

Urban Forest Strategy Implementation Working Group Notes – 21 December 2020

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1 Opening

Meeting opened: 8am

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	Eric Denholm
	Heather Johnstone
	Rowena Skinner
	Jason Wicktorowicz
	Emma Monk
	Ben Whitehouse
ToVP Representatives	Pierre Quesnel (Senior Place Leader, Urban Forest) Aleisha Hunter (Community Development Officer – Special Projects) David Doy (Manager Place Planning) Gregor Wilson (Manager Infrastructure Operations)
Meeting secretary	Christy Neems
Presenters	Nil

 Observers
 Nil

 Apologies
 Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer)

3 Presentations

Nil

4 Items for discussion

4.1.1 Upton Bone Intersection

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	1. Urban forest project proposal Upton bone intersection [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

UFS IWG recommend implementing the project with the following advice:

• The group stated that much of the motivation and benefit is traffic related. Specifically many of the comments of the surrounding residents mention the need to slow traffic entering the street by narrowing the turning radius. While this is a great outcome for the local community the group recommends alternative budget is sought for the road and footpath modification component of the project.

Discussion points

The CRWG discuss the Upton Bone Intersection project.

Project costs

• See outcome point.

Community support

• The proposer of the project provided letters of support from surrounding residents. It is clear this project will have strong support from the local community.

Place impact

- The project will provide a dramatic enhancement to the experience of this area and lift the quality of the public realm.
- An opportunity exists to create a pleasant public space on the verge and amenity for the area.

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• Safety on the street will be significantly changed with a reduction in the speed of cars entering Bone Street and the location of footpaths away from the roadway.

UFS targets

• The project will provide the opportunity for the planting of multiple trees in the area and increase canopy coverage contributing to the goal of a 20% coverage.

Environmental services

• The project is an opportunity to introduce biodiversity into the heart of the St James suburb and to contribute to general mitigation of the urban heat island effect.

Health outcomes

• The intersection is currently a large expanse of road surface and as such would be a "heat sink" influencing the local micro-climate and effecting health outcomes.

Next steps

- Plan in detail in collaboration with the engineering design team.
- Detailed plan to be presented again to the UFS IWG.

Actions

- David Doy to discuss asphalt resurfacing with Engineering team
- Town Officer to provide detailed Concept Plan with cost, tree numbers and reseal and footpath realignment budget to UFS IWG

4.1.2Urban forest project proposal - 30 Somerset Street

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	1. Urban forest project proposal - 30 Somerset Street [4.1.2.1 - 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

UFS IWG recommend further investigation of services is required prior to any further tree planting.

- It is noted that significant underground services are present in the location suggested.
- It was also mentioned that trees have been recently planted in this area.

Discussion points

The CRWG discuss the 30 Somerset Street project.

Project costs

• The project costs will be low for this proposal as it is straight street tree planting.

Community support

• This project is likely to be supported by the community.

Place impact

- Trees to be planted on Shepperton Road to help minimize traffic noise in the area.
- There are works relating to Metronet and Western Power projects scheduled for the area.
- The project will also help mitigate the issues with the wide Shepperton Road.

UFS targets

• A small number of tree planting spaces are available and has the potential to add to the overall canopy coverage targets.

Environmental services

• The project could contribute to the mitigation of the Urban Heat Island effect in the area caused by Shepperton Road and surrounding houses.

Health outcomes

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• The planting will minimize some noise and decrease temperatures in the area.

Next steps

• Project to be put on hold until high voltage works in the area have been determined and scheduled and the current underground services analysed.

5 General business

- Town Officers have received positive feedback regarding 6A Rathay Street. This has been followed up with a video interview of the resident for release early next year.
- Additional tree stories with Aboriginal elders have been filmed and will be released on social media early next year
- Pierre provided a summary of the projects for the planting season 2021 which included:
 - Vic Park Green Basins
 - Cantebury Terrace
 - Galipoli Street Sump
 - 30 Satellite Street
 - 76 Planet Street
 - 6 Paltridge Avenue
 - 90 Planet Street
 - Albany Hwy Greening
 - Park centre permeable paving and trees
 - Loose Produce Trees 171 Albany Highway
 - 16 Onces Tree
 - 667-669 Albany Hwy (opposite Boston)
 - 915 Albany Hwy
 - Balmoral
 - 623 Albany Hwy vic park hotel
 - o Urban Forest Special Projects
 - Bone Street
 - Bus Stops
 - Hubert Street Carpark
 - Promenade Park tree planting
 - Raphael Park trees
 - Carlisle Reserve Carpark
 - Playground trees project
 - Vic Park Heights
 - Vic Park Drive
 - Lathlain PSP
 - Urban Ecosystems
 - Kent Street Verge
 - Canning Hwy Green Link
 - Alday Wildflower park
 - Kent Street Sand Pit (site prep)
 - Houghton Reserve
 - o Urban Forest at Home
 - o Urban Forest Grant
 - Canopy analysis project

Actions

- Town Officer to discuss next stage of Rutland Avenue at UFS IWG meeting
- Town Officer to distribute to UFS IWG members a high-level snapshot of planting season 2021 projects
- Separate UFS IWG meeting scheduled in early 2021 for a workshop to review the Implementation Action Plan.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status / Comments	Closed Date
next stage of Rutland Avenue at UFS IWG meeting	PQ	Open	
PQ to distribute to UFS IWG members a high-level snapshot of planting season 2021 projects	PQ	Open	
Separate UFS IWG meeting scheduled in early 2021 for a workshop to review the Implementation Action Plan	PQ	Open	
PQ to go through the tree selection list in the October UFS meeting	PQ	Tree selection lists sent to members	23/11/2020
PQ to investigate volunteer grove as recognition of service and volunteering associated with the UFS.	PQ		Open
PQ to provide an update on the WaterCorp partnership for the next meeting.	PQ/CM	Meeting with Caden, agree to pursue for 2021 planting season.	Open
8 and 28 Mars Street sumps - Pierre to review work completed on infiltration cells, similar to those works completed by Town of Mosman Park and City of Mandurah.	PQ	To be pursued following 2020 planting season. Following NoM report investigating Atlantis cells and similar is due to council March 2021	Open
PQ to contact Heather and Ben regarding IBC locations	PQ	Locations determined	23/11/2020
PQ to email Albany Hwy Planting site review ti UFS IWG members	PQ	Completed and shortlist of sites determined	23/11/2020

7 Close

Meeting closed at 9:06am