

# COUNCIL AGENDA

## **Council Meeting**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1999, that the next Meeting of Unley City Council will be held in the Council Chambers, 181 Unley Road Unley on

***Monday 31 January 2022 7.00pm***

for the purpose of considering the items included on the Agenda.

**Chief Executive Officer**

## **OUR VISION 2033**

Our City is recognised for its vibrant community spirit, quality lifestyle choices, diversity, business strength and innovative leadership.

## **COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO**

- Ethical, open honest behaviours
- Efficient and effective practices
- Building partnerships
- Fostering an empowered, productive culture – “A Culture of Delivery”
- Encouraging innovation – “A Willingness to Experiment and Learn”

## **KAURNA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*Ngadlurlu tampinhi, ngadlu Kurna yartangka inparrinhi. Ngadlurlu parnuku tuwila yartangka tampinhi.*

*Ngadlurlu Kurna Miyurna yaitya yarta-mathanya Wama Tarntanyaku tampinhi. Parnuku yaitya, parnuku tapa purruna yalarra puru purruna.\**

We would like to acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

\*Kurna Translation provided by Kurna Warra Karrpanthi

## **PRAYER AND SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We pray for wisdom to provide good governance for the City of Unley in the service of our community.

Members will stand in silence in memory of those who have made the Supreme Sacrifice in the service of their country, at sea, on land and in the air.

Lest We Forget.

## **WELCOME**



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## NEXT MEETING

Monday 28 February 2022 - 7.00pm

Council Chambers, 181 Unley Road Unley

## DEPUTATION

**REPORT TITLE:** DEPUTATION RE: OPPOSITION TO  
POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF CULROSS AVENUE

**ITEM NUMBER:** 2.1

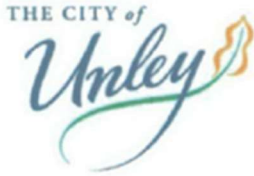
**DATE OF MEETING:** 31 JANUARY 2022

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. DEPUTATION

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1. Nora Close, Myrtle Bank  
Re. Item 2.1 Opposition to the possible closure of Culross Avenue.
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DEPUTATION REQUEST FORM

Please complete this request and return to the City of Unley at least three (3) clear days prior to the Council meeting at which you wish to be heard.

CITY OF UNLEY
19 JAN 2022
REF:

To: The Chief Executive Officer

I/We hereby request to be heard at a Council meeting of the City of Unley

Representor Name: Nora Close
Telephone Number: 0417866503
Email: norawxs@gmail.com
Address: 19 Culross Avenue
Myrtle Bank SA 5064

I will be speaking:

On my behalf: [ ]

As a Spokesperson: [X]

Residents of the western end
of Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank

If the group has a set of Rules by which the group is governed, please provide a copy of these.

Representor 2 Name:
Telephone Number:
Email:
Address:

Representor 3 Name:
Telephone Number:
Email:
Address:

7 -19 JAN 2022


**This Deputation relates to the following subject matter:**

*(Please give sufficient details of the matter to enable consideration of your request for a deputation)*

A recent study commissioned by Unley Council surveyed the possible closure of Culross Avenue. The residents of the western end of the street strongly oppose any closure and have authorised me to present our case at the Council meeting on 31 January 2022

**Please Note:** If you wish to distribute information as part of your deputation, this material must be provided to Administration prior to the meeting at which your deputation occurs. Please ensure you discuss any information you wish to be distributed or options for presenting your deputation with Administration when you receive confirmation that your Deputation Request has been approved.

I have read and understood the Deputations Information Sheet and acknowledge that I must comply with the requirements.

Signed:   
Date: 19/1/2022

Once completed, please return to the City of Unley, either in person, or by post, facsimile or email [pobox1@unley.sa.gov.au](mailto:pobox1@unley.sa.gov.au)

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Received (date and time): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_ am/pm

**Acknowledged by Presiding Member**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Acknowledged by OCEO**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Approved: Yes  No

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_ am/pm

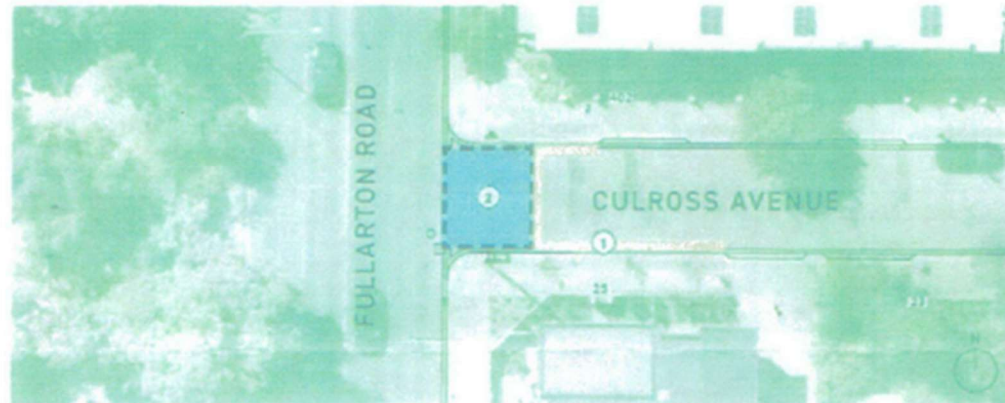
Representor Notified: Yes  No



### Proposed Road Closure - Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank Option 1 Mid Block Closure



### Proposed Road Closure - Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank Option 2 Intersection Closure



- ① NO STOPPING RESTRICTION
- ② INTERSECTION CLOSURE

Access



## DECISION REPORT

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	CULROSS AVENUE ROAD CLOSURE CONSULTATION SUMMARY
<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	4.1
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	31 JANUARY 2022
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	TANYA BACIC
<b>JOB TITLE:</b>	TRANSPORT LEAD
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	1. ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT

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### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the outcomes from the recent consultation undertaken for a proposed road closure on Culross Avenue.

At the Council Meeting held on 23 August 2021, Council resolved:

1. *The report be received.*
2. *The Council undertake consultation with the residents abutting Culross Avenue, Bridge Street, and all regular hirers of Scammell Reserve, including the Scout Hall, regarding a possible full road-closure of Culross Avenue to be provided adjacent no. 19 and 20 Culross Avenue.*
3. *As part of the consultation process regarding a possible full road-closure of Culross Avenue, feedback is sought in respect to the likely impacts that the road-closure would have for matters such as on-street parking, circulation and access and waste collection.*
4. *A further report be presented to Council for its consideration outlining the results of the feedback received in response to the consultation process for a possible full road-closure of Culross Avenue.*

*Resolution No. C0578/21*

At the Council Meeting on the 27 September 2021, the original decision Resolution No. C0578/21 was varied following the submission of a Notice of Motion. Council subsequently resolved that:

1. *The report be received.*
2. *The Council undertake consultation with the residents abutting Culross Avenue, Bridge Street, and all regular hirers of Scammell Reserve, including the Scout Hall, regarding a possible full road-closure of Culross Avenue to be provided adjacent no. 19 and 20 Culross Avenue **and/or for a possible full road closure at the intersection of Culross Avenue and Fullarton Road.***
3. *As part of the consultation process regarding a possible full road-closure of Culross Avenue, feedback is sought in respect to the likely impacts that the road-closure would have for matters such as on-street parking, circulation and access and waste collection.*

4. *A further report be presented to Council for its consideration outlining the results of the feedback received in response to the consultation process for a possible full road-closure of Culross Avenue.*

*Resolution No. C0608/21*

Council is now required to consider the feedback from the consultation process and determine what it wishes to do with regard to this matter.

An external consultant (URPS) was engaged in October 2021 to assist the Administration with the undertaking of the required consultation. This consisted of only the residents and property owners along Culross Avenue and Bridge Street, and regular hirers of Scammell Reserve including Super Tennis, Highgate Girl Guides, and Fullarton Scout Group, as resolved by Council.

An external consultant was used in order to ensure that the consultation was completed before December 2021, and enable Council to consider the outcomes in early 2022. URPS has not made any recommendations to Council regarding this matter but has merely collated and presented the results of the consultation process. The Administration has considered the results and made its recommendation to Council for its consideration.

The consultation asked residents and property owners within the catchment area if they supported a road closure along Culross Avenue, and if they did, what their preferred option was, including:

- Option 1 - mid-block closure (at 19 and 20 Culross Avenue)
- Option 2 - intersection closure (at Fullarton Road).

The consultation period ran for three weeks between 25 October and 15 November 2021. From a mailout to 57 people within the catchment area, a total of 34 responses were received (60% response rate).

The results of the survey identified that:

- 61.8% (21) of respondents **do not support** a closure of Culross Avenue.
- 38.2% (13) of respondents (13) **support** a closure of Culross Avenue, with:
  - 14.7% (5) preferring *Option 1 - mid-block closure*.
  - 20.5% (7) preferring *Option 2 - intersection closure*.
  - 3% (1) not supporting either option.

Of the 61.8% (21) of respondents that did not support a road closure, 43% (9) were from established homes in the catchment area, 9.5% (2) were from regular hirers of Scammell Reserve and 47.5% (10) were from the new developments.

Of the 38.2% (13) of respondents that supported a road closure, 92% (12) were from established homes in the catchment area and 7% (1) was from the new developments.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The report be received.
  2. No further investigations be undertaken regarding the implementation of a road closure on Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank.
  3. No further investigations be undertaken on other traffic calming measures on Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank, until the future delivery of Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) 5 for the Myrtle Bank and Fullarton areas.
  4. The residents in the catchment area be advised of Council's decision.
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## **3. RELEVANT CORE STRATEGIES/POLICIES**

1. Community Living
- 1.5 Our City is connected and accessible.

## **4. BACKGROUND**

Culross Avenue is a typical local residential street that is located between Fullarton Road and Scammell Reserve.

Over the past two years, continued concerns have been raised by some residents of Culross Avenue regarding the impact on traffic and parking within the street due to the two developments at 402 Fullarton Road and 25 Culross Avenue.

The two developments are summarised as follows:

- 402 Fullarton Road (northern side) comprising seven (7) two-storey, three-bedroom dwellings.
- 25 Culross Avenue (southern side) comprising eight (8) three-storey, three-bedroom dwellings.

At the Council Meeting held on 28 January 2020, Council resolved that:

1. *The viability of Culross Avenue becoming a "living street" or utilising other traffic calming measures, including closing the street at 'Zone 2', be investigated and a report returned to Council prior to the completion of 2020/21 budget considerations.*

*Resolution No. C0162/20*

At the Council Meeting held on 23 March 2020, Council considered a report outlining a summary of the investigations undertaken by the Administration. The findings presented to Council were that Culross Avenue was found to not meet the relevant criteria to become a "Living Street" and given that it is a local street carrying low traffic volumes, there was no warrant to introduce traffic calming measures.

Following consideration of the matter, Council resolved that:

1. *The report be received.*
2. *No further investigations be undertaken regarding Culross Avenue becoming a Living Street or the implementation of traffic calming measures at this point in time.*
3. *Six months following the completion of the developments at 402 Fullarton Road and 25 Culross Avenue, traffic volumes, speeds and on-street parking along Culross Avenue be reviewed to assess the impact the developments have had on the street and if any traffic calming measures are warranted.*

*Resolution No. C0206/20*

The developments at 25 Culross Avenue and 402 Fullarton Road were completed in April 2020 and January 2021, respectively. An investigation into traffic and parking along the street was undertaken by the Administration in late May 2021, approximately six months following the completion of the developments.

The investigation identified that:

- There have been minimal changes to traffic volumes, traffic speeds and parking occupancy along Culross Avenue post developments, and;
- There are currently no warrants from a traffic point of view for the introduction of traffic calming measures based on the recorded post development traffic volumes and speeds.

At the Council Meeting on the 23 August 2021, a Deputation was made to Council by a resident on Culross Avenue advocating for Council to consider implementing a road closure on Culross Avenue. A report was also presented to Council outlining a summary of the investigations undertaken by Administration. Council subsequently resolved that:

1. *The report be received.*
2. *The Council undertake consultation with the residents abutting Culross Avenue, Bridge Street, and all regular hirers of Scammell Reserve, including the Scout Hall, regarding a possible full road-closure of Culross Avenue to be provided adjacent no. 19 and 20 Culross Avenue.*
3. *As part of the consultation process regarding a possible full road-closure of Culross Avenue, feedback is sought in respect to the likely impacts that the road-closure would have for matters such as on-street parking, circulation and access and waste collection.*
4. *A further report be presented to Council for its consideration outlining the results of the feedback received in response to the consultation process for a possible full road-closure of Culross Avenue.*

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1. *The report be received.*
2. *The Council undertake consultation with the residents abutting Culross Avenue, Bridge Street, and all regular hirers of Scammell Reserve, including the Scout Hall, regarding a possible full road-closure of Culross Avenue to be provided adjacent no. 19 and 20 Culross Avenue **and/or for a possible full road closure at the intersection of Culross Avenue and Fullarton Road.***
3. *As part of the consultation process regarding a possible full road-closure of Culross Avenue, feedback is sought in respect to the likely impacts that the road-closure would have for matters such as on-street parking, circulation and access and waste collection.*
4. *A further report be presented to Council for its consideration outlining the results of the feedback received in response to the consultation process for a possible full road-closure of Culross Avenue.*

*Resolution No. C0608/21*

## **5. DISCUSSION**

Following Council's resolution made at its meeting held on 27 September 2021, an external consultant (URPS) was engaged in October 2021 to assist the Administration with the undertaking of the required consultation. This was to ensure that the consultation was completed before December 2021 and enable Council to consider the outcomes in early 2022. URPS has not made any recommendations to Council regarding this matter but has merely collated and presented the results of the consultation process. The Administration has considered the results and made its recommendation to Council for its consideration.

The consultant undertook a closed consultation, as per the Council resolution, comprising of only a small catchment area including all residents and property owners along Culross Avenue and Bridge Street, and regular hirers of Scammell Reserve including Super Tennis, Highgate Girl Guides and Fullarton Scout Group.

The purpose of the consultation was to understand the extent of local support for a road closure and the likely impacts that a road closure would have for matters such as circulation, access, waste collection and on-street parking.

Two proposed road closure options were presented to the community:

- Option 1 - mid-block closure (at 19 and 20 Culross Avenue)
- Option 2 - intersection closure (at Fullarton Road)

The consultation period ran for three weeks between 25 October and 15 November 2021.

A summary of the consultation activities and outcomes are outlined below, with the full detailed Engagement Summary Report prepared by the consultant (including mailout collateral and survey responses) provided in Attachment 1.

*Attachment 1*

### Consultation Activities

A range of consultation activities were undertaken by the consultant to inform and engage the community and seek their views on the proposed road closure of Culross Avenue. The key activities are summarised in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Key consultation activities**

Activity	Description
Mailout	The mailout included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter</li> <li>• Concept sketches of Option 1 and Option 2</li> <li>• Hard copy survey with reply paid envelope</li> </ul>
Survey	The survey was available on-line or via a hard copy (that formed part of the mailout).
Phone calls	Residents were able to phone to ask questions, raise any concerns and ask for assistance with the survey.

The mailout went to 57 residents and property owners in the catchment area, including the three regular hirers of Scammell Reserve. A copy of the mailout is included in the Engagement Summary Report (refer to Attachment 1).

### Consultation Outcomes

A total of 35 responses were received (21 hard copies and 14 online responses), however only 34 were included in the analysis as two were received from the same participant. This represents a 60% response rate, which is considered good, and reflective of the majority of properties along Culross Avenue and Bridge Street.

Participation by household is shown in Figure 1, where the dotted blue line indicates a household/property that provided a survey response. Figure 1 shows that the majority of households (resident / property owner) in the catchment area provided a response.

**Figure 1 Participation by household**





The results of the survey identified that:

- 61.8% (21) of respondents **do not support** a closure of Culross Avenue
- 38.2% (13) of respondents (13) **support** a closure of Culross Avenue, with:
  - 14.7% (5) preferring *Option 1 - mid-block closure*.
  - 20.5% (7) preferring *Option 2 - intersection closure*.
  - 3% (1) not supporting either option.

Of the 61.8% (21) respondents that did not support a road closure 43% (9) were from established homes in the catchment area, 9.5% (2) were from regular hirers of Scammell Reserve and 47.5% (10) were from the new developments.

Of the 38.2% (13) respondents that supported a road closure 92% (12) were from established homes in the catchment area and 7% (1) was from the new developments.

In addition to the above, a petition opposing the road closure was received, with 21 signatures, as part of a respondent's hard copy survey response. The petition was not included as part of this engagement process, as the petition was signed by visitors to the street, not residents or property owners on Culross Avenue or Bridge Street or regular hirers of Scammell Reserve, as per the Council decision. The head petitioner was advised of this decision.

Of the 61.8% (21) of respondents that did not support the road closure, common reasons included:

- Neither of the options presented do anything to enhance the overall amenity, appeal, and functionality for all residents of Culross Avenue.
- Both closure options will create traffic flow issues along Culross Avenue.
- Closing the road and removing a number of parks is not a solution.
- Council's traffic and parking investigations says there is minimal impact from the two developments so there is nothing to justify this change.

Of the 38.2% (13) that supported a road closure, key reasons included:

- The traffic volume of people using our street as a "rat-run" to avoid the Fisher Street lights is increasing.
- The closure would replace some of the greenery lost with the development of eight driveways, improve the street appeal of Culross Avenue and foster better connections with neighbours.
- Improve the safety of the street.

## **Next Steps**

Based on the consultation survey results, and the lack of a majority support for the introduction of a road closure on Culross Avenue, the Administration recommends that no further investigations/discussions are undertaken regarding a road closure on Culross Avenue.

The Administration also recommends that no other traffic calming measures are explored at this time, noting that the findings from the investigations undertaken by the Administration in late May 2021 (and presented to Council at its meeting held on the 23 August 2021) indicated no traffic or parking issues along Culross Avenue, with the street experiencing low traffic volumes (about 310 vehicles per day (vpd)) and low speeds (85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of about 44 km/h).

Culross Avenue, however, does sit within the Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) area for Myrtle Bank and Fullarton (LATM 5), which is still to be developed in the coming years. Therefore, further consideration of traffic and parking conditions along Culross Avenue will be undertaken and incorporated in the context of LATM 5. This is planned for three to five years' time (post the Cross Road and Glen Osmond Road intersection upgrades with Fullarton Road), subject to Council approving the required budget to develop the LATM.

## **6. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

### Option 1 –

1. The report be received.
2. No further investigations be undertaken regarding the implementation of a road closure on Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank.
3. No further investigations be undertaken on other traffic calming measures on Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank, until the future delivery of Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) 5 for the Myrtle Bank and Fullarton areas.
4. The residents in the catchment area be advised of Council's decision.

Under this option, Council receives the community engagement results which demonstrate that there is a lack of local community support for the implementation of a road closure (61.8% not in support of a road closure) and resolves not to further pursue a road closure on Culross Avenue.

This option also acknowledges that no other traffic calming measures or parking restrictions will be investigated along Culross Avenue at this time, noting that there currently are no LATM technical warrants to support this.

Traffic and parking conditions, however, will be reviewed along Culross Avenue as part of the future delivery of the LATM for the Myrtle Bank and Fullarton areas (LATM 5). The development of this LATM is not scheduled until at least three years' time, following the completion of the Cross Road and Glen Osmond Road intersection upgrades with Fullarton Road, and subject to Council allocating the required budget to develop the LATM.

All residents in the catchment area will be advised of the engagement outcomes and Council's decision.

### Option 2 –

1. The report be received.
2. Option 1 - mid-block closure (at 19 and 20 Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank) be endorsed as the preferred road closure option to be implemented and progresses to the next stage of design development and consultation.
3. A budget bid is submitted as part of the 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget process for Elected Member consideration to undertake the next stage of design works.
4. The residents in the catchment area be advised of Council's decision.

Under this option, Council receives the community engagement results which demonstrate that there is a lack of local community support for the implementation of a road closure, however, resolves to implement 'Option 1 - mid-block closure' at 19 and 20 Culross Avenue.

The next stage of works will include:

- Design development (concept and detailed)
- Impact assessment including traffic, parking and waste
- Community engagement on the design option(s).

A project budget bid will be prepared as part of the 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget process for Elected Member consideration to undertake this option.

All residents in the catchment area will be advised of the engagement outcomes and Council's decision.

### Option 3 –

1. The report be received.
2. Option 2 – intersection closure (at Fullarton Road, Myrtle Bank) be endorsed as the preferred road closure option to be implemented and progresses to the next stage of design development and consultation.
3. A budget bid is submitted as part of the 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget process for Elected Member consideration to undertake the next stage of design works.
4. The residents in the catchment area be advised of Council's decision.

