



# Arts and Culture Strategy

2025–2030



Placing creativity and lifelong learning at the heart of prosperity



City of Belmont

## Acknowledgement of Country

The City of Belmont acknowledges the Whadjuk Noongar people as the Traditional Owners of this land and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We further acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs, connection and relationship with this land which continues today.

We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living within the City of Belmont.



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## Foreword

Arts and culture bring people together. They help us share our stories, brighten our streets and parks, and offer new ways to see the world and each other.

As Mayor, I see how powerful that connection can be. It's why we're committed to making creativity a visible, everyday part of life in the City of Belmont.

The City of Belmont's Arts and Culture Strategy 2025–2030 is our shared vision to celebrate creativity, support local talent, and bring our community closer together.

Making space for art and culture means creating opportunities to connect, to honour our heritage, to support artists and cultural groups, and to inspire people of all ages. Whether it's a performance, a mural, a museum exhibition, a story shared at the library, or one of our popular activations in a local park, arts and culture should be part of everyday life in the City of Belmont.

This Strategy was shaped by local voices residents, artists, elected members, cultural groups, and organisations who all care deeply about our city. It reflects a strong and growing desire for

more creative spaces, local stories, and events that celebrate who we are.

Thank you to everyone who helped shape this Strategy. Your ideas and passion will help bring it to life. As Mayor, I believe anything that unites our community and builds pride in who we are and where we live is both important and essential. Together, we'll make the City of Belmont a place where creativity thrives and where everyone has the opportunity to feel connected and belong.

Robert Rossi  
Mayor





# Arts and Culture Vision Statement

To foster a vibrant, inclusive,  
and sustainable arts and cultural  
environment that reflects our diverse  
community and inspires connection,  
creativity, and discovery



# Purpose and scope of the Strategy

This Strategy was developed in response to community feedback, which highlighted the need for more frequent, diverse, and accessible arts and culture activities. People want more opportunities to participate in the arts, stronger support for local artists and programs that reflect the City of Belmont’s multicultural heritage.

Feedback also showed there are not enough creative spaces, local talent is not very visible, and there are barriers for groups such as working professionals, young people, and marginalised communities to participate.

The findings match the results of the Catalyse MARKYT® Community Scorecard and other consultation. Residents see arts and culture as important to the City’s identity, community connection, and quality of life. Many also want to see high quality cultural places like galleries, performance spaces, and public art that reflects the City of Belmont’s character.

The Strategy aims to make the City a leader in creative development, cultural engagement, and community well-being through arts and culture. It outlines the City’s commitment to fostering a thriving cultural scene that reflects our diverse community.

By investing in cultural spaces, supporting local talent, and encouraging community-driven creative projects, the Strategy will help turn the city into a cultural hub that can improve everyone’s lives.



**The Strategy focuses on:**

-  Arts and cultural programming
-  Lifelong learning
-  Heritage preservation
-  Creative industry development
-  Public Art

It includes the City’s Library, Museum, community events, arts development, and placemaking initiatives under one cultural vision. This document will guide arts and cultural development from 2025 onwards, making sure these efforts match the City’s broader goals of social, economic, and environmental sustainability.



# Definitions of arts and culture

Arts and culture include a wide range of creative activities, traditions, and practices that shape a community’s identity and values. In the City of Belmont, this includes:



▪ **Creative expression**  
Visual and performing arts, literature, digital media, music, dance, and public art that enrich community life and promote lifelong learning.



▪ **Creative participation**  
Opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to engage in creative activities as artists, participants, or audiences.



▪ **Heritage and history**  
Preservation and celebration of the city’s diverse cultural heritage, and the local stories that shape the community’s identity.



▪ **Place-making**  
Using arts and culture to activate public spaces, foster community pride, and create places that reflect the City of Belmont’s character.

The City’s approach to arts and culture is inclusive and holistic. This Strategy recognises creative expression as a powerful tool for well-being, social connection, and a sustainable future.

# Integration with the Strategic Community Plan

This Strategy aligns with the City of Belmont Strategic Community Plan 2024–2034, ensuring that arts and culture contribute to broader goals for social, economic, and environmental well-being.

It is framed around the Strategic Community Plan's five key themes:



- **People** – Creating a sense of belonging, pride, and creativity through inclusive cultural experiences.



- **Place** – Enhancing Belmont's unique identity through public art, placemaking, and cultural infrastructure.



- **Prosperity** – Strengthening the local economy by supporting creative industries, cultural tourism, and arts entrepreneurship.



