Ellenbrook Local Area Plan

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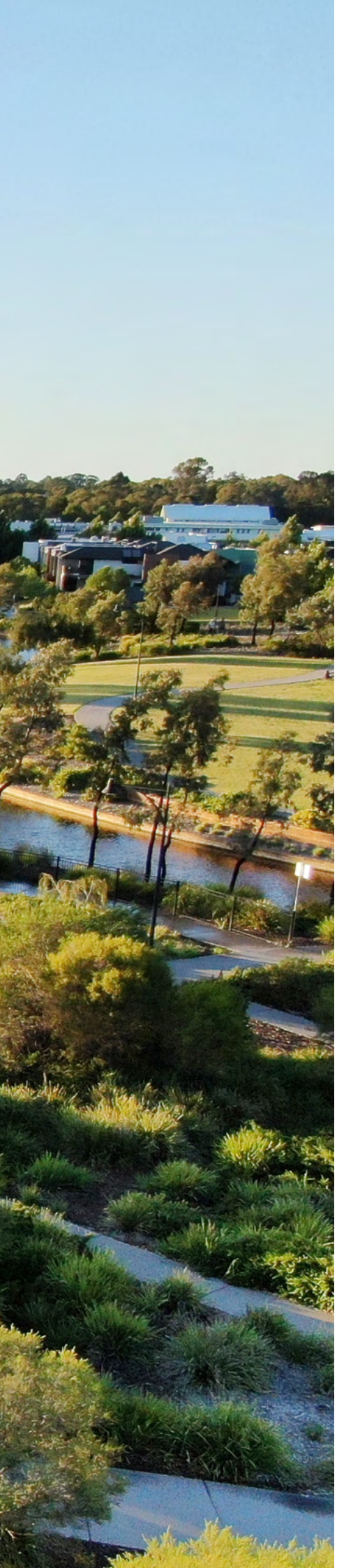
The City of Swan acknowledges the traditional custodians of this region, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and their descendants.



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A message from the Mayor

The City of Swan comprises a large land area with diverse communities. Planning for such a diverse area requires creative solutions.

Local Area Plans provide the opportunity to recognise the unique character and needs of these diverse communities.

Local Area Planning involves local community members working together with the City to identify the specific issues affecting their community, and to produce a plan that provides solutions to meet the priorities of their local area in support of its unique character. The Local Area Plan is therefore an important document for the City to plan for infrastructure and services and manage change at a local level.

The City appreciates the tremendous support and contribution made by community members and other stakeholders in developing the Ellenbrook Local Area Plan.

Cr David Lucas
Mayor, City of Swan

Introduction

What is Local Area Planning?

Local Area Planning involves the local community working with the City to identify specific issues affecting community and to produce a plan that establishes the key priorities of each local area and what's being done in this space to address these.

Local Area Plans (LAPs) provide the opportunity to recognise the unique character and needs of our diverse communities. They focus on planning for the management of future growth as well as providing community services.

Local area planning integrates with the Strategic Community Plan (SCP) and the Local Planning Strategy (LPS) in order to inform corporate business planning to achieve local based planning and service delivery.

The priorities are established through the community engagement conducted with the local community. Outcomes of the LAPs, importantly, also provide feedback to the Local Planning Strategy and the Strategic Community Plan.

The Local Area Plan's comprise of a Community Engagement Background Report, the Community Engagement feedback and the Local Area Plan that identifies the community's top priorities.

Background Report

A thorough review of the current practices in Ellenbrook and discussion of the known issues in the community

OUTPUT
BACKGROUND REPORT

Community Engagement

Community engagement is conducted to help confirm the known issues in the local area and to understand how the community wants their local area to develop over the next 5 years

OUTPUT
HAVE YOUR SAY SURVEY

Ellenbrook Local Area Plan

The collected information is collated and discussed with the internal and external stakeholders. Responses are formulated to address communities' concerns and create a vision for the local area

OUTPUT
LAP DOCUMENT

Annual Review

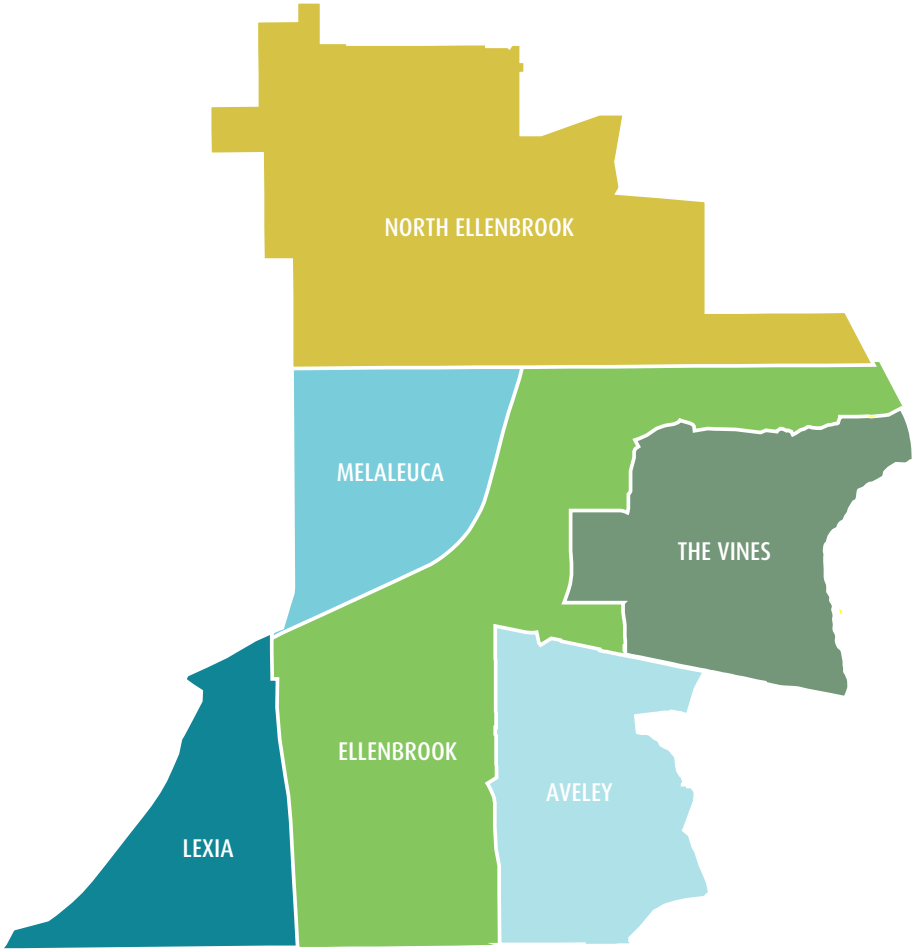
The City will review the Ellenbrook LAP annually and what progress or projects have developed in the area. The updates are published on the City's website

OUTPUT
WEBSITE LAP UPDATES

Ellenbrook Context

Located in the western portion of the City of Swan, the Ellenbrook local area includes the suburbs of Ellenbrook, The Vines, and Aveley.

Development of Ellenbrook commenced in 1992 and since then has been one of the fastest-growing residential development areas in Western Australia. In 2018/19, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) named the Ellenbrook statistical area as having the largest population growth in Western Australia. In 2021, the Ellenbrook local area's usual resident population was 44,579 people, and is expected to grow to more than 70,000 by 2036.



Map 1. Ellenbrook Local Area suburb breakdown

Ellenbrook Local Area Assets

Our assets

Ellenbrook Library

Woodlake Community Centre

Charlotte's Vineyard Pavilion

Coolamon Pavilion and the Cool Room

Ellenbrook District Open Space

Aveley Community Centre

Our active parks

Woodlake Oval x3

Charlottes Vineyard Oval

Coolamon Oval

Aveley Oval

Our proposed assets

Ellenbrook Youth Centre

Ellenbrook Swan Active (Aquatic & Recreation Leisure Centre)

The Broadway Road duplication

Gnangara Road duplication

Community statistics

44,579

2021 resident population

21,510

Expected increase in resident population 2020-2036

2.5%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander population

42%
Couples with children

34%
Residents born overseas

31 yrs
Median age of residents

Community Engagement

289 community members commented on what their number one priority is for the Ellenbrook local area through the City's "Have Your Say" survey.

