



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Implementation
Working Group
Notes – 21 March 2022



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1 Opening

Meeting open: 7.30am

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

Ben Whitehouse
Heather Johnstone
Rowena Skinner
Emma Monk
Ngaire 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)
Pierre Quesnel (Senior Place Leader, Urban Forest)

Gregor Wilson (Manager Infrastructure Operations)

Meeting secretary

Shelly Woods (Executive Assistant, Chief Community Planner)

Presenters

Nil

Observers

Nil

Apologies

Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer)
Stephen Szydlowshiv (Urban Ecosystems Supervisor)

3 Presentations

Nil

4 Items for discussion

4.1.1 Astral Avenue Street Trees

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	1. Urban forest project proposal - Astral Avenue Street Trees [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/Actions

- Project costs – Average \$600 for planting and maintenance of street trees. Consideration for Mainroads contribution to replanting with Orrong Road Expressway project.
- Suggestion for improvement is to include the name of the resident and their address in proposals sent through from Town staff.
- Strong support for the proposal given the low canopy coverage of the street and the identification of this as a high urban heat area.

Strategic outcomes

EN07 - Increased vegetation and tree canopy.	
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Next steps

Inclusion in the Leafy Streets Program for 2023 Planting Season.

4.1.2 Urban Forest project proposal - Burswood South mixed use precinct Tree Planting

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	1. Urban forest project proposal - Burswood South mixed use precinct Tree Planting [4.1.2.1 - 3 pages]

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Outcome/Actions

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- Group recommends selecting a different species for this side of the street, rather than Chenise Tallow.
- If the Stormwater system is connected directly to the river request no deciduous species to reduce leave litter load to river. This would be ok if discharged to an infiltration system with WSUD future inclusions.
- Current species is *Melaleuca stypheliloides*, this would cope with the heat and site (water adequately). Agreement that a local *Melaleuca* species such as *Melaleuca preissi* would be appropriate given its similar appearance and increased ecological value.
- Discussion around fauna attraction by *Melaleuca*'s with acknowledgement that they are fauna attracting species (birds, insects).
- No underground power currently in this area, however, this is possible in the future.
- The group would like to pass on thanks to Tracy McQue for being so proactive in proposing tree planting opportunities.

Strategic outcomes

EN07 - Increased vegetation and tree canopy.	
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Next steps

Inclusion in the Leafy Streets Program for 2023 Planting Season unless stock is available for 2022 planting.

4.1.3 Urban Forest Project Proposal - Gallipoli Street local centre trees

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	1. Urban forest project proposal - Gallipoli Street Local Centre Tree Planting [4.1.3.1 - 2 pages]

Purpose of the item

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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

- Nibs in front of shops could be used with half the diamond on the road side between the car Parking spaces and the other half (triangle) in the path space.
- Quick win tree in front of butcher with tree planting in the lawn.
- Concern about the cost – Hardscape modifications will lead to high cost for these trees.
- Recommendation to include in the Urban Centre Greening Program
- Questions raised of timing given other urban center greening sites have been identified. If only one project per year in urban centre program, then it might not be until 2024 it is constructed.

Strategic outcomes

EN07 - Increased vegetation and tree canopy.

Next steps

Potential inclusion in the Urban Centre Greening Program

4.1.4 Urban Forest Project Proposal - 901 Albany Hwy

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	1. Urban forest project proposal - 901 Albany Highway [4.1.4.1 - 4 pages]

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Outcome

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Discussion points

1. Project costs – Approximately \$10,000 a tree in paving, concern about the cost. Trees in the median strip crucial.
2. Media strip Balmoral and further down Albany Highway would help slow traffic on Albany Highway.
3. Business Partnership with Balmoral was suggested to assist with high cost of the project
4. Corner is important – Balmoral Hotel. Trees further east. Canopy can grow due to setback.
5. Should this be extended further west. These quieter areas have higher car speeds and could greatly benefit
6. Opportunity to plant more trees – this project expands the existing Westminster Street Urban Centre Project that had been previously proposed.
7. Iconic view – consideration given to the iconic corner view of the Balmoral hotel. The group recommends planting at this corner however planting further to the southwest of the corner area to retain iconic view but the shade the public hardscape area.

Strategic outcomes

Environment	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN07 - Increased vegetation and tree canopy.	.

Next steps

This proposal would align with the Urban Centre Greening Program.

5 General business

- The team thanked Pierre for his excellent work and leadership and support to the team as he moves into PMO.
- Q: can there be a dedicated time for Strategic work (considerations) at each meeting. Focus long term strategic outcomes. A: Yes, Pierre and Shelley to create an updated agenda template with a dedicated strategic portion of the meeting.
- Bus stop program 79 Oats Street raised as a potential project.
- Trees dying more communication to residents. 120 trees have died which are on the watering list – 10% approximately 150 mature trees have also died this year.
- Q: What is the policy on nailing signs onto trees? This is a breach of Town Tree Management Policy 255 and considered damage to public assets.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status / Comments	Closed Date
Ngaire Howard to give presentation to the group on community propagation	Ngaire Howard	May UFS IWG Meeting when new PLUF commences.	Open
Present 2022 Planting Season tree tags, letters and information to UFS IWG for review.	PQ + AH	Required before PS22	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

7 Close

Meeting closed 8.35am