

Attachment 20: Commentary of the City of Melville Manager of Neighbourhood Development, Leanne Hartill on Proposed Community Benefits

The City of Melville Community Development team works in close collaboration with the community to enhance community hubs utilising an asset based community development approach that is focused at the local neighbourhood level. In this way we build community intelligence to inform place making activities in spaces and places throughout the neighbourhoods within the City. A community hub and asset based community development approach are defined as follows:

- *Community Hub*: A conveniently located public space that is recognised and valued in the local community as a gathering place for people and an access point for a range of community activities, programs, services and events; and
- *Asset Based Community Development*: Focuses on the resources, capacities and aspirations of a community and its residents, instead of dwelling on their needs, problems and deficiencies believing that meaningful and lasting community change originates from within, and local residents in that community are best experts on how to activate that change.

Ongoing engagement and building relationships with our community and other stakeholders is crucial to maintaining knowledge about what is important to the community. The *Strategic Community Plan for the City of Melville: People Places Participation 2016-2026* (Attachment 18) outlines the aspirations and priorities identified by Melville residents which informs the City's contribution to six clear aspirations for the community's future which are: clean and green, a sense of community, sustainable and connected transport, growth and prosperity healthy lifestyles, and safe and secure. Extensive engagement with the community and other stakeholders is undertaken to develop the Strategic Community Plan.

For community benefits in the CBACP area, further consideration has been given to:

- Places and spaces that will provide activity and engagement for people of different age ranges. There is very little in the way of facilities for young people in this area. These elements would provide passive engagement and create spaces that are welcoming for a wider demographic;
- Places and spaces that will provide community gathering places. These are important for people to be able to bump into one another, and as social isolation increases as an issue in our community, this becomes more and more essential. Some good examples include Northbridge Piazza, providing a green refuge in this built up area and space for film nights and events; water play at Forrest Chase, Elizabeth Quay;
- Places and spaces that will enhance connectivity and encouraging people to travel smart, being a key theme of the Canning Bridge Structure plan;
- Items that will have broad benefit for the precinct in terms of community and precinct identity, as well as branding; and
- Future needs.