- **Planet** – Promoting sustainable cultural practices and using the arts to raise environmental awareness.



- **Performance** – Ensuring effective and sustainable arts initiatives through good governance and evaluation.



## Broader strategic alignment

This Strategy aligns with local, state, and national policies to ensure an integrated approach to cultural development. Key alignments include the City's:

- Economic Development Strategy 2023–2028 - Promoting creative industries, cultural tourism, and Belmont's identity as a cultural hub.
- Public Art Management Plan & Guidelines 2025–2030 / Local Planning Policy 11 (LPP 11) – Supporting high-quality public art that enhances urban spaces and reflects local identity
- State and national cultural policies, including:
  - Creative WA – A 10-year plan for strengthening WA's creative sector.
  - WA Cultural Infrastructure Framework 2030+ – Focuses on cultural infrastructure, inclusion, and accessibility.
  - WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022–2026 – Advocates for modern, accessible libraries that foster cultural engagement.
  - National Cultural Policy 'Revive' – Prioritises cultural inclusion, diversity, and resilience.

A full list of relevant strategies and plans can be found at the end of this document.

## Arts and culture – What the City is already doing



The City has long supported creativity, cultural expression, and community engagement. As we work towards achieving the vision for a culturally vibrant community, it is important to recognise what the City has already achieved:

**Belmont Hub** is a testament to this leadership, serving as a state-of-the-art cultural facility and home to the City's **Ruth Faulkner Library** and **Belmont Museum**. Belmont Hub is a beacon of cultural activity, offering a rich array of programs and events that connect people to local heritage, creative learning, and community storytelling.

**Ruth Faulkner Library**, originally built in 1971, was named after the City's first female Councillor who fought tirelessly for the City of Belmont community to have its own public library. After 49 years, the library moved to its forever home in Belmont Hub, and delivers more than ever before. In 2025, reaching a record breaking one-million

visitors since opening in 2020, the new library offers a vast range of physical and digital collections, programs and services catering to the diverse needs and interests of the entire community. The library boasts an array of spaces to support the arts including an impressive **Multimedia Recording Studio and Editing Suite**, a 100 seat capacity **Performance Space** and an **Innovation Lab** and **Demonstration Kitchen** for hands on activities.

**Belmont Museum** was originally housed in a purpose-built building constructed in 1988 as part of the Australian Bicentennial.

At the time, with the dedicated and passionate Belmont Historical Society as the custodians, the small museum was a cherished institution that reflected the past experiences and everyday lives of local residents. Following a significant commitment from Council to invest in its local heritage, the Belmont Museum is now fully funded and managed by the City. Co-located with Ruth Faulkner Library within Belmont Hub, the Belmont Museum is recognised as one of the most impressive local government museums in Western Australia.



I'm here all the time with my kids. We love the Belmont library.



**The Glasshouse**, overlooking the picturesque Faulkner Park, is the City's premier function and event space hosting an array of arts and culture experiences catering up to 600 people from ticketed performance art events and exhibitions, through to civic functions such as Citizenship Ceremonies. Repurposing the old library into an impressive function space has allowed the City to expand on its cultural offerings and bring new experiences to local residents.

**Belmont Resource Centre and Activity Hall**, situated on the border of Faulkner Park, has for over 30 years offered a dedicated space for the Belmont Potters Group, and other spaces to deliver the City's Creative Clinics and cultural networking activities.

**Multipurpose Community Centres** located across the city provide the space and opportunity for the community to run their own cultural programs and ad hoc community based arts activities.

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The annual **City of Belmont Art Awards and Exhibition** is celebrated for its role in showcasing local talent and enriching the City's Civic Art Collection. Held in the stunning The Glasshouse exhibition space, the annual event is a highly anticipated fixture on the community calendar, drawing widespread participation and adding cultural value to the City's public art holdings. Complementing the annual Art Awards, the City delivers the **Art Awards Professional Development Series** to upskill local artists and support their capacity to enter the awards.

**Public and Civic Art Collections**, highlight the City's investment in building a collection of art featuring

**contemporary visual art, sculptures, murals, and installations** in key locations across the city.

**The Artist's Place Shop and Gallery**, located within Ruth Faulkner Library, offer local artisans, particularly new and emerging artists with an opportunity to showcase, exhibit and sell their works. Stocking The Artist's Place Shop with locally made art and craft wares, the City purchases directly from local artisans and sells each item at cost recovery to ensure artists fully benefit from the sale of their work. The City also acquires new artworks from the Gallery to add to The Artist's Place Civic Art Collection, which is steadily growing in size

to feature a range of impressive works from local emerging artists.

