

**At any one time the Belmont Council is working on a range of projects designed to improve the health & well-being of its residents. Part of this process involves community consultation. It needs an informed and responsive citizenry to do this effectively. Part of our role is to monitor this process and provide feedback.**

**Belmont on the Move!** In 2016 the council produced a draft transport strategy called ‘Belmont on the Move’. Its vision was to ... “enable people to move safely, conveniently and comfortably around their city”. This would be achieved by creating “streetscapes and public places that are comfortable, safe and welcoming, encouraging people to walk or take public transport. An efficient and effective network that responds to different user needs, from children to seniors, those with a disability and those from culturally diverse communities”. p10.

Next time you’re having difficulty



crossing a busy local street with no footpath infrastructure, or waiting at a bus stop with no shelter, give them a call.

**How about this ...** With the Surrey Road Bike Boulevard in Rivervale nearing completion maybe it’s time to consider one on the other side of Belmont. This might run across from the Tonkin Hwy bike path at Redcliffe Park along Sydenham Street to the Faulkner Park

precinct and the new civic centre. Eventually it could extend to the Surrey Road Boulevard. Ideally it would be a shared pedestrian / cyclist thoroughfare. Along the way it would pass 3 schools, 1 college, 4 parks, 1 community centre, 1 police station, and a pear tree. Preferably it would not be designed by the Main Roads Dept. With a bit of good will it might look something like this.



**Can’t see the wood for the trees!** Not for much longer! Soon we will see nothing BUT piles of wood, as the destruction of our remaining gum trees and Banksia woodland continues unabated. Recent losses have occurred at the D.F.O. & Costco sites in the airport precinct.

Once Brearley Ave is closed expect

more firewood as Landcorp & WAPC decide how best to maximise the ‘development’ opportunities of this green corridor. Wasn’t the Council developing an Urban Forest Canopy Plan? Give them a call.

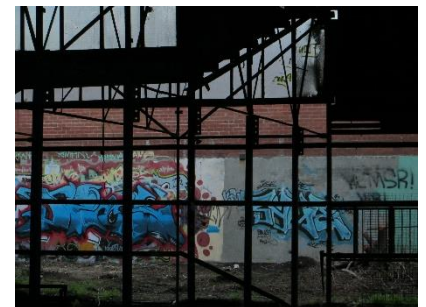
The proposed New/Third Runway will require the clearing of 129 hectares of trees & vegetation described as being in good to excellent condition (43.66 hectares of this includes Banksia woodland ).

The Perth Airport has proposed the purchase of environmental offsets to redress the impact of such clearing but this does not benefit the local residents in any way. Why not redirect some of this offset cost to the restoration of the weed infested Banksia woodland in Signal Hill.

Public submissions & comments must be made by 5pm, Friday 24 August 2018 to Perth Airport.

**You can’t do that!** Imagine creating a ‘pop-up town square’ between Belmont Forum and Reading Cinemas some sunny Sunday in spring. Get rid of the through traffic and put on a big vegan sausage sizzle. Dump a truckload of triple washed sand, pitch a few beach umbrellas and see what happens. (Think it’s called building community).

This public artwork was done gratis. Let’s provide more opportunities for our local, creative youth.



**Recommended reading:**

<https://www.strongtowns.org>

**Your feedback.** If you would like to submit an article that is relevant to the residents of Belmont, or you would like to join our group, refer contact details below.