Under this option, Council receives the community engagement results which demonstrate that there is a lack of local community support for the implementation of a road closure, however, resolves to implement 'Option 2 – intersection closure' at Fullarton Road.

The next stage of works will include:

- Design development (concept and detailed)
- Impact assessment including traffic, parking and waste
- Community engagement on the design option(s).

A project budget bid will be prepared as part of the 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget process for Elected Member consideration to undertake this option.

All residents in the catchment area will be advised of the engagement outcomes and Council's decision.

#### Option 4 –

1. The report be received.
2. No road closure be implemented at Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank at this time.
3. Further investigations be undertaken on other traffic calming measures on Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank, ahead of the future delivery of Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) 5 for the Myrtle Bank and Fullarton areas.
4. A budget bid is submitted as part of the 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget process for Elected Member consideration to undertake the further investigations.
5. The residents in the catchment area be advised of Council's decision.

Under this option, Council receives the community engagement results which demonstrate that there is a lack of local community support for the implementation of a road closure and resolves not to further pursue a road closure on Culross Avenue at this time.

A project budget bid will be prepared as part of the 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget process for Elected Member consideration to undertake further investigations for traffic calming measures on Culross Avenue ahead of the LATM 5.

This option would go against Council's well-established LATM technical warrants, which indicate that there are currently no traffic or parking issues along Culross Avenue that warrant intervention.

All residents in the catchment area will be advised of the engagement outcomes and Council's decision.

## **7. RECOMMENDED OPTION**

Option 1 is the recommended option.

## 8. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

### 8.1 **Financial/Budget**

- A cost of \$8,430 (exc. GST) was incurred to engage an external consultant to undertake the consultation on the proposed road closure options for Culross Avenue. The cost was met from the Department's operational budget.

### 8.2 **Legislative/Risk Management**

- The City of Unley LATM traffic warrants are well established, and clearly outline the expected conditions for a local residential street. These warrants have been used in the delivery of all LATM Plans in the City of Unley Area (including LATM 1 to 3).

### 8.3 **Staffing/Work Plans**

- To date, Council has committed resources in undertaking a number of technical investigations and the preparation of subsequent reports to Council in response to concerns raised.
- If Council support no further investigation, no further work on this matter will be required at this time, beyond notifying residents and property owners of the Council's decision.
- If Council support further design work or investigations to be undertaken on Culross Avenue, a budget bid will need to be prepared as part of the 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget process for Elected Member consideration.
- The undertaking of LATM 5 is not scheduled for at least three (3) to five (5) years.

### 8.4 **Climate/Environmental Impact**

- Not applicable, as no change is proposed.

### 8.5 **Social/Economic**

- Not applicable, as no change is proposed.

### 8.6 **Stakeholder Engagement**

- The Administration will notify the 57 residents and property owners in the catchment area of the Council's decision.
- If Council wishes to continue to pursue a road closure, the implementation of other traffic calming measures or introduce parking controls, further engagement with affected residents would need to be undertaken.

## 9. **REPORT CONSULTATION**

City Development

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## Executive Summary

Culross Avenue is a typical local residential street that is located between Fullarton Road and Scammell Reserve. Over the past two years or so, concerns have been raised by local residents of Culross Avenue regarding the impact on traffic and parking within the street due to the developments at 402 Fullarton Road (seven two-storey, three-bedroom dwellings) and 25 Culross Avenue (eight three-storey, three-bedroom dwellings).

It was resolved at the City of Unley Council meeting held on the 23 August 2021 to consult with all the residents and property owners abutting Culross Avenue and Bridge Street, as well as all regular hirers of Scammell Reserve, including the Scout Hall, regarding a possible full road-closure of Culross Avenue adjacent no. 19 and 20 Culross Avenue. This resolution was varied at its meeting held on the 27 September 2021 to also include a possible full road closure at the intersection of Fullarton Road.

The City of Unley engaged URPS to undertake consultation with all the residents and property owners within the catchment area in response to Council's resolution.

A mailout to 57 residents and landowners with property within this catchment area was conducted. The mailout consisted of a:

- Letter detailing what is proposed
- Hard copy survey, including concept sketches which illustrated the location of both proposed road closures and explained access, waste collection and on-street parking impacts.
- Reply paid envelope

The consultation period ran for three weeks between the 25 October and 15 November 2021. A total of 35 responses were received (21 hard copies and 14 online responses).

Feedback from those that completed the survey indicated that nearly two thirds (61.8%) do not support the road closure options. Of the 38.2% that support the proposed road closure, 15% stated they prefer a mid-block road closure and 20% preferred a road closure at Fullarton Road.

Participants from the survey that do not support the road closure provided reasons such as disruption to traffic flow, loss of parking and safety concerns, particularly turning right onto Fullarton Road at peak hour. Key themes of support received from the survey included creating a safer street, reduced rat running and opportunity for greening.

A total of 6 phone calls were received throughout the consultation period, with the majority of discussions not being supportive of the road closure. Common concerns that were raised include loss of parking, ease of access and safety.

## 1. Background

The City of Unley has been receiving a number of concerns by residents of Culross Avenue regarding the impact on traffic and parking within the street due to the developments at 402 Fullarton Road and 25 Culross Avenue.

A motion was raised at the meeting on 28 January for Council to investigate the viability of Culross Avenue becoming a 'liveable street' or utilise other traffic calming measures including a road closure.

The viability of Culross Avenue becoming a "living street" or utilising other traffic calming measures was investigated by Council. It was found not to meet the relevant criteria to become a "living street" and the low traffic volumes and speeds did not warrant the introduction of traffic calming measures.

An investigation into traffic and parking along the street was undertaken in late May 2021, approximately six months following the completion of the developments. It was identified that

- There have been nominal changes to traffic volumes, traffic speeds and parking occupancy along Culross Avenue post developments
- There are currently no technical traffic warrants for the introduction of traffic calming measures based on the recorded post development traffic volumes and speeds.

It was resolved by Council on the 23 August 2021 to consult with all the residents and property owners abutting Culross Avenue and Bridge Street, as well as all regular hirers of Scammell Reserve, including the Scout Hall about the possible road closure of Culross Avenue.

The resolution was varied at the meeting on 27 September 2021 to consult on the below:

- The possible road closure at 19 and 20 Culross Avenue (names Option 1 – mid-block closure)
- The possible road closure at the intersection of Culross Avenue and Fullarton Road (named 'Option 2 – intersection closure)

### 1.1 Purpose of the Engagement

The purpose of the engagement was to gather feedback on the support for the road closure and the likely impacts that the road closure would have for matters such as:

- On street parking
- Circulation
- Access
- Waste collection.

### 1.2 Engagement Activities

A range of engagement activities were undertaken to inform and engage the community and seek their views on the proposed road closure of Culross Avenue. The consultation period opened on 25 October 2021 and closed on 15 November 2021. Table 1 below outlines the activities undertaken.

Activity	Description	Outcome
Mailout	<p>The mailout included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter</li> <li>• Concept sketches of Option 1 and Option 2</li> <li>• Hard copy survey with a reply-paid envelope</li> </ul>	Mailout to 57 addresses on Culross Avenue, Bridge and Fisher Streets, and hirers of Scammell Reserve
Survey	The survey could be undertaken online or via hard copy. There were six questions. Skip logic was applied so that participants could only comment on their preferred road closure option, if they had one.	35 responses were received, however, only 34 responses have been included in analysis as two were from the same person.
Phone calls	Residents were able to phone to ask questions, raise any concerns and ask for assistance with the survey.	6 phone calls were received.

## 2. Survey

An online survey hosted on Survey Monkey was used as the primary method to receive community feedback on the proposed road closure of Culross Avenue. It was promoted via a mailout to residents and non-occupier property owners of Culross Avenue, Bridge and Fisher Streets and regular hirers of Scammell Reserve. A hard copy survey was provided in the mailout with a reply-paid envelope for those that preferred to fill out the survey by hand. The online survey was accessible during the consultation period from 25 October to 15 November 2021. It was highlighted by a resident that some households had not received the information. Council reviewed the mailout data and identified households that were not included in the initial mailout. Council rectified this by letterbox dropping the information to households on the same day of being notified by the resident.

Analysis of surveys did not commence until a week after the closing date. This was to allow sufficient time for those to respond to the survey that received the mailout information late and to receive hard copy surveys that were mailed back to Council.

Several residents of Culross Avenue undertook their own doorknocking to neighbours to encourage people to participate in the survey and voice their feedback.

Due to the survey being distributed to a target catchment area, respondents were required to nominate an address. Survey responses were only accepted from residents within the study area and only one response per person.

Concept sketches were included in the survey which illustrated the location of both proposed road closures and explained access, waste collection and on-street parking impacts. A copy of the letter, survey and concept sketches is provided in Appendix A.

### 2.1 Results

35 surveys were completed during the consultation period, however only 34 were included as two were received from the same participant.

Numbers of responses to questions are reported as percentages below. Where 'other' options or comment fields have been provided, key themes of these comments are highlighted in the next sections, with verbatim comments provided in full in Appendix B. Participation by household is identified in Figure 1 where the dotted blue line indicates a household/property that provided a survey response.



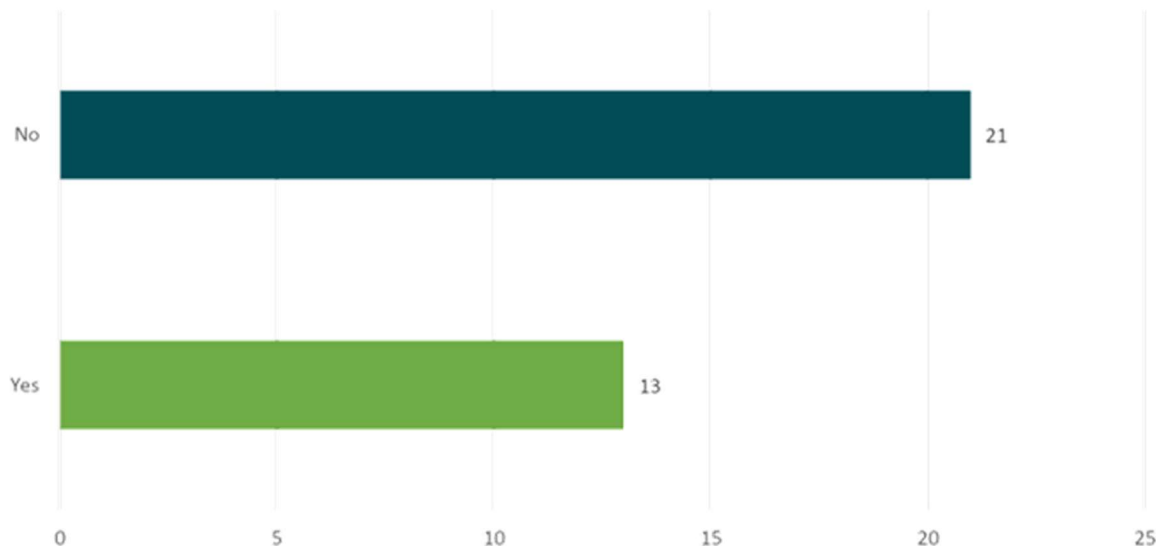


Figure 1 Participation by household

## 2.2 Level of support

The survey asked participants if they support the proposed road closure of Culross Avenue. 61.8% (21) of participants do not support the road closure and 38.2% (13) support the road closure. One unofficial petition opposing the road closure was received with 21 signatures.

### Do you support the proposed road closure of Culross Avenue?



Participants were given the opportunity to provide commentary regarding their level of support. A sample of commentary from those that support the proposal includes:

- The traffic volume of people using our street as a "Rat Run" to avoid the Fisher Street lights is increasing.
- The closure would replace some of the greenery lost with the development of 8 driveways.
- Improve the street appeal of Culross Ave and foster better connections with neighbours.
- Improve the safety of the street.

A sample of commentary by those that do not support the closure include:

- Neither of the options presented do anything to enhance the overall amenity, appeal and functionality for all residents of Culross Avenue.
- Both closure options will create traffic flow issues along Culross Ave.
- Closing the road and removing a number of parks is not a solution.
- Your own study says there is minimal impact from the two developments so there is nothing to justify this change.

### 2.3 Preferred option

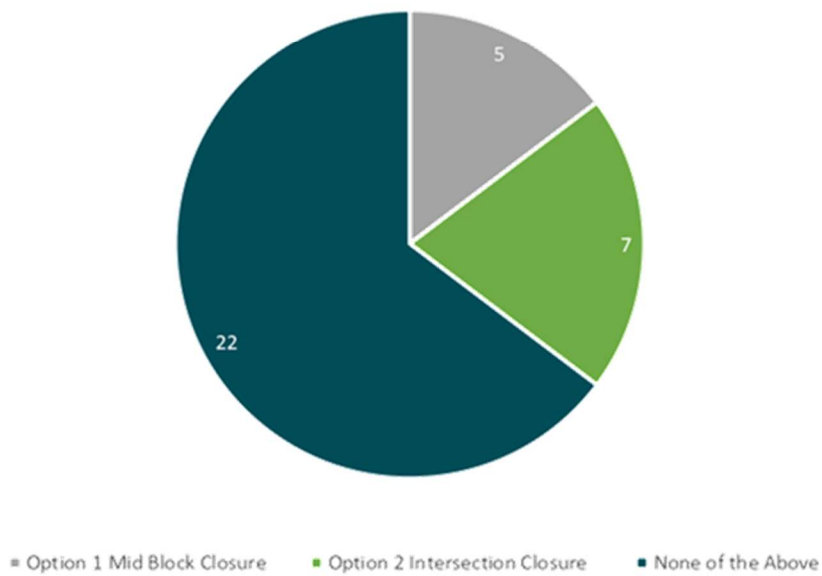
A key objective of the engagement was to understand what the preferred road closure option is for participants that support the proposal. Participants were asked to identify if they prefer a mid-block road closure, closure at Fullarton Road or none of the above:

- 65.0% (22) stated they did not prefer either of the options
  - One respondent who supported a road closure did not support Option 1 or Option 2

- 20.0% (7) preferred a road closure at Fullarton Road.
- 15.0% (5) stated they prefer a mid-block road closure

If the respondent selected 'none of the above' they skipped to the end of the survey where they could provide additional feedback about the proposal. If participants had a preferred option, they were invited to provide commentary on their preferred option, this is detailed in the following sections.

### Preferred Road Closure Option





### 2.3.1 Option 1 Mid-Block Closure

The mid-block closure is proposed to be adjacent 19 and 20 Culross Avenue, shown in Figure 2 below. Five of the 13 participants that support a road closure prefer this option, making it the least preferred option of the two proposed by Council. All five respondents who preferred this option provided commentary around why this was their preference with key themes being:

- Reduced rat running
- Reduced traffic flow from the new development along the street
- Maintains direct access for residents of the new development onto Fullarton Road

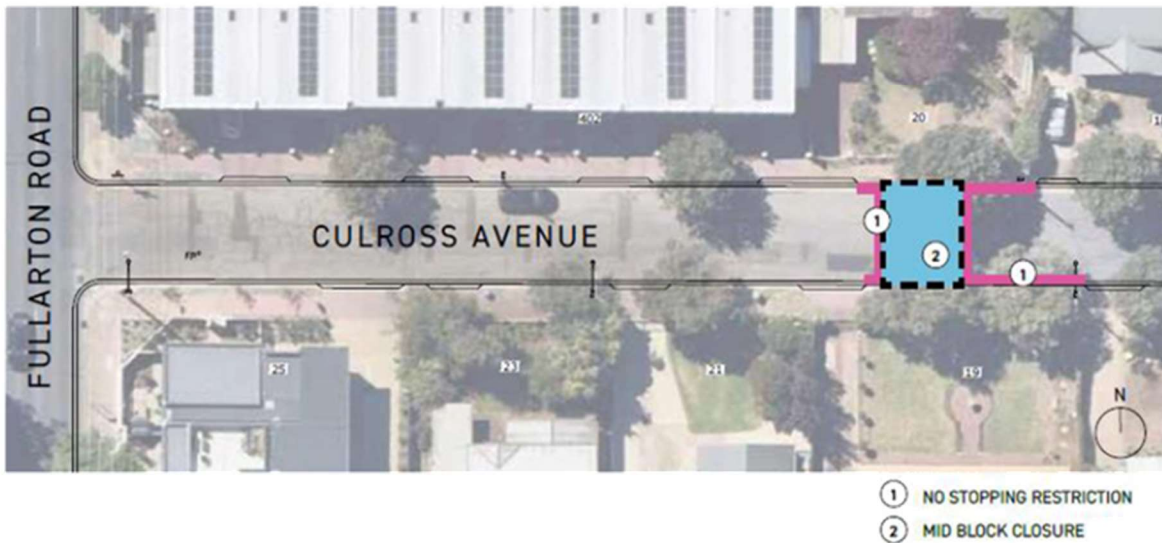


Figure 2 Option 1 Mid-Block Closure

### 2.3.2 Option 2 Intersection Closure

Option 2 proposed a road closure at the intersection of Culross Avenue and Fullarton Road, shown in Figure 3. Seven of the 13 participants that support a road closure prefer this option, making it the most preferred option out of the two proposed by Council. All seven participants provided reasoning for their preference with key themes including:

- The street is kept whole and inclusive
- Provides a noise and visual barrier to Fullarton Road
- Less car parks are removed
- Decrease traffic coming in from Fullarton Road making the street a safer environment
- Better arrangement for waste collection
- Opportunity for greening.

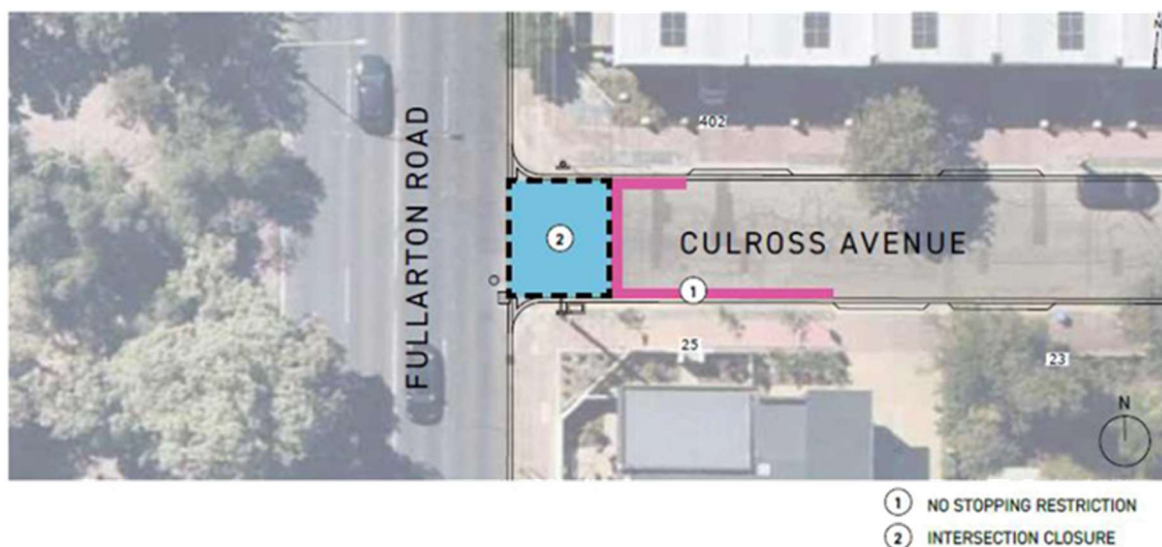


Figure 3 Option 2 Intersection Closure

### 2.4 Additional comments

Participants were invited to provide any additional feedback on the proposed road closure of Culross Avenue. Safety, accessibility and parking were key themes of feedback from the 21 participants who answered the question and discussed further in the sections below. One unofficial petition was attached to a survey containing 21 signatures not supporting the road closure.

Some participants that did not support the proposal were unsure why Council was undertaking the consultation when reports have previously recommended that no changes be made to the current existing conditions. It was raised by those that do not support the road closure, that closing the road at either option would not provide any tangible benefit to the community.

### 2.4.1 Safety

Safety was an issue raised by participants that support and do not support the proposal. Reasons of support for the road closure that related to safety included:

- Reduction of rat running.
- Calmer environment for pedestrians and children.

Participants who do not support the road closure raised safety concerns such as:

- Reversing garbage trucks
- Unsafe for residents of the new developments. Presents a major challenge to turning right onto Fullarton Road at peak traffic periods.

A suggestion was made for the addition of a mirror or no parking sign on the East and West sides of Bridge Street joining Fisher Street as visibility is hindered when vehicles are parked next to the junction.

