



General Information

Claisebrook Cove is undergoing a much-needed revitalisation to deliver a more modern, accessible, and enjoyable experience for residents, businesses, and visitors. Originally developed in the early 1990s, the Cove's public realm infrastructure is now over 30 years old and showing signs of significant wear. Issues such as biological growth within the lake, deteriorating retaining walls, and outdated public amenities have prompted the City of Perth to initiate the Claisebrook Cove Public Realm Rectification Plan. This plan aims to improve site function, amenity, and access while retaining and enhancing the Cove's unique character, rather than pursuing a full-scale redevelopment which would be costly and disruptive.

The Claisebrook area has a rich history, once serving as the site of the East Perth Gasworks before its closure in 1971. The transformation of the area began in 1991 with a \$32 million grant from the Federal Government's Building Better Cities program, alongside State Government investment. This led to extensive environmental remediation and the creation of Claisebrook Village—a vibrant urban community featuring man-made lakes, landscaped parklands, public art, and promenades. While the original design has served the community well, ageing infrastructure is now impacting the quality and safety of the public realm, generating frequent feedback from locals. The current revitalisation effort addresses critical infrastructure, access, and amenity issues to ensure Claisebrook Cove continues to thrive as a valued public space.

Purpose of the Project

The Stage 1 upgrade of Claisebrook Cove is designed to breathe new life into the area by creating a more contemporary, inclusive, and welcoming environment for residents, local businesses, and visitors. With much of the infrastructure dating back to the early 1990s, the precinct is now facing challenges associated with ageing assets and declining amenity. The revitalisation will focus on improving the public spaces around Claisebrook Lake, addressing issues such as persistent biological growth and outdated facilities, while enhancing the overall waterside experience. The project seeks to meet today's expectations for accessibility, sustainability, and community use.

Key objectives include:

- Upgrading Claisebrook Lake and surrounding parklands
- Improving infrastructure, lighting, and pathways
- Enhancing environmental sustainability and water quality
- Increasing community activation and use of public spaces

Benefits of the Upgrade

The Stage 1 works propose a range of improvements:

- **Improved Lighting:** Feature lighting around the lake to enhance nighttime amenity.
- **Better Water Quality:** Upgraded treatment systems to reduce biological growth, odour, and maintenance costs.
- **Accessibility:** Upgraded pedestrian and cycle paths to meet current standards and reduce user conflict.
- **Community Use:** New play elements and improved landscaping to attract diverse users.
- **Sustainability:** Enhanced stormwater harvesting and irrigation capacity.
- **Environmental Care:** Upgrades to the greenway stream with biofilters and reintegration of the existing public art turtles.

Community Engagement Process

A robust engagement process has been undertaken to ensure community input informs the design and delivery of the project.

Engagement Timeline

Previous Engagement

- Jetty Structures Engagement (Feb–Mar 2023): Explored community aspirations for jetty use and infrastructure.
- Ideas Plan Engagement (Apr–May 2023): Gathered feedback on priority improvements and greenway stream proposals.
- Concept Plan Engagement (Aug–Sep 2024): Sought input on the draft concept plan.

Current Engagement

- A Community Open Day will be held (November 2025) and a Community Reference Group will be formed (November 2025 to June 2026), consisting of local residents,

business owners, parents, students, and other stakeholders -to inform the detailed design phase.

Future Engagement

- Engagement to be held with local residents and stakeholders during the Construction Phase to manage and monitor impacts. (October 2026 to June 2028)

Key Engagement Findings

Community feedback has shaped the project priorities and design direction. Key findings include:

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- Strong overall support for revitalisation
- Mixed views on jetty upgrades and play areas

Access & Safety

- Access improvements ranked as the top priority
- Concerns about lighting, pathway safety, and pedestrian/cyclist conflicts

Environment & Amenity

- Claisebrook Lake identified as needing urgent attention
- Desire to protect wildlife and enhance native vegetation
- Support for feature lighting with minimal residential impact

Public Art & Character

- Strong desire to retain existing public art and preserve local charm

Local Business & Activation

- Support for integrating local businesses
- Concerns about disruption during construction
- Mixed views on increasing activation vs preserving tranquillity

Next Steps

- Finalise detailed design - November 2025 to June 2026
- Construction to commence - Late 2026
- Project completion - Late 2028
- Ongoing communication and engagement to continue throughout