group	

Final Wellington Square Masterplan

Feedback in phase three has been used to refine the planning of the Final Masterplan.

Future engagement – Implementation

The Community Reference Group may continue in a moderated form as a Construction Reference Group. A specific local community group representing a broad range of age groups will be formed to guide the design of the proposed intergenerational playground.

Summary:

The Wellington Square Final Masterplan is a high-level plan, incorporating key strategic considerations, intended to guide the stage enhancement of the park. Feedback during the Draft Masterplan process has indicated a high level of support for the enhancement with the community eager for the project to commence. The first stage of works on site is scheduled for early 2019.

Wellington Square – Community Consultation (29 January to 16 February 2018)						
#	CM Ref	Date	Stakeholder	Top 5 Amenities	Summary Comment	CoP Response
1	49337/18	29.01.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tennis Court 2. Passive recreation 3. Meeting place 4. Multi-use gathering space 5. Barbeque and picnic 	No comments.	Top 5 amenities noted.
2	49337/18	29.01.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passive recreation 2. Meeting place 3. Playground 4. Pedestrian Priority Zone 5. Formal sports 	Suggested Nyoongar Outreach be used to help mitigate social issues.	Noted.
3	49337/18	29.01.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waterbody 2. Barbeque and picnic 3. Passive recreation 4. Tennis Court 5. Basketball courts 	Requested retention of old trees. Raised concerns about behaviour in the park.	Majority of existing trees will be retained. The City of Perth is currently working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues.
4	49337/18	29.01.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playground 2. Young adult playground 3. Basketball courts 4. Tennis Court 5. Passive recreation 	Supported the plan. Noted that people who camp in the park still need a meeting place.	Noted. Meeting spaces will be retained.
5	49337/18	29.01.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barbeque and picnic 2. Playground 3. Multi-use gathering space 4. Passive recreation 5. Tennis Court 	Concerned with potential social issues associated young Adult Playground. Suggest it be moved to north-western corner.	The proposed intergenerational playground will be located at the south-eastern end of the park which provides easy access and passive surveillance from the surrounding streets.
6	49337/18	29.01.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barbeque and picnic 2. Waterbody 3. Formal sports 4. Basketball courts 5. Tennis Court 	Requested more police in park to stop the anti-social behaviour that regularly occurs on a day to day basis.	Noted. Police currently regularly patrol Wellington Square.

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7	49337/18	29.01.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basketball courts 2. Barbeque and picnic 3. Tennis Court 4. Playground 5. Formal sports 	<p>Supported the plan.</p> <p>Requested extra sports facilities.</p> <p>Raised concerns with safety issues in the park and that this should be address first.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The City of Perth is currently working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square.</p>
8	49337/18	29.01.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playground 2. Young adult playground 3. Waterbody 4. Barbeque and picnic 5. Multi-use gathering space 	<p>Supported the plan but raised concerns about serious safety issues in the park and that this be prioritised first.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The City of Perth is currently working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square.</p>
9	49337/18	29.01.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barbeque and picnic 2. Waterbody 3. Multi-use gathering space 4. Passive recreation 5. Pedestrian Priority Zone 	<p>Very good design</p>	<p>Noted</p>
10	49337/18	29.01.18	Park User	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Multi-use gathering space 2. Meeting place 3. Passive recreation 4. Pedestrian Priority Zone 	<p>Suggested amphitheatre seats around play areas.</p> <p>Did not support segregating play areas by age.</p> <p>Felt that the masterplan was missing a lighting plan. A lighting plan would support a night time economy. Lighting should emphasise paths and fitness equipment would attract more people.</p>	<p>The Masterplan has provision for a variety of seating.</p> <p>The proposed intergenerational playground will be located at the south-eastern end of the park which provides easy access and passive surveillance from the surrounding streets.</p> <p>The masterplan proposes extensive new lighting to all paths including the existing footpaths on Wellington, Hill, Wittenoom and Bennett Streets.</p> <p>Wellington Square will remain an off the leash park.</p>
11	49337/18	29.01.18	Park User	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barbeque and picnic 2. Multi-use gathering space 3. Waterbody 	<p>Asked why there are no exercise areas.</p>	

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12	49337/18	29.01.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Meeting place 5. Passive recreation 1. Passive recreation 2. Waterbody 3. Pedestrian Priority Zone 	<p>Suggested 24/7 toilets.</p> <p>Raised concerns with social issues currently in the park which are impacting nearby residents and RPH's obligations for housing patients.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The City of Perth is currently working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square.</p>
13	49337/18	30.01.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passive recreation 2. Barbeque and picnic 3. Pedestrian Priority Zone 4. Formal sports 5. Tennis Court 	<p>Would like to see some fitness equipment.</p>	<p>A range of equipment will be provided as part of the enhancement.</p>
14	49337/18	30.01.18	Park User	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passive recreation 2. Multi-use gathering space 3. Basketball courts 4. Formal sports 5. Tennis Court 	<p>Suggested that the basketball or Tennis courts should allow for small sided Football/Soccer matches.</p>	<p>The future tennis courts have been oriented and sized to accommodate 2 x 5 a side games concurrently.</p>
15	49337/18	31.01.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal sports 2. Basketball courts 3. Barbeque and picnic 4. Tennis Court 5. Young adult playground 	<p>Suggested AFL goals or movable soccer goals. There are a lot of groups that play soccer on this oval.</p>	<p>AFL goal posts will be installed at either end of the oval, with provision made for the posts to be removed to make way for large events, then reinstalled.</p>
16	49337/18	01.02.18	Park User	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basketball courts 2. Multi-use gathering space 3. Passive recreation 	<p>Raised concerns with social issues currently in the park.</p> <p>Requested informal recreational areas are maintained to services the Department of Health and Education staff.</p>	<p>The Final Masterplan will cater for a range of activities including informal sports activities.</p> <p>The City of Perth is currently working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square.</p>
17	49337/18	01.02.18	Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal sports 2. Basketball courts 3. Tennis Court 	<p>Suggested that the basketball or Tennis courts should allow for small sided Soccer games.</p>	<p>The future tennis courts have also been oriented and sized to accommodate 2 x 5 a side games.</p>

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18	49337/18	01.02.18	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Waterbody 5. Multi-use gathering space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pedestrian Priority Zone 2. Passive recreation 3. Waterbody 4. Barbeque and picnic 5. Playground 	<p>Requested a protected area for dogs off the leash. Did not see provision of toilet and felt this should be 24 hours.</p> <p>Requested detail of the waterbody and if this was for wading and water play.</p>	<p>Wellington Square will remain an off the leash park.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.</p> <p>The waterbody will be a historical interpretation of the wetlands that once occupied the site and will only treat water after significant rain events.</p>
19	49337/18	01.02.18	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tennis Court 2. Passive recreation 3. Meeting place 4. Multi-use gathering space 5. Playground 	<p>Raised serious concerns about safety issues in the park and that this should be prioritised first. Felt this project was a waste of money.</p>	<p>The City of Perth is currently working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square.</p> <p>Antisocial behaviour, violence, drinking and drugs are dealt with by the Police, who have powers which can be used to address most of these issues.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
20	49337/18	02.02.18	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal sports 2. Basketball courts 3. Barbeque and picnic 4. Multi-use gathering space 5. Passive recreation 	<p>Requested the sooner the better. Felt this was much needed</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
21	49337/18	02.02.18	Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playground 2. Barbeque and picnic 3. Young adult playground 4. Multi-use gathering space 5. Passive recreation 	<p>No comments</p>	<p>Top 5 amenities noted.</p>

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22	49337/18	02.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal sports 2. Waterbody 3. Basketball courts 4. Barbeque and picnic 5. Multi-use gathering space 	Looking forward to Wellington Square being revitalised. Has considered moving from the area multiple times but glad to hear something is being done!!	Noted
23	49337/18	02.02.18	Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tennis Court 2. Playground 3. Waterbody 4. Basketball courts 5. Formal sports 	Please get this done, Perth is in dire need of having this space reinvigorated!	Noted
24	49337/18	03.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playground 2. Barbeque and picnic 3. Waterbody 4. Tennis Court 5. Basketball courts 	Supportive of the plan to improve the amenities at the park. It will be nice to see the park used by a variety of people in the community and make it a vibrant park similar to Weld on Newcastle street.	Noted.
25	49337/18	04.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playground 2. Barbeque and picnic 3. Waterbody 4. Meeting place 5. Multi-use gathering space 	The toilets should be placed in the alternate corners of the park to where they are proposed to keep anti-social behaviour further away from residential areas.	The masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.
26	49337/18	04.02.18	Park User	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waterbody 2. Barbeque and picnic 3. Passive recreation 4. Tennis Court 5. Pedestrian Priority Zone 	Requested bright lights as its unsafe after dark.	The masterplan proposes extensive new lighting to all paths including the existing footpaths on Wellington, Hill, Wittenoorn and Bennett Streets. New lighting will also be installed to the playing field and basketball courts. Additional feature lighting to trees throughout the park will address dark areas off the main paths.
27	49337/18	04.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal sports 2. Multi-use gathering space 3. Pedestrian Priority Zone 4. Young adult playground 5. Barbeque and picnic 	Requested to formalise more activities. Suggested a small commercial allocation for a café.	The masterplan proposes a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.

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28	49337/18	04.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal sports 2. Passive recreation 3. Playground 4. Basketball courts 5. Pedestrian Priority Zone 	Concerned with the toilet location on Wittenoom and Bennett Street as it will impact residents.	The masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.
29	49337/18	05.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barbeque and picnic 2. Young adult playground 3. Formal sports 4. Playground 5. Multi-use gathering space 	Suggested that the park needs to be well lit.	The Final Masterplan proposes extensive new lighting to all paths including the existing footpaths on Wellington, Hill, Wittenoom and Bennett Streets. New lighting will also be installed to the playing field and basketball courts. Additional feature lighting to trees throughout the park will address dark areas off the main paths.
30	49337/18	05.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pedestrian Priority Zone 	Improve safety in the park and surrounding area.	Noted.
31	49337/18	05.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waterbody 2. Passive recreation 	Concerned with the toilet location on Wittenoom and Bennett Street as it will impact residents. Requested more greenery trees and benches and less concrete. Requested CCTV.	The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground. The Final Masterplan proposes an additional 350 trees be planted and understorey native planting. Additional CCTV will be installed as part of the enhancement works.
32	49337/18	06.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Multi-use gathering space 2. Waterbody 3. Young adult playground 4. Tennis Court 5. Basketball courts 	Requested more trees.	The Final Masterplan proposes an additional 350 trees be planted.
33	49337/18	06.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tennis Court 2. Playground 3. Young adult playground 	Address social issues.	The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Formal sports 5. Pedestrian Priority Zone 	<p>Concerned with proposed toilet location and planting that might conceal people.</p> <p>Supported tree planting.</p> <p>Asked why only one oval has included. Suggested ping pong table would be well received by older people who live here.</p>	<p>new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan will cater for a range of activities including informal sports activities. Ping pong tables are proposed for the northern end of the park and as part of the intergenerational playground.</p>
34	49337/18	06.02.18	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young adult playground 2. Basketball courts 3. Waterbody 4. Formal sports 5. Playground 	<p>Requested something innovated to draw crowds.</p> <p>Suggested fairy lights in the trees.</p>	Noted.
35	49337/18	07.02.18	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waterbody 2. Young adult playground 3. Playground 4. Basketball courts 5. Barbeque and picnic 	<p>Suggested creating a more inviting place for all – a different option than the river. Felt that the park could be great for families and draw people from sporting events at the new stadium.</p>	Noted.
36	49337/18	07.02.18	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waterbody 2. Passive recreation 3. Barbeque and picnic 4. Meeting place 5. Tennis Court 	<p>Liked the pictorial aspect of the plan.</p> <p>Had issues with filling out the survey online.</p>	Noted.
37	49337/18	07.02.18	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playground 2. Formal sports 3. Pedestrian Priority Zone 4. Basketball courts 5. Passive recreation 	<p>Requested dog water fountain. One toilet block sufficient.</p> <p>Suggested care in considering infrastructure which might encourage social issues.</p>	<p>The Final Masterplan includes the provision of drink fountains with dog bowls.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
38	49337/18	08.02.18	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playground 2. Barbeque and picnic 3. Multi-use gathering space 4. Passive recreation 	<p>Lives in East Perth. Would like to see a regional play space. Suggested rubber softfall and skate/bike facilities.</p>	<p>The Final Masterplan includes the provision of an intergenerational playground including opportunities for scooters and skate.</p>

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39	49337/18	08.02.18	Resident	5. Pedestrian Priority Zone 1. Barbeque and picnic 2. Tennis Court 3. Passive recreation 4. Waterbody 5. Basketball courts	Requested a large outdoor swimming pool, which is missing from the City of Perth. It could be combined with a health club/gym?	Noted. The idea of locating a swimming pool at Wellington Square has not featured as a priority for the community.
40	49337/18	08.02.18	Resident	1. Barbeque and picnic 2. Basketball courts 3. Formal sports 4. Passive recreation 5. Tennis Court	Suggested to rezone the properties that interface with the park for higher densities (10 storey plus) to ensure that the park is filled with people at all times to maximise use and discourage antisocial behaviour.	Plot ratio/density controls for land surrounding Wellington Square were reviewed in 2013 and resulted in increases in the allowable plot ratio/density particularly to encourage residential development and therefore a greater residential population.
41	49337/18	08.02.18	Resident	1. Tennis Court 2. Basketball courts 3. Multi-use gathering space 4. Meeting place 5. Barbeque and picnic	CCTV/Community safety/Anti-vandalism measures to ensure continued quality of public space.	The Final Masterplan includes an extensive new lighting system as well as additional CCTV.
42	49337/18	08.02.18	Other	1. Meeting place	Traditional owner (Whadjuk Nyoongar) requested the park be retained as it is existing. Commented that the City has not consulted all Whadjuk people.	Noted. The Whadjuk Working Party provided 4 representatives as part of the Community Reference Group. This group has been meeting since October 2017.
43	49337/18	09.02.18	Park User	1. Waterbody 2. Barbeque and picnic 3. Multi-use gathering space 4. Tennis Court 5. Passive recreation	Requested more trees. Suggested a more traditional European pathway layout instead of proposed curving/meandering paths. Also, suggested changes of levels.	The Final Masterplan proposes an additional 350 trees be planted. The proposed paths have been informed by studies of how people use the park. The paths have also been designed to retain as many trees as possible.

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44	49337/18	09.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young adult playground 2. Waterbody 3. Basketball courts 4. Tennis Court 5. Passive recreation 	Other ideas included a bird aviary, outdoor theatre, basketball court that could become an ice skating rink and a fence like Queens Gardens.	Noted.
45	49337/18	09.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passive recreation 2. Pedestrian Priority Zone 3. Meeting place 4. Multi-use gathering space 5. Formal sports 	Suggested providing small food stalls / vendors.	The Final Masterplan includes the provision of event infrastructure to support future markets.
46	49337/18	09.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waterbody 2. Barbeque and picnic 3. Multi-use gathering space 4. Meeting place 5. Passive recreation 	Suggested adding a bike track.	The Final Masterplan includes the provision of an intergenerational playground including opportunities for scooters and skate.
47	49337/18	10.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal sports 2. Young adult playground 3. Waterbody 4. Basketball courts 5. Barbeque and picnic 6. Playground 	Raised concerns with social issues currently in the park.	<p>The City of Perth is currently working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square.</p> <p>Antisocial behaviour, violence, drinking and drugs are dealt with by the Police, who have powers which can be used to address most of these issues.</p>
48	49337/18	10.02.18	Park User	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passive recreation 2. Pedestrian Priority Zone 3. Barbeque and picnic 4. Multi-use gathering space 	Supported the plan – found it very interesting.	Noted.
					Supported and was excited by the plan. Ideas and comments included not displacing people during construction, not using hostile	The enhancement will be staged over a number of years to mitigate displacement and ensure the parts of the park are available for use at all times.

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49	49337/18	11.02.18	Park User	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Meeting place <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young adult playground 2. Formal sports 3. Barbeque and picnic 4. Basketball courts 5. Tennis Court 	<p>architecture on seating, installing a statue design by a Nyoongar artist, dog off the leash spaces and a hill to take views of the city and have picnics.</p> <p>Requested safe public toilets - perhaps with public art to attract tourists like City of Bayswater installed.</p>	<p>Wellington Square will remain an off the leash park.</p> <p>The masterplan makes provision for public art and a variety of seating opportunities.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>The masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.</p>
50	49337/18	11.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waterbody 2. Playground 3. Barbeque and picnic 4. Formal sports 5. Pedestrian Priority Zone 	<p>Stated that the redevelopment plan is of an exceptionally high standard and hopes it will bring the broader community to the park.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
51	49337/18	11.02.18	Other	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passive recreation 2. Barbeque and picnic 3. Multi-use gathering space 4. Meeting place 	<p>Suggested working with City Farm to set up a community vegetable garden for local apartment residents and provide welcome space for aboriginal people to meet and socialise.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Meeting spaces will be retained.</p>
52	49337/18	11.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playground 2. Passive recreation 3. Basketball courts 4. Pedestrian Priority Zone 5. Formal sports 	<p>Suggested moving the toilet block proposed for the north-eastern corner away from residents.</p> <p>Thanked the City for the opportunity to comment and the significant consideration and investment into this project.</p>	<p>The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.</p>
53	49337/18	11.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waterbody 2. Passive recreation 3. Playground 4. Formal sports 5. Young adult playground 	<p>Raised concerns with social issues currently in the park and that this should be address first.</p>	<p>The City of Perth is currently working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square.</p>

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54	49337/18	13.02.18	Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal sports 2. Barbeque and picnic 3. Playground 4. Young adult playground 5. Pedestrian Priority Zone 	<p>Supported making the space community friendly and a draw card day and night.</p> <p>Raised concerns with social issues currently in the park.</p> <p>Suggested installing a dog exercise area. Provided link to City of Bayswater review of dog exercise areas.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The City of Perth is currently working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square.</p> <p>Wellington Square is currently an off the leash park.</p>
55	49337/18	13.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barbeque and picnic 2. Playground 3. Young adult playground 4. Multi-use gathering space 5. Meeting place 	<p>There should be a clear acknowledgement and celebration of Aboriginal heritage and culture today, this should be the primary identifier and centre of the park.</p> <p>Suggested use of native, local plants.</p> <p>Suggested recreating the wetlands pre-European settlement and that the park should encourage lingering and positive social interaction.</p>	<p>The Final Masterplan proposes interpretative elements, planting and signage throughout the park to tell the story of Wellington Square.</p> <p>The waterbody will be a historical interpretation of the wetlands that once occupied the site and will only treat water after significant rain events.</p>
56	49337/18	13.02.18	Other	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waterbody 2. Passive recreation 3. Meeting place 4. Barbeque and picnic 5. Multi-use gathering space 	<p>The design should ensure safety and promote appropriate community behaviour.</p> <p>Suggested a regular market or family orientated activities.</p>	<p>The Final Masterplan is underpinned by Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan includes the provision of event infrastructure to support future markets.</p>
57	49337/18	13.02.218	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal sports 2. Pedestrian Priority Zone 3. Barbeque and picnic 4. Passive recreation 5. Waterbody 	<p>Raised concerns about safety and security currently in the park.</p> <p>Stated that they would not use the park if safety did not improve.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The City of Perth is currently working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square.</p>
58	49337/18	14.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal sports 2. Tennis Court 3. Waterbody 4. Barbeque and picnic 5. Passive recreation 		

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					Suggested improving lighting and CCTV coverage as a better use of money.	The Final Masterplan includes an extensive new lighting system as well as additional CCTV.
59	49337/18	14.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pedestrian Priority Zone 2. Playground 3. Formal sports 4. Passive recreation 5. Basketball courts 	Suggested moving the toilet block proposed for the north-eastern corner away from residents. Thought the plan was too busy and trying to do too much.	The masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.
60	49337/18	14.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting place 2. Multi-use gathering space 3. Pedestrian Priority Zone 4. Passive recreation 5. Young adult playground 	Do not ignore Indigenous heritage. Suggested providing spaces and facilities for short stay that are culturally sensitive.	The Final Masterplan proposes interpretative elements and signage throughout the park to tell the story of Wellington Square. Meeting spaces will be retained.
61	49337/18	14.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pedestrian Priority Zone 2. Barbeque and picnic 3. Passive recreation 4. Playground 5. Formal sports 	Location of toilet needs to be considered and moved away from residential.	The masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.
62	49337/18	15.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playground 2. Waterbody 3. Pedestrian Priority Zone 4. Passive recreation 5. Barbeque and picnic 	Location of toilet needs to be considered and moved away from residential.	The masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.
63	49337/18	15.02.18	Other	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waterbody 2. Barbeque and picnic 3. Pedestrian Priority Zone 4. Tennis Court 5. Formal sports 	Looking forward to something different in the area.	Noted
64	49337/18	16.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal sports 2. Barbeque and picnic 3. Basketball courts 	Supported the plan.	Noted.

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65	49337/18	16.02.18	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Playground 5. Passive recreation 	<p>Suggested the Police need to take a zero-tolerance approach to drinking and violence in the park.</p> <p>Requested a fenced off lead dog area.</p>	<p>Police currently regularly patrol Wellington Square.</p> <p>Wellington Square will remain an off the leash dog area.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan includes the provision of drink fountains with dog bowls.</p>
66	49337/18	16.02.18	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barbeque and picnic 2. Passive recreation 3. Multi-use gathering space 4. Pedestrian Priority Zone 5. Waterbody 	Should include a dog park	<p>Wellington Square will remain an off the leash dog area.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan includes the provision of drink fountains with dog bowls.</p>
67	49337/18	16.02.18	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Multi-use gathering space 2. Playground 3. Barbeque and picnic 4. Passive recreation 5. Formal sports 	Location of toilet needs to be considered and moved away from residential.	The masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.
68	49337/18	16.02.18	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passive recreation 2. Pedestrian Priority Zone 3. Playground 4. Multi-use gathering space 5. Meeting place 	Suggested special exercise areas designed for seniors and located next to the playground.	The Final Masterplan includes the provision of an intergenerational playground. Exercise equipment will be located throughout the park.
69	49337/18	17.02.18	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passive recreation 2. Tennis Court 3. Multi-use gathering space 4. Meeting place 5. Waterbody 	<p>Loves the look the plan.</p> <p>Supportive of creating multiple meeting places for people to gather and enjoy the park and make it safer. Would like to know how the park will be planted.</p>	Noted.
70	42493/18	10.02.18	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playground 2. Passive recreation 	Hopes this plan will ease the homeless and antisocial behaviours.	The City of Perth is conducting a Crisis and Transitional Accommodation study which will

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	(manual survey)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Pedestrian Priority Zone 4. Waterbody 5. Barbecue and picnic 		consider all options available within the city to assist with finding accommodation for regional patients who often end up staying in Wellington Square.
71	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal sports 2. Barbecue and picnic 3. Passive recreation 4. Multi-use gathering space 5. Pedestrian Priority Zone 	Location of toilet needs to be considered and moved away from residential.	The masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.
72	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pedestrian Priority Zone 2. Formal sports 3. Multi-use gathering space 4. Playground 5. Barbecue and picnic 	All amenities are required, as well as providing safety.	Noted
73	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playground 2. Passive recreation 3. Barbecue and picnic 4. Formal sports 5. 	Concerned with playground location near Bennett Street and potential social issues around toilets.	The masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.
74	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Park user	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playground 2. Young adult playground 3. Tennis courts 4. Barbecue and picnic 5. Basketball courts 	Looks fantastic! Can't wait	Noted
75	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident and park user	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passive recreation 2. Barbecue and picnic 3. Playground 4. Multi-use gathering 5. Waterbody 	Requested a fenced off lead dog area.	Wellington Square will remain an off the leash park.
76	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident and park user	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basketball courts 2. Passive recreation 3. Multi-use gathering space 4. Formal sports 	Location of toilet needs to be considered and moved away from residential.	The masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.

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77	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident and park user	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Barbecue and picnic 1. Barbecue and picnic 2. Waterbody 3. Playground 4. Passive recreation 5. Young adult playground 	<p>Suggested moving young adult playground to north-west corner for better access to train and away from residential.</p> <p>Provide education on Nyoongar history.</p> <p>Supported basketball courts but unsure of tennis courts.</p> <p>The park needs to be safe.</p>	<p>The proposed intergenerational playground will be located at the south-eastern end of the park which provides easy access and passive surveillance from the surrounding streets.</p>
78	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tennis courts 2. Basketball courts 3. Formal sports 4. Playground 5. Pedestrian Priority Zone 	<p>Requested projection of ongoing maintenance budget including impact on rates.</p> <p>Suggested engagement as a public/private model for sports and facilities.</p> <p>Queried toilets and bus stop.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Funding opportunities are being explored to augment the budget for the playground and playfield upgrade.</p> <p>The masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.</p> <p>Linkages to the CAT bus stop has been improved.</p>
79	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Other: Government employee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting place 2. Passive recreation 3. Playground 4. Pedestrian Priority Zone 5. Basketball courts 	<p>Will email additional comments through.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
80	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playground 2. Barbecue and picnic 3. Formal sports 4. Pedestrian Priority Zone 5. Meeting place 	<p>Supported toilets near the playground</p> <p>Would like to include some recognition of cultural/indigenous significance.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan proposes interpretative elements and signage throughout the park to tell the story of Wellington Square.</p>

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81	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tennis courts 2. Playground 3. Basketball courts 4. Formal sports 5. Pedestrian Priority Zone 	<p>Suggested moving toilets to middle of Wittenoom and Wellington Streets and providing hub in the middle of park as a coffee spot, meeting point for locals. Maybe a little garden etc.</p> <p>Not supportive of waterbody.</p>	<p>The masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.</p>
82	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tennis courts 2. Young adult playground 3. Formal sports 4. Playground 5. Basketball courts 	<p>Raised concerns with the proposed location of the toilets on Wittenoom and Bennett Streets.</p>	<p>The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.</p>
83	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pedestrian Priority Zone 2. Passive recreation 3. Playground 4. Barbecue and picnic 5. Basketball courts 	<p>Suggested 24-hour toilets.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.</p>
84	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waterbody 2. Meeting place 3. Multi-use gathering space 4. Pedestrian Priority Zone 5. Passive recreation 	<p>Location of toilet needs to be considered and moved away from residential.</p>	<p>The masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.</p>
85	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waterbody 2. Barbecue and picnic 3. Multi-use gathering space 4. Meeting place 5. Tennis courts 	<p>Supported new paths.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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86	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	1. Formal sports 2. Basketball courts		Top amenities noted.
87	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Park user	1. Formal sports 2. Playground 3. Barbecue and picnic 4. Multi-use gathering space 5. Passive recreation		Top 5 amenities noted.
88	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	(Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Multi-use gathering space Passive recreation Tennis courts Barbecue and picnic	Raised concerns with the waterbody and potential mosquitos.	The waterbody will be a historical interpretation of the wetlands that once occupied the site and will only treat water after significant rain events.
89	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	(Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Formal sports Passive recreation Tennis courts Basketball courts	Requested a dog exercise area.	Wellington Square will remain an off the leash park.
90	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	(Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Formal sports Multi-use gathering space Pedestrian Priority Zone Passive recreation Barbecue and picnic	Raised concerns on the impact the project might have on rates. Concerns raised about the ongoing general maintenance costs and of the water feature citing issues experienced Elizabeth Quay. Raised concerns that the young adult playground will impact on residential amenity. Queried if there was room for two cricket matches.	Noted. The waterbody will be a historical interpretation of the wetlands that once occupied the site and will only treat water after significant rain events. The proposed intergenerational playground will be located at the south-eastern end of the park which provides easy access and passive surveillance from the surrounding streets.

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91	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	(Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Playground Waterbody Passive recreation	Suggested a clear area adjacent to toilets to discourage social issues. Suggested changing regulations regarding buildings facing Wellington Square so they are of scale and design in fitting with existing buildings incl. a minimum number of parking bays proportional to the number of dwelling units. Existing buildings are 5-6 levels in height.	The Final Masterplan has provided an overspill area to the east of the formal sports area which can be utilised for training and small sided games. The building height and setback controls for the areas to the west, south and east of Wellington Square were reviewed in 2017. Building heights along the street are required to be generally of a low scale with additional height setback from the street. The areas to the north, south and east are required to provide a minimum of one carparking bay per dwelling. No minimum residential car parking requirements apply to the area to the west of the Square in order to encourage more sustainable forms of transport. This is consistent with the approach in the remainder of the central city however developers may opt to provide car parking.
92	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident and business	(Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Pedestrian Priority Zone Passive recreation	Suggested a café but trial first with a food van to reduce risk for small business.	The masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.
93	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	(Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Formal sports Young adult playground Pedestrian Priority Zone Waterbody Basketball courts Barbecue and picnic	Raised concerns with social issues currently in the park.	The City of Perth is currently working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square.

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94	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	Playground Multi-use gathering space Meeting place Passive recreation Tennis courts (Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Formal sports Barbecue and picnic Playground Meeting place Passive recreation	Raised concerns with social issues currently in the park. Requested toilet and meeting place be moved away from residential areas.	The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.
95	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	(Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Pedestrian Priority Zone Meeting Place Passive recreation Barbecue and picnic	Raised concerns with the proposed location of the toilets on Wittenoom and Bennett Streets. Requested more lighting in the park.	The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground. Lighting has been addressed in the Final Masterplan.
96	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident and park user	No boxes were ticked	Raised concerns with social issues currently in the park and that this should be address first.	The City of Perth is currently working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square.
97	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	(Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Formal sports Playground Young adult playground Multi-use gathering space Passive recreation		Top amenities noted.

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98	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident and park user	(Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Passive recreation	Raised concerns with the proposed location of the toilets on Wittenoom and Bennett Streets.	The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.
99	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	(Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Playground Young adult playground Pedestrian Priority Zone Basketball courts Tennis courts Barbecue and picnic	Suggested a playground that caters for all ages and BBQ area for families	The Final Masterplan includes the provision of an intergenerational playground and facilities such as BBQs.
100	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	(Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Formal sports Playground Multi-use gathering space Waterbody Barbecue and picnic	Awesome – cannot wait.	Noted.
101	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident and park user	(Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Formal sports Pedestrian Priority Zone Waterbody Passive recreation Basketball courts	Was pleased to see development progressing and that off the leash area was being retained. Suggested events could be held in the space in the future.	Noted. The Final Masterplan includes the provision of event infrastructure to support future programming.
102	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	(Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Multi-use gathering space Waterbody Passive recreation Tennis courts	Looks excellent	Noted

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103	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident and park user	Barbecue and picnic (Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Formal sports Playground Waterbody Basketball courts Tennis courts	Queried whether the park will still be dog friendly. Queried location of BBQs.	Wellington Square will remain an off the leash park. The Final Masterplan includes the provision of an intergenerational playground and facilities such as BBQs.
104	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	(Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Formal sports Playground Young adult playground Pedestrian Priority Zone Basketball courts	Suggested further consultation as project progresses.	The Community Reference Group may continue in a moderated form as a Construction Reference Group during the implementation phase of the project. A special group will also be formed to provide input into the new intergenerational playground.
105	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Park user (Traditional)	(Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Playground Meeting place		Top amenities noted.
106	42493/18 (manual survey)	10.02.18	Resident	(Ticked boxes instead of ranking) Formal sports Pedestrian Priority Zone Passive recreation	Opposed the plan due to the cost and concerns it will not solve social issues. Also, felt the proposal was too cluttered like Elizabeth Quay. Also, concerned that only one game of cricket can be played not two as at present.	Noted. The Final Masterplan has provided an overspill area to the east of the formal sports area which can be utilised for training and small sided games.

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1	29.01.18	Supported the plan. Commented that there was too much concrete and that the basketball court and tennis court were sufficient. Felt the young adult playground was unnecessary.	Noted.
2	29.01.18	Commented that the draft plan looks good but raised concerns about the social issues currently in the park. Suggested a space for food trucks to add to the vibrancy.	The City of Perth is currently working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square.
3	29.01.18	Commented that the draft plan looks good but raised concerns with social issues currently in the park. Suggested that the Young Adult Playground be move to the north-western side of the park away from residential.	The City of Perth is currently working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square. The proposed intergenerational playground will be located at the south-eastern end of the park which provides easy access and passive surveillance from the surrounding streets.
4	29.01.18	Suggested shade be provided over the courts. Raised concerns about the social issues currently in the park.	Noted.
5	29.01.18	Fantastic initiative however agreed with other comments about the social issues. Not sure how the plan will improve this.	Noted. As well as the proposed enhancement, the City of Perth is working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square.

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6	29.01.18	Raised concerns that their previous comments were moderated on Engage Perth due to bad language.	Noted.
7	29.01.18	Looks forward to the revitalisation of Wellington Square. Suggested the basketball courts be moved to the middle of the park to minimise noise problem.	Noted. The main areas of activity have been placed near the edges of the park so that activity is visible from the street to ensure safety and security and to entice people to use the park. An innovative basketball backboard that has been designed to minimise noise will be used in Wellington Square.
8	31.01.18	Suggested that a lot of park users would play soccer on the ovals. Suggested that the tennis courts be changed to a soccer court or the basketball court should allow for small sided Football/Soccer matches.	Noted. The future tennis courts have been oriented and sized to accommodate 2 x 5 a side games concurrently.
9	31.01.18	Suggested that a lot of groups would play soccer and other sports. Suggested AFL goals or soccer goals. Retention of existing trees important. Raised concerns about the social issues currently in the park as raised in other feedback. Suggested a fitness station to encourage exercise at the park.	AFL goal posts will be installed at either end of the oval, with provision made for the posts to be removed to make way for large events, then reinstalled. Exercise equipment will be installed throughout the park. As well as the proposed enhancement, the City of Perth is working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square.
10	03.02.18	Queried whether the park would remain an off the leash dog area. Requested details of the young adult playground and if this is a skate park.	Wellington Square will remain an off the leash park. The Final Masterplan includes the provision of an intergenerational playground including opportunities for scooters and skate.