How did the City engage the Ellenbrook Community?

The survey was open for six weeks from 21 March to 2 May 2022. The community was invited to participate in the online consultation via social media, emails, poster advertisements and at in person events where possible. These events included handing out hard copy surveys to the Seniors Social Space at Woodlake Community Centre, a School Holiday program at Ellenbrook Sports Hub and to attendees of the the multicultural Peace & Harmony Walk at Ellen Stirling Park in Ellenbrook.

The City aimed to reach as many people in the community, however, due to the COVID restrictions at the time, the opportunities to organise in-person drop-in sessions were limited.

592
total visits

17,662
people reached

289
comments

Who provided their feedback?

270
Residents

7
Local employees

10
Belong to a community group

2
Local business owners

Summary of Responses

The following diagram provides a summary of the "Have your Say" responses and their relationship to the Ellenbrook LAP priorities.

PRIORITY 1

Provide more support and social activities for young people

28%

of responses were concerned with the lack of support and social activities for young people

Key themes

- The need for a pool/recreation centre in the area
- The need for more employment opportunities for young people

16%

of the responses were concerned with trees and the natural environment

PRIORITY 2

Protect and retain trees and the natural environment

Key themes

- Planting more trees
- Providing more areas for shade at parks and streetscapes

15%

of the responses were related to safety and crime

Key themes

- Comments on CCTV provision in the area
- Bringing back security patrols

Increase visibility of safety and crime prevention initiatives

PRIORITY 3

14%

of the responses were about business and service attraction

Key themes

- Increasing business promotion
- Providing more local entertainment venues

Promote Ellenbrook to increase business and service attraction

PRIORITY 4

9%

of the responses were about the lack of local support services

Key themes

- Financial assistance
- Mental health
- Wellbeing services

Attract local support services to Ellenbrook

PRIORITY 5

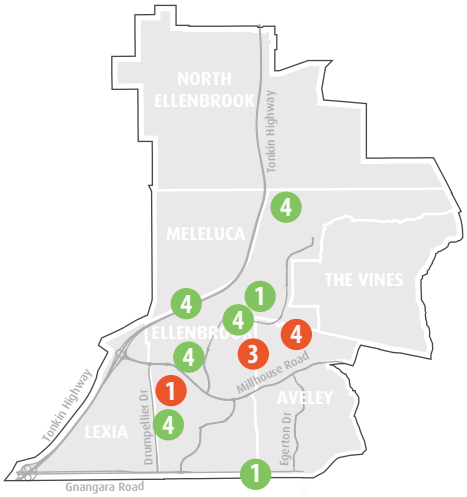
Note: The diagram above depicts the key emerging themes the community has raised. The remaining 18% of responses varied, with some relating to improved mobility, promotion of multicultural communities and better access to community facilities.

Ellenbrook Local Area Priorities 2022-27

The following priorities outline the community's priorities, determined by the feedback received throughout the engagement period, which shows what is most important to the community.

The following maps indicate what is being done in the area in support of these priorities.

The City is listening to the community and providing services in line with these priorities. The City will provide an annual update on these priorities which will be available on the City's website.



Priority 1

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1 **The City's new youth centre in Ellenbrook is expected to be completed in late 2023.**

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The centre will be a modern and multi-functional space where young people can access a range of activities, services and supports, including counselling, financial advice, employment and training.

2 **Ellenbrook has a Youth Leadership Committee supported by the City.**

The group have created a strong presence in the community and are involved in planning for community events and initiatives. They hold regular meetings on Thursday at the Community Library and have become a key highlight for the community.

3 Ellenbrook has **The Cool Room** which operates weekly Monday and Friday nights and holds activities and programs during school holidays, aims to provide a safe space for young people and provide opportunities to learn and grow.

4 **Ellenbrook Swan Active Recreation and Aquatic Centre** has been planned for, however construction has been delayed due to supply chain shortages brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The City fully appreciates how important this project is to the Ellenbrook community and will ensure an update is provided once additional information becomes available.

Priority 2

Protect and retain trees and the natural environment

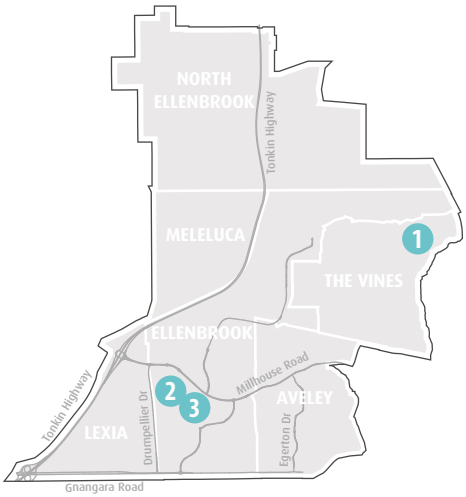
1 **Street trees are being planted where operational opportunities present.**

For example, **more than 50 street trees have been planted** as part of the Broadway Duplication in Ellenbrook (Elmridge to Bordeaux) and the Gnangara Road widening project in Aveley (Henley Brook Rd to Egerton Dr).

3 The City supports and partners with the **Ellen Brockman Integrated Catchment Group** (EBICG) conducting large scale revegetation in the Ellen Brook and Brockman River catchment. The City has provided over 10,000 seedlings planted in 2021/22.

4 These are the 5 Friend of Groups in the Ellenbrook local area that have been provided with over than **3,000 seedlings** by the City in 2021/22:

- Ellenbrook College River Rangers (Ellenbrook Christian College)
- Halpin Park
- Friend of Moulton wetlands (Moulton Wetland Park)
- Friends of Ardmore Park
- Grassdale Wetlands
- Friends of Roxburghe Foreshore



Priority 3

Increase visibility of safety and crime prevention initiatives

1 **Following an extensive community consultation in October 2021, Council resolved to continue the patrol service in The Vines for three years at the December 2021 Council Meeting.**

The City of Swan undertook a competitive tender process for a 24 hours a day, seven days a week, service from July 1, 2022. Property owners in The Vines will be asked to provide feedback again at the two-year mark and prior to the service continuing beyond its contract.

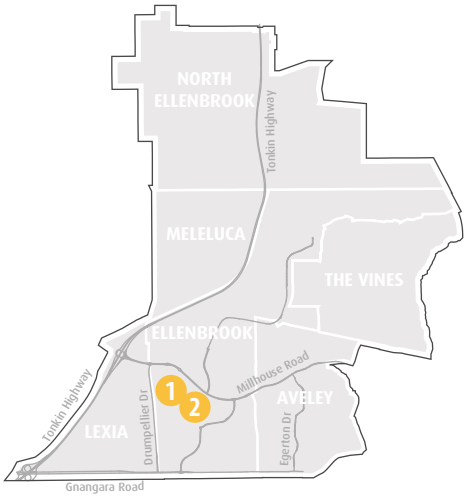
2 The City received a $187,610 grant in November 2021 from the Australian Government's Community Development Grants Programme that funded overt **mobile tower CCTV units** around the City, including in Ellenbrook.

3 The City's Community Safety Officers **meet regularly with Ellenbrook Police Officer in Charge** and other key senior officers to identify and work through relevant community safety issues.

4 The City is working closely with METRONET to ensure appropriate **CCTV provision** and safety measures are considered in and around the train station.

5 The City has a partnership with Constable Care to facilitate **safety workshops** and messaging to local primary and secondary schools.

