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Talk of the Town

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Oval Precinct Redevelopment Actively Engages Community on All Sides

From Oval Precinct Redevelopment HQ, we are pleased to bring you this Special Edition Talk of the Town!

With the community at the forefront, this new building has been designed and shaped by the activity around it with activated edges for the community to enjoy on all sides.

Appreciating an image speaks 1,000 words, in this special edition we have included a series of concept imagery, spanning the width of the publication, to show you some of the community facilities. Each image includes a description.



Concept Imagery – Precinct Heart – showing part of the all-abilities playground on the left, the café in the middle and the underpass walk through to the oval and access to the grandstand

The Facilities

With construction steaming ahead and the community eagerly anticipating the completion of our redevelopment, the Town would like to update the community on the many benefits and facilities our oval precinct will deliver:

- first class sporting facilities for lawn bowls, croquet and football
- a skate zone
- a focus on sustainability
- a café for the community to enjoy
- an outdoor basketball ½ court
- upgraded playgroup facilities at Sumpton Green, and
- a landscaped recreational area that promotes passive recreational activities
- new and improved community facilities including a function centre and meeting rooms.
- a large, enclosed off-lead dog exercise area
- an all-abilities outdoor playground
- a health club





Concept Imagery – Precinct Heart – view from the stair access to the grandstand across to the café and all-abilities playground

Cost escalations are real in this high inflationary environment, however Council is committed to providing a community precinct and will ensure that whilst the scope has been altered, the project will be delivered on budget and on time.

Construction works* in the precinct continue at pace. The slab for the first floor has been poured and the roof and grandstand have been installed. Externally, the southern bank is being excavated for the skate zone

and basketball half court and the oval playing surface will be planted in September. The precinct is on schedule for a planned finish in March 2024 and an anticipated opening in May 2024.

*Works completed as at the time of printing.



Concept Imagery – Southern Arrival – showing open community space, the coaches' box and the grandstand

The Facility Operator Business Plan

The Facility Operator Business Plan, which has been prepared to satisfy the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995, was advertised for a period of six (6) weeks and Council will consider any submissions made. The Business Plan outlines:

- proposed services and future management arrangements for the precinct
- financial details of the payments being made by the Town to the Operator under the Operator Agreement and Lease (including funding any operating deficits)
- adherence to the Town's Community Plan, and
- information on the Town's ability to manage the project.

Belgravia Leisure

Belgravia Leisure has been selected to operate the facility on the Town's behalf. Belgravia Leisure is an Australian owned and managed leisure management provider partnering with over 70 Local Government and State Government authorities, managing over 230 sport, fitness, aquatic, holiday parks and health and leisure facilities across Australia and New Zealand. As Australia's largest commercial leisure management provider, Belgravia Leisure employs over 4,000 people (nationally) that bring leisure to life throughout Australia from marquee city venues to small regional towns. In Western Australia, Belgravia Leisure currently employs 200 staff throughout a diversified range of Local Governments and venues around the state including,

- York Recreation and Convention Centre (Shire of York)
- Loftus Recreation Centre (City of Vincent)
- Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre (Shire of Merredin)
- Point Walter Golf Course (City of Melville)
- Wiluna Public Swimming Pool (Shire of Wiluna)
- Kalamunda Water Park (City of Kalamunda)
- Carramar and Marangaroo Golf Courses (City of Wanneroo), and
- Crestwood Swimming Pool (Crestwood Homeowners Association).



Concept Imagery – Bowls Edge – looking across the bowling green to the function room (ground floor) and the community health club (first floor)

Thank you

The Town would like to acknowledge the State Government (\$25 million) and Lotterywest (\$1.3 million) for their generous funding of this project, without which, this community redevelopment would not be possible.

We would also like to thank our local community groups, highlighting the East Fremantle Bowls Club, East Fremantle Croquet Club, East Fremantle Football Club and East Freo Playgroup for their unwavering support of our redevelopment.

“Once complete this will be a space for members of the community to gather, connect, recreate, and participate.” MAYOR O'NEILL



The Hon. Minister Templeman MLA and Lisa O'Malley MLA at the announcement of the additional \$5million of project funding in April 2022.



Concept Imagery – Northern Arrival – showing the walkway leading past the bicycle stands and outdoor seating, then the community café on the left and part of the all-abilities playground on the right.



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