



TOWN OF  
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Implementation  
Working Group  
Notes – 16 August 2021



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## **1 Opening**

Meeting opened at 7.40am

### **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  
Nadia D'Hart

### Councillors

Cr Luana Lisandro  
Cr Ronhhda Potter

### 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)  
Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer)

### Meeting secretary

Shelly Woods (Executive Assistant, Chief Community Planner)

### Presenters

Nil

### Observers

Nil

### Apologies

Ngaire Howard  
Cr Vicki Potter

### **3 Presentations**

Nil

## 4 Items for discussion

### 4.1.1 Urban Forest Project Proposal - 91 Planet street bird waterer

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| <b>Reporting officer</b> | Pierre Quesnel   |
| <b>Attachments</b>       | 1. UFS Project Proposal - 91 Planet St sump [4.1.1.1 - 10 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 and 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.

### Outcome/Actions

- The group supported the idea of installing more bird waterers around the town.
- The specific site at Planet Street was acknowledged as a good opportunity given the willingness of the community member next door to run it from their garden tap (saving on the considerable water connection costs of approximately \$10,000).
- It was noted that there is efficiency to be had by creating and installing multiple bird waterers at the same time.
- It was recommended that a small study be done to inform the best future location of bird waterers around Town and to propose a number that can be installed at the same time.
- This study would be informed by analysing:
  - Current bird waterer locations (ensure town wide spread)
  - Bird waterer need (close to habitat and lack of standing water)
  - Water connection availability.
- Action: small study to form a presentation to the UFSIWG group at a future meeting, post 2021 planting Season.

#### 4.1.2 Urban Forest Project Proposal - Jarrah Road Verge

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| <b>Reporting officer</b> | Pierre Quesnel   |
| <b>Attachments</b>       | 1. Urban forest project proposal - Jarrah Road Verge [4.1.2.1 - 2 pages] |

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### Discussion points

- Project costs
- Community support
- Place impact
- UFS Target
- Environmental service
- Heath outcomes

### Outcome/Actions

- The perception of group members is the site is poorly presented and poorly maintenance (weeds, dead pine trees etc.)
- It was acknowledged that the town owns only a portion of the land with the largest section between Riverview and Northampton.
- The group recommended Tree planting rather than understory planting which could be difficult due to maintenance issues. Discussion that understory planting would have to extend across the DPIRD land.
- Inclusion of footpath and lighting was mentioned.
- ToVP should continue working with DPIRD and Development WA on a more complete project that covers state and Town land.
- Agreement to support a staged approach.
  1. Improving maintenance and clean-up site
  2. Tree planting on ToVP land.
  3. Continue working with Dev WA to deliver a more complete project on Town and DPIRD land that includes understorey, footpaths and lighting etc.

## 5 General business

- Ben Whitehouse discussed the community planting event at 91 Planet Street and that the event was a success and acknowledged the Town for the efforts involved.
- Ben also acknowledged the large amount of new street trees that are present in the Town due to the Leafy Streets 2021 plantings and again thanked Town staff for their efforts.
- Other group members passed on compliments on the Leafy Streets Projects and the targeting of the streets suggested by the UFSIWG
- Millen Primary event was very successful and had a big impact on the local community. This was an Urban Forest Grant supported
- Rowena Skinner recommended a review of the implementation plan be added onto the meeting action list.
- Cr Lisandro recommended adding the tree heights to the tree tags. Action to add present tree tags, postcards and letter to the UFSIWG before the planting begins next year.
- Pierre provided a general update of Planting Season 2021.
- Tree stock supply issues were discussed with some of the Town's current approaches and capabilities discussed along with plans for tree supply. This is an industry wide issue and WALGA are coordinating an approach to tree supply issues.

## 6 Actions from previous meetings

| Action   | Responsible Officer | Status / Comments   | Closed Date   |
|--|---------------------|---|---------------|
| Create an educational piece around tree stock and planting for elected members.  | PQ                  | Post uploaded to EM Portal.   | Closed 5.8.21 |
| Finalise communication contract for 21/22 which formalises the maintenance of the current approach and direction of the communications campaign. | PQ                  | AVA Agency awarded 21/22 contract.                                    | Closed 5.8.21 |
| Urban forest project proposal process to be promoted to the community  | PQ                  | Discussed in Kick off meeting and included in objectives for the year | Closed 5.8.21 |



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| Communicate that street trees cannot be pruned by residents at the same time communications occur around green waste collections | PQ | Green waste pick up is next in November and this has been included in communications forward planning.  | Closed 5.8.21 |
| Incorporation of ArborCarbon mapping into public Intramaps system  | PQ | In progress - one issue with thermal mapping - will go into the tree layer on Intramaps and will be available to the public and on internal systems | 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 at 8.40am