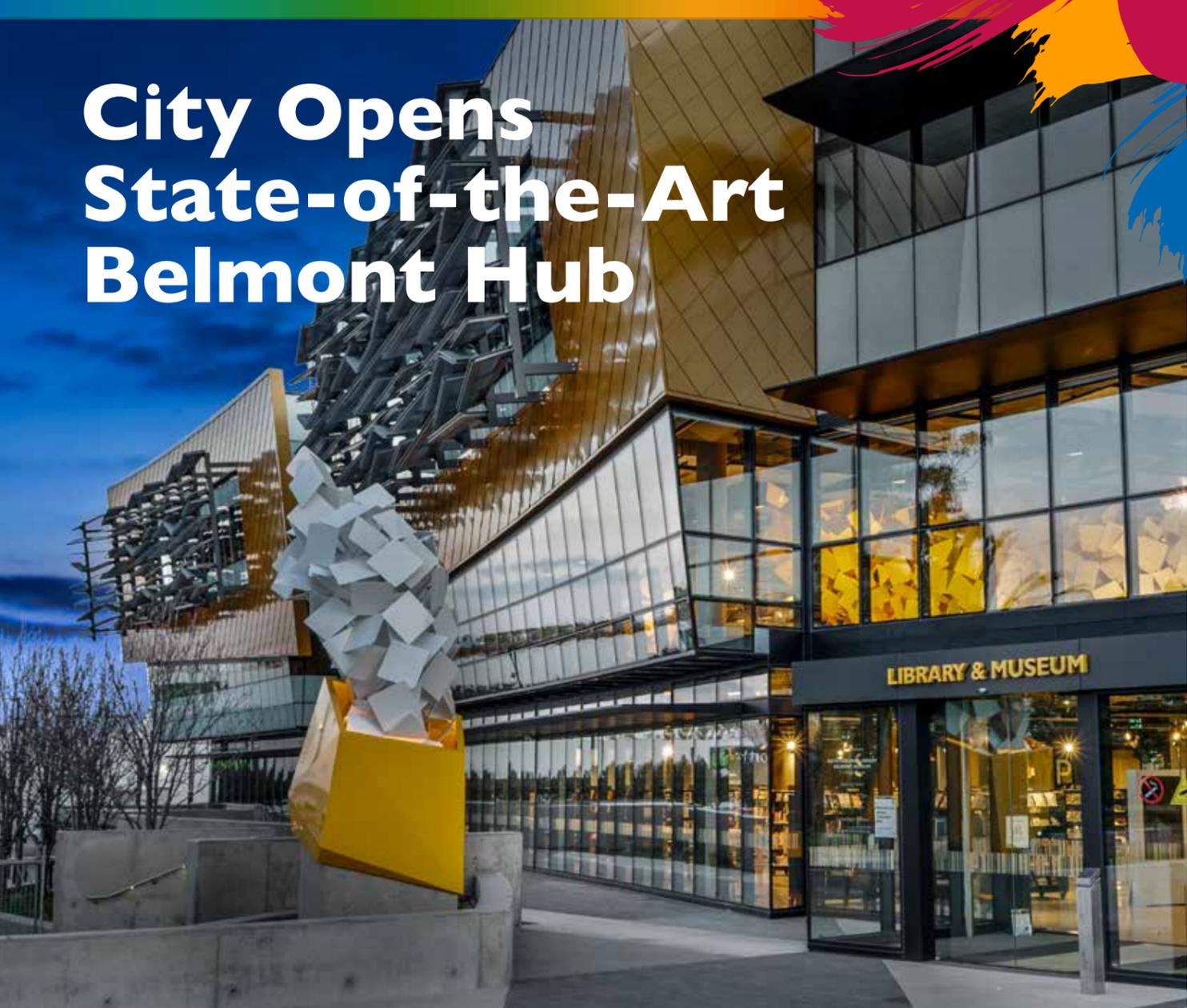


City Opens State-of-the-Art Belmont Hub



Belmont Hub – Digital Hub



Belmont Hub – Belmont Museum



Belmont Hub – Ground floor



Belmont Hub – Children's area



Belmont Hub – Ruth Faulkner Library



Belmont Hub – Belmont Museum

The City of Belmont's new community centre Belmont Hub opened its doors on 12 October.



Belmont Hub is a modern multi-purpose, cross-generational community building featuring a library over two levels, digital hub and recording studio, seniors centre, state-of-the-art museum, office space for community service organisation providers and much more.

"With a construction cost of \$38 Million, Belmont Hub represents a major investment on the part of the City of Belmont to facilitate the delivery of services to the community and has been delivered on Budget," City of Belmont Chief Executive Officer John Christie said

"This building is absolutely stunning and firmly announces itself as a landmark building within the Faulkner Park Civic Precinct with its unique architecture," Mr Christie said.

"Belmont Hub has been many years in the making, beginning with a bold vision developed by the City and

Council after listening to our community, then lots of work over many years to bring this to fruition including advocacy and lobbying for funding," according to City of Belmont Mayor Cr Phil Marks.

"Belmont Hub is a building designed by the community for the community," Mayor Marks said.

"The building achieved a 5 Star Green Star Design Review, and is currently working towards achieving a 6 Star Green Star As-Built certification. With its numerous active and passive design elements this will ensure this is a cost effective building to maintain," Mayor Marks said.

The City of Belmont received a \$9.6 Million Australian Government grant towards the project, and \$3.8 Million grant from Lotterywest for the community service providers office space.

The City also received a \$540,000 Federal Government grant for state-of-the-art security systems and infrastructure, and a \$196,736 Federal Government grant for 79 CCTV cameras.

The construction of Belmont Hub is due to be delivered on budget.

"This is the largest construction project the City of Belmont has undertaken to date in its history and it really demonstrates Council's commitment to its community," Mr Christie said.

"It has come about with the extraordinary good planning to create this centrally located building which includes Ruth Faulkner Library, Belmont Museum,

a seniors hub and more - all together within the same footprint," Mr Christie said.

"This architecturally striking building is a vision created by Bollig Design Group and delivered by PACT Construction who successfully overcame a number of challenges during the construction phase."

"The design of this incredible building meets the requirements of the City to cater for the needs of our community into the future," Mayor Marks said.

"I am thrilled with the building and what it means for the City of Belmont and the wider community, as it embodies a commitment to learning and innovation."