The City's approach to **place-making** further demonstrates its leadership in arts and culture, embracing community-driven ideas and skills to create unique public spaces that reflect local character and identity. The Let's Celebrate Local initiatives have successfully brought people together to enhance the City of Belmont's cultural, social, and environmental wellbeing.

In addition, the **City's calendar of community events and festivals** are attended by residents of all ages, promoting social connection and cultural celebration throughout

the year. These events are complemented by the programming offered by the **Library, Museum and Community Development** areas, providing a diverse range of activities, including English language classes, computer literacy, creative clinics, and intergenerational workshops that can enrich the lives of all residents.

The City's premier **outdoor event spaces** such as Faulkner Park, Tomato Lake and Garvey Park host cultural festivals, concerts, and community events.

These initiatives provide a strong foundation for future cultural growth, ensuring that arts and culture continue to thrive in the City of Belmont.

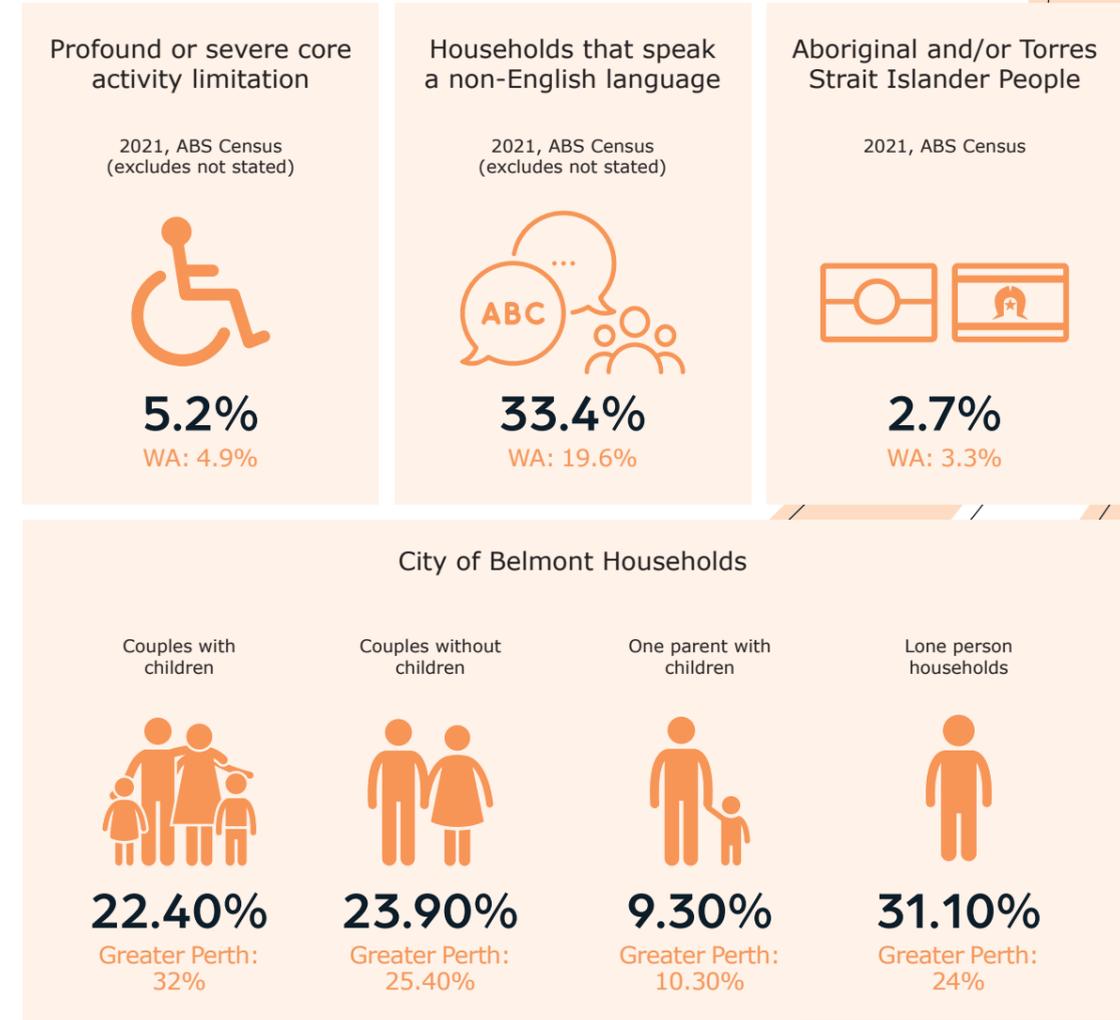
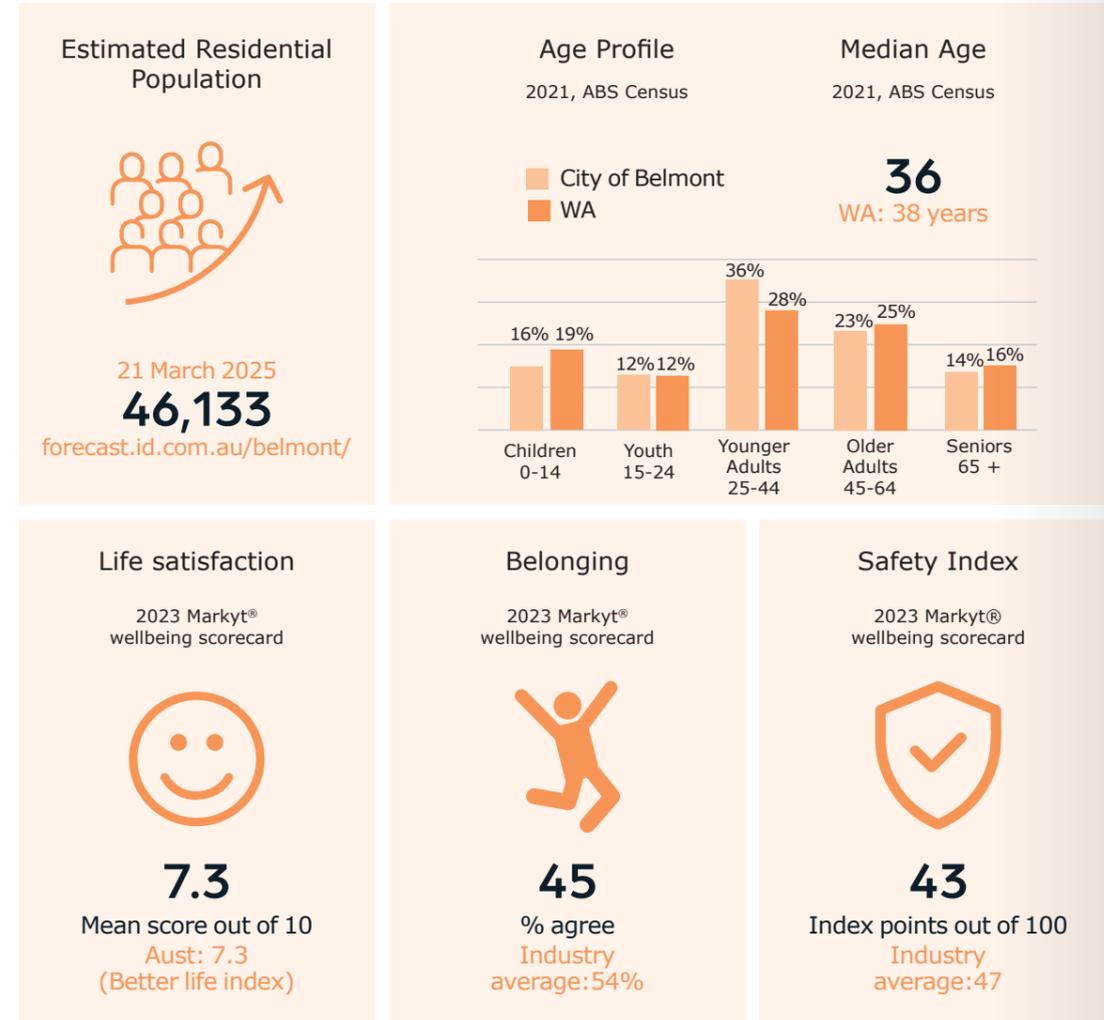


# Understanding our community

The City of Belmont is a vibrant community characterised by a high level of diversity, with more than 50.9% of its residents born overseas and over 63 languages spoken within its borders. This makes the City of Belmont one of the most multicultural areas in the region, creating a unique opportunity for the City to celebrate and leverage its diverse cultural heritage.