Proposed Ellenbrook Youth Centre



Priority 4

Promote Ellenbrook to increase business and service attraction

1. **In partnership with Business Station, the City delivered a program to develop or grow a fledgling business or idea to a group of Ellenbrook based business women.**

   The workshop series delivered the following outcomes: clarifying their business/idea, adopting a business mindset, improvement in business skills, inspiring personal growth and networking with other like-minded business women to support each other. The five workshops received a 90% satisfaction rating.

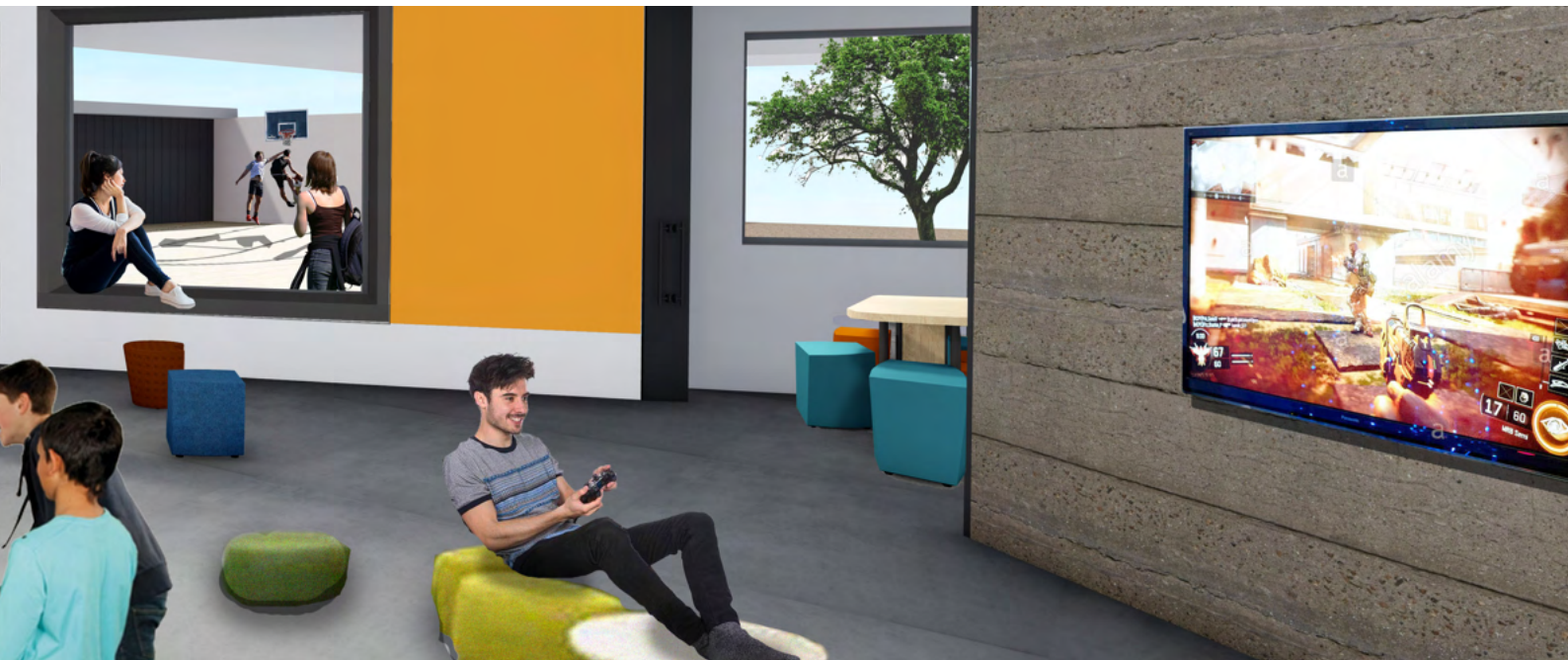
2. The City supports business and investment interests by providing information and advice through information sharing e.g. the **Swan Investment Guide** and promoting Ellenbrook as a key commercial centre for the City.

Priority 5

Attract local support services to Ellenbrook

1. The design of the Ellenbrook Youth Centre will allow the City to hire or lease areas of the facility for supplementary services. The co-location of services including **counselling, financial and employment training** within the Youth Centre will provide essential support services to young people's health, wellbeing and development.

2. Several **support services** have established a base in the Ellenbrook Library to service the Ellenbrook local area including Swan Alliance providing support to families, and Mission Australia providing community support and help with NDIS every Friday at the library.



Ellenbrook Local Area Then and now 2017-2022

In 2017, we held workshops with the Ellenbrook Local Area community to hear what you liked, what your concerns were and what you'd like to see improve in the local area.

The result of the workshops were collated and relevant actions were developed in response to the communities needs, and also informed the key priorities for the area.

These actions included projects and services that were reported on annually and with updates given accross the City's business units. Moving forward, the City will share these actions and outcomes on our website, e-newsletter and social media channels.

What's changed in Ellenbrook since the last LAP?

State Government's METRONET Ellenbrook station will be located in the town centre and connect the local area to Perth CBD in a 30 minute journey. This is scheduled to be constructed and fully operational by 2023.

The City will deliver a new youth centre in Ellenbrook, opening in early 2023. Located on Plaza Turn, the Ellenbrook Youth Centre will provide our young residents between the ages of 12 and 25 with a safe place to socialise, connect, engage and participate in a meaningful manner.

Ellenbrook Central centre completed a $63 million expansion in 2020. The shopping centre expansion is important to our community and local economy as it services a wide and fast-growing catchment of the north-east corridor. The expansion also created 120 jobs during construction and a further 380 retail jobs.

The City's multimillion-dollar Ellenbrook Recreation and Aquatic Centre project is planned to integrate aquatic, sport, health and wellbeing and community elements within one facility. As has been reported in the media, the building industry has been under considerable strain, and as such the City envisages some short-term delays. The City has entered into discussions with key stakeholders, and will present options to Council on the next steps forward. The City fully appreciates how important this project is to the Ellenbrook community and will ensure regular updates are provided as soon as additional information becomes available.

The State Government Northlink/Tonkin Highway extension project is now complete and provides a vital link between Morley and Muchea as part of the Perth-Darwin National Highway. The free-flowing link encourages greater economic activity and ease of travel for those working in and around the Ellenbrook local area.

The City is funding a number of traffic congestion and road safety initiatives including the proposed road duplications of Gnangara Road from Deloraine Way to Egerton Avenue, and The Broadway, in Ellenbrook between The Promenade and Bordeaux Lane.

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage have submitted proposed North Ellenbrook District Structure Plans (East and West). The plans include urban expansion to accommodate up to 30,000 new residents, as well as schools, public open space and commercial centres.

What key concerns have we heard since 2017?

The City needs to provide more services and facilities that cater for Ellenbrook's growing population.

Ellenbrook needs more government and non-government support services organisations, particularly in the field of mental health, financial assitance and wellbeing services.

The young and culturally diverse demographic need greater social opportunities and connections amongst the community.

There is a shortage of local employment opportunities for young people.

How has the City improved the engagement process

The engagement process has been refined to focus on understanding what the priorities for each local area are and how the community wants the City to address those priorities. This means we'll know exactly what areas the Ellenbrook community want the City to focus on for the next five years.

Engagement will be done through an online platform that you can access from your own home on your own device. This means you won't miss out on having your say on the future of your community. Access the engagement platform at your own time and pace. Instructions are provided, but if you need assistance, City staff will be scheduling public drop-in sessions at local facilities to assist.

The City will also provide annual updates on what is being done in Ellenbrook to address the community's priorities and let you know once the updates are live on the City's website.

Social Environment

Population

The social environment for any local area reflects the identity of the community through the analysis of the population and the factors that influence this. By recognising these factors, the City is able to identify and plan for the people who live in each area and for better informed planning that reflects the needs of the community. The ABS estimates Ellenbrook's local area had a population of 46,310 people in 2020 and is forcast to reach over 70,000 by 2036.

