

**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.**

### A different vision for DA6

Main Roads announced Brearley Avenue will shut permanently on 5th October. Residents are concerned that forcing all traffic into and out of Redcliffe DA6 through Coolgardie Avenue will create hazardous traffic conditions at the Coolgardie Avenue/Great Eastern Highway intersection. The opening of the DFO on 3<sup>rd</sup> October will also see an influx of traffic on Stanton Road and Second Street, and through the Coolgardie Avenue intersection.



With the impending closure of Brearley Avenue, Main Roads is gearing up to undertake major works there as part of the DA6 redevelopment. The promised DA6 green spine is now earmarked for multi-storey commercial buildings. The magnificent stand of Brearley Avenue trees is under threat. Many residents in the area are opposed to

the aggressive infill of DA6 with commercial development that will destroy the beautiful trees. The City of Belmont already boasts the lowest tree canopy in the metropolitan area which makes its plan to fell the Brearley Avenue trees unconscionable. Shame there's no Urban Forest Strategy/Policy in place to protect them.

### Redcliffe beach !?!



The sandbar where the southern main drain flows into the Swan River has doubled in size since last year. Stormwater from the DFO roof and 1500 bay carpark is being discharged into the southern main drain. Given there is PFAS and other chemical contaminants on the airport estate, there is concern about the level of chemicals in the sandbar.

Additionally, there is a sharp drop off into deep water at the end of the sand bar where the silt is treacherously soft, the consistency of quicksand. The City of Belmont has been contacted to examine the sandbar and erect a sign warning river users of the dangers.

### Ascot River Care Group

Residents from Garvey Park and Ascot Waters are forming a river care

group, which aims to meet once a month. The river care group will report on its activities on the Save Garvey Park Face Book page.

### Community score card

“The 2018 Community Perceptions Survey shows that 74 per cent of residents are satisfied with the City as a place to live and 70 per cent are satisfied with the City as a governing organisation.”(refer council website)

However when compared to the average performance index of other councils across Western Australia our score was 70 compared to the industry standard of 75, and the industry high of 90, **as a place to live.**

“The survey identified priorities the community would like to see addressed. These included safety and security with residents concerned with vandalism and anti-social behaviour, along with graffiti removal services.” (refer council website). Not surprising then, **with respect to street lighting**, our score was 55 compared to industry standard of 58, and industry high of 75.

### Recommended reading:

For an alternative built vision for DA6: <http://www.urbanecology.org.au/> Sub-heading Ecocities > Christie Walk.

**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.