



Ferguson Valley Advisory Group Meeting

Thomas Little Hall, Dardanup

Wednesday, 4 May 2022

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Attendance

Elected Representatives

Cr. T Gardiner Chairperson

Community

Mr. Stuart Brandreth Community
Mr. Graeme Mitchell Community
Ms. Wendy Perdon Community
Mr. Ian Bridge Community
Ms. Brigitte Milligan Community

Staff

Mr. Theo Naude Director Infrastructure
Ms. Lucy Owen – Conway Manager Place and Community Engagement
Mr. Nathan Ryder Manager Infrastructure Planning & Design
Ms. Peta Nolan PA – Director Infrastructure

Apologies

Cr. M T Bennett Shire President - Advisory Group Member
Cr. Peter Robinson Advisory Group Member
Mr. Andre Schönfeldt Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Susan Oosthuizen Director Sustainable Development
Ms. Merinda Smith Community
Mr Phil Smith Community

Meeting Open - 5.00pm

Welcome

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country by Chairperson, Cr. T Gardiner

The Shire of Dardanup wishes to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Noongar people. In doing this, we recognise and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this

region and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging. The Shire of Dardanup also respects and celebrates all cultures of all our residents and visitors to our Shire.

Governance & Advisory Group Overview

Cr. T Gardiner provided an overview of the formation of the Advisory Groups, Terms of Reference and Confidentiality Agreement.

Declaration of Interest

Cr. T Gardiner explained the types of disclosure of interests as provided in the documentation to the group and called for any declaration of interests from the group.

The following members declared a pecuniary/financial interest:-

*Stuart Brandreth
Wendy Perdon*

The following members declared an impartiality interest:-

*Ian Bridge FCO Wellington Mills Bush Fire Brigade
Brigitte Milligan Lieutenant Wellington Mills Bush Fire Brigade*

The following member declared a proximity interest:-

Brigitte Milligan Gnomesville

It was agreed that member would participate in all discussion.

Introduce Strategic Community Plan

Lucy Owen-Conway advised the Group that the Shire is undertaking a full review of the Strategic Community Plan (SCP). The SCP has the broad strategies and objectives of what the community wants to achieve and the Corporate Business Plan is the set of activities to deliver the Plan. Consultation will commence in the week commencing 16 May 2022 to obtain feedback about both documents.

The Shire would love to have your feedback please.

Ferguson Valley Community Facilities Plan (CFP) – Projects Update

Mr Nathan Ryder – Manager Infrastructure Planning and Design

Nathan Ryder referred to the CFP as tabled for member's information and advised this Plan was endorsed by Council in August 2021. The CFP has been updated to reflect the immediate projects that have been completed this year and those that are required to be delivered.

Projects Completed

- **Gnomesville new public toilets** – Project Complete. An additional project in the near future will include the artwork panels to screen the toilets. This item to be discussed later in the meeting.
- **Waterloo Volunteer Bushfire Brigade** – The new building is complete. The separate project to seal the surrounds of the building is nearing completion. This project has been a very successful re-use of an unused facility.
- **Harris Road upgrade** – This project is now complete pending tidy up works.
- **Venn Road** - This project was originally a widening project along the entire length of Venn Rd, however, due to a number of developments occurring in Dardanup West, this project was rescoped lifting and sealing of the gravel section. This project is now complete.

Projects Reviewed

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- **Pile Road widening/reconstruction** – due to tender prices received this project was placed on hold. The designs and clearing permits are complete and the project will be continued over future years (Gardincourt Dr to Mungalup Rd).
 - **Wellington Mill Volunteer Bushfire Brigade (VBB) – New toilet/shower facility** – The VBB has requested that the Shire seeks funding for a new facility on site and therefore this project has been placed for completion in a 2-4 year time frame. Shire staff will work on concepts and design in the meantime. It has been requested that the original shed remains as this has some heritage significance to the Brigade. It is also suggested that the new building is added to the current vehicle shed. Shire staff will get in touch with the VBB members on this project when the concept design commences.
 - **Henty Road upgrades** – The project included two sections of Henty Road. SLK 2.5-5.5 (area Lennard Rd) and SLK 8-11 (area Ferguson Farmstay). Due to constraints by the funding programs (Australian Government Black Spot and Regional Road Safety Project), the project had to be cancelled this financial year as funds could not be transferred between the programs. Refer to Council Report 25 January 2022 for more details. The project has been deferred and will be considered by Council for placing incorporating into the 10-year roads program. There was discussion about possible increased use of Henty Road once the BORR is completed.