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11	04.02.18	<p>Very excited to see the provision of a formal sports ground.</p> <p>Requested club rooms for junior and adult sports. Felt that the increase in activity will improve safety in the park day and night.</p> <p>Supported a number of things about the proposal.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan makes provision for future club rooms.</p>
12	04.02.18	<p>Raised concerns with the proposed location of the toilets on Wittenoom and Bennett Streets.</p> <p>Raised concerns about reducing the cricket ground to one field.</p> <p>Concerned that the young adult playground will not be used and does not want to see a skate park.</p> <p>Felt that plan was trying to do too much.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan has provided an overspill area to the east of the formal sports area which can be utilised for training and small sided games.</p>
13	05.02.18	<p>Congratulations on the initiative and taking the project to this point. Thanks also for engaging with stakeholders.</p> <p>Requested toilet and meeting place be moved away from residential areas.</p> <p>Requested more information about the young adult playground and the strategy to discourage potential issues.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan includes the provision of an intergenerational playground which will cater for all ages and abilities.</p>
14	05.02.18	<p>Requested toilet and meeting place be moved away from residential areas.</p> <p>Felt that the plan was doing too much and simply wanted more trees, water features and seating.</p>	<p>The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
15	07.02.18	<p>Raised concerns that the plan does not address the problems at Wellington Square and the City was not taking responsibility for current issues.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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			As well as the proposed enhancement, the City of Perth is working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square. Police and City Rangers currently regularly patrol Wellington Square.
16	08.02.18	Raised concerns that the plan does not address the problems at Wellington Square. Suggested the park be gated at night.	As well as the proposed enhancement, the City of Perth is working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square.
17	10.02.18	Believes this is a great initiative in terms of revitalising the park. Feels that the park does not feel safe but hopes that the new design and provision of CCTV will mean the park will be utilised more.	Noted.
18	11.02.18	It is obvious a lot of consideration of the needs and wants of various parts of the community has gone into this Plan and the overall result is very positive, thank you. Suggest the young adult playground be located close to other ages. Supports public art, as well as lighting and low maintenance furniture.	Noted. The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground. The Final Masterplan includes the provision of an intergenerational playground which will cater for all ages and abilities.
19	13.02.18	Supports the overall plan. As a young family in the city, strongly supports a high-quality playground although concerned with the location. Also, suggested a toilet and café near the playground. Felt this would increase activation and increase passive surveillance.	Noted. The Final Masterplan includes the provision of an intergenerational playground which will cater for all ages and abilities and an adjacent future new toilet combined with a small kiosk. The main areas of activity have been placed near the edges of the park so that activity is visible from the street to ensure safety and security and to entice people to use the park

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20	14.02.18	Supports the overall plan. Raised concerns with the proposed location of the toilets on Wittenoom and Bennett Streets.	The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.
21	15.02.18	Believed it was a great initiative although there is a need to address social issues. Raised concerns that the design will move issues from the western side to the eastern side of the park. Raised concerns with the proposed location of the toilets on Wittenoom and Bennett Streets. Suggested better lighting and security.	Noted. The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground. The masterplan proposes extensive new lighting to all paths including the existing footpaths on Wellington, Hill, Wittenoom and Bennett Streets. New lighting will also be installed to the playing field and basketball courts. Additional feature lighting to trees throughout the park will address dark areas off the main paths. There will also be additional CCTV.
22	16.02.18	Raised concerns with the proposed location of the toilets on Wittenoom and Bennett Streets.	The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.
23	16.02.18	Supports the revitalisation of the park and appreciated the opportunity to comment. Noted social issues in the park and hoped that an increase in activity will be a positive step in helping to improve the feeling of safety. Concern with lack of a pavilion at the formal sports area and limited parking.	Noted. The Final Master makes provision for seating around the playfields to encourage spectators. A parking study undertaken during the Masterplan process found that the existing car bays around Wellington Square are only averaging 14% occupancy even on weekends.
24	16.02.18	Welcomed the upgrade of Wellington Square but would like to see this limited to the periphery of the park. Thanked the City of Perth for the	Noted.

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	<p>opportunity to provide feedback and the CRG for giving up their time to represent the interests of the East Perth community.</p> <p>Does not want to see loss of large open green space or any trees.</p> <p>Raised concerns with the proposed location of the toilets on Wittenoom and Bennett Streets.</p> <p>Suggested facilities to encourage physical activity to support an aging population.</p> <p>Supported the playground but must be inclusive of all ages and abilities.</p> <p>Suggested more seating and public art which references the history of the park and programming the space with markets.</p>
CoP Response	
	<p>The Final Masterplan proposes an additional 350 trees be planted and understorey native planting.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground which will cater for all ages and abilities. Exercise circuits will be made available throughout the park. Seating and public art are also considered in the plan.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan includes the provision of event infrastructure to support future programming.</p>

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1	Letter -Department of Communities	<p>The Department of Communities, Housing (Housing) Square Draft Masterplan. As the owner of Lot 801 (119) Hill Street, East Perth and a landholder in the local area, we are highly supportive of the City's efforts to revitalise the presently underutilised Wellington Square open space. We offer our continued support for The City's efforts to draw new users to the space through the inclusion of new facilities such as the active recreation facilities and playgrounds. In addition to our support and interest in continued discussion with The City regarding the Wellington Square Draft Masterplan we offer the following comments:</p>
CoP Response		<p>Noted.</p> <p>Lighting The Final Masterplan proposes extensive new lighting to all paths including the existing footpaths on Wellington, Hill, Wittenoom and Bennett Streets. New lighting will also be installed to the playing field and basketball courts with the design taking into consideration impact on residents. Additional feature lighting to trees throughout the park will address dark areas off the main paths. There will also be additional CCTV.</p> <p>Passive Surveillance</p>

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				<p>Lighting We suggest that the City prepare a dedicated lighting plan to ensure that the spaces will be adequately lit to continue the perception of safety in the park into the evenings. A lighting plan would also address that any lighting provided for the tennis and basketball courts does not impact adjoining residential uses.</p> <p>Passive Surveillance As identified in the <i>Designing for People Briefing Document</i>, passive surveillance is a key element to beginning to combat anti-social behaviour in any public open space. Wellington Square is designed in such a manner that the surrounding residential land uses can provide a realistic or perceived passive surveillance of the park. We support the provision for the planting and park edge treatments to be of the typology to allow for clear views from the park into the street. As stated in <i>Designing for People Briefing Document</i>, the third storey of a residential land use is the optimal level for increasing perceptions of safety. As there is an existing belt of trees at the periphery of the park, with more trees indicated to be added, it is suggested the City formalises a management plan of pruning and maintenance to ensure the trees are maintained in a manner to allow for clear views into and out of the park.</p> <p>Public Toilet Facilities We acknowledge that the existing public toilet facilities are perceived to spur antisocial behaviour in the park. However, the facilities are seen as an important provision in encouraging higher intensity use of the space throughout the day. We strongly encourage relocation of the proposed toilet facility away from the intersection of Hill Street and Moore Street(s). This is a main entry and view corridor into Wellington Square and would detract from the intended revitalisation of the park and segregate facilities that should</p>	<p>The Final Masterplan is underpinned by Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.</p> <p>Public Toilet Facilities The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.</p> <p>Recognition of cultural heritage The Final Masterplan proposes interpretative elements and signage throughout the park to tell the story of Wellington Square.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan provides for a special place for reflection and healing for Aboriginal people of the Stolen Generation. Meeting spaces will be retained.</p> <p>The Whadjuk Working Party provided 4 representatives as part of the Community Reference Group. This group has been meeting since October 2017 to inform the masterplan.</p> <p>Storage associated with active open space The Final Masterplan has provision for future club rooms.</p>

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				<p>be co-located from a service efficiency and user convenience consideration. In addition to the proposed toilet facility on Wittenoom Street, we recommend incorporating a multi-purpose toilet facility combined with a public transit node midblock on Wellington Street. This alternate location also addresses traffic congestion associated with the current transit stop location and will better serve seniors, families with children and those with mobility impairments that are reliant on public transport, providing the convenience of a co-located facility. The frequency of patronage associated with the transit stop and associated benefits of the multi-purpose facility, such as potable water, lighting and storage, will ensure there is increased surveillance and enhanced safety for users of the park and those transferring to adjacent amenity.</p> <p>Recognition of cultural heritage</p> <p>A need to reference and acknowledge the cultural heritage of the space has been expressed throughout the consultation process. The development of the framework is seen as an opportunity to recognise the cultural significance of the site. The plan identifies 'meeting places' separate from passive recreational areas. It is not clear how these areas will be demarcated or function on site. Seemingly these areas could also function as spaces to recognise the cultural heritage associated with the square.</p> <p>Storage associated with active open space</p> <p>Consideration should be given to providing permanent storage on site to support the needs of sports clubs and associations regularly using the site. This is consistent with the design principles for sport and recreational facilities as is contained in the Liveable Neighbourhood Policy.</p> <p>It is anticipated that many of the comments provided above will be addressed in the upcoming stages of the planning process. As such, we would like to reiterate our willingness to</p>	<p>Page 39 of 191</p>

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2	34735/18	05.02.18	Meeting - Aboriginal Services groups and Whadjuk Working Party Representatives	<p>continue discussions with The City regarding the Wellington Square Draft Masterplan. Thank you again for the invitation to comment.</p> <p>The group were asked to review the Draft Masterplan with particular attention to the meeting places along Hill Street. This is due to this section of the park being identified as of particular importance to Aboriginal people. A group discussion about meeting places centred around the following key questions:</p> <p>Are they located in the right place?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong consensus that the Aboriginal Meeting Place should not be one singular location, rather a number of areas interweaved throughout the park • It was noted that groups from particular areas tend to congregate in certain areas, e.g. Hall Creek group tend to gravitate towards benches along Wellington Street near proposed basketball courts on draft masterplan • It was noted that the Aboriginal Meeting places should not be a duplication of regular meeting areas creating all-inclusive areas. • Passive surveillance from meeting places to surrounding activities such as tennis, basketball noted as beneficial. Groups currently enjoy watching cricket • Hospital patients access Wellington Square from Hill Street • The group supports the removal of the toilet block on the Hill Street side <p>Are they the right size?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group advised meeting place size should accommodate 10-15 people 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Meeting places have been retained. Seating, picnic tables and drinking fountains will be provided throughout the park.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan proposes interpretative elements and signage throughout the park to tell the story of Wellington Square. There is provision for a bush tucker garden, new understorey planting using native species and additional tree planting to increase shade.</p> <p>Sorry Pole</p> <p>The Final Masterplan provides for a special place for reflection and healing for Aboriginal people of the Stolen Generation.</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proximity between meeting place should be minimum 30m separation to allow groups separation during times of conflict to assist in mitigating anti-social behaviour <p>Are there any additional design considerations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalised seating, drink fountains, tables, bins and wheelchair and walker accessibility to be considered • It is important for the design to retain the integrity of the history of the area, and for the space to become a positive and Noongar Inclusive area • Shade noted as an important component of meeting places; from formal structures and surrounding trees. Shade inspired by nature noted as design consideration • Improve connection to site through native trees, bird attracting plants, bush medicine plantings • Possibility for a Noongar Cultural Centre raised, providing opportunity for cultural experiences and daily events • Sand noted as a hazard for sharp objects • History of site should be told through landscape elements, powerful messaging in acknowledging Prohibition <p>Sorry pole</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted location of Sorry Pole is of importance, however the pole itself is quite insignificant. • National Sorry Day ceremony is held at the current Sorry Day Pole location. In 2018 event will be held at Yagan Square as it falls on weekend, however in future years the intention is to return to Wellington Square with participation from schools. 	

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3	53353/18	12.02.18	Workshop – Key stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinterpretation of Sorry Pole discussed as a possibility <p>Workshop Summary</p> <p>A third Stakeholder Workshop to review the Wellington Square Draft Masterplan was held on 12 February 2018. A list of workshop attendees is provided at the end of this document.</p> <p>The aim of the workshop was to secure stakeholder input into the planning process for the revitalisation of Wellington Square.</p> <p>Workshop attendees were asked to review the Draft Masterplan, and address three questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has anything been missed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does the Draft Masterplan include all the elements you expected to see based on your previous feedback? 2. Is the balance right? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has an appropriate amount of space been given to different uses and activities? - Is there an appropriate balance between movement and activity in the park? 3. Are things in the right place? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are the proposed uses and activities located appropriately within the park? - Are proposed location and hierarchy of entry points appropriate? <p>Several themes emerged during the workshop with stakeholders. These included:</p>	<p>During the workshop, City of Perth provided the following responses:</p> <p>Acknowledged that the number and location of the toilets is a difficult issue. The Final Masterplan needs to balance the concerns of residents with the need to locate toilets at the edge of the park for safety reasons. The toilet facilities located on the corner of Hill and Wellington Streets have been well received.</p> <p>“Treasure” is one of the four principles that have guided the design – treasuring cultural heritage and the special character of Wellington Square.</p> <p>The importance of the playgrounds has come through very strongly in feedback from the community.</p> <p>Infrastructure can be updated at a later date. This is a space that will evolve over time – an ongoing and growing project.</p> <p>The green open spaces can be used for events when sporting games are not happening. This comes down to the programming around the use of those spaces.</p> <p>The enhancement of the park will be completed over time and in stages in recognition of not displacing people during the construction process.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan needs to balance the sometimes-competing needs of the multiple stakeholders who use the</p>

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4	53353/18	24/01/18	Workshop – Community Reference Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location of toilets • Importance of heritage – story telling • Location of playgrounds • Build in flexibility so the park can evolve to meet the changing needs of the community • Multi-purpose spaces/co-location of facilities • Staging of delivery • Create a ‘destination’ with a ‘wow’ factor 	<p>park, but at the same time consider elements where there is an opportunity to create a ‘wow’ factor.</p>
				<p>The following is a summary of the feedback provided by CRG members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to provide ways for people to engage with the cultural heritage of the area – for example, the Sorry Pole in the north-west corner, the plants and trees that are in the park. We need to think through how people access the stories and history that are part of Wellington Square. • We would like to see the plants labelled, with their indigenous names. • There are three different tribes with three different dialects that have connections to Wellington Square, how do we address that? • Regular story telling events on site. • Interpretative signage and plaques – “This is the site where the old tennis courts used to be” etc. • There is a lot of ‘passive’ space compared to active space. 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>CRG input has informed the refinement of the Final Masterplan.</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of different groups have been considered in the design, which is great. There is a lot to treasure in the plan you have presented. • Public art should be zero maintenance so it looks good over the long term. Maybe a young up and coming artist? • We need more than one piece of art. Bring in local creatives and ask for their input. • The bins and benches need to be exciting, not ordinary. • The aboriginal heritage will attract visitors, so the art needs to reflect this, but in a contemporary setting. Is there an opportunity to have an Artist in Residence? • Lots of the people who gather in the park are actually very creative and talented – is there a way we could work with them? • An artistic representation of a historical figure like Fanny Balbuk Yooreel would be good. • We have had the privilege to hear some lovely stories during these meetings and it would be good to share them with the broader community. • Kids used to take the pennies out of the wishing well on Adelaide Terrace and run down to the deli to buy lollies. • The existing tress and new trees are really important – we still need to be able to recognise the space as Wellington Square after the redevelopment. • Who are the people we are looking to connect with at Wellington Square? Who are the users? Can guides or volunteers be used to share the stories about the park with visitors? Or could we use audio guides for a learning experience? 	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peaceful enjoyment – connecting people with a relaxing environment. • There is a broad range of people who we want to reach. • A public planting day would be good – people then take some ownership of the area, and feel more connected with place. • The pedestrian connections are logical and effective. • The toilets may not be in the right place – if you're a mother with three kids and two need the toilet and the third wants to play on the swings it's not going to work. • Removing one of the two cricket pitches halves the number of spectators. You can still fit in two pitches, and if you do that you will maximise usage of the space. • The cricketers make it a lovely buzz on weekend mornings. • Lots of purely social cricket games are played there. • Lights will increase the number of people using the sports area. • Can there be a timer switch for the lights? That way it can come on for an hour while you play tennis, and will automatically go out – so it won't light up the park all night and encourage anti-social behaviour. • The pedestrian priority zones, multi-use zones, water body and trees makes it feel like nature and parklands. • It will be nice to have a natural space to actively enjoy. • The playground needs to be iconic, the best playground in the city. 	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise impacts on residents from activities needs to be considered. • Drinking fountains and bins should be near the activity spots. • A clubroom and toilets would provide a base for the cricket club, and can be used for other social events. • Good lighting, CCTV, comfortable benches for sitting and contemplating, minimal steps and ramps, maybe gardeners in residence. Activities on the weekend like Pilates and yoga? • There should be exercise equipment as well as a playground. And the clubhouse should be multi-purpose – not just for cricketers. • There should be noticeboards at the clubhouse for the community to share information. Managed by a group of volunteers • There needs to be a pop up coffee shop – no one will go if there's no coffee! • Make sure the plants chosen for the landscaping are hardy and low maintenance. Incorporate 'Replants' black boys somewhere or throughout • Make conscious decisions about sporting facilities – e.g. durability of the tennis net. • Make sure the paths, meeting places, bus stops, drink fountain are accessible for people with disabilities. • We have to keep in mind that the park will largely be used by local residents. It's great to have additional cultural things that tourists find interesting, but this might be as important to residents. • Noongar people will always have a connection to this park. Whether they're passing through or staying there, they will also have a connection. All the streets we've lived on. Even though they may not still be 	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 46 of 191</p>

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				<p>living there, they still have a connection and an opinion, and won't always agree with each other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be a little garden to commemorate the spot where they found the body of Jo - maybe a black boy plant, kangaroo paws, Noongar plants. • We need to consider optimal usage of the park – basketball and tennis courts need maintenance, are you sure there is demand for them? Move them to an area where they don't take up so much space as there is less demand. Cricket needs extra space and is guaranteed to be used year-round. We need an assessment of local demographics to see how much the basketball and tennis courts will be used. • I sent the draft masterplan round to residents in my building, and the only response I got was that there should be 2 basketball courts not 1.5 • The plan needs to consider the bio diversity of plants, safe play equipment, canopy management for birds, water feature to attract frogs. It provides a big opportunity as a large open space for activities that generate economic return. • The plan is impressive and very inclusive. <p>Any other business Community Garden (East Perth Community Safety Group): We have 250 members, and the one thing they all want is a community garden. Lots of people are retired and live in apartments. CRG Member: Could you do it in a multi-functional way? So, if people lose interest it could easily be converted into something else? Jeff Brown: it would probably just be a green house, and plants in pots that could be removed. People think Wellington Square is an ideal location for a community garden.</p>	

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5	19186/18	18/01/18	Meeting – East Perth Football Club	<p>CRG Member: maybe it's less of a physical thing that needs to be built, more of an activity that could be encouraged?</p> <p>Urn: If we are trying to encourage people not to consume alcohol in the park, we need to provide them with an alternative. Could we include 2 to 3 small urns spread out along Hill St to make cups of tea? So create an alternative to alcohol? We can't expect people to change their habits unless we create an environment where we cultivate change and provide amenity to facilitate that. In providing alternative facilities for their meeting places we are celebrating this wonderful aspect of aboriginal culture. Urns can be elegant, kid proof, burn proof – and run on solar energy that sits on a pole connected to the urn. The water would be sufficiently hot from say 10 am to 7 pm</p>	<p>Page 48 of 191</p>
				<p>How is the space currently used?</p> <p>The club does not currently use the space at Wellington Square. The grounds in its current form were not of interest to the club given it acts as an open space.</p> <p>The club expressed interest in shifting away from their current Leederville ground and utilised for training, games and televised games.</p> <p>Previous discussions had been held between representatives of the club and Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi: 18 months ago with the club expressing interest in shifting back to the City of Perth.</p> <p>The club sees the potential of Wellington Square as an "MCG" precinct, with grand stands, a gated/fenced oval.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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6	19186/18	29/01/18	Meeting – East Perth Cricket Club	<p>The club does not foresee using Wellington Square in its current draft masterplan form for training purposes.</p> <p>How is the field line marked? The ground is not used by the club. The club line marks the field at their home ground.</p> <p>What facilities are used now? The ground is not used by the club. The club's Leederville premises has change rooms, grand stands, gymnasium and an admin facility.</p> <p>If lights go in, how would that affect the way the space is used? The ground is not used by the club. Lighting at the club's current grounds are to television standard (700 lux)</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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				<p>How is the field line marked? Water based paint and boundary cones are used to define the edges of the play area.</p> <p>What facilities are used now? Aside from the field, the other facilities used by the club are public toilets and rubbish bins. The club expressed interest for a club room for storage of sporting equipment, players' gears & bags and food/drinks. These are currently left in the open field watched by their members. The club provide their own table and chairs for the keeping match scores.</p> <p>If lights go in, how would that affect the way the space is used? The club will be able to organise for evening games. This may help to promote the game and attract new members. Night game could start around 5pm–6pm and last for 3 hours.</p> <p>Other items. Type of turf will be discussed at design stage. Existing trees will be retained. The masterplan will be implemented in stages. Removable football poles with holes cover will not affect the pitch and cricket games.</p>	
7	40923/18	15/02/18	Meeting – East Perth Cricket Club	<p>It is not feasible to fit 2 cricket fields over the formal sports area as proposed by the club.</p> <p>Other open grass areas in the masterplan drawing do not have sufficient space to accommodate for a second field. Masterplan is accommodating for other activities that the public can use daily aside from the sports grounds.</p>	Noted.

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8	33689/18	07/02/18	Meeting – Mercedes Ladies College	<p>The club expressed concerns that the reduced capacity of games may affect the prospect of attracting and accommodating new members.</p> <p>The club may look at staging their games over 2 days in addition to the possibility for night games. The club will be discussing the matter with their club members.</p> <p>The club advised that they would like to remain in East Peth and would like support from the City for alternative grounds since the masterplan has only one cricket pitch. Implementation of the masterplan will be staged and the current grounds usage will remain until such times.</p> <p>How is the space currently used? The park is currently used during the following times of year;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 2 (Late April – Late June) • Term 3 (Mid July – Mid September) <p>Activities mainly occur in south west corner of park. The oval is used more frequently during term 3 for athletics between 6.30-7.45am, 3 days per week. A 400m athletic track is marked and used for training. Within the track a 50m triangular space is cone marked for shot put.</p> <p>Cross Country circuits are set up utilising the internal and external path networks.</p> <p>How is the field line marked? The athletics track (400m, 12 lanes) is line marked using contractor engaged by the school.</p> <p>What facilities are used now? Aside from areas of the park, Toilets are currently used by students.</p>	Noted.

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9	52532/18	13.02.18	Email	<p>Students rarely use current drink fountains citing current condition of the facilities. On occasions site access is required for equipment and permission is always sought from the City.</p> <p>if lights go in, how would that affect the way the space is used? Lighting would open the opportunity for evening training sessions to occur at the oval though it is anticipated that this would be infrequent.</p> <p>Provided comments on formal sports.</p> <p>Playground. Concept supported, however location a concern close liquor store location.</p> <p>Young adult playground. Supported.</p> <p>Multiuser gathering place. In discussion with staff it was suggested this area might be used for street markets.</p> <p>Pedestrian priority Zone. Not supported</p> <p>Meeting place have concern with locations near residents.</p> <p>Public toilets. The Wellington St/ Hill St location is supported.</p> <p>The Wittenoom St/ Bennett St proposal is opposite Parkside residences, and not supported at that location. It is suggested the toilet be relocated slightly further along Wittenoom St. adjacent the Cab rank (and therefore for the convenience of drivers) and locations 4 and 5 (map).</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.</p>

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				<p>Water body. Concept supported, but would prefer it to be located to a residential adjacent area on Wellington/Bennett St providing a buffer to residents.</p> <p>Passive recreation area. Concept supported.</p> <p>Basketball Courts. Concern at possible night noise for adjacent residents in Wellington St. Concept supported.</p> <p>Tennis courts. Concept supported.</p> <p>BBQ and picnic area. Good concept, poor location. Recommend this function be moved to the passive recreation area in the Centre of the plan.</p> <p>Planting park edge treatment. Proposal too prescriptive and restrictive. Would prefer shrubs and plantings expanded.</p> <p>Wellington Sq. is adjacent to an important entry into the City.</p> <p>Fig tree. Retention Supported; a nice Heritage feature.</p> <p>Future seating. Supported conditionally. Past seating policy for the park has been neglected and resulted in a paint and forget mentality. Park benches should be continuously monitored.</p> <p>Any new park seating proposals should ensure equal access for residents and visitors alike.</p>	<p>Page 53 of 191</p>
10	23617/18	25.01.18	Email	<p>Thank you the City for the information on the Wellington Square project.</p>	Noted.

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11	334411/18	07.02.18	Email – Traditional Owner	<p>Requested information on how long the proposal will take to implement. Also, when the social issues in Wellington Square will be addressed.</p> <p>Wellington Square Cultural Heritage Proposal:</p> <p>Tuart Tree central to story (only native tree growing on the area) Located in the east of Wellington Square</p> <p>In front of the Tuart tree is a line of embankment to represent the karts morta (meaning ancestors) the darling ranges.</p> <p>To the west below the embankment is lowlands, the river people.</p> <p>The story: A girl from the mountain tribe ran away with a boy from the river tribe. The mountain tribe ran down the mountain to bring her back and the river magic man (maban) stopped the mountain tribe.</p> <p>Balga trees planted on the embankment and some down the scarps represent the mountain tribe and some Balga to represent the river people. At the river grows male and female</p>	<p>Works are proposed to commence in 2019 following the approval of the Final Masterplan by Council on 25 September 2018.</p> <p>As well as the proposed enhancement, the City of Perth is working with a range of State Government departments, agencies and community service providers to address social issues at Wellington Square.</p> <p>Noted</p>

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12	52270/18	16/02/18	Letter – Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries	<p>river sheoaks and nearby is two limestone to represent the two lovers (as you sit near the sheoaks you can hear crying)</p> <p>Other suitable native plants could act or compliment the story.</p> <p>The Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft proposed Wellington Square Masterplan (Masterplan). The DLGSC commenced on 1 July 2017 and comprises the divisions of Local Government (WA), Sport and Recreation (WA), Culture and the Arts (WA), Racing Gaming and Liquor (WA) Office of Multi-Cultural Interests (WA) and Aboriginal Culture and History (WA).</p> <p>The extension of the comment period for the DLGSC is appropriate and appreciated, as a check of our records within each division indicates we did not receive formal notification of the public consultation process associated with the release of the Masterplan.</p> <p>While the DLGSC provides "in-principle" support of the Masterplan and the efforts of the City of Perth to improve the level of amenity and activation of Wellington Square, DLGSC hold concerns with key aspects of the Masterplan. These are generally presented on the Attachment, though they centre around concerns that the masterplan strategy, in our view, is unlikely to effectively address the underlying antisocial and cultural issues that prevail at Wellington Square.</p> <p>In late 2014, in collaboration with the City of Perth and a range of State government agencies and Not for Profit organisations, the former Department of Aboriginal Affairs developed the Connecting Paths Strategy to respond to the</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Department was identified as a key stakeholder and was invited to attend workshops since 2016. Our records show that staff attend the first workshop and were extended invitations to the others.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan is underpinned by Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan proposes interpretative elements and signage throughout the park to tell the story of Wellington Square.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan provides for a special place for reflection and healing for Aboriginal people of the Stolen Generation.</p> <p>Meeting spaces will be retained.</p> <p>The Whadjuk Working Party provided 4 representatives as part of the Community Reference Group. This group has been meeting since October 2017 to inform the masterplan.</p> <p>The Final Masterplan has provision for future club rooms.</p>

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				<p>numerous issues prevalent at Wellington Square. DLGSC's position is that the Connecting Paths Strategy remains relevant to issues impacting Wellington Square and the surrounding community. The DLGSC strongly believes that full implementation of the Connecting Paths strategy will be beneficial to achieving the Masterplan objectives.</p> <p>The DLGSC holds concerns regarding the proposal to remove the existing changerooms and toilet facilities adjacent to Hill Street. This is particularly concerning, given the proposal to formalise the active sporting activities at Wellington Square that would, in all likelihood, lead to the increasing need for such a facility for sporting and associated activities. As noted in the attachment, DLGSC is not supportive of the proposal to remove the building.</p> <p>While the DLGSC supports the City of Perth efforts to develop the Wellington Square Masterplan to respond to the underlying antisocial and cultural issues, we believe there is potential for substantial reputational, upside and downside risk associated with the Masterplan implementation strategy as it currently stands. Should the full Masterplan implementation fail to adequately address the negative cultural and antisocial behaviour, it is highly likely that reputational damage to the City of Perth would occur.</p> <p>Additionally, DLGSC believes that the upside risk to the City associated with neither refurbishing nor repurposing the existing changerooms/toilets to support an enhanced sporting or cultural centre facility should not be underestimated. Similarly, removal of this asset for the purposes of reducing antisocial behaviour will likely present downside risk, should the stated strategy to reduce antisocial behaviour not be achieved.</p>	

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13	52530/18	06/02/18	Community Information Session	<p>The DLGSC is very willing to assist the City in its efforts to coordinate a broader planning and service intervention approach aligned to the Connecting Paths strategy.</p> <p>DLGSC considers the redevelopment of precinct a valuable opportunity to consider not only historical uses and current requirements, but also the potential to diversify its use through activities that engage culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD communities). It is noted that the Australian Standard for Welcoming Cities includes the development of physical spaces and infrastructure planning as a category against which local governments can benchmark their cultural diversity and inclusion policies.</p>	<p>Advised that a wide range of local residents, businesses and community groups were represented on the Community Reference Group.</p> <p>Other feedback noted.</p>
				<p>Resident had undertaken study noting number of apartments abutting oval. Resident queried representation of these residents on reference groups. CoP advised a wide range of local residents, businesses and community groups were represented.</p> <p>Resident raised concerns about anti-social behaviour of park and impact on residents and businesses directly abutting Wellington Square.</p> <p>The resident queried the current 2 sports ovals being reduced to 1 oval. CoP advised the oval was intended to be multi use, freeing up other areas for additional activities and uses such as basketball courts, tennis courts playground.</p> <p>Resident in agreement of location of toilet along Wellington/Hill Street opposite service station. Resident queried location of toilets along Hill/Bennett Street noting</p>	

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				<p>proximity to residential areas. It was advised location further to west would be preferable.</p> <p>Resident queried design of proposed meeting places. CoP advised intention for these spaces to be a mixture of formalised seating and informal open turf areas. Resident advised preference for these areas to be located away from residential areas to minimise impact of anti-social behaviour on residents</p> <p>Resident liked event space along Hill Street</p> <p>Resident liked waterbody, but would prefer location closer to Bennett Street. CoP advised location was informed by historical wetland location and natural low point of site</p> <p>Concerns raised regarding location of play space opposite pub. Resident noted fencing to play space of importance.</p> <p>Resident in support of adult play space</p> <p>Concerns raised regarding noise from basketball court. CoP noted investigations currently underway into low noise backboards to basketball hoops, which have been successfully installed in Melbourne.</p> <p>Resident would like ping pong tables and badminton areas</p> <p>Concerns raised regarding locations of picnic, BBQ facilities and proximity to bins</p> <p>Planting to park interface and tree lined paths supported.</p>	

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14	24416/18	30/01/18	Email from West Australian Football Commission (WAFC)	<p>After being introduced via email from the Member for Perth, Councillors met with Metro Central Community Development Manager at the West Australian Football Commission on Wednesday, 13 December 2017 to discuss a proposal for including a Junior Football Club in the masterplan for Wellington Square.</p> <p>In summary, they put forward a proposal to expand the Mount Lawley Junior Football Club to the City of Perth and to facilitate this, include new clubrooms and a shared community venue into the City of Perth’s masterplan for Wellington Square which could potentially be funded by the AFL, City of Perth and the State Government via CSRFF. During the meeting, it was noted that the City of Perth doesn’t possess an Auskick Centre or Junior Club to service the 253 residents participating in AFL.</p> <p>In addition to hosting sporting events, it would also provide a setting/venue for other mentoring and educational programs (such as Night Fields, Kick Start and Naitanui Academy) to be provided to the community. The increase in sporting events and use of the park via the club facilities would assist with activating the space and help decrease antisocial behaviour. The benefits that the club and its programs would provide to children with the community, in particular the aboriginal community, would be fantastic given the cultural heritage of the land. Currently, access to these programs has to be obtained via clubs located in suburbs outside the city which is not ideal.</p> <p>The attached document entitled “Wellington Square Business Case” was sent. The information within this document is somewhat limited and have requested more detailed information from WAFC regarding the proposed location of</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Masterplan makes provision for formal sports including future facilities to support community clubs which will be located on the western side of the park. While this was support by feedback from the Community Reference Group and others, the idea of a larger facility did not feature as a priority for the broader community.</p>

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15	52797/18	13/02/18	Email – West Australian Football Commission (WAFC) to Councillor	<p>the clubrooms, size of the proposed facilities and the specific facilities it will provide (including the clubrooms, lighting, sporting equipment, classrooms etc.) and the direct benefits to the City.</p> <p>In the meantime, it was requested that the City investigate the possibility of incorporating recreational facilities such as a football club into the masterplan for Wellington Square.</p> <p>Please see the below details regarding Wellington Square including Benefits, Pavilion & Location as discussed.</p> <p>Direct Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides Residents with a Junior Football Club in the City of Perth • Engages & Supports At-Risk Youth via the delivery of Night Fields (Harm Prevention Program) • Enhanced Activation of Wellington Square via Formal Sport & Social Sport Supports Crime Prevention in City of Perth • Promotes Health & Wellbeing with City of Perth Residents Aged 5 to 55 via Auskick (Primary School Program) & AFL 9s (18+ Social Sport Program) • Connects Indigenous Youth to Club Participation Pathways via the Yaakiny Royals Program (Club Participation Program) • Supplies Indigenous Youth with Talent Identification Pathways via the WA KickStart Academy (State Indigenous Academy) • Increases Multicultural Participation in Sport & Recreation via the AFL Kids Program, Naitanui Academy & Welcome to AFL (Multicultural Program(s)) 	<p>The Masterplan makes provision for formal sports including future facilities to support community clubs which will be located on the western side of the park. While this was support by feedback from the Community Reference Group and others, the idea of a larger facility did not feature as a priority for the broader community.</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotes Cultural Awareness in the City of Perth via Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) & Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI) Events <p>Proposed Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amenities (Showers/Toilet)- 25m2 x 2 • Car Parking- No Specific Standards • Change Rooms- 45m2-55m2 x 2 • Cleaners Room- 5m2+ • Doctors Room- 10m2 • Goal Posts- 8m Out of Ground (Goals) & 5m Out of Ground (Points) • Gymnasium- 20m2-25m2 • Interchange Benches- 4.8m (Length) x 1.2m (Width) • Kitchen & Kiosk- 20m2 • Medical Room- 15m2 • Meeting Room- 15m2 • Match Lighting- 50 Lux (Training) & 100 Lux (Match) • Officials Box- 1.8m (Length) x 1.2m (Width) • Playing Field- 135m x 185m (Length) & 110m x 155m (Width) • Public Toilets- Male 10m2, Female 10m2 & Disabled 5m2 • Scoreboard- No Specific Standards • Siren- No Specific Standards • Social Room- 100m2 • Storage- 20m2 • Strapping Room- 10m2 x 2 • Timekeeping Box- 10m2 • Umpires Room- 20m2-25m2 • Viewing Area- 50m2 • TOTAL- 525-555m2 	

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				<p>Suggested Location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synchronises Sport & Recreation Opportunities in Wellington Square • Proximity to Basketball Courts (10) & Tennis Courts (11) • Passive Recreation (9) & Young Adult Playground (3) Utilisation • Supplies Additional Public Toilets (7)  <p>P.S. Please see attached some documentation on AFL Minimum Standards including AFL Local Facility Design (Illustration of Proposed Facilities), State, Regional & Local Facility Guidelines (Minimum Standards for Fields & Pavilions) & AFL Unisex Facility Guidelines (Details on Minimum Standards for Unisex).</p>	

Comments from social media platform

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1	52627/18	26.01.18	LinkedIn	<p>Commented that it would be great to see the park revamped.</p> <p>Requested a higher resolution image of the plan be uploaded as current one difficult to read.</p>	Noted.
		02.02.18		<p>Provided correction that the first game was Australian Rules Football AFL is a league not a sport. Noted the Young Australian Football League is located near Wellington Square on Murray Street.</p>	Noted.
2	52627/18	26.01.18	LinkedIn	<p>Requested an off the leash dog area.</p>	Wellington Square will remain an off the leash park.
3	52627/18	26.01.18	LinkedIn	<p>Congratulated the City.</p>	Noted.
4	52627/18	26.01.18	LinkedIn	<p>Suggested a 50m swimming pool.</p>	Noted. The idea of locating a swimming pool at Wellington Square has not featured as a priority for the community.
5	52627/18	28/01/18	LinkedIn	<p>Raised concerns about the approach the City of Perth is taking to "revitalise" Wellington Square.</p> <p>Suggested that it was being done in isolation of park user groups needs, heritage considerations and without consulting service providers, residents etc</p>	<p>The consultation process for Wellington Square has been underway since 2016 and has been both extensive and inclusive.</p> <p>Details of the process are contained in Wellington Square Masterplan 2018 – Overview Report.</p>
6	52627/18	28/01/18	LinkedIn	<p>Had not heard about the project until the masterplan consultation. Suggested an adult playground, community garden and café.</p>	<p>A small kiosk with public toilets is proposed near the new intergenerational playground.</p> <p>While not directly identified on the plan, the park has space for community gardens in the future if the idea gains momentum and wider support.</p>

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7	52627/18	12/02/18	LinkedIn	Consultation should include Aboriginal people who currently enjoy the park.	The Traditional Owners of Wellington Square and users of the park were engaged in the Cultural Heritage Assessment undertaken in 2017. As many of the users of the park are transient the City also engaged with various key Aboriginal service providers and the representatives of the Whadjuk Working Party to provide input into the design of the meeting places.
8	52627/18	09/02/18	LinkedIn	Like the plan. Concerned that the homeless would be displaced during the works.	Noted. The masterplan will be delivered over a number of years to minimise disruption to all park users with the intent of having some of the park open to the public at all times.
9	52627/18	09/02/18	LinkedIn	Interested in the plan and hopes it progresses. Would like to see more formality, tree lined paths and well-lit at night.	Noted.
10	52627/18	09/02/18	LinkedIn	Suggested a fenced area for dogs off the leash, a monument of scale and a hill to look at the skyline. Thought it was a decent plan but too suburban.	Noted.
11	52627/18	09/02/18	LinkedIn	Queried only two bathrooms. Asked about provision for drinking fountains.	The masterplan proposes a new toilet on the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk near the new intergenerational playground. There will be drinking fountains provided at key areas around the park.
12	52627/18	08/02/18	LinkedIn	Supported the inclusion of a playground.	Noted.