### 2.4.2 Accessibility

Feedback indicated that both road closure options restricted access to Fullarton Road. It was noted that there is a need to maintain suitable access to Scammell Reserve for Scouts and Girl Guides. It was suggested that one-way movements from Fullarton Road onto Culross Avenue be considered instead of a full road closure.

### 2.4.3 Parking

Many respondents raised concerns around the removal of parking and that it was likely to contribute to the current parking limitation issues. A mid-block closure would mean that some households would lose on-street car parking out the front of their houses which is utilised by visitors.

Participants raised that neither option presented ideal parking scenarios for the local community with the elimination of two to five carparks depending on the road closure option.

Participants would like a review of parking occupancy as the neighbourhood can get congested when events such as the Fullarton Market is on.

### 2.4.4 Other

Other comments raised by participants included:

- Both options will place additional stress on the already busy Fisher Street lights
- Traffic calming measures such as speed humps, or localised street narrowing with Water Sensitive Urban Design aspects would be more suitable, as they would provide amenity as well as the effect of slowing traffic
- Implications to the value of property due to access changes, particularly properties at the mid-block closure and new developments on Fullarton Road.

### 3. Phone calls

During the consultation period, 6 phone calls were received. The majority of phone calls received were not supportive of the road closure. Participants were encouraged to complete the survey as this is how the level of support will primarily be analysed. The key themes of feedback received via phone included:

- Impact to the traffic flow through to Scammell Reserve
- Safety concerns about turning right onto Fullarton if Option 1 proceeds
- Impacts to property value
- Access to property will be compromised, particularly the new developments and properties at the mid-block closure
- There are no obvious benefits
- Impacts to on-street parking for visitors – likely to have to walk further and the uneven footpath presents safety concerns for those that use walking aids

## 4. Summary conclusions

Engagement on the proposed road closure of Culross Avenue shows that there is stronger representation of those that do not support the road closure than those who do (61.8% - Do not support vs 38.2% - Support). The lack of support predominantly relates to traffic flow, parking and safety.

It was identified that there are already a number of issues and pressure points with traffic and parking in the area, with many of the view that a road closure would increase this. Underpinning this view were concerns about safety. This theme also encompassed comments about safe entry and exit onto Fullarton Road for residents of the new developments if Option 1 were to proceed.

Participants expressed a preference for traffic calming measures such as speed bumps or one way access to be implemented rather than a full road closure. The road closure options were perceived to disrupt access and connections for residents.

Where participants expressed support for a road closure key reasons included the improved safety benefits from reduced rat running and opportunity for additional greening.

## Appendix A – Mailout collateral

- Letter
- Survey (including concept sketches and details on access, waste collection and parking)



25 October 2021



Dear Resident/ Property Owner,

### Proposed Road Closure – Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank

I write to advise you that Council is undertaking consultation with residents and property owners of Culross Avenue, Bridge Street and regular hirers of Scammell Reserve regarding the possible road closure of Culross Avenue.

We invite you to provide your feedback via a survey attached to this letter or online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CulrossAvenue>

This is in response to on-going concerns raised by residents regarding traffic and parking conditions along Culross Avenue. Two possible road closure options are being presented by Council for comment.

The viability of Culross Avenue becoming a "living street" or utilising other traffic calming measures was investigated by Council. The living streets program aims to work with interested residents to develop a design that can create great local streets for the future. It was found not to meet the relevant criteria to become a "living street" and low traffic volumes did not warrant the introduction of traffic calming measures.

Council has undertaken a traffic and parking assessment 6 months after the completion of developments at 402 Fullarton Road and 25 Culross Avenue. The investigation identified the following:

- There have been minimal changes to traffic volumes, traffic speeds and parking occupancy along Culross Avenue post these developments.
- There are currently no technical traffic reasons for the introduction of traffic calming measures based on the recorded post development traffic volumes and speeds.

In response to the result of the investigation, Council resolved at the August meeting to consult further with the residents abutting Culross Avenue, Bridge Street, and all regular hirers of Scammell Reserve, including the Scout Hall, regarding possible options nominated by the Council for a road closure of Culross Avenue.

Please find concept sketches in the enclosed survey of the two proposed road closure options including a summary explanation of the likely impacts from an access, waste collection and on-street parking perspective.

Once all feedback has been received and collated, a report will be presented to Council to inform their decision.

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Please note, when responding to the survey, we require respondents to nominate an address and will only accept responses from residents within the study area and only one response per person.

You can return your hard copy survey to Council via:

1. Utilising the enclosed Reply Paid envelope, OR
2. Emailing your feedback to [pobox1@unley.sa.gov.au](mailto:pobox1@unley.sa.gov.au).

This consultation is being managed by URPS on behalf of the City of Unley.

Please note, consultation closes on Monday 15 November 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Halsey or Taylah Slattery at URPS on (08) 8333 7999

Kind regards



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## Proposed Road Closure - Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank

### \* 1. Please provide your contact details

Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Address

### 2. Do you support the proposed road closure of Culross Avenue?

- Yes
- No

Why? (please specify)

### 3. Which proposed road closure option do you prefer? If you do not support the proposal, please select 'None of the above'.



Option 1 Mid Block Closure

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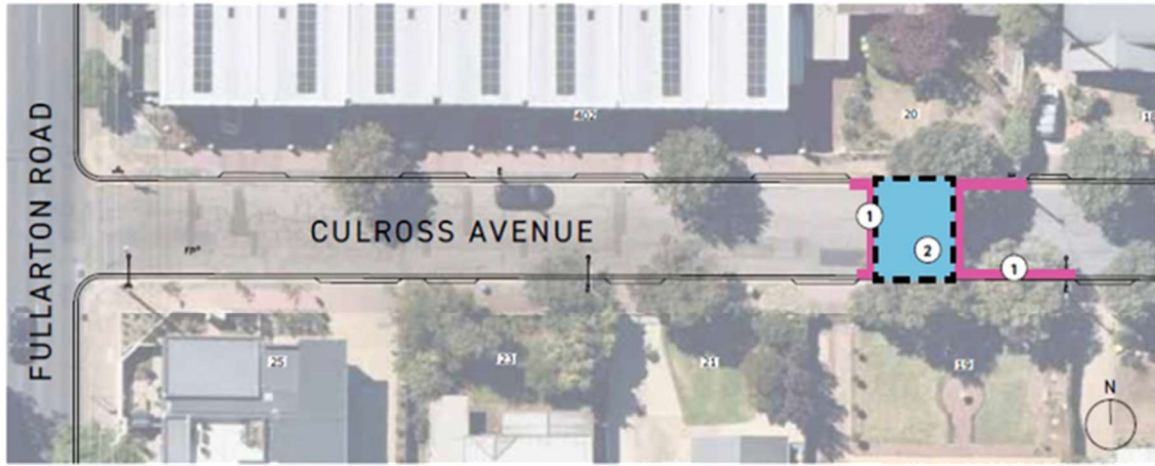


Option 2 Intersection Closure

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- None of the above  
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## Proposed Road Closure - Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank Option 1 Mid Block Closure



- ① NO STOPPING RESTRICTION
- ② MID BLOCK CLOSURE

### Access

The proposed road closure will restrict access for all residents of Culross Avenue and Bridge Street to Fisher Street or Fullarton Road, depending on their positioning to the road closure. All access to Scammell Reserve and the Scout Hall will be via Bridge Street only.

### Waste Collection

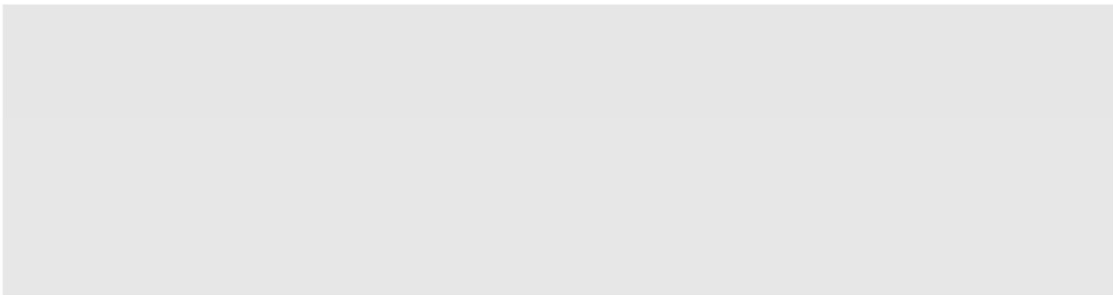
The proposed road closure on Culross Avenue will not be able to accommodate turning movements by a standard waste vehicle and will require an alternate waste collection approach. Options include (and for further consideration should the road closure be supported):

- Maintaining the current two-sided bin collection on Culross Avenue, with waste vehicles required to reverse into and out of the street and on-street parking restricted on both sides of the street on bin collection day only,
- Implementing a one-sided bin collection on Culross Avenue, with waste vehicles required to either reverse into or out of the street and on-street parking restricted on one-side of the street on bin collection day only, OR
- Changing bin day on both Culross Avenue and Bridge Street to accommodate the use of the smaller waste truck at an additional cost to Council.

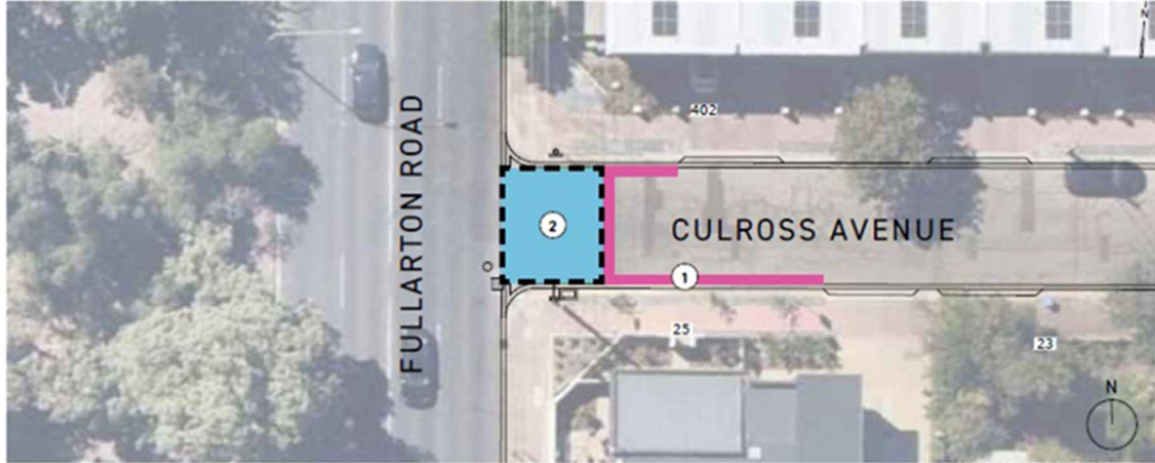
### Parking

The proposed road closure will be appropriately located to ensure driveway access to all adjacent properties is maintained. However, to accommodate the closure and safe turning movements for a standard vehicle to exit the street, up to 5 on-street parks will need to be removed where the No Stopping restriction is designated either side of the closure in the image above.

## 4. Why do you prefer this option?



## Proposed Road Closure - Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank Option 2 Intersection Closure



- ① NO STOPPING RESTRICTION
- ② INTERSECTION CLOSURE

### Access

The proposed road closure will restrict access for all residents of Culross Avenue and Bridge Street to Fisher Street. All access to Scammell Reserve and the Scout Hall will be via Bridge Street only.

### Waste Collection

The proposed road closure on Culross Avenue will not be able to accommodate turning movements by a standard waste vehicle and will require an alternate waste collection approach. Options include (and for further consideration should the road closure be supported):

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- Changing bin day on both Culross Avenue and Bridge Street to accommodate the use of the smaller waste truck at an additional cost to Council.

### Parking

The proposed road closure will be appropriately located to ensure driveway access to all adjacent properties is maintained. However, to accommodate the closure and safe turning movements for a standard vehicle to exit the street, up to 2 on-street parks will need to be removed on Culross Avenue where the No Stopping restriction is designated at the closure in the image above.

## 5. Why do you prefer this option?

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6. Do you have any additional comments?



## Appendix B – Survey responses

## Q1 Please provide your contact details

Answered: 35 Skipped: 0

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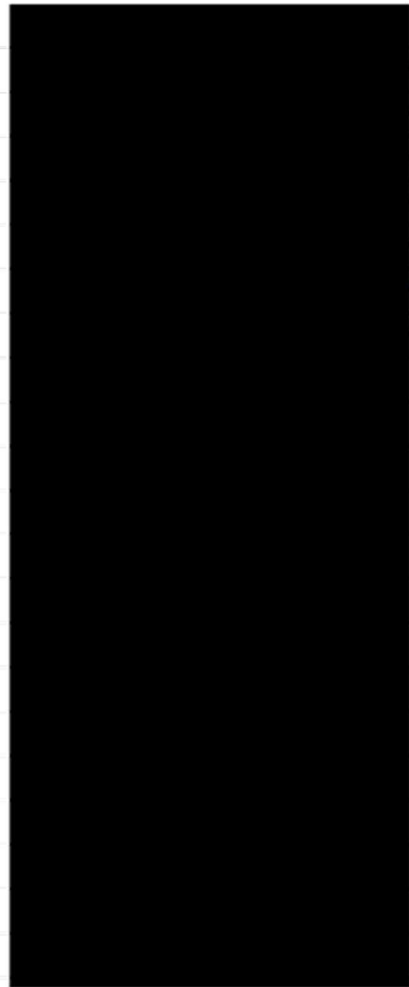
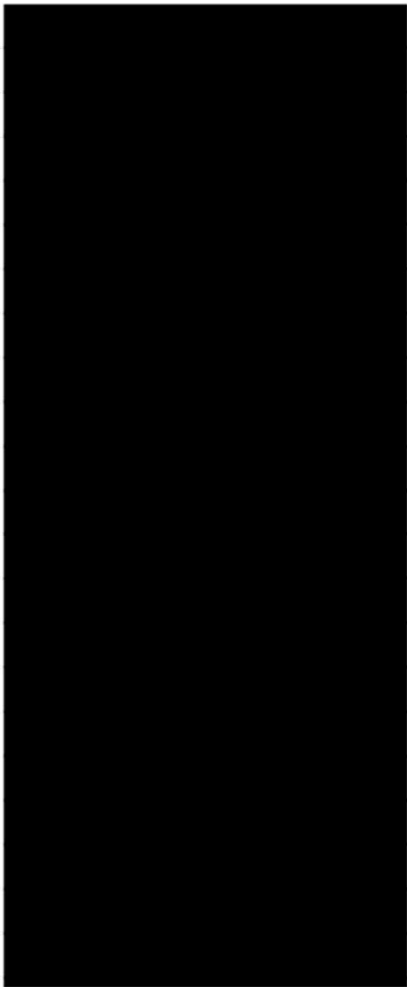
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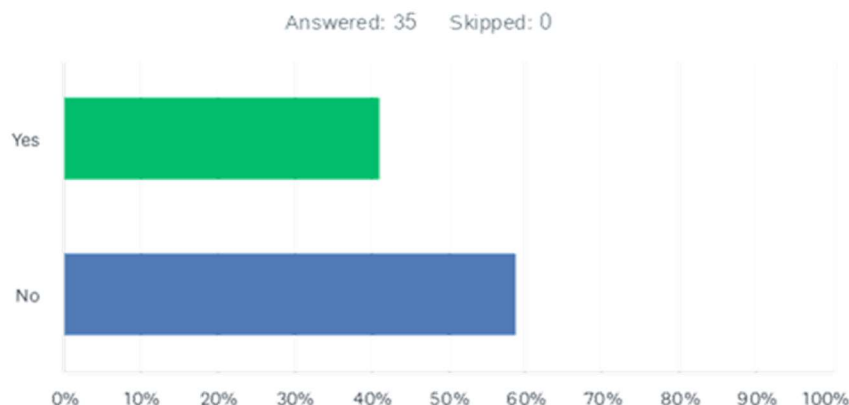
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## Q2 Do you support the proposed road closure of Culross Avenue?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	40.00%	14
No	60.00%	21
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>35</b>

#	WHY? (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The closure would replace some of the greenery lost with the development of 8 driveways. Closure would reduce temperatures in Summer. Due to development we have lost alot of greenery as have those who are now in the apartments - closure would be increased greenery. Research has shown this is important to all. Closure would halt the rat runners and all the very near misses at the end of Culross Ave. Closure would also halt the speed down and up Culross.	11/22/2021 12:47 PM
2	Improve the safety of the street. Many vehicles use Culross Ave as a "Short cut" to access either Fullarton Rd or Fisher St. I have witnessed a number of dangerous situations involving traffic and pedestrians (children). Improve the street appeal of Culross Ave and foster better connections with neighbors.	11/18/2021 9:25 AM
3	2 Pages of reasoning [REDACTED]	11/18/2021 9:22 AM
4	Please see other comments for strong reason to maintain STATUS QUO.	11/16/2021 12:56 PM
5	Response to the Proposed Road Closure - Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank [REDACTED] As a concerned resident down the western end of Culross Ave I write to you in response to the recent letter I received regarding a proposed road closure of Culross Avenue. I must admit, this letter took me by surprise as I have only recently purchased on the street, I was unaware of the supposed concerns some of my fellow residents up the eastern end had been raising over the last 24 months and the various council meetings and actions that arose from those concerns. What's more of a surprise is that it was not listed on my Form 1, this was also not the case with my fellow neighbours, and we are collectively assessing our options in that regard. Since receiving your letter I have been receiving correspondence from other concerned residents who have provided a detailed back story and upon reading over council minutes and traffic reports I have gained a greater understanding of how we came to receive these letters. From my research and conversations with other residents I have come up with a brief history of this issue, in my opinion. When the two developments were proposed down the western end of Culross Avenue, certain residents up the eastern end were firmly against them and lobbied for them not to go ahead. Ultimately, they were approved to go ahead by the Unley council. In its consideration of granting approval, I can only assume that council would have conducted extensive modelling to ensure that all obligations were met with regards to off-street parking and the effects on the overall amenity	11/16/2021 12:34 PM

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and function of Culross Ave. The supposed issue of on-street parking and traffic was raised in either late 2019 or early 2020 and tabled at a council meeting. Council undertook to conduct a traffic and parking assessment which proved that Culross Avenue operated well within local residential street guidelines and did not warrant any further action. As this assessment was conducted while one of the developments was still under construction, it was resolved that it would be prudent to conduct a subsequent assessment six months after completion to allow the normal flow of traffic and parking to evolve. A second assessment was conducted and at the council meeting 23/08/21 it was resolved to adopt option 1 of the recommendations put forward by the traffic assessment. "No further investigations be undertaken regarding the implantation of traffic calming measures or parking restrictions along Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank, until the future delivery of Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) 5 - Myrtle Bank/ Fullarton." I then note that at the council meeting 27/09/21a certain councillor decided that despite the two formal assessments and previous recommendations that Culross Avenue did not warrant any change, that a further consultation should be undertaken to now look at a full road closure. It is my opinion that this whole issue is driven by those same few residents who did not wish for these developments to go ahead in the first place so now they are trying another way to detach themselves from those of us down the western end. Neither of the two options presented do anything to enhance the overall amenity, appeal and functionality for all residents of Culross Avenue. I purchased on Culross Ave on the assumption that I could freely utilise the existing amenity of having dual access as well as feeling like my property was part of the entire, uninterrupted streetscape. I was certainly not made aware of any pre-existing road closure discussions and I am extremely concerned about the potential effect any road closure may have on my future property value. My question is, how does council continue to justify spending rate payer's resources on an issue that has been proven to warrant no further action? What more does council need to determine yet again that no further action is warranted? In summary, I am firmly against any changes to the existing amenity and functionality of Culross Avenue by way of road closures and I encourage Unley Council to follow through on its resolution to adopt option 1 of the recommendations as set out at the meeting 23/08/21. As a result of this consultation phase, I am now part of a wider group who share common views and concerns for the process being undertaken by Unley Council in the face of hard evidence and we are watching with keen interest to see how rate payer's resources are being spent.