Age structure

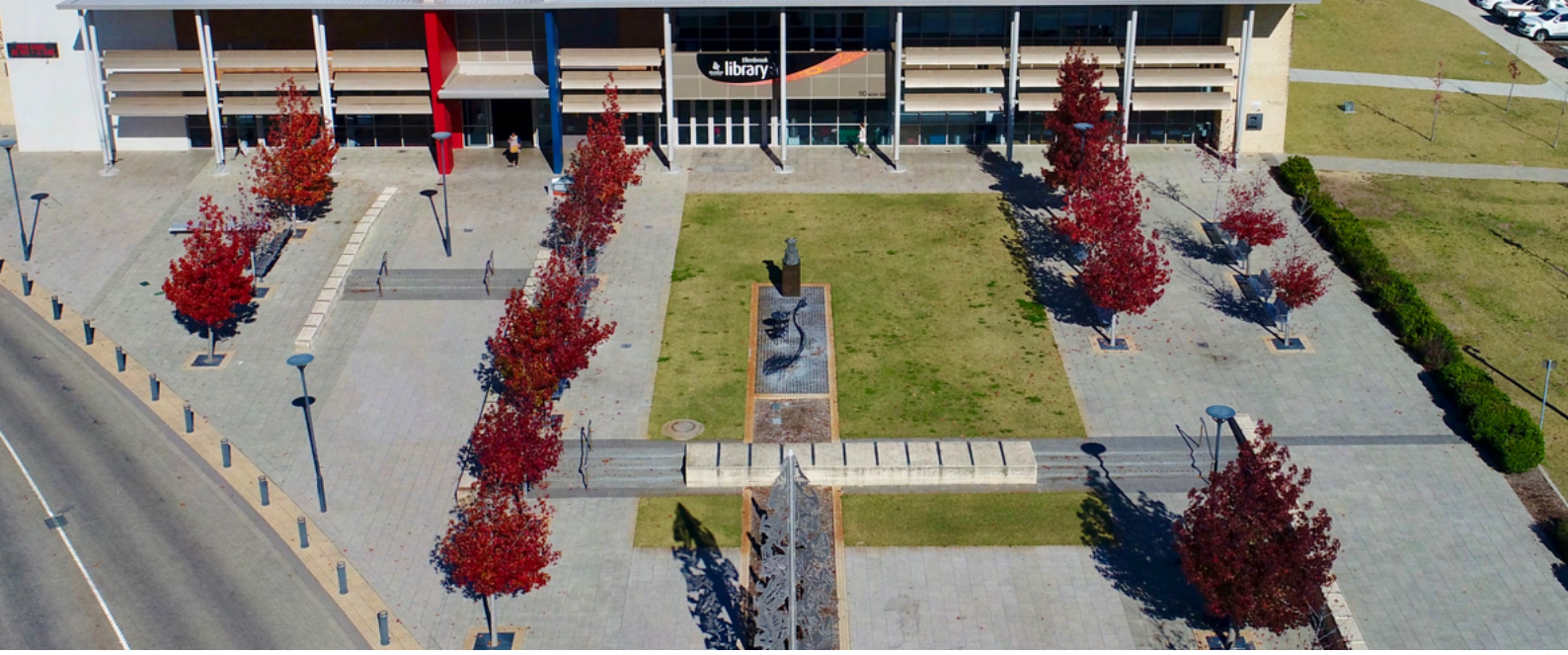
0 - 4	5 - 11	12 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 69	70+
8%	13%	17.5%	15%	23%	17%	6%

Children and early years development

There are a range of programs and activities in Ellenbrook that provide for children and early years (children aged 5-11 years old) who represent 13 per cent of the population, these include:

- Ellenbrook Public Library delivers and supports regular events and programs for children and early years including Storytime and Coffee and Cuddles.
- The City has a partnership with Arbor Grove Child and Parent Centre managed by Anglicare, that give families easy access to advice, programs and services, and give local schools the opportunity to work with families from the time children are born through to starting school and beyond. The services include playgroups, one on one parent support, school holiday activities and more.
- The Midland Women's Health Care Place facilitates pram walks in the Ellenbrook area once a week. The purpose of the pram walks is to focus on mother's post-birth mental health, as well as extending out to give support for fathers.
- The Aveley Community Festival holds a reconnect event that aims to bring families out at low or free cost events to share a day out with their children. This is particularly important for parents who may be single income households and have the opportunity to attend affordable events.
- Ellenbrook Children and Families Connect Early Years Network is made up of local parents, community members, schools, playgroups and service providers focused on supporting children's development and wellbeing, connecting families to programs and services, and building a stronger community in the Ellenbrook area. The group is the most successful amongst the 40 other networks located in WA. The group works together on local initiatives to support these goals, such as 'Paint the Swan Read' early literacy campaign, community events and engagement, parenting workshops, and promotion of local programs and services.

It has been identified that there is a lack of crèche availability for young children, which affects parents ability to attend facilities and services such as the gym and other wellbeing activities.



Young people

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The centre will be a modern and multi-functional space where young people can access a range of activities, services and supports, including counselling, financial advice, employment and training.

This exciting project is an investment into the future of Ellenbrook, and will open up a range of opportunities and make a major difference for young people.

This project is jointly funded by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Lotterywest and the City of Swan, with a co-contribution from Ellenbrook Management Pty Ltd.

The project aligns with the findings of the City's COVID-19 Recovery Plan, Youth Strategy and the Ellenbrook Community Infrastructure Plan, which provided the justification for its need. In line with the City's engagement committments, young people have been engaged in the planning, design and implementation of the public space and community facilities.

The co-location of services including counselling, financial and employment training within the Youth Centre will provide essential support services to young people's health, wellbeing and development. The design of the Ellenbrook Youth Centre will allow the City to hire or lease areas of the facility for supplementary youth services.

A key issue for young people living in the Ellenbrook local area is the lack of mental health support and employment opportunities. This coincides with the lack of transport links to and from the area. While Metronet's Morley-Ellenbrook line aims to alleviate these impacts (see Built Environment section for more), there is a need for mental health services and economic investment to the area. The City strongly believes the new youth facility will provide more opportunities for at-risk youths and greater access to mental health support.

Other youth services include:

- Ellenbrook has the Cool Room which operates Monday and Friday nights and aims to provide a safe space for young people and provide opportunities to learn and grow.
- Ellenbrook has a Youth Leadership Committee supported by the City. The group have created a strong presence in the community and are involved in planning for community events and initiatives. They hold regular meetings on Thursday at the Community Library and have become a key highlight for the community.

The City's Youth and Community development teams in Ellenbrook support and facilitate a number of other initiatives for young people. For more information on upcoming events, programs or activities please contact the teams directly at the Ellenbrook Community Hub, co-located with the Community Library.

Ageing Population

City services that cater to the ageing community include:

- The City delivers an over 50's program at the Ellenbrook Sports Hub that includes the Active Seniors Circuit. It is a one-hour freestyle program designed to improve cardiovascular fitness, strength, endurance and flexibility. Each session is fully supervised and instructors will encourage and support you while instructing you on correct technique and safety. Visit the www.swan.wa.gov.au for more information.
- There are a number of seniors groups and social clubs in the Ellenbrook area. More information can be found on the City's website or through the Ellenbrook Community Hub.
- The City's Disability and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) is expected to be reviewed in 2022 and will be published on the City's website. The plan which outlines initiatives for seven outcome areas that collectively support equal opportunities for people with disability, families and carers to access and be included in community life in the City of Swan.