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13	52627/18	08/02/18	LinkedIn	Looks great. Supports the basketball and tennis courts.	Noted.
14	52627/18	08/02/18	LinkedIn	Supports basketball courts.	Noted.



LEGEND

- 1 Formal Sports and Events
- 2 Intergenerational Play Space
- 3 Multi-use Space
- 4 Pedestrian Priority Zone
- 5 Place of Reflection
- 6 Public Toilet
- 7 Water Element
- 8 Passive Recreation
- 9 Intergenerational Play - Basketball Courts
- 10 Barbecue and picnic
- 11 Exercise Circuit
- 12 Public Artwork
- 13 Footpath and Lighting Upgrade
- 14 Park Entrance
- 15 Low Perimeter Planting
- 16 Secondary Entry Path
- 17 Future Tennis Courts
- 18 Future Clubrooms
- 19 Future Kiosk and Toilet
- 20 Separate Project: Hill Street Two Way
- 21 Heritage Fig Tree - 'Kids Tree'
- Existing Tree
- New Feature Tree
- New Tree





TREASURE

Our community, cultural heritage and special character of place.



CONNECT

People to each other, the environment and place.



ENJOY

A safe, comfortable, inviting and fun place with a range of uses at different times of the day.



UTILISE

Resources efficiently to optimise environmental and economic benefits.



14 Park Entrances



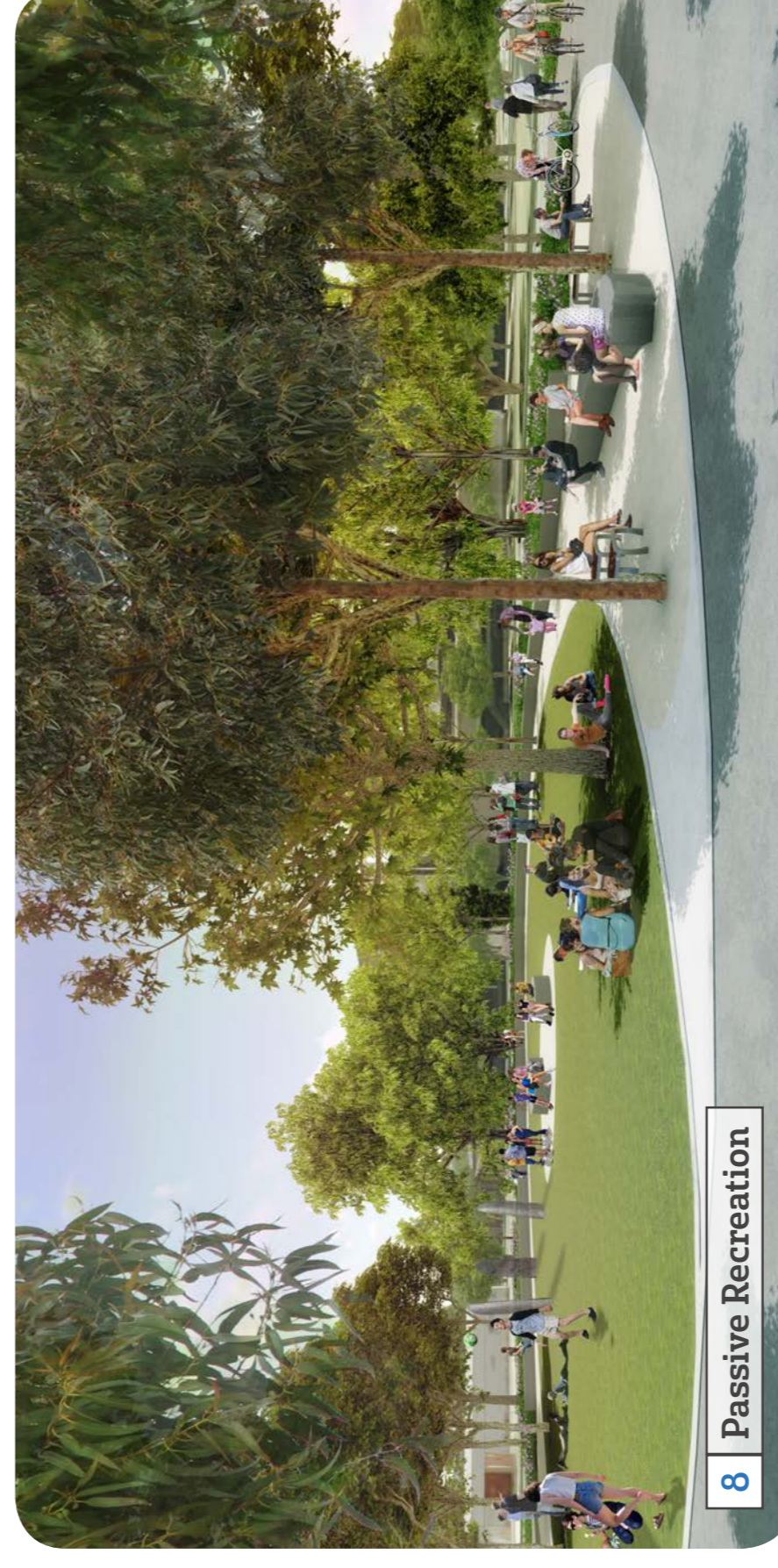
2 Intergenerational Play Space



9 Intergenerational Play - Basketball Courts



3 Multi-use Space



8 Passive Recreation



11 Water Element



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We acknowledge the Whadjuk Nyoongar people, Traditional Owners of the lands and waters where the City of Perth is today and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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Introduction

The Masterplan 2018 is a high-level plan, incorporating key strategic considerations, intended to guide the staged enhancement of the park over the next 5 - 10 years. The plan will ensure that Wellington Square transitions from a 19th Century landscape into a contemporary city park that supports a growing residential population in East Perth.

The development of the Wellington Square Masterplan is built upon extensive community and stakeholder engagement ensuring that it reflects current and future aspirations for the park and celebrates its rich cultural history.

As the City's only active sporting reserve the function of Wellington Square as a recreational ground and public open space has not significantly changed over the last 60 years. Meanwhile, the composition of built form around Wellington Square has evolved from a mix of light-industrial and residential developments in the fifties and sixties to a combination of mixed-use, institution and residential developments in recent times. As the city community continues to grow, Wellington Square will play an integral role in the provision of open space for East Perth's residents, workers and visitors.

Consistent ideas for suitable future uses for the park were expressed during the consultation process. There was strong support for an increase in the overall level of amenity, activity and infrastructure within the park.

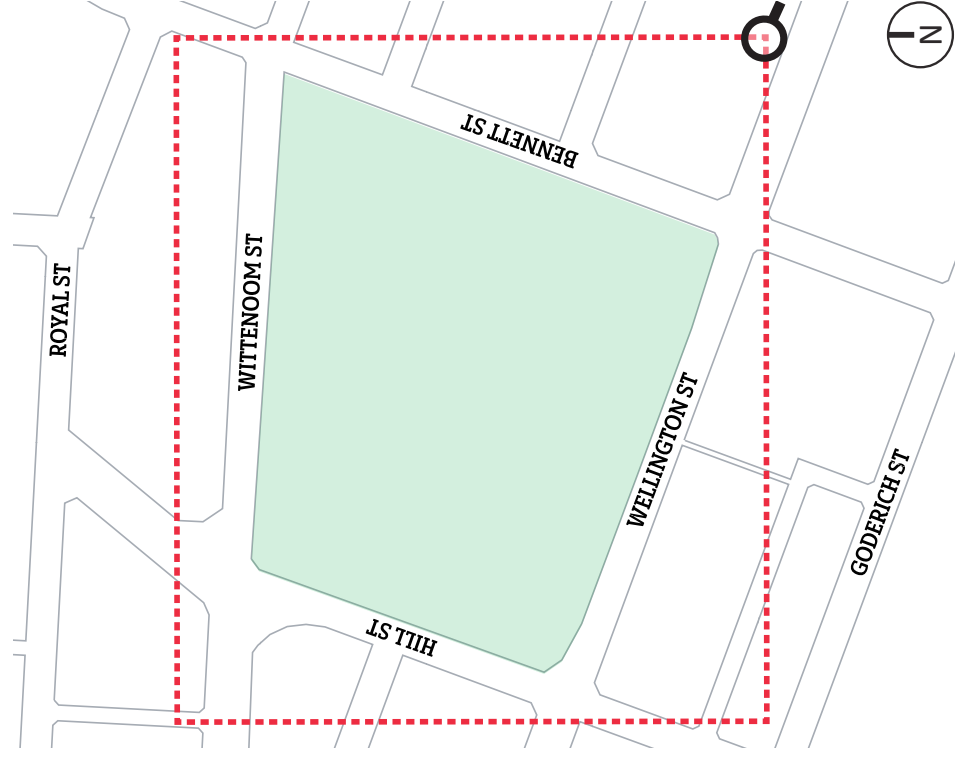
WHY DO WE NEED A MASTERPLAN FOR WELLINGTON SQUARE?

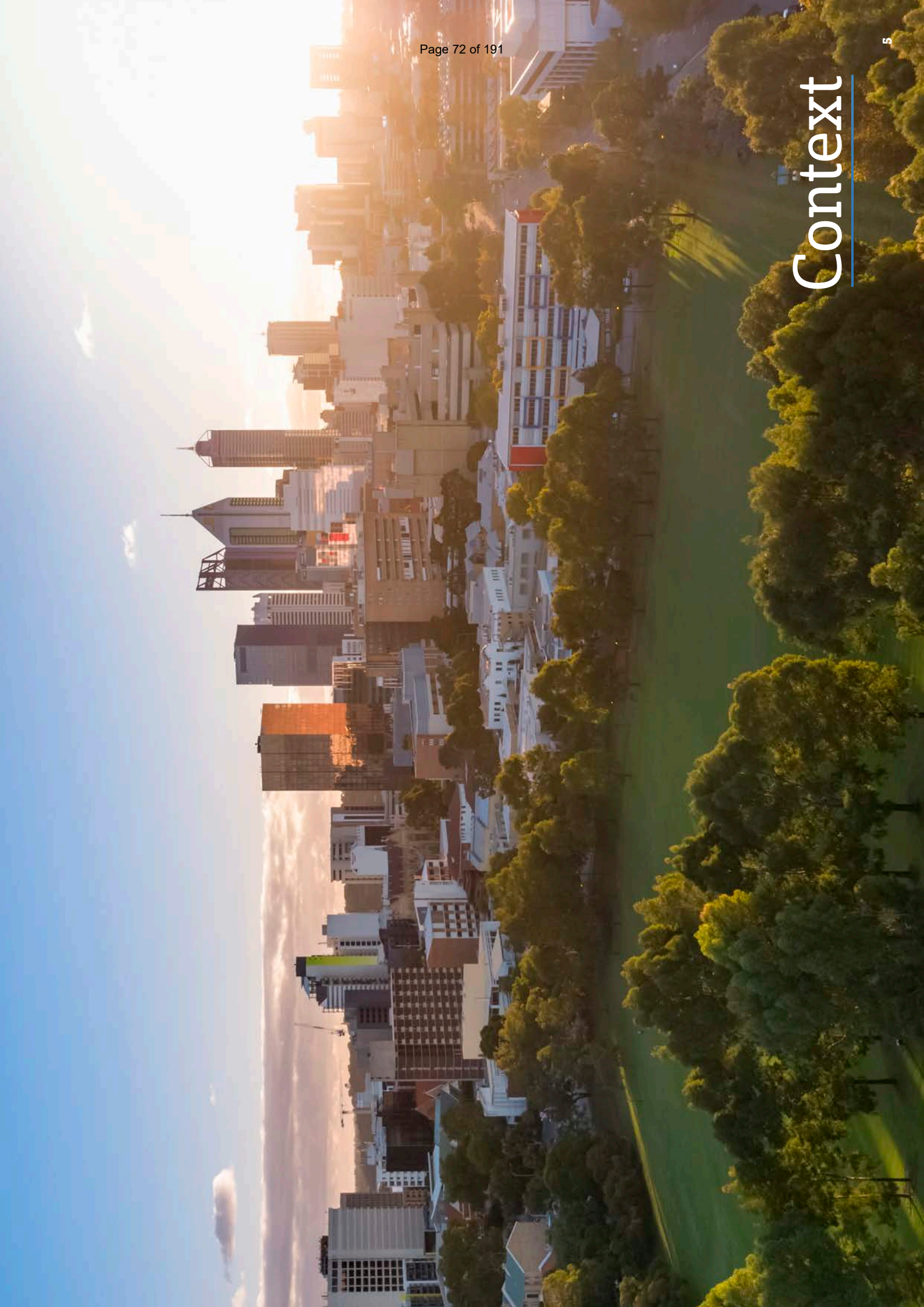
Situated in East Perth and measuring approximately 7.7 hectares in size, Wellington Square is one of the largest parks within the City of Perth.

MASTERPLAN OVERVIEW

This document provides a summary of the masterplan process including the following:

- **Context**
- **Community and Stakeholder Engagement**
- **Masterplan Principles and Responses**
- **Implementation**

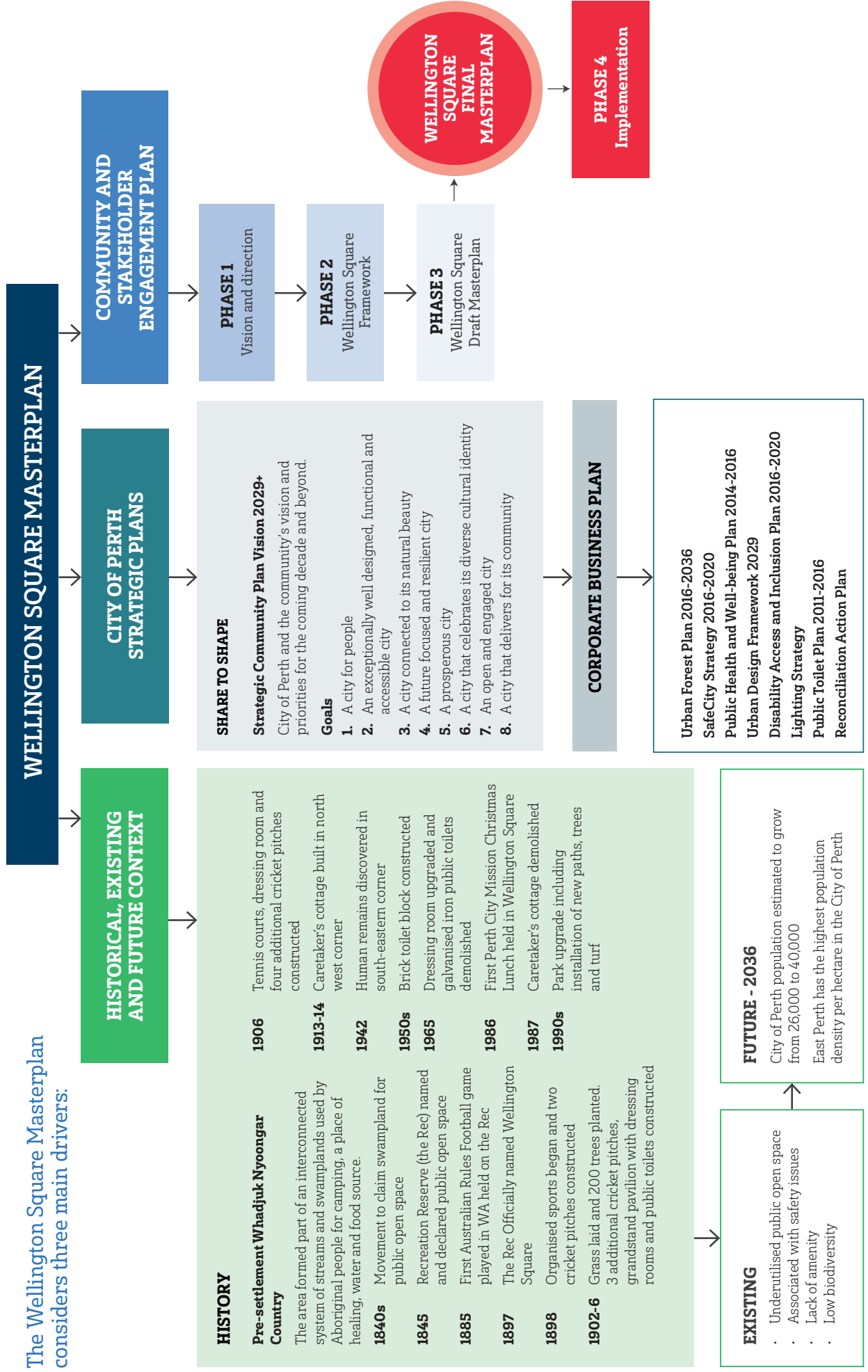




Context

Masterplan Framework

The Wellington Square Masterplan considers three main drivers:





Site History

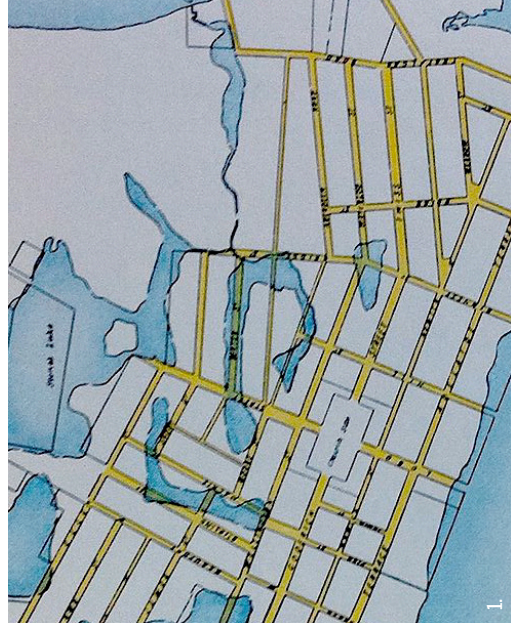
The City of Perth is Whadjuk Boodjar (country). The City is on the area between Gargatup, the place down by the hillside (in Kings Park) and Matagarup, the place of the leg holes (Heirisson Island) where Nyoongars would cross the river.

Nyoongar say that Nyoongar boodjar (country) began during the nyttyny (cold time) when the world was flat, soft and featureless. During this time (before people) ancestral spirits dwelt and wandered. The Waarkal (rainbow serpent) was the first to move from the spirit world to the physical world. As the Waarkal moved across this flat land it fashioned hills and valleys in turn forming the rivers, lakes, swamps and wetlands systems of Perth.



Re-imagining Perth's Lost Wetlands 2014

Prior to 1830 a chain of these wetlands lay within a broad valley north of Wellington Street stretching south-east from Lake Monger to the Swan River. The Whadjuk Nyoongar people camped and lived along these freshwater lakes which were part of a rich ecosystem that provided significant spiritual and physical sustenance. These areas would have been abundant with foods such as water birds, koolya (frogs), gilgies (freshwater crayfish), yaagan (turtle) and a range of edible plants. (Cultural Heritage Assessment, 2017). While the landscape around Wellington Square has changed significantly since non-Aboriginal contact, starting with the draining of the lakes between c. 1830-1880 shortly after Captain James Stirlings arrival, for many Nyoongar people it continues to be a place associated with the Waarkal.



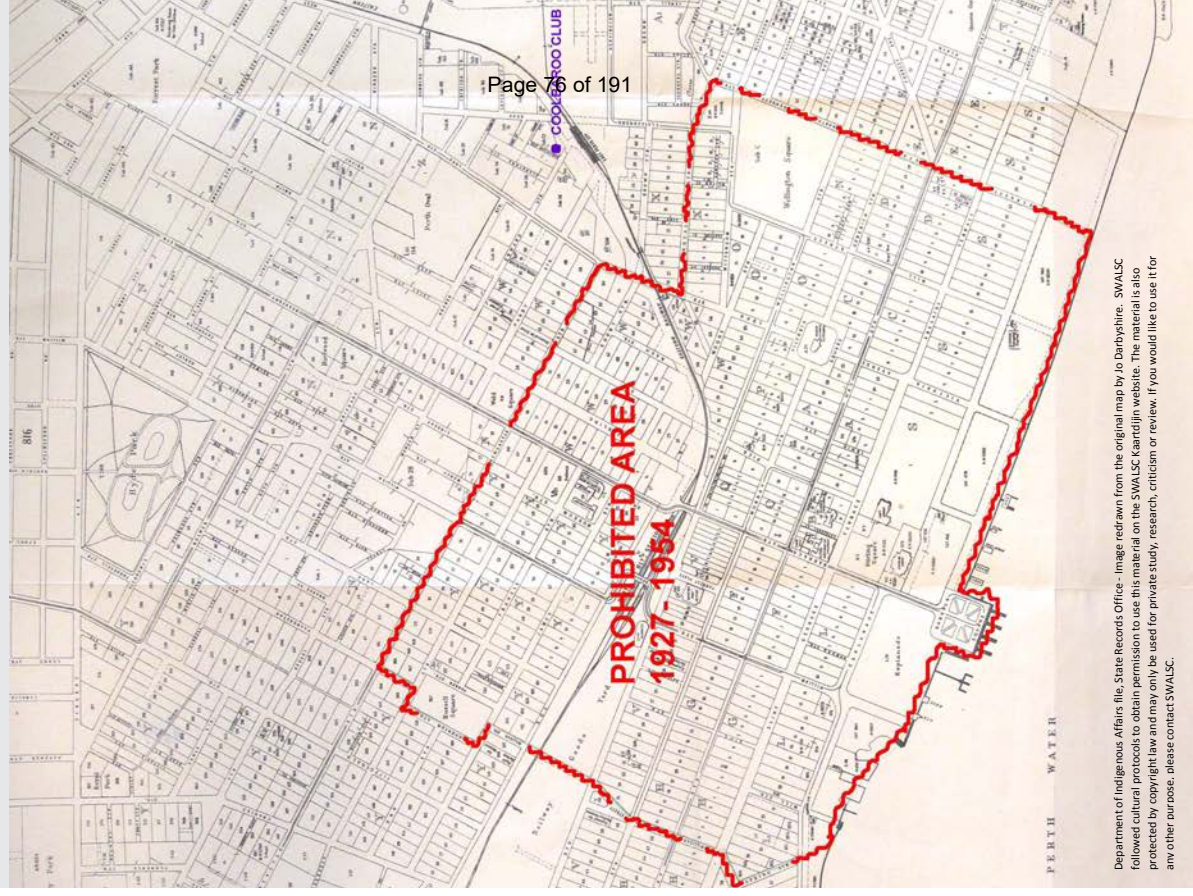
Historical map of Perth's chain of wetlands

The wetlands impacted on early planning in the establishment of the town of Perth due to flooding, mosquitoes and the need for public open space. The 'Old Recreation Ground' as it was known in 1883 was reserved as playing fields but was still a swamp in winter, hot and sandy in summer and quite remote from the rest of the settlement (A City and its Setting, 1986). The park was officially named Wellington Square, in 1897 after the Duke of Wellington.

Wellington Square continued to be associated with organised sports. This included the first Australian Rules football game played in Western Australia in 1885, to the establishment of the c1907 East Perth Tennis Club, including courts and pavilion. Cricket pitches were first installed in 1898 and this sporting use has fluctuated but persisted to today.

From the 1920s to the 1950s Wellington Square often went by the name of Madison Square Gardens reflecting its use by Aboriginal boxers such as Dom Pedro and Bob Edgill who took part in informally organised street fights to earn money, keep fit and settle disputes. This was one of the reasons that the Prohibited Area, which included Wellington Square, was established by the authorities to exert greater control over Aboriginal peoples' movements and interactions. These restrictions continued from 1927 until 1954.

Prohibited Area between 1927 - 1954



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WHAT WAS THE PROHIBITION AREA?

The official role of Chief Protector of Aborigines was first held in 1898. The Aborigines Act 1897 abolished the Aborigines Protection Board, and created both the Aborigines Department and its head, the Chief Protector. The Chief Protector was given the legal authority by the Aborigines Act 1905 to be guardian of every Aboriginal child in Western Australia to the age of 16 years, with the power to remove them from their families and place them in Homes or in work. The role Chief Protector became the Commissioner for Native Affairs in 1936. (Findandconnect.gov.au, 2018)

In the 1920s the Chief Protector of Aborigines AO Neville, wanted to exert greater control over Aboriginal peoples' movements and interactions within the city. Using the 1905 Aborigines Act, Neville declared a Prohibited Area in the city making it an offence for Aboriginal people to enter unless they were in "lawful employment".

The corner of Murray Street and Barrack Street, Perth, was the centre of the Prohibited Area. Its boundaries stretched 1.3 kilometres from the Swan River to Newcastle Street in Northbridge and 2 Kilometres from Bennett Street in East Perth to Milligan Street in West Perth. From 1927 until 1954 Aboriginal people needed permits to enter this area and Aboriginal employees would be arrested if police found them in the city after the 6pm curfew. The Prohibited Area created major issues for Aboriginal people looking for work or travelling to and from home. The consequence of this was the displacement of people to the fringes as cheap accommodation and camps in East Perth were easily accessible. (Cultural Heritage Assessment, 2017)

Irwin Lewis who was employed in the city in the 1950s and became a senior public servant working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander policy remembers:

"I had to leave work before 5.30pm. It's not like we are talking about the 1800s or 1700s. This was 1950. It was quite common to see Aboriginal people being taken across the railway line to the local police station."

(Karia Yarning: Stories of the Home Fires, 2014)

“Melaleuca preissiana was visible in the low-lying freshwater swamp north of Perth Hospital”

(A City and its Setting, 1986)

In 1942 human remains were discovered in the south-eastern corner of Wellington Square and were identified to have been that of an elderly Aboriginal male. The skull of a dog was also recovered adjacent to the burial site. The West Australian newspaper reported at the time that sources knew the man, calling him Poor Old Joe, a Nyoongar who had passed away during a corroboree held in the area.

Prior to the East Perth development in the 1990s, Wellington Square was one of the few places where Aboriginal people could go and ‘be out of the gaze of the ‘Wadgellas’. The park provided refuge and safety for Aboriginal people and was a key location for children to play in East Perth with the ‘Kids Tree’ located along the northern boundary of the park being an important part of that story.

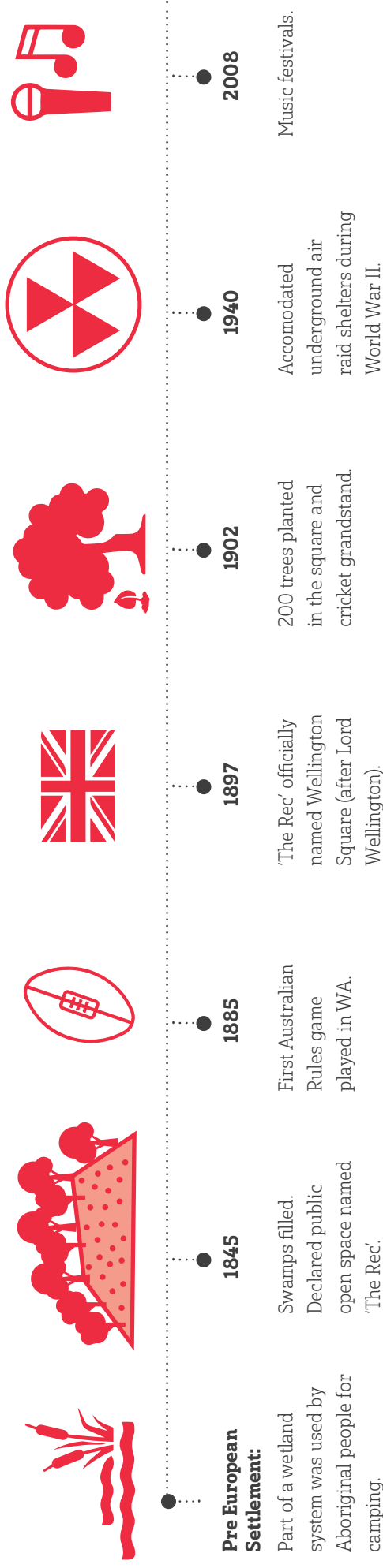
To commemorate Sorry Day on Friday 26 May 2006, the Aboriginal community erected a 2.5 metre high pole on the north-west corner of Wellington Square.

The park continues to be a place of significance to the Whadjuk Nyoongars as well as other Aboriginal people from across Western Australia for meeting, camping and sourcing information and resources as well as its associations with health, well-being and ‘medical treatment’.

The need for a Section 18 was identified in the Cultural Heritage Assessment in July 2017, *“Should the City of Perth wish to undertake works that will impact upon Wellington Square, an application is made for consent to use the land under section 18 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act”*.

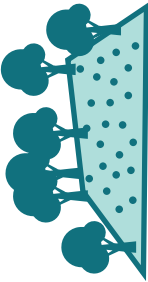
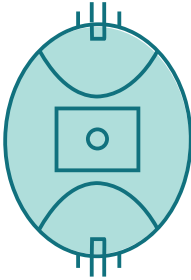



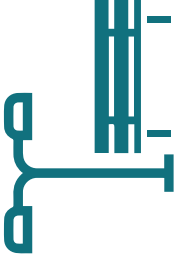
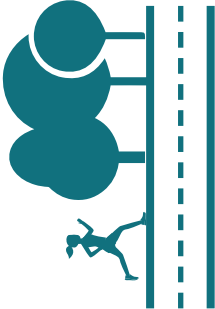
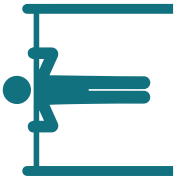




WELLINGTON SQUARE MILESTONES



Existing Conditions

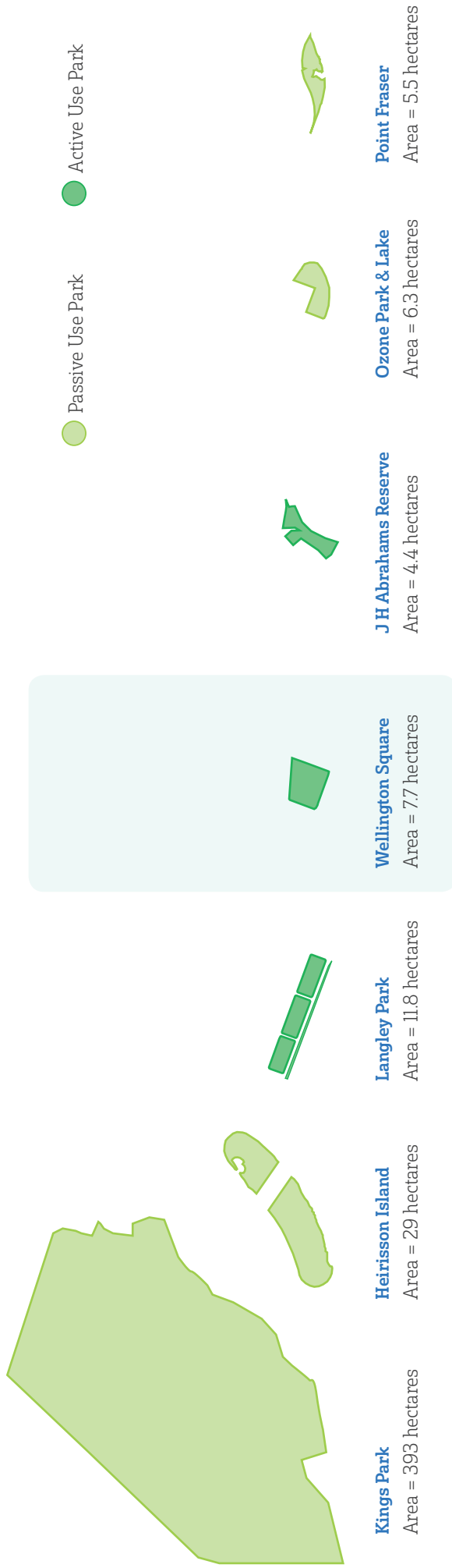
Wellington Square is a large rhomboidal shaped park at 110 Wellington Street, East Perth. Originally swampland the park is currently very open in character with large expanses of lawn and trees which hug the perimeter and a network of paths.

