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Subject: Master Plan Project for John Connell Reserve Set to Kick Off

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- The John Connell Reserve Master Plan project is set to commence soon with the City advertising for an experienced consultant team to develop the Master Plan.
- The project will see the development of a coordinated community informed future vision for the popular and widely used reserve in Leeming.
- We are calling the community to follow the project webpage and stay up to date.

The anticipated start of the John Connell Reserve Master Plan project is set to begin shortly and will see the development of a future vision for this regional reserve located in Leeming in the South east area of the City of Melville and which at 122 hectares in size makes it our largest public open space.

Extensive, diverse and ongoing engagement with key stakeholders and community will occur throughout the entire process from planning to delivery and will be a key input into helping the City find solutions to a myriad of challenges at the site while at the same time create exciting new and sustainable opportunities for future generations.

The Master plan aims to deliver an inclusive, versatile and valuable place for the local Leeming area and surrounds with positive and sustainable social and environmental outcomes.

A public tender process is underway to identify and appoint an experienced consultant team who will work with the City and community to identify the values and aspirations of the site, deliver the community engagement program, conduct extensive research and analysis and prepare the Master Plan for public comment.

One key objective of the implementation of the Master Plan will include remediating the contaminated site at the Reserve to increase the usable public open space and improve and increase the active sporting areas while also preserving natural spaces and places for everyone to enjoy.

Access to and through the site along with parking are other important considerations.

Protecting and enhancing the biodiversity on site as well as celebrating the Indigenous history and values will also be key objectives of the Master Plan.

The Master Plan will not under any circumstances consider residential development on the site or changes to the holes or course layout at the Melville Glades Golf Club.

While Leeming is split up between the Cities of Canning, Cockburn and Melville, the City will engage with residents across the suburb, no matter which local government area they live in.

For more information and to stay up to date with the engagement, visit <https://www.melvillecity.com.au/johnconnellreserve>

Comments attributed to City of Melville Mayor the Hon. George Gear JP:

"As the largest public open space in the City of Melville, the John Connell Reserve Master Plan is a great opportunity to deliver excellent outcomes in the space of leisure, sport and the environment," said Mayor Gear.

"Key stakeholders, every Leeming resident and the community will soon have opportunities to have their say and I encourage them to provide feedback and help shape the future vision of the site.

"I'm looking forward to the outcomes this Master Plan project can achieve in delivering a public open space that is inclusive, enjoyable and valuable place for the local Leeming community, the many community and sporting groups who use the site and visitors to the area.

"The City's Active Reserves Infrastructure Strategy (ARIS) previously identified the need for a Master Plan for John Connell Reserve as an important project for the site.

"We recognise how important public open spaces, and our parks and reserves are for the community and we will ensure we enhance, protect and preserve these spaces now and into the future."

Image: John Connell Reserve in Leeming.

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