The City's multiculturalism, combined with its rising population of young people, positions the City of Belmont as a dynamic community with immense potential for cultural growth and innovation. This Strategy is intended for everyone. By addressing the needs of the city's diverse cultural makeup, people of all ages and abilities, and local creatives, the Strategy ensures that arts and culture are accessible, inclusive, and meaningful to all.

## People



☐☐ Today's event was amazingly run - from all the staff, setup, location, accessibility etc. Our family had an amazing time thank you! Our most favourite event of the year. ☐☐

## Community consultation and engagement findings

The journey to develop the Arts and Culture Strategy commenced in 2023, starting with extensive community consultation to ensure it genuinely reflected local aspirations and addressed identified gaps. Between March and July 2023, the City conducted a four-month engagement process that included electronic surveys, focus groups, and stakeholder interviews. In total, 198 participants contributed to the initial consultation, representing a broad cross-section of community members, local artists, and key cultural stakeholders.

### Engagement methodology:

- **Surveys:** Two electronic surveys were distributed to residents and stakeholders, capturing quantitative and qualitative data on the community's cultural engagement patterns, preferences, and perceived gaps.
- **Focus groups:** Two focus group sessions were held at Belmont Hub, bringing together artists, cultural practitioners, and community members to discuss their experiences and vision for arts and culture in the city.
- **Stakeholder interviews:** Twelve internal and external stakeholders, including representatives from the Ruth Faulkner Library, Belmont Museum, local schools, and community groups, were interviewed to gain deeper insights into organisational and community needs.
- **Ongoing feedback:** Since the initial consultation, the City has continued to utilise annual surveys and post event feedback to progressively collate, analyse and identify new findings that should be



considered in the final development of the Strategy. The Strategy has been informed by annual surveys such as the Catalyse 2023 and 2024 MARKYT Community and Wellbeing Scorecard, and the Ruth Faulkner Library Surveys 2019 to 2024 facilitated by independent market research analyst Culture Counts with a record number of 842 respondents in the 2024 annual survey. Additionally, the Strategy has considered the

findings of post-event surveys captured from participants attending the City's community events as well as feedback from attendees at activities delivered by the Library and Museum over the past 3 years, ensuring a consistent understanding of community sentiment has been captured over the course of the Strategy's development phase.

## Community priorities for arts and culture

The findings from the consultation process revealed a strong desire for greater investment in arts and culture, with more spaces and places to connect and more opportunities for regular participation, especially in creative workshops, exhibitions, and community-driven cultural projects.

Based on these findings, the community's top priorities include:

- **More creative spaces:** More spaces to meet and connect with like-minded people as well as spaces for individual learning, self-growth and dedicated cultural facilities such as artist studios, performance venues, and arts precincts.
- **Increased programming:** Development of a regular program of workshops, classes, and exhibitions that provide opportunities for active participation, lifelong learning, and accommodate all sectors of the community including families, youth, the employed and retirees.
- **Support for local artists:** Implementation of professional development initiatives, residencies, and grants to support local creatives and position the City of Belmont as a centre for artistic excellence.



- **Cultural inclusion:** Ensuring that programming reflects the city's diverse cultural identity and includes opportunities for intercultural exchange and shared learning.
- **Stronger community connections:** More arts and culture initiatives that foster social cohesion, reduce isolation, and build stronger connections between different groups.
- **Increased promotion:** Increase marketing and promotion of art and culture programming to ensure more people in the community are aware of what is available.



▣▣ Ruth Faulkner Library is a beautiful, state of the art facility with all the resources you could possibly need for all ages. Myself, my children, my grandchildren all enjoy it together. And you can tell the people who work there are passionate and care about our community, it's a lovely place to visit. Part of an incredible little hub, that is so much more than just a library. A true icon in Belmont. ▣▣



## Guiding principles

With consideration of the community's aspirations and identified priorities for arts and culture, the following core principles guide the implementation of this Strategy.

