

# Cultural Heart Library and Cultural Centre

## ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT



The 'Cultural Heart' project aims to bring a new Library and Cultural Centre (LCC) to life in the City of Melville, set to house a museum, gallery, and community spaces. It will be a place where learning, art, and cultural engagement can flourish; offering opportunities for creativity, meaningful experiences, and lifelong involvement.

We asked the community to tell us what they'd like to see included in the LCC, by sharing ideas on our online interactive idea board (on the City of Melville website) between **Monday, 16 December 2024 and Friday, 28 February 2025**.

### Key themes

Community sentiment was largely positive and forward-looking, reflecting enthusiasm for the creation of a vibrant and inclusive community hub. Some concerns related to environmental sustainability, cultural representation, and financial responsibility. The five key themes were:

#### Environmental sustainability

Residents strongly advocate for preserving trees, integrating green energy solutions like solar power, and ensuring sustainable, eco-friendly design in the new development.


*"Nature is calming, much like libraries. Bring them together."*


#### Multicultural representation

People want the space to celebrate and reflect the diversity of Melville, including First Nations history and contributions from various migrant communities, through cultural events, exhibitions, and learning opportunities.


*"We are a multi-cultural nation; all nationalities should be included."*


### Reach and participation

  
**1,868**  
website page  
views

  
**4,821**  
direct emails  
issued

  
**84**  
ideas shared

  
**51K**  
eNewsletter  
subscribers

  
**2,744**  
social media  
reach

  
**77%**  
local residents

### Flexible community spaces

Users are interested in multi-purpose areas that cater to diverse community needs, including study areas, event spaces, maker spaces, and social hubs for all ages.

### Cultural and historic education

Dedicated spaces for local history, truth-telling about First Nations experiences, and exhibitions celebrating cultural heritage and contributions of diverse communities.

*"A local history centre with photos showing the history of Melville"*

### Practical amenities and accessibility

Ensuring well-designed, accessible facilities is a priority, with calls for proper disabled access, comfortable seating, adequate parking, baby change facilities, and quiet study areas.

*"Reading nooks, comfortable chairs, cafe, outdoor shaded seating"*



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\*This snapshot serves as a summary only.  
For all ideas submitted, see [melvillecity.com.au/lcc](https://melvillecity.com.au/lcc).