

# MANNING COMMUNITY HUB OUTDOOR PUBLIC SPACE | PLACE VISIONING PROJECT

Summary of Community Engagement

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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

## Introduction

Social Fabric was commissioned by the City of South Perth to design and facilitate a community engagement process to inform the development of a place vision for the new outdoor public space at the centre of the Manning Community Hub precinct.

During February / March 2015 an online survey, a community workshop, and two pop-up engagement activities at the Welwyn Avenue shops were conducted to provide opportunities for community members and stakeholders to contribute ideas to help shape the shared vision.

## What questions did we ask?

Engagement questions related to place use and place character. They included:

- What could the space be used for?
- How could we make the space welcoming for specific user groups?
- What do you like best about Manning?
- What would you like the character / vibe of the space to be? (Choose from 20 character words)
- Select from a diverse range of public spaces three that appeal to you and tell us why. (Choose from 18 images)

In addition, young children were invited to take part in an arts activity to make a flag for Manning, highlighting what they liked best about their neighbourhood.

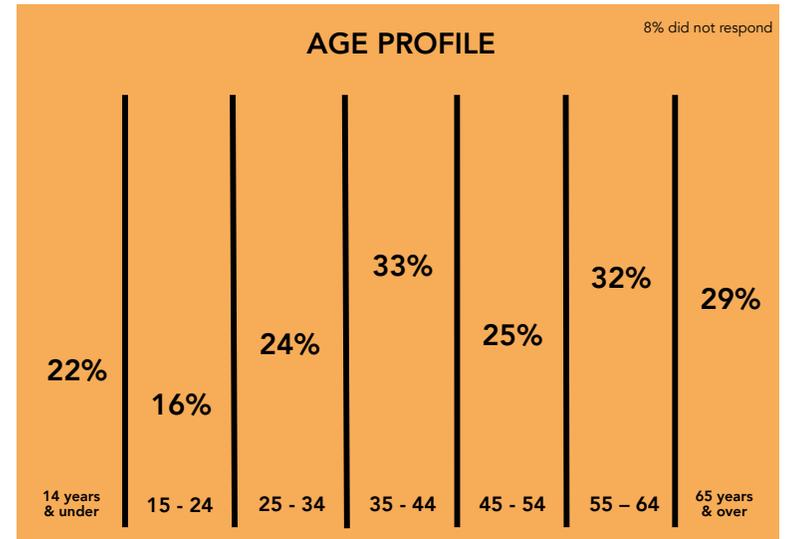
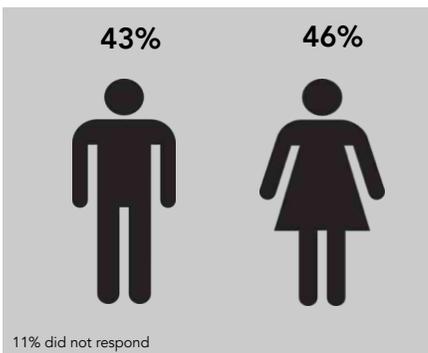
# WHO PARTICIPATED?

**189 participants**

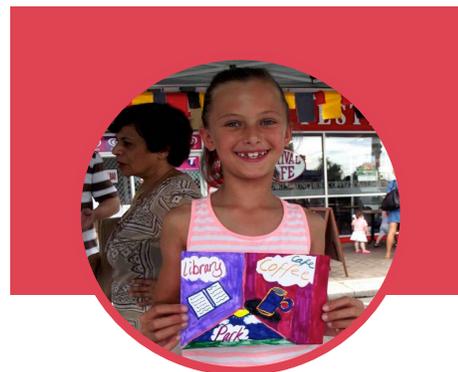
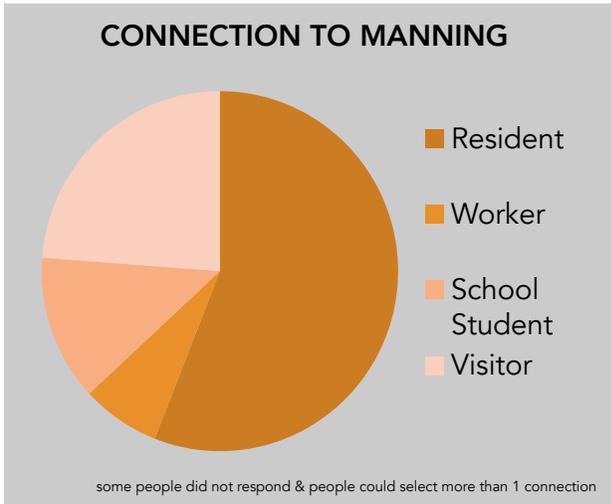
13 at the workshop

