



TOWN OF  
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Implementation  
Working Group  
Notes – 20 February 2023



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## **1 Opening**

Meeting opened: 7.36am

### **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

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

### Councillors

Cr Luana Lisandro  
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

Cr Bronwyn Ife  
Ben Whitehouse  
Gregor Wilson

### 3 Presentations

### 4 Items for discussion

#### 4.1 Urban Forest Program Budget 2023/2024

<b>Reporting officer</b>	<i>Deniqua Boston</i>
<b>Origin of request</b>	NA
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

#### Purpose of the item

To inform the working group of the financial considerations of the Town and how this may impact the funding of the program in 2023/2024 financial year.

#### Outcome/Discussion points

1. Where would we like to allocate funding and what are our priorities in program delivery, should there be a reduced budget allocation and what would it look like.
2. UFS to build a capital component of \$380,00 (left in the reserves) meaning almost 50% reduction - planting and labour ect
3. This does not impact on the operating expense ect Comm, Education, events and staff.
4. This budget not coming out of UFS - 3 long term significant projects.
  - a) METRONET large scale urban ecosystem planting and canopy cover
  - b) Kent St sandpit large ecosystem 5 star restoration project
  - c) Causeway pedestrians bridge
5. How are we going to approach reallocation of budget – continue with tree planting and remaining budget to projects. To meet the strategic outcomes of the Strategy
6. While we must have a full program designed and project ready much better at seeking external funds.

Q - Cr Lisandro does this impact green basins/micro parks and final impacts implementation biophilic design.

A: Green basins will not go ahead this financial year, can be budget for next financial year. We will not be cutting back on delivery of education or community engagement.

Q - Cr Lisandro: How is the street planting on verge affected, what is the budget

A: The street tree budget allocation would be maintained

DD: We are needing to look at the ongoing care of the projects and our ability to resource.

As funding has not been confirmed for the next financial year DB will be developing both a full program along with the reduced version, develop a long-term program plan reflecting the budget allocation and strategic priorities.

**Action:** Undertake IAP review next month with meeting scheduled 7 March at 7.30-9.30am

DB to send out spreadsheet with strategic outcomes and previous review.

#### Further information

*Nil*

## 4.2 UFS Project Updates

<b>Reporting officer</b>	<i>Deniqua Boston</i>
<b>Origin of request</b>	<i>UFS Implementation Working Group</i>
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

*To update on the Town's UFS projects*

### Outcome/Discussion points

1. Rotary Park – Urban Ecosystem and Better Parks Sub Program joint project
2. Kent St, Hayman Rd verge – Urban Ecosystem -
3. Bone and Upton St intersection – Urban Ecosystem and Skinny Streets joint project
4. Leafy Streets

Q – Cr Lisandro Is the town looking at replacing plants for example Kent St verge

A – SS context, it is meant to be a Ecosystem, things do die and look scrapy. It's a natural habitat. Process developed now the Town is going to implement replenish planting system for Kent St verge – backfill planting as part of the first year care for our urban ecosystem projects.

### Strategic outcomes

Nil

### Next steps

Nil

### Further information

Nil

### 4.3 IWG Event Engagement

<b>Reporting officer</b>	<i>Deniqua Boston</i>
<b>Origin of request</b>	<i>Strategic project team</i>
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

#### Purpose of the item

Increasing opportunities for the IWG and community to be engaged in the delivery of the program.

#### Outcome/Discussion points

Outline the points for discussion to help keep the item on track and to assist members with preparing for the meeting.

1. E-learning
2. Workshop for the community
3. Q & A session
4. Engagement
5. Planting video

Q- DB, we have opportunities for the working group to connect with the broader community and support the delivery of our community projects ie: planting days, and UFS @ home giveaway. Who would like to be apart of these events?

A- RE, would like to come down and help with UFS @ home giveaway.

**Action:** DB to send out an email for confirmation of WG participation for event 2023/24

#### Strategic outcomes

Nil

#### Next steps

Nil

#### Further information

Nil

## 4.4 Review of Implementation Action Plan

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Deniqua Boston
<b>Origin of request</b>	Strategic commitment.
<b>Attachments</b>	1. UFS IWG IAP Review Summary [4.4.1 - 3 pages]

### Purpose of the item

*Inform the IWG of the process we will take to review and update the IAP.*

### Outcome/discussion

Meeting sent up for the 7 March 2023 7.30-9.30am  
Set up agenda Friday 3 March  
Summary and spreadsheet sent by Friday 27 Feb  
Send back comments by COB 2 March 2023

**Action:**DB Meeting sent up for the 7 March 2023 7.30-9.30am  
send out the current review and spreadsheet.  
Set up agenda Friday 3 March  
Summary and spreadsheet sent by Friday 27 Feb  
Send back comments by COB 2 March 2023

### Discussion points

Nil

### Strategic outcomes

Nil

### Next steps

Set up meeting to review the actions.

### Further information

Nil

## 5 General business

About 1000 Street trees scheduled to be planted on 2023 planting season in order to meet our canopy targets.

Q-EM, Concern regarding Western Power works within the Town impacting on UFS projects and sites.  
A-DB, we are having internal discussions and developing our relationship with western power to ensure we are aware of the works programmed and their location. Initially there was concern for street trees scheduled for planting in St James due to the underground powers works occurring, however we have been given confirmation from western power this will be completed in April 2023 and not impact our planned projects.



Q- CrD, What is the response and finding from the success of the UFS@home Giveaway?

A-DB, A culture count was undertaken and I will send the results out.

## 6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status/Comments
WG members to consider the use of plaque to recognise UFS volunteer contribution.	Working Group	DB- Gain quotes for the use of plaques
IWG Terms of Reference Review	David Bentley	In review <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposing 2-year term, maximum of 3 consecutive terms.</li></ul> Elected members to be re-elected in alternate years to community members to sustain knowledge in the group

## 7 Close

Meeting closed at 8.40am