



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Implementation
Working Group
Notes – 20 June 2022



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1 Opening

Meeting opened: 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 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

Ben Whitehouse
Heather Johnstone
Rowena Skinner
Emma Monk
Ngaire Howard

Councillors

Cr Bronwyn Ife
Cr Peter Devereux

ToVP Representatives

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

Gregor Wilson (Manager Infrastructure Operations)
Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer)

Meeting secretary

Shelly Woods (Executive Assistant, Chief Community Planner)

Presenters

Nil

Observers

Nil

Apologies

Nadia D'Hart
Cr Luana Lisandro
Stephen Szydlowski (Urban Ecosystems Supervisor)

3 Presentations

3.1 Planting Season 2022 – June Update

Time	15 minutes
Presenter	Asile Wong
Attachments	1. 2022 FR - Plan - WIP [3.2.1 - 4 pages] 2. 2022 - Kent Street Plans - WIP [3.2.2 - 2 pages]

Purpose of the item

1. Provide an update to the group on the current progress of planting season activities
2. Present the 2022 Community Planting plans for Forward Reserve, and Kent Street Verge

Outcome/discussion

- Leafy Streets Program – Tree Planting & Watering as the appointed Contractor. Works commenced on 13th of June and will run through to the end of September 2022. Program is targeting to plant 1,097 trees along 17 streets. Residents have been informed and the Town is in the process of reviewing the written objections.
- UFS @ home program – Event successfully delivered on the 28 May 2022. Survey on Culture Counts sent to the participants and closes end of June. Received a great response rate of 142 feedbacks so far.
- George Street Reserve – Planting started 6 June. Microbial treatment trial underway as part of a study with Tranen. 12,500 forest street tubes planted from the Town’s provenance stock.
- Fraser Reverse - Embankment remediation work underway. Site preparation completed. Plant stock is ready from the City of South Perth.
- Forward Reserve - NAIDOC Community Day theme planting day on the 3 July – map attached, plant information sheet – still in progress – up for comments.
- Kent St verge- 1 Stage - 29 July ToVP staff planting day; 1,800 plants and 20 trees. 31 July Community planting day; 2800 plants and 20 trees.

Strategic outcomes

Nil

4 Items for discussion

4.1 Urban Forest Strategy implementation project proposals

4.1.1 Urban Forest Project Proposal - Bus stop ID:11283 - Corner of Oats Street & 149 Planet Street

Reporting officer	Asile Wong
Attachments	1. UF - Proposals - June projects AW [4.1.1.1 - 3 pages]

Purpose of the item

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Outcome/Discussion

- Cr D: Great to have a tree by boxing out existing asphalt or concrete verge, and perhaps include a tree either sides of the bus stop. (Eastern side)
- BW: A lot of anti-social behavior in that area, is there a way of protecting the trees. AW: Environmental design if we create a more visual appealing area, more receptive passive surveillance.
- PF: Crossover next to pillar on eastern side. Check on the conditions set on DA for removal of the redundant crossovers.

Strategic outcomes

Environment	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN3 - Enhancing and enabling liveability through planning, urban design and development.	

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 Thank you bus stop gardens and possibly Urban Ecosystem sub-program.

Further information

Supporting documents attached

4.1.2 Urban Forest Project Proposal - Bus stop ID:27500 - 140 Kent Street

Reporting officer	Asile Wong
Attachments	Nil

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Outcome

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

- GW: Are you proposing to box out the grass or spray out, traffic management expensive.
- NH: Why are we doing this verge as we don't do other people's verges so why would do for this verge. AW: Seen as a thank you Bus Stop gardens project.
- Cr D: To do the other verge, suggestion to add a tree. AW: Investigated that the owner parks his car on the verge.

- RS: What do you mean by boxing out, what is the cost AW: Removing the grass, included soil improvement. Suggests project area to be reduced to a smaller area to plant tree which can require a less labour intensive approach. Cost effective. More investigation into this one.
- Cr I: Just a tree and maybe not the ground covers.
- EM: The Concept of the Thank you Bus Stop Garden more for the under-story planting. Targeting more people who were going to be there longer (person catching bus) I support the tree but not the under planting.

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Further information

Nil

4.1.3 Urban Forest Project Proposal - Bus stop ID:21851 - 5 Mackie Street

Reporting officer	Asile Wong
Attachments	Nil

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Outcome/Discussion

- RS: Costing for one tree AW: Boxing out garden bed with the removal of the concrete verge and retaining the existing roadway kerb could be expensive.
- BW: What are the options regarding costing AW: UFS could help with site preparation work (i.e. soil prep for garden bed), and Connect Vic Park community could help with the planting as an option.
- CR I: Active area lot of pedestrians, great idea
- EM: Happy with the project, so much back to the community
- AW: Could investigate bringing down the cost
- CR D: Building on that idea, a general principle - community engagement
- Cr I: School is close, could get the school children to help

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Next steps

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Further information

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5 General Business

- Cr D: UFS at Home survey finishing in June, is there a plan to send out a reminder.
- AW: UF communications team will send out a reminder.
- BW: A lot of project proposals were presented in the past, stock take on these proposal to make sure they are on the agenda. If we have any more plant would like to put them in Planet St sump.
- CR I: If people are looking at requesting a bird waterer, contact Stephen from the Operations team.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status / Comments	Closed Date
Email letter and flyers to UFS members	AW	Closed	16.06.2022
Tour of South Perth Nursery (partnership)	PQ & AW	Open. Well into planting season and anticipating the nursery to be very busy. Will confirm a later date.	
Bird waterer mini study be conducted to guide appropriate locations for future installations. Study to analyses: <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/AW	Open.	Open

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Next stage of Rutland Avenue presented at UFS IWG meeting.	PQ/AW	Open – still in development by ops team. Update provided at next meeting	Open
PQ to investigate volunteer grove as recognition of service and volunteering associated with the UFS.	PQ	Proposed delay until after planting season 2022.	Open
Look at proposals that have been presented	AW		

7 Close

8.15am