6	The two proposed closures put CHILDREN at risk of death from dangerous truck manoeuvres in order to appease a couple of houses. Children use this street for scouts, girl guides, playground, tennis and more.	11/16/2021 11:46 AM
7	We live on the [REDACTED] Busy with cars avoiding the lights. Congestion getting out of Culross onto Fullarton Rd everyday. Dangerous turning Right into Culross from Fullarton Rd due to cars parked in front of new flats.	11/16/2021 11:44 AM
8	The West end of the street is an accident waiting to happen, particularly with traffic coming off of Fullarton Rd. I have also had people attempt to overtake me on the right as I have turned to go into my driveway on the right. People have also shifted to the end of the street to exit onto Fullarton Rd (left) around residents waiting to exit right onto Fullarton Rd. This is what you don't see in a traffic report. This street used as a main cut through = thoroughfare - maybe not in large numbers but their poor behavior is dispensed with largesse.	11/16/2021 11:38 AM
9	Both are unacceptable	11/15/2021 1:06 PM
10	To stop the traffic speeding up and down the street to avoid Fisher street lights. To remove dangerous congestion at Culross/Fullarton intersection out from Culross Ave.	11/15/2021 12:59 PM
11	Something has to be done. The corner has become very dangerous especially in the evening when cars are parked both sides of Culross Avenue. There have been a number of near misses - but there is an alternative.	11/15/2021 12:55 PM
12	I have a business that requires trailer. I will be unable to turn around when there are too many vehicles parked around our house to safely reverse the trailer in. We prefer a slow or way to discourage people cutting the corner.	11/15/2021 12:40 PM
13	Turning Left at lights on Culross to Fullarton can be very dangerous.	11/15/2021 12:20 PM
14	With Fullarton rd being a very busy rd it is important to have both options to exit Culross Ave. Option 1 would mean a lot of traffic congestion - 23 Culross is sold to developers so building trucks etc will cause issues too. My young learner driver daughter also is benefited from having a turn out when it is peakhour. Option 2 is also unsatisfactory - all residents having to travel all of Culross etc during non peak times - also driving west down Fisher with 1 lane will cause congestion at lights.	11/15/2021 10:33 AM



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15	<p>██████████ Re: Proposed Road Closure – Culross Ave, Myrtle Bank, SA, 5064 We do not support the closure of Culross Ave, Myrtle Bank, SA at any location. We are opposed to the proposed closure for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neither of the closure options provide any benefit to the residents at the western end of Culross Ave.</li> <li>• Both closure options reduce the available parking in the street, specifically at the western end.</li> <li>• Both closure options will create traffic flow issues along Culross Ave, especially if traffic is parked on both sides of the road.</li> <li>• Both closures will negatively impact access/egress to/from Culross Ave premises in the event of an emergency by both residents, utilities, and emergency services.</li> <li>• Both closure options will increase traffic attempting U-turns in limited space. This in turn will increase the risk to pedestrian traffic. Of particular concern is the increased risk to the young children already residing at 25 Culross Ave.</li> <li>• Option 1 – Mid-block closure at Bridge St will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Remove the option to use Bridge St to exit Culross Ave, forcing residents at the western end of Culross Ave to turn right across traffic on Fullarton Rd to head north. This is likely to increase the risks these drivers face during peak hour traffic and increase the risk of an accident occurring at this intersection.</li> <li>o These changes are likely to degrade the quality of life experienced by residents at the western end of Culross Ave with no mitigating benefit.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Option 2 – Intersection closure at Fullarton Rd will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Increase traffic flow on Culross Ave between Fullarton Rd and Bridge St by forcing all residents on Culross Ave to use Bridge and Fisher St to access Fullarton Rd.</li> <li>o Traffic egress from Fisher St onto Fullarton Rd can experience delays under existing circumstances. These delays will only increase if more traffic is forced onto Fisher St by the closure of Culross Ave.</li> <li>o Increased delays at the Fisher St / Fullarton Rd intersection may increase risk taking by drivers, leading to an increased chance of accidents. On balance, residents at the eastern end of Culross Ave will realise some benefits from reduced traffic flow without any loss of access. It seems unreasonable that the City of Unley would introduce unnecessary traffic flow changes that disadvantage some residents to the advantage of others.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	11/15/2021 10:26 AM
16	The problem is parking. Closing the road and removing a number of parks is not a solution. Highgate Guides are happy with the number of parks at Seammel Reserve. At peak drop off/pick up periods, extra parks on Culross Ave are needed.	11/15/2021 10:24 AM
17	Both options currently proposed would inconvenience residents. Closing off the middle of the road would increase congestion as right hand turns onto Fullarton Road are difficult due to regular traffic. Closing the road completely would be problematic with bin collection and parking in general as there won't be enough room for cars to perform a full turning circle.	11/14/2021 8:48 PM
18	Yes, its extremely busy both in the morning and afternoon. During the day the streets are lined with cars . this makes it difficult to get from Fullarton road onto culross. I had on a number of times too wait exiting a busy Fullarton road , waiting for cars to get to the corner on Culross turning onto Fullarton. Rat Runners especially the speed they drive down Bridge turn right onto Culross towards Fullarton. Safety has certainly reduced as a result of the new developments Fullarton end of Culross.	11/13/2021 2:33 PM
19	Reduce the traffic due to people avoiding the traffic lights on Fisher and Fullarton Road	11/13/2021 1:32 PM
20	It will make our access to Bridge road difficult for turning right into Fullarton road, as the proposed closure will increase the traffic flow over that area(people will be having only Bridge street for entry and exit). This proposal will take away the parking facility currently available over that area.	11/12/2021 3:52 PM
21	Unley in general is losing all its character and livability. Disappointing to see all the sandstone bungalows being destroyed. Would like to see some community brought back.	11/11/2021 9:24 AM
22	I want a clear street, convenient traffic.	11/11/2021 9:21 AM
23	None of the above	11/11/2021 9:19 AM
24	The traffic volume of people using our street as a "Rat Run" to avoid the Fisher Street lights is increasing. The corner of Culross and Fullarton Rd is difficult to navigate and vision is blocked by cars making it dangerous. It would mean a quieter, nicer street to live in.	11/11/2021 9:15 AM
25	I tend to enter and exit from both directions as required and my vehicle is quite large so turning circle is pretty bad. I'm not sure what the logic is about the closure, there doesn't seem to be any. This area is bad enough to try and navigate anyway without closing more streets. Please reconsider as this action will be very inconvenient.	11/8/2021 5:54 PM
26	There is no need to block the street. I am strongly against this. Your own study says there is minimal impact from the two developments so there is nothing to justify this change.	11/8/2021 2:41 PM
27	This motion was defeated at a recent council meeting. Why is it being re-tested? The cnr of Culross/Bridge is already dangerous, the proposed will only increase the load to one corner and one very small street that is not equipped for increased traffic load. I use the Fullarton Rd exit most of the time and do not want to have to get caught in the escalation of banked	11/5/2021 7:56 PM

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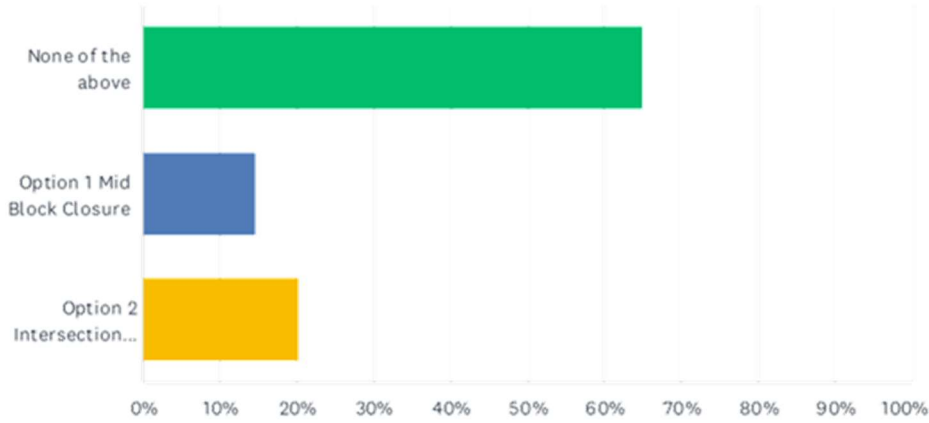
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up traffic at the Fisher St/Fullarton Rd lights which has one lane to either turn left or go straight on and one lane to turn right only. As Fullarton Rd is the busier Road the lights stay on longer for this traffic and not Fisher Street traffic. Are you going to spend a lot more taxpayer funds to make this intersection wider and more traffic friendly.

28	The road closure would bring great inconvenience to living on Culross Ave. Currently Culross Avenue is a pleasant and peaceful street to live on. I live at the corner of Culross Ave and Fullarton Rd and greatly benefit from both the entrance of Culross Ave and Bridge St junctions and use both daily. Closing either point of the street would bring great inconvenience. I strongly urge for the street to remain as it is and for there to be no changes.	11/4/2021 9:56 PM
29	Use that entrance when coming to scammell reserve.	11/2/2021 12:30 PM
30	Option 1 This will put unnecessary time and inconvenience if the road is blocked, both in trying to get to schools and work. There would be more pressure for parking. It is nearly impossible to turn right out of Culross Avenue at busy times so it would be both highly inconvenient as well as dangerous. A fatal accident would be a matter of if, not when it happens. Option 2 means the ridiculous inconvenience of anyone living West of Bridge street having to go up to Bridge street every single time they want to leave or return to their house. This would also make living around that junction unbearable from a noise perspective. I have no idea why the traffic calming measures have been negated - the cars hooning up the road to the car park / scout hall alone should mandate the implementation of the measures as the road is not well lit and pedestrians at night are at risk of these idiots losing control of their vehicles and injuring someone. Solution - re time the lights at the Fisher st / Fullarton junction so the wait isn't as long at peak times. Also, put a mirror or no parking sign on the East and West sides of where Bridge St joins Fisher as visibility is terrible when there are vehicles parked right next to the junction. An accident is inevitable there. To stop the hoons up the road, change the entrance to the car park outside the Scout Hall to the Tallala road side. Because of how that car park would then be approached, this leaves no room for hoons to build up speed up a straight road. Block Culross Ave off at the top, by the Scout Hall. With these two measures, this would solve 90% of the traffic issues the residents on this road face.	11/1/2021 8:48 PM
31	To reduce impacts of traffic parking in street and for aesthetic purposes	10/30/2021 8:28 PM
32	Culross Avenue suffers badly from the rat runners who use the street to avoid waiting at the Fisher St/Fullarton Road set of lights. The speed, corner cutting, non attention paying driving by some of these users is extremely dangerous and a recipe for disaster. We observe this behaviour and the constant near misses on a very regular basis from our property almost opposite Bridge street. They rush to beat the lights, with no regard for the safety of other road users or consideration to the fact that there may be local elderly nursing home residents or children trying to cross the road. Forcing the rat runners back onto the primary roads instead of the suburban community street will be resolved by closing off Culross.	10/29/2021 10:15 AM

**Q3 Which proposed road closure option do you prefer? If you do not support the proposal, please select 'None of the above'.**

Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	65.71%	23
Option 1 Mid Block Closure	14.29%	5
Option 2 Intersection Closure	20.00%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>35</b>

## Q4 Why do you prefer this option?

Answered: 5 Skipped: 30

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	For the reasons given in the answer to question 2. It would reduce the traffic flow from those residents living in the recently developed properties on the corner of Culross Ave and Fullarton Rd.	11/18/2021 9:26 AM
2	We have observed the majority of the people living in the new 402-25 Culross use that exit and Fullarton. Entry from Fullarton Road.	11/15/2021 1:00 PM
3	No Rat runners Avoids the congestion turning onto Culross and Exiting Culross. Only residents in the new developments will use this road. Culross will certainly become a less used road and speed limits observed by the residents.	11/13/2021 2:35 PM
4	With the number of units at the bottom of the street, it makes more sense to give them direct access to Fullarton road.	11/13/2021 1:35 PM
5	To be closed at the end of the Culross would be too difficult.	11/11/2021 9:24 AM



## Q5 Why do you prefer this option?

Answered: 7 Skipped: 28

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This preference due to greenery and less parks lost. Inclusivity of all of Culross. We are a close knit street and do not wish to separate others. New residents have been invited and come to Culross 'events' A Closure at the end would prevent dangerous 3 point turns into Culross (by mistake) This option gives a wider area for greenery. Less car parks lost. It is interesting, Unley Council is using a company that said there were no issues with traffic/parking It is disappointing Unley Council is not just asking the residents in the street/but all users. This has not occurred in the other streets which have been closed.	11/22/2021 12:52 PM
2	We are generally a cooperative street and as we do require on street parking for some of our cars, I believe we would manage with one side allocated to parking on bin collection day and one side allocated to bin collection. Also the street should be kept whole and inclusive.	11/16/2021 11:39 AM
3	Less intrusive than option 1	11/15/2021 12:55 PM
4	I prefer this, as all Culross Residents have access to Culross St. Children, and there many in the town houses, have full clearer area in which to play ball, ride bikes, skateboard etc. With 23 Culross now owned by developers, there will be more cars and residents needing to be safe.	11/15/2021 12:15 PM
5	Don't prefer.	11/13/2021 1:35 PM
6	This would lessen traffic but give the residents on the comer blocks more parking spaces without through traffic. Prefer Option 2 but if majority like the other then this is ok. Option 2 is a more obvious choice as it stops all traffic. I think either would be a good idea/option.	11/11/2021 9:17 AM
7	Option 2 would provide a noise and visual barrier to busy Fullarton Rd for all residents of Culross. It would allow privacy and a green outlook for residents in the new developments and allow inclusivity of all residents of Culross.	10/29/2021 10:18 AM



## Q6 Do you have any additional comments?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 14

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The development at the end of the street (Culross & Fullarton) has led to the removal of many trees and shrubs. For environmental purposes, the road closure would assist in some measure to the reinstatement of greenery. Also I am intrigued as to why responses to this survey have been sought from people who are not residents of Culross Ave. Most unusual.	11/18/2021 9:28 AM
2	4 Pages of typed reasoning to keep Status Quo **Unofficial petition attached to survey, containing 21 Signatures supporting the maintenance of Status Quo**	11/16/2021 1:02 PM
3	This is endangering Children's lives - Do not do this. This is causing unnecessary stress and dangers on a public street frequently with scouts, girl guides and other children on it. If the road needs to be closed due to traffic, why would it not be done directly at the intersection of Bridge St & Culross? Not down the bottom or 1/3 of the way up where children can be hurt or injured or even killed by reversing garbage trucks, drivers making wrong turns. Where is the data to say that this is necessary? There is none. This is a quiet street with access to community facilities. Leave it alone. A block should only occur to block off the entire of Culross Ave below Bridge St intersection. And no longer if the street is unanimous. Do not risk children's lives for one or two cars.	11/16/2021 11:50 AM
4	Flat traffic stays Fullarton Rd side. Stops "Rat" runners through bridge to Fullarton Rd. Safer street for young people to move about.	11/16/2021 11:45 AM
5	We do not support the closure of Culross Avenue for the following reasons. There is currently no need for the closure of Culross Avenue as detailed in Traffic Report set out in the City of Unley council meeting Monday 23 August 2021, cited below. The closure of Culross Ave would eliminate at least 2-5 parking spaces (as detailed in the proposed closure documents) this would further add to any parking limitations, not improve the situation. Any elimination of parking spaces will force people to park further up Culross Ave, adding to the concerns around parking requirements. This is not withstanding the fact that the pavement along the footpath is extremely uneven and will present my elderly mother in-law added anxiety as she would have to walk for longer distance over a more dangerous path. Option 1 - Mid Block Closure: This proposed closure option is unacceptable because it would limit vehicle access to properties on the western side of the road closure to entry from Fullarton road. This presents a major challenge to turning right (entering Fullarton road heading north) at peak traffic periods. This proposed closure option is unacceptable because it adds difficulty and cost to waste removal. Option 2 - Intersection Closure: This proposed closure option is unacceptable because it restricts access for Fullarton Road. This proposed closure option is unacceptable as it would force all local traffic to use Bridge Street as an entry and exit, this would further increase local traffic flow to Bridge Street. This proposed closure option is unacceptable because it adds difficulty and cost to waste removal. Additional Comments We conducted some research into the steps which have been taken by council to date on this matter, which included the following excerpt from the August 2021 Council meeting minutes: Background: The pre-developed traffic and parking investigation that was undertaken and outlined to Council for its consideration, at its meeting held on 23 March 2020, also included Bridge Street. The investigation identified that the streets operate as typical local residential streets with respect to traffic volumes, speed as well as from parking perspective. The investigation identified that the streets: Carry less than 1500 vehicles per day (vpd) 13% or less of daily traffic volumes in the AM and PM peaks 85th percentile vehicle speeds less than 46km/h; and On-street parking occupancy less than 50% The traffic and parking conditions as identified at the at that time are considered to be typical of what is unexpected for a local residential street. In short, they were found to be in line with Councils traffic technical warrants that underpin the development of Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Plans within the City of Unley, and as shown in Attachment 2 - Page 28 of Council Agenda 23 August 2021 This report concludes that traffic volumes and parking occupancy rates are within typical ranges expected for a local residential street. It also recommends that NO CHANGES BE MADE TO THE CURRENT EXISTING CONDITIONS, as cited below. Next Steps: On the basis of the findings of the post development investigations, the Administration recommends that no further investigations be undertaken regarding traffic and parking conditions along Culross Avenue, and that no changes be made to existing conditions given that there are no technical warrants to do so. Page 31 of Council Agenda 2021 We understand that previously there were concerns raised by residents about the	11/15/2021 2:35 PM

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completion of new developments on the western end of Culross Ave. Council minutes indicate that those concerns raised by residents about the completion of new developments on the Western end of Culross Avenue. Council minutes indicate that those concerns were raised with Council prior to the developments proceeding, as part of the approval process. The developments met the requirements of Council at that time and approval for development was therefore granted. If traffic volumes had risen dramatically or there were a number of cars using the Bridge St/ Culross Avenue route to bypass the lights at Fullarton Rd and Fisher street. Traffic calming measures such as speed humps, or localised street narrowing with Water Sensitive Urban Design aspects would be more suitable, as they would provide amenity as well as the effect of slowing traffic. However it is understood that the traffic study did not find that speeds or volumes were excessive, therefore this is unnecessary at this time. It would be preferable to foster more positivity within our community rather than attempting to separate the east from the west for no real benefit. Closing Culross Avenue would not provide any tangible benefit to the community, and realistically would create issues that are not currently present. Based on the points stated above, it is wholly inappropriate to proceed with the closure of Culross Ave as there is a complete lack of benefit, but an added burden to all affected.

6	We prefer this option because it maintains the separation of vehicles at the concentration of new residences. If the closure was at Fullarton Road it would dislodge all traffic up and down the full length of Culross Avenue. We absolutely DISAGREE with the distribution of this survey to Scammell Reserve Hirers as it will skew the preference and they do not live here on our street, nor are they Myrtle Bank rate payers. Hence it does not affect their daily lives at all.	11/15/2021 1:03 PM
7	Have one way access from Fullarton Road and no Exit. This would solve the head on collision danger on the Fullarton road corner. It would also help with the bin collection problem with trucks having to reverse over less distance. (Turn around in the parking lot near the scout hall) It would be less punishment of long standing (and rate paying) residents caused by inappropriate developments on the fullarton road corner.	11/15/2021 12:58 PM
8	Option 2 means all vehicles from 402 to 25 enter from Bridge. We do not think a closure is the fix. We need to discourage and slow people down from cutting the lights. We never thought there would be an increase of traffic caused by 402-25 but there is definitely excessive traffic caused by people dodging the lights.	11/15/2021 12:43 PM
9	Waste vehicles and other heavy vehicles have reversed down our street Many Many times. They also have the reserve in which to turn around in. The loss of only 2 Car parks is also more agreeable than the loss of 5! I am surprised this was mentioned as no-one cared at CAP meeting when we residents brought up parking limitation. With road closed it will be safer, oh so much safer for ALL residents visitors and pedestrians using our street. If you lived here you would realise how fast the cars zoom down the road, either to avoid traffic light delays (mostly) and aggressive parents going to the Scout Hall. Thank you, Jo & Mirek Haas	11/15/2021 12:18 PM
10	We oppose the closure as it would inconvenience residents, and may in fact worsen congestion due to one way traffic only. We would however appreciate a review of parking occupancy as the neighbourhood can get congested when there are events (e.g. when the Fullarton Market is on) making it difficult to reverse out onto incoming traffic.	11/14/2021 8:54 PM
11	The street certainly has changed since the development of the new buildings Fullarton road end of Culross. Its dangerous it wont be long before we see accidents on this corner	11/13/2021 2:37 PM
12	Another option might be to close off at the end of Bridge Street.	11/13/2021 1:36 PM
13	We politely request the council to withdraw the proposed closures. Thanks	11/12/2021 3:53 PM
14	Don't need proposed road. Mark the no-parking street.	11/11/2021 9:21 AM
15	Culross Avenue Closure Submission Lodged by [REDACTED] in response to options proposed by Unley Council for road closure of the Culross Avenue. Both suggested options place my property at a greater disadvantage than any other property in the street except for the property directly opposite at 20 Culross Avenue. I note that number 20 appears to be currently unoccupied, and the owner may not be aware of the proposals. Option 1: Mid Block Closure. My driveway will open into the western cul-de-sac where there will be much traffic congestion. The 14 units now concentrated on both sides of this end each have allowance for 2 vehicles parked one behind the other. This could mean over 28 vehicles plus those parked in the street requiring road access through the cul-de-sac. Number 23 Culross Avenue has already been sold to developers and number 21 may follow at some stage. This will add significantly to the number of vehicles and congestion, especially during the	11/9/2021 9:23 AM



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construction period. Such a closure deprives western residents, including me, of the current alternative access via Bridge Street. Turning right into and out of Fullarton road is almost impossible during busy periods, and I am not a young driver. Such a closure will increase the likelihood of accidents during entry and exit as frustrated drivers try to pick gaps in fast-moving traffic, which will increase with the major upgrade at the Cross Road intersection. A detailed traffic survey may then need to be made. Those who purchased the units that will be contained within this cul-de-sac were not warned of the possibility of closure and the adverse effect it would have on vehicle access and probable resultant decrease in the value of their property. Conversely those residents east of the closure might expect an unfair increase in their property values. With the enclosure commencing immediately outside my drive, the expected vehicle congestion, and the reduced street parking in the cul-de-sac, it is likely that my drive and the one opposite will be regularly obstructed by service and other vehicles parking at the end of the cul-de-sac, despite prohibited parking notices. The resultant inability to use my driveway to leave the property would cause considerable inconvenience. There will no longer be any street parking outside my house for my visitors.