Indigenous Communities

The City has developed it's first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) which outlines the ongoing commitment to building a just, equitable and reconciled Australia. The draft RAP is a strategic document that will support the City's operations and activities, and provide practical actions that will drive the City's contribution to reconciliation both internally and in our community. In developing this plan, the City acknowledges it's role in truth telling about the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and colonisation to reconcile the story of Australia.The plan represents years of working alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, non-Indigenous community, Council and staff, to articulate our vision for reconciliation: a community that works together with all people to foster a culture of respect, empowerment and inclusion.

In 2021 the City supported the Giynung Naidoc Festival celebrations at the Woodlake Amphitheatre and Park in Ellenbrook. The event included a traditional Welcome to Country, dancers, live music, worshops, traditional food, a fashion parade and more.

As part of the planning for the Ellenbrook line, METRONET has engaged an Aboriginal Reference Group and Aboriginal Engagement Framework, which aligns with their Aboriginal Engagement Strategy. The strategy includes guidance and delivery documentation on proper cultural recognition, input into place making through the Aboriginal Public Art strategy, the procurement and employment of Aboriginal businesses, and ensuring this through monitoring, evaluation and reviewing practices.

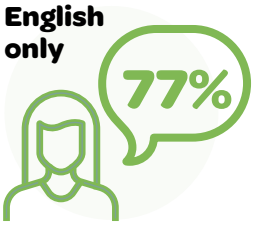
Wood Lake and surrounds

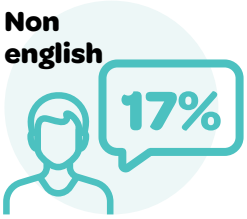
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) Communities

The City works with a number of cultural groups in Ellenbrook to support programs and initiatives where possible. These include:

- Ellenbrook's Multicultural Playgroup in Malvern Springs, facilitated by Playgroup WA. The group is well established and has been operating in Ellenbrook since 2012. The playgroup is for families with young children aged 0-5 years from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) backgrounds to meet other families in the local area and socialise. The playgroup also provides a range of information and activities to help families to connect to other services and activities to gain knowledge, skills and confidence, through their participation in the group. The playgroup is funded under the Federal Government's Communities for Children program through Swan Alliance, partnership between Mission Australia, Ngala and Anglicare.
- The City supported Ellenbrook Multicultural Festival in November 2021 at Charlotte's Vinyard. The Punjabi Council and Cook Islands Community in partnership with the Ellenbrook Multicultural Community put on a day of food stalls, cultural performances, traditional games, displays and more.
- The Sister Project is a not-for-profit social group that aims to connect, skill share and build on entrepreneurship through their mission to support and empower women from diverse backgrounds and improve their confidence, mental well-being and sense of belonging. The group meet weekly, facilitating a conversational English class at the Community Library and workshops where women can teach and learn new skills. They have regular visits from 'experts' who connect women to their services and actively assist women to look for work or set up their own business.

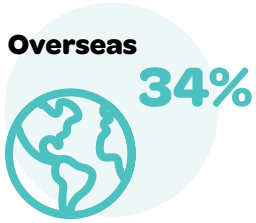
While there are services and programs for CaLD communities, the City is aware that many communities feel there is a lack of cross-culture connections in the local area, especially among young people. The Ellenbrook Place team located at the Community Library are available for assistance and encourage groups to reach out for support in this space.





The top 5 most common languages spoken at home (other than English) are:

Afrikaans (1.3%)
Punjabi (1.3%)
Filipino/Tagalog (1%)
Arabic (1%)
Hindi (1%)



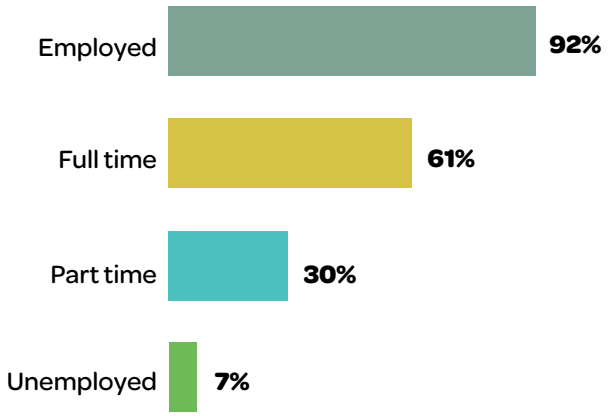
Birthplace:

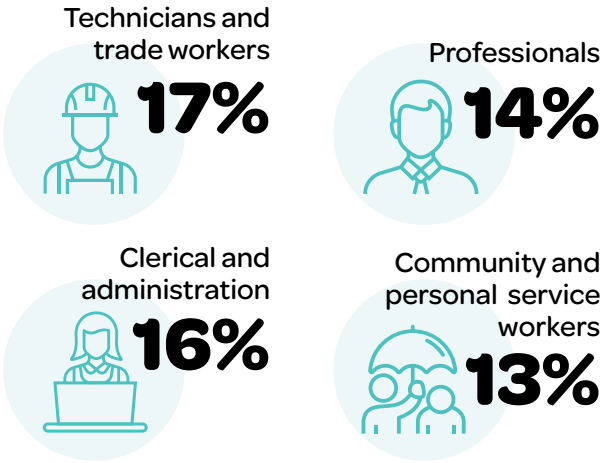
UK (10%)
New Zealand (5%)
India (3%)
South Africa (3%)
Philippines (1%)
Sudan/South Sudan (1%)
Malaysia (0.5%)
Singapore (0.5%)
Kenya (0.4%)

Reference: Profile ID 2016

Economic Environment

Employment status





Employment and Economy

The Swan Business Engagement Program assists businesses through information provision, business facilitation and potential business opportunities. The City's team of qualified and experienced professionals help residents start, grow or relocate their business. More information is provided at www.swan.wa.gov.au.

Ellenbrook's employment statistics are a key indicator of the community's socio-economic status. Identifying the levels of full or part-time employment, unemployment and labour force participation helps us understand the social characteristics of the population and the strength of the local economy.

Ellenbrook's growing population and catchment area provide business and investment opportunities. The new Ellenbrook Station and railway connection to Whiteman, Malaga and Perth CBD will provide further opportunities for employment and economic growth.

