



## EAST LAKE PLACE PLAN

### REPORT ON WHAT WE HEARD

**The ACT Government has engaged with the community to work collaboratively to develop a place plan for the East Lake urban renewal area. This will provide a framework to help the ACT Government realise a shared vision for the renewal of this important area.**

A place plan will identify what is special about East Lake, and provide planning guidance for future development, open spaces and community uses as it changes over time.

East Lake is located on the south-eastern edge of Lake Burley Griffin. The site covers parts of Kingston and Fyshwick and includes the Canberra Railway Station, the Causeway, the Mildura Street industrial/commercial area and the growing Canberra Avenue east-west corridor linking the city with Queanbeyan.

### THE CONVERSATION

**We conducted a 6-week community engagement process from 18 July to 31 August 2022, where the community was able to have their say on the future of the East Lake area.**

We worked with the community to capture the identity, character and values of the area. We invited the community to share stories about their connection to the area, as well as their aspirations, ideas and visions for its future.

Through a collaborative engagement process, community and stakeholders had their say through face-to-face events and online activities, including pop up stalls, workshops, walkshops, door-to-door engagement, a community event at the Jerrabomberra Wetlands and online activities including surveys, storytelling and photo sharing.



### WHO WE ENGAGED

**The consultation process targeted a diverse audience through a variety of communication channels and activities.**

Feedback was received from more than 500 individuals and representative groups, including Indigenous communities, residents, traders and businesses, visitors, local community council groups, near neighbours to the project area, key external and ACT Government stakeholder groups and the wider Canberra community.

At the heart of the engagement process and this place planning project are the cultural and historic heritage values of the area. To better understand these values specialist Ngunnawal and Indigenous consultants undertook consultation with Ngunnawal and broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People who have connections to the area.

The project has received regular input from ACT Government stakeholders across all directorates and is overseen by a project control group.



## KEY INSIGHTS FROM THE COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS

Feedback has been individually analysed and grouped into themes. We gathered feedback at pop up stalls, workshops, walkshops, a community event, emails and through YourSay community and trader/business surveys and a social map.

### Your Vision for Future East Lake



#### **EAST LAKE IS CONNECTED TO COUNTRY**

We heard strong support for the inclusion and understanding of Indigenous culture and history. East Lake can provide opportunities which focus on cultural tourism, Indigenous trails, understanding bush foods and land management for future generations and Aboriginal youth.

We heard that the connection between East Lake, Jerrabomberra Wetlands and the Jerrabomberra Creek is important to Indigenous communities.



#### **EAST LAKE IS SUSTAINABLE**

We heard strong support for sustainable development that has wellbeing and the safeguarding of the environment at its core.

You would like to see a plan that incorporates water sensitive urban design, protection of the Jerrabomberra Wetlands and its wildlife, canopy coverage, wildlife corridors, sustainable building design, micro forests and community gardens.



#### **EAST LAKE CELEBRATES ITS HISTORY**

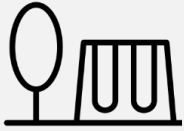
We heard that the history of the East Lake area is significant to the community. This history includes Indigenous culture and stories, the Railway Museum and remnant railway tracks, Cargills Cottage, Causeway Hall and the Jerrabomberra Wetlands.

We listened to your memories, such as riding bikes through the back of the wetlands and attending community events at the Causeway Hall. You would like to see the narrative and stories of the past brought into the future planning for East Lake to become a part of the future community.



#### **EAST LAKE PROTECTS THE WETLANDS**

You greatly appreciate the Jerrabomberra Wetlands and would like to see it enhanced and protected. There is strong support to connect East Lake to the Wetlands in a way that ensures the protection of flora and fauna.

**EAST LAKE HAS A HIGH QUALITY PUBLIC REALM**

There is a strong desire for the inclusion of green recreational spaces and associated amenities in East Lake including dog-friendly areas, playgrounds, seats, public toilets, community gardens and green spaces.

You would like to see a public realm that supports a comfortable environment with tree-lined streets and public spaces that provide opportunities to gather, rest, play and enjoy.