Question 2: Intersection Closure This option presents major disadvantages to all street residents. I do not believe it was suggested by either residents or Council during previous interactions and discussions. It will mean all traffic will have to traverse almost the whole length of Culross Avenue and Bridge Street every day which seems unnecessary, inefficient, and disruptive to the generally quiet nature of the street, with risk to pedestrians, and increased traffic noise. Residents will need to enter Fullarton Road via Bridge Street and then the Fisher street intersection, where traffic is slow because of lack of separate straight-ahead lane. There can be a long build-up at the lights here, even in quiet periods and travel time and driver frustration will be increased. Summary Option 1 would be unacceptably unfair (and unworkable) to me and the occupants of No 20 Culross Avenue. It would also be unfair to the residents of the new units as it was not known to them on purchase. Congestion within the cul-de-sac will be extreme and dangerous early morning and late afternoon when traffic on Fullarton Road is at its worst. Option 2 has NO advantages and a number of disadvantages. Waste collection difficulties are discussed in the Council proposal. I am strongly in favour of maintaining the status quo.

16	Do not block the street	11/8/2021 2:41 PM
17	This process seems to be driven by a few residents in our street who think they speak for the whole street. They do not, "empty cans make the most noise". They are the same people who erected signs, defacing the street scape in protest against the housing developments on the cnr of Culross/Fullarton.	11/5/2021 8:04 PM
18	Thank you for considering my response. I would be most disappointed if the road closure eventuated. Kind regards	11/4/2021 9:57 PM
19	Option 1 This will put unnecessary time and inconvenience if the road is blocked, both in trying to get to schools and work. There would be more pressure for parking. It is nearly impossible to turn right out of Culross Avenue at busy times so it would be both highly inconvenient as well as dangerous. A fatal accident would be a matter of if, not when it happens. Option 2 means the ridiculous inconvenience of anyone living West of Bridge street having to go up to Bridge street every single time they want to leave or return to their house. This would also make living around that junction unbearable from a noise perspective. I have no idea why the traffic calming measures have been negated - the cars honing up the road to the car park / scout hall alone should mandate the implementation of the measures as the road is not well lit and pedestrians at night are at risk of these idiots losing control of their vehicles and injuring someone. Solution - re time the lights at the Fisher st / Fullarton junction so the wait isn't as long at peak times. Also, put a mirror or no parking sign on the East and West sides of where Bridge St joins Fisher as visibility is terrible when there are vehicles parked right next to the junction. An accident is inevitable there. To stop the hoons up the road, change the entrance to the car park outside the Scout Hall to the Tallala road side. Because of how that car park would then be approached, this leaves no room for hoons to build up speed up a straight road. Block Culross Ave off at the top, by the Scout Hall. With these two measures, this would solve 90% of the traffic issues the residents on this road face.	11/1/2021 8:48 PM
20	It would be good to have a rain garden (similar to those near wattle st) added to the closed section on Fullarton road side as a lot of water runs down the hill to that area	10/30/2021 8:29 PM
21	Access to Culross is easily obtained by all users via Bridge Street and would be much less dangerous without all the rat runners, that we have to be constantly aware of due to their unpredictable and incorrect driving habits. Using Bridge St to access Culross would also be safer and less disruptive to Fullarton Road traffic by not having vehicles turning to or from Culross, but using the slip lane at the lights instead. Rubbish trucks already reverse up Culross Ave towards Scammell Reserve on collection days. Residents of 25 Culross could	10/29/2021 10:29 AM

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ease the situation by placing their bins in front of their properties on Fullarton Rd, as do many other Fullarton Rd residents. After consultation with the waste collectors, I am sure an agreeable solution can be reached. I would be happy with any one of the suggestions. Residents of the new developments should not be inconvenienced by the loss of 2 parking spaces as, when the developments were approved, we were assured there would be ample parking on site for all residents. Their guests may have to park on Fullarton Rd or walk a little further.

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In response to your communication regarding the closure of Culross Avenue, I wish to express my concerns with your proposal.

I do not support the closure of Culross Avenue for the following reasons.

- There is currently no need for the closure of Culross Avenue as detailed in Traffic Report set out in the City of Unley council meeting Monday 23 August 2021, cited below.
- The closure of Culross Ave would create an environment which is less conducive to effective waste removal and present an added cost to council.
- The closure of Culross Ave would eliminate at least 2-5 parking spaces (as detailed in the proposed closure documents) this would further add to any parking limitations, not improve the situation.
- Any elimination of parking spaces will force people to park farther up Culross Ave, adding to the concerns around parking requirements. This is notwithstanding the fact that the pavement along the footpath is extremely uneven and will present my elderly mother in-law added anxiety as she would have to walk a longer distance over a more dangerous path.

Option 1 - Mid Block closure

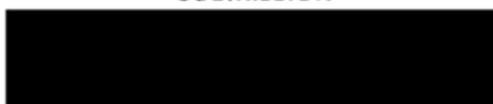
- This proposed closure option is unacceptable because it would limit vehicle access to properties on the western side of the road closure to entry from Fullarton road. This presents a major challenge to turning right (entering Fullarton road heading north) at peak traffic periods.
- This proposed closure option is unacceptable because it adds difficulty and cost to waste removal.

Option 2 – Intersection Closure

- This Proposed closure option is unacceptable because it restricts access to Fullarton road.
- This proposed closure option is unacceptable as it would force all local traffic to use Bridge Street as and entry and exit, this would further increase local traffic flow to Bridge Street.
- This proposed closure option is unacceptable because this option adds difficulty and cost to waste removal.

I attach a detailed submission of why I wish the situation to remain STATUS QUO together with a signed Petition of persons whose access to my property would be affected by any closure.

SUBMISSION



May I state categorically that I wish Culross Avenue to stay as is, that is status quo. I make this statement, based on many factors, namely:

- 1 I settled for the purchase of my property [redacted] the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The documentation provided, including a Form 1, as far as I

con ascertain, did not disclose any proposed closure to Culross Avenue. Had the documentation disclosed this then I would have had the opportunity to follow this up with Council. I was denied such an opportunity.

- 2 I am elderly and a significant number of my family and friends are elderly and have mobility issues including the need for the use of wheelchairs, walkers, sticks

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and breathing difficulties requiring nearby parking access. There is no adequate parking on Fullarton Road in front of my property and if Culross Avenue parking was changed or limited, then access for my visitors would be considerably disadvantaged or impossible. Add to this, that the footpaths in Culross Avenue, due to the trees, is very uneven, I have photographs as I walk each day, making walking a distance not possible.

I have attached a petition from family and friends requesting that Culross Avenue remains **status quo**.

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Should there be any change to road usage, then I, along with other residents I have spoken with, would **require all trees on the streetscape to be removed and the footpaths levelled and resurfaced** for safety, access and mobility issues.

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It is my understanding when Council is considering development applications, that there are many factors which have to be considered and forecast before approving any development. Significant factors are:

- a. Increased people requiring current facilities such as sewerage, water, power, amenities, etc
- b. Increased traffic volume per townhouse
- c. Increased parking required not only for property owners but for visitors as well

In providing approval for 2 developments, Council approved the status quo of Culross Avenue.

Some 12 months later after development, to be considering a road closure either appears that due diligence in the forecasting of traffic, car usage and car parking is under question.

It is my understanding, that a road closure requires a full Traffic Survey (costly) to be undertaken. As a property owner, I require a copy of this full Traffic Survey as well as documentation by Council approving the developments in relation to increased vehicle usage, access and parking. This should not have changed I believe if proper forecasting by Council was undertaken as Council had full knowledge of occupancy rates due to the number of properties it approved.

5 Denying access to Fisher Street would require the new property owners to leave their homes using Fullarton Road which is an exercise fraught with danger in peak hour traffic and almost impossible thus increasing the likelihood of accidents making this option unsafe and untenable.

As there are only 3 properties and then the new development between Fisher Street and Culross Avenue trying to turn right in peak hour traffic in the mornings when there is a major build up of traffic at the Fisher Street light intersection would be extremely difficult. In addition, the need to wait to be allowed in to traffic would mean a build up of traffic in Culross Avenue causing even greater traffic issues. This applies equally at peak hour in the evenings. During the day it is still not easy at times to turn into the oncoming traffic as Fullarton Road is a busy road.

Furthermore, since moving in to my property, I have become aware that some vehicle usage of Culross Avenue often is by vehicle owners wishing to avoid the lights at the Fisher/Fullarton Road intersection if they intend turning left on to Fullarton Road. This road usage has nothing to do with the developments and is solely a diversion use to save time by non-resident owners.

6 Your proposed change coming so quickly after development has been completed has come as a great surprise to most, if not all owner/residents. As far as I am aware, residents of my group of townhouses were completely unaware of any previous Council research, discussion or community consultation that may have gone into this issue prior to your letter dated 25 October 2021. As this affects all new property owners so vitally it seems appropriate that minutes of meetings and other documentation should have been provided prior to purchase. Not having any knowledge of these activities therefore places new owners at a complete disadvantage compared to the long-standing residents of Culross Avenue as well as having a significant impact on property valuation.

7 Should the proposed change occur, I believe I have a substantial case for compensation due to purchase of property without full disclosure being provided. I understand a Culross Avenue Traffic and Parking Assessment was undertaken some 6 months ago which is prior to the date of Contract signing and therefore requiring Form 1 disclosure.

8 Should road closure occur at the Fullarton Road end of Culross Avenue, I believe this would be equally as dangerous as the closure of Bridge Street. I have highlighted the issues in regard to that closure. However Bridge Street is a small narrow Street and not structured for an increased volume of traffic. It would cause hold ups back to Culross Avenue in peak periods if a number of vehicles are leaving at the same time as well as causing traffic issues for entry to Fisher Street. Fisher Street is already a busy through road and traffic heavy at peak



times. If you add volume to this, then hold ups will occur from cars endeavouring to turn right into oncoming traffic or cars turning left into already built up traffic waiting at the lights intersection. The size of Bridge Street could not I believe accommodate this. Add to this, the current traffic who use Bridge Street as a detour, then the traffic on Fisher Street will increasing accordingly. This would be a set up for accidents to occur with people getting frustrated at increased hold ups. I believe such an option would lead to property owners in Bridge Street complaining. I believe such an option is not thought out, does not consider the issues and is dangerous.

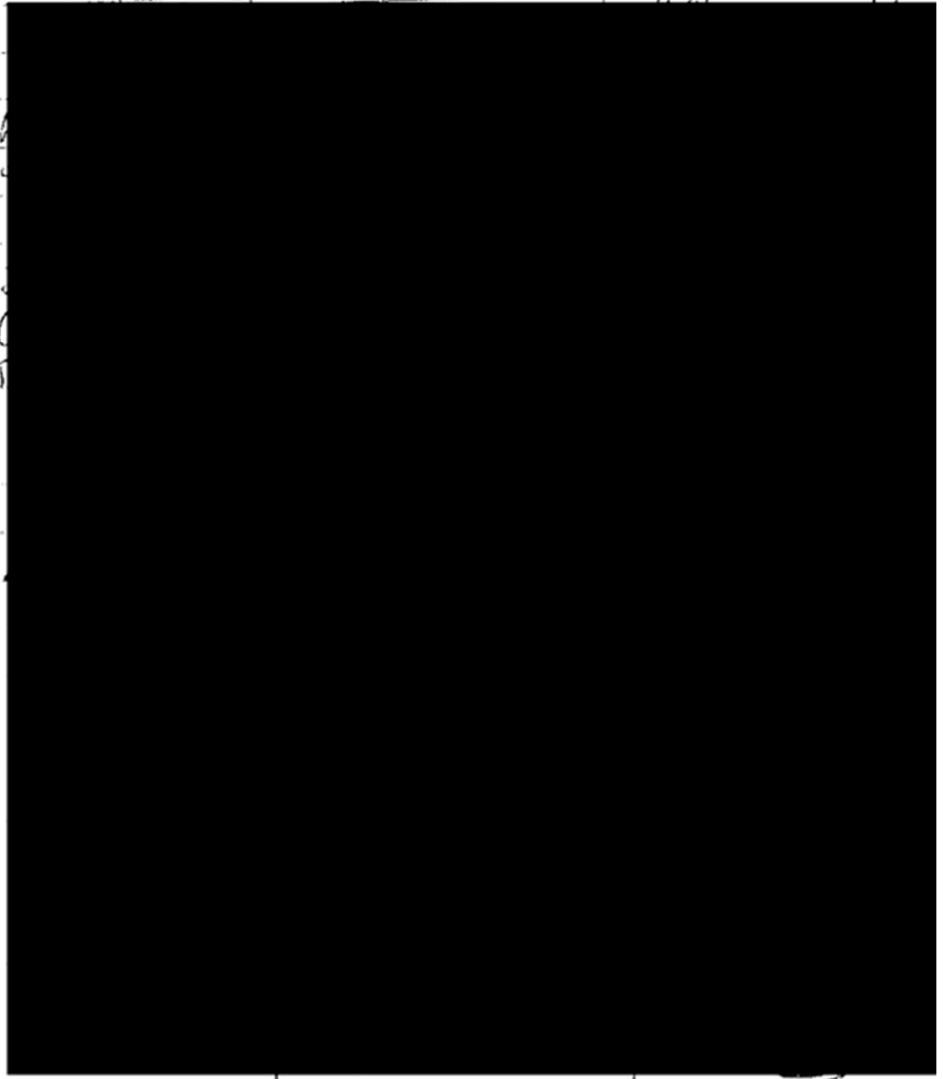
9 The two options provided for proposed road closure would impact significantly on the lifestyle I purchased some 3 months ago impacting on my vehicle access and amenity usage. The long term residents have had full opportunity and a lengthy period of time in which to present their cases against development. Once approval has been given, and contracts signed by new owners for a certain lifestyle and traffic volume and amenity usage has not suffered to any great extent, then it seems totally unfair and inappropriate to remove from new owners the opportunity to enjoy and access the lifestyle they signed and paid for. Surely for the pleasure of a few, it is inappropriate to place restrictions on so many other owners. I believe the residents seeking closure have had sufficient time and opportunity to raise their cases and there is a time when enough is enough. The stress and concern caused by this is extremely high.

10 The council meeting Minutes of 23/08/21, which is referred to in the letters sent by you to Property Owners, point's 6 and 7, seem to contradict the recommended course of action. After reading this I am not sure why they even sent these letters out as it seems to completely contradict their own recommended course of action. Point 6 on page 31 raises the effect the Fullarton-Cross Road intersection upgrade will have on traffic volumes on Fullarton Road. However I wish to make it very clear that the only acceptable outcome is a definite and final decision against closure to be made now. A review in 3-5 years will keep the matter hanging and allow opportunity for pro-closure lobbying continuing thus causing ongoing stress and angst to resident owners who wish the status quo to be maintained.

**I wish RESTATE that my position is that there are no changes made to Culross Avenue and that the status quo position remains.**



PETITION in relation to proposed closure of Colross Avenue. This petition is to keep status quo.

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
		

12 November 2021

**Response to the Proposed Road Closure – Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank**

Dear [REDACTED]

As a concerned resident down the western end of Culross Ave I write to you in response to the recent letter I received regarding a proposed road closure of Culross Avenue. I must admit, this letter took me by surprise as I have only recently purchased on the street, I was unaware of the supposed concerns some of my fellow residents up the eastern end had been raising over the last 24 months and the various council meetings and actions that arose from those concerns.

What's more of a surprise is that it was not listed on my Form 1, this was also not the case with my fellow neighbours, and we are collectively assessing our options in that regard.

Since receiving your letter I have been receiving correspondence from other concerned residents who have provided a detailed back story and upon reading over council minutes and traffic reports I have gained a greater understanding of how we came to receive these letters.

From my research and conversations with other residents I have come up with a brief history of this issue, in my opinion.

When the two developments were proposed down the western end of Culross Avenue, certain residents up the eastern end were firmly against them and lobbied for them not to go ahead. Ultimately, they were approved to go ahead by the Unley council. In its consideration of granting approval, I can only assume that council would have conducted extensive modelling to ensure that all obligations were met with regards to off-street parking and the effects on the overall amenity and function of Culross Ave.

The supposed issue of on-street parking and traffic was raised in either late 2019 or early 2020 and tabled at a council meeting. Council undertook to conduct a traffic and parking assessment which proved that Culross Avenue operated well within local residential street guidelines and did not warrant any further action. As this assessment was conducted while one of the developments was still under construction, it was resolved that it would be prudent to conduct a subsequent assessment six months after completion to allow the normal flow of traffic and parking to evolve.

A second assessment was conducted and at the council meeting 23/08/21 it was resolved to adopt option 1 of the recommendations put forward by the traffic assessment.

**"No further investigations be undertaken regarding the implantation of traffic calming measures or parking restrictions along Culross Avenue, Myrtle Bank, until the future delivery of Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) 5 – Myrtle Bank / Fullarton."**

I then note that at the council meeting 27/09/21 a certain councillor decided that despite the two formal assessments and previous recommendations that Culross Avenue did not warrant any change, that a further consultation should be undertaken to now look at a full road closure. It is my opinion that this whole issue is driven by those same few residents who did not wish for these developments to go ahead in the first place so now they are trying another way to detach themselves from those of us down the western end.

Neither of the two options presented do anything to enhance the overall amenity, appeal and functionality for all residents of Culross Avenue.

I purchased on Culross Ave on the assumption that I could freely utilise the existing amenity of having dual access as well as feeling like my property was part of the entire, uninterrupted streetscape. I was certainly not made aware of any pre-existing road closure discussions and I am extremely concerned about the potential effect any road closure may have on my future property value.

My question is, how does council continue to justify spending rate payer's resources on an issue that has been proven to warrant no further action? What more does council need to determine yet again that no further action is warranted?

In summary, I am firmly against any changes to the existing amenity and functionality of Culross Avenue by way of road closures and I encourage Unley Council to follow through on its resolution to adopt option 1 of the recommendations as set out at the meeting 23/08/21. As a result of this consultation phase, I am now part of a wider group who share common views and concerns for the process being undertaken by Unley Council in the face of hard evidence and we are watching with keen interest to see how rate payer's resources are being spent.

Kind Regards



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## DECISION REPORT

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	DRAFT NORTH UNLEY PARK MASTER PLAN
<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	4.2
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	31 JANUARY 2022
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<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	1. DRAFT NORTH UNLEY PARK MASTER PLAN

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### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The North Unley Park Master Plan is a key initiative in the Council's 2021-22 Annual Business Plan. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the initial community consultation process and to seek endorsement for the Draft North Unley Park Master Plan for the purposes of community consultation.

North Unley Park is a fully enclosed, irregular shaped parcel of land, located at 237 Young Street, Unley. Over time, some areas of the park have become underutilised and overgrown, and concerns have been raised regarding access and passive surveillance of the park. The Plan considers these areas as opportunities for improvements.

To understand the range of views and experiences of the community and key stakeholders, the Administration undertook community consultation between August – September 2021. The Administration heard from over 150 community contributions, which were summarised into four (4) key themes.

A set of four (4) design principles and supporting design moves were developed in response to the feedback from the community, and to provide a framework for making decisions about the future of the park.

