

## **Newsletter #1 – MAPs in Action (April 2020)**

*To all our members*

You have probably noticed that we have not been in touch for a while. There are many reasons for this and we hope you have not been feeling neglected. At the moment, however, some of us are spending a bit more time at home than we normally do so it seems a good time to let you know what we have been doing in recent months. A lot has happened, and it isn't all about That Virus.

Indeed, there is so much to tell you that we plan a number of newsletters spaced out over the next few months. These will be roughly organised according to themes:

- MAPS in action
- Community consultation work
- Working with stakeholders – developers, governments etc
- Submissions that we have prepared

As always, we value your input and suggestions for any future newsletters.

Don't forget, PerthALIVE is a small voluntary organisation. Our aim is to promote the development in Perth of vibrant, intergenerational housing precincts. Spending more time at home during these strange times gives us a heightened sense of the importance of our built surroundings and how they make us feel.

### **Update on Perth's first MAP – Claremont on the Park**

You will remember that PerthALIVE was the first organisation to coin the acronym "MAPs" for Multi Aged Precincts. There are vibrant mixed-use developments in already established areas, comprised of a significant number of dwelling units within walking distance of a major transport hub, urban centre and associated facilities.



Overview of Claremont on the Park

PerthALIVE has been working with the Town of Claremont, Landcorp (now Development WA), the developers of the precinct, the Claremont Football Club and others to make Claremont on the Park a vibrant, multi-age precinct. Although Claremont on the Park was not originally designed as a MAP, we have been working hard with the stakeholders to raise awareness of MAPs and the many benefits for the community (and clients) that this idea can bring. Over time we have found the stakeholders to be very receptive to MAPs and willing to engage in planning for the essential features of a MAP. This is an ongoing process and we are pleased to be able to report progress so far.

More than half of the estimated 800 apartments have been completed and residents have moved in. The most recent site included a mixed-use component, with a supermarket, wine merchant and a yet to open Mary Street Bakery. A further two sites are currently under construction with the final site yet to commence sales. One of the sites under construction will include a Residential Aged Care Facility to provide care for up to 120 residents. In addition, two and three-bedroom serviced apartments will provide the option for seniors to live in a home environment, and also provide the flexibility to ensure they do not have to move, even if their care levels increase. Also included in the development is an on-site childcare facility for more than 100 children. So, Claremont on the Park will be truly intergenerational.

Another feature of MAPs is an on-site service provider offering a range of lifestyle and aged care services suited to people of all ages and stages of life. PerthALIVE formed an alliance with Amana Living to develop such a service model. Subsequently Blackburne worked with Amana Living to include a dedicated space in their Essence development from which Amana Living will deliver their services. The office has been set up on the east side of the Essence building. Whilst it is not currently open due to Covid19 restrictions, Amana Living has been partnering with developers of the precinct to bring a service delivery model to residents of the MAP which will include in home services as well as community-based activities and events. Amana Living look forward to meeting residents once the current restrictions are lifted and the office can open.

In addition, the State Government has announced an upgrade to the Claremont train station to enable turnbacks, which will increase service frequency and allow direct access to the Forrestfield-Airport Link.



Claremont Station Project - METRONET

PerthALIVE believes that an important component for the Claremont on the Park community is an internal multi-use community space. This would be a flexible space suitable for a variety of activities limited only by the imagination of the residents but would naturally include shared recreational and entertainment activities, classes, community and not for profit activities, creative activities, meetings, events and so on. We have prepared a detailed submission to Development WA and Claremont Council to support this concept.

### **Claremont Community Hub – a work in progress**

PerthALIVE is planning to connect with residents from Claremont on the Park and surrounds to find out what type of activities they might enjoy and how these could be organised. We have tentatively suggested a name for the organising body, i.e., **Claremont Community Hub**. We are pleased to announce that our first planning event will be facilitated by Maureen Maher from Neighbourhood Connect. PerthALIVE's plans to launch the Claremont Community Hub, and apply for supporting funds to organise a community planning workshop at the Claremont Football Club, are sadly on hold for the time being.

### **Perth's first riverside MAP**

The recently approved 15 storey Canning Beach Road development in Applecross is set to become Perth's first riverside MAP. During the design stage, PerthALIVE was approached by the developer, Edge Visionary Living, to discuss ways in which the project could include aspects of a MAP and it is pleasing to see just how many components of a MAP are included in the final plans.

The project will have 220 apartments, five food outlets, a spa and bicycle and kayak hire. It is the community facilities, however, that means that this project can truly be called a MAP. Included in the design is an ageing-in-place office, as well as aged-care support and concierge services. There will be a men's shed, a craft studio, 890 sqm of landscaped gardens with alfresco dining, a public plaza and upgrades to Canning Beach Road and the river foreshore. The architect, David Hillam, said that

the project would launch next year. It is not known whether these plans are affected by the current economic circumstances.

### **Community events**

No events have been planned for a while, and none are currently on our agenda until the current social distancing restrictions are removed. However, you may have a suggestion for a community briefing or event, or know of a speaker who could update members on a topic relevant to our aims. If so, please let us know.

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