- 1. Inclusivity and diversity:** Ensuring that arts and culture are accessible to all and reflect the diversity of the community.
- 2. Creativity and innovation:** Supporting creative expression and innovation across all forms of arts and culture, encouraging experimentation, and nurturing the creative talents of the community.
- 3. Cultural equity:** Prioritising equitable access to cultural resources and ensuring that underrepresented voices are empowered and supported through arts and cultural activities.
- 4. Sustainability and resilience:** Promoting sustainable cultural practices and leveraging arts and culture to strengthen social and environmental resilience and well-being.
- 5. Lifelong learning:** Enabling the community to acquire knowledge, skills and experiences to adapt, grow and thrive in an ever-changing world.
- 6. Heritage and identity:** Preserving and celebrating the City of Belmont's unique history and identity through cultural storytelling, historical preservation, and community heritage projects.
- 7. Partnership and collaboration:** Building strong partnerships across sectors – including government, industry, community, and education – to maximise cultural impact and foster cross-sector innovation.
- 8. Community-centred development:** Placing the needs and aspirations of the community at the centre of cultural planning, ensuring that the strategy is driven by and responsive to local priorities.
- 9. Excellence and impact:** Committing to high-quality programming, projects, and initiatives that deliver lasting benefits to the community.



# Arts and Culture Strategy – Key areas of focus

The Arts and Culture Strategy is structured around three core pillars that align with the community’s priorities. These pillars focus on cultivating a vibrant cultural environment, enhancing community identity, and using arts and culture as tools for social connection, environmental sustainability, and economic prosperity. Each pillar includes specific actions that contribute to achieving the broader goals of the Strategic Community Plan across the key areas of **People, Place, Prosperity, Planet, and Performance.**



### Places and spaces

Buildings, places, spaces, along with technology make up our cultural infrastructure, creating an environment that supports, encourages and enables activity, participation, connection and lifelong learning



### Culture = Life

Arts and culture are at the heart of a liveable, prosperous, harmonious, and enlightened community



### Power of connection

An empowered community is one where people create, collaborate, share and connect with each other





## Pillar 1 Places and spaces

Buildings, places, spaces, along with technology make up our cultural infrastructure, creating an environment that supports, encourages, and enables activity, participation, connection and lifelong learning. The development and enhancement of cultural infrastructure and assets are central to creating a vibrant and sustainable arts and cultural environment within the City of Belmont. High-quality cultural infrastructure not only supports the creative expression of local artists and community members but also fosters greater community participation, social cohesion, and economic prosperity.

By creating engaging and attractive public spaces, the City will enhance liveability, stimulate local economic activity, and establish the City of Belmont as a cultural hub that prioritises sustainable practices. Through investment in eco-friendly arts and cultural infrastructure, the City of Belmont can attract visitors, nurture community pride, and promote environmental responsibility.

### Strategies and actions:

#### 1.1 Develop our arts and culture infrastructure:

Identify and deliver opportunities to build upon and/or upgrade the City's arts and cultural facilities, and dedicated creative spaces for exhibitions, performances, and community events.

#### 1.2 Enhance public spaces through place-making and temporary art activations:

Support the community to co-design and deliver innovative place-based initiatives such as public art installations, pop-up cultural spaces, and temporary performance areas to activate underutilised public spaces.

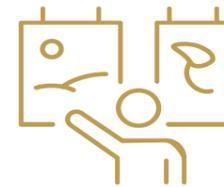
#### 1.3 Leverage upon existing cultural assets:

Further expand on the City's services such as the Ruth Faulkner Library and Belmont Museum, with a focus on creative activity, community engagement, and heritage promotion.

### Desired Outcomes:

1. A variety of accessible and sustainable cultural spaces that support community gatherings, artistic production, and cultural engagement.
2. Public art and place-making initiatives contribute to a shared sense of identity and pride across the city while promoting sustainable development.

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## Pillar 2 Culture = Life

# 2

### Strategies and Actions:

**2.1 Support local artists, communities, place-makers, and creative industries through grants, residencies, and mentorship programs:** Develop funding and support systems that enable artists and communities to thrive and contribute to the local creative economy.

**2.2 Expand opportunities for lifelong learning through creative workshops, classes, and community events:** Provide diverse programming for residents of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, promoting skills development, creative expression, and social engagement.

**2.3 Celebrate the diverse cultural heritage of Belmont:** Develop inclusive creative programming that identifies with the city's cultural diversity.

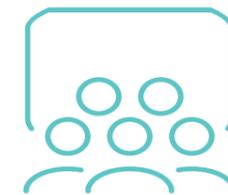
Arts and culture are at the heart of a liveable, prosperous, harmonious, and enlightened community. Integration of arts and culture into everyday life, make creativity a core part of community identity and interaction.

By making arts and culture a natural part of daily life, the Strategy enhances residents' quality of life, builds a strong sense of community identity, and nurtures personal development. It also promotes environmental sustainability by encouraging cultural programs that incorporate eco-friendly practices and awareness.