				
Open grass and trees	Sporting fields	Public toilets and changeroom	Lack of good lighting	Lack of human scale and intimate spaces
				
Facilities	Paths	Exercise equipment	Ground water irrigation High levels of iron	Catchment Claisebrook Main Drain

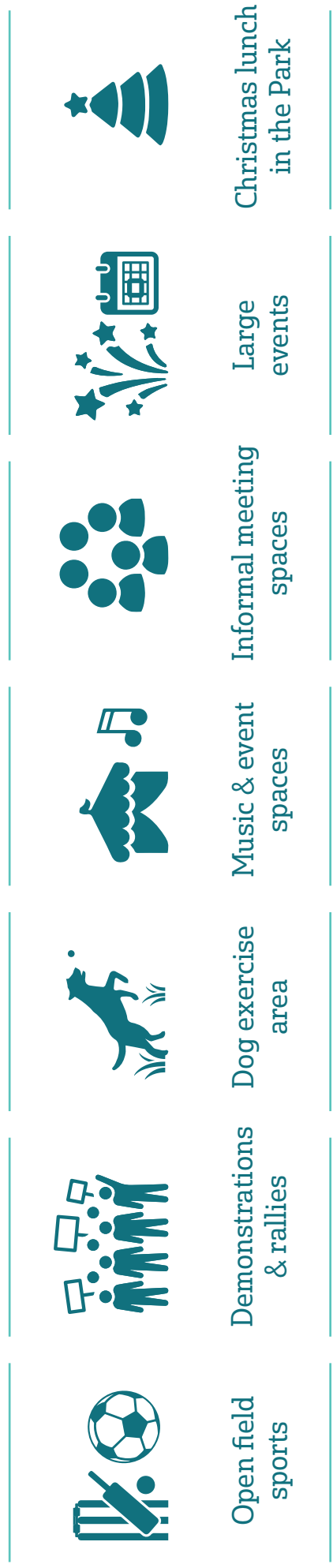


'Kids Tree' (large Moreton Bay Fig located on the northern side of the park)

SCALE – HOW WELLINGTON SQUARE COMPARES TO OTHER LARGE PARKS IN THE CITY



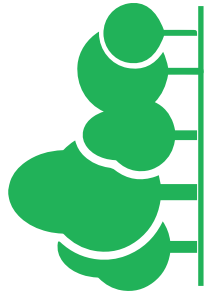
HOW WELLINGTON SQUARE IS USED NOW



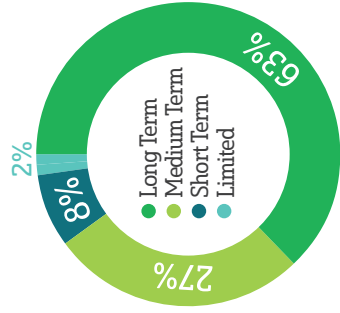
URBAN FOREST SNAPSHOT



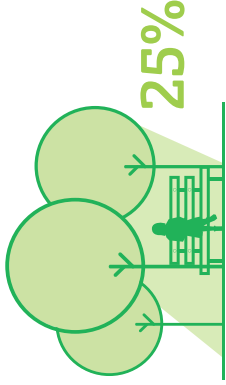
Existing trees



Low diversity



Tree Useful life expectancy

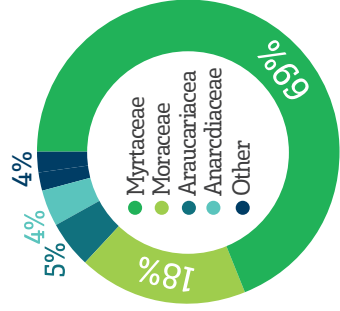


Current canopy cover

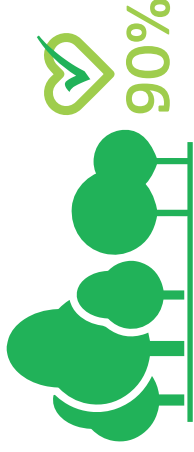


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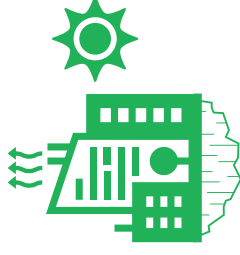
High levels of iron affecting long term tree health



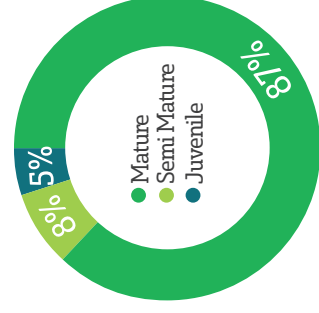
Tree family



In good health



Urban heat island



Tree Age class

TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS

Wellington Square is well serviced by public transport; free Central Area Transit (CAT) buses and two train stations – Claisebrook and McIver - to the north of the park. In the future Hill Street will be converted to two-way traffic and bike lanes will be added to further enhance the connection between the central core of the city and Wellington Square. While the park is surrounded by on-street parking there are carparks in close proximity at TAFE, Royal Street and Queens Gardens.

EAST PERTH - KEY SITES

- 1 McIver Train Station
- 2 Claisebrook Train Station
- 3 North Metropolitan TAFE
- 4 Royal Perth Hospital
- 5 Wellington Square - Future Upgrades
- 6 Claisebrook Cove
- 7 Matagarup Bridge and Bus Stands
- 8 Gloucester Park
- 9 East Perth Cemetry
- 10 Queens Gardens
- 11 WACA
- 12 Trinity College
- 13 Waterbank - Future Development
- 14 Point Fraser
- 15 Ozone Reserve
- 16 Langley Park



PARKING

A recent survey has revealed parking to the periphery of Wellington Square is heavily underutilised, with an average occupancy of 14% during weekdays and 12% on weekends. The two taxi bays on Wittenoom Street recorded the highest usage over both periods. The loading bays recorded the lowest occupancy during weekdays (10%) whilst Wittenoom Street recorded the lowest occupancy on weekends (3%). Parking along Wellington Street recorded the highest increase from weekdays (13%) to weekends (37%). There is only one existing ACROD bay which is on the northern side of Wittenoom Street.

Good practice parking strategies suggest that the maximum parking occupancy should be 85%. This results in an environment where parking areas are well used but people can still relatively easily find a space, reducing frustration and congestion as drivers circle the area looking for a free parking space.

Weekday Occupancy



Average Usage of parking bays on Wellington, Wittenoom, Bennett and Hill Streets during weekdays (2016)

Weekend Occupancy



Average Usage of parking bays on Wellington, Wittenoom, Bennett and Hill Streets during weekends (2016)

“Please look closely at real cities. While you are looking you might as well listen linger and think about what you see.”

(Jane Jacobs, 1961)

PUBLIC LIFE STUDY – HOW DO PEOPLE CURRENTLY USE THE PARK?

Urban life is not limited to cafés and tourists; it's the everyday experiences, expressions, movement as well as meeting people in public space. A varied urban life is an important part of a socially sustainable city. A short chat on a bench, a smile to a passing stranger or just eye contact, gives us a quality of life, social inclusion and increases our tolerance and understanding of each other. (A Metropolis for People, 2009)

The use of Wellington Square, like all public spaces, changes during the course of a day and through the seasons. Broadly, other factors, like the amenity offered in the space, demographics, linkages and activity in the surrounding area can also determine how well a space is used.

Studying people's behaviour in Wellington Square was essential in determining what currently works well in the space; where people prefer to move, stay and why.

This also provides data to measure the success of the enhancement post implementation.

What did we measure?

- **Users** - who is using the park, including demographics and visitor numbers at different times of the day and night
- **Behaviour** - patterns in visitor behaviour such as peak visitation days and times, busiest parts of the park, main entrance and departure points, repeat or unique visitation and dwell times
- **Perceptions** - quality of the place and the experience, such as ease of access and safety

What tools did we use?

- **Counting** – the number of people using the space, where and when
- **Plotting** – a behavioural mapping of the activities, people and places for staying
- **Photographs** – document of situations
- **Looking at traces** – human behaviour often leaves traces such as desire lines for walking



Summary of what we found

Wellington Square is predominately residential to the south and east of the site with commercial to the north and west. Given its location the park attracts a variety of users – from visitors, workers and residents to commuters traversing the site enroute to train stations and carparks.

Two Public Life Studies for Wellington Square were carried out – one in winter June 2016 and the other in summer December 2016 as a comparison.

The following key findings have been identified in the summer survey with some key comparisons to the winter survey:

Demographics

- The greatest number of park users are men between the age of 20 and 40. In winter it was females in the same age bracket.
- Fewer 'Over 40 year olds' were recorded in summer than winter.
- The survey did not capture ethnicity metrics however anecdotally up to 60% of over a thousand observations recorded would be of Aboriginal descent.

Peak User Times

- On average there are more users during the week than on the weekend in both summer and winter.
- Except for Saturdays - when in summer there is a spike in activity.

Underutilised Paths

- Path use continues to vary with time of day - the park is more underutilised at night as evidenced by paths in both winter and summer not being used as much as during the day.
- As per winter the northern external path in sector four (4 along Wittenoom St) is again the most underutilised path in summer.
- Again, most internal paths are underutilised at night.

Types of Uses

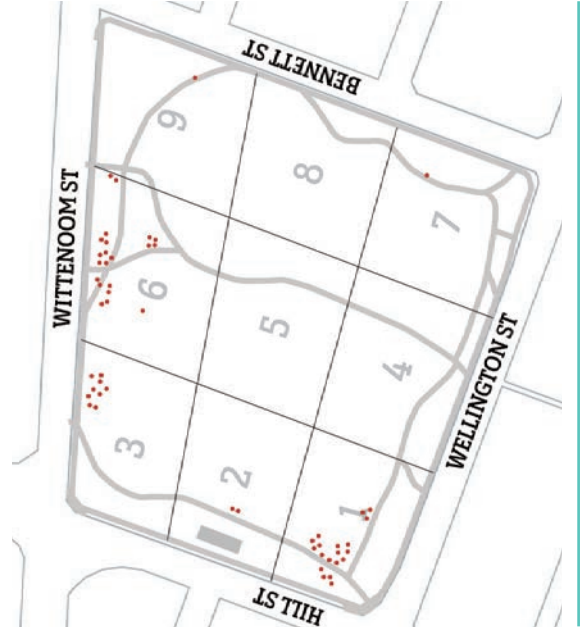
- The biggest user group in summer was still 'walkers' (including dog walkers) however there were more of them



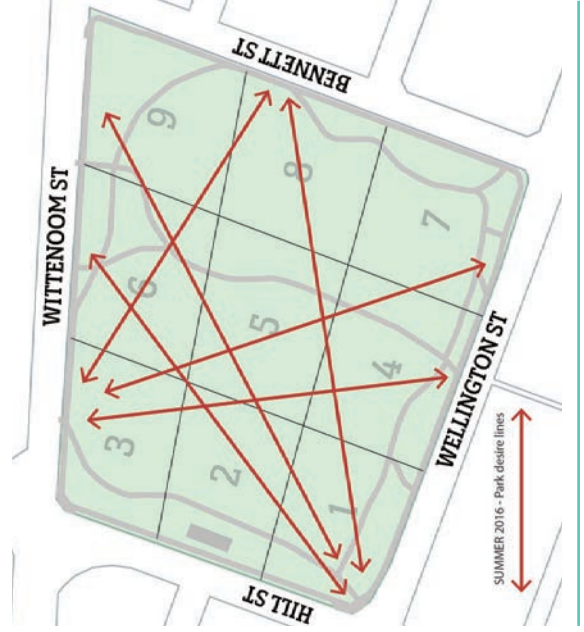
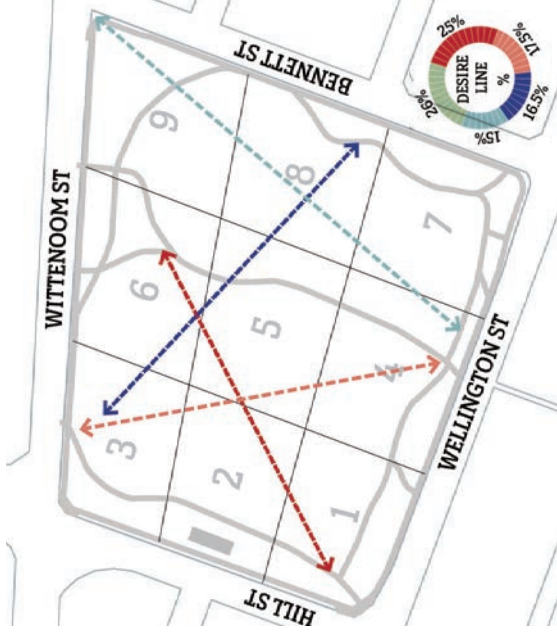
Predominant Landuse

- Residential
- Hospital
- Food and Beverage
- Short Stay - Hotel, Hostel, Motel etc
- Institutional - Government, Educational, Depot
- Sports and Events Grounds
- Retail
- Park
- Vacant
- Carparking

Weekday Stationary Observations



Desire Lines



Activity Hot Spots



Underutilised Zones

- Observations at different times of day continue to show zones that are underutilised by users.
- The north east corner was identified as the most underutilised area in the park in winter data. In summer this corner was more active however the edge condition adjacent to the street was much underutilised.
- The core of the site was typically underutilised in both winter and summer.

Park Sports & Exercises

- The majority of users doing sports or exercise in the park are runners/joggers and corporate exercisers.
- Soccer is however significantly less in summer.

Park Entry Locations

- There are six key entries into the park. In winter only three were found.

Movement - External and Internal Paths

- Overall, winter figures showed a 50/50 split between movements on internal and external paths whilst summer figures showed significantly more (64%)

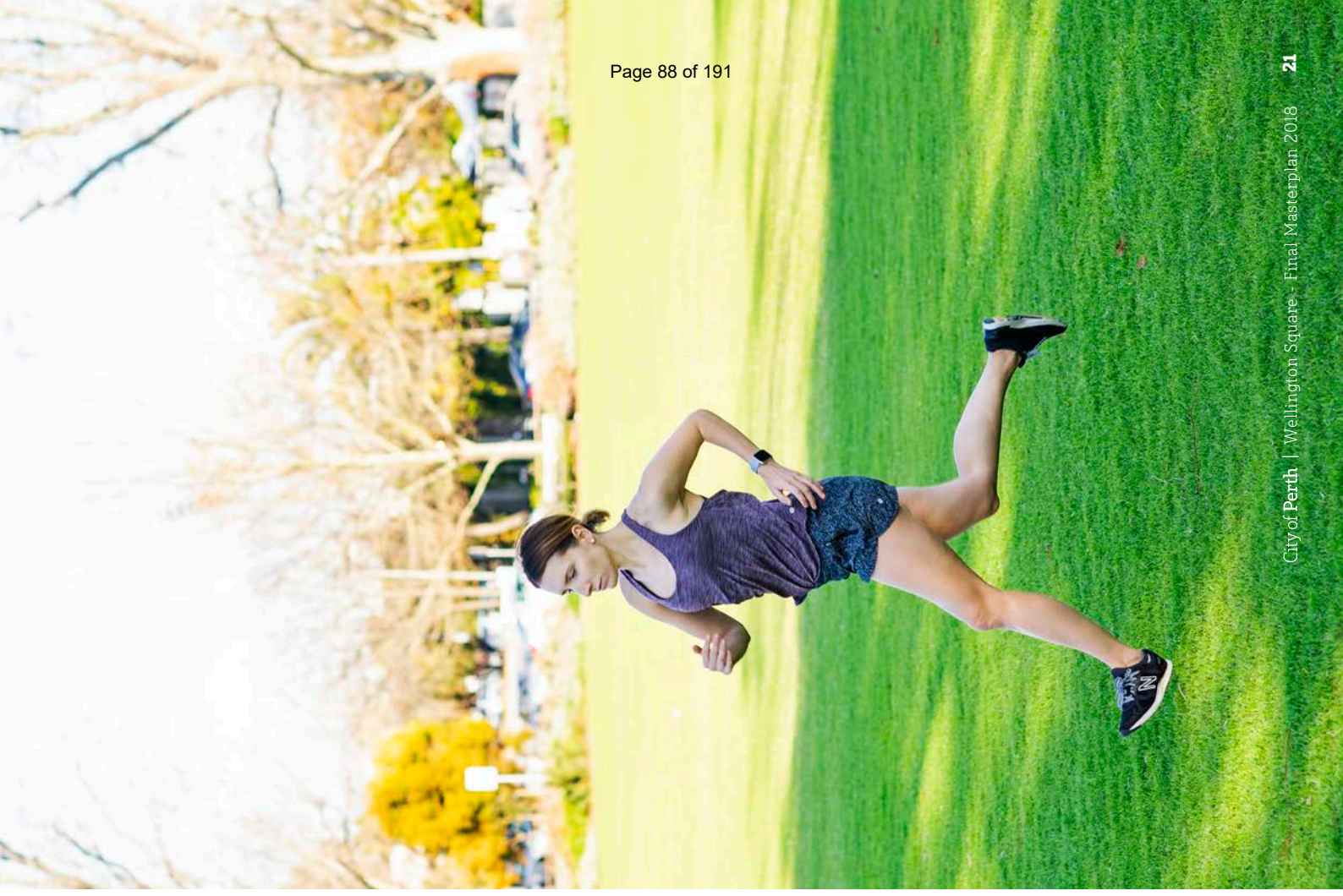
- on external paths (and less internally)
- The bulk of the difference is along the Bennett Street perimeter where in winter over half utilised the internal path where as in summer only 32% did.

Activity Hot Spots

- Winter and summer findings were similar - several 'hot spots' included activities such as social gathering, casual and corporate sports and support services for the homeless.

Desire Lines

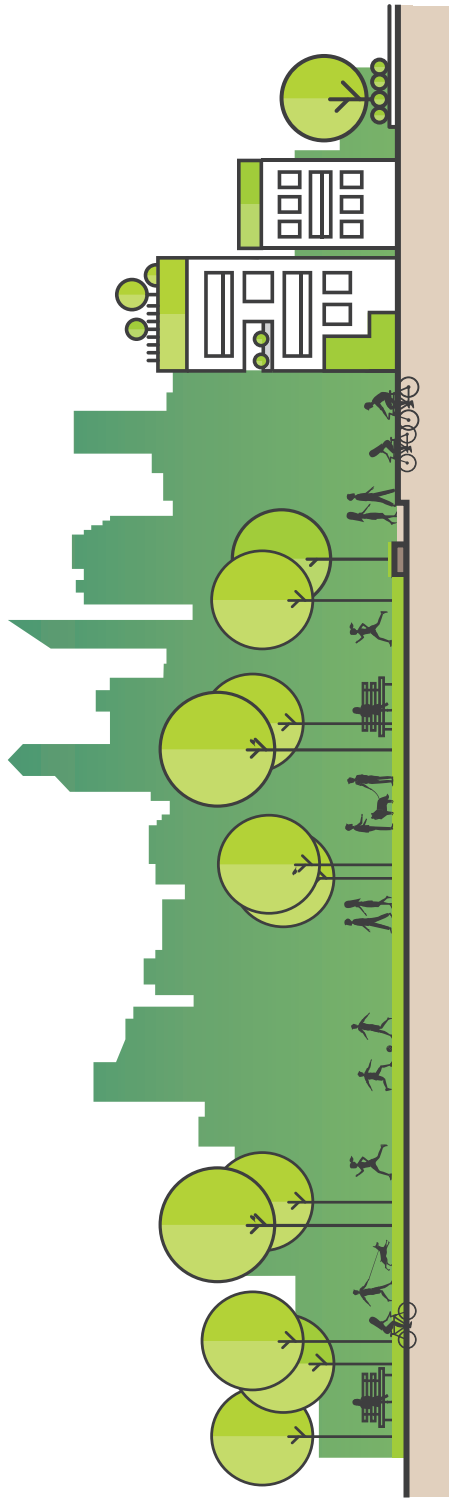
- Desire lines represent the shortest or most easily navigated route between places. Pedestrians traversing the park where they want is more common than use of internal or external paths - indicating that paths are not well located to support movement across the park.
- There were six main desire lines found in summer and only four in winter.
- The key desire lines were from the south west towards the north east and from the south east to the north west related closely to key site entries.













Public Life Study - Summary of findings

Unlike other parks in Perth, Wellington Square currently lacks the amenity and infrastructure needed to support activation and diversification of use. This is reflected in the data which demonstrates that the park is significantly underutilised both at the level of visitor numbers and usage. The other significant challenge is maintaining Wellington Square's integrity as a meeting place.

What are the ingredients for a lively park?



PARK LIFE

				
Safe	Overlapping activities	Proximity to destination	Accessible to all	For the community
				
Intelligent information	Comfortable	Passive surveillance	Well-lit and safe	Healthy

PERTH'S CLIMATE

To make public spaces enjoyable and comfortable - cool places to sit in summer and warm sunlit spaces in the cold winter months - consideration needs to be given to the context and climate.

Perth's temperate climate (warm summer, cold winters) means that most people find this climate acceptable at any time of year. The weather is more changeable than in the tropics; cool cloudy days alternate with warmth and sunshine. Rain falls are mainly restricted to the winter months. The annual mean daily sunshine hours for Perth are 8.8 hours. Perth has more sunshine hours and less rainy days than Brisbane.

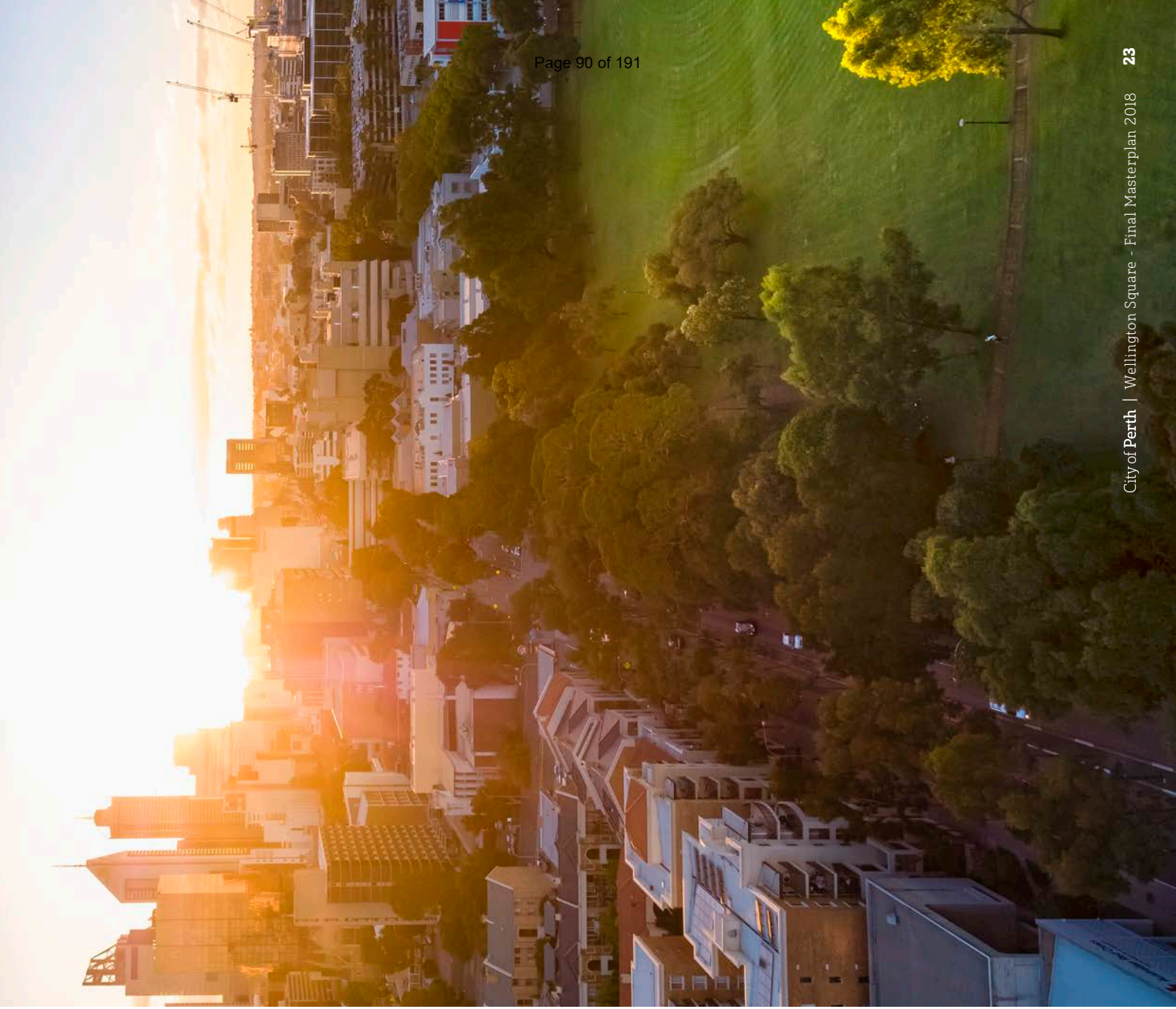
Perth experiences one of the hottest summers of the southern capital cities of Australia. The annual average is 49 hot days (defined as a maximum temperature of 32 °C or more – comfort levels). The first decade of this century, however, has seen hotter than average annual temperatures (since records were kept) and more hot days over summer. (BOM, 2016)

Perth can also lay claim to being the windiest city in Australia. Prevailing south-westerly winds in the afternoon (aka the Fremantle Doctor) provides the city with much needed relief after a hot summer's day.

The need to balance comfort in our public spaces is very important;

The reduced rainfall that has been seen in the metropolitan area in recent decades has meant however that recording annual totals near the long-term mean has been rare.

A recent hydrological feasibility study for Wellington Square found that to retain a 1:100 storm event would require a large amount of space, and this waterbody would be dry at other times. Competing needs for this space therefore make it unfeasible for a large waterbody to be constructed.



PLAYGROUND STUDY

A study was undertaken January 2018 to provide detailed background information that could inform future design briefs for a playground in Wellington Square and similar projects across the City.

The objectives of the study were to:

Identify which best practice design elements contribute to the success of regional playgrounds

- A brief literature review/research to understand key issues that attract users to visit major playgrounds.

Review the current relevant socio/demographic data for Perth

- Discuss the implications for demand for playgrounds, and for the design of facilities.

Undertake a high-level, desktop gap analysis of other regional play opportunities across Perth

- An overall analysis of the significant design components.
- Identify design principles/ issues of importance to Perth residents.
- A summary of the kinds of experience/design elements that may be missing.

Create a set of best practice design principles

- Based on the above information and professional knowledge and experience.

Prepare up to three case studies and apply the principles identified in the Gap Analysis to the selected sites

- Revision of each site and the success (or not) of the design principles in each case.

Prepare a brief report on the best practice design principles that should inform the brief for new playgrounds in the City

- Review the research material on Wellington Square as the proposed site for a new playground.
- Identify the relevant design principles that will apply to Wellington Square as the proposed site for a new regional playground.

The following three topics have emerged from the study that could inform the creation of a totally unique regional playground in Wellington Square:

- Education of the public through interpretation of indigenous stories, and the links to a rich and skilful use of land and resources by indigenous people.
- Children’s play and specifically some of the ‘historic’ play activities on this site, especially cubby building and play in trees.
- The natural environment and some of the original qualities of the site.

In addition, the Skatepark Feasibility Study 2018 recommended that the proposed Wellington Square intergenerational playground consider the needs for tweens by providing skateable and scooter opportunities.



Future Context

“A good city is like a good party. People stay longer than really necessary because they are enjoying themselves.”

(Jan Gehl, 2013)

EAST PERTH DEMOGRAPHICS

Connection with the natural world provides well-known benefits to human beings. Comparable to all Australian capital cities the demand for public open space and their competing uses is steadily increasing in the city as our population continues to increase and the trend towards smaller dwelling sizes and density living continues.

Parks and recreational spaces play multiple roles in making cities more liveable and sustainable. These include space for ecological, social, and economic benefits. The value of these spaces will become increasingly important as our population density increases, private backyards decrease and the desire for human-centered experiences increase. The ongoing management and protection of public open spaces such as Wellington Square will also increase as we plan for a city that aims to address risks associated with climate change.

Since 2011, East Perth has seen the largest growth rate within Perth City. The precinct has the highest population density per hectare and accounts for just over 40% of the total Perth City population.

East Perth residents are a culturally diverse population, consistent with the broader Perth City population characteristics.

- Over the past 15-20 years, there has been substantial residential development within East Perth, and the neighbourhood now accommodates a significant proportion of Perth city's population.
- East Perth's population is expected to grow by around 60 per cent over the next two decades, with another 7000 residents set to call the area home. This will bring the total to over 18,000 residents by 2036, with another 8,700 in neighbouring Central Perth.

- The number of children in East Perth is increasing even faster, and is forecast to double to around 1500 residents aged under 18 years by 2036.
 - The vast majority (88%) of housing in East Perth is now high density (units, flats or apartments), typically with limited or no private open space. With almost all new development expected to come in the form of apartments, high-density living will become even more dominant.
- To support East Perth's ongoing growth, high quality public open space such as the enhancement of Wellington Square will be vital to provide local residents with opportunities for outdoor recreation, relaxation and socialisation.

3D development snapshot, August 2018



CAPACITY TO GROW



Population Information sourced: ABS Census 2016



Increasing student housing
(East Perth)



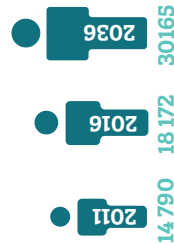
190,000+
Daily visitors
(Central Perth, Northbridge and East Perth)



Single person households are the most common and are increasing
(East Perth)



88%
1 & 2 bedroom apartments
Common dwelling type
(East Perth)



Residential population increase
(Central Perth, Northbridge and East Perth)



Method of travel to work
(Central Perth)

33%



Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder and community participation in the development of the Wellington Square Masterplan was identified as critical to achieving the best outcome for the project. The Wellington Square engagement processes was based on the IAP2 (International Association for Public Participation) principle: inform, consult and involve.

The community and stakeholder engagement program started in 2016 and was completed in the following phases:

PHASE 1 – DIRECTION AND VISION

We asked the community and key stakeholders how they currently used Wellington Square and for their future aspirations for the park. A Cultural Heritage Assessment was undertaken through engagement with the Traditional Owners.

PHASE 2 - WELLINGTON SQUARE FRAMEWORK

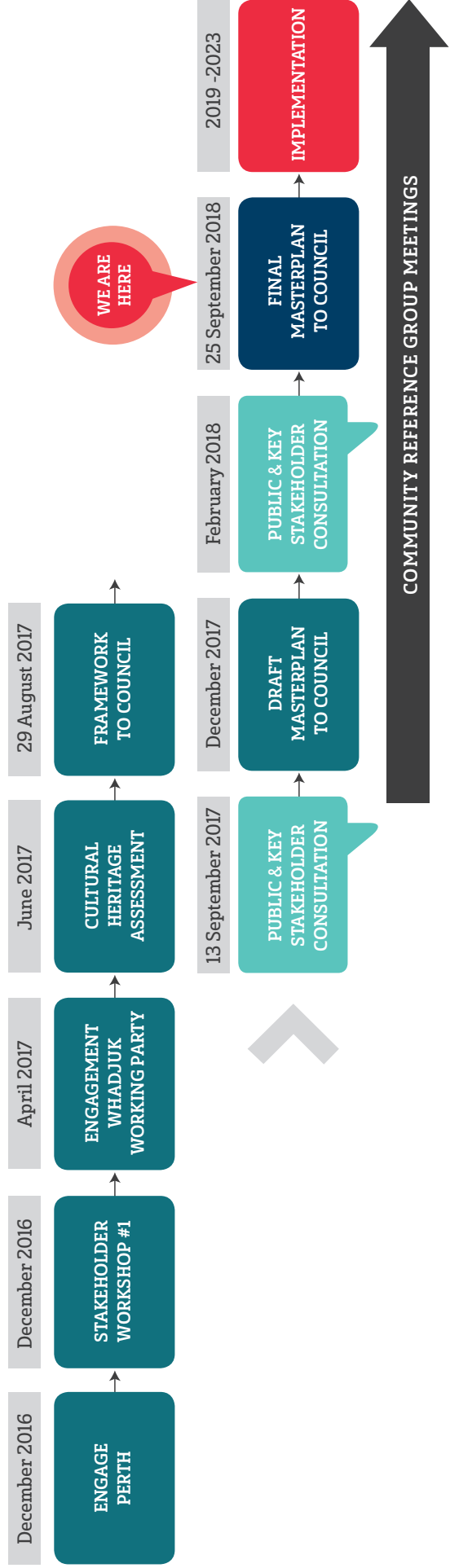
The feedback and comments received via a range of activities in phase one were used to develop a high-level Framework for Wellington Square. This phase also included the formation of the Wellington Square Community Reference Group (CRG). In this phase we asked the CRG, the community and key stakeholders, "did we get it right"?

PHASE 3 – DRAFT MASTERPLAN

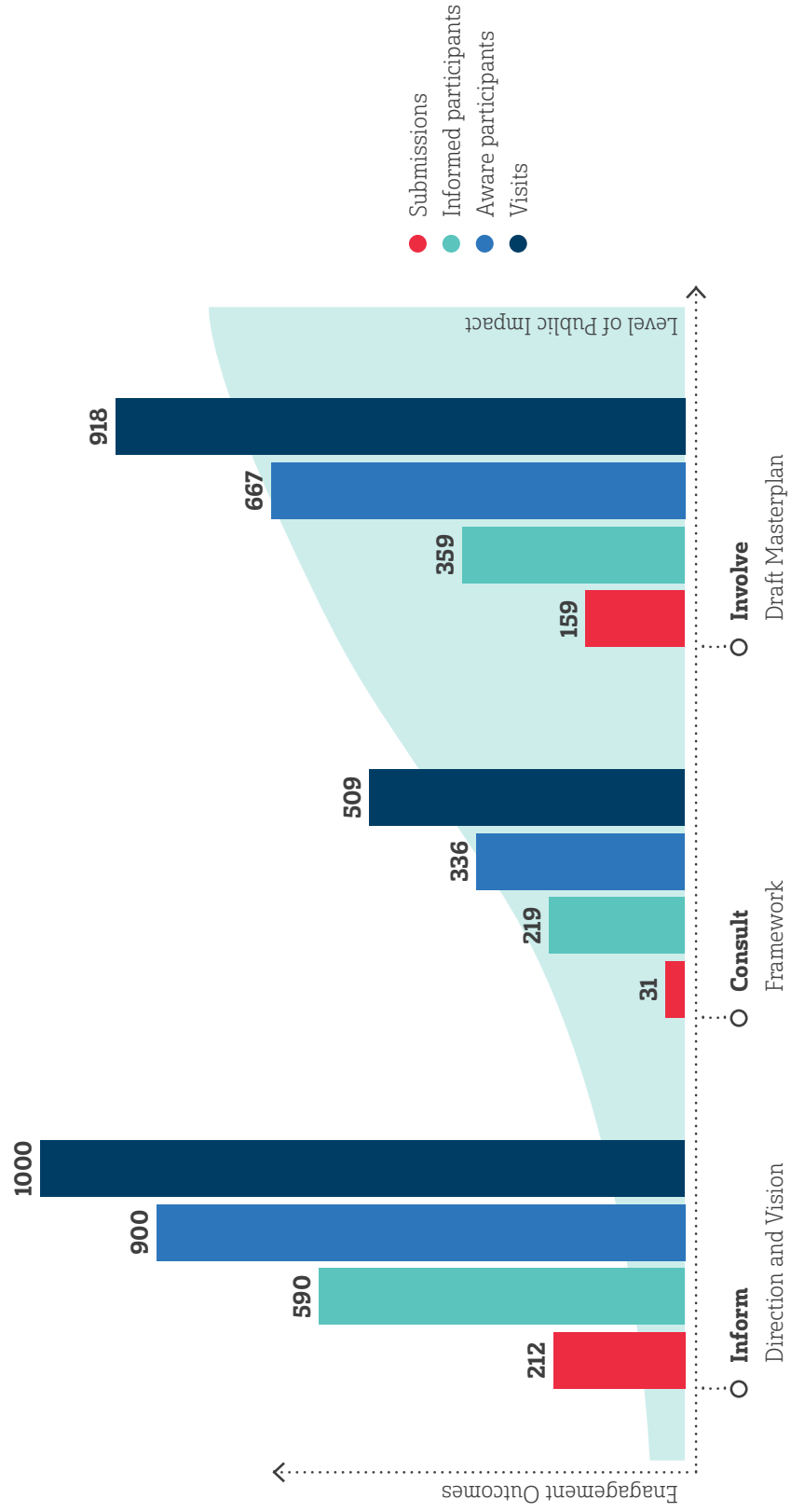
We prepared a draft Masterplan based on previous rounds of engagement and presented this to the community, CRG and key stakeholders for feedback

FINAL MASTERPLAN

Feedback in phase three has been used to refine the plan before the Final Masterplan is presented to Council for adoption.



