



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Implementation
Working Group
Notes – 20 December 2021



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1 Opening

Meeting open: 7.35am

Acknowledgement of country

Ngany kaaditj Noongar moort keny kaadak nidja Wadjak Noongar boodja. Ngany kaaditj nidja Noongar birdiya – koora, ye-ye, boorda, baalapiny moorditj Noongar kaaditjin, moort, wer boodja ye-ye.

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and respect past, present and emerging leaders, their continuing cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continues to be important today.

2 Attendance

UFS Implementation Group Members

Ben Whitehouse
Heather Johnstone
Rowena Skinner
Emma Monk
Ngaire Howard
Nadia D'Hart

Councillors

Cr Bronwyn Ife
Cr Peter Devereux

ToVP Representatives

Natalie Martin-Goode (Chief Community Planner)
David Doy (Manager Place Planning)
Pierre Quesnel (Senior Place Leader, Urban Forest)
Gregor Wilson (Manager Infrastructure Operations)
Stephen (Parks Technical Officer)

Meeting secretary

Shelly Woods (Executive Assistant, Chief Community Planner)

Presenters

Nil

Observers

Nil

Apologies

Cr Luana Lisandro

3 Presentations

3.1 Urban Forest Program - Overview Presentation

Time	15 Minutes plus question Time
Presenter	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

The purpose of the Urban Forest Overview Presentation is to:

1. Provide an update to the group on the overall progress of the Urban Forest Program towards canopy targets,
2. Predict future progress towards the canopy target
3. Map out a plan for review of the Implementation Action plan and Urban Forest Program current approach.

Outcome

An informed working group on the current status and context of the Urban Forest program. This understanding can then influence the group's actions and recommendations regarding the forward planning of the program.

4 Items for discussion

4.1.1 Gloucester Street Tree Planting Urban Forest Project Proposal

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	1. Urban Forest Project Proposal - Gloucester Street Tree Planting [4.1.1.1 - 2 pages]

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Following open discussion about the proposal amongst the group and Town subject matter experts' recommendations, advice and additional opportunities be recorded in the meeting notes. This will assist Town staff in the prioritisation of projects. It will also assist in understanding the likely community impacts and sentiment which will influence the manner of project delivery.

Discussion points

- Project costs
- Community support
- Place impact
- UFS targets
- Environmental services
- Health outcomes

Strategic outcomes

EN07 - Increased vegetation and tree canopy.	Proposal to increase tree canopy on Gloucester Street in Victoria Park.
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Next steps

Following review and comment from the working group this portion of the street would be included as a focus area for the 2022 Leafy Streets Program.

Outcome/Action

- Gloucester street is a potential ecological corridor street from Curtin / Jirdarup through to the Swan River foreshore.
- The street also connects multiple parks and shaded access is important to encourage walking to the parks.
- Potential for buy in from the neighbors.

Further information

See attached – Urban Forest Project Proposal - Gloucester Street Tree Planting.

4.1.2 JA Lee Park Drainage Basin Project Proposal

Reporting officer	Todd Wooding
Attachments	1. Urban Forest Project Proposal - JA Lee Drainage Basin [4.1.2.1 - 7 pages]

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Next steps

Review for potential future inclusion in future Vic Park Green Basins Program. Engineering review and approval required.

Outcome/Action

- POSS recommendations lifting canopy cover to 30% target
- Fill in gaps of street trees along the park perimeter
- Significate drainage basin with large catchment, steep banks etc.
- Cardno report states the basin is 11 times to small
- Not the easiest basin to seek to engineering approval.
- Grasses/rushes in the bases plant on top in ridge trees would be the desired outcome.

- Explore this basin revegetation and the increase of canopy
- Verges are important for provision of parking, particularly during sporting use.

Further information

See attached: Urban Forest Project Proposal - JA Lee Drainage Basin

5 General business

- Workshop – on weekend 2 hours morning, Saturday 12 Feb 2022 will send spreadsheet
- When are the strategies reviewed? – no set review scheduled determined in the UFS.
- Study- Lathlain/Carlisle did not reflect the canopy consideration for commercial (Welshpool)
- Significant tree register is currently missing some on Taylor Reserve that could be included
- How is the planning going in the Kent St area A: update provided.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status / Comments	Closed Date
Present 2022 Planting Season tree tags, letters and information to UFS IWG for review.	PQ + AH	Required before PS22	Open
Review UFS Implementation Action Plan with the UFS IWG.	PQ	Planning for early 2022 (including EM Concept Forum in March)	Open
Bird waterer mini study be conducted to guide appropriate locations for future installations. Study to analyse: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current bird waterer locations (ensure town widespread) • Bird waterer need (close to habitat and lack of standing water) • Water connection availability. 	PQ	Open	Open
Next stage of Rutland Avenue presented at UFS IWG meeting.	PQ	Open – still in development by ops team	Open
PQ to investigate volunteer grove as recognition of service and volunteering associated with the UFS.	PQ	Proposed delay until after planting season 2021.	Open

Arbor Carbon Mapping Report to be made public.	PQ	Attached to this December 2021 UFS IWG meeting agenda.	Closed
Promotion of the community project proposal process and the bus stop gardens program.	PQ + AH	NEW 15/11/2021 Currently content creation is in progress and is scheduled for promotion in January 2022.	Open

7 Close

Meeting closed at 8.35am