

DECEMBER 2025 | **PROJECT UPDATE**

Newsletter



Improving Claisebrook Cove

The Claisebrook Cove Revitalisation (Stage One) is the result of a comprehensive and community-driven planning process initiated by the City of Perth, responding to the ageing infrastructure and declining amenity of the Claisebrook Cove precinct.

Claisebrook was originally developed in the early 1990s as part of the Building Better Cities program and the area has been a vibrant urban community for over three decades. However,

issues such as algae growth, deteriorating retaining walls, and outdated public amenities have prompted the need for revitalisation.

This first stage of revitalisation will focus on improving the public spaces around Claisebrook Lake, addressing issues such as persistent algae growth and outdated facilities, whilst enhancing the overall waterside experience. The project will meet today's expectations for accessibility, sustainability, and community use.



Pop Up session photos

Pop up engagement sessions – what we’ve heard

Community engagement undertaken throughout 2023 and 2024 has helped shape the concept plans for the Claisebrook Cove Revitalisation.

On Saturday 4 October and Sunday 5 October 2024, the City of Perth held two drop-in sessions at Claisebrook Cove. The sessions showcased the concept plans, gathered feedback from the broader community, and promoted nominations for the Community Reference Group.

Key feedback included:

Strong desire to preserve ‘local character’ and ‘identity’

- Many participants expressed deep appreciation for the existing charm of Claisebrook Cove.

Broad support for the Redevelopment Plan

- Widespread support for the proposed upgrades.

Environmental and wildlife protection as a priority

- Many attendees identified managing impacts on birdlife and nesting habitats as a key priority.
- Community members emphasised the importance of preserving – and even enhancing – local biodiversity.

Safety and separation of cyclists and pedestrians

- Safety concerns were raised, particularly regarding fast-moving cyclists on shared paths.
- Strong support for separating pedestrian and cycling routes, especially around high-traffic areas like cafés and the lakefront.

Infrastructure and amenity upgrades welcomed, but need refinement

- Upgrades to paving, lighting, and lake features were welcomed
- Attendees flagged issues with maintenance (e.g. timber boardwalks, tree roots, lighting) and provided additional amenity suggestions like shade, picnic areas, and exercise equipment.

Concerns about construction impacts and business viability

- Some attendees raised questions about how construction during the redevelopment might affect local businesses and the area’s tranquillity.
- There were calls for clear communication and careful staging of works to minimise disruption.



Concept Plan

Key elements of the revitalisation (Stage One)

Stage One of the Claisebrook Cove Revitalisation will rejuvenate Claisebrook Lake and its surrounding amenities, address critical infrastructure and environmental needs, and enhance public amenity and accessibility.

Key proposed improvements include:

Lake upgrades

- Deepen and reshape the lake to increase stormwater harvesting, improve water quality and reduce algae growth.
- Install a new lake liner.
- Add biofiltration and bioswales for stormwater treatment.
- Introduce a closed loop system at the base of the cascading water feature.

Greenway stream enhancements

- Creation of a softer, meandering stream with bioswale planting.
- Increase wildlife habitat.
- Repurpose and reintegrate the much loved public art turtles within the stream.

Public realm upgrades

- Better lighting for safety and evening use.
- Upgrade pedestrian and cycle paths to meet modern accessibility standards.
- Introduce interpretive play elements and new soft landscaping.
- Replace ageing irrigation network with a new water efficient system.

Environmental and community benefits

- Introduce more native planting and protect existing trees.
- Preserve the Cove's character and support local businesses during works.

To see the concept plans for the Claisebrook Cove Revitalisation (Stage One), visit [Engage Perth](#).



Claisebrook Cove Community Reference Group - up and running

The Claisebrook Cove Community Reference Group (CCCRG) was recently established to provide local knowledge and insight to help inform the detailed planning for Stage One of the Claisebrook Cove redevelopment. Nominations were invited from local residents, businesses, parents with children, students, and others with an interest in the precinct.

There was strong interest, with 39 nominations received for 14 positions. For stakeholder categories that were oversubscribed, members were selected by ballot. We thank everyone who put forward a nomination to be part of the CCCRG.

The group held its first meeting on Tuesday 18 November from 5pm – 7:30pm at the Royal on the Waterfront.

The group were taken on a walking tour to note and discuss the proposed improvements to the precinct. Attendees then provided a range of insightful feedback on various elements of the concepts designs with particular focus on:

- Pedestrian and Cycling Access and Management
- Lighting
- Playground Design

Members of the group are:

- Peter Hayward
- Ross Fitzgerald
- Helen Kinsella
- Bob Kucera
- Robert Marshall
- Beth McDonald
- John Syme
- Linley Brown
- Paul Reid
- Christopher (Nobu) Jee Tze Hong
- Ravi Mahato
- Kara McPheat
- Tara Monaghan
- Keyon Yang

To see the minutes of the meeting, visit engage.perth.wa.gov.au/claisebrook-cove-revitalisation

The group will meet again on Tuesday 20 January 2026.