Engagement Snapshot

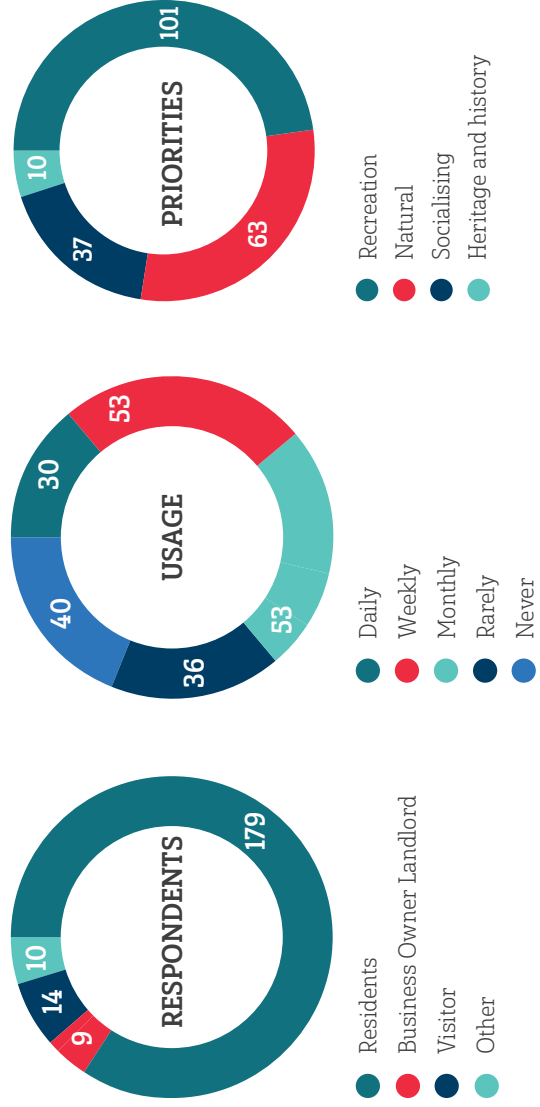


Phase 1: Direction and Vision

From December 2016 feedback and comments about Wellington Square were received via a range of engagement activities including:

- Stakeholder workshops
- On-line Survey (via Engage.perth.wa.gov.au)
- 'Map it' planning tool (via Engage.perth.wa.gov.au)
- Cultural Heritage Assessment

An online survey was launched on 7 December 2016 and made available via the City's online platform, Engage Perth. Residents and businesses within a four hundred (400) metre radius were directly informed of the survey via a letter drop. A total number of 212 responses were received at the close of the survey on 23 December 2016. The intent of the survey was to capture how the park is currently used and the community's future aspirations for the space.



What did the community tell us about Wellington Square?

Common issues raised in the responses included:

- Safety when using the park
- Limited opportunities for active recreation
- Lack of community facilities eg enhanced playground, barbecues
- Lack of temporary or permanent cultural activity
- Lack of Nyoongar interpretative representation

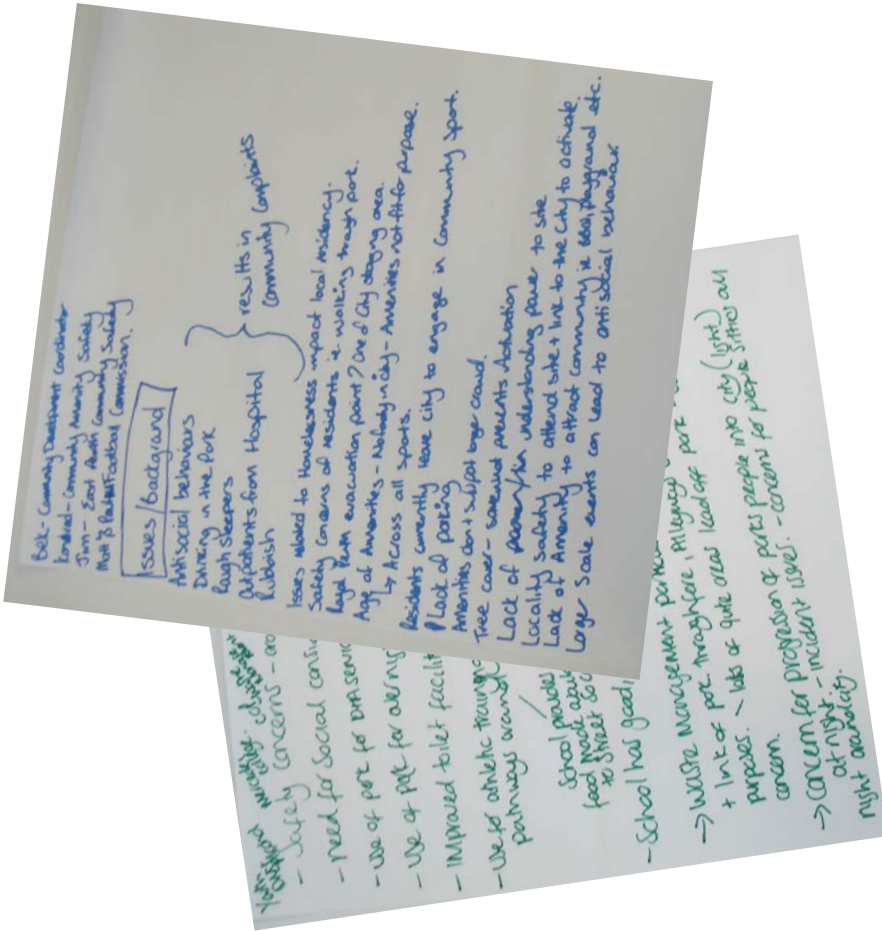
What were the community's future aspirations for Wellington Square?

The top priorities (ranked in order) were:

1. Recreation
2. Nature
3. Socialising
4. Heritage and history



Game of cricket played at Wellington Square



Stakeholder Workshop, 8 December 2016

What did key stakeholders tell us about Wellington Square?

A stakeholder workshop with representatives from relevant Local and State Government Agencies, community, social services and organised sports groups was held on the 8 December 2016.

Issues around safety and security surfaced as the single major topic of concern. The group also identified that the lack of community facilities was one of the main contributors to the under-utilisation of Wellington Square.

CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT – ENGAGEMENT WITH TRADITIONAL OWNERS

A vital part of the Cultural Heritage Assessment was the engagement of the Whadjuk Working Party (WWP) in April 2017.

The Whadjuk Nyoongar and other Aboriginal stakeholders were Mrs Rona Woods, Mrs June Della Bona and Mr Nick Abraham, Mrs Sylvia Collard (Ninnette), Mr Don Collard and Mr Steve Kinnane and his mum Mrs Kinnane (Elder). The Nyoongar link to dreamtime yarns, about the natural phenomena and associated events are reflected in the on-going and unbroken connection to the place known as Wellington Square aka kura, yeye and boordawan.....

"It was a central meeting place for all Nyoongar and other Aboriginal people to travel to".

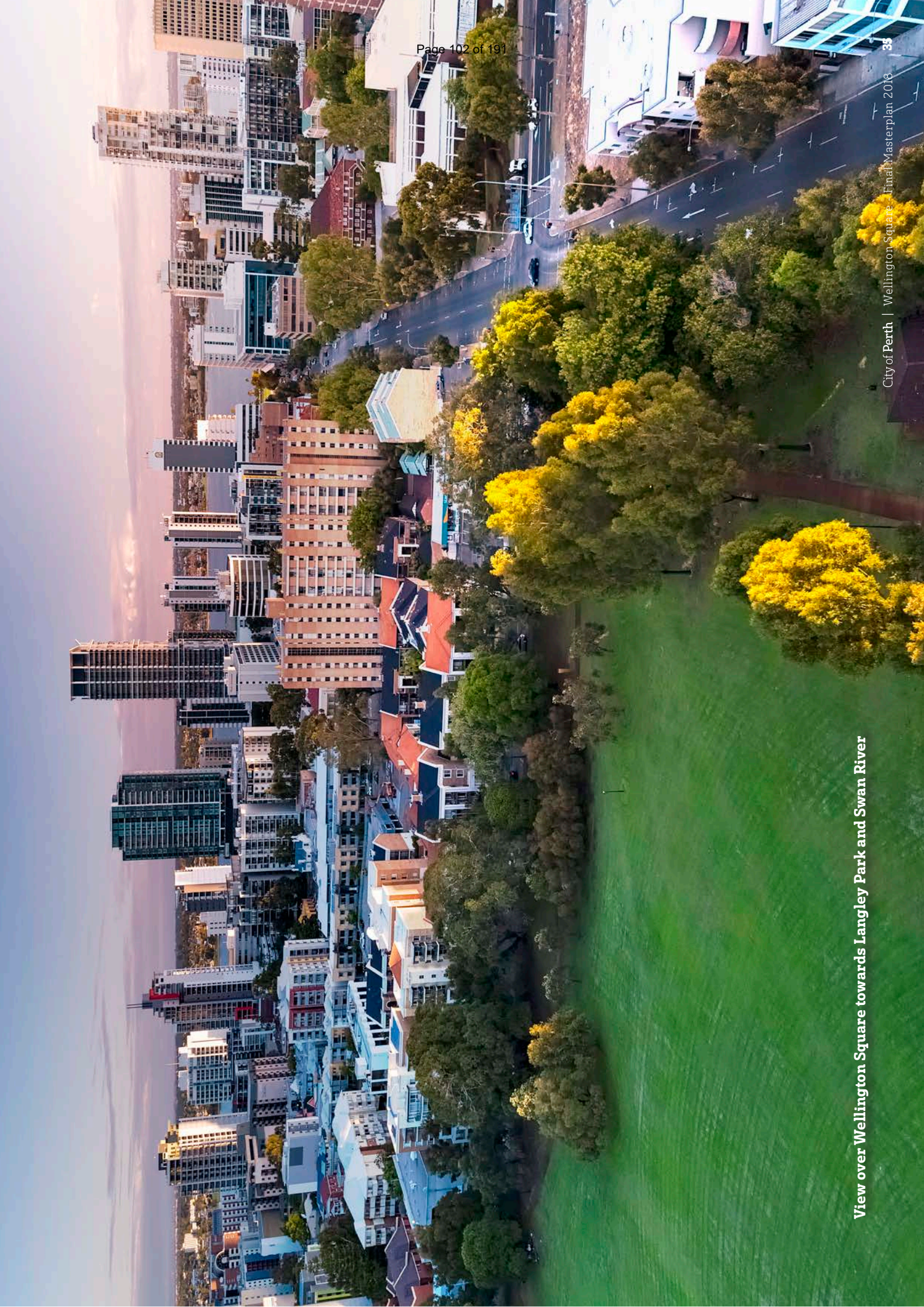
"If other Aboriginal people like the Wongi's travelling to Perth they knew to come to Wellington Square because they knew this was the place that all the Aboriginal people would meet".

Why is Wellington Square important to you?

- Place of belonging
- Where we felt comfortable
- Playground
- Fun place
- Meeting place
- Central to kids to meet and play
- A meeting place for Nyoongar family
- Childhood memories
- Family and extended family
- Information centre for Nyoongars to find people, find out information etc

What are the key priorities for the rejuvenation of Wellington Square?

- Maintaining Wellington Square's integrity as a social and meeting place.
- Recognition of the cultural significance of Wellington Square: meeting place and 'Kids Tree' (large Moreton Bay Fig located on the northern side of the park).
- Recognition of Nyoongar people's long history and association with the area.
- Improve facilities including the installation of a new playground.
- Improve access and safety.
- The cultural values of Wellington Square are considered and incorporated into the Masterplan and the WWP are further consulted about design plans for the enhancement project.
- An interpretation plan for Wellington Square is developed in collaboration and guidance of the WWP.



View over Wellington Square towards Langley Park and Swan River

Phase 2: Framework

The first round of consultation clearly highlighted the community's desire for a range of leisure, cultural and celebratory activities in Wellington Square. This is also consistent with current worldwide trends in public space activity (Gehl Architects) where there has been an increased interest in the following:

- Sports and an active, healthy lifestyle
- Participation in cultural events
- Nature and fresh air
- Year-round outdoor activity

The feedback informed the development of a Framework to provide a high-level plan to inform the final master plan.

Key aspects of the Framework included:

- Balancing active and passive recreational needs
- Accommodating formal sports
- Identifying pedestrian desire lines and main routes
- Identifying a hierarchy of entry points and connections
- Identifying a pedestrian priority zone to the north of the park
- Maintaining a meeting place
- Addressing the edges of the park





Wellington Square Framework and Principles, August 2017

“I would like to see more facilities at the park to encourage picnics, children’s play equipment, perhaps tennis/basketball facilities so that the park can be used by a wider spectrum of the community than just a barren space.”

(Feedback from online survey August 2017)

An online survey was launched on 30 August 2017 and made available via the City’s online platform, Engage Perth. Residents and businesses within a 400 metre radius were directly informed of the survey via a letter drop. The intent of the survey was to receive feedback on the Wellington Square Framework. The consultation was adjusted to suit the caretaker period and recommenced on 23 October 2017.

A total number of 17 responses (12 through Engage Perth, 3 phone calls, 2 emails) were received at the close of the survey on 6 November 2017. While this was down from 212 responses received in December 2016, the Engage Perth platform captured a total of 509 visits. These visits included:

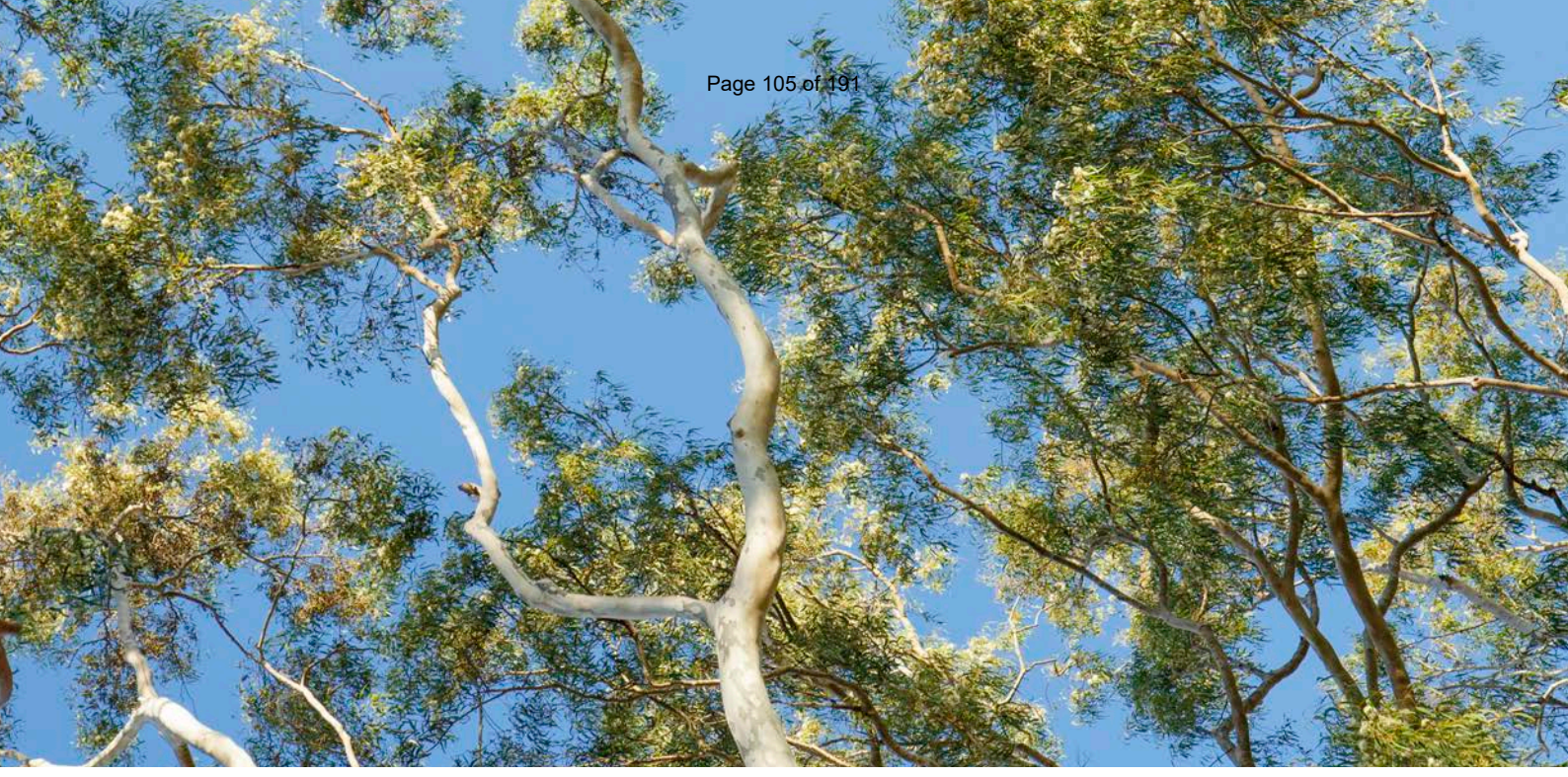
- 13 ‘engaged’ visitors who posted on the guest book and placed pins on maps
- 219 ‘informed’ visitors, who viewed a photo, downloaded a document, visited an FAQ list page, visited multiple project pages, and contributed/engaged
- 336 ‘aware’ visitors who visited at least one page.

Common themes raised in the responses were consistent with previous feedback including:

- Current lack of community amenities and facilities
- Safety and security
- Support for more active space and associated infrastructure.

A stakeholder workshop with representatives from Local and State Government Agencies, City of Perth staff, community, social services and organised sports groups was held on the 13 September 2017 to provide feedback on the Framework. Several themes emerged during the workshop including:

- The importance of acknowledging in a meaningful way the cultural heritage of Wellington Square
- Requirements for formal sporting codes
- The need to build in flexibility to maximise the space.



FORMATION OF THE WELLINGTON SQUARE COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

In addition to workshops with key stakeholders a Community Reference Group composed of local community groups, sports associations, residents and business groups was formed to assist with the development of the Wellington Square Masterplan. This group was formed to ensure that the masterplan for Wellington Square was developed with input from a broad range of stakeholders and communities.

The CRG will be active throughout the masterplanning process, and may at the discretion of members and the City of Perth continue in a moderated form as a Construction Reference Group during the construction phase of the project.



Wellington Square Community Reference Group

Terms of Reference

The CRG essentially provides a forum to facilitate and improve communication between the community, stakeholders and the City of Perth about the revitalisation of Wellington Square. The CRG will be a community sounding board and will be formed to:

- Assist in identifying, discussing and providing advice on community issues associated with the project.
- Receive information from the City of Perth for sharing with the community and other stakeholders.
- Provide representative community and stakeholder input into aspects of the project design.

The CRG consists of:

- Community members chosen to provide representation of community interests in the Wellington Street, Hill Street, Bennett Street and Wittenoom Street precinct. These members were made up of residents, business owners or representatives of local community associations.
- Representatives of the Whadjuk Working Party.
- Representatives from the City of Perth and other key stakeholders.

Criteria for the Selection of the Community Reference Group:

Representatives were selected based on their capacity to demonstrate the following criteria:

- Have a residence, business or organisation located close to Wellington Square and be able to represent the interest of the others in the same area; OR represent a community or sporting group that either uses Wellington Square or can demonstrate a connection with an interest in the Square;
- Understand and have the capacity to voice the issues, concerns and aspirations of community members in relation to Wellington Square;
- Be available for all meetings;
- Have lived in the area for a significant period of time;
- Have a willingness to accept and adhere to the CRG Terms of Reference and undertake the associated tasks; and
- Have access to email and internet for contact and correspondence.

Management

- CRG meetings are facilitated by an independent facilitator appointed by the City of Perth.
- Meeting summary reports are prepared and circulated following each meeting.
- Meetings are to last around 1-2 hours and held outside of normal working hours at a venue local to the project area.
- The number of meetings required are determined according to planning timelines.

The deadline for applications was 14 September 2017.

Community Reference Group (CRG) Meetings

The first Community Reference Group (CRG) made up of local residents, property owners, business owners and community and sporting groups as well as representatives from the Whadjuk Working Party, was held on 25 October 2017. The group also met on 22 November 2017.

Many of the CRG's comments on the Framework related to the desire for more detail, rather than expressing a view that any significant considerations had been missed. When asked if the Framework had the right balance, the CRG provided the following comments:

- Allocated event space was perceived as being quite small and should be expanded
- Location of entry points and pedestrian paths were supported
- Meeting places should be increased
- Noise impacts from activities need to be considered
- Tree retention is important

SECTION 18 APPLICATION PROCESS

Wellington Square has a rich history and the wellbeing of Aboriginal people is connected to the land. Under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (AHA), the Department of Aboriginal Affairs works with Aboriginal people to protect and manage places of significance. Where land users conclude that impact to a Site is unavoidable, the consent of the Minister may be sought under section 18 of the Act to impact the Site by giving notice to the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee (ACMC) accompanied by the information as to the intended use of the land and Sites on the land. The proposed works in Wellington Square will help preserve and enhance the Aboriginal and European heritage values of the site, ensure current usage by Whadjuk Nyoongar and Aboriginal visitors to Perth can continue, increases the visibility and acknowledges the continuity of Nyoongar culture in Perth, and increases accessibility and use of the site for the whole community.

The Whadjuk Working Party were consulted on 11 February and 30 November 2017 as part of the process to seek a letter of support to proceed with a Section 18 application.

Aboriginal and Heritage consultants were engaged to conduct stakeholder consultations. A representative from the WWP attended an on-site stakeholder meeting and ethnographic survey on 8 April 2017. This was followed by a cultural values workshop on 22 April 2017, and supplemented by interviews with other Nyoongar stakeholders between 18-26 April 2017. Existing users of the park (primarily Aboriginal people from regional WA) were also consulted on-site between 1-7 May 2017.

Approval for the Wellington Square project was granted by Ben Wyatt MLA, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in May 2018.



Eucalyptus caesia

Phase 3: Draft Masterplan

The aim of the Draft Masterplan was to create a contemporary park for people with a range of activities at overlapping times of the day. Despite being one of the larger areas of green space in the city it currently performs poorly in terms of biodiversity, largely because the majority of the site is covered with lawn and a fringe of trees.

Other key elements of the design include:

- Consolidation of the formal sports grounds to the west of the square.
- Creation of social spaces for respite and relaxation.
- Creation of event spaces and associated infrastructure.
- Creation of active spaces such as basketball.
- Creation of a play area for a range of ages.
- New network of paths to connect spaces.
- Future pedestrian priority to the north of the square.
- Stormwater capture to create a wetland.
- Increase tree diversity and canopy cover.
- New understorey planting to increase biodiversity.
- New lighting to paths, formal sports area and feature lighting to significant trees.
- Cultural heritage interpretation.
- Improved sightlines at park edges.





Legend

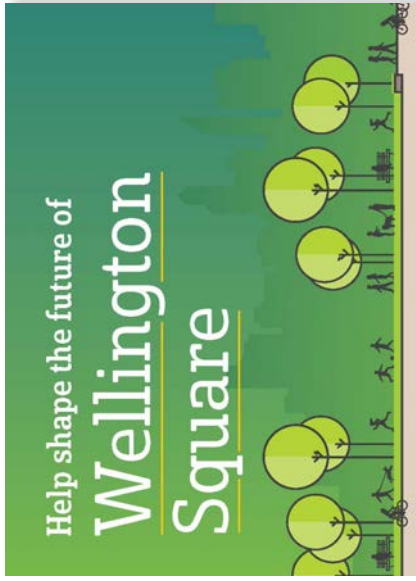
- 1 Formal sports
- 2 Playground
- 3 Young adult playground
- 4 Multi-use gathering space
- 5 Pedestrian priority zone
- 6 Meeting Place
- 7 Public toilet
- 8 Wetland
- 9 Passive recreation
- 10 Basketball courts
- 11 Tennis courts
- 12 Barbecue and picnic
- 13 Planting and park edge treatment - clear views into park from street
- 14 Heritage Fig tree - 'Kids Tree'
- 15 Feature seating
- Existing trees
- Proposed trees

**WELLINGTON SQUARE DRAFT MASTERPLAN:
ENGAGE PERTH SUMMARY:**

An online survey was launched on 29 January 2018 and made available via the city's online platform, Engage Perth until 16 February 2018. In addition to the online survey, an Information Session was conducted at Wellington Square on 10 February 2018 with approximately 50 people attending.

The intent of the survey was to receive feedback on the Wellington Square Draft Masterplan and to identify the community's top 5 priorities for the future enhancement of the park.

A total number of 106 survey responses were received through Engage Perth with a further 37 responses received during the Information Session. The Engage Perth platform captured a total of 918 visits.



City of Perth

City of Perth has been working with the community and stakeholders to develop a draft masterplan to revitalise Wellington Square.

CONSULTATION PERIOD: 29 January – 16 February 2018

INFORMATION SESSIONS: Tuesday 6 February: 4pm – 6pm
Saturday 10 February: 9am – 11am
(Corner of Bennett and Wellington streets)

Get involved and share your ideas at engage.perth.wa.gov.au
Alternatively contact us at: City of Perth, GPO Box C120, Perth WA 6859
wellingtongsquare@cityofperth.wa.gov.au
(08) 9461 1471



Information Session held at Wellington Square on 10 February 2018



WHO RESPONDED?

TOTAL	918
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PAGE VISITS

Overall page visits to Engage Perth throughout the consultation period

ENGAGED VISITORS

Number of participants making a contribution (Making comments and filling out survey on Engage Perth)

81

INFORMED VISITORS

Number of participants that have viewed a specific piece of information (viewed a document, video, photo, FAQ list page)

359

AWARE VISITORS

Number of participants that have viewed atleast one page.

667

WHAT VISITORS LOOKED AT?

DOCUMENT DOWNLOADS

Downloads from Engage Perth (Draft Masterplan, Cultural Heritage Assessment, CRG Summary, Urban Forest Snapshot, Designing for People)

TOTAL

381

WHAT DID VISITORS CONTRIBUTE?

SURVEYS

Number of surveys completed on Engage Perth and during the information sessions

TOTAL

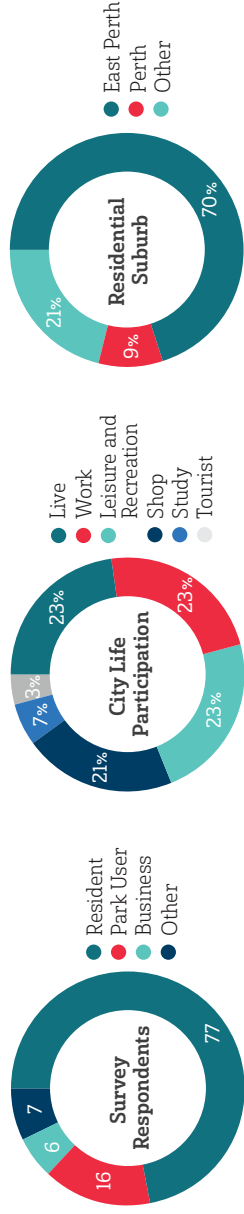
106

SUBMISSIONS

Number of submissions on Engage Perth and supplied during information sessions

129

Breakdown of who responded:



The most popular topics for discussion were:



Off leash dog exercise area

Safety and security

Location of toilet at Wittenoom Street/Bennett Street

The top 5 amenities ranked in order of importance were:



Engage Perth Quotes on the Draft Masterplan:

"The sooner the better.
This is MUCH needed."

"Please get this done,
Perth is in dire need
of having this space
reinvigorated!"

"I love that the aboriginal
heritage areas are being
considered."

"Looks fantastic!
Can't wait."

"Create a more inviting place
for the members of the public
to attend and spend time in
East Perth that isn't just along
the river's edge..."

"Awesome –
cannot wait."

"More trees
would be lovely."

"I live in East Perth and walked past
the reserve frequently, I would like to
see a regional play space to activate
the reserve. This could potentially
be a great opportunity to include a
playground with rubber softfall and
skate/bike park."

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS

A stakeholder workshop with representatives from Local and State Government Agencies, City of Perth staff, community, social services and organised sports groups was held on 12 February 2018. The following three questions asked of the attendees in relation to the draft masterplan:

1. Has anything been missed?

- Does the Draft Masterplan include all the elements you expected to see based on your previous feedback?

2. Is the balance right?

- Has an appropriate amount of space been given to different uses and activities?
- Is there an appropriate balance between movement and activity in the park?

3. Are things in the right place?

- Are the proposed uses and activities located appropriately in the park?
- Are proposed location and hierarchy of entry points appropriate?

Several themes emerged during the workshop with stakeholders. These included:

- Location of toilets.
- Importance of heritage – story telling.
- Location of playground.
- Build in flexibility so the park can evolve to meet the changing needs of the community.
- Multi-purpose spaces and co-location of facilities.
- Staging of delivery.
- Create a 'destination' with a 'wow' factor.

ABORIGINAL MEETING PLACE CONSULTATION

Consultation on the proposed meeting places was conducted on 5 February 2018. Representatives from Bringing Them Home Committee, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Wungening, Anglicare, Royal Perth Hospital, WA Police and the Whadjuk Working Party. The purpose of the meeting was to seek input from relevant stakeholders on how meeting places can be designed to reflect the quality and expectation of what a meeting place means to Aboriginal people. The outcome of the meeting is summarised as follows:

- Strong consensus that meeting places should not be designed as specific singular use spaces, and should be interweaved throughout the park.
- Proximity between meeting places should consider space to allow group separation during times of conflict.
- Formalised seating, drink fountains, tables, bins and wheelchair/walker accessibility to be considered.
- Space should be positive and inclusive.
- Shade inspired by nature.
- Improve connection to site through native trees, bird attracting plants, bush medicine planting.
- History of site should be told through landscape elements, powerful messaging in acknowledging the prohibition boundary.
- It was noted that the existing location of the Sorry Pole is of importance, however the pole itself is quite insignificant.

SORRY POLE - CONSULTATION

To commemorate Sorry Day on Friday 26 May 2006, the Aboriginal community erected a Sorry Pole in Wellington Square. During the masterplan process the City held meetings with the Bringing Them Back Home Committee and Yokai to explore an opportunity to create a dedicated site in the north-west corner of Wellington Square to acknowledge the Stolen Generation and provide a place for reflection and healing.

As part of the 2018 Sorry Day commemorations the Bringing Them Back Home Committee undertook consultation. Feedback from this process and future workshops will inform the commemorative response with the aim of the work being completed by May 2020 when Sorry Day will return to Wellington Square.

NYOONGAR WELLBEING AND SPORTS

Examples of local Aboriginal games were sought following recommendations from the Playground Study and stories from the Wellington Square Cultural Heritage Assessment which highlighted the strong connection of the park with children's play.

Nyoongar Wellbeing and Sports runs activity and educational programs to promote and empower the Nyoongar community. Some of those activities include lessons about Aboriginal games. In January 2018 Nyoongar Wellbeing and Sports provided the City with information and examples of the various games.

There is an opportunity to use some of these games within or adjacent to the proposed playground. Instructions and examples of the games can be integrated in the playground design through signage, artwork or built features.

COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP FEEDBACK

A further three Community Reference Group Meetings were held during early 2018 where the Draft Masterplan was reviewed and discussed including:

- Assessment of how the Draft Masterplan measured up against the four principles; Treasure, Connect, Enjoy and Utilise.
- Results of consultation and the community's top 5 amenities.
- Indicative construction staging.

Some of the key themes that emerged during the workshops included:

- Importance of the integration of cultural heritage throughout the space.
- A permanent marker for Sorry Day is important as it is one of those rare places where indigenous and non-indigenous people come together as a mark of respect.
- Noting that the pedestrian connections were logical and largely aligned with the Framework.
- The playground needs to be iconic, the best playground in the city.
- Lighting – the ability for the space to function at extended hours.
- The retention of existing trees and the planting of new trees is of high importance.

Community Reference Group quotes on the Draft Masterplan

"The aboriginal heritage will attract visitors, so the art needs to reflect this, but in a contemporary setting"

"The plan is impressive and very inclusive."

"A clubroom and toilets would provide a base for the cricket club, and can be used for other social events."

"The existing trees and new trees are really important – we still need to be able to recognise the space as Wellington Square after the redevelopment."

"The pedestrian connections are logical and effective."

"We need to provide ways for people to engage with the cultural heritage of the area – for example, the Sorry Pole in the north west corner, the plants and trees that are in the park. We need to think through how people access the stories and history that are part of Wellington Square."

"The playground needs to be iconic, the best playground in the city."

"Lots of purely social cricket games are played there. Lights will increase the number of people using the sports area."

"Noise impacts on residents from activities needs to be considered".



How did the community consultation inform the Final Masterplan?

SAFETY

We heard:

"The revitalisation of this parkland is a fantastic opportunity and I appreciate the opportunity to comment. As the social issues within the park are very complex, this proposed plan and the many elements it contains will hopefully increase patronage to the park and therefore provide at least a very positive first step towards more open surveillance and feelings of safety for people who wish to go there."

Masterplan Response:

- The masterplan provides a range of activities to draw people into the park, allowing people to observe others which contributes to a feeling of safety and acts as a deterrent for crime.
- Main activities have been located close to the edge of the park to ensure people have clear views to and from these spaces to the adjacent streets. This will also help entice people to use the park if they can clearly see activity going on.
- Public toilets will be placed with doors facing the main street to ensure passive surveillance at all times of the day.

We heard:

"This masterplan is missing a lighting plan. I think showing a similar map with a lighting plan would ensure and promote a night-time economy for the park, especially with the rising density in the area. The lighting plan could also emphasise lighting around an expected running path throughout the site for fitness users..."

Masterplan Response:

- A lighting assessment and concept design was undertaken during the development of the final masterplan. This lighting plan supports after hours activities in spaces such as the basketball courts and playing fields.
- Lighting levels will be to Australian Standards. Additional feature lighting to trees throughout the park will address dark areas off the main paths.

We heard:

"CCTV/Community safety/Anti-vandalism measures to ensure continued quality of public space."

Masterplan Response:

- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles underpin the masterplan including but not limited to the following:
- Additional CCTV to be installed and coordinated with the lighting masterplan.
 - Sight lines into the park will be kept clear and uninterrupted by ensuring trees are pruned and understorey planting is kept low (to 400mm)
 - Additional infrastructure and amenity will support an increase in activity and passive surveillance

We heard:

"The area should also be encouraged to engage public such as regular market or family oriented activities which the community can be engaged in."

Masterplan Response:

- Social spaces will be created by providing a variety of seating and associated infrastructure
- The proposed intergenerational playground will help provide a sense of community and encourage people from all ages from a wide catchment.
- Installation of infrastructure will support the programming of medium and large community events

CULTURAL HERITAGE

We heard:

"There should be a clear acknowledgement and celebration of Aboriginal heritage and culture today, this should be the primary identifier and centre of the park. Native, local plants should be used and it would be wonderful if a large section of the park aimed to recreate the wetlands pre European settlement. No tokenistic pond, a true waterbody with soft edges made through planting native sedges etc. The park needs to encourage lingering and positive social interaction. Indigenous heritage should not be ignored. Indigenous gathering spaces and facilities for short stay that a culturally sensitive need to be provided."

Masterplan Response:

- The historical chain of streams, swamps and lakes that once occupied the site will be acknowledged through the creation of an interpretative water element, whilst incorporating water sensitive urban design principles to improve stormwater permeability.
- Installation of a native garden with grass trees is proposed to mark the burial site at the south-eastern side of the park.
- Meeting spaces will be retained throughout the park.

We heard:

"The aboriginal heritage will attract visitors, so the art needs to reflect this, but in a contemporary setting."

Masterplan Response:

- Public art will complement the rich cultural heritage of the park.
- Indigenous stories and games will inform the intergenerational play space and there will be opportunities for play and education through natural elements such as water and plants.

We heard:

"We need to provide ways for people to engage with the cultural heritage of the area for example, the Sorry Pole in the northwest corner, the plants and trees that are in the park. We need to think about how people access the stories and history that are part of Wellington Square."

Masterplan Response:

- A strong connection with nature and the 'wild' will be created by the introduction of meadow style planting
- Interpretative signage and other elements throughout the park will tell the story of Wellington Square
- A special place will be provided for reflection and healing for Aboriginal people of the Stolen Generation.

