

WEST LAKES

COMMUNITY HUB FACT SHEET

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Develop a new vibrant and modern community hub at West Lakes that services the needs of the local community. West Lakes Community Hub will include library and community centre facilities. It will be a place where the community can come together participate, exchange ideas, learn, socialise and celebrate in a range of community spaces.
PROJECT PURPOSE	<p>The community hub will provide a next generation integrated community place to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn• Connect• Innovate• Create• Engage• Participate• Contribute• Share
PROJECT SCOPE	<p>The hub will be a place for community, students, volunteers and business to learn, create and collaborate. The scope of the project includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New community hub and landscaped outdoor spaces• Modern flexible multifunctional facilities• Creation of an inclusive space for the whole community• Technology embedded within the facility• Digital library and learning focus including technologies that enable creative design• IT capability to support wireless internet, high speed internet and multimedia capabilities• A mix of flexible indoor and outdoor community spaces suitable for a diverse range of community activities• Spaces that can be booked by local community and businesses• Services and facilities available at the existing West Lakes Library and Community Centre will be relocated to the new hub.
PROJECT BACKGROUND	<p>For some time Council has been looking at opportunities to better connect its library services and community centre activities at West Lakes. Currently the West Lakes Library and West Lakes Community Centre operate out of separate buildings located within the Westfield Car Park. The existing library and community centre buildings have serviced the community well for more than 20 years, however the decision to create a new integrated hub has many long-term benefits for the community.</p> <p>Previous community engagement undertaken by Council has demonstrated broad community support for the establishment of a community hub facility at West Lakes where library and community services are brought together to form the “social heart” of the community.</p>

PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS	<p>Stakeholders of this project, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing user groups and volunteers of the library and community centre • City of Charles Sturt community • Commercial & General – the developers of WEST • SANFL, Westfield and other neighbours.
PARTNER INVESTMENT SOUGHT	<p>We are interested in exploring and discussing partnership opportunities with organisations and businesses that might have a connection with the new hub.</p>
PROJECT TERM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Engagement – to understand community needs, issues and ideas • Development of concept design • Community display of concept design • Finalisation of design • Construction • West Lake Hub opens
PROJECT TIMELINE	<p>Public Consultation – April - May 2018</p> <p>Designs reviewed by Council – second half of 2018</p>



Project Location

Potential sites in the West Lakes area have been explored over the years and now with the emergence of the new WEST development on the former SANFL Football Park site a great opportunity has become available. A prominent well-connected site has been identified in the new Charles Street shopping precinct near the proposed Foodland.

Strategic Objectives

Our Community

- Provide accessible social infrastructure and services that engage our diverse community
- Capitalise on partnerships, build community resilience and sense of belonging
- Create opportunities for community leadership and civic participation
- Educate and regulate to enable a safe and healthy environment

Our Liveability

- Create valued urban places that bring people together and reflect local character and identity

Further Information

For further information on the community consultation visit
 Your Say - <https://www.yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/> or contact Council's Place Leader,
 Coastal or Community Engagement Coordinator on 8408 1111.