The principles which under-pin the Draft Master Plan and the community's vision include: a more Natural Park; a more Active Park; a more Green Park; and a more Accessible Park.

These principles are supported by the following key design directions:

- **Creek Connection:** Integrate the Parklands Creek as a central feature of the park with expanded opportunities for connection with nature and understanding of natural systems.
- **Big and Small Spaces:** Create greater variety within the Park to support active and passive recreational uses. Provide a range of settings that support community connection and informal spaces for relaxation, contemplation, and peaceful reflection.

- **Green Edges:** Strengthen the planted edges to the park, with a diversity of species to provide a colourful and cooler backdrop for the park and a variety of spaces within.
- **Safety and Access:** Create a more welcoming park that is easy to view, access and navigate through, both day and early evening and demonstrates best practice in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in its planning, design, and maintenance.

The Draft North Unley Park Master Plan provides a clear, community vision for the park, which aligns with the Council's strategic aspirations. It sets out the 14 key actions that will guide long term renewal and investment as well as opportunities for partnerships to realise the potential for the Park.

The consultation process will aim to confirm with the local community, their support for the design principles and that the 14 key actions reflect the community's aspirations for the park and its long-term future.

## 2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The report be received.
2. The draft North Unley Park Master Plan, as set out in Attachment 1 to this report (Item 4.2, Council Meeting 31/01/2022), be endorsed for the purpose of undertaking community consultation.
3. Following the conclusion of community consultation, a further report be considered by Council summarising the feedback received in relation to the draft North Unley Park Master Plan and the presentation of a final Master Plan.

## 3. **RELEVANT CORE STRATEGIES/POLICIES**

1. Community Living
  - 1.3 Our City meets the needs of all generations.
  - 1.5 Our City is connected and accessible
2. Environmental Stewardship
  - 2.1 Unley's urban forest is maintained and improved
- 4 Civic Leadership
  - 4.1 We have strong leadership & governance

## 4. **BACKGROUND**

North Unley Park is located at 237 Young Street, Unley and is identified in the City of Unley's Open Space Strategy as a Neighbourhood Park, and as a Community Land Management Park in the Minor Park category. It is an irregular shaped parcel of land and is a fully enclosed open space with several shared land easements to adjoining properties.

In July 1972, Council acquired Lot 237 as community land and a few years later constructed the North Unley Play Park. The Play Park was a popular playground attracting visitors beyond the City of Unley. According to records it consisted of a mixture of challenging timber obstacles and topography for adventure play and open interaction with the Parklands Creek. At a similar time, the adjacent strata units called 'Knox Court' (53 King William Road) were built overlooking the newly developed park.

Over time, some areas of the park have become underutilised, overgrown and concerns have been raised regarding the access and passive surveillance of the park.

In the 2021/22 Annual Budget, Council allocated \$25,000 to undertake a Master Plan for North Unley Park. The scope and project rationale included addressing safety and access to the park and exploring opportunities to increase the playground footprint and improve the standard of play within the park.

To begin the Master Plan process, the Administration undertook an analysis of the site to better understand the site context, history, easements, landscape character, asset condition, and stormwater, as well as a review of a diversity of Council's strategic documents, to recognise the potential for change to achieve multiple Council objectives or benefits.

Based on the site analysis and strategic background, a set of initial principles for North Unley Park were developed to engage with the local community and key stakeholders.

### **Community Consultation – Phase 1**

In August 2021, Administration undertook an initial community consultation process to better understand and appreciate the range of views and experiences of North Unley Park, with the aim to develop a shared set of aspirations to help guide the design.

The engagement process was held between August and September 2021 using both online and in-person methods. The engagement consisted of the following methods:

- Targeted reference group sessions with the Living Young and Active Aging Alliance groups.
- Information pack sent to businesses, property owners and residents within proximity to the park.
- Unley YourSay online portal including a survey, ideas pinboard and interactive drop pin map.
- Social media posts on Facebook and Instagram as well as an article in the Adelaide East Herald.
- Information posters at various location in and around the Park with QR codes; and
- A Community Engagement Day held on 12 September 2021.

There was significant local interest, with over 150 people contributing through face to face and online feedback. Responses were gathered from two Community reference groups with 25 participants (Active Living Alliance and Living Young Reference Group), internal stakeholder groups, 48 online survey responses, over 80 attendees to the community engagement session and 185 informed through the Unley YourSay portal.

From the engagement process, the submissions were reviewed and consolidated into the following key aspirations:

#### **Improving the experiences with the creek and natural amenity**

- Celebrate the creek line by removing the fence to create opportunities to interact with the creek.
- Enhance the biodiversity of the creek.
- Provide a more accessible bridge and alternative ways to cross the creek.
- Maintain the flood management requirements of the creek within the park.

#### **Improving safety within North Unley Park**

- Increase accessibility and improve entry / exit points across the park.
- Increase passive surveillance across the park.
- Investigate options to address history of antisocial behaviour associated with the existing toilet block.

#### **Improving the range of experiences for the local community**

- Provide more adventurous play areas or nature play, to suit a greater range of ages.
- Introduce whimsical garden or shared garden experiences.
- Retain and enhance mixed-use half court and support with additional fitness equipment.
- Enhance the existing pathway to support safe scooter/bike riding loop.

#### **Improving facilities for social gatherings, picnics, barbecues and all-weather access**

- Ensure equal access to all facilities and amenities.
- Provide new gathering spaces with increased seating and shelter.
- Increase the tree canopy for shade and habitat creation.
- Relocate or replace the existing toilet with a smaller, secure toilet facility.



## 5. **DISCUSSION**

The draft North Unley Park Master Plan (provided as Attachment 1) consolidates the community's ideas and aspirations into a coordinated document which set out four (4) over-arching design principles, supported by four (4) key design directions and 14 key actions across the Park to achieve the desired change.

*Attachment 1*

### **Design Principles**

The design principles are intended to capture the community's vision for the Park, and to articulate the drivers underpinning the Master Plan.

- **A more Natural Park:** which celebrates the creek passing through it.
- **A more Active Park:** with a range of play activities for the local community.
- **A more Green Park:** valued for its open grassed areas, tree canopy and seasonal colour.
- **A more Accessible Park:** for people of all ages and abilities to safely relax within.

### **Design Directions**

The design directions provide a framework to enable change and improvements within the park, which reflects the community's shared aspirations.

- **Creek Connection:** Integrate Parklands Creek as a central feature of the park with expanded opportunities for connection with nature and understanding of natural systems.
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### **Master Plan Recommendations**

The draft North Unley Park Master Plan presents 14 key actions in response to the four (4) key directions, to realise the vision for the park. These ideas take a long-term approach to the enhancement of the Park and build on the existing character and value of the Park.

## **Future Connections**

The Master Plan also considers opportunities to develop shared partnerships with adjacent landowners to improve the presentation and accessibility of the park through better integration with adjacent land parcels.

This would only occur if the private landowners were willing to partner with Council to further explore community aspirations for each of the land parcels.

## **Implementation**

The implementation for the North Unley Park Master Plan is designed to set the long-term vision for the park. Realising the vision will require the coordination of the Council, key stakeholders, and the community to help deliver the plan in a series of stages over time. The Plan will help inform future asset renewal as well as provide an opportunity to seek grant funding to enable new investment.

The plan ranks the 14 key actions in terms of short (1-5 years), medium (5-10 years) and long-term (10-15 years) actions, and provides a high-level indication of low (\$), medium (\$\$), and high (\$\$\$) costs.

The Master Plan and the 14 key actions have the flexibility to adapt to change over time as different opportunities and priorities arise, reflective of community expectations and the Council's budget.

## **Phase 2 Community Consultation Approach**

The purpose of the second phase of consultation is to raise community awareness of the proposed Master Plan and seek community feedback and support for overall Principles as well as the 14 key actions.

The consultation is proposed to run for five (5) weeks between March and April 2022 using both online and in-person methods. The consultation approach includes the following components:

- A postcard detailing the online content and invitation to businesses, property owners and residents within proximity to the park.
- An email to all phase 1 participants detailing Draft Master Plan content and feedback opportunities.
- Three (3) information drop-in sessions set up at North Unley Park (to target different user groups)
- Online Unley YourSay portal for access to content and feedback
- Meetings with key external and internal stakeholders
- Informative posters at various locations in and around the park with QR codes.

Subject to COVID restrictions at the time, the consultation approach may be adapted to suit government regulations, whilst consistent with Council's engagement requirements.

## 6. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

### Option 1 –

1. The report be received.
2. The draft North Unley Park Master Plan, as set out in Attachment 1 to this report (Item 4.2, Council Meeting 31/01/2022), be endorsed for the purpose of undertaking community consultation.
3. Following the conclusion of community consultation, a further report be considered by Council summarising the feedback received in relation to the draft North Unley Park Master Plan and the presentation of a final Master Plan.

The draft Master Plan responds to key themes identified through community engagement, as well as broader strategic aims of the Council, appropriate to a Neighbourhood Park standard.

### Option 2 –

1. The report be received.
2. The draft North Unley Park Master Plan, as set out in Attachment 1 to this report (Item 4.2, Council Meeting 31/01/2022), be endorsed for the purpose of undertaking community consultation subject to the following changes:
  - *Change required to be inserted here*
2. Following the conclusion of community consultation, a further report be considered by Council summarising the feedback received in relation to the draft North Unley Park Master Plan and the presentation of a final Master Plan.

The Draft Master Plan responds to key themes identified through community engagement, as well as broader strategic aims of the Council, appropriate to a Neighbourhood Park standard.

The design options respond to key issues raised, but additional amendments may be considered warranted to address Council concerns prior to commencing consultation. This option allows Council to specify any changes it may deem warranted prior to the commencement of consultation.

### Option 3 –

1. The report be received.
2. The draft North Unley Park Master Plan, as set out in Attachment 1 to this report (Item 4.2, Council Meeting 31/01/2022), be further amended as outlined below and returned to council for review prior to commencement of a community consultation process:  
— *Summary of amendment required to be inserted here*
3. Following the conclusion of community consultation, a further report be considered by Council summarising the feedback received in relation to the draft North Unley Park Master Plan and the presentation of a final Master Plan.

Council may wish to make more substantial changes to the draft Master Plan and for the revised document to return for endorsement. This option directs staff to make the required changes and return it to Council prior to commencing the consultation process.

### Option 4 –

1. The report be received.
2. The Draft North Unley Park Master Plan, as set out in Attachment 1 to this report (Item 4.2, Council Meeting 31/01/2022), be noted.

The Draft Master Plan responds to key themes identified through community engagement, as well as broader strategic aims of the Council, appropriate to a Neighbourhood Park standard. However, Council may choose to not advance the project at this stage.

## **7. RECOMMENDED OPTION**

Option 1 is the recommended option.

## **8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

### **Community Land Management Plan (CLMP)**

The existing Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) for North Unley Park reflects the uses and conditions of the existing park. The key actions proposed in the draft Master Plan have been reviewed and are considered consistent with the current community use and management principles of the overarching document, as well as the specific conditions set out for the North Unley Park CLMP. As a result, no change is required to the CLMP.

However, should any future improvements to North Unley Park introduce uses which are not in alignment with the CLMP, then Council would be required to undertake additional community consultation on any proposed changes before an updated CLMP is presented to Council for endorsement.

### **8.1 Financial/Budget**

- The Council has allocated \$25,000 in the current 2021/22 budget to undertake the North Unley Park Master Plan development. The funds are expected to cover all project costs including the proposed community consultation.
- Future budget consideration will be required as part of the development of the Council's Annual Business Plan and Asset Management Plans to support the long-term vision and implementation.
- The Administration will consider opportunities to realise the long-term plan through external funding opportunities from Federal and State Government grant programs.

### **8.2 Legislative/Risk Management**

- Council staff have undertaken a risk assessment of the directions proposed within the Master Plan. Further risk assessment should support the detail design and implementation of each direction.

### **8.3 Staffing/Work Plans**

- The North Unley Park Masterplan community consultation will be delivered by the City Design team, as well as any amendments and finalisation of the masterplan for adoption by Council.

### **8.4 Climate/Environmental Impact**

#### **Climate Adaptation**

- The Master Plan incorporates a number of initiatives in recognition of changing climate, including:
  - Naturalisation of the creek line, whilst retaining safety barriers and landforms to protect the park and park users against potential increase in storms and potential flooding.
  - Increased tree canopy cover and understorey planting to support localised cooling and shade cover for park users.
  - Additional facilities to support early evening activities, outside of the hottest part of the day.

#### **Carbon Mitigation**

- The long-term implementation of the Plan, through staged detail design and implementation, should maximise opportunities to reuse and recycle materials, as well as specify low carbon materials and construction techniques to minimise the parks carbon footprint.
- The specification of key park features, such as play equipment, public toilets, park structures and park furniture should consider the carbon footprint of each product in the final selection.

## **Natural Environment**

- The Master Plan aims to improve the quality of the natural environment as a feature of the neighbourhood park. The Plan identifies several opportunities to naturalise existing features and increase the natural setting, including:
  - Increased tree canopy and lower storey planting in the open space to provide greater habitat opportunities as well as a cooler park environment.
  - Better management of the Parklands Creek and a more natural watercourse (whilst maintaining event capacity).
  - Education and play opportunities to encourage all park users to interact with nature and develop a better understanding of natural systems.

### **8.5 Social/Economic**

- The plan aims to improve the accessibility of the park for people of all ages and abilities and create an environment for better social interaction and social activities for the local community.
- The plan seeks to address existing social concerns within the park identified in the early community engagement.

### **8.6 Stakeholder Engagement**

- The local community and key stakeholder groups will be informed of the open engagement period and encouraged to provide feedback during the engagement period.
- The consultation is proposed to run for five (5) weeks between March and April 2022 using both online and in-person methods. Subject to COVID restrictions at the time, the consultation approach may be adapted to suit conditions, whilst consistent with Council's consultation requirements.

## **9. REPORT CONSULTATION**

City Development

## **10. REPORT AUTHORISERS**

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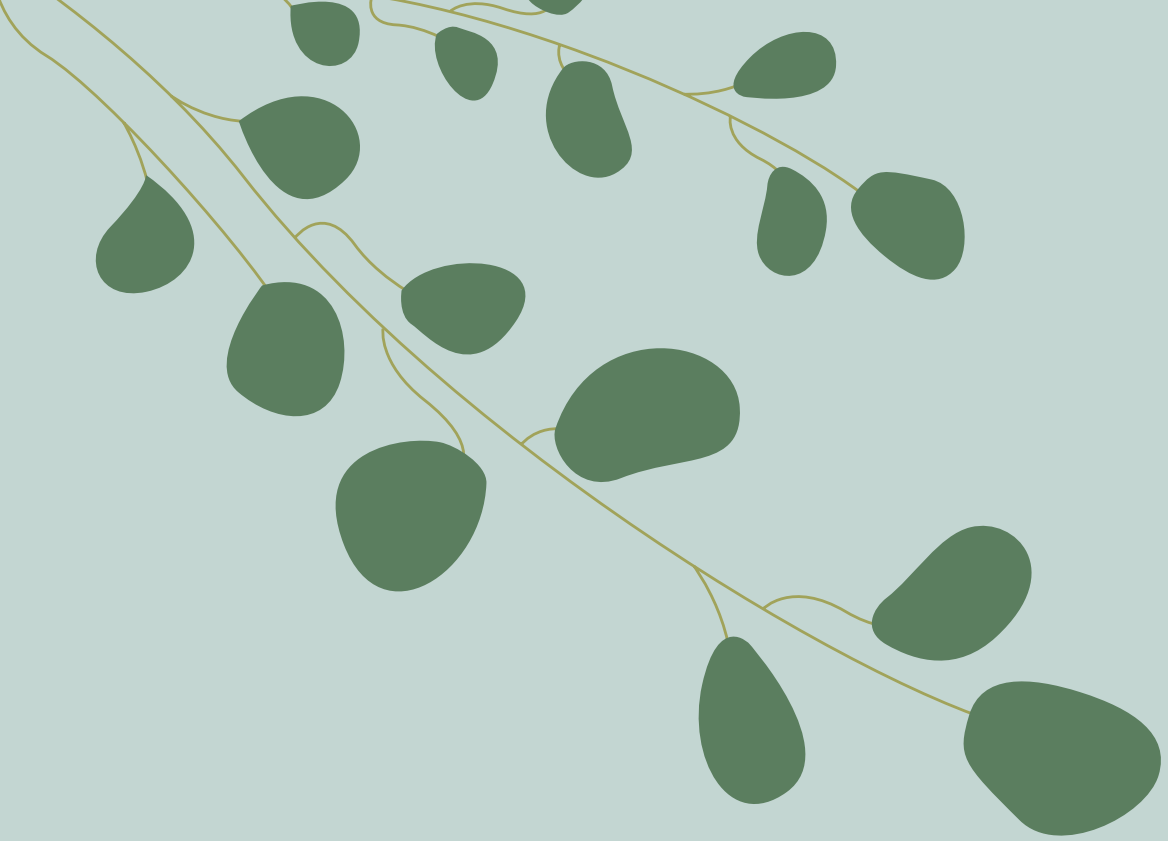
# NORTH UNLEY PARK

DRAFT MASTER PLAN

THE CITY of  
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## Kaurna Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge the City of Unley is part of the traditional lands for the Kaurna people and we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We acknowledge the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today.

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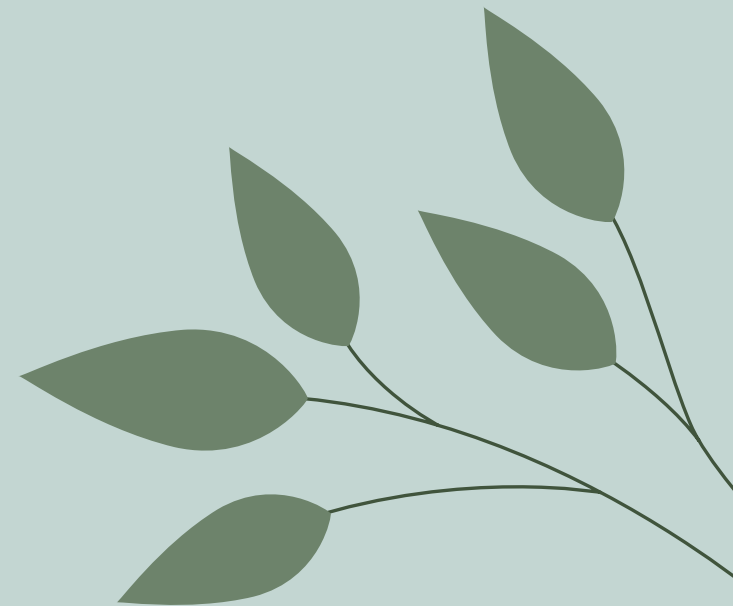
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# INTRODUCTION

The North Unley Park Master Plan sets out the long term vision for the park for the current and future recreational needs of the community of the City of Unley.

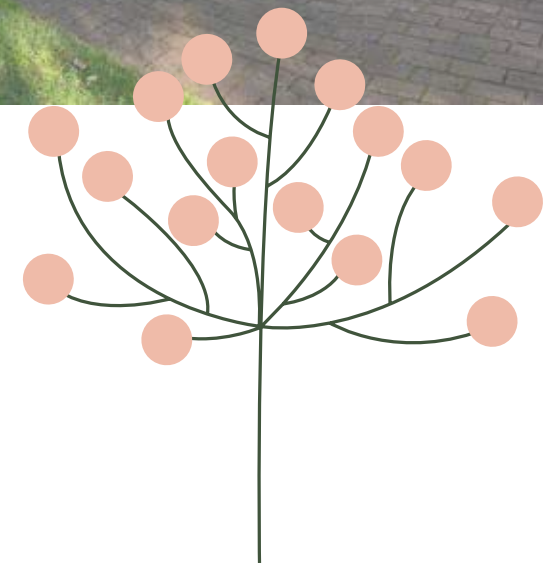
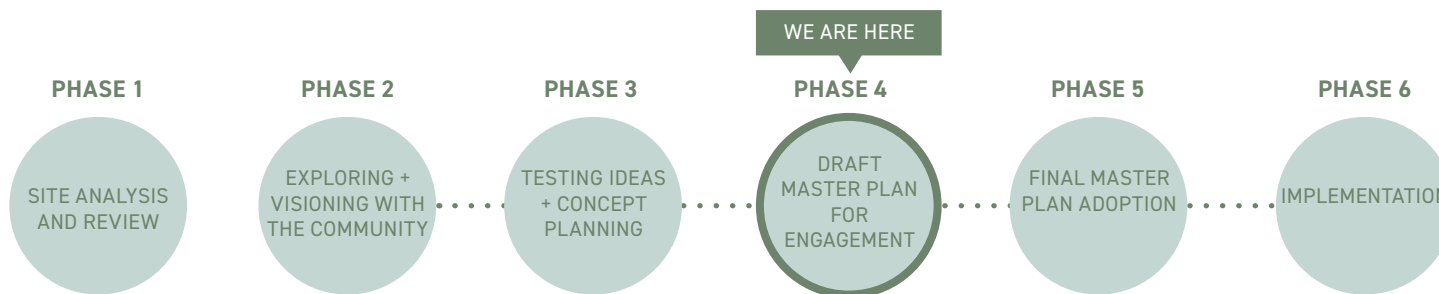
The Plan is intended to act as both a resource and inspiration to guide the community and Council while working collaboratively to provide socially inclusive environments and shared flexible spaces.