Place and Community Projects

[See Presentation attached](#)

Lucy Owen-Conway Manager Place & Community Engagement

Lucy Owen-Conway tabled a presentation to the Group of the events, programs and projects delivered over the past twelve months.

Place and Community Plan progress and 2022/23 key outcomes discussion - The Place and Community Plan and Sport and Recreation Plan was developed in 2020 and there are a number of deliverables coming out of these plans.

Lucy Owen-Conway advised that there are currently only 2 members of the Youth Advisory Group in Dardanup and Ferguson Valley area so please encourage your young people to join.

Dardanup Heritage Collective Project – for further information people can visit <https://dardanupheritagecollective.org.au/>. There are 14 signs in the current project and there is a QR code that can be scanned which is connected to the website that has photos and text supporting the site. The project is going very well.

Gnomesville Toilet Art Panels update – Requests for Quotation for artists have closed and only one submission has been received, even though there has been extensive promotion locally. Neil Turner has made a submission and will custom design two panels. The theme will be a tree canopy with gnomes hiding throughout the artwork and it is anticipated that natural light will play through the steel cut outs. The project will be delivered as soon as possible. The Group agreed that they were happy to proceed with the submission taking into consideration that local artists have had an opportunity to submit a quotation and that Neil Turner is local to the region.

The frame will be powder coated. The corten steel panels will have a clear sealant to protect.

The group was happy with the overall concept.

Ferguson Valley Public Art Trail – Community consultation and school visits have now been completed. Clear themes have come through and there are 12 potential locations. There has also been Traditional Owner consultation. The content criteria is that it must have strong connection to the community. The next steps are to consult with Shire staff and a plan will be formed to deliver the project. There has been a great deal of interest from business to become partners. Shire staff will continue to seek funding for future artworks.

Round the table Updates

The following items were raised around the table:-

Civic Precinct Plan (Old Works Depot)

Nathan Ryder advised that the Shire received funding from the RAC (RAC Reconnect “Dardanup Depot Revitalisation Project”), which, will enable work to commence on both stages 1 and 2 this

year. The project will include the relocation of the six trees replanted at the depot that were relocated from the Ferguson Road upgrade project two years ago.

Council endorsed a concept in September 2021. The key elements of Stage 1 and 2 include a turfed area (with some mounds), linking pathways to hall, toilets and Ferguson Road, trees and gardens, nature-based play trail, public seating and an outdoor art gallery. There are also future improvements subject to allocation of funds.

Lucy Owen-Conway added that there will be two triptych artworks (Six opportunities for artwork in the park) in the project. There will be a community competition for artwork leading up to October 2022 calling for artwork, poems, stories etc. with a connected community theme. These can be used in activations in the space. RAC will provide a prize.

Dardanup Hall – roof maintenance

Theo Naude advised that this work has been placed in the draft budget 2022/2023 for Council consideration.

Wellington Discovery Forest – South West Timber Hub Project

An overview was provided by Community Member Wendy about the work being undertaken on a master plan for the Discovery Forest which will be an extensive part of the park. A Landscape Architect has been engaged to prepare a plan which includes a tourism, research and harvesting demonstration element. There will be a lookout tower that will go above the canopy and will have an extensive outlook. Science research will also be included and it is anticipated that there will be an outdoor university, a fenced zone to reintroduce endangered animals and art will continue through the park. The final draft will be received this week and a public presentation will occur in about one month's time. This project has been listed as a priority for funding in the South West.

Speed Zones in and around Dardanup

There was discussion about speed changes along Ferguson Road to make one speed limit of 80kph.

There was also discussion about Wellington Mill Road, requesting line marking because tourists are cutting corners and it is dangerous. It was also suggested that the speed through the Wellington Mill town site area could also be dropped for safety reasons. Wellington Mill Road is currently de-restricted i.e. default speed limit is 110 kmh ("drive to conditions"), as are many roads within the Shire.

Theo Naude advised that MRWA are responsible for speed limits, line marking and signage. The road must be a certain minimum width. Nathan Ryder advised that Main Roads WA are often somewhat reluctant to speed zone or approve a reduction in speed limit. The Shire has made requests for Ferguson road and other local roads in the past and have been largely unsuccessful.

Theo Naude advised that Hayward Street, Dardanup is currently being assessed for possible traffic calming measures.

Shire staff will continue to assess local speed zones in the area.

Close - 6.00 pm