ACTIVITY

We heard:

"There are a lot of groups who use this ground to play soccer and other sports that give a good community atmosphere and everyone can join in. It would be good to encourage this type of activity further..."

Masterplan Response:

- The design increases the flexibility of the space so that it can cater for existing and future sporting uses and large community events.
- Playing fields have been designed and oriented in accordance with the Department of Sport and Recreation's Sports Dimensions Guide, and in consultation with existing clubs.
- Lighting is proposed to extend the use of the playing field after hours
- Seating will be provided to encourage spectators.

We heard:

"Will there be any areas that will still be dog-friendly?"

Masterplan Response:

- The design provides for a variety of uses in the park including dog walking
- Signage to clearly communicate to dog walkers that the park is an off-leash area.

We heard:

"A further comment is to make adjustments to move the young adult playground closer to the main playground so they are located close to each other for families with children of varying ages..."

Masterplan Response:

- Facilities will be provided to encourage members of different generations to play together and share experiences. The intent is a seamless transition from junior to senior play opportunities by careful placement and orientation of equipment.
- The playground will be interweaved with passive spaces and seating opportunities to allow parents to observe their children. A future kiosk and public toilets will be located adjacent to the playground.

We heard:

"The playground needs to be iconic, the best playground in the city"

Masterplan Response:

- The masterplan proposes a 3000m² regional sized play space; a destination playground drawing people from both the local area and across the wider city.
- The rich cultural history of Wellington Square will inform the playground design to ensure that the space provides a unique offering to Perth.

AMENITY

We heard:
 "Whilst I believe that Wellington Square needs a new look I would strongly recommend further consideration is given to the location of the toilet blocks. The location of the proposed toilet block in the north eastern corner needs to be well away from residential properties."

Masterplan Response:

- The existing toilet block will be demolished, with a new toilet to be installed on the corner of Wellington Street and Hill Street.
- A secondary toilet has been identified for installation at a later date, integrated with a kiosk and located adjacent the play space on Bennett Street.
- Public toilets will be placed with doors facing the main street to ensure passive surveillance at all times of the day.

We heard:
 "Would be great to keep the trees that are already established as these are lovely."

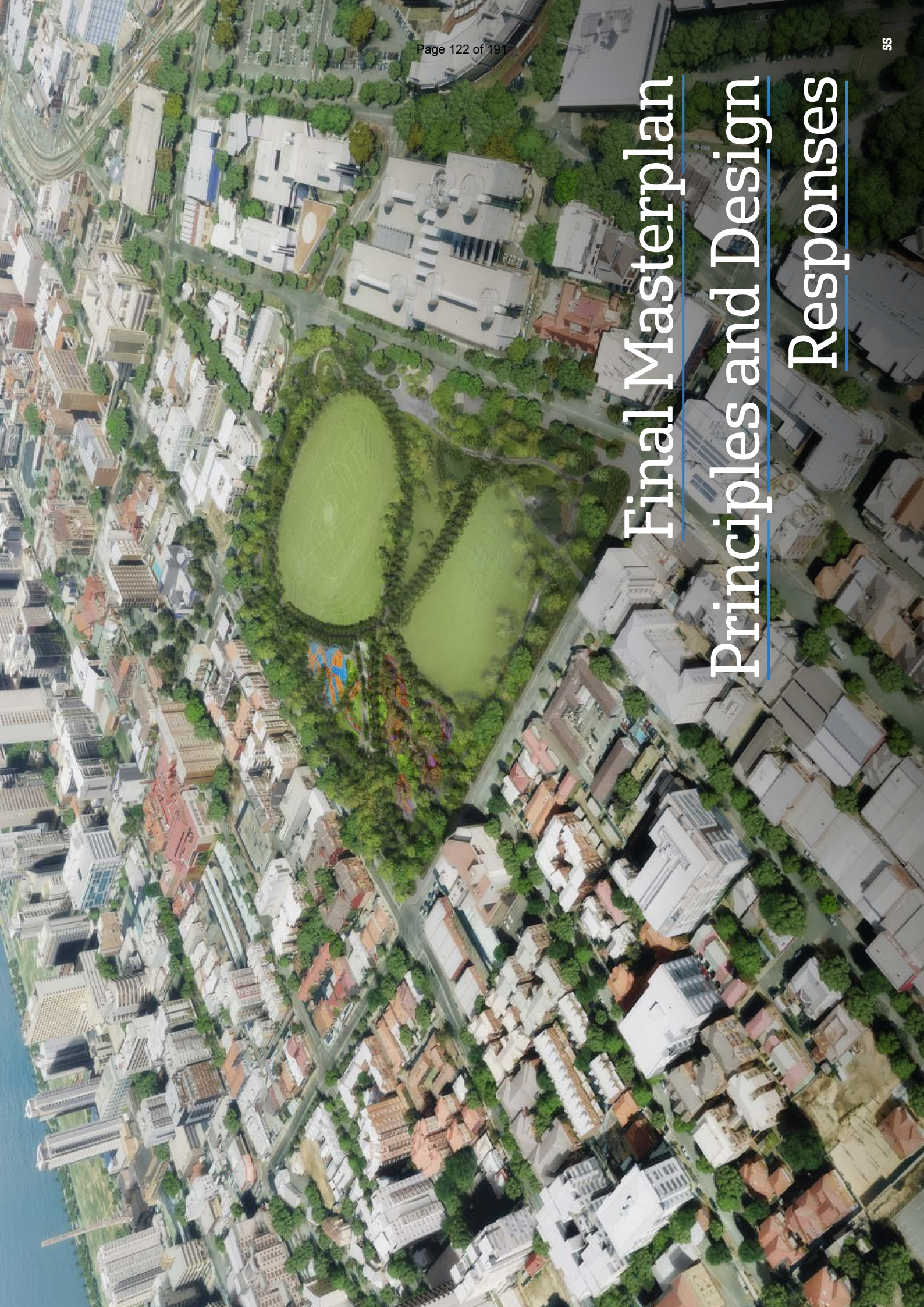
Masterplan Response:

- The design of the space has aimed to retain as many existing trees as possible. Trees reaching the end of their useful life expectancy have been identified for replacement.
- 350 new trees will be planted to increase the canopy cover from existing 25% to an estimated 60% coverage.

We heard:
 "I like the walking path through the park. Many people just pass through. Making access easier will encourage park usage."

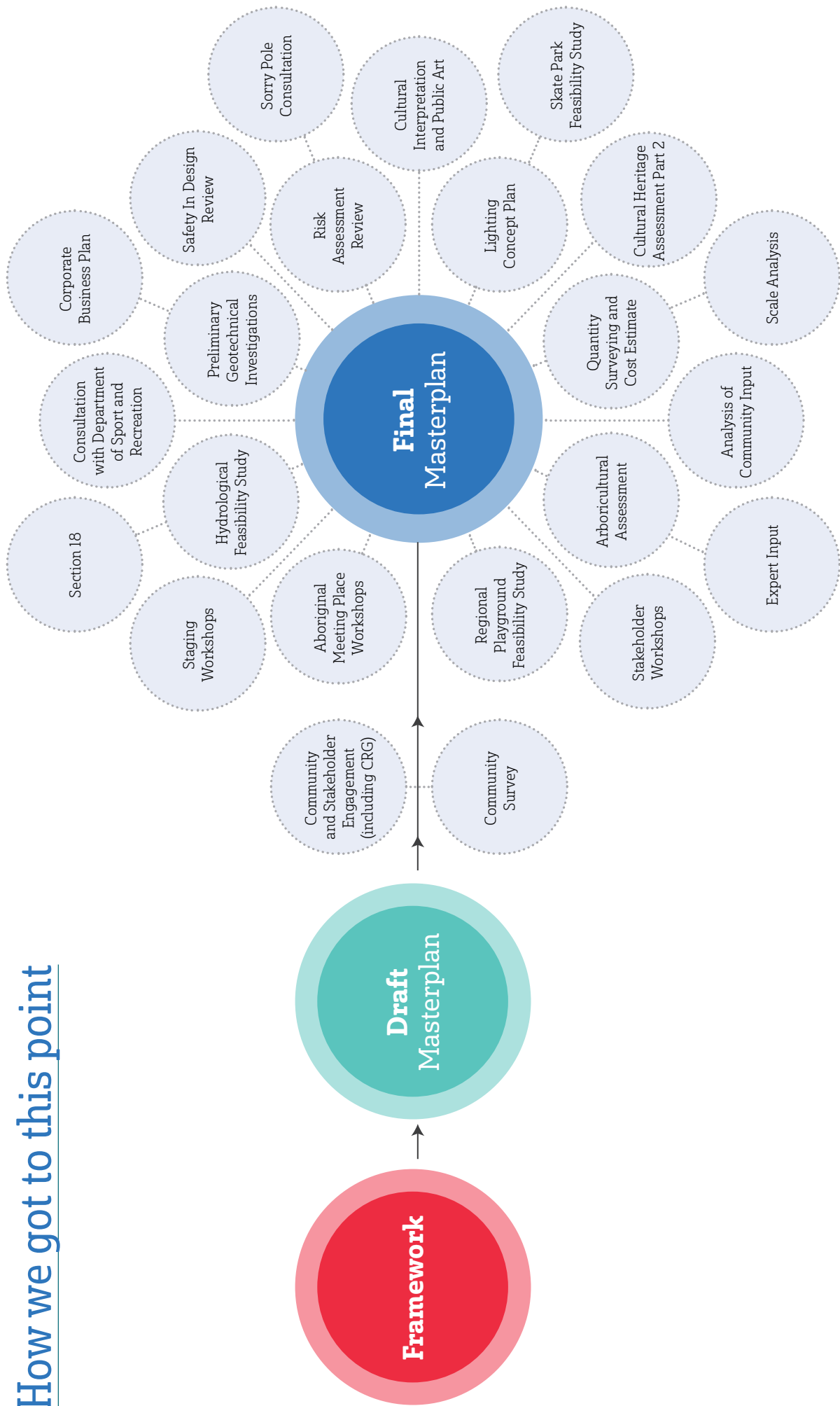
Masterplan Response:

- The sense of arrival to the park at all main entrances will be addressed including access from the existing CAT bus stop.
- Pathways have been aligned with desire lines, making movement through and within the space easier and more comfortable.
- Lighting will be provided to all main paths to improve safety
- Additional ACROD bays have been provided around the park.



Final Masterplan Principles and Design Responses

How we got to this point





Masterplan Response

DESIGNING FOR PEOPLE

A city's public realm - its streets, squares and parks - is the stage for a range of activities; socialising, commuting, conducting business, shopping, exercising or just relaxing.

Great urban design humanises the city – it restores the place for people, to make them feel valued, and to offer them lively and engaging public environments. Good design also transcends fashion and personal taste. There are three important principles that make it possible to recognise good design regardless of style – robustness (durability), usefulness (efficiency) and beauty (the ability to delight people). (CABE, 2008)

The natural starting point for designing spaces for people is to recognise the requirements for human mobility and engaging the senses because this provides the basis for activities, behaviour and community. Humans have five basic senses: touch, sight, hearing, smell and taste. Humans walk at approximately 5km/hr – this movement is linear, frontal and horizontally oriented allowing the senses to be engaged. The sensing organs send information to the brain to help understand and perceive the world.

The creation of sticky spaces - where people want to stick around and enjoy themselves - requires unobstructed views, short distances, low speeds, and orientation towards what is to be experienced. In contrast, interrupted lines

of vision, large distances which are uninteresting and orientated away from people deter people from seeing, hearing and walking. In large parks, such as Wellington Square, providing spaces which 'fit' the human body (human scale) and are welcoming, safe and secure need to be well considered.



Viewing angle



Eye level



Walking pace



Touching



Smelling



Hearing



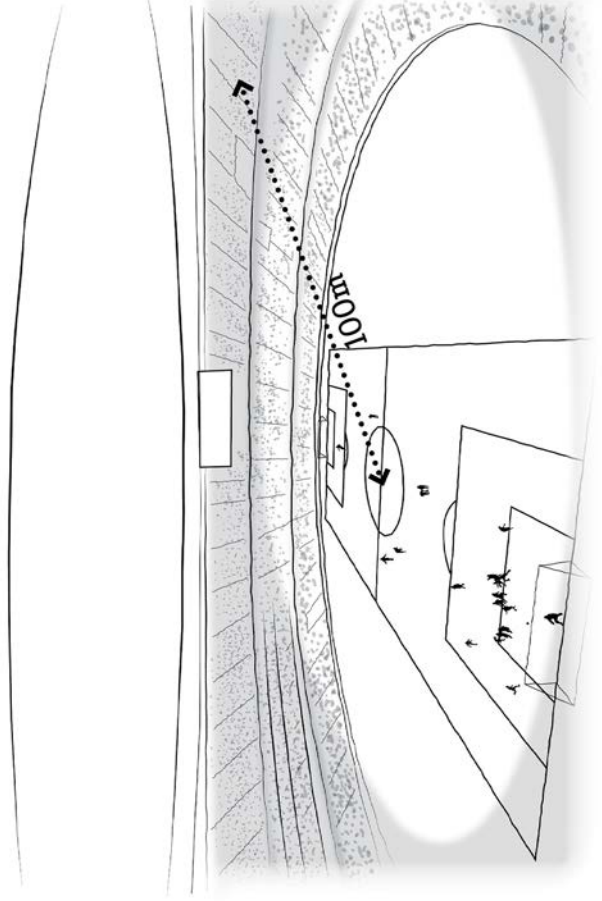
WHY SCALE IS IMPORTANT?

When it comes to scale “small is beautiful” – this will keep the atmosphere concentrated and the expectations high (an example is the scale of markets). As humans respond to thousands of subtle cues in a matter of seconds, small dimensions offer greater opportunities for experiences to be intensified. Small in scale means exciting, intense and ‘warm’. Large spaces and large buildings signal an impersonal, formal and ‘cool’ environment. (Gehl, 2006)

HOW DISTANCE IS CONNECTED TO OUR SENSES AND COMMUNICATION:

- Very little of our senses are used in distances from 100 to 25 metres after which richness of detail and communication intensify dramatically metre by metre.
- The distance of 25 metres is another significant threshold as this is the point in which we can start decoding emotions and facial expressions. These distances are the key in many physical settings where the focus is on watching people.
- All the senses can be used between 7 – 0 metres, all details are experienced and the most intense feelings exchanged.

- The street signals “go”.
- The city square or park signals “stay”.
- In general people feel very insecure if they are unable to see very far ahead (this is the reason that pedestrian underpasses and low covered spaces are often avoided by people).
- Unlike many other species, humans are ‘do not touch’ individuals. The principle of an ‘arm’s length’ distance (don’t touch distance) can be seen in all manner of contexts: at the beach, in parks, on benches, waiting for someone or something in town or in a queue waiting for the bus. This keeps contact between strangers secure and comfortable. (Gehl, 2006)

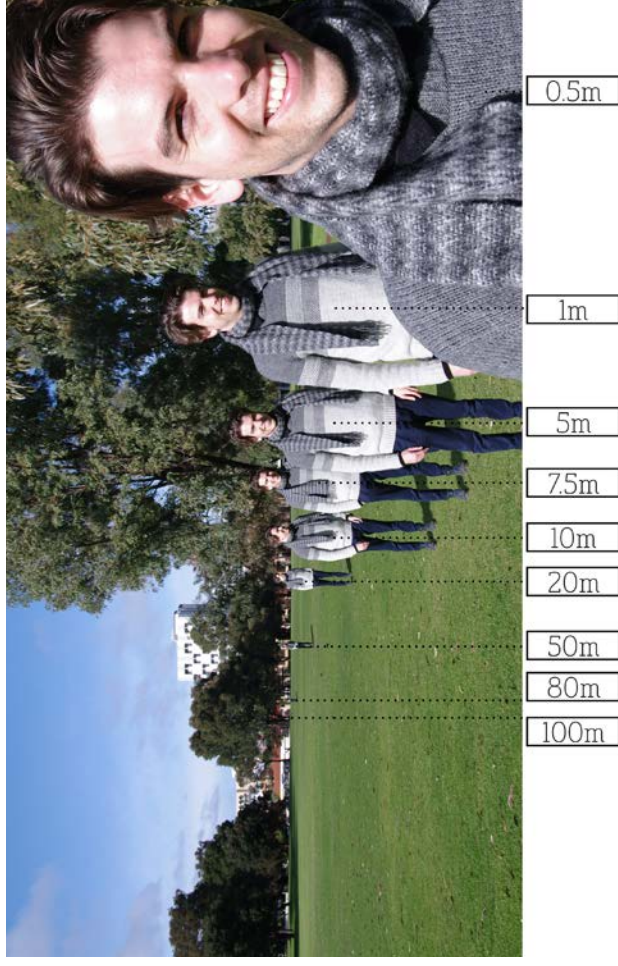


The ability to see people at distances up to 100m is reflected by the dimensions of each spectator spaces for watching sports and other events.

THE SOCIAL FIELD OF VISION:

The limit of the field of vision is 100 metres which is the point at which we can see people in motion eg:

- Sporting arenas are typically 100 metres (greater than 100 metres need screens to see what is happening). Squares and plazas in old cities are usually under 100 metres with most being between 80-90 metres. The most common dimensions are 100 x 70 metres. In a 'square' of this size you can see activities everywhere.
- Theatres are commonly 35 metres (emotions of actors enhanced by make-up and costumes.)
- >3.70m is public distance
- 1.20 – 3.70m is the social distance
- 0 – 45cm is the distance of love
- 75% of all impressions are through eyesight
- Humans need a lot of stimulus; 1000 stimulus per hour = 1 per every 4 seconds



THE EDGE EFFECT – WHY THE EDGE IS PREFERRED:

- Known as the edge effect, the edges of public space hold a magnetic attraction for people. Here our sense can master the space, we are facing what is happening and our backs are covered.
- The principle of good edge placement can be traced back to our caveman ancestors. They sat with their backs against the wall in their caves (so no surprises came from behind) with the world in front of them. (Gehl, 2006)
- Placement along edges is extra important in city space where longer stays take place among strangers, because no one wants to signal that they are waiting alone!



What Makes a Great Park



36.

Safety and Security

- Allow for passive surveillance
- Overlapping functions day and night
- Well lit/lighting to human scale
- Well maintained
- CCTV



37.

Opportunities to walk and ride

- Room for walking
- Dog walking
- Good surfaces
- Accessibility for everyone



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Opportunities to sit, stand and stay

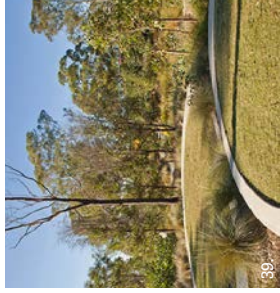
- Attractive and functional edges
- Pleasant views, people watching
- Good mix of seating
- Resting opportunities



4.

Dimensioned at human scale

- Dimensions of structures and spaces at human scale (in relation to senses, movement, size and behaviour)



39.

Landscape Biodiversity

- Water sensitive urban design
- Tree canopy
- Beauty and activation every season
- Hydrozoning to promote efficient use of water



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Positive sensory experience

- Good design and detailing
- Quality materials
- Fine views/vistas
- Rich sensory experiences: trees, plants, water



41.

Protection against unpleasant sensory experiences

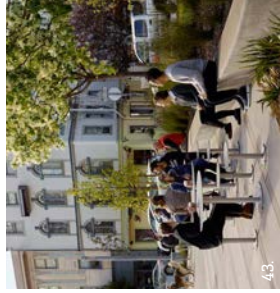
- Dust, noise, glare
- Climate
- Traffic



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Opportunities to see

- Reasonable viewing distances
- Unhindered views
- Interesting views
- Lighting at night



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Opportunities to talk and listen

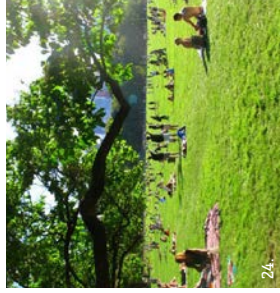
- Low noise levels
- Public seating arrangements conducive to communicating



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Opportunities for play and exercise

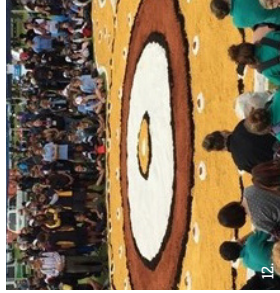
- Allow for physical activity
- Temporary activities (markets, festivals, exhibitions etc)
- By day and night
- In summer and winter



24.

Opportunities to enjoy the positive aspects of climate

- Sun/shade
- Heat/coolness
- Shelter from wind/breeze



12.

Identity and sense of place

- Acknowledge history of the place
- Embrace and integrate key characteristics of the landscape

THE CITY AT EYE LEVEL: 12 QUALITY CRITERIA

After years of research a list of 12 quality criteria important for the creation of great spaces for people was developed by Gehl Architects. Gehl found that all great city spaces throughout the world provide all 12 criteria based on three main themes: protection, comfort and enjoyment. Nothing must be missed. This same list was used as a teaching tool at the School of Architecture in Copenhagen.

Protection from vehicles, excessive noise and climate invites people to spend extended time in a space. Environments that invite people to walk, play, sit and socialise in comfort will invite people of all ages and abilities to stick around. Great public spaces also provide delight and enjoyment that enhance the sensory experiences, 'fit' the human body and take advantage of the local climate. (Gehl, 2010)



Final Masterplan

The final masterplan will ensure that Wellington Square transitions from a 19th Century landscape into a contemporary city park that can be enjoyed by the whole community. Feedback received on the Draft Masterplan has informed the refinement of the Final Masterplan:

- The park has strong historical connections to children's play and this has been recognised by the inclusion of a significant and unique intergenerational playground.
- The proposed north eastern toilet has been deleted from the plan.
- The proposed toilet for the corner of Wellington and Hill Streets has been retained and a future new toilet combined with a small kiosk added near the new playground.
- A special place for reflection and healing is proposed for Aboriginal people of the Stolen Generation.
- The proposed water element will be a historical interpretation of the wetlands that once occupied the site and will only treat water after significant rain events.

Other key elements of the design include:

- Creation of a formal sports area.
- Creation of social spaces for respite and relaxation.
- Extensive new lighting.
- Additional CCTV.
- Retention of meeting spaces.
- Event spaces with associated infrastructure.
- Network of paths to connect spaces.
- Future pedestrian priority along Wittenoom Street.
- Stormwater capture in bio-swales.
- Increased tree diversity and canopy cover.
- low planting to increase biodiversity.



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| 1 | Formal Sports and Events | 7 | Water Element | 13 | Footpath and Lighting Upgrade | 19 | Future Kiosk and Toilet |
| 2 | Intergenerational Play Space | 8 | Passive Recreation | 14 | Park Entrance | 20 | Separate Project: Hill Street Two Way |
| 3 | Multi-use Space | 9 | Intergenerational Play - Basketball | 15 | Low Perimeter Planting | 21 | Heritage Fig Tree - Kids Tree |
| 4 | Pedestrian Priority Zone | 10 | Barbecue and picnic | 16 | Secondary Entry Path | | Existing Tree |
| 5 | Place of Reflection | 11 | Exercise Circuit | 17 | Future Tennis Courts | | New Feature Tree |
| 6 | Public Toilet | 12 | Public Artwork | 18 | Future Clubrooms | | New Tree |



TREASURE

Our community, cultural heritage and special character of place.



CONNECT

People to each other, the environment and place.



ENJOY

A safe, comfortable, inviting and fun place with a range of uses at different times of the day.



UTILISE

Resources efficiently to optimise environmental and economic benefits.



14 | Park Entrances



2 | Intergenerational Play Space



9 | Intergenerational Play - Basketball Courts

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3 | Multi-use Space



8 | Passive Recreation



11 | Water Element

Masterplan Snapshot - Overall Benefits



350+
New trees
268 retained existing trees
60% canopy cover



New furniture
Shade, picnic and BBQ facilities, seating and drink fountains



Lighting and CCTV
New lighting throughout Wellington Square, improving safety and security at all hours



15,000m2
New walking paths and trails, strengthening connections to and through Wellington Square



Smart technology and WiFi



Play space
Regional scale intergenerational play space



Inclusive
Catering for all ages and abilities



Water
Sensitive urban design
32% reduction in irrigated turf area



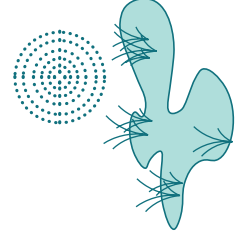
Sustainability
Increase biodiversity
LED Lighting
Health and wellbeing



Sports
Multi-use sporting fields designed in accordance with relevant codes regulations, and in consultation with existing sporting clubs



Events
Multi-use spaces with built in infrastructure to cater for large events



Cultural Heritage
Integration of cultural and environmental heritage



Design Response

INTERGENERATIONAL PLAYGROUND: DESIGN RESPONSE

- Provide facilities that encourage members of different generations to play together and share experiences.
- Provide facilities that build a sense of community with other parents to improve the safety of the park and encourage families from a wide catchment.
- Provide multi-functional equipment that can be used in different ways depending on age and ability and cater for all including the elderly, adults and teenagers.
- Consider the needs of tweens by providing skateable and scooter opportunities.
- Design and orientate the basketball courts in accordance with the Department of Sport and Recreation's Sports Dimensions Guide.
- Use the basketball playing surface as a canvas for public art which can be refreshed over the years.
- Install basketball backboards with honeycomb panels to absorb sound and dampen the noise the ball makes when it hits the backboard.
- Install public lighting that supports after hours activities in spaces such as the basketball courts.

Illustrative examples



Intergenerational Play Space



Illustrative example - Intergenerational Play - Basketball Courts

Illustrative examples



**INTERGENERATIONAL PLAYGROUND:
DESIGN RESPONSE**

- Incorporate traditional Aboriginal children’s games into the playground response.
- Create a strong connection with nature by introducing appropriate planting and play elements.
- Install clear pathways to and through the playground.
- Provide uninterrupted views to the playground from the surrounding streets for passive surveillance to maintain safety and security.
- Provide bicycle parking, seating and drink fountains with dog bowls.
- Build a small kiosk with public toilets adjacent to the playground on the Bennett Street edge.
- Create a space within the kiosk to hold removable chairs and other activity equipment for use in the park.
- Install barbecues and picnic tables and shelters
- Create social spaces by installing outdoor dining with WiFi.
- Provide an ACROD bay in close proximity to the playground.



Illustrative example - Intergenerational Play Space

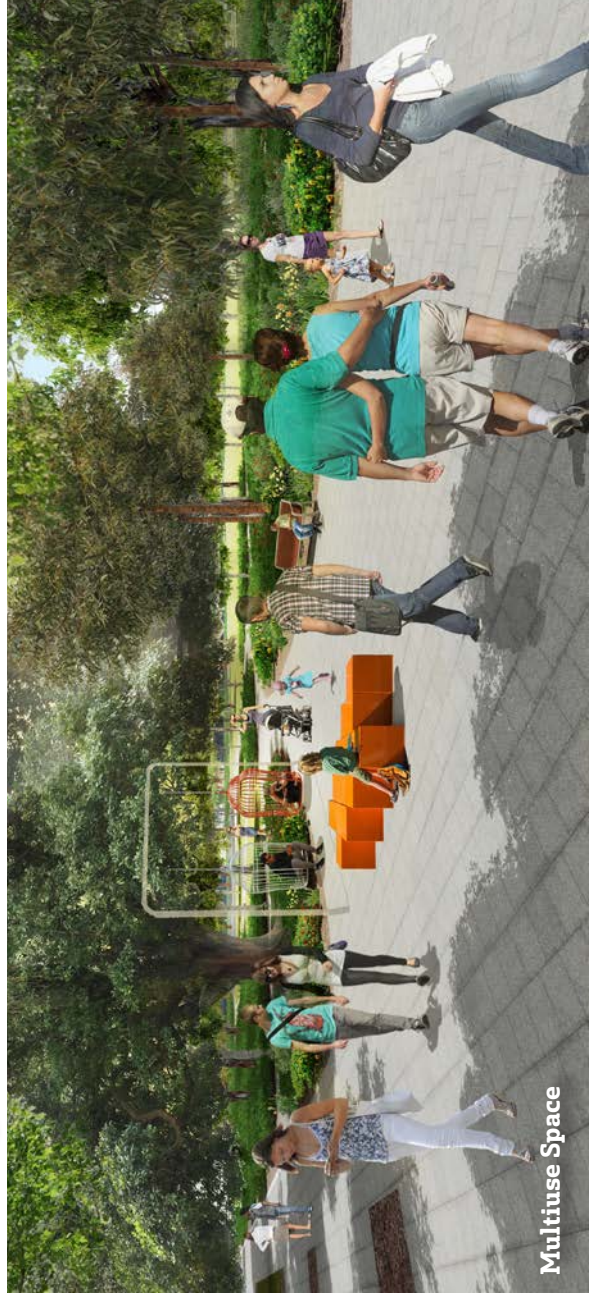
Illustrative examples

MULTI-USE SPACE: DESIGN RESPONSE

- Take advantage of low traffic volumes on Wittenoom Street to create a space to cater for small to medium sized events.
- Improve the connection between the park and Wittenoom Street including allowing events to spill into the street (with appropriate road closures).
- Create a large area of hard stand for small to medium sized events to minimise wear and tear on the rest of the park.
- Use robust and long-lasting materials to minimise maintenance.
- Install lighting and event infrastructure such as power and water.
- Install ping pong tables and a variety of seating to facilitate everyday activity.
- Introduce understory planting to help increase biodiversity.
- Incorporate water sensitive urban design to improve stormwater permeability.
- Provide an ACROD bay in close proximity to the event space.



Community Markets



Multiuse Space



Illustrative example - Event Spill Out Space, Wittenoon Street

CULTURAL HERITAGE INTERPRETATION: DESIGN RESPONSE

- Acknowledge the historical chain of streams, swamps and lakes that once occupied the site by creating an interpretative water element.
- Incorporate water sensitive urban design to improve stormwater permeability.
- Create a strong connection with nature and the 'wild' by introducing meadow style planting.
- Encourage play through water and plants.
- Incorporate public art into the intergenerational playground and other amenities of the park. This artwork should be designed to complement and enhance the rich cultural heritage of the park.
- Install interpretative signage and other elements throughout the park to tell the story of Wellington Square.
- Provide lighting and a swing to the 'Kids' tree at the northern end of the park.
- Install a native garden with grass trees to mark the burial site at the south-eastern side of the park.
- Retain and enhance meeting places throughout the park.
- Provide a special place for reflection and healing to Aboriginal people of the Stolen Generation.

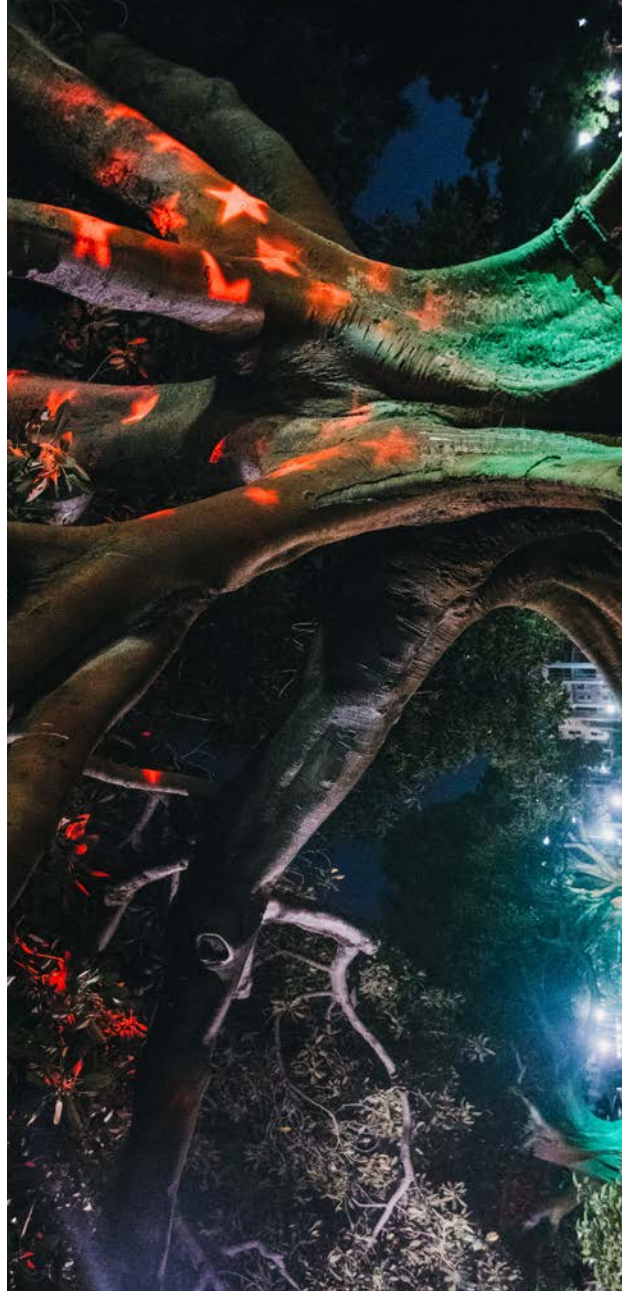
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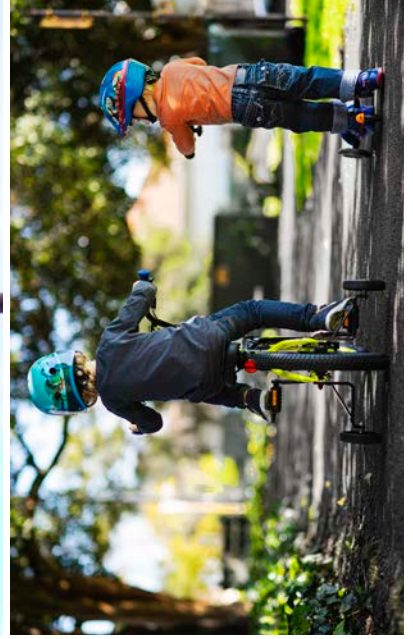


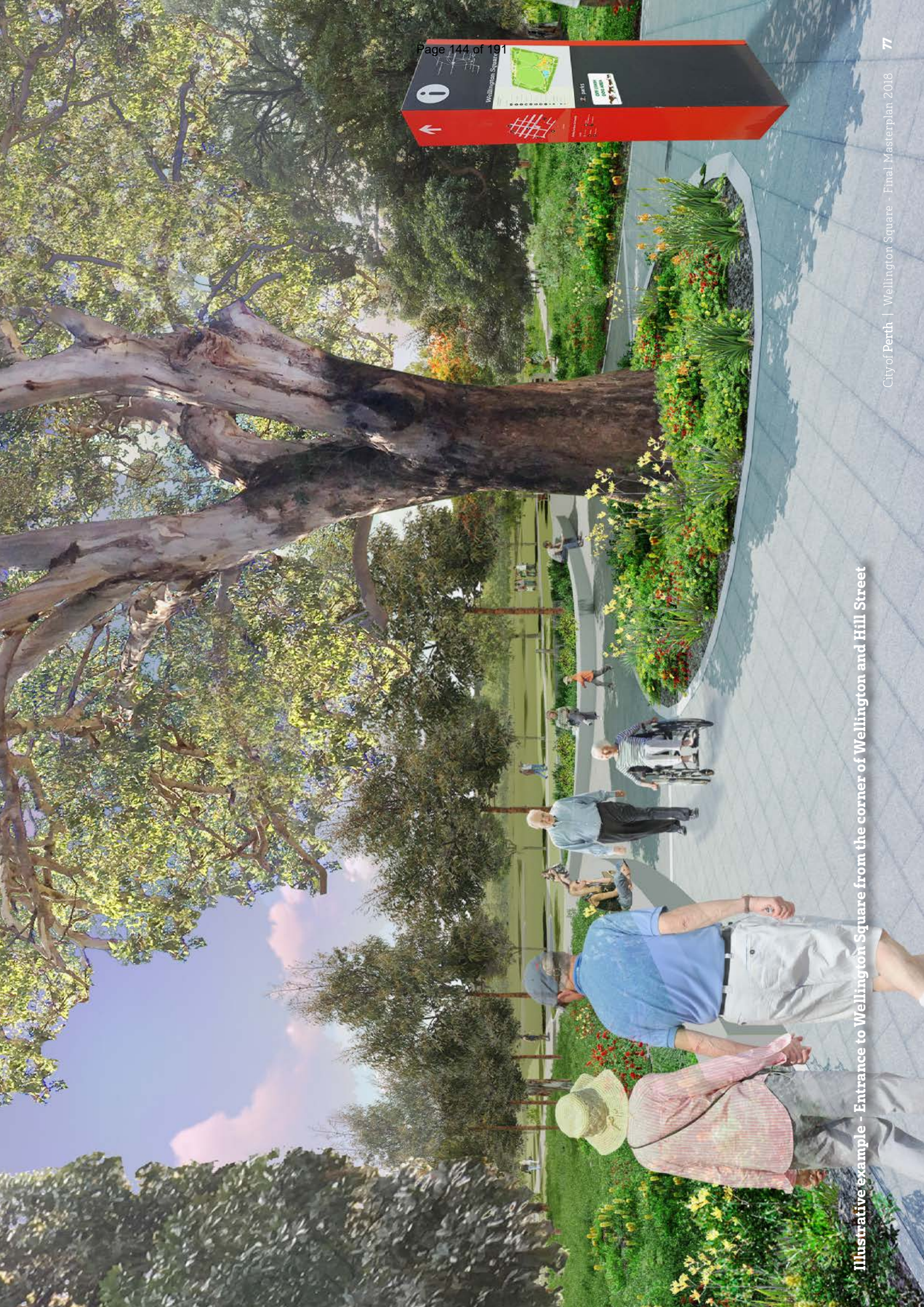


Illustrative example - Interpretative Water Element

ENTRANCES TO THE PARK: DESIGN RESPONSE

- Augment way-finding signage at all the main entrances to the park.
- Include interpretative information with dual naming as well as maps and regulative signage.
- Improve the sense of arrival to the park at all the main entrances including improving the access from the existing CAT bus stop.
- Provide uninterrupted views to the park from the surrounding streets for passive surveillance to maintain safety and security.
- Clearly communicate to dog walkers that the park is an off-the-leash area.
- Provide interconnecting paths which meet DDA compliance and are accessible for all users and abilities.