**EAST LAKE SUPPORTS SMALL INDUSTRY**

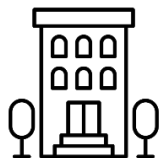
We heard your preference to retain the Fyshwick light industrial area around Mildura Street and introduce small-scale boutique industrial spaces that support creative industries such as music and art.

We learnt that the Fyshwick Fresh Food Markets is a popular destination in the project area, and you would like to see it included and enhanced in the future planning of East Lake.

**EAST LAKE IS A DESTINATION**

We heard you would like East Lake to be a destination that attracts visitors, builds awareness of its history and supports local businesses. A range of existing and new attractions were discussed, including a Jerrabomberra Wetlands Visitor Centre, Cargills Cottage, Causeway Hall and the Canberra Railway Museum.

Businesses expressed an interest in being involved in local events, attractions, cultural activities and annual fairs such as food and art festivals where owners can showcase their products and produce to increase visitation to the area.

**EAST LAKE DELIVERS DIVERSE HOUSING**

We heard you would like to see varied housing options including social, affordable, aged care and student housing supported by retail and commercial services.

You expressed an interest in housing near Mildura Street to support businesses in the area. We learnt that students in the area who attend CIT Fyshwick require nearby accommodation when travelling from interstate.

**EAST LAKE PRIORITISES ACTIVE TRAVEL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

We heard strong support for increasing and improving pedestrian and bike paths to promote healthy lifestyles and connect East Lake to the surrounding suburbs, places, and natural areas such as the Jerrabomberra Wetlands, Dairy Road, and Kingston Foreshore. We heard concerns about traffic and parking along Mildura Street currently impacting businesses.

You want an efficient and connected public transport network to facilitate movement to and through East Lake. We heard you would like a transport node in East Lake that could include light rail, rapid buses and heavy rail.





## Future of East Lake

We asked you what you want East Lake to be known for in the future. The bigger the word in the cloud below, the more often it was mentioned during engagement.



## WHAT'S NEXT?

We are using your feedback to develop a draft East Lake place plan that will unite and synthesise the many differing ideas of the community and its organisations – the people who live, work, and play in and around East Lake and surrounding suburbs.

The place plan will guide planning changes and urban renewal activities in East Lake over time. It will capture the identity, character and values of the East Lake precinct and establish its key design principles to guide future planning, design and renewal.

You will also have the opportunity to provide more feedback when we release the draft place plan for public consultation in the coming months.

Register to receive project updates by emailing: [EPSDDComms@act.gov.au](mailto:EPSDDComms@act.gov.au)

To find out more about the East Lake Place Plan and other initiatives, policies, and projects in Canberra visit [www.yoursay.act.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.act.gov.au) or follow us on EPSDD and ACT Government social media channels and websites.



## Key Timings

Previous planning and investigations – 2010

Previous community engagement – 2017

Plan and scope next phase of work – 2021

Engage project consultants and review past planning and engagement – Early 2022

Community engagement for East Lake Place Plan – 18 July – 31 August 2022

Community engagement on Draft East Lake Place Plan – Early 2023

Technical assessments and preparation of Draft East Lake Planning Report – Early 2023

Stakeholder engagement on draft planning report – Early – mid 2023

East Lake Planning Report – Mid 2023

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

**1**

We presented at a community council public meeting

**6,500**

We delivered more than 6,500 postcards to residents, businesses, and public buildings in the Inner South

**6**

We hosted 6 pop up stalls in and surrounding East Lake

**7**

We hosted 7 collaborative workshops with external and Government stakeholders

**2**

We hosted 2 walkshops in East Lake

**1**

We hosted 1 drop-in session at the Causeway Hall with Causeway residents

**90**

More than 90 people attended a Jerrabomberra Wetlands community event hosted with the Woodlands and Wetlands Trust

**3,420**

We reached 3,420 people via YourSay

**240**

We spoke to more than 240 businesses in and surrounding the project area

**136**

We received 136 completed community surveys via YourSay

**43**

We received 43 completed trader/business surveys via YourSay

**500**

We received feedback from more than 500 individuals during the engagement period