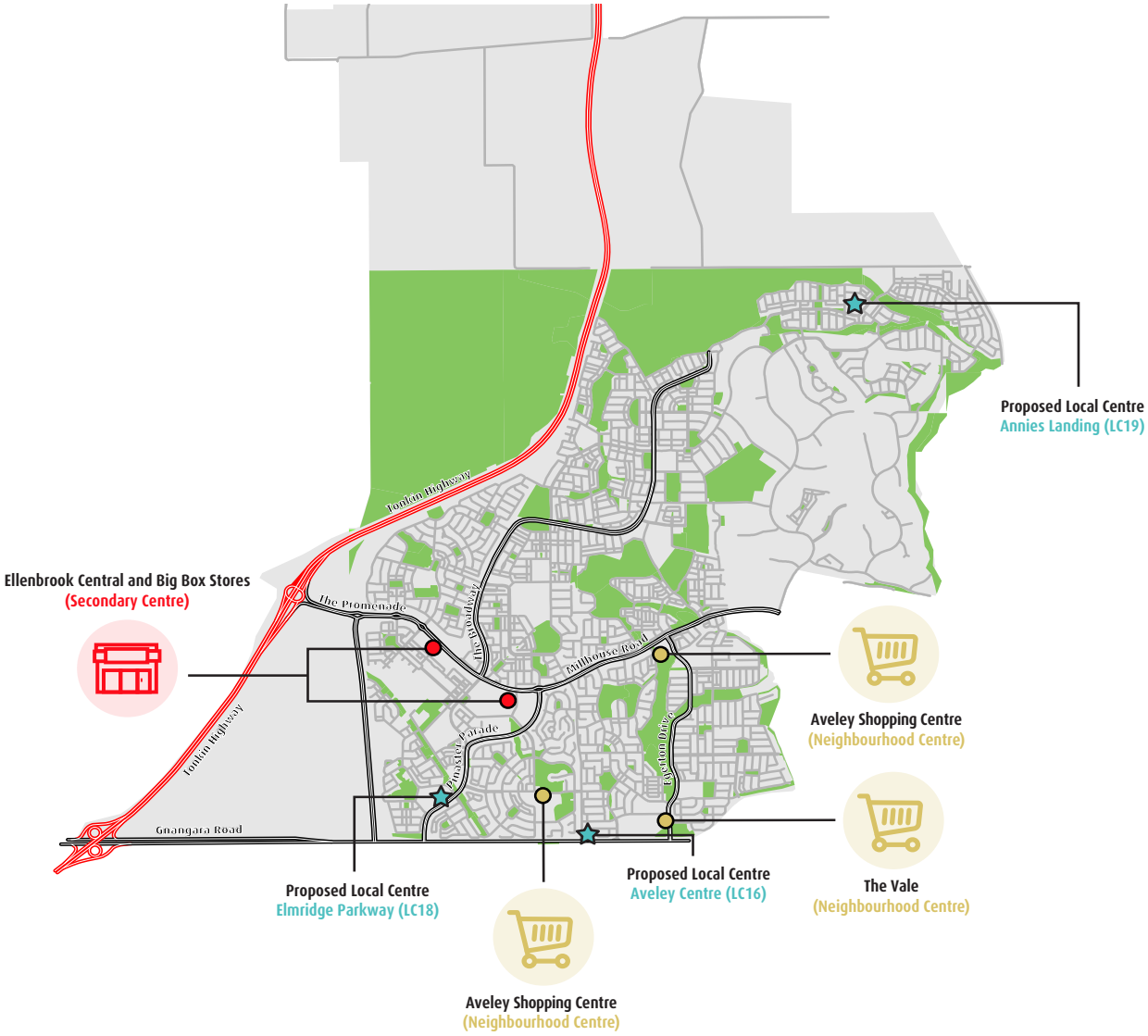
The City continues to support local businesses through many initiatives including particularly throughout the COVID19 pandemic. The Business and Tourism team were in contact with many of the business to provide a comprehensive list of opportunities from various industry providers to help businesses with employment, training or upskilling, and knowledge on rebuilding and recovering.

Commercial Centres

The Ellenbrook town centre is a Secondary Activity Centre under State Planning Policy 4.2 Activity Centres for Perth and Peel, which means it services a wider catchment and provides for a greater range of services. The Ellenbrook Central shopping centre underwent an expansion in 2020. The expansion created 120 jobs during construction and a further 380 retail jobs, and is in line with Ellenbrook being one of the fastest-growing catchments in Perth's north-east growth corridor. The Ellenbrook area also services residents from Bullsbrook to the north and the Urban Growth Corridor (Whiteman local area) to the south. See Figure 4. for locations of commercial centres in the local area.

Tourism and Visitor Attractions

The Vines is a well-established international holiday resort and tourism destination with a 36-hole golf course, restaurants, conference and events facilities. The Vines Resort is considered part of the Swan Valley, a key tourism precinct for the City and of great regional significance to the local area, as it contributes to our growing market of visitors , an is one of Western Australia's premier visitor destinations.



Map 2. Ellenbrook Commercial Centres

Egerton Mound Spring (Ardmore Park)

Natural Environment

Biodiversity

The Ellenbrook Local Area is adjacent to habitat of the critically endangered Western Swamp Tortoises, which were thought to be extinct before their rediscovery in 1953. They are currently being bred at the Perth Zoo and being released in several sites including the Ellen Brook Nature Reserve and Twin Swamps Nature Reserve, with less than 50 adult tortoises left in the wild. Friends of the Western Swamp Tortoise group is an initiative of the Threatened Species Network, formed to aid awareness of this reptile, by providing information and educational resources.

Since 2021 the City has run a new 'Nature Know- How' series of free programs across the City's libraries and bushland reserves, with one of the events focused on the Western Swamp Tortoise.

The Nature Know-How series held a workshop on fire safety and biodiversity in Ellenbrook, with a focus on learning how fire affects the landscape and how best to manage your property and garden against fire risks. The City's Fire Management team lead the sessions and discuss the importance of managing the fuel loads on your own property, how to landscape your garden to best protect your home and assets, as well as selecting appropriate native plants in high fire risk locations.

The City offers its residents a subsidy on worm farm set-ups. Worm farming is a simple way of converting food scraps and other organic materials into nutrient-rich products for the garden. A worm farm produces worm castings and 'worm wiz' which are natural and non-toxic, and also help to reduce waste, improve soil and protect water quality of gardens. You can purchase worms and worm farms at the Thinking Green worm workshops, provided by the City, in partnership with The Worm Shed. Visit the www.swan.wa.gov.au for more information.

Climate adaptation and carbon reduction

The key highlights relating to the climate adaption and carbon reduction are:

- Metronet's Ellenbrook Station will feature secure bike shelters for cyclists and 12-bus interchange to provide plenty of bus connections,
- The City's on-going Thinking Green Workshop series, hosted in the Ellenbrook Community Library, has continued to grow in popularity. In 2021 the Nature Know-How series was also introduced with workshops on DIY skincare products, native and recycled Christmas wreaths and more. More information can be found on at www.swan.wa.gov.au.

Tree canopy

The City's draft Urban Forest Plan shows Ellenbrook's tree canopy cover at 11.6 per cent. Canopy cover is the upper layer of a tree crown that exceeds 3 metres in height and provides reliable shade and habitat for fauna. The plan has a target to increase tree canopy cover by 1 per cent each year per annum in the City of Swan.

The City has a free street tree program where every resident can request a tree for their verge. The program is designed to improve the streetscapes, by providing shade and habitat and food for native animals. Planting is completed in Winter, but requests can be made throughout the year.

'Friends of groups

The City supports "Friends of" groups which organise environmental activities such as the removal of dumped waste, arrange flora/fauna walks and revegetation of land in selected City reserves. The City has the resources to assist such groups working within these areas through providing equipment, seeds, plants for revegetation, weed control and training. The City's Bushcrew and other officers also offer support with their practical knowledge of the lands, its species and best practice management skills. The Friends of Groups in the Ellenbrook area include the Friends of Roxburghe Forshore, Grassdale wetlands, Moulton wetlands, Ardmore Park, Halpin Park, and the Ellenbrook College River Rangers.

Street trees in Ellenbrook

Built Environment

Aboriginal Heritage

The Ellenbrook Local Area has a number of registered archaeological sites of significance including a campsite, swamp artefacts, scatter in the area and mythological sites around Wistful Wetlands and the Ellen Brook. These sites are publicly recorded Registered Aboriginal Sites with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, mapping of these sites are available at www.daa.wa.gov.au. Approval is required under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* for any development on land where sites of significance are registered and will require consultation with local Aboriginal people.

Built Form

Housing

Since the formation of Ellenbrook's award winning master-planned community, the housing diversity in the area has increased. This is reflected by developments such as LWP Property Group's 80m^2 two storey homes in the town centre. It is expected these houses will appeal to the projected population of smaller households and first home buyers, which make up approximately 40 per cent of home purchasers within Ellenbrook. New development opportunities of high density living is expected to increase in the area as METRONET's Ellenbrook Station progresses. Apartment buildings, mainly in the town centre, are expected to increase in popularity during this time.

New Development Opportunities

The draft North Ellenbrook (East) District Structure Plan and draft North Ellenbrook (West) District Structure Plan (DSP) have been developed and were advertised for public comment in June 2021. The documents provide a long-term vision for urban development in the City of Swan, covering some 1,110 hectares of land, to ultimately accommodate up to 30,000 people. Map 3 illustrates how land in the development is proposed to be used at a high level. The DSP's currently sit with the DPLH and the Minister for Planning for final decision. The potential urbanisation of North Elllenbrook provided the opportunity to extend the Ellenbrook local area boundary to include these areas.