The City of Unley undertook engagement to understand and appreciate the range of community and experiences, to develop a shared vision for the future of North Unley Park.

The Master Plan brings together key ideas and values from the community and builds on the strengths of the park. The plan provides a wholistic approach to the development of the park as funding opportunities arise and ensure staged development of the park is realistic and achievable.



## THE PROCESS TO FAR



# UNDERSTANDING UNLEY



## NEIGHBOURHOOD CONTEXT

North Unley Park is located at 237 Young Street, Unley and is nestled in between the suburbs of Unley, Wayville and Goodwood. The park is situated within a 5 minute walk from business districts (Greenhill and King William Road), and a mix of residential housing.

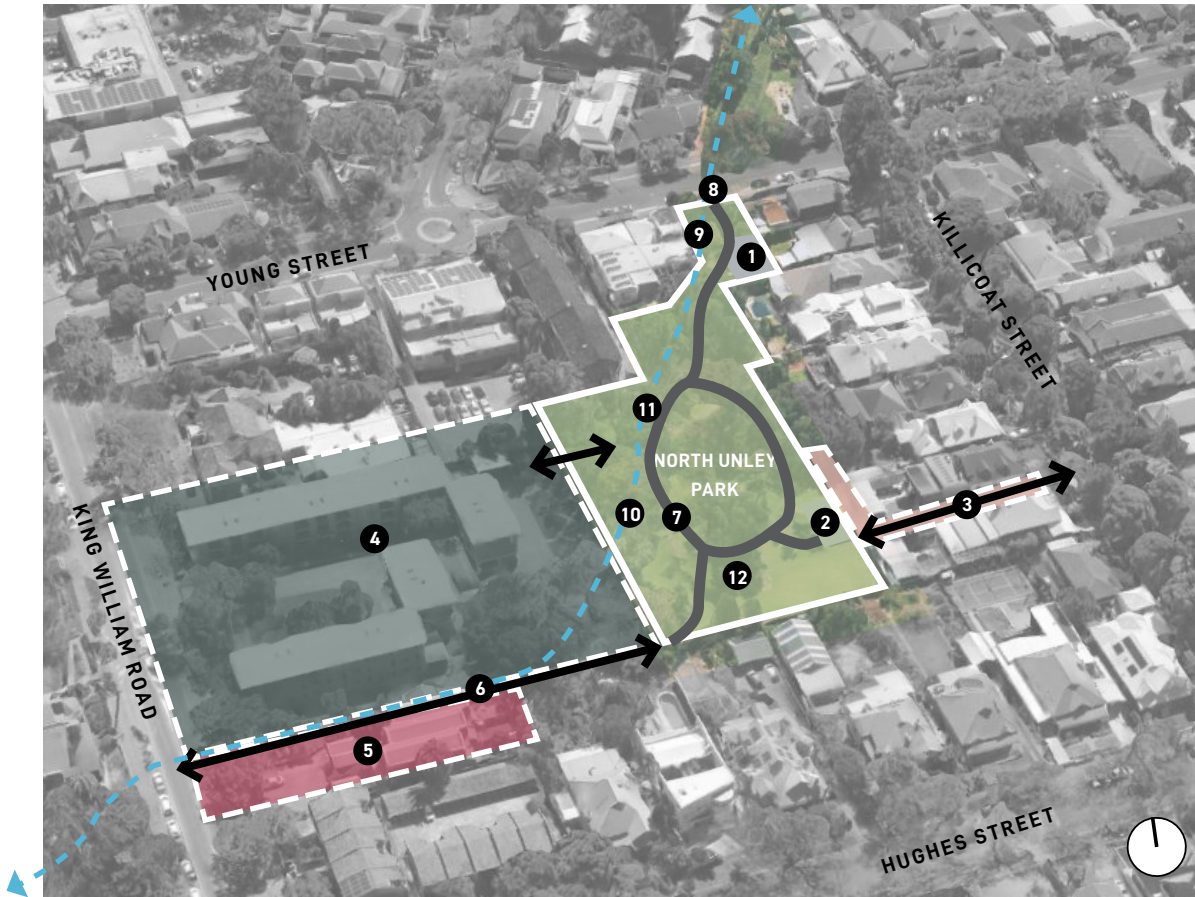
North Unley Park is classified as a Neighbourhood Park and provides the only greenspace within its 400m catchment area in the City of Unley. The wider catchment area of 800m provides greater access to the South Park Lands (Regional Park) and offers two Neighbourhood Parks (Le Hunte Reserve and Soutar Park) and one Local Park (Morrie Harrell Reserve).

The Walking and Cycling Plan identifies Young Street as an east-west neighbourhood 'low traffic' bike route within the Unley area, linking to Glen Osmond Road to the east and the Mike Turtur Bikeway to the west.

The Park Lands Creek is another important aspect of North Unley Park which captures downstream flows from the flood managements projects currently undertaken in South Park Lands.

- Young Street 'low traffic' neighbourhood bike route
- Mike Turtur Bikeway
- Glen Osmond Creek Linear Trail (walking cycling Plan and Open Space Strategy)
- Woods/Weller Bike Boulevard
- Future strategic connections
- - - Parklands Creek
- - - Catchment Area
- Bus Stop King William Road
- Tram stop
- Neighbourhood Park
- Local Park

# UNDERSTANDING NORTH UNLEY PARK



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

North Unley Park is a fully enclosed park measuring 4533sqm in size. It has one formal entry/ exit from Young Street.

The City of Unley's 'Living City Open Space Strategy' outlines the strategic importance of this park and elevating North Unley Park as a Neighbourhood Park status and the role of the Park within the wider region. It also references the need for improved access and naturalisation of the creekline.

The Council's Community Land Management Plan has identified it as a Minor Park category and the role the park plays within the City of Unley context, as well as acknowledging the physical form and capacity for use.

The irregular shape of the park and stormwater management creates the need for several shared land easements with adjoining properties. This includes

an easement for unrestricted right of way over the laneway to Killicoat Lane. Another two easements were created with 53 and 59 King William Road to help manage the stormwater of the Park Lands Creek.

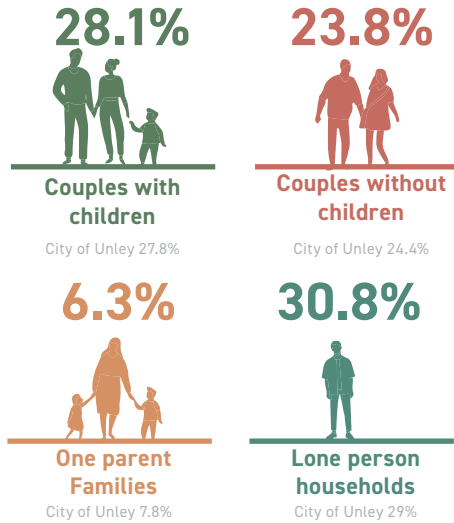
The park features open grass areas for recreational uses and dog off-leash purposes, a small fenced playground, public toilets, BBQ and various park furniture arrangements. The Park Lands Creek runs through the site however is fully fenced to restrict public access.

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|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 01 | Existing playground                                               | 06 | Potential access through easement on private land to King William Road |
| 02 | Existing toilet block                                             | 07 | Paved footpath                                                         |
| 03 | Lot 12 Laneway access to Killicoat Street (right of way easement) | 08 | Main entry from Young Street                                           |
| 04 | Lot 53 Knox Court Strata with 66 properties                       | 09 | BBQ and picnic table                                                   |
| 05 | Lot 59 Strata with 3 properties                                   | 10 | Park Lands Creek                                                       |
|    |                                                                   | 11 | Footbridge                                                             |

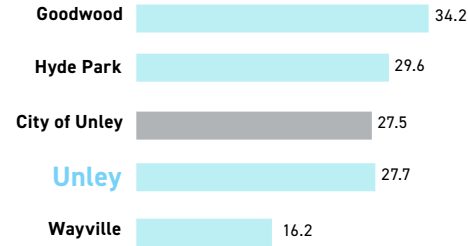


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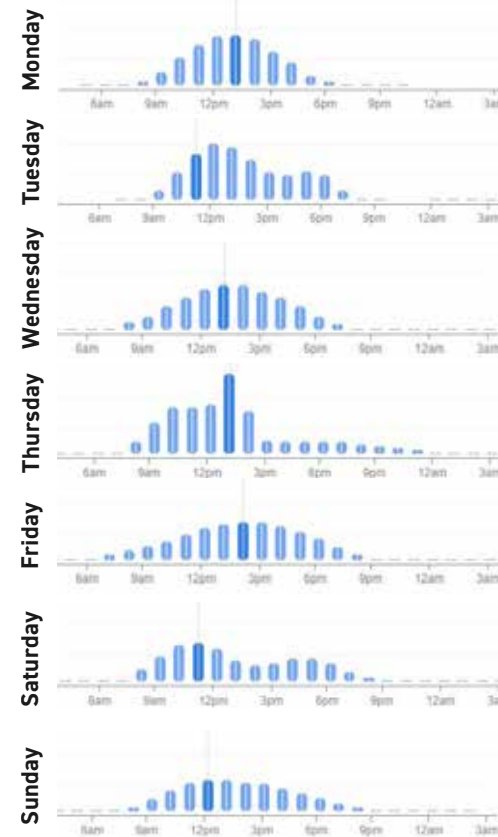
## HOUSEHOLD STRUCTURE AROUND NORTH UNLEY PARK



## POPULATION DENSITY (PERSONS PER HA)



## GOOGLE POPULAR PARK TIMES DATA



Data Source  
Google 2021

The demographic data from the 2016 census highlights the higher percentage of families with children (28.1%) have children under 15 years old (14.7%).

In comparison couples without children (23.8%) and people who live in single households (30.8%) account for more than half of the potential user profile.

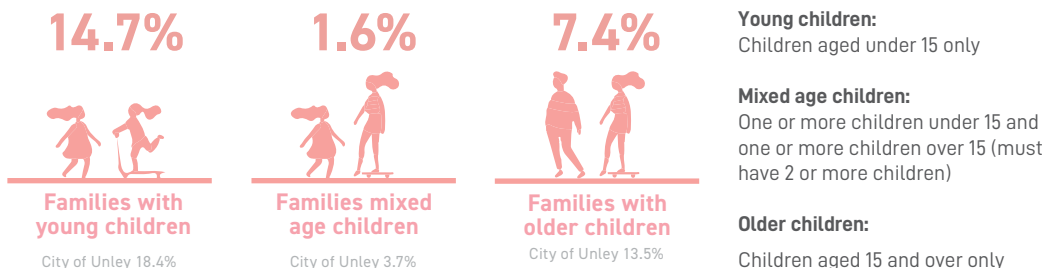
These results highlight the importance of providing socially inclusive environments and shared flexible spaces for varied ages in the community.

## Google Usage Data

The data collected from Google was used to determine popular times, and visit duration. Google uses aggregated and anonymized data from users who have opted in to Google Location History. It should be noted this data is a specific sample size of users and may not be an accurate representation of all daily user.

The average length of stay according to Google is up to 25 minutes and peaks during the lunchtime period of 12 - 2pm. The proximity to nearby business precincts may contribute to this peak.

## AGE OF CHILDREN

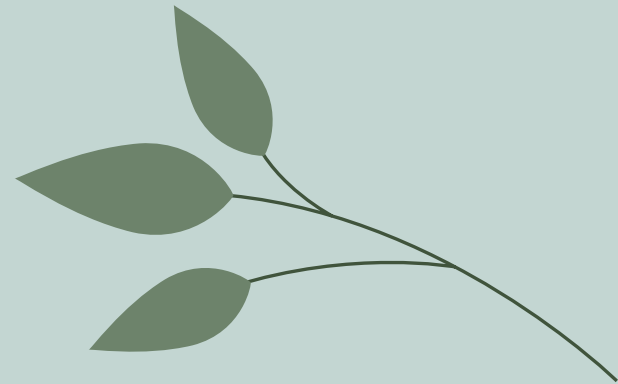


**Young children:**  
Children aged under 15 only

**Mixed age children:**  
One or more children under 15 and one or more children over 15 (must have 2 or more children)

**Older children:**  
Children aged 15 and over only

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

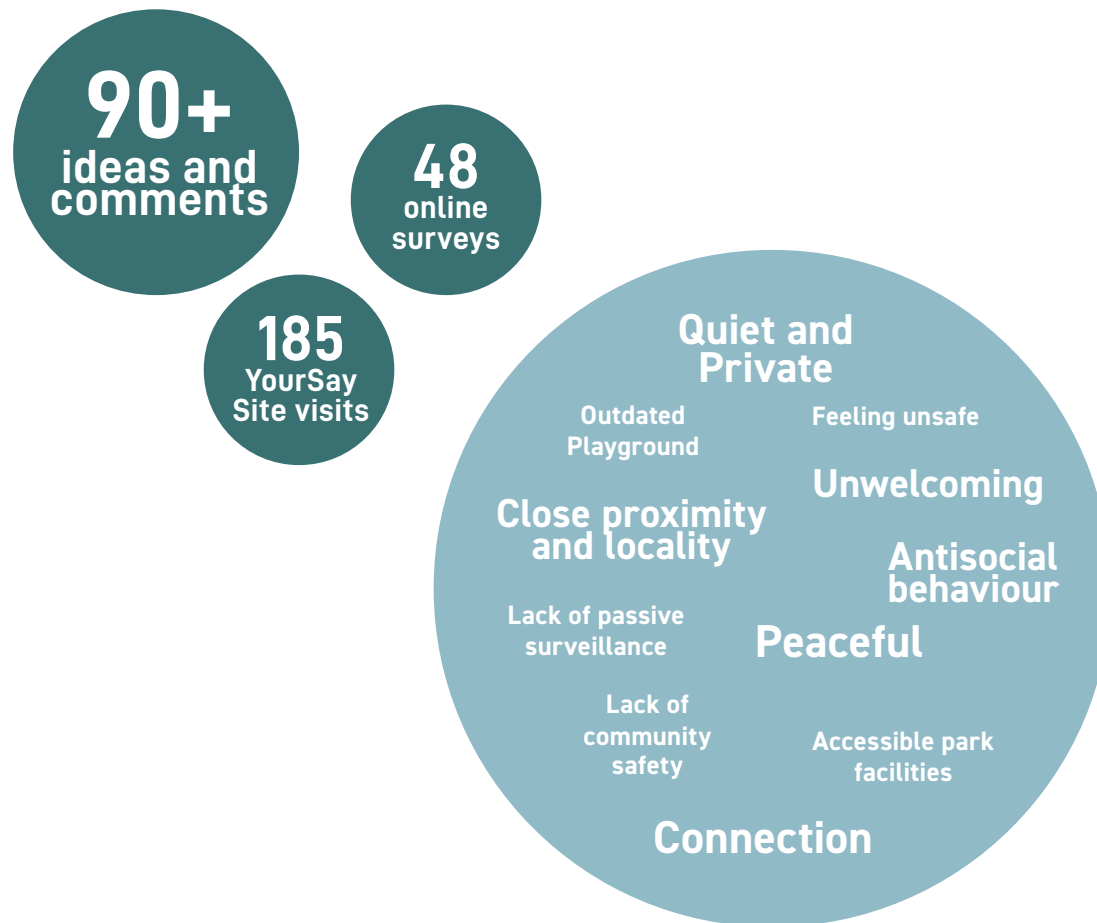


# ABOUT THE ENGAGEMENT

The City of Unley undertook community engagement to understand and appreciate the range of views and experiences, to develop a shared vision for the future of North Unley Park.

Phase one began as Council-led community consultation in Aug-Sept 2021 to explore the types of experiences and views of the park. There was great local interest and participation in the engagement process with over 150 people contributing through face-to-face and online methods. Diverse responses were gathered through each method of engagement. This included the facilitation of 2 reference groups with 25 participants, internal stakeholder groups, 48 responses to the Online survey, over 80 attendees at the community engagement day, and 185 visits to the YourSay website.

There were some differing views about the future of the Park. However, views were expressed in all areas of the engagement to improve the experience with the creek, safety and improvements to the visual amenity and facilities.





# WHAT WE HEARD

From the feedback we heard several key themes were important to the community . We will use these to inform the development of the Master Plan.

We heard the community values the proximity and locality of North Unley Park and the peaceful nature of the place. During the engagement process most participants recognised the need for improvements within the Park.



## Improving the experiences with the creek and natural amenity

- Celebrate the creek line by removing the fence to create opportunities to interact with it
- Interaction with the water
- Enhance the biodiversity of the creek
- A more accessible bridge and alternative ways to cross the creek
- Maintain the flood management requirements of the creek within the Park.



## Improving safety within North Unley Park

- Increase accessibility and improve entry / exit points across the park.
- Increase passive surveillance across the park.
- Investigate options to address history of antisocial behaviour associated with the existing toilet block.



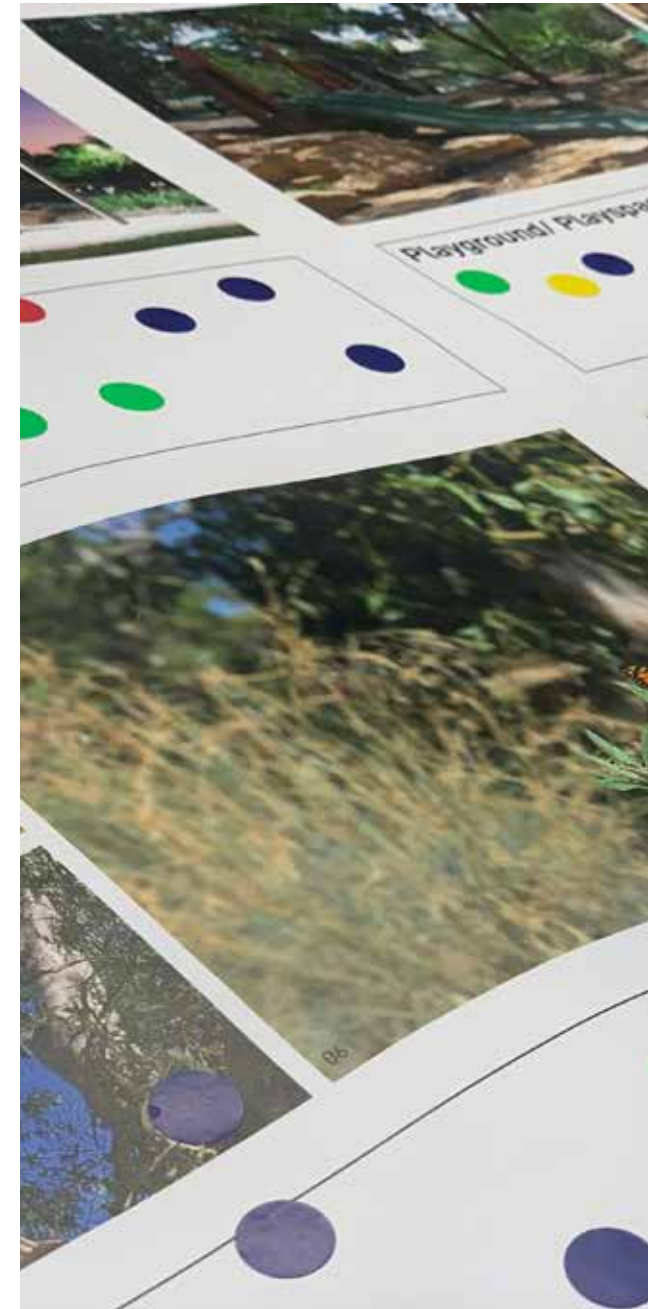
## Improving the range of experiences for the local community

- Provide more adventurous play areas or nature play, to suit a greater range of ages.
- Introduce whimsical garden or shared garden experiences.
- Retain and enhance mixed-use half court and support with additional fitness equipment.
- Enhance existing pathway to support safe scooter/bike riding loop.



