



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Implementation
Working Group
Notes – 15 November 2021



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1 Opening

Meeting open: 7.32am

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 kaadijtin, 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

Councillors

Cr Luana Lisandro
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 Szydlowski (Acting Parks Technical Officer)

Meeting secretary

Shelly Woods (Executive Assistant, Chief Community Planner)

Presenters

Nil

Observers

Nil

Apologies

Ngaire Howard
Nadia D'Hart
Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer)

Meeting starting with a welcome to the 2 new members Councillors Cr Ife and Cr Devereux to the Urban Forest Strategy Implementation Working Group.

Each member introduced themselves and provided a brief background on their background, what they bring to the group and why they participate in the group.

3 Presentations

Nil

3.1 Urban Forest Strategy implementation update

3.2 2021 Planting Season Review

Time	15 Minutes + questions and discussion
Presenter	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	1. ToVP-urban-fore 56693454-compressed [3.2.1 - 6 pages]

Purpose of the item

To provide an update to the group on the outcomes of the 2021 Planting Season and overall progress towards the strategies objectives and targets.

Outcome/Actions

To update the working group on the current status of the Urban Forest program. This understanding of approach and progress will inform recommendations of the group.

- The planting season review document will be emailed to group members with meeting notes.
- Confirm whether Arbor Carbon Report can be made public
- Plan promotion of bus stop greening projects.

Discussion Points

- Added 27% more projected canopy than last year.
- Q: Does that take into account trees dying-mortality figures metadata? A: Not currently however this data is being sourced. We should have adequate data next year to include this in the reporting.
- Q: Important to replace the dead trees, are they? A: Confirmed that dead trees are replaced.
- Corporate volunteer unable to plant trees on the street
- Q: How well published is the Bus Stops project. A: Social posts have been done with imagery however given the popularity of the program more promotion can be planned.
- Q: Community Planning days – do we have data on continuity? People who have been continually engaged as opposed to a one off. A: The town has the registration records and could source this data if it is though useful.
- Q: Bus stop project continuing. Can bus stops be nominated? A: Yes, via the Project Proposal Process.

4 Items for discussion

4.1.1 Vic Park Men's Shed Urban Forest Project

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	1. VP Mens Shed Mini Forest UF Proposal [4.1.1.1 - 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

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

- Miyawaki Method involves dense planting of trees and understory plants in a specific area. This can create a large amount of diversity in a small area. Great for fast growth but not longevity (10-15). Maybe adapt this method.
- A suggestion to combine with the George Street revegetation project - 3 hectare surrounding PCYC – 20,000 tube stock. This site could be an extension (and a buffer) of the George Street and Kensington bushland area's
- The method is very similar to that already employed in urban ecosystems projects. It will require adaptation to suit local conditions and local plant requirements. An adapted approach would include layering of densely planted shrubs and trees.
- Given its proximity to the bushland this project could create a fire hazard or be in breach of fire regulations or best practice fire safety principles. Must be investigated prior to any project implementation.
- Model - Goal of taking the community with us providing an education so they can take more technical role. This could be an upskilling or educational opportunity for the members of the Men's Shed, PCYC or adjacent Childcare.
- It was mentioned that the Men's Shed are considering a grant application for this project. Q: is there somewhere that they can go for information session about grant applications? A: The town has done general grants writing education sessions for the community. Pierre and Aleisha also help individual grant members with their application (therefore are not members of the Urban Forest grant assessment panel). Q: isn't a broader information session with multiple participants more efficient? A: Yes, However the interest is not usually high enough to warrant a specific UF session and is manageable on an individual basis.

Strategic outcomes

Strategic outcome: Intended public value outcome or impact

EN07 - Increased vegetation and tree canopy.

Proposal for tree planting and increased vegetation at the site of the Vic Park Mens Shed.

Next steps

General support expressed by the UFS IWG pending review of fire hazard considerations.

Pierre and Aleisha to keep working with the men's shed on the potential grant application or project planning.

Further information

See attached – Urban Forest project proposal – Vic Park Men.

5 General business

Review UFS Action Plan; possibly Jan 2022

Millen St School planting 1 died out of 27 and 1 damaged but still alive. Great outcome.

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)	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 wide spread) • 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	NEW 15/11/2021	Open
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 8.46am