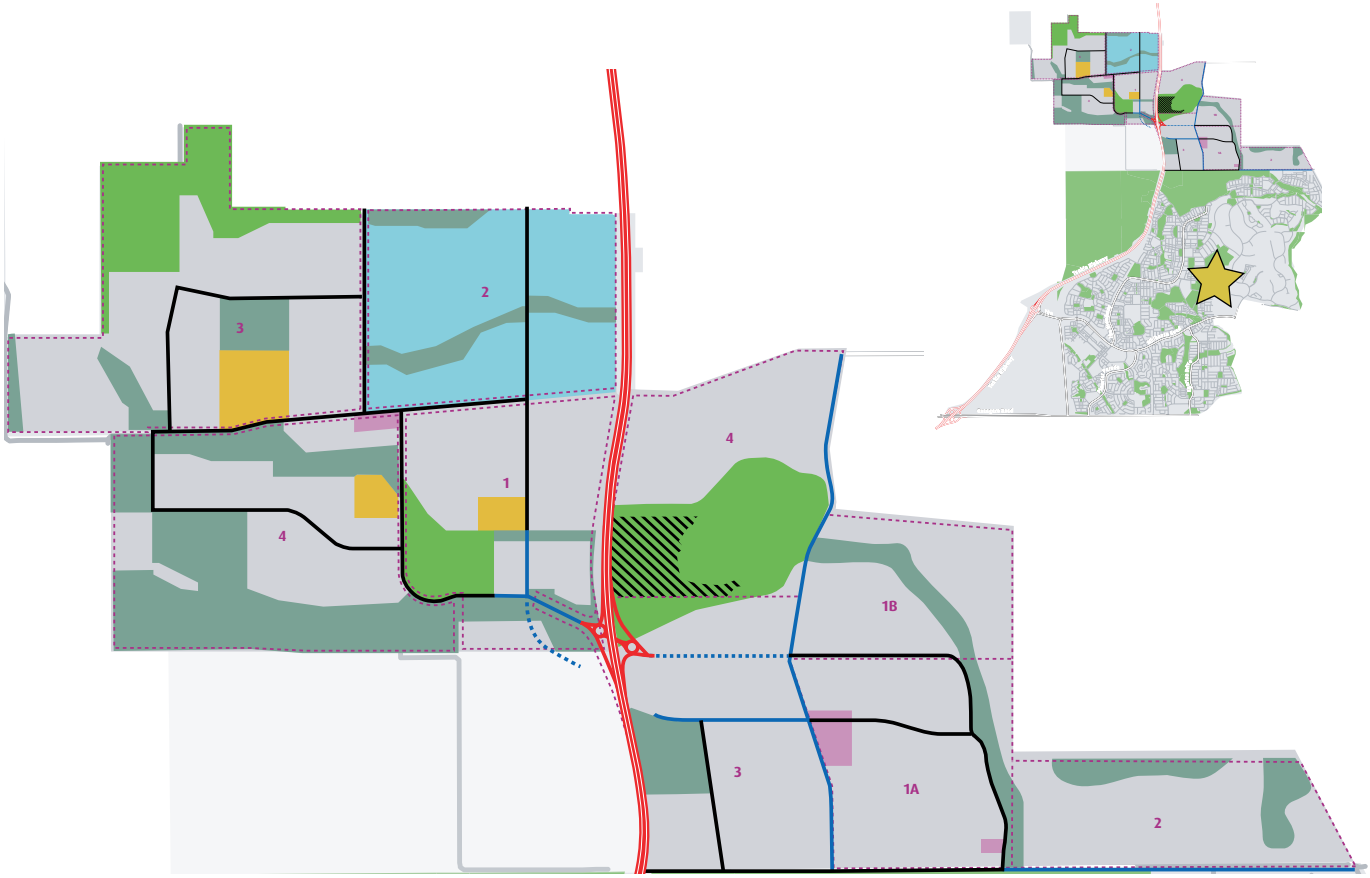
Dwelling structure

9.4%

of dwellings are medium to high density

compared to Greater Perth with 24%

Ellenbrook 80sqm Housing Project
Source: NowLiving.com



- Residential
- Indicative commercial centre
- Bush forever
- Indicative public open space
- Local reserve
- Indicative primary/high school
- Indicative residential
- Integrator arterial road
- Neighbourhood connector road
- Development control area

Map 3. North Ellenbrook (East & West) Structure Plan Maps

Public open space and community facilities

Ellenbrook Recreation and Aquatic Centre

The City's multi-million dollar Ellenbrook Recreation and Aquatic Centre project will integrate aquatic, sport, health and well-being and community elements within one facility. As has been reported in the media, the building industry has been under considerable strain, and as such the City envisages some short-term delays. The City has entered into discussions with key stakeholders, and will present options to Council on the next steps forward. The City fully appreciates how important this project is to the Ellenbrook community and will ensure regular updates are provided as soon as additional information becomes available.

Ellenbrook Youth Centre

The City's Youth Strategy (2018) identified a need for a youth centre based on the significant population of young people, and is now in a position to deliver the facility, opening in 2023. A comprehensive engagement of all stakeholders was carried out by Element, under the Lead Design Consultant SITE, with the outcomes used to inform the needs of the design of the proposed youth centre. The centre will provide our young residents between the ages of 12 and 25 with a safe place to socialise, connect, engage and participate in a meaningful manner.

In line with the City's Standards of Provision: Open Space and Community Buildings Framework, the centre will be located on Plaza Turn which is in close proximity to the proposed Ellenbrook Station, the existing community library and the shopping centre at Ellenbrook.

The concept design of the building provides a flexible, passive, activity and outdoor activity space which can be secured off to be used exclusively by the youth centre, and opened up to be used by the broader community, for pedestrian access, fetes, farmers markets, and other community events. The Ellenbrook Youth Centre is currently in construction and expected to be complete in 2023.

Parks and open space

The planning of all open space is based on hierarchy, function, use and its intended length of stay, as identified in the City's Standard of Provision Framework. The hierarchy ensures that open space and facilities are appropriate for their intended use and catchment. Local parks cater for shorter use and smaller catchments, where as larger, sporting open spaces cater for longer uses and larger catchments and therefore require more infrastructure such as toilets and car parking. Table 1 provides an overview of some of the walk trails, parks, picnic areas and playgrounds.

		Function					
Park	Hierarchy Level	Recreation	Sport	Nature	Kick about	Play space	Amenities
Ailsa Park	Local					✓	
Annies Landing District Play Space	District			✓		✓	
Chardonnay Park	Neighbourhood		✓		✓		
Charlottes Vineyard Oval	Neighbourhood		✓			✓	
Coolamon Oval	District		✓			✓	
Ellenbrook Sports Hub	District	✓	✓			✓	
Forestview Park	District & Neighbourhood					✓	
Hollingworth Park	Neighbourhood			✓		✓	
Lake Fresca	Neighbourhood					✓	
Midsummer Circle Park	Local		✓			✓	
Powdermill Park	Neighbourhood		✓	✓		✓	
Wildflower Circle Park	Neighbourhood					✓	
Woodlake Park	District		✓	✓		✓	

Proposed Ellenbrook Youth Centre design

Artist impression of Ellenbrook Station

Transport and Access

Public Transport

METRONET's Ellenbrook Station is in the heart of Ellenbrook's town centre, located south of The Parkway and west of Civic Terrace. The station will offer a new transport option for the residents living in the area and the surrounds. This vacant land has been reserved for the future train station to support Ellenbrook's continued growth.

The Morley-Ellenbrook Line will provide 21km of new rail line from Ellenbrook to Bayswater, connecting to the Perth CBD, and will deliver five new stations, as well as planning for the areas around the stations. The proposed Morley, Noranda, Malaga, Whiteman Park and Ellenbrook and the future Bennett Springs East stations will give communities greater and more accessible transport choice.

