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Exciting Times for Canning as Westfield Carousel Gains Approval for Expansion

Media Release

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THE CITY OF CANNING'S CITY CENTRE PLANS TOOK ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS FULL REALISATION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION (DA) FOR THE EXPANSION OF WESTFIELD CAROUSEL BY THE METRO CENTRAL JOINT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PANEL (JDAP).

City of Canning Acting CEO Mike Mouritz said the approval was an important step in the development of the Canning City Centre.

"The City is very excited by the JDAP approval, it is a key component in redevelopment of the City Centre.

"The expansion of Westfield Carousel will be a significant factor in the shape and success of the City Centre. It will add a level of energy to the area and help to bring the space to life," Dr Mouritz said.

The approval will allow the centre to expand and increase its retail space by 50%. The application includes plans to incorporate some significant enhancements, including the development of a Town Square on Cecil Avenue which will include playgrounds, public facilities and an enhanced entertainment precinct around the cinema complex area.

The development of the City Centre is gathering speed, with construction of an eight storey building on Lake Street already underway with 108 apartments and ground floor commercial space. In addition, the JDAP has recently approved a 9 storey mixed use development on Cecil Avenue.

"The revitalisation of the Canning City Centre will provide more diverse facilities and services for the community of the south east corridor," Dr Mouritz said.

In addition the City is currently working with major WA developers, for the purchase and development of a one hectare of City land adjacent to the Cannington train station. The land could accommodate the creation of 250 – 300 dwellings with the successful proposal to be judged on its merits and act as a catalyst for other developments in the area. A final decision will be announced before the middle of the year.

The City of Canning anticipates substantial future residential development around the Cannington train station. The growth will provide not only a vibrant retail and commercial precinct for the residents of Canning but a centre that will attract people from all over the metropolitan area.

The development potential in the City Centre provides a substantial accommodation alternative to offset the development pressures on the fringes of the metropolitan area in line with the State Government's Directions 2031 and Beyond policy.

About the City of Canning

The City of Canning encompasses the suburbs of Welshpool, St James, Bentley, Queens Park, East Cannington, Cannington Wilson, Ferndale, Lynwood, Shelley, Rossmoyne, Riverton, Willetton, Parkwood, Leeming and Canning Vale. With a multicultural population of almost 100,000 people and with over 40,000 people working here, the City of Canning is a diverse and dynamic community full of growth and opportunity.

Additional information

The approval provides for an additional 47,108m² of Net Leasable Area (NLA) to the existing 83,122m²NLA and 2,042 additional parking spaces.

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