

# Creating a lively connection between Perth CBD and Northbridge

Perth is set to enjoy a new hub of day and night activity in the heart of the CBD by mid-2017 with the opening of Yagan Square.

Situated within the arms of the Horseshoe Bridge, Yagan Square is the flagship public space of the Perth City Link project.

At more than one hectare in size, the square will be an important transit area for thousands of city workers and residents each day as they connect with public transport and move between the city and Northbridge.

It is expected to also be a popular tourist destination, showcasing Western Australian history, culture, landscape and produce.

"A strong Aboriginal narrative has been infused in the design of Yagan Square, incorporating Whadjuk stories of place, people, animals, birds and landscape throughout the public areas." Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority CEO Kieran Kinsella said.

The design is a result of the nearly 2000 responses received from the public via an online engagement tool during the planning stages.

The square itself has been named after the Noongar warrior Yagan, and is one of the first spaces in the city to be named after an Aboriginal person.

Key features of Yagan Square (supplied by the MRA) include:

## William Street Mall

A lively pedestrian thoroughfare connecting Wellington and Roe streets, the William Street Mall will be lined with shops and alfresco dining. The mall will link to 'tracks' which travel through Yagan Square and reflect past passages through the site. An iconic digital tower located at the south end of the mall will display a mix of cultural and commercial content and integrated light art.

## Market Hall and Plaza

The market hall will offer locally sourced fresh produce from Western Australian operator for dining and take-away. A number of separate tenancies adjacent to the market hall will offer a range of grab-and-go offering to service city commuters. Pop-up retailers, food trucks and

regular events will also provide a lively atmosphere during the day and at night.

## The Amphitheatre 'Meeting Place'

An amphitheatre on the upper level will offer a performance space. A shade canopy – designed to symbolise the original lake system of the site – will provide shelter and a surface for projecting digital imagery and lighting installations. This area is overlooked by a restaurant with an outdoor dining deck.

## Playscape

The children's play area will use natural forms and colours to create a challenging but accessible terrain for all ages and abilities. Located on the upper level, this playscape offers envious views over Yagan Square and across the city. The area is surrounded by a natural forest canopy, landscaping and water play elements.

## The Waterline

Developed in collaboration with WA artist Jon Tarry, the water feature draws upon the local landscape and

reflects the site's past as a former lake system.

## The Gardens

Yagan Square will showcase the unique and diverse qualities of Western Australian flora. The gardens throughout the space feature wildflowers and tree species that are culturally important and reflect the history of the site.

## North Lane

A two-storey building in North Lane, adjacent to Roe Street and within the arms of the Horseshoe Bridge, will host a restaurant and bar overlooking the square.



Yagan Square is situated within the arms of the Horseshoe Bridge, which connects Northbridge to the Perth CBD.