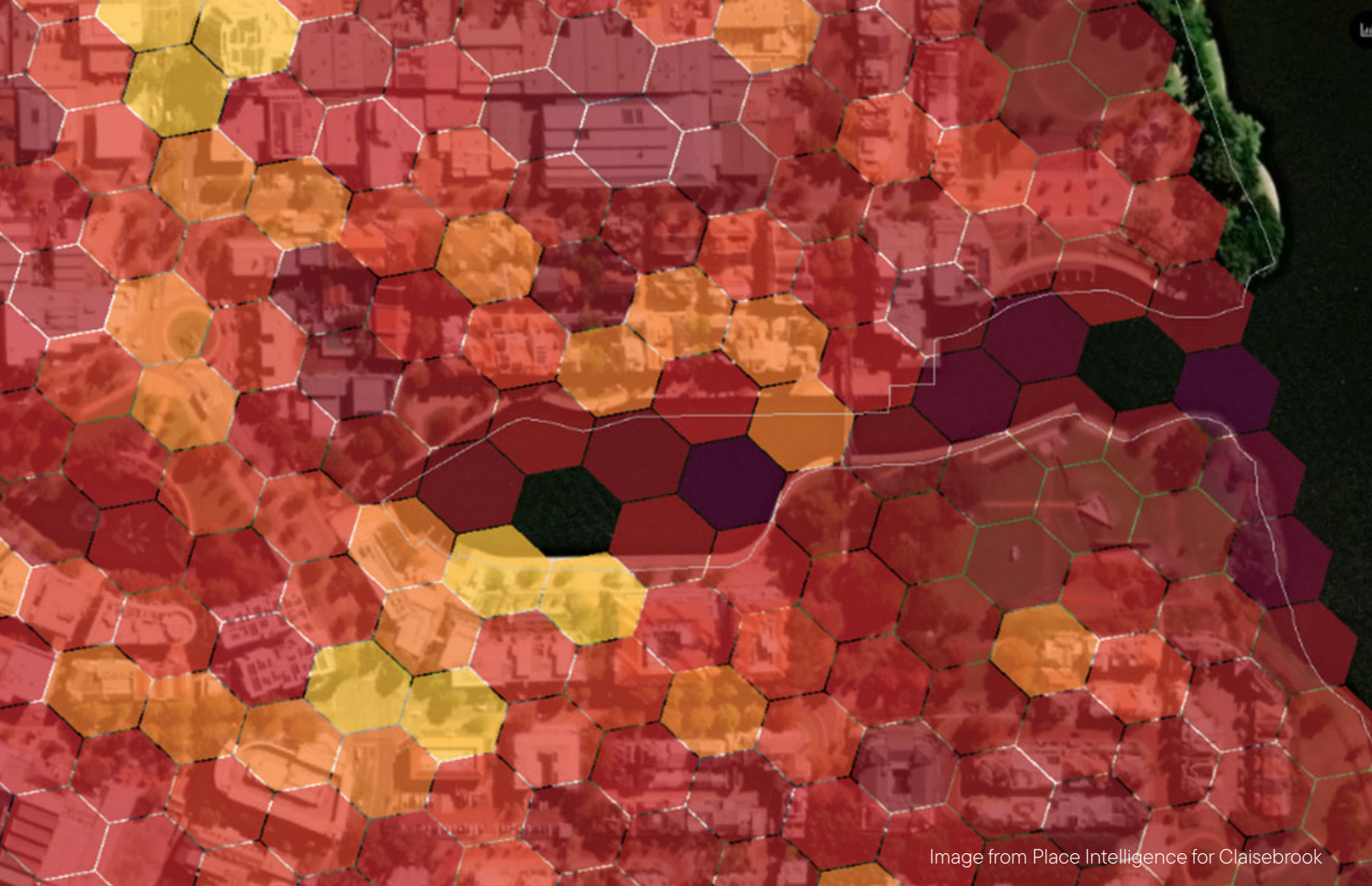


Image from Place Intelligence for Claisebrook

Access and inclusion insights to shape Claisebrook Cove planning

The City of Perth recently hosted a session with its Access and Inclusion Advisory Group to help inform the detailed planning for Stage One of the Claisebrook Cove Revitalisation.

Committee members provided valuable advice on key design elements, including:

- Public amenities for improved accessibility
- Lighting for safety and inclusivity
- Play elements and other features to ensure the space is welcoming for all

These insights will play a critical role in shaping the next stage of detailed designs, ensuring Claisebrook Cove is a vibrant and inclusive destination for everyone.

For a full summary of the session's findings, visit engage.perth.wa.gov.au/claisebrook-cove-revitalisation

Monitoring changes at the Cove

Claisebrook Cove Revitalisation (Stage One) involves significant works. The City of Perth will engage with local businesses and community members during the planning and construction process.

While the precinct upgrades will deliver significant long-term benefits, there will inevitably be some disruption to the community and local businesses during construction.

The City of Perth will endeavour to minimise impacts during construction through staging of works and will monitor activity in the area, before, during and after the redevelopment is complete.

The City of Perth will use available digital data to show mobility patterns (foot traffic, journeys, dwell times) including the number of people in the area, activity, dwell times and trip origin. The City of Perth will also use digital monitoring tool that tracks consumer spending patterns and provides economic insights for various precincts.