118 at the pop ups

58 via the online survey



# WHO PARTICIPATED?



# WHAT DID PARTICIPANTS TELL US?

## Broad Categories of Potential Uses

The types of uses and activities that community stakeholders told us they would like to see accommodated in the new outdoor public space fall into the following 16 broad categories. Categories that accounted for over 10% of responses are highlighted with yellow boxes.

1. Physical Activities

2. Food & Drink

3. Rest & Relaxation

4. Markets, Festivals, Fairs  
& Celebrations

5. Amenities

6. Live Entertainment

7. Connection with Nature

8. Meeting & Gathering

9. Public Art & Exhibitions

10. Learning, Making & Sharing

11. Children's Play

12. Information, Displays & Promotions

13. Games

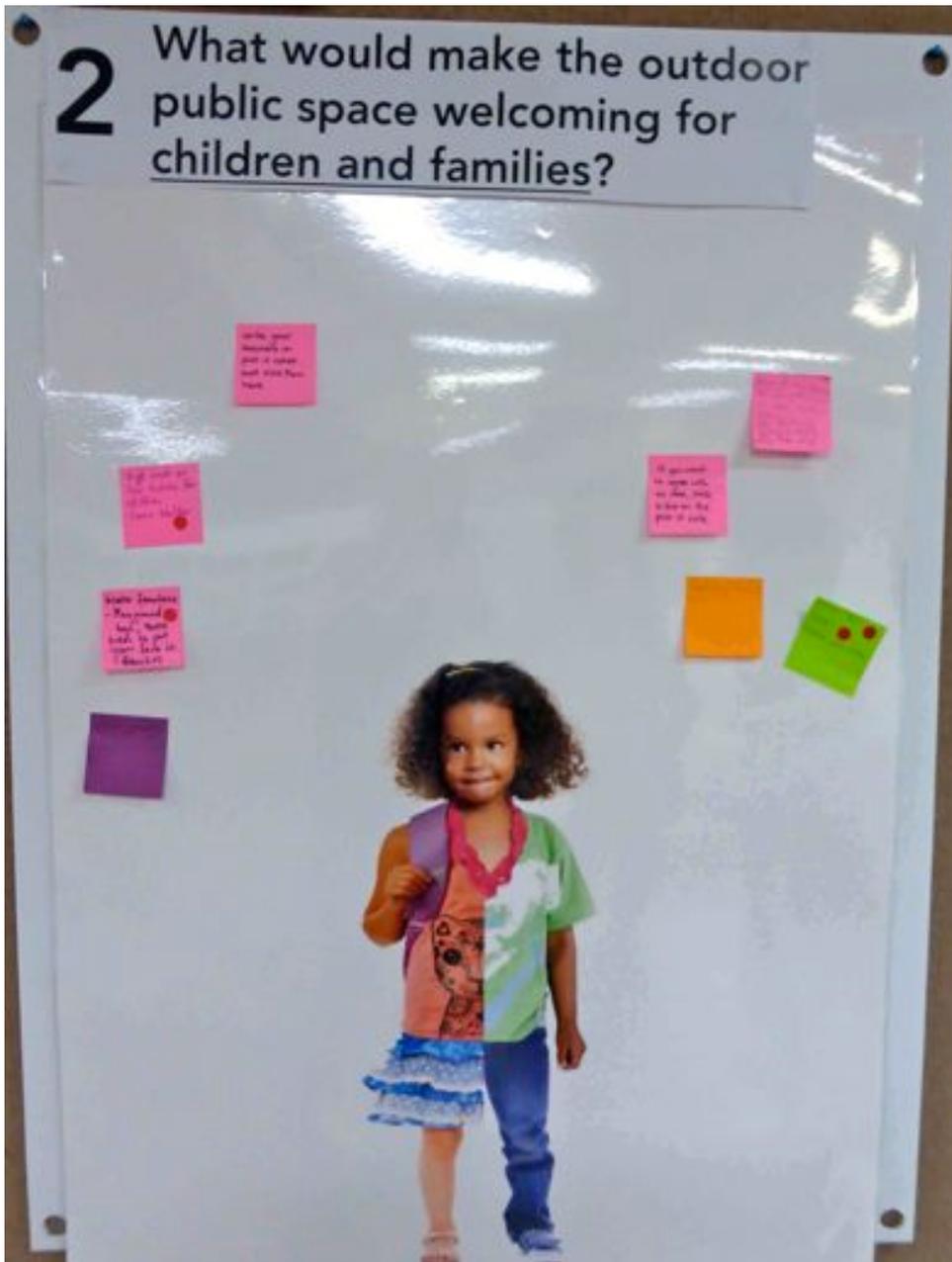
14. Digital Entertainment

15. Water Play

16. Private Functions

# WHAT DID PARTICIPANTS TELL US?

## Children and Families



### Priority Uses

Children's play

Water play

Amenities, in particular shade, seating and tables, bike racks and baby change facilities

Games

Food & drink next to play areas

Movie nights

Community garden – getting hands dirty

### Other Messages

Safety and security – lighting, activation

Dog-friendly

Welcoming signage from Manning Rd

Space to be noisy without being glared at

Ramp access

# WHAT DID PARTICIPANTS TELL US?

## Teenagers



### Priority Uses

Physical activity, in particular basketball and skateboarding

Music-themed activities, including music playing, live music, classes, music store, docking station, music appreciation

Study space – homework club, outdoor computer hub, reading nook

Amenities – free wifi, free public charge points for phones and laptops, drink fountain

Markets

### Other Messages

Series of smaller, gathering spaces – private and group spaces, comfortable seats

Space to meet and hang out without feeling threatened

Volunteer opportunities to take part in activating the space – running events, setting up, decorating

