

Discover Phase Engagement Snapshot

WHAT WE HAVE LEARNT FROM THE COMMUNITY

Engagement Participation:

- . Direct Engagement with approximately **205** Local Stakeholders!
- . **51** Contributors & **5** email comments registered on the 'Your Say' Webpage.
- . **3** online workshop participants.
- . Approx **60** residents participating in "Pop Up" Intercept Surveys at Belconnen Fresh Markets
- . **13** residents participating in 'Discovery' Walk
- . **43** young people surveyed at the Belconnen Skate Park
- . **11** Stakeholder meetings
- . **22** Small Business Interviews

Active Travel, Connectivity & Streets/ Walkability

- . Residents keen to have a strong connection between apartment development and high frequency bus stops.
- . Pedestrian connectivity between destinations needs improvement. High volumes of traffic creates a disconnect and unsafe environment.
- . Strengthen the physical connection between the university and town centre to remove the mental barrier of the areas being 'too far' from each other.
- . Future development should consider wide footpaths, more connecting shared zones and shade.
- . Tree lined streets will reduce urban heat island effect and promote walkability of new precincts.
- . Need to prioritise connection to the Emu Inlet waterfront precinct
- . Acknowledging the need for a connection between 'Eat Street' along Lathlain Street with the Circus sites.

Uses and Activities

- . A desire to create an intimate urban neighbourhood.
- . Each development area should create its own unique characteristics with connectivity to the lake.
- . Include publicly accessible laneway developments with communal outdoor dining areas and piazza within new precincts.
- . Low rent/ affordable Micro-shops for local hospitality and retail businesses.
- . Small offices, training facilities and co-working spaces.
- . A need for diversity of restaurants and bars, particularly surrounding the lake.
- . A desire for breakout community services within all of the development sites relevant to the users of the town centre.

Built Form

- . Break-up the bulk and apply passive solar design principles.
- . Be aware of overshadowing, particularly around Lathlain Street.
- . Some contention regarding the use of the former Water Police site and whether it should be redeveloped as quality public open spaces or a two storey upmarket restaurant / bar with community facilities.

Open Spaces and Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Creating more active uses of open spaces and amenity such as bbqs, toilets, seating and shade, which promotes positive social environments. . Being conscious of the urban heat island impact and the need for urban cooling. . Creating more comfortable environments for people to walk and be active outdoors. . Native plantings along median strips to break up concrete and disused spaces. . Developing micro-parks in each of the development precincts, which encourage social interaction. . More bins and on-going maintenance of green open spaces.
Culture & Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Establishing the Belco Arts Centre and Emu Inlet as the cultural and community heart of the town centre. . Promoting and attracting more events to the town centre, including regular markets, performances and theatre on the lake. . Providing funding and support for youth events at the skate park such as competitions, music, dj's, etc. . Placemaking cultural wayfinding initiatives, which encourage connections and pedestrian mobility. . Connecting with the Ngunnawal and colonial story and showcasing it throughout the town centre.
Apartment Living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Existing residents enjoy the close proximity to services and open spaces. . There is a need for more activity, which will create a stronger community and connection amongst residents. . Future residents would like to see more mixed-use developments with community and creative services at the doorsteps of their apartment.
Economic Vitality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Supporting a diversity of ground level uses with local businesses to support a unique and thriving town centre. . Ensuring connectivity and access is improved, which includes pedestrian and cycling linkages. . Events and activities, which local businesses can get involved in and promote their services.
Ongoing Management Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . A strong desire from all stakeholders to build an on-going relationship and work together to improve the town centre through collaboration of ideas and funding.

The results from the Discover Phase of the place design brief journey will inform more specific ideas for the land release sites.

During the co-design phase the consultant team will re-engage with the community and stakeholders to test and prioritise the place proposition, design principles and guiding actions to inform future development.