### Desired Outcomes:

1. An engaged and creative community where arts and culture are celebrated and integrated into the fabric of daily life.
2. Increased participation in cultural activities across all age groups and demographics, with a focus on environmentally conscious practices.

## 3



### Pillar 3 Power of connection



#### Strategies and Actions:

**3.1 Facilitate cross-sector collaborations between arts, education, health, and business sectors:** Use arts and culture to address community challenges such as mental health, social isolation, and economic development through targeted initiatives.

**3.2 Form community partnerships to deliver co-created projects:** Work together to develop arts and culture projects that recognise and celebrate the community's contributions to the City of Belmont's identity.

**3.3 Promote intergenerational and intercultural programming:** Create opportunities for people of all ages and cultural backgrounds to come together through shared creative activities, such as community storytelling, collaborative art projects, and intercultural events.

An empowered community is one where people create, collaborate, share and connect with each other. Arts and culture can build bridges between people, communities, and generations, fostering a sense of belonging and inclusion.

By facilitating opportunities for cultural exchange and collaboration, the City aims to create an inclusive community where everyone feels connected and respected.

#### Desired Outcomes:

1. Stronger social connections, increased cultural understanding, and a more cohesive and inclusive community.

# Measuring success

We plan to track the impact and success of this Strategy, measuring community engagement, facility usage, program diversity, cultural participation, and social cohesion. This will help us to ensure the Strategy delivers tangible benefits to the community, supports local artists and creative industries, and strengthens the City of Belmont's identity as a vibrant cultural hub.

Specifically, attendance rates, number of available cultural spaces and facilities, diversity of programming, and community satisfaction provide insights into how well cultural infrastructure and programs are enhancing community life. Partnerships and cross-sector collaborations, and perceived social cohesion will help us gauge the effectiveness of the Strategy in building connections, promoting inclusivity, and addressing broader social challenges through arts and culture.



## Monitoring, evaluation and learning

The City will measure and monitor the effectiveness of the Arts and Culture Strategy using a combination of quantitative and qualitative information. We will capture this information through community surveys, attendance records, program evaluations, and stakeholder feedback.

The Strategy's key actions will be reviewed annually to assess progress, identify areas for improvement, and ensure that the Strategy remains aligned with the community's evolving needs.

To ensure we can respond to the community's changing needs, a dynamic rolling three-year operational implementation plan will be developed with flexibility to adapt as required.



# Overview

Pillar	Key actions	Alignment with Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034	Desired outcomes	Indicators of success
 <p><b>Pillar 1: Places and spaces</b></p>	<p><b>1.1 Develop arts and culture infrastructure:</b> Identify and deliver opportunities to build upon and/or upgrade the City’s arts and cultural facilities, and dedicated creative spaces for exhibitions, performances, and community events.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Supports Outcome 9:</b> “Plan and deliver vibrant, attractive, safe, and economically sustainable activity centres” by enhancing public spaces for creative engagement and community well-being.</li> <li>▪ <b>Contributes to Outcome 8:</b> “A city that is easy to get around safely and sustainably” by integrating public art and place-making initiatives that improve walkability and visual appeal.</li> <li>▪ <b>Supports the Planet theme:</b> By incorporating sustainable design and materials into new cultural developments and activations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A diverse array of accessible and sustainable cultural spaces that support community gatherings, artistic production, and cultural engagement.</li> <li>▪ Public art and place-making initiatives contribute to a shared sense of identity and pride across the city while promoting sustainable development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increased number of creative groups or individuals that have access to and participate in creative and cultural spaces within the city.</li> <li>▪ Number of public art and place-making projects completed.</li> <li>▪ Community satisfaction scores related to public spaces and cultural infrastructure (survey data and ongoing community engagement).</li> </ul>
	<p><b>1.2 Enhance public spaces through place-making and temporary art activations:</b> Support the community to co-design and deliver innovative place-based initiatives such as public art installations, pop-up cultural spaces, and temporary performance areas to activate underutilised public spaces.</p>			
	<p><b>1.3 Leverage upon existing cultural assets:</b> Further expand on the City’s services such as the Ruth Faulkner Library and Belmont Museum, with a focus on creative activity, community engagement, and heritage promotion.</p>			