# WHAT DID PARTICIPANTS TELL US?

## People in their 20s and 30s



### Priority Uses

Physical activities, including gym, dancing

Art exhibitions

Live entertainment – concerts, theatre

Food and drink, in particular coffee, bars or licensed events, food trucks/hawkers markets

Nature – trees

### Other Messages

Evening events

Club/events that help people meet new people e.g. singles nights

Some kid-free zones



# WHAT DID PARTICIPANTS TELL US?

## Place Character

**What do you like best about Manning?**  
(Existing Manning place character: to express and build on in the outdoor public space)

Friendly people

Small community feel / tight knit community

River, trees, parks, open spaces

Hidden treasure / hidden gem / best kept secret

Diversity / varied social strata and groups

Proximity to: city, trains, freeway, uni, schools,  
local shops

Quiet / no through traffic

Particular organisations / services e.g. sports, kindy

**What would you like the character / vibe of the space to be?**  
(Desired place character: to nurture and develop in the outdoor public space)

Top 3 responses overall:

**FRIENDLY**  
**RELAXING**  
**CREATIVE**

Additional top responses during pop-up activity that was well attended by young people:

**FRESH**  
**COMFORTABLE**

# WHAT DID PARTICIPANTS TELL US?

## Public Spaces that Appeal

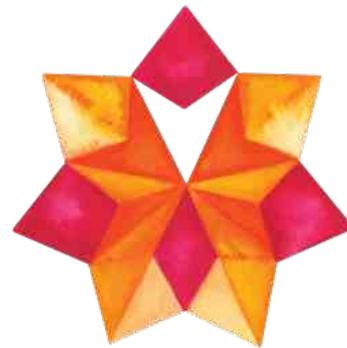


These 9 images were chosen by over 15% of participants who answered this question\*

The key themes from the reasons that community stakeholders gave for choosing the images are:

- both busy & relaxing/quiet/restful spaces
- nighttime use
- natural / organic spaces
- interesting, quirky, cosmopolitan, trendy feel
- all ages – young people – adults – families – interactive
- markets & entertainment
- amenities

76 out of 189 people responded to this question



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