



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Strategy
Implementation Working Group
Notes – 19 October 2020



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1 Opening

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

Eric Denholm
Heather Johnstone
Rowena Skinner
Jason Wicktorowicz
Emma Monk
Ben Whitehouse

ToVP Representatives

Pierre Quesnel (Senior Place Leader, Urban Forest)
David Doy (Manager Place Planning)
Gregor Wilson (Manager Infrastructure Operations)
Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer)

Meeting secretary

Christy Neems

Presenters

Nil

Observers

Nil

Apologies

Aleisha Hunter (Community Development Officer – Special Projects)

3 Presentations

Nil.

4 Items for discussion

4.1.1 Carlisle Reserve Car Park

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	1. UFS Project Proposal Carlisle Reserve [4.1.1.1 - 2 pages]

Purpose of the item

UFS Implementation project proposals are received from the community and Town staff via online form. The proposals are collated and presented to the UFS Implementation Working Group who will provide advice and recommendations to inform prioritisation and implementation of UFS implementation projects.

Outcome

UFS IWG recommend implementing the project with the following recommendations:

- Include shrub planting to the front portion in the delivery of the project.
- Plant out garden bed with shrubs
- Due to below ground power line and limited space trees would be difficult.
- Project would improve amenity and have a positive "place impact"
- Potential to add ecosystem services with local shrubs.

Discussion points

Place impact

- This project will improve the experience of the car park and of visiting Carlisle Reserve

UFS targets

- Opportunities for tree planting should be explored adjacent the car park and installed along the other project components.
- It was discussed and determined that the space was too narrow and contained below ground power in the garden bed to plant trees. Therefore shrubs would be most suitable. Some taller shrubs could be included.

Environmental services

- This project is an opportunity to expand urban habitat
- Opportunity to include the front verge area in the project

Health outcomes

- This project will help with cooling of the carpark by altering its micro climate.

Next steps

This project will be included in the project pool for the 2021 Planting Season

Further information

Project Proposal attached.

4.1.2 Alday Reserve Project Proposal

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	1. UFS Project Proposal Alday Reserve [4.1.2.1 - 4 pages]

Purpose of the item

UFS Implementation project proposals are received from the community and Town staff via online form. The proposals are collated and presented to the UFS Implementation Working Group who will provide advice and recommendations to inform prioritisation and implementation of UFS implementation projects.

Outcome

UFS IWG recommend implementing the project with the following recommendations:

- Expand tree beds and aim to showcase the botanical plants in the garden bed
- Discourage anti-social behavior by installing solar lighting and avoiding mid height shrub planting
- Improve fence line and interface that faces towards the park
- Explore options to modify the roadway and facilitate on street parking rather than reduce the green space by including parking bays. The UFS IWG were very strong in their opposition to building formalized parking on the reserve land given its already limited size.

Discussion points

Project costs

- Any road and parking modifications should come from a separate budget and not the Urban Forest Program's budget.

Community support

- This is a small local community park and not a "destination" park, therefore the park should suit this and not include formalized parking on the reserve land or verge.
- Given the local nature of the park use it could be good to conduct a small planting event to engage surrounding residents in the planting of "their" local park.

Place impact

- This project would considerably improve the experience of this public space and increase its amenity value to the surrounding local community.

UFS targets

- Increased shrub and tree planting could be included in the project.

Environmental services

- This could be a mini “botanical park” showcasing the best wildflowers and other flora from the local area.

Health outcomes

- Given the lack of private open space in some of the surrounding developments this park could play a significant role in the lives of the adjacent community. This would directly provide many health benefits to the community.

Next steps

Further planning of these upgrades will be conducted including alignment with recommended actions for this park in the Town’s POS Strategy.

Further information

See attached - UFS Project Proposal Alday Reserve

The UFS IWG discuss the Alday Reserve Project Proposal.

5 General business

- A report will be provided to October OCM detailing the proposed composition of the Urban Forest Strategy Implementation Working Group for 2021. An EOI will be advertised following endorsement from Council.
- The UFS IWG will be sent a Street Trees Selection spreadsheet for review and inclusion of comments on the species on each list. Recommendations for the additional or removal of species to or from the list is also sought.
- 25 Boundary Road Sump has been completed
- IBC's have arrived at the Town's Depot and will moved onsite once the taps are modified by the Town’s irrigation team.
- The Town has been included in the NRUPP for the East Vic Park and St James area. This will commence early next year.
- The UFSIWG will continue to progress the Significant Tree Register. The research presentation will be sent to members.
- The UFSIWG recommend showcasing the addition of natural areas and benefits of leafy streets on the 'Invest in Vic Park' website.
- An idea was suggested by a member to explore the planting of edible plants including rosemary and lemon trees at BBQ sites for community members to access. It was recommend this go through the project proposal process.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status / Comments	Closed Date
UFSIWG to review the current significant tree register in the October UFSIWG	UFSIWP	Research Presentation to be sent to members	Open
PQ to talk to Terry regarding the rollout of underground power	PQ	Terry engaged and has plans received. He will be consulted when planting locations are finalised.	19/10/2020
PQ to go through the tree selection list in the October UFS meeting	PQ	Tree selection lists sent to members	Open
PQ to investigate volunteer grove as recognition of service and volunteering associated with the UFS.	PQ		Open
PQ to provide an update on the WaterCorp partnership for the next meeting.	PQ/CM	Meeting with Caden, agree to pursue for 2021 planting season.	Open
8 and 28 Mars Street sumps - Pierre to review work completed on infiltration cells, similar to those works completed by Town of Mosman Park and City of Mandurah.	PQ	To be pursued following 2020 planting season.	Open
PQ to contact Heather and Ben regarding IBC locations	PQ		Open
PQ and AH to organise tour of key sites from the 2020 planting season for UFSIWG and EM's	PQ	The Green tour organised for the 28 th of November	11/11/2020
PQ to email Albany Hwy Planting site review to UFS IWG members	PQ		Open

7 Close

Meeting closed at 9.00am