Illustrative example - Entrance to Wellington Square from the corner of Wellington and Hill Street

PASSIVE RECREATION: DESIGN RESPONSE

- Retain and enhance meeting places throughout the park.
- Create social spaces by providing a variety of seating and associated infrastructure.
- Provide uninterrupted views to the park from the surrounding streets for passive surveillance to maintain safety and security.
- Provide lighting to extend the use after hours.
- Install barbecues, picnic tables and shelters.
- Create social spaces by installing outdoor dining with WiFi.
- Increase the overall tree canopy cover from approximately 25% to 60%.
- Provide seating walls.

Illustrative examples





Illustrative example - Passive recreation

PLANTING AND URBAN FOREST: DESIGN RESPONSE

- Address the lack of biodiversity with the introduction of understory planting.
 - Plan and plant softscape areas based on hydrozoning principles ie water requirements of each tree, shrub and type of turf.
 - Introduce meadow style 'wild' planting - a layer of structural plants, followed by a matrix of grasses and then a layer of accent and filler plants such as flowering plants - which is well suited to Australian native species.
 - Combine grasses and flowering plants to create habitat value and encourage pollinators.
 - Create a bush tucker garden in consultation with the Whadjuk Working Party.
 - Increase the overall tree canopy cover from approximately 25% to 60%.
 - Incorporate water sensitive urban design for planting and new garden beds where possible to improve stormwater quality and permeability.
- Plant new trees to help improve the age class spread of trees.
 - Manage the replacement of trees reaching the end of their useful life expectancy.
 - Improve tree diversity by reducing a current over reliance on trees from the Myrtaceae family, particularly the Spotted Gum.
 - Plant different tree species to provide high quality shade and promote urban cooling to help create a comfortable and welcoming environment for all users.
 - Keep sight lines uninterrupted and clear views – ensure trees are pruned and understory planting is kept low (to 400mm). Avoid dense vegetation to the perimeter of the park blocking views from the adjoining streets.
 - Address tree health issues by installing an iron-filtration unit to remove the iron from bore water.
 - Provide a wash down facility to mitigate the spread of pathogens in the park.

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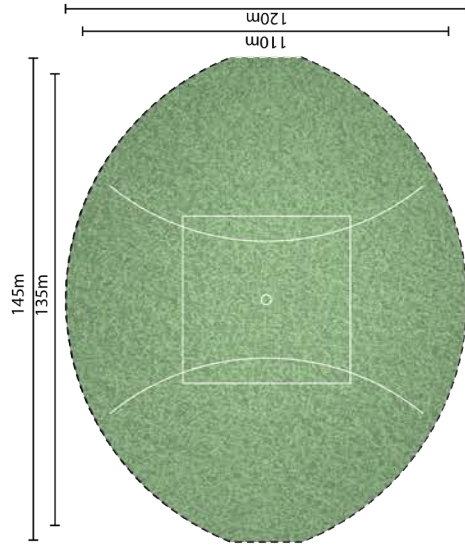


FORMAL SPORTS: DESIGN RESPONSE

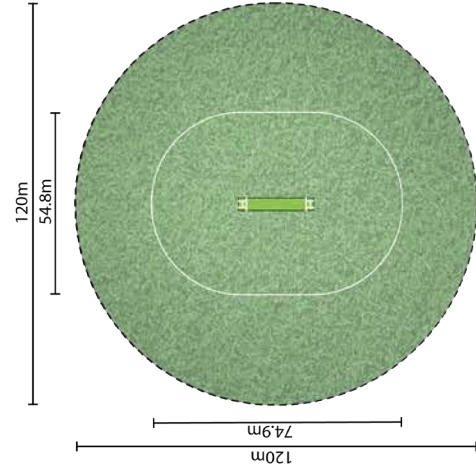
- Increase the flexibility of the space so that it can cater for existing and future sporting uses and large community events.
- Provide lighting to extend the use of the playing fields after hours.
- Install event infrastructure to support a variety of large events.
- Negate the need for fencing to delineate each sporting field by providing appropriate buffer zones.

- Provide future tennis courts to support a new primary school.
- Allow for staggered centres to each sporting field, mitigating the wear and tear on the oval.
- Install park furniture to allow for spectators and assist in passive surveillance.
- Retain all significant existing trees and plant new trees and native shrubs to the periphery of the oval.
- Install new turf and a water sensitive irrigation system.

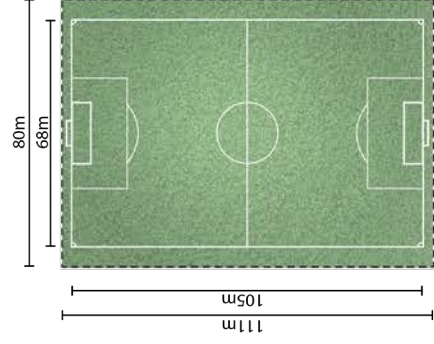
- All sporting fields designed and oriented in accordance with the Department of Sport and Recreation's Sports Dimensions Guide, and in consultation with existing clubs:
 - 135 x 110m AFL Oval
 - 400m Athletics track
 - 120 x 120m Cricket Field
 - 68 x 105m Soccer Pitch
- Location of existing trees has informed the location and orientation of the sporting fields.



135x110m AFL Oval



120x120m Cricket Field



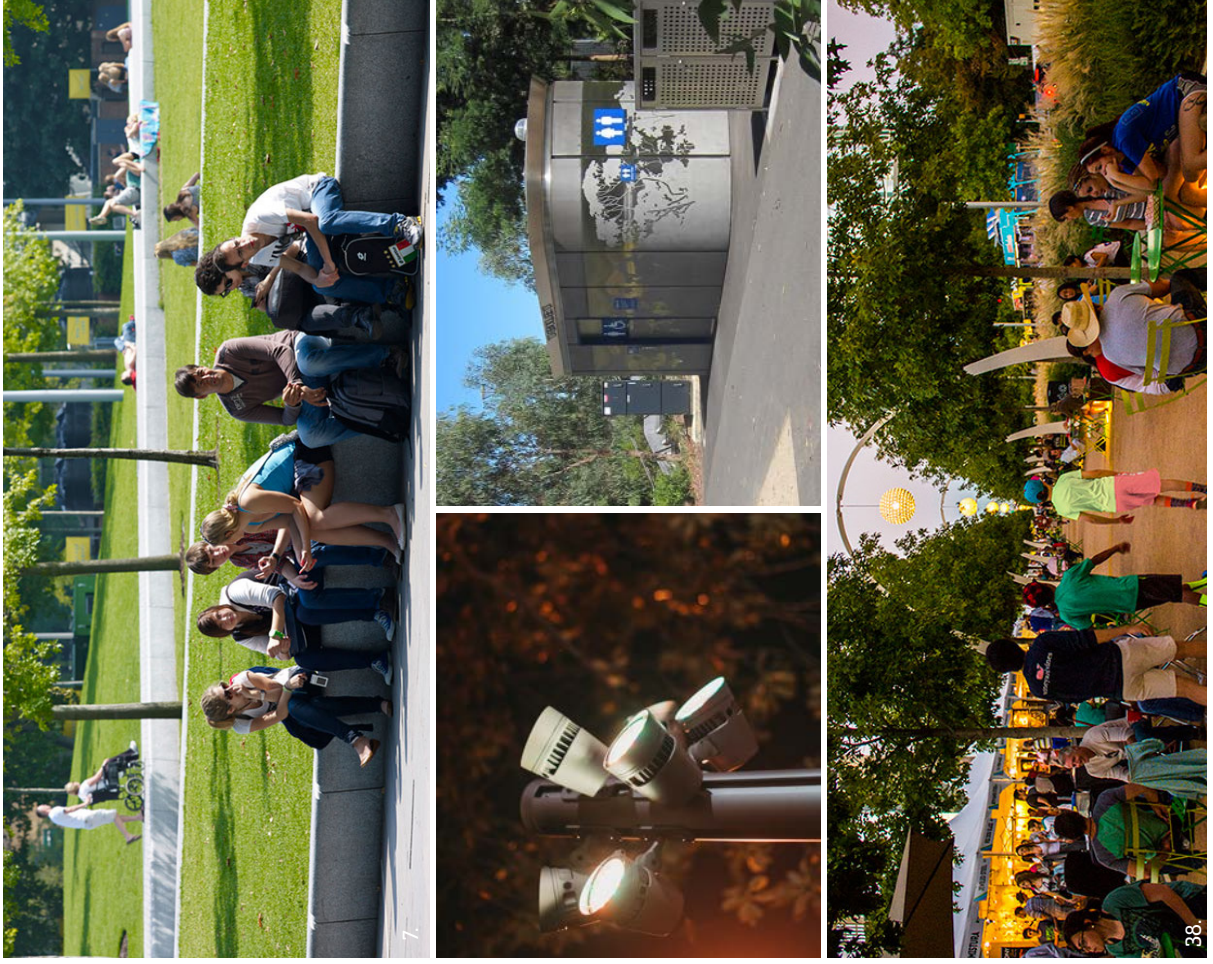
68x105m Soccer Pitch



**SAFETY AND SECURITY:
DESIGN RESPONSE**

- Crime Prevention through Environment Design (CPTED) principles underpin the masterplan:-
 - Maximise opportunities for natural surveillance.
 - Install additional CCTV.
 - Provide a range of activities to draw people into the park to allow people to observe others and contribute to the feeling of safety and act as a deterrent for crime.
 - Install an automatic public toilet with doors facing Wellington Street to ensure passive surveillance at all times of the day.
 - Keep sight lines uninterrupted and clear views – ensure trees are pruned and understorey planting is kept low - avoid dense vegetation to the perimeter of the park blocking views from the adjoining streets.
 - Keep main activity areas close to the edge of the park to ensure people have clear views to and from these spaces to the adjacent streets.
 - Install appropriate levels of lighting to Australian Standards and address dark areas off the main paths to provide an overall feeling of safety and security.
- Create intuitive spaces - use consistent materials to delineate paths, use texture in plantings to delineate spaces within the park.
- Ensure way-finding is intuitive rather than reliant on too much signage and other markers.
- Encourage participation and support of the space - ensure the park is welcoming and comfortable to encourage people of all ages and activity at all times of the day.
- Understand the use and priorities of the park - ensure materials and finishes are appropriate for ease of maintenance and management of the space and minimise vandalism.
- Support safe movement - provide clear and legible entry and exit points to the park and between spaces including to public toilets and public transport.
- Design to minimise conflicts - provide a space free of hazards, concealment areas such as high shrubs, ill-considered placement of infrastructure and entrapment spots such as dead ends.

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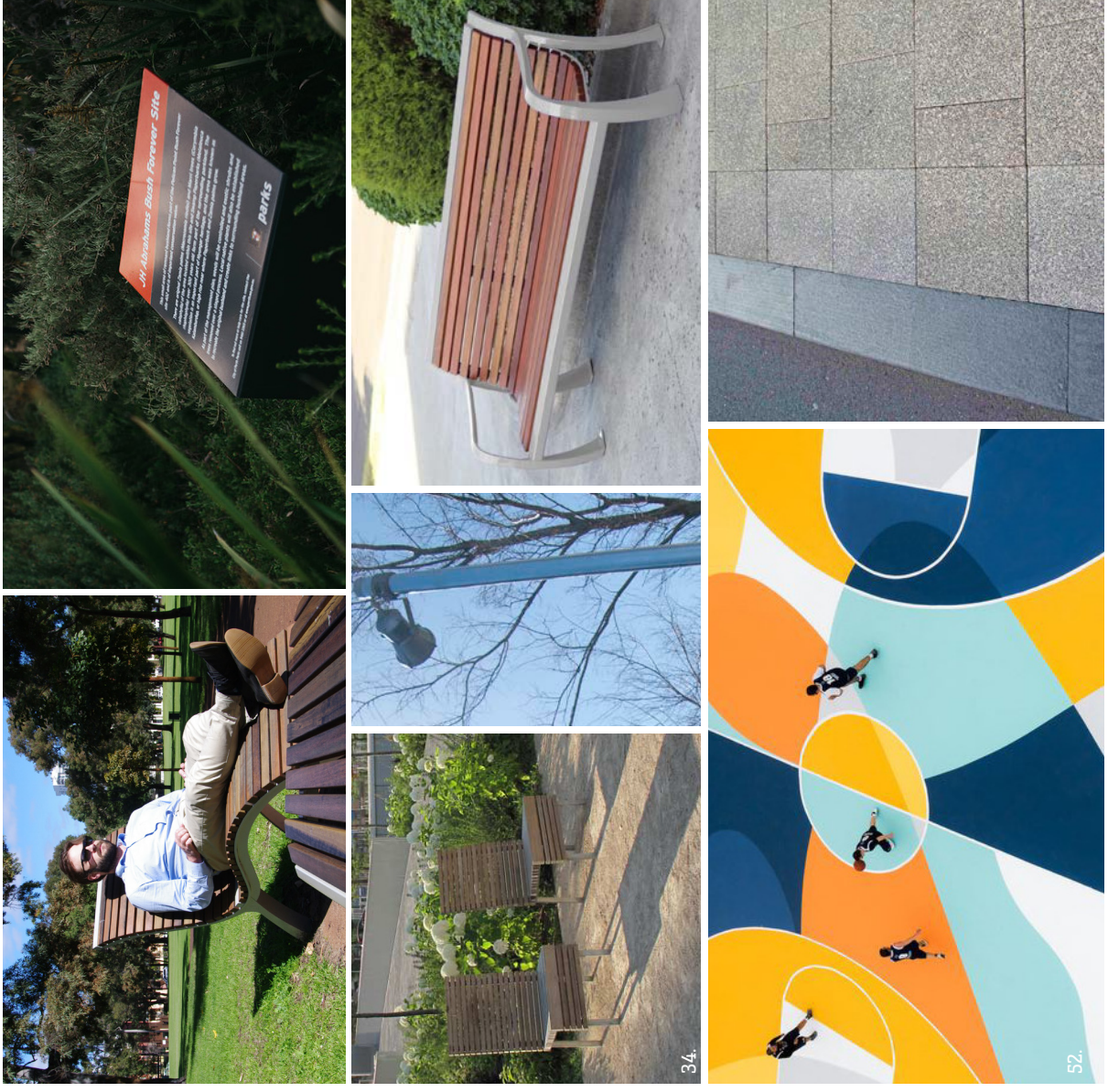




MATERIALS PALETTE: DESIGN RESPONSE

- Understand the use and priorities of the park - ensure materials and finishes are appropriate for ease of maintenance and management of the space and minimise vandalism.
- Avoid using flammable materials.
- Create intuitive spaces - use consistent materials to delineate paths, use texture in plantings to delineate spaces within the park.
- Use robust materials to ensure resilience despite rigorous use.
- Use standard park suite of furniture throughout the park.
- Provide standard seating in a variety of sizes to create social spaces.
- Use City of Perth standard City Grey pavers on surrounding streets and entrances to the park.
- Use City Grey trafficable paving in the large area of hard stand for small to medium sized events.
- Limit use of special treatments to areas such AS heritage interpretation.
- Incorporate water sensitive urban design to improve stormwater permeability.
- Use compacted gravel for minor paths to increase stormwater permeability.
- Use the basketball playing surface as a canvas for public art which can be refreshed over the years.
- Limit the use of painted materials which are high maintenance.
- Consider screening to pumps to soften the visual intrusion.
- Use City standard multi-function light poles on the streets.
- Co-mingle signage on light poles and other infrastructure where possible to minimise clutter.
- Use City standard stainless steel light poles throughout the park.
- Address staining of infrastructure by installing an iron-filtration unit to remove iron from the groundwater.

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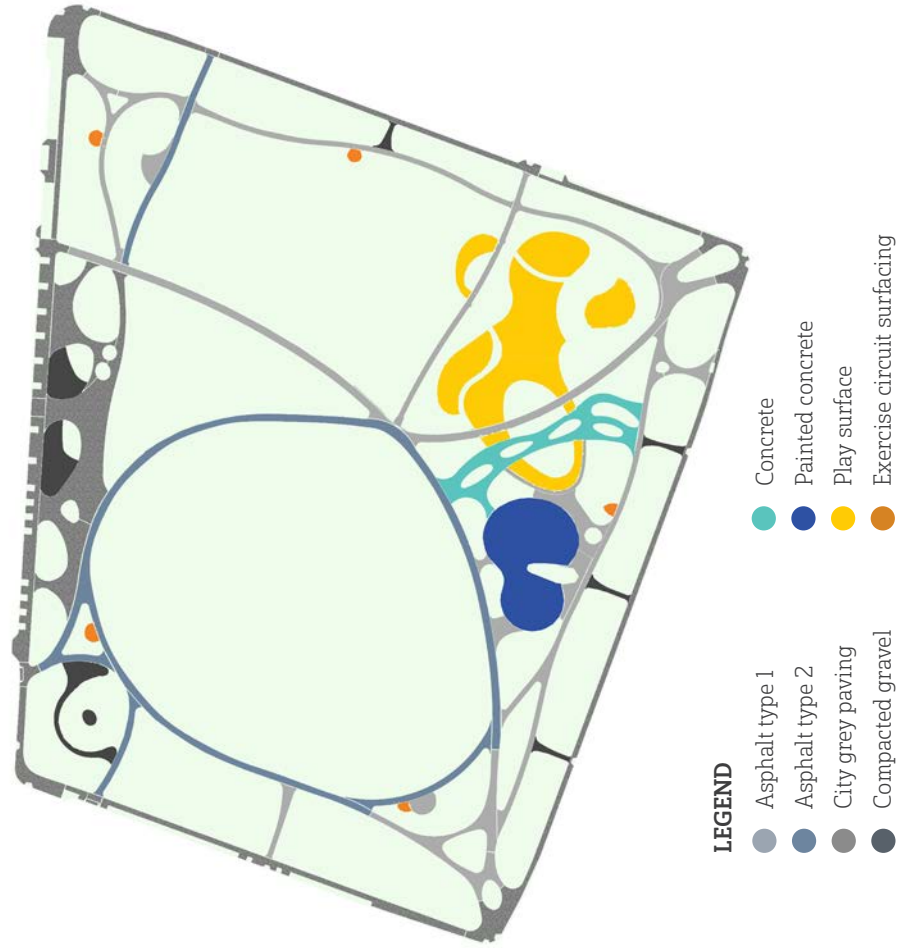




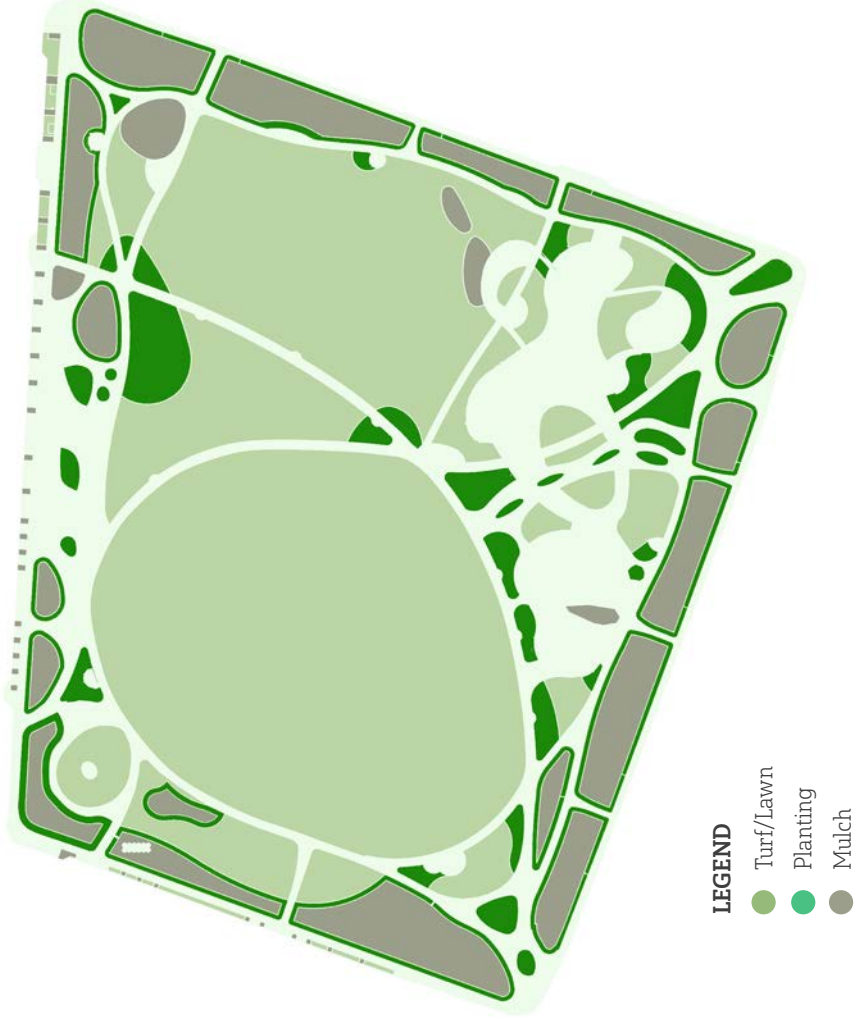
View looking north east from the proposed path and lighting network at night.

**MATERIALS PALETTE:
DESIGN RESPONSE**

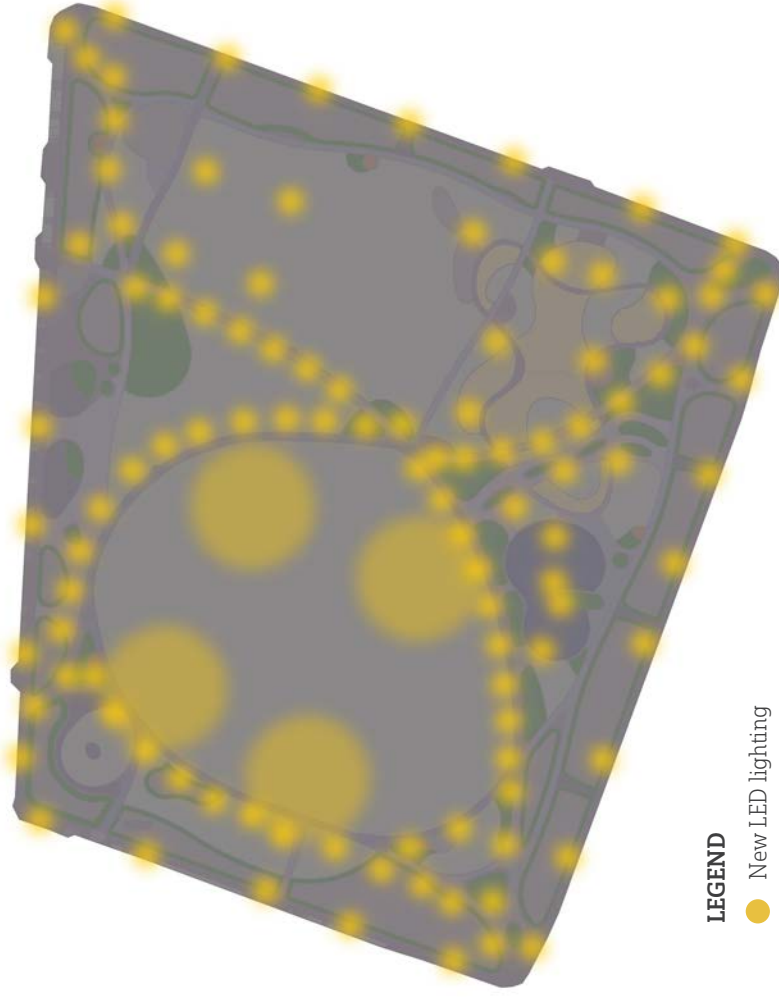
Hardscape Plan



Softscape Plan

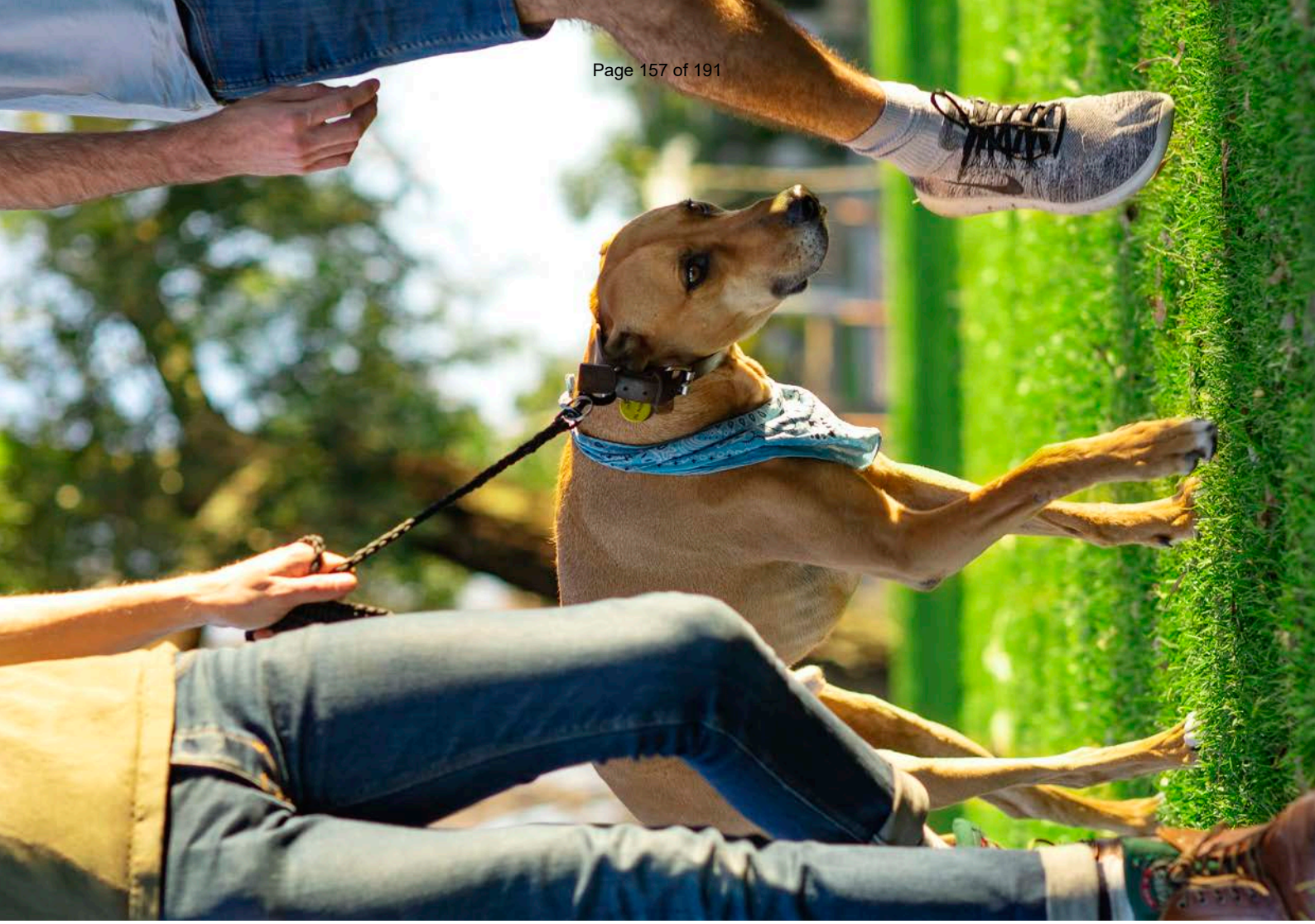


Lighting Plan



Canopy Cover





Economic Benefits

ECONOMIC

Increased retail spend assumes \$20 per person*

*The average expenditure per visitor is based on a business survey conducted by Culture Count in June 2018. A sample of customer-facing businesses in the City of Perth were asked to specify the approximate average spend per customer at their business. Specifically, businesses were asked: 'What do you believe the average spend per customer for your business is?'. This was determined to be a suitable estimate as it was based on similar areas in the CBD.

The estimated increase in retail spend would support up to 22 full time equivalent employment opportunities in the local area.

Research has found that well planned public open space improvements can generate up to 40% additional retail spend. The current estimate of increased retail spend is approximately 10% and is considered conservative.

\$590,000 PER ANNUM

ORGANISED SPORTS PARTICIPANT SPEND

\$910,000 PER ANNUM

INCREASE IN PARK USAGE ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVED SAFETY

\$800,000 PER ANNUM

INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE ASSOCIATED WITH PLAYGROUND

\$2.4 MILLION

TOTAL POTENTIAL INCREASE IN RETAIL SPEND

“Public spaces play a vital role in the social and economic life of communities... They act as a ‘self-organising public service’, a shared resource in which experiences and value are created”

(Joseph Rowntree Foundation, “The social value of public spaces”)

HEALTH

Health benefits have been calculated for estimated participation in sport/physical activity and represent potential cost savings to the government from improved physical and mental health.

\$110,000 PER ANNUM

ORGANISED SPORTS HEALTH BENEFITS

\$80,000 PER ANNUM

BENEFITS OF ADDITIONAL CHILDREN PLAYING AT THE PLAYGROUND

\$200,000 PER ANNUM

TOTAL POTENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS

LIVEABILITY

The value generated through increased property, rental and time value estimates represents an increase in the livability that is generated through the project. Research identified a potential additional 7% increase in land value for dwellings within the study area, associated with the additional amenity and safety from the playground.

\$21 MILLION

INCREASE IN LAND VALUE FOR DWELLINGS WITHIN 70M OF WELLINGTON SQUARE

\$330,000 PER ANNUM

INCREASE IN POTENTIAL RENTAL VALUES OF WELLINGTON SQUARE

\$700,000

TIME VALUE BENEFITS TO PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN SPORT

\$21 MILLION

INCREASED AMENITY FROM NEW TREES

\$24 MILLION

TOTAL BENEFIT

SAFETY

The increased activation of Wellington Square will contribute to significant passive surveillance. The types of activities undertaken at the park are also likely to be more family orientated. These factors are likely to create a safer environment. A safer environment will lead to a reduction in police call outs to the area and a saving to the State government.

\$40,000 PER ANNUM

75% REDUCTION IN ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

CONCLUSION

The redevelopment of Wellington Square has the potential to provide significant benefit for the local community through economic, health, liveability and safety benefits. Total benefit is estimated at \$27 million dollars in the first year with continued annual benefits of approximately \$4 million and direct employment benefits of approximately 22 FTE in retail industries.



Implementation

Implementation

The purpose of developing the Wellington Square Masterplan is to ensure there is a clear blueprint for the staged enhancement of the park over the next 5 - 10 years. The City of Perth is committed to delivering this project for the community in a manner that minimises disruption and everyday use of the park during this time.

Archaeologists and Whadjuk Heritage Monitors will be on-site during ground disturbing activities.


The implementation will involve and depend upon detailed design works, further community consultation, and social, environmental, physical and resource constraints.