The precincts around each station will be planned to provide access to more housing, jobs, community services, tourism and recreation opportunities over the next 30 years. This is particularly beneficial to Ellenbrook as it will relieve some of the social and isolation concerns the community has, and provide better connections to people, services and areas outside of the local area

Road Network

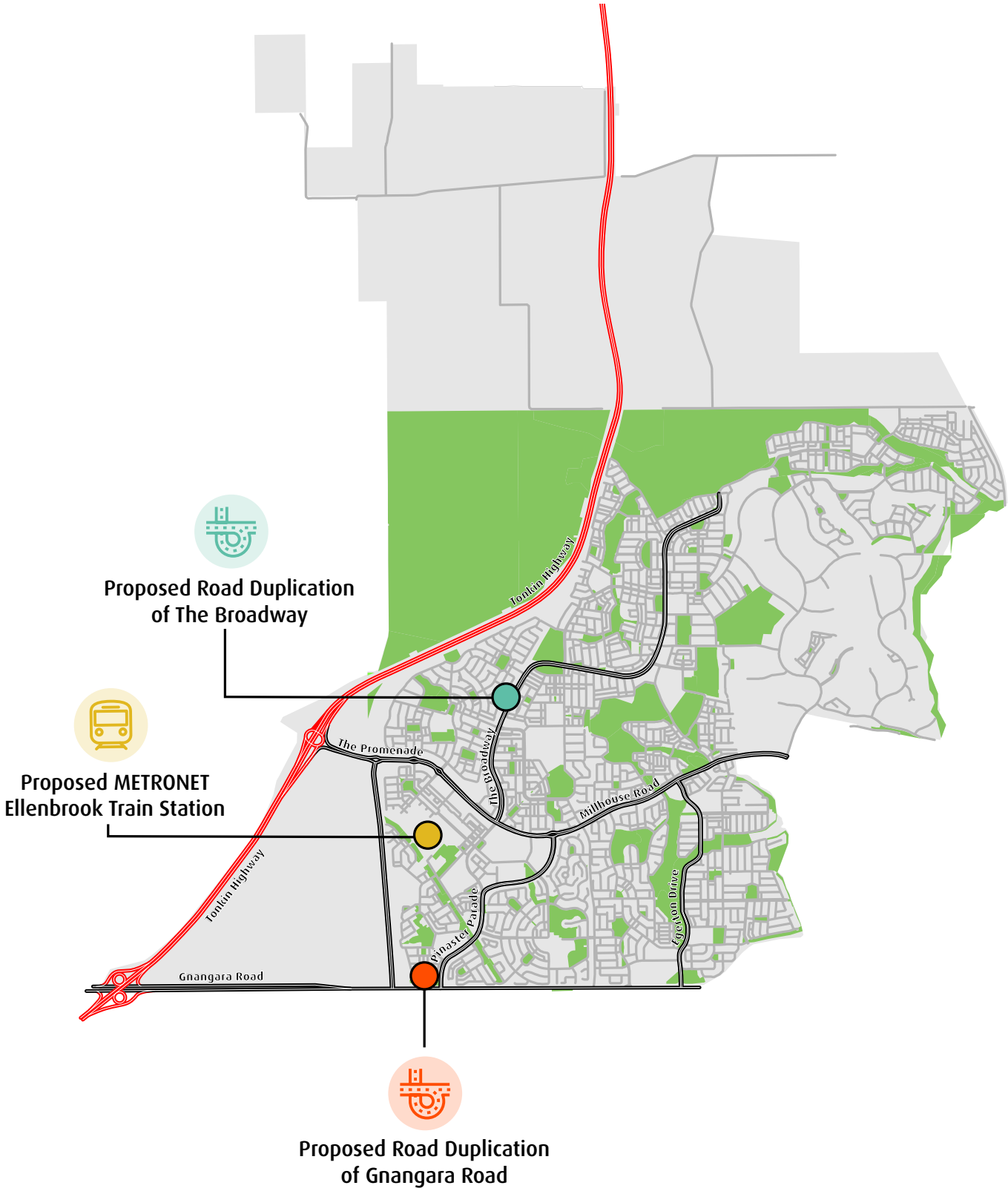
The Northlink WA Project was completed in 2020 and saw the extension of Tonkin Highway through the Ellenbrook local area, to Muchea. The road has resulted in a better flow of traffic in the region, both on and off the new bypass route, boosting productivity and creating strong connections, with economic and social benefits. As part of Northlink, the Principal Shared Path (PSP) along Tonkin Highway was extended from Ellenbrook to Muchea, offering greater connections and a safe route for cyclists and pedestrians, with new lighting, wayfinding signs pavement markings and landscaping.

The City of Swan is planning to duplicate The Broadway, in Ellenbrook between The Promenade and Bordeaux Lane to reduce congestion and improve the road's safety and level of service. The duplication will be staged over a minimum of four financial years (FY), with stage 4a currently in progress. Stage 4a consists of the duplication of The Broadway between Westgrove Drive and Maffina Parade, and the construction of tie-ins from the proposed carriageway to the existing intersections and carriageway.

The City is proposing to duplicate one of the last sections of Gnangara Road that is still two lane single carriageway between Deloraine Way and Egerton Avenue. Gnangara Road is an important east-west link for Perth's northern suburbs and improvements to this network will play a vital role in connecting to employment nodes outside the area. Gnangara Road from Deloraine Way to Egerton Drive is one of the few remaining sections that has not yet been duplicated. Improvements to this route will play an essential role in enhancing the transport network and easing congestion during peak hours.

Station snapshot*

30 min					500	12	
Journey to Perth	2 zone fare	Kiosk	Universal access	Passenger toilets	Parking bays (incl ACROD)	Bus stands	Secure bike shelters



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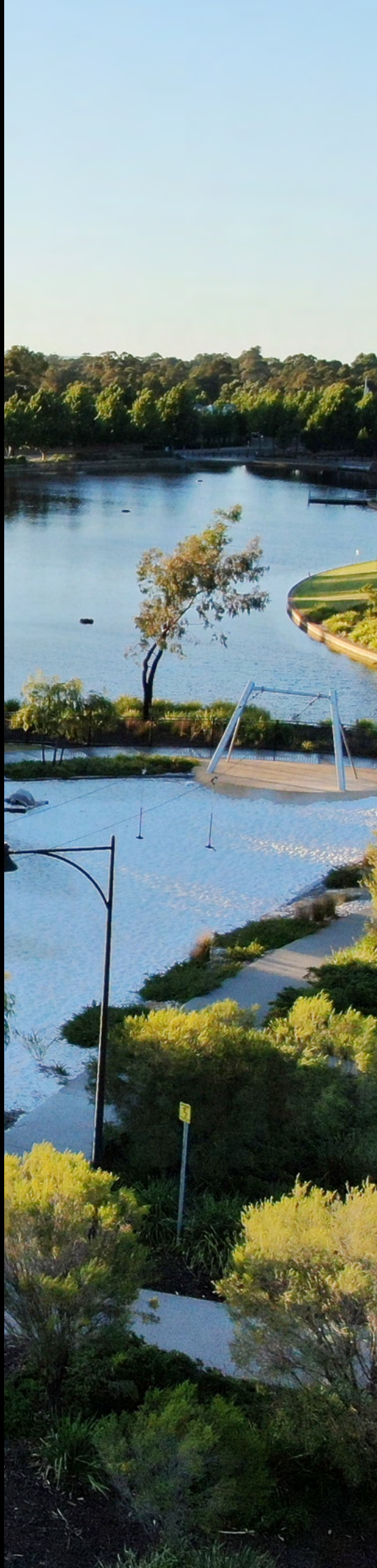

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