



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Implementation
Working Group
Notes – 25 July 2022



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1 Opening

Meeting opened: 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 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

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

Councillors

Cr Luana Lisandro
Cr Bronwyn Ife
Cr Peter Devereux

ToVP Representatives

David Doy (Manager Place Planning)
Asile Wong (Urban Forest)
Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer)
Stephen Szydlowski (Team Leader Natural Areas)

Shelly Woods (Executive Assistant, Chief
Community Planner)

Meeting secretary

Nil

Presenters

Observers

Apologies

Ben Whitehouse
Gregor Wilson (Manager Infrastructure
Operations)
Natalie Martin-Goode (Chief Community
Planner)

3 Presentations

3.1 Urban Forest Strategy implementation update

Time	15 minutes
Presenter	<i>Asile Wong</i>
Attachments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 Apr- Jun Urban- Forest- Strategy-quarterly-report [3.2.1 - 6 pages] 2022 - Kent Street Verge Plans [3.2.2 - 2 pages] Comm Planting Day 2 - Plant Info sheet [3.2.3 - 4 pages] Staff Planting Day - Plant Info Sheet [3.2.4 - 4 pages]

Purpose of the item

To provide the UF IWG with an update on the Urban Forest Program's quarterly progress and status of planting season activities.

Outcome/Action

- Quarterly progress report (attached) – Plant information sheets and community/staff planting day plans shared with group.
- UF Planting season survey completed. The feedback and comments can be shared with the IWG. Will discuss with Aleisha Hunter.
- UF@home consideration: follow on information for caring for Plants. Further engagement after planting? UF Comms team rolling out a series of planting tips video with Stephen Szydlowski providing information on plant care, garden design and weeding. The link has been shared with the IWG and the videos have been posted on the UF knowledge hub.
- Feedback in Summer regarding loss of plants.
- Comment that private gardens in Vic Park that could be part of Perth Open Gardens.
- Question if accessibility footpaths along Harold Rossiter and Kent Street Verge can be included as part of the improvement works this FY – Stephen Szydlowski commented that these will need to be reviewed with the works program and if granted, can be included later.

4 Items for discussion

4.1 Urban Forest Strategy implementation project proposals

4.1.1 Urban Forest Project Proposal - Updates

Reporting officer	Asile Wong
Attachments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 220713 UF S- Microparks- AW rev A-22 UFS MP 3 MER 50 A 1 [4.1.1.1 - 1 page] 220715 UF S- Microparks- AW rev B-22 UFS BS 7 MACKIE 50 A 1 [4.1.1.2 - 1 page]

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

3 Merton Street



- Proposed artwork on cabinets doors (Western Power cabinet), the Town will engage an artist Brenton See. Currently in talks with WP to seek approval for the artwork to be included.
- Consideration for play equipment (behind the footpath) would need to meet the Australian standards- informal play is encouraged.

7 Mackie St - Connect Vic Park (Thank you bus stop gardens project)



- Project was discussed with Connect Vic Park and layout was derived from that engagement.
- Town will provide a completed mulched garden bed, Connect Vic Park volunteered to undertake the planting. Discussions around a small community planting project led by CVP.
- Question on Towns position on raised garden beds on verges. Penny provided advise that maximum height would be 750mm. Information is available online and sits under the Street verge guidelines- sits under activities, thoroughfare and local law.

Update on Project Proposals

UF Project Proposals – Status

2021 – May

- *(Completed) 7 Blechynden Street – Street tree planting*

2021 – July

- *(FY22/23 Microparks program - Underway) 3 Merton Street (Basin planting + micropark) underway*

2021 – August

- *(Completed) 91 Planet Street (Completed)*
- *(Check Status) Jarrah Road verge planting (between Westminster & Northampton Street)*

2021 – September

- *(FY23/24) Cnr Albany Highway & Westminster Street (FY23/24 project)*
- *(Completed) Jarrah Road (Tree planting)*
- *(Check Status) Millen Primary School – Corner project – Needing confirmation from Education Department/School to committing to ongoing maintenance.*

2021 – Nov

- *(FY22/23 Underway) Lathlain Leafy Streets – Progress planting season 22*
- *(Check Status) Vic Park Men's Shed, 51 Anketell Street*

2021 – Dec

- *(Check Status) Gloucester Street tree planting*
- *(FY23/24? Check status on drainage calc/modifications) J A Lee drainage basin*

2022 – Feb

- *(FY22/23 Underway) 69 Cornwall Street - added to leafy streets program*

2022 – March

- *(FY23/24 Leafy Streets Program) Burswood South mixed use precinct tree planting*
- *(FY23/24 Urban Centre greening program) Gallipoli Street local centre trees (To check with Operations if paving can be included as part of the upgrades)*
- *(FY23/24 Urban Centre greening program) 901 Albany Highway*

2022 – June

- *(FY23/24 thank you bus stops program) Bus stop ID:11283 - Corner of Oats Street & 149 Planet Street*
- *(On hold, pending review) Bus stop ID:27500 - 140 Kent Street*
- *(FY22/23 Thank you bus stops - Underway) Bus stop ID:21851 - 5 Mackie Street*

Outcomes/Actions

Gallipoli Street future paving. Internal strategic Asset Advisory renewal money for footpaths

Further information

See attached documents on 3 Merton Street – Victoria Park (Micropark), 5-7 Mackie Street (Thank you bus stops)

5 General business

- Q: Cr Devereux: Question around the base line date for canopy cover – wanted to understand the new methodology for calculating this vs the old methodology.
- A: David Doy: This information is available in the last OCM notes. Will include on the Yours Thoughts page when ready.
- Question around the survival rate of plants generally over planting season. Town currently collects data of the Leavy Streets Tree Planting Program – typically a 90% survival rate.
- Q: Canopy mapping - When is the next mapping being done? – Every 2 years, next will be in 2023.
- Q: Tree protection for developments, do we provide advised/inspect site. Does the Town take tree bonds – Town does do inspections around tree protection zones for construction sites. Tree Bond; Not at this stage. However, we will look into included that as part of the DA (bundle with footpath bond?)
- A: Australian Standard recommendation tree protection and also under the DA response, difficulty as yet we do not have penalties for non-compliance.
- Tree bond is a question for legal/Urban Planning, if reported (photo) will be actioned by Penny Fletcher.
- Street tree verge planting at what point does the Town stop replacing the dead tree. Soils are tested, look at the way the trees are planted. Will require more reviewing on the reason for tree failure.
- Q: Community planting days do we send out invites for to other community/business. Is there any tie in with the Youth Advisory Group? A: Yes, the UF team has invited businesses, Monadelphous and local businesses to participate. UF comms have engaged with the Youth Advisory Group.
- Asile Wong leaving the Town on the 29 July 2022

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status / Comments	Closed Date
Add to Your Thought	AW	Closed	16.06.2022
Tour of South Perth Nursery (partnership)	PQ & AW	Open. Very busy due to planting season. September 2022	
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 widespread) 	PQ/AW	Open. Will update next meeting.	Open

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bird waterer need (close to habitat and lack of standing water) • Water connection availability. 			
Next stage of Rutland Avenue presented at UFS IWG meeting.	PQ/AW	Open – still in development by ops team. Update meet meeting.	Open
PQ to investigate volunteer grove as recognition of service and volunteering associated with the UFS.	AW/AH	Proposed delay until after planting season 2022. September	Open
Look at proposals that have been presented	AW	Updated at Meeting in July. Ongoing	25/7/2022

7 Close

Meeting closed at 8.32am