

Wanneroo Local Area Plan Community Workshop

5.30 – 7.30pm, 23 September 2020

Banksia Room, Wanneroo Civic Centre

Workshop Report

Workshop Outline

Mayor Tracey Roberts opened the workshop, welcomed participants, encouraging and expressing appreciation of their input to the development of the Wanneroo Local Area Plan.

A presentation was made to approximately 20 participants to outline the intent and steps of the project, and initial key findings.

Participants engaged in a range of activities including:

- Reviewing and providing input to minor changes and general affirmation of the Vision;
- Discussing and affirming the Community Priorities; and
- Facilitated discussion of potential responses to Community Priorities, with regard to a broad outline of responses gathered from the engagement.

A demonstration and discussion of the City's new Community Directory was held, with participants agreeing to trial the system once email is sent with information.

Comments

Participants considered the following broad response areas as a guide to the suggestions listed below:

- Conservation of natural bush areas and wildlife, protection of existing trees and future tree planting programs
- Interpretation of local history and stories, Aboriginal culture and sustainability methods, heritage interpretation and trails
- Urban design and activation program for the Wanneroo Town Centre
- Revitalisation of the Wanneroo Youth Centre
- Improved path connections to connect key sites and facilitate walking and cycling
- Advocacy for improved public transport connections
- Support for localised business and employment opportunities

- Place-based events program in the Town Centre, Wanneroo Youth Centre and event spaces such as Wanneroo Showgrounds
- Improved and targeted promotion and advertising for local events and activities

SUSTAINABILITY, PARKS AND TREES	
Need space for people to enjoy nature – not sport	Design guidelines should be developed to protect character and bushland in the area
Clearing of bushland should have adequate environmental offsets on a like for like basis	East Wanneroo District Structure Plan contains guidelines such as keeping natural topography
City of Wanneroo needs a Tree Register – investigate Joondalup and National Trust models	POS percentage hasn't changed to accommodate increased density and developers are nominating unusable spaces for POS rather than premium spaces
City should have a greater influence on good development outcomes	Verges are too small to accommodate street trees, leading to lack of shade when walking/cycling/outdoors
Save significant trees in land developments	Urban Forest Plan should retrofit existing spaces for shade and canopy cover
Maintain small town feel, by balancing development	Energy efficiency measures should apply to public and private buildings
Larger blocks are preferred development option	'Corridor development' supported to link bush and trees through urban development
Existing bushland on Lot 9000 Sinagra is precious and should be protected	Plant endemic species, not exotics when landscaping

FACILITIES AND ATTRACTIONS	
Botanical garden, like Discovery Park	Wild flower event, showcasing local plants
Strawberry Festival	Events need to be car parking savvy, because Wanneroo is car dependent
Permit casual use of facilities such as basketball courts at Joondalup Lake foreshore rather than a formal booking	Get youth involved in youth centre, so that they can take some ownership and develop skills

TOWN CENTRE <u>AND</u> SHOPS & SMALL BUSINESS	
Ugly shops	Wanneroo Central disjointed
Advocate for easier crossing of Wanneroo Road – overpass or underpass needed	How to avoid conflict between mobility scooters, cyclists and pedestrians – more space, awareness
Salvation Army and Post Office section doesn't tie in to the Town Centre	Inability to make local businesses/owners of vacant land clean up
Urban design needed in the Town Centre – City of Canning just released a town centre vision	

COMMUNITY CONNECTION AND FEEL AND AMBIENCE OF THE AREA

Bottlebrushes and wildflowers are beautiful in the area	Need a corridor between City Centre and Lake Joondalup foreshore
Need more trees in people's gardens, not just public realm	Design for trees and cooling effect on private property
Love the new plaques for 10 th Lighthorse Trail	No plastic grass/fake turf should be permitted
Maps of trails could be shown on the Community Directory	More interpretation of stories and wayfinding needed
City of Stirling has a 'Living Green' program City of Wanneroo needs to promote its environmental programs – such as free street trees	Indigenous culture, programs, experiences and seasons need to be developed and showcased

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Loved the combination of multicultural festival and citizenship ceremony at the Wanneroo Festival	
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TRANSPORT AND CONNECTIONS

Need a shuttle bus, even if just for special events for the older people – could volunteers, not for profits provide drivers?	
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SAFETY AND IMAGE

Rubbish is an issue – can we have a Tidy Towns competition approach, or work with Keep Australia Beautiful?	Involve local schools in the care of adjacent bushland
Adopt a Spot program works well	Waste Management – could we incentivise lower volumes of rubbish?
Pedestrian safety/conflict with cyclists is an issue on dual use paths – they need to face each other, as would be more aware with oncoming traffic	

Next steps:

All comments and suggested responses drawn from community engagement will inform the Action Plan and Responses, as well as being forwarded to relevant service units for their information. The Wanneroo Local Area Plan is in final stages of development and is expected to be presented to Council in late 2020 for consideration and endorsement.