



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Implementation Working Group

Notes – 15 May 2023



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1 Opening

Meeting opened: 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 kaadijin, 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

Rowena Skinner
Emma Monk
Ngairé Howard
Nadia D'Hart

Councillors

Cr Luana Lisandro
Cr Bronwyn Ife
Cr Peter Devereux

ToVP Representatives

Natalie Martin-Goode (Chief Community Planner)
David Doy (Manager Place Planning)
Deniqua Boston (Place Leader, Urban Forest)

Gregor Wilson (Manager Infrastructure Operations)
Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer)
Stephen Szydlowski (Team Leader Natural Areas)

Meeting secretary

Shelly Woods (Executive Assistant, Chief
Community Planner)

Presenters

Nil

Observers

Nil

Apologies

Nil

3 Presentations

3.1 2023 Planting Season Project Update

Time	10 mins
Presenter	Deniqua Boston
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To provide the UF IWG with an update of the Urban Forest Program progress and status of the 2023 planting Season activities. Total of 25,242 tubestock on order to go into the following sites.

1. Kent St Verge Stage 3
2. Rotary Park – Better Parks

Infill planting at the following 1st year sites:

1. 3 Merton – micro park
2. 20 Huntingdon – micro park
3. 11 Esperance St – micro park
4. Forward Reserve – Better parks program - staff planting day.
5. Fraser Park -
6. Houghton Reserve
7. Kent St Stage 2
8. 76 Canterbury St - sumps
9. 25 Boundary Rd - sumps
10. 22 Gallipoli St – micro park
11. 76 Gallipoli St – bus stop
12. Mackie St Bus Stop – Connect Vic Park

Outcome/discussion

Reduce watering in some location to save money -infill using the money saved.

Hawaiian are interested in collaborating in a planting day and to donate funds to run the event.

Re-engage with all the community that participated in the micro parks for infill planting events

Cr D: Have a community rep from UFS group – talk about how UFS started.

Action: Look at community member engagement and potential for a spokesperson to speak at an event and give a background and update (be aware of the caretaker period) Maybe Heather would be available.

Strategic outcomes

Nil

3.2 UF Events and Education Update

Time	<i>5mins</i>
Presenter	<i>Deniqua Boston</i>
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To inform the working group of the education resources being developed and the supporting events.

1. W.A Tree Festival, Noongar stories under the trees, Jirdarup Treasure Hunt, and Tree Quiz.
2. Urban forest at Home – Plant giveaway 27th May
3. How to plant your verge – Planting installation, design and care information and education session. 27th May @10am and 2pm at the depot, part of the plant giveaway.
4. UF Care program development – partnering with 'Public Places Program 'Your Space Sub-Program'. Developing online resources and informing the residence how they can care for their verge and street trees and get active in their local POS and micro park areas. Developing a network of contacts interested to take part in 'Care' events and activities.

Outcome/discussion

Awareness of the group as to how we are delivering on the community education portion of the program. Cr D: Feedback - why can they not register in advance – 27th A: DB: Will look into the possibility of this next year with the booking system.

Gain engagement and feedback from residence once they have picked up their free plants. DB: A post event survey and planting photo competition will be sent to participants.

'Adopt a verge' is still running.

Strategic outcomes

Nil

3.3 UF IWG Position Recruitment

Time	<i>5 mins</i>
Presenter	<i>Deniqua Boston</i>
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

Provide an update to the working group of the position recruitment status.

6 Applicants applied for the positions with the top 4 shortlisted for an interview. Recommendations by the review panel will be put forward to council for endorsement in June/July OCM.

Outcome/discussion

Informed working group about the process

Strategic outcomes

Nil

4 Items for discussion

Nil

4.1 Urban Forest Strategy project updates

Nil

5 General business

Post of social media – removing very large Mari tree on private property.

Can a letter or can we make contact with the owner/landowner or developer advocate the tree retention?

Did we advertise the tree retention policy – awareness of what can be done. Comms around what the Town can do broadly.

Contact planning

Cr D: UFS grants – aware of grant that could be used to buy a full size tree about \$6,000. DB: The panel agreed that it was not appropriate and make note to refine the criteria on the grant application to ensure we don't support, through grant funds, trees above 500 ltr.

Cr lfe – Community member wanting to replace verge tree and told that it was not dead and therefore would not be replaced. GW: Information was not correct, can trim. We will not ever removing a healthy tree.

Cr L: Educate community on verge planting requirements.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status/Comments
IAP Review	IWG	All workshops Completed. Final Draft to be sent to working group for presentation to council at the June OCM.
UF Event Support	DB/ AH	Support for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UF at Home 27th May 2. Community Planting Day 1 at Rotary Park – 2nd July 3. Community Planting Day 2 Kent St verge 30th July
Thankyou volunteer plaques to recognize UFS volunteer contribution.	Working Group	Quote received. Decision to install a plaque at Horton reserve. Text ' <i>Thanking members of the community and working group of their contribution to developing the strategy and supporting the program.</i> ' Look at a base and location for the plaque.
UF Ambassador	WG	Support to share and promote the UF social media posts. DB to send to group when there are posts to share.

<p>Review IWG Terms of Reference</p> <p>Proposing 2-year term, maximum of 3 consecutive terms. Elected members to be re-elected in alternate years to community members to sustain knowledge in the group.</p>	<p>DB</p>	<p>Awaiting direction from Governance.</p>
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7 Close

Meeting closed at 8.40am