



TOWN OF  
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Strategy  
Implementation working group  
Notes – 21 June 2021



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## 1 Opening

### 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

<b>UFS Implementation Group Members</b>	Ben Whitehouse Heather Johnstone (Chair) Rowena Skinner Emma Monk Ngaire Howard Nadia D'Hart
<b>Councillors</b>	Cr Luana Lisandro Cr Ronhhda Potter
<b>ToVP Representatives</b>	Pierre Quesnel (Senior Place Leader, Urban Forest) David Doy (Manager Place Planning) Asile Wong (Place Leader, Urban Design) Gregor Wilson (Manager Infrastructure Operations) Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer) Paul Williams (Parks Project Officer)
<b>Meeting secretary</b>	Alison Podmore (Executive Officer to the CEO)
<b>Presenters</b>	Nil
<b>Observers</b>	Nil
<b>Apologies</b>	Natalie Martin-Goode (Chief Community Planner) Cr Vicki Potter

## 3 Presentations

### 3.1 Urban Forest Engagement Performance Review

<b>Presenter</b>	Pierre Quesnel
<b>Attachments</b>	1. UFS Social Sentiment Results - Jan - May 2021 [3.1.1 - 2 pages]
<b>Time for item</b>	30 mins

#### Purpose of the item

To provide an update on recent engagement initiatives and discuss the communications approach.

#### Outcome

Feedback on the communications approach and advice on future direction.

#### Next steps

A new communications contract will be prepared for 2021/2022 and advice received can influence the scope and direction of the contract.

#### Further information

The Urban Forest webpage will also be discussed: <https://www.victoriapark.wa.gov.au/Around-town/Environment/Urban-Forest-Strategy>

#### Outcome/Action

Pierre ran through the data that had been collected and analysed based on (some) digital performance for Urban Forest related communications and promotional activities, from January - May 2021 and received positive feedback from the group.

#### Community Project proposal

- Feedback received that community project proposal process need to be promoted (no proposals this month)
- Suggestion it should include FAQ's.
- For example following the supportive letter from the Bahai association they may be interested in submitting a project.

#### Action:

- Finalise the communications contract for the next year and maintain direction and approach of the Urban Forest communications campaign.

### 3.2 Planting Season 2021 - June Update

<b>Presenter</b>	Pierre Quesnel
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil
<b>Time for item</b>	20 Minutes

#### Purpose of the item

To provide the UFS IWG with an update on the current progress of planting season activities.

#### Outcome

Awareness by group members and final detailed advice in the last stages of delivery.

## Next steps

Planting season activities will continue their implementation with potential for minor changes to the approach of some delivery aspects.

## Further information

The live project progress spreadsheet will be presented, and a hard copy provided to members.

## Outcome/Action

Pierre went through the project tracking sheet

**Leafy Streets** - underway - complete and up to construction and delivery - should be starting to plant in the next couple of weeks. We have stock from the City of South Perth but some of the other plants are delayed, so probably won't receive until the new financial year. Budget fine. Includes park projects - Raphael, Vic Park Heights Park, plus all of the street trees. 900 letters went out to residents.

If there are objections to the verge trees, then they need to be in writing to the Town. New process for this was described by Pierre and supported by the group.

Tree tags for each new tree planting were explained - benefits, species, canopy - education awareness. Material is recycled plastic, waterproof and being handwritten.

A community project proposal site (Planet Street intersection), that is in the current Urban Forest project pool for future planting seasons was discussed. This project included the removal of redundant crossovers. Recently resurfacing works were conducted by the town and new crossover kerbs were installed. This represents a failure of collaboration / communication between UFS projects and engineering projects.

## Action

- PQ to pass on project proposals to engineers and particularly place planning team and communicate these proposals within the departments, in particular, the UFS future planting projects.
- PQ to raise the project proposals with the Place Planning Team at their next team meeting.

## 4 Items for discussion

## 5 General business

Congratulations on the Urban Forest at home - the team was amazing and the day was very well received by the community.

**Question:** Can residents prune a street tree?

**Answer:** Residents cannot do it themselves and should contact the Town.

**Action** -Need to make sure there is comms to the community regarding the tree lopping of verge trees, reminding them that they cannot do that themselves and need to contact the Town to request, before each green waste collection.

## 6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status / Comments	Closed Date
Finalise communication contract for 21/22 which formalises the maintenance of the current approach and direction of the communications campaign.	PQ	New Action 21.6.21	Open
Urban forest project proposal process to be promoted to the community	PQ	New Action 21.6.21	Open
Communicate that street trees cannot be pruned by residents at the same time communications occur around green waste collections	PQ	New Action 21.6.21	
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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:34am.