INDICATIVE STAGING PLAN


It is proposed to implement the Masterplan in the following indicative 4 stages:


Stage 1





- 


Primary paths
- 

Bore and Iron Filtration
- 

Demolition of existing Toilets
- 


Basketball Courts
- 


Place of Reflection
- 


Services Infrastructure
- 


New Toilets

Occurring through Stages 1 to 3

- 

New Trees
- 

Shrub Planting
- 

Lighting
- 

Furniture



Stage 2



 Intergenerational Playground

 Pedestrian Priority Zone

 Kiosk and Toilet

 Multiuse Space

 Formal Sports

 Event Infrastructure

Stage 3



 Water Element

 Perimeter Paths Upgrade

 Perimeter Lighting Upgrade

Future Stage 4

 Tennis Courts

 Clubrooms



 Passive Recreation

 Irrigation Replacement

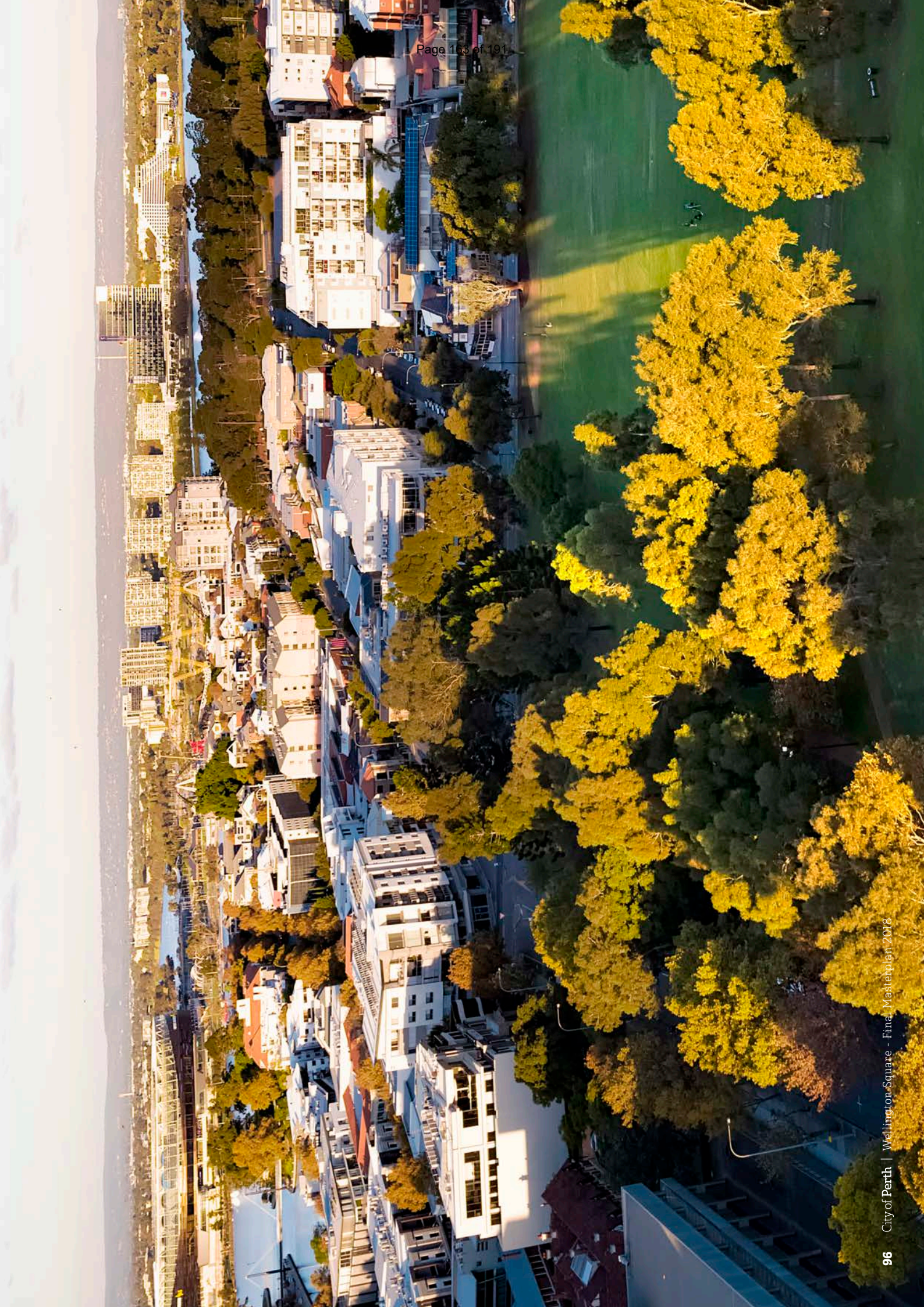
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 Secondary Paths

 Exercise Circuit

 BBQ and Picnic Facilities

 WiFi and CCTV





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Agenda **Council House Lighting Upgrade**

Item 6.4

FILE REFERENCE:	P1024916
REPORTING UNIT:	Construction Unit
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE:	Construction and Maintenance
ATTACHMENTS	Attachment 6.4A – Option Evaluation

Purpose and Background:

As part of maintaining the City of Perth 2029 Vision, the City requires functioning feature lighting to Council House which significantly illuminates the building. The existing lighting at Council House is now reaching the end of its practicable serviceable life due to serviceability, access and equipment availability issues.

The replacement proposal was considered at the **19 December 2017** Council meeting, where a determination was required as to whether to continue with the lighting of Council House.

There were four options considered under several criteria:

1. Upgrade the existing lighting to current scope but accessing new technology improvements.
2. Review the lighting scheme completely and move to new generation lighting.
3. Continue with the existing lighting until the failures are too significant to continue.
4. Turn off the Council House lighting now.

Council endorsed the progression of the Council House Lighting Upgrade under Option 1 to a design phase. A budget of \$130,000 was approved for the Project Design work, with the \$3,000,000 implementation budget to be requested in the 18/19 Capital Budget Review. Norman, Disney Young (NDY) were appointed by the City (June 2018) to identify and present options for the Upgrade of the existing lighting to current technology improvements (Option 1). With the option identification and pricing having been completed, this report now seeks Council approval for the implementation phase of the replacement of the Council House Lights, together with the necessary budget.

The detailed design phase has identified that the infrastructure is not suitable for retention and requires replacement. There has been a resultant increase in the required budget to \$3,905,000.

Details:

The developed options addressed a number of issues with the existing lighting installation and also those that were identified during the consultation with the City's internal stakeholders.

These issues included:

- Reliability of the lighting system;
- Avoidance of "ugly" appearance of dark spots;
- Inability to complement the architectural grandeur of the building and only have a multicoloured presentation; and
- Need for greater flexibility when the facade is handed over to artisans for presentation of specific displays

Short Listed Options

Following a presentation to the Commissioners on 3 July 2018, three options were shortlisted that: best fit the vision the City has for Council House in the broader context of the night time vista of Perth; were considered appropriate; and also met Commissioners' expectations.

The following details the options shortlisted.

Façade Concept - LED luminaress mounted on the top of the "T" section

This options adopts the existing lighting scheme which uses linear LED luminaress mounted on the top of the "T" section to provide illumination onto the façade. Similar to the current fittings

Entry Concept – Back-Lit Lighting Panels

This option will introduce colour changing LED modules that will replacing the existing white back lit lighting panels that currently uses a white light source.

Roof Concept – Roof Line Uplighting

The shortlisted option, subject to price, was for the provision of RGBW mesh screen around the perimeter of the roof canopy. This would be located at high level and would be highly visible from the street and also across the Swan River. The mesh screen acts as an information board to allow messages or graphics to be displayed.

The low-cost option, which is significantly cheaper and therefore provides better value for money, is to uplight the structure frame of the roof, mounted on the handrail rather than at high level (ease of access).

Existing System and New Controls

It had been assumed under the initial estimate that some elements of the existing control system could be re-used in the new upgrade project. The existing support infrastructure is not suitable for retention. This therefore needs to also be replaced, and the budget required has increased accordingly.

Operating Costs

	<u>Current system</u>	<u>Upgraded system</u>
Programming Updates	\$10,000	\$2,500
Repair/Replacement of Parts	\$165,000	\$5,000
Yearly Inspection	\$1,250	\$1,250
Power Consumption	\$20,300	\$17,000
<u>TOTAL COST per annum</u>	\$196,550	\$25,750

The annual savings on operational costs expected from the upgraded system are \$170,800.

There are several options for consideration, with the recommended option matching the scope of the October 2017 report. A suitable inclusion, would be the addition of the proposed entrance lighting, and the inclusion of this would increase the required total budget to \$4,290,000. This is recommended for adoption should budget provision allow. However, should budget limitations require a reduced estimate, the omissions of the roof lighting would reduce the required budget to \$3,740,000.

The full options are:

<i>Option</i>	<i>Scope</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
<i>A</i>	Façade Only	\$3,740,000	Limited Budget Option
<i>B</i>	Facade and Roof-Concept Lighting	\$3,905,000	Recommended Option
<i>C</i>	Façade, Roof-Concept & Entrance Lighting	\$4,290,000	Recommended if Budget allows
<i>D</i>	Façade, Roof Mesh & Entrance Lighting	\$5,445,000	Not recommended
<i>E</i>	Façade, Roof Mesh & Entrance Lighting, with i-glass	\$12,595,000	Not recommended

The recommendation is for Option B to be approved, as this best matches the current provision. Option A could be considered to limit budget demands, and would provide a basic and effective solution. Option C would provide an upgraded solution, should budgetary constraints permit, and represents a value-for-money upgrade to the proposed solution. Option D, which upgrades the roof solution to the programmable mesh represents a significant increase in budget and is not recommended. Option E is the highest quality solution, but this comes at a significant cost, and is not recommended.

Summary

It is recommended that Council approve the total project funding of \$3,905,000. The expenditure of \$3,905,000 is to be allocated in the budget review for 18/19 for Project Delivery and Construction works required to resolve the ongoing maintenance issues with the current lights.

The budget to be approved can be modified in line with the proposed inclusions. An approval of \$4,290,000 would allow for the inclusion of the entrance lighting. An approval of \$3,740,000 would allow the project to proceed with the omission of the roof lighting.

The project is proposed to have procurement completed this financial year, subject to contractor schedules and availability, with the construction phase extending into 19/20.

OPTION EVALUATION		1) Upgrade the existing lighting to current scope but accessing new technology improvements	2) Review the lighting scheme completely and move to new generation lighting.	3) Continue with the existing/lighting until the failures are too significant to continue.	4) Turn off the Council House lighting now
PROPOSED RANKING		1	2	3	4
FINANCIAL		• CAPEX COST \$3.9Mill	\$6Mill	\$0.00	\$0.00
		• OPEX COST pa \$25,750 pa	\$25,750 pa	\$196,550 pa	NIL
		• Revenue Generation pa \$50,000	\$50,000	NIL	NIL
EVENING ECONOMY		current expectation	Good	Extremely Poor	Poor
PROJECT DELIVERY		• Project Risk Harness existing materials and seek improvements	Would be using more experimental technologies with incumbent increased risk	Removal of existing infrastructure	Removal of existing infrastructure
		• Programming Flexibility Very Good	Extremely Good	Poor	Nil
ENVIRONMENTAL		• SUSTAINABILITY Will maximise life of existing infrastructure.	Not using full-life of supporting infrastructure	Not using full-life of supporting infrastructure	Not using full-life of supporting infrastructure
		• POWER COSTS Introduction of energy efficient fittings	Introduction of energy efficient fittings	Continuation of higher running costs	No further power requirement
		• Activation Strategy Very Good	Extremely Good	Extremely Poor	Poor
STRATEGIC		• Asset And Infrastructure Strategy Maintaining existing Asset with appropriate	Maintaining existing Asset with significant enhancement	Removal of existing asset	Removal of existing asset
		• CITY PEOPLE Should attract positive	Potential for extremely positive response	Will attract poor response	Will attract poor response
		• CITY PLANNING alignment with Lighting	alignment with Lighting Strategy	not in alignment with Lighting Strategy	not in alignment with Lighting Strategy
REPUTATION		current expectation	Good	Extremely Poor	Poor

**Agenda
Item 6.5**

Council Policy 10.6 Elected Members – Reimbursement of Expenses and Council Policy 10.3 Elected Members – Interstate and Overseas Travel and Expenses

FILE REFERENCE:	P1014564
REPORTING UNIT:	Governance
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE:	Office of the Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENT/S:	Attachment 6.5A – Existing 10.6 Elected Members – Reimbursement of Expenses Policy Attachment 6.5B – Amended 10.6 Elected Members – Reimbursement of Expenses Policy Attachment 6.5C – Existing 10.3 Elected Members – Interstate and Overseas Travel and Expenses Policy Attachment 6.5D – Amended 10.3 Elected Members – Interstate and Overseas Travel and Expenses Policy Attachment 6.5E – Elected Members Expenses – Community Consultation

Purpose and Background:

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of **31 July 2018** Council endorsed draft policies for public consultation for Council Policy 10.6 “Elected Members – Reimbursement of Expenses” and Council Policy 10.3 “Elected Members – Interstate and Overseas Travel and Expenses”. These draft policies are referred to in this report as amended Policy 10.6 (Attachment 6.5B) and amended Policy 10.3 (Attachment 6.5D).

On 1 August 2018, public consultation through the City of Perth’s (City) Engage Perth website commenced, providing the community with the opportunity to provide comment via an electronic “guest book” (Attachment 6.5E) on amended Policies 10.6 and 10.3. The public consultation period closed at 5.00pm on Friday 17 August 2018.

Summary:

Local Government Act 1995

5.98. Fees etc. for council members

- 2) A council member who incurs an expense of a kind prescribed as being an expense —
 - (a) to be reimbursed by all local governments; or
 - (b) which may be approved by any local government for reimbursement by the local government and which has been approved by the local government for reimbursement, is entitled to be reimbursed for the expense in accordance with subsection (3).

- 3) A council member to whom subsection (2) applies is to be reimbursed for the expense —
 - (a) where the extent of reimbursement for the expense has been determined, to that extent; or
 - (b) where the local government has set the extent to which the expense can be reimbursed and that extent is within the range determined for reimbursement, to that extent.

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

31. Expenses to be reimbursed

- 1) For the purposes of section 5.98(2)(a), the kinds of expenses that are to be reimbursed by all local governments are —
 - (a) rental charges incurred by a council member in relation to one telephone and one facsimile machine; and
 - (b) child care and travel costs incurred by a council member because of the member's attendance at a council meeting or a meeting of a committee of which he or she is also a member.

32. Expenses that may be approved for reimbursement

- 1) For the purposes of section 5.98(2)(b), the kinds of expenses that may be approved by any local government for reimbursement by the local government are —
 - (a) an expense incurred by a council member in performing a function under the express authority of the local government; and
 - (b) an expense incurred by a council member to whom paragraph (a) applies by reason of the council member being accompanied by not more than one other person while performing the function if, having regard to the nature of the function, the local government considers that it is appropriate for the council member to be accompanied by that other person; and
 - (c) an expense incurred by a council member in performing a function in his or her capacity as a council member.

The reimbursements available to Elected Members in amended Policy 10.6 and amended Policy 10.3 have been assessed based on the following principles:

- (a) A focus on transparency, including the justification and need for the proposed expenses;
- (b) Ensuring a clear nexus between expenses paid by the City and the functions of an Elected Member under the *Local Government Act 1995* and *City of Perth Act 2016*; and
- (c) Ensuring appropriate mechanisms are in place to enable the appropriate expenditure of ratepayer funds and to ensure any costs are applied by way of a consistent and equitable process.

Assessment of Expenses

	Travel/ Parking	Child Care/Carer	ICT	Meal/ Incidentals	Training	Clothing	Dry Cleaning	Personal Presentation	Protocol Gifts	Spectacles / Aids	Personal Donations
Transparency, including justification and need for expense	High	High	High	High	High	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant
Nexus between reimbursement and functions of an EM	High	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	Non-Compliant	Medium	Medium	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant
Appropriate expenditure of funds	Medium	High	High	Medium	Medium	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant	Non-Compliant

Table Key

High – High compliance with principles
 Medium – Medium compliance with principles
 Non-compliant – Non-compliant with principles

All expenses that were assessed as “non-compliant” against one or more principles have been removed from the amended policies.

Amended Policies 10.6 and 10.3 require the publication of Elected Members expenses on the City's website. This requirement ensures that the City is acting in an open and transparent manner and will likely have the flow on effect of reducing Freedom of Information applications seeking details of reimbursement of expenses.

Stakeholder Engagement

The primary objective of this stakeholder engagement activity was to provide opportunity for the community to comment on the draft Elected Member policies (amended policies 10.6 and 10.3).

Key messages for the stakeholder engagement:

- Commissioners want to hear from the community;
- This is an opportunity to have your say on the appropriate expenditure of City money; and
- Public consultation is being undertaken to ensure that a thorough and transparent process is achieved.

To allow the community to express their views, a "guest book" was created that allowed the public to write comments in free text about the draft policies. It was important to provide the community with a platform where they could freely express their views.

To aid the conversation on the Engage Perth site, the following "FAQs" were posted:

Is an Elected Member reimbursement of expenses policy necessary?

Regulation 31 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* (Regulations) outlines the expenses that all local governments are required to reimburse Elected Members for. These mandatory reimbursements are as follows:

- (a) rental charges incurred by a council member in relation to one telephone and one facsimile machine; and
- (b) child care and travel costs incurred by a council member because of the member's attendance at a council meeting or a meeting of a committee of which he or she is also a member.

Regulation 32 provides local governments with the discretion to approve reimbursements to Elected Members for expenses accrued while performing a function in his or her capacity as a council member. Establishing a council policy ensures that there are established rules and transparency regarding the awarding of these reimbursements.

How do the proposed draft reimbursement policies differ from the existing policies?

All current reimbursable expenses were assessed against the following principles:

- (a) a focus on transparency, including the justification and need for the proposed expenses;
- (b) ensuring a clear nexus between expenses paid by the City and the functions of an Elected Member under the *Local Government Act 1995*; and
- (c) ensuring appropriate mechanisms are in place to enable the appropriate expenditure of ratepayer funds and to ensure any costs are applied by way of a consistent and equitable process.

Following this assessment, the below list of reimbursable items/services were removed from the draft policy:

- clothing;
- dry-cleaning;
- personal presentation expenses;
- protocol gifts;
- spectacles/aids; and
- personal donations.

How will the City ensure transparency regarding Elected Members reimbursement expenditure?

The draft policy provides that a record of all Elected Member reimbursements is to be maintained and published on the City's website.

The stakeholder engagement process through Engage Perth commenced on 1 August 2018 and closed at 5.00pm on 17 August 2018.

Stakeholder Engagement - Submissions

One post was received through public consultation on the Engage Perth website. The contribution focussed on draft Policy 10.6 and the amendment to childcare reimbursements. The author of the post expressed the view that draft Policy 10.6 limits the circumstances in which childcare reimbursement may be claimed when compared to existing Policy 10.6.

The author references sections 2.7 (role of council), 2.9 (role of deputy mayor or deputy president) and 2.10 (role of councillors) of the *Local Government Act 1995* (Act) and submits that childcare reimbursements should be available for all activities encompassed by these sections of the Act.

A second post was received after the advertised closing date of 17 August 2018. This additional post also focussed on draft Policy 10.6 and the proposed amendment to child care reimbursements. The author commented that the proposed list of authorised activities only covers a small percentage of Councillors' duties and responsibilities and submitted that further consideration should be given to expanding this list to include additional Elected Member activities.

All Elected Members are paid meeting attendance fees. Minimum and maximum fee bands are set by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT) annually. On 1 July 2013, the first SAT determination came into operation increasing sitting fees from up to \$7,000 per annum to up to \$30,000 per annum for Councillors and from up to \$30,000 per annum to up to \$45,000 per annum for Mayors and Presidents. The Annual Allowance for the Lord Mayor was also extended from up to \$60,000 per annum to up to \$130,000 per annum.

In its accompanying statement, the SAT explained that "the levels of remuneration for attending meetings and allowances for elected council members are not intended to be salaries but do take into account the responsibilities and commitments of elected council members serving as representatives of the community". The SAT statement further stated that "community service continues to be the cornerstone of a commitment to local government".

On 11 April 2017, the SAT released its annual determination for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members (2017 determination). In part 6 of the 2017 determination the factors considered in setting meeting attendance fees were listed as follows:

- (a) The time required to prepare adequately for the meetings including consideration of agenda papers, site visits related to agenda items and consultation with council staff and community members;*
- (b) the role of the council member, mayor or president including, but not limited to, representation, advocacy, and oversight and determination of policy and local legislation;*
- (c) particular responsibilities associated with the types of meetings attended;*
- (d) responsibilities of a mayor, president or chairman to preside over meetings; and*
- (e) the relative "size" of the local government as reflected in the Tribunal's local government banding model.*

Part 1 of the 2017 determination, titled Introductory Matters, states that **“the fees, expenses and allowances determined are intended to recognise the responsibilities of elected council members, mayors and presidents of local governments and chairmen of regional local governments and to remunerate them for the performance of their duties associated with their office”**. The City continues to fully comply with the 2017 determination ensuring that Elected Members are appropriately remunerated.

Regulation 31(b) of the Regulations requires local governments to reimburse an Elected Member for child care costs incurred because of the member’s attendance at a council meeting or a meeting of a committee of which he or she is also a member. The Act and the Regulations require no further reimbursements to be provided for child care expenses.

The City, however, in amended Policy 10.6, provides additional child care reimbursement options for attendance/performance at a defined “authorised function”. Amended Policy 10.6 prescribes a list of authorised functions to ensure the appropriate expenditure of ratepayer funds. An Elected Member must be performing a defined authorised function to receive a reimbursement for accrued child care expenses.

Amended Policy 10.6 provides that a carer may also receive reimbursement for attendance/performance at an authorised function.

These childcare and carer reimbursements, in concert with an Elected Member’s attendance fees, will ensure that an Elected Member is appropriately remunerated and reimbursed.

Financial Implications

Amended Policy 10.6 abolishes a number of items that were previously available as an Elected Member reimbursable expense, including clothing, dry cleaning and personal presentation costs.

Amended Policy 10.3 provides business class travel is only available for flights in excess of three hours travel time. For flights under three hours an Elected Member has the option of choosing economy or premium economy rather than business class.

Comments

An extensive review of Elected Member reimbursements has been undertaken. Amended Policies 10.6 and 10.3 alter the existing policies significantly ensuring the appropriate expenditure of ratepayer funds while also maintaining compliance with legislation and the 2017 determination.

CP10.6 Elected Members - Reimbursement of Expenses

POLICY OBJECTIVE

To provide for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by an Elected Member while performing his or her duties.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. For Elected Members the City shall meet costs associated with:-

1.1 Travel and parking expenses incurred by a member to and from and attending:-

- (a) meetings of the Council or a Committee of the Council, and civic functions;
- (b) as a delegate of the Council to statutory and other boards and committees, community organisations, conferences, local government associations or industry groups, or committees of them, within the Perth metropolitan area;
- (c) a specific request or instruction of the Council and/or including inspection, ratepayer/electors' requests or other duty;
- (d) as a representative of the Council or the Lord Mayor (as appropriate) at any function or presentation;

Transport costs to such meetings are to be calculated in accordance with the City of Perth Salaried Officers' Award Rate where the member's vehicle is used or when a taxi is used, the actual costs incurred will be reimbursed.

A claim for reimbursement of expenses form is to be completed by members to ensure that the transport expenses can be verified.

1.2 Registration, entertainment, accommodation, incidental and meal expenses incurred by members when attending conferences, seminars, study tours or conventions within the Perth metropolitan area, or within Western Australia when air travel is not required, with the exception of the WA Local Government Association's Annual Conference as detailed below:-

WALGA Annual State Conference

- (a) The two Elected Members appointed as the Council representatives to the Central Zone Committee of WALGA are to be funded to attend the annual WALGA State Conference subject to appropriate funds being allocated in the annual budget.
 - (b) If either of the two Council designated Elected Members are unable to attend, the Deputy Delegate to the Central Zone Committee of WALGA may attend. If the Deputy Delegate is unable to attend another Elected Member may substitute subject to a decision of the Council to appoint them as a voting delegate in lieu of one of the Central Zone Committee members.
 - (c) Other than required by 1.2 (b) above, no report to the Council is required to authorise the travel.
- 1.3 Professional development, such as courses and training aligned to their role as a member, conducted in the Perth metropolitan area, or within Western Australia when air travel is not required.
- 1.4 Interstate and overseas travel and expenses in accordance with Policy No: 10.3 "Elected Members – Interstate and Overseas Travel Expenses."
- 1.5 Child care costs incurred by the member because of the member's requirement to fulfil the duties of a Council Member, to a maximum of \$25 per hour.
- 1.6 Costs relating to City business incurred through the use of a City provided mobile telephone and facsimile machine.
- 1.7 Telephone and facsimile call costs relating to City business incurred by a member through the use of a personal telephone/facsimile machine
- 1.8 Social functions where the:-
 - (a) member is representing the Lord Mayor; or
 - (b) member is attending by resolution of the Council; or
 - (c) member is the Council's authorised representative on the board/committee/organisation hosting the function; or
 - (d) Council is a donor to the organisation; or
 - (e) organisation is a civic/cultural organisation; or
 - (f) function is an otherwise authorised activity.

- 1.9 Clothing, apparel, drycleaning, personal presentation to a maximum claimable amount of \$3,000 per annum, associated with a member's attendance at Council-related functions and activities.
 - 1.10 Protocol gifts as approved by the General Purposes Committee.
 - 1.11 Spectacles and other aids.
 - 1.12 Personal donations to charitable/non-profit organisations/activities, to a maximum of \$50.
 - 1.13 An electronic diary where it is to be used in the performance of Council duties.
2. Costs of activities in part 1.2 below \$250, may be paid from either the Lord Mayor's or Councillors' Office budget, as appropriate, rather than be claimed as a reimbursement of expenses.
 3. The costs in part 1 above be met by the Council up to a limit of \$13,360 in each financial year. When a member reaches this limit, all requests shall be referred to the Council for approval.

The entitlement is to be made available on a pro-rata basis in those years where an Elected Member is due for election or retires before the end of their term.
 4. All expenses must have been incurred and substantiated prior to reimbursement with the exception of part 5 below. All expenses are reimbursed on a monthly basis.
 5. The following expenses will be paid in advance:
 - 5.1 Air travel costs approved under Policy No: 10.3 may be paid on booking of the travel.
 - 5.2 An advance for incidental travel expenses may be made as specified in Policy No. 10.3. All advances must be acquitted with receipts within one week of the Elected Member's return to Perth. Amounts not acquitted shall be refunded to the City.
 6. A record of all Elected Member reimbursements is to be maintained.

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CP10.6 Elected Members - Reimbursement of Expenses

POLICY OBJECTIVE

To identify the nature, scope and extent of expenses that Elected Members are eligible to seek reimbursement in undertaking their role.

POLICY STATEMENT

The following expenses are reimbursable subject to application and submission of appropriate supporting documentation.

Information and Communications Technology

An annual allowance based upon the maximum determination of the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members, currently \$3,500 per annum, will be paid to Elected Members.

Child Care and Carer Expenses

\$25 per hour or the actual cost per hour whichever is the lesser in attending or performing an Authorised Function.

Travel and Parking Expenses

Travel expenses and parking expenses at cost in attending or performing an Authorised Function.

Administration

The Chief Executive Officer is to implement administrative procedures that will facilitate the timely and transparent reimbursement of expenses to Elected Members.

A record of all Elected Member reimbursements is to be maintained and published on the City of Perth website.

Definitions

Authorised Function

An Elected Member attending or performing a role in an official capacity in the following circumstances:

- Ordinary and special meetings of council;

- Annual and special meetings of electors;
- Advisory committee meetings;
- Agenda briefing sessions;
- Workshops and forums;
- External committees and regional council meetings as an authorised representative;
- Authorised training and development activities;
- Civic receptions and events conducted by the City;
- As an invited guest at a civic reception or event conducted by a Local Government.

Carer

Is a person required to provide personal care, support and assistance to another individual due to disability, medical condition, including terminal or chronic illness, mental illness or is frail and aged (Source: *Carer Recognition Act 2010*).

Carer/Child Care expenses

Costs incurred by an Elected Member's absence whilst performing an Authorised Function.

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CP10.3 Elected Members - Interstate and Overseas Travel and Expenses

POLICY OBJECTIVE

To determine the nature and extent of the Council's representation by Elected Members at international/interstate conferences, study tours, seminars or conventions and the travel and accommodation expenses payable.

POLICY STATEMENT

The following authority and guidelines are applicable in the determination of Elected Member attendance at conferences, study tours, seminars and conventions:-

1. The Council authorises the following travel entitlements for Elected Members:-

1.1 **Overseas Conferences and Study Tours** - Elected Members may use their individual reimbursement of expenses entitlement to attend overseas conferences, study tours, seminars or conventions.

Overseas study tours approved by the Council may be funded from the Elected Members Office account or the project budget to which the study tour relates.

1.2 **Interstate Conferences and Study Tours** - Elected Members may use their individual reimbursement of expenses entitlement to attend interstate conferences, study tours, seminars or conventions.

Interstate study tours approved by the Council may be funded from the Elected Members Office account or the project budget to which the study tour relates.

1.3 ALGA National Conference.

a) The two Elected Members appointed as the Council representatives to the Central Zone Committee of WALGA are to be funded to attend the annual ALGA National Conference subject to appropriate funds being allocated in the annual budget.

b) If either of the two Elected Members in 1.3 (a) above are unable to attend, the Deputy Delegate to the Central Zone Committee of WALGA may attend. If the Deputy Delegate is unable to attend another Elected Member may substitute

subject to a decision of the Council to appoint them as a voting delegate in lieu of one of the Central Zone Committee members.

- c) Other than required by 1.3 (b) above, no report to Council is required to authorise the travel.

2. The authority above is subject to:-

2.1 Appropriate provisions being made in the adopted budget for reimbursement of Elected Member expenses.

2.2 The attendance forming part of the training and development for Elected Members or associated with the core business of a Committee that the Elected Member is a member of.

3. The Chief Executive Officer is to authorise travel for Elected Members in advance of travel, in accordance with this policy. Any request for travel that is not in accordance with this policy or exceeds the budget allocation is to be referred to the Council by the Chief Executive Officer.

4. A list of all Elected Member interstate and overseas travel is to be maintained on the Council's records of Elected Members.

5. Travel and accommodation standards will apply as follows unless varied with the prior approval of the Council where circumstances necessitate:-

5.1 **Transport** - Business Class

5.2 **Accommodation**

The actual cost of reasonably and properly incurred travelling and accommodation expenses will be reimbursed. Receipts or vouchers must be provided in support of any claim for reimbursement of travelling and accommodation expenses.

6. An advance for food and drink and incidental expenses for interstate and international travel may be made as specified by the Australian Tax Office Taxation Determination (TD2010/19) or subsequent updated Determination. Figures should be taken from the top income bracket. It is not intended to be a maximum permissible allowance. Therefore, all reasonable incidental expenses incurred above the advance amount will be reimbursed.

7. All advances must be acquitted within one week of the Elected Member returning to Perth. Amounts not acquitted shall be refunded to the Council.

8. Documentary evidence in the form of receipts is required for the acquittal of all advances.
9. Travel associated with Sister City relationships, Council of Capital City Lord Mayors and World Energy Cities Partnership is addressed in other policies.

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CP10.3 Elected Members - Interstate and Overseas Travel and Expenses

POLICY OBJECTIVE

To determine the nature and extent of the Council's representation by Elected Members at international/interstate conferences, study tours, seminars or conventions and the travel and accommodation expenses payable.

POLICY STATEMENT

The following authority and guidelines are applicable in the determination of Elected Member attendance at conferences, study tours, seminars and conventions:-

1. Interstate and overseas travel may be undertaken with the authority of the Council.
2. All reimbursement of expenses must comply with the current determination of the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members.
3. A list of all Elected Member interstate and overseas travel (including class of travel) is to be maintained and published on the City of Perth website.
4. Travel and accommodation standards will apply as follows:

Transport

Up to business class for flights in excess of 3 hours travel time.

Accommodation

Where applicable, accommodation will be booked at or near the event venue.

Accommodation standards are to be consistent with the current relevant Salaries and Allowances Tribunal determination.

5. Travel associated with Sister City relationships, Council of Capital City Lord Mayors and World Energy Cities Partnership is addressed in other policies.

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#	Date	Comment
1	16 August 2018	<p>The proposed policy isn't about transparency - it is about limitation.</p> <p>To illustrate:</p> <p>Current City of Perth childcare cost policy states:</p> <p>1.5 Child care costs incurred by the member because of the member's requirement to fulfil the duties of a Council Member, to a maximum of \$25 per hour.</p> <p>Proposed City of Perth childcare policy states:</p> <p>\$25 per hour or the actual cost per hour whichever is the lesser in attending or performing an Authorised Function.</p> <p>Authorised Function</p> <p>An Elected Member attending or performing a role in an official capacity in the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinary and special meetings of council; • Annual and special meetings of electors; • Advisory committee meetings; • Agenda briefing sessions; • Workshops and forums; • External committees and regional council meetings as an authorised representative; • Authorised training and development activities; • Civic receptions and events conducted by the City; • As an invited guest at a civic reception or event conducted by a Local Government. <p>Section 2.7 (and 2.9) of the Local Government Act specify the Role of mayor (and deputy mayor):</p>
		<p>Amended Policy 10.6 fully complies with the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT) 2017 determination, the <i>Local Government Act 1995 (Act)</i> and the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 (Regulations)</i>.</p> <p>As described by the SAT Elected Members are paid meeting attendance fees for a number of reasons including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the time required to prepare adequately for the meetings including consideration of agenda papers, site visits related to agenda items and consultation with council staff and community members; and - the role of the council member, mayor or president including, but not limited to, representation, advocacy, and oversight and determination of policy and local legislation. <p>Amended Policy 10.6 provides for child care reimbursement options for Elected Members that exceed the threshold set under the Act and Regulations.</p> <p>The City does not see amended Policy 10.6 as discriminatory, but rather more inclusive than the existing policy as it now recognises the role of carers.</p>

**Elected Members Reimbursement of Expenses Consultation
(1 August to 17 August 2018)**

#	Date	Comment	City Response
		<p>(a) presides at meetings in accordance with this Act; and (b) provides leadership and guidance to the community in the district; and (c) carries out civic and ceremonial duties on behalf of the local government; and (d) speaks on behalf of the local government; and (e) performs such other functions as are given to the mayor or president by this Act or any other written law; and (f) liaises with the CEO on the local government's affairs and the performance of its functions.</p> <p>Section 2.10 specifies the Role of councillors as:</p> <p>(a) represents the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents of the district; and (b) provides leadership and guidance to the community in the district; and (c) facilitates communication between the community and the council; and (d) participates in the local government's decision-making processes at council and committee meetings; and (e) performs such other functions as are given to a councillor by this Act or any other written law.</p> <p>https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/legislation/prod/filestore.nsf/FileURL/mrdoc_37178.pdf/\$FILE/Local%20Government%20Act%201995%20-%20%5B07-k0-00%5D.pdf?OpenElement(External link)</p> <p>For Section 2.9 of the Act, the following parts of the role of a mayor or deputy would not be covered under the proposed changes to the childcare policy:</p> <p>(b) provides leadership and guidance to the community in the district; and (d) speaks on behalf of the local government; and (f) liaises with the CEO on the local government's affairs and the performance of its functions.</p>	

**Elected Members Reimbursement of Expenses Consultation
(1 August to 17 August 2018)**

#	Date	Comment	City Response
		<p>Further, even to fulfil the function 2.7(a), to preside over meetings, this requires significant preparation such as speaking with stakeholders, elected members and the Administration regarding matters to be put to Council, and reading the materials – all of which is not covered under the proposed change to the policy.</p> <p>For Section 2.10 the following parts of the role of councillor would not be covered under the proposed changes to the childcare policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) represents the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents of the district; and (b) provides leadership and guidance to the community in the district; and (c) facilitates communication between the community and the council. <p>Further, even to fulfil the function 2.10(d) that is to participate in council and committee meetings, this requires significant preparation such as speaking with stakeholders, elected members and the Administration regarding matters to be put to Council, and reading the materials – all of which is not covered under the proposed change to the expenses policy.</p> <p>Whilst the current policy covers all activities performed by elected members, the proposed changes cover only a fraction of them.</p> <p>The proposed policy effectively creates classes of activities that are considered more important than others – denying an elected member the ability to determine what is the priority based on merit.</p> <p>It also would result in elected members that require childcare not performing certain functions that they may otherwise and putting them at a disadvantage to those that do not require childcare.</p> <p>As an example, take the week 30th October 2017, I attended the following:</p>	

Elected Members Reimbursement of Expenses Consultation (1 August to 17 August 2018)		
#	Date	City Response
	<p>Run through of Courtesy Call</p> <p>Courtesy Call</p> <p>Meeting with the CEO</p> <p>Meeting with Director of Parking</p> <p>Meeting with the Property Council</p> <p>Business News Interview</p> <p>Meeting to receive information on Serious Business Move</p> <p>Courtesy Call</p> <p>Speech writing</p> <p>Time with Assistant to go through diary</p> <p>Phone calls and emails with elected members and ratepayers regarding matters coming before council in coming weeks.</p> <p>The Act (and I) consider the above essential to perform the role adequately. However, none of these activities would be covered by the proposed childcare policy. The proposed changes would be prejudicial towards women and also undermine good government as these functions may be less likely to be performed as they are not classified as 'Authorised Functions' under the policy. It may also result in women being less likely to run for office.</p> <p>The proposed policy also creates the skewed and incorrect impression that activities not listed are not as important, when in fact all are important to good government.</p> <p>Transparency can be achieved without being prejudicial to women. Simply keep the policy as is but require any claims to be acquitted against a log of activities.</p>	