Pillar	Key actions	Alignment with Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034	Desired outcomes	Indicators of success
 <p><b>Pillar 2: Culture = Life</b></p>	<p><b>2.1 Support local artists and creative industries through grants, residencies, and mentorship programs:</b> Develop funding and support systems that help artists thrive and contribute to the local creative economy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Supports Outcome 2:</b> “A strong sense of pride, belonging, and creativity” and Outcome 3: “People of all ages and abilities feel connected and supported” by fostering inclusive cultural experiences and promoting intergenerational and intercultural dialogue.</li> <li>▪ <b>Contributes to Outcome 9:</b> “A progressive, vibrant, and thriving economy with active participation in lifelong learning” by offering opportunities for personal and community development through creative education and expression.</li> <li>▪ <b>Supports the Planet theme:</b> By integrating sustainability-focused activities and environmental awareness into creative programming.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An engaged and creative community where arts and culture are celebrated and integrated into the fabric of daily life.</li> <li>▪ Increased participation in cultural activities across all age groups and demographics, with a focus on environmentally conscious practices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Number of grants, residencies, and mentorships provided to local artists.</li> <li>▪ Increase in attendance at creative workshops and classes.</li> <li>▪ Diversity and frequency of cultural programming events held.</li> <li>▪ Broader representation of the city’s diverse population in creative activities.</li> <li>▪ Increase in local artist recognition and engagement in community projects.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>2.2 Expand opportunities for lifelong learning through creative workshops, classes, and events:</b> Provide diverse programming for residents of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, promoting skill development, creative expression, and social engagement.</p>			
	<p><b>2.3 Celebrate the diverse cultural heritage of Belmont:</b> Develop inclusive creative programming that identifies with the city’s cultural diversity.</p>			

Pillar	Key actions	Alignment with Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034	Desired outcomes	Indicators of success
 <p><b>Pillar 3: Power of Connection</b></p>	<p><b>3.1 Facilitate cross-sector collaborations between arts, education, health, and business sectors:</b> Use arts and culture to address community challenges such as mental health, social isolation, and economic development.</p> <p><b>3.2 Form community partnerships to deliver co-created projects:</b> Work together to develop arts and culture projects that recognise and celebrate the community’s contributions to the City of Belmont’s identity.</p> <p><b>3.3 Promote intergenerational and intercultural programming:</b> Create opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to come together through shared creative activities such as storytelling, collaborative art projects, and festivals.</p>	<p>▪ <b>Supports Outcome 3:</b> “People of all ages and abilities feel connected and supported” and Outcome 11: “A happy, well-informed, and engaged community” by fostering social cohesion and community dialogue through arts-based initiatives.</p> <p>▪ <b>Contributes to Outcome 2:</b> “A strong sense of pride, belonging, and creativity” by celebrating the City’s cultural diversity and creating platforms for intercultural engagement.</p> <p>▪ <b>Supports the Performance theme:</b> By ensuring high-quality planning, evaluation, and delivery of collaborative cultural programs.</p>	<p>▪ Stronger social connections, increased cultural understanding, and a more cohesive and inclusive community.</p>	<p>▪ Number of cross-sector collaborations initiated.</p> <p>▪ Increase in intercultural and intergenerational programming offered.</p> <p>▪ Number of projects achieved through community partnerships.</p> <p>▪ Positive changes in community perception of social cohesion and inclusion (survey data).</p> <p>▪ Increase in participation rates from diverse cultural groups and marginalized communities.</p>



## References

### City of Belmont References:

- Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034
- Corporate Business Plan 2024-2028
- Public Art Management Plan & Guidelines 2025 -2030
- Local Planning Policy 11 (LPP 11)
- Economic Development Strategy 2023-2028
- Koort Karnadjil Mya – Heart Truth Voice – First Nations Strategy
- Multicultural Strategy 2020 and Beyond
- Community Infrastructure Plan 2022-2040 Part One and Two

### Other:

- Creative WA: A 10-year vision to grow and sustain our creative ecosystem – Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Western Australia Cultural Infrastructure Framework 2030+
  - Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
- National Cultural Policy 'Revive' - Office for the Arts - Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts
- Strategic Business Plan 2024-2028 - Chamber of Arts and Culture WA
- The Creative Economy in Australia – What
- Census 2021 Tells Us Briefing paper 1 & 2 – Creative Australia (formally known as Australia Council for the Arts)
- WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 – WALGA, State Library of WA and Public Libraries Western Australia
- APLA-ALIA Standards and Guidelines for Australian Public Libraries, May 2021.
- Australian Museum and Galleries Association Strategic Plan and Pillars, 2024-2026
- The IFLA-UNESCO Public Library Manifesto 2022
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 27

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