## Improving facilities for social gatherings, picnics, barbecues and all-weather access

- Ensure equal access to all facilities and amenities.
- Provide new gathering spaces with increased seating and shelter.
- Increase the tree canopy for shade and habitat creation.
- Relocate or replace existing toilet with a smaller, secure toilet facility.



# WHO HAVE WE TALKED TO SO FAR?

ONLINE



## YourSay Unley Online Portal

### HOW WE ENGAGED

- Letter package with reference to website [yoursay.unley.sa.gov.au/northunley](https://yoursay.unley.sa.gov.au/northunley)
- Online survey about how they currently use the park and the opportunities
- Ideas pin board and interactive drop pin map
- September 2021

### WHO WE ENGAGED

- 48 registered respondents
- 185 YourSay page visits
- 20+ drop pins



## Social Media

- Facebook and Instagram posts were used to promote the Community Engagement Days
- Adelaide East Herald article 23 Sept 2021

- Facebook Posts reached over 700 users and engagement with over 77 users
- Instagram Posts reached 500+ followers and 13 likes.



## Information Posters

Five locations were selected around the site and main streets to install information posters for both the online survey and community engagement day. September 2021

- Pedestrians, cyclist and drivers



## Targeted Reference Group Sessions

- Living Young Reference Group
- Active Aging Alliance Group
- Understanding different user groups and what the needs and preferences

- 25 Participants
- 80 + comments and ideas

IN PERSON



## Community Engagement Day

- An Engagement Day 12th September, 12- 3pm, registration through eventbrite
- 3 discovery stations throughout the park to ensure a COVID safe event and gather ideas throughout the day.
- Council offered a chance to win a \$50 Capri Cinema Voucher as well as free ice cream and donuts

- 80+ Participants and conversations
- 90+ Ideas



## Key Internal Stakeholders

- City of Unley Elected Members Workshop
- One on one meetings were held with key internal stakeholders
- September 2021

- 16 participants

# DESIGN PRINCIPLES

From early community engagement, the following four design principles reflect the community and key stakeholder aspirations for North Unley Park.

These principles provide a framework for making decisions about the park.

In response, the Master Plan is made up of four key design directions in the Park.



## More Natural Park

A more natural park which celebrates the creek passing through it



## More Active Park

A more active park with a range of play activities for the local community



## More Green Park

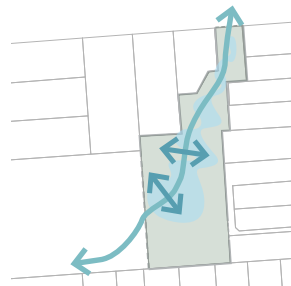
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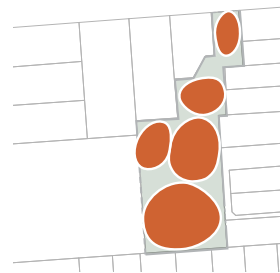
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## DESIGN DIRECTIONS



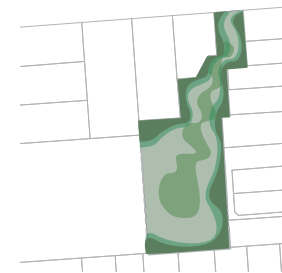
### Creek Connection

Integrate Parklands Creek as a central feature of the park with expanded opportunities for connection with nature and understanding of natural systems.



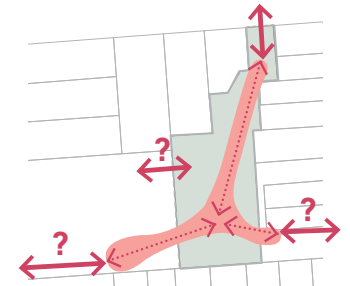
### Big and Small Spaces

Create greater variety within the Park to support active and passive recreational uses. Provide a range of settings that support community connection and informal spaces for relaxation, contemplation and peaceful reflection.



### Green Edges

Strengthen the planted edges to the park, with a diversity of species to provide a colourful and cooler backdrop for the park and the variety of spaces within.


















### Safety & Access

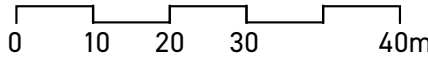
Create a more welcoming park that is easy to view, access and navigate through, both day and early evening, and demonstrates best practice CPTED principles in its planning, design and maintenance.

# NORTH UNLEY PARK MASTER PLAN



### Legend

-  Grass area
-  Proposed trees
-  Terrace Garden
-  Whimsical Garden
-  Playground and nature play
-  Path
-  Picnic Table
-  Replacement fence
-  Toilet facility
-  Existing retaining wall for storm water management
-  Future Partnerships Opportunities to improve access through private landholders
-  Dry Creekbed
-  Shelter
-  Proposed Bridge
-  Council land boundary





# NORTH UNLEY PARK MASTER PLAN



## More Natural Park



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# NORTH UNLEY PARK MASTER PLAN



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## More Accessible Park



**A park that is easily accessible for people of all ages and abilities to safely relax within**

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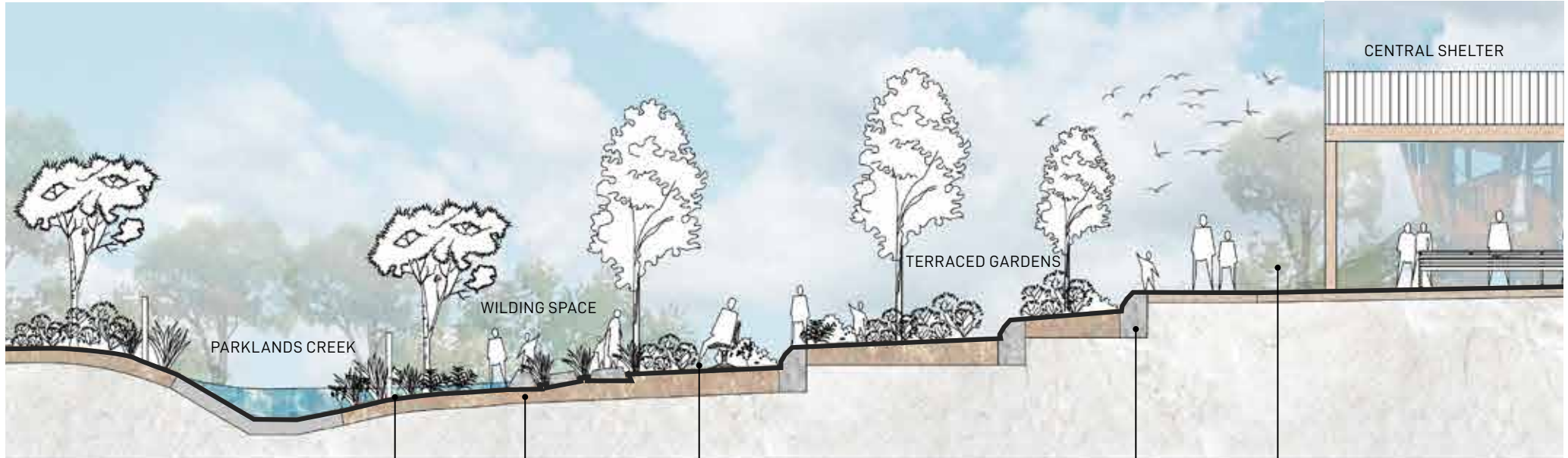
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# NORTH UNLEY PARK MASTER PLAN

## SECTION A



### INFORMAL SPACES

The terracing creates levels of varied experiences and peaceful contemplation spaces overlooking the natural creekline setting.

### WILDING SPACES

Tapering the eastern culvert provides opportunity for the creek to create a small overflow into designated zones for people to safely interact with the creek and the natural amenity.

### INTERGRATED FENCE

A landscaped creekline allows the fence to be integrated into the creek and provides a secure space for users to experience the creek.

### CENTRAL SHELTER

### CENTRAL MEETING SPACE

The central gathering space provides vistas across the park and allows viewing of all activity zones including the terraced gardens, creekline, open grass area and playspace.

### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

A series of stone landscaped terraces, stepped to the creek culvert ensures improvement to the amenity and also responsible management of event flows and public safety.

# FUTURE CONNECTIONS



## OPPORTUNITIES

North Unley Park presents three opportunities to develop partnerships with adjacent landowners to improve the presentation and accessibility of the Park, through better integration of these three key parcels;

**Parcel A:** Owned by City of Unley and its current condition includes overgrown vegetation and no public access.

**Parcel B:** Owned by 53 King William Road and its current condition grassed maintained by Council and fenced areas with no public access.

**Parcel C:** Owned by 12 Killicoat Street and its current condition consist of gravel groundcover and low level planting along edges.

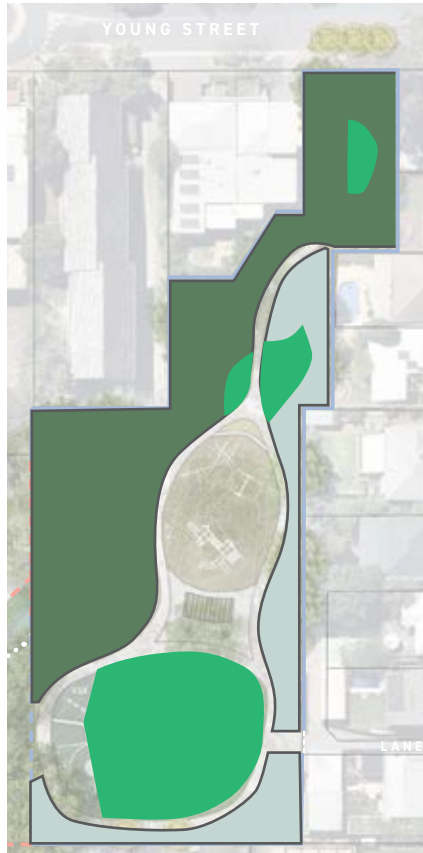
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- 18 Investigate opportunities to provide public access through the laneway to Killicoat Street for better access and sightlines into the park.





# INDICATIVE PLANTING PALETTE

The following plant species represents the desired landscape character for the native and whimsical garden areas.



- Lawn grass area
- Native garden planting
- Whimsical garden planting



*Perovskia atriplicifolia*  
Russian Sage



*Verbascum gainsborough*



*Sedum 'Herbstfreude'*  
Autumn Joy



*Conostylis candicans*  
cotton heads



*Eremophila glabra*  
'Kalbarri Carpet'



*Salvia nemorosa*  
'Marcus'



*Austrostipa mollis*  
Soft Spear-grass



*Austrostipa nodosa*  
Tall Spear-grass



*Dianella longifolia*  
Pale Flax-lily



*Imperata cylindrica*  
'Yalba'



*Poa poiformis*  
'Kingsdale'



*Anigozanthos hybrid*  
'Everlasting Mega Gold'  
Kangaroo Paw

## Groundcover / Understory



# IMPLEMENTATION

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

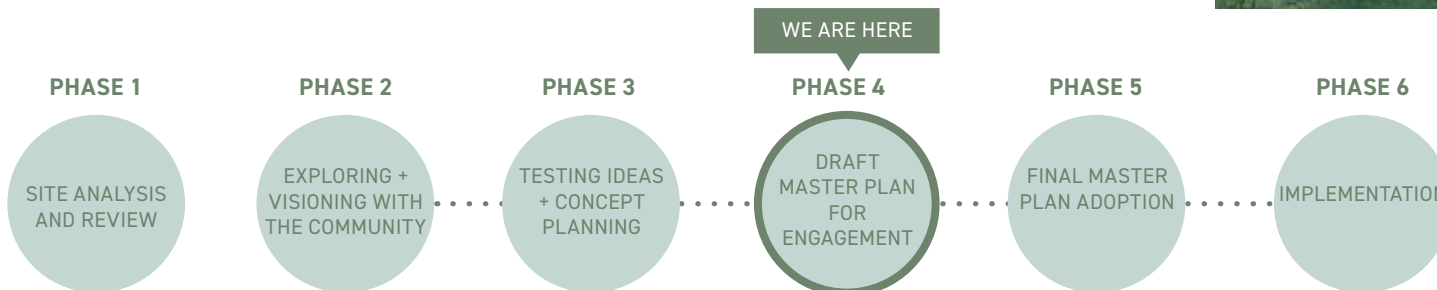
The North Unley Park Master Plan is designed to set the long term vision for the park over the next 10 -15 years. Realising the vision will require the co-ordination of key stakeholders, Council and community to help deliver the plan over time.

The plan will help inform future asset renewal in the park such as capital work budget bids to deliver upgrades and further targeted consultation and detailed design of spaces within the park.

Council will continue to investigate the partnership opportunities with adjacent properties to unlock the access and safety of the park.

The implementation table references the key actions of the Master Plan and provides an indicative low, medium and high cost to each item. Furthermore the plan prioritises the opportunities into short, medium to long term actions. These priorities have the ability to shift as grants, funding and collaboration opportunities arise.

Council will also need to reconfirm the community expectations, ensuring the implementation plan projects identified are aligned with the community needs and is realistic and achievable.



# IMPLEMENTATION

SHORT TERM (0-5 Years)  
 MEDIUM TERM (5-10Years)  
 LONG TERM (10-15 Years)

LOW COST  
 MEDIUM COST  
 HIGH COST

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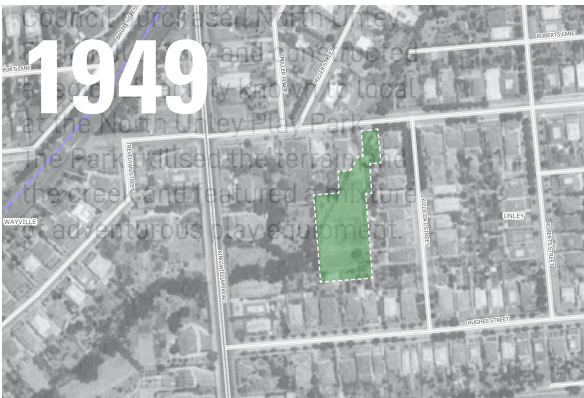
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08 Site assessment

09 Community Engagement Summary

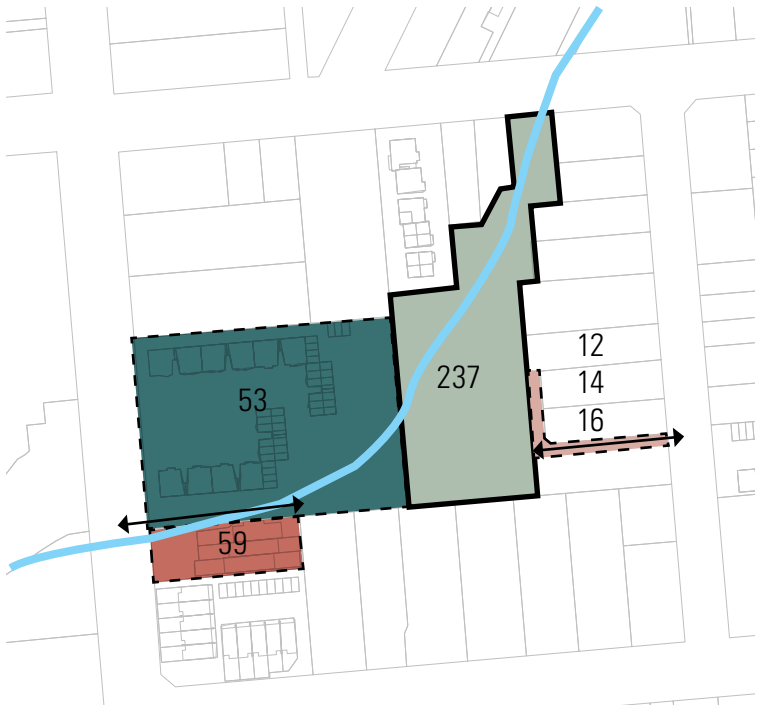


# SITE HISTORY



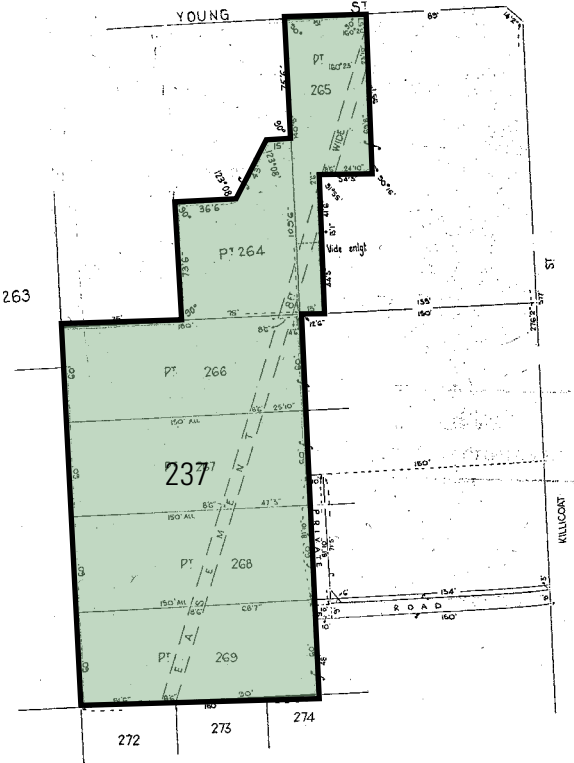
01 View of North Unley Play Park in the 1970s  
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# SITE EASEMENTS



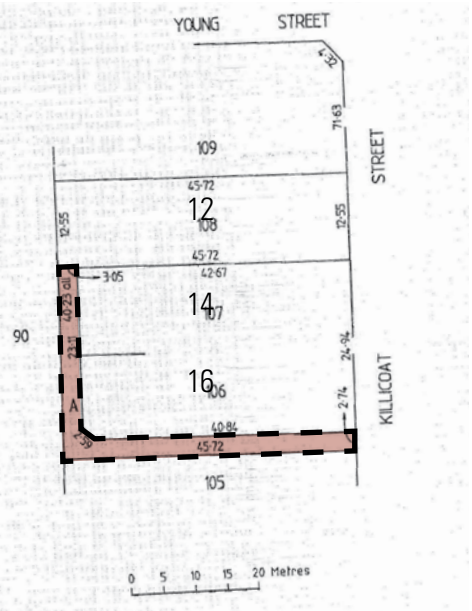
## Lot 237 North Unley Park, Young Street

Certificate of title states this block was purchased by Council in July 1972.



## Lot 12 Killicoat Street

Certificate of title states an easement requirement 'Subject to free and unrestricted rights of way over the land marked A'. This creates a right of way thoroughfare route direct to North Unley Park. Lot 12 Killicoat Street consist of a 1 storey dwelling and shared driveway for lot 14 and 16.



# SITE EASEMENTS

## Lot 53 Strata King William Road (Knox Court Strata)

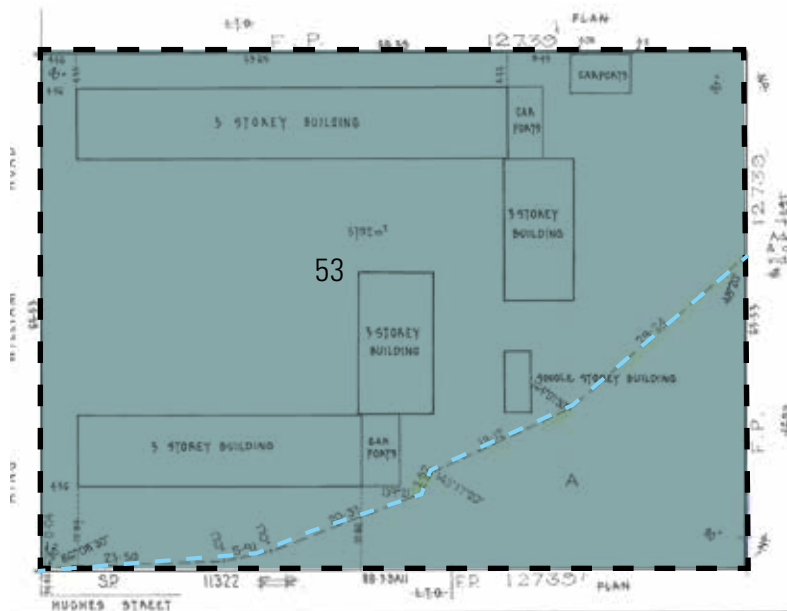
The segment marked as A is subject to an Easement to the Council for drainage purposes.

This strata is called Knox Court and contains 66 units in 3 storey buildings built in the 1970's a similar time when the playground and park was redeveloped.

The easement measures approximately 100 metres in length across the site.

In 1996, an agreement was made to accept the construction of a new stormwater drainage channel. The residents at the time supported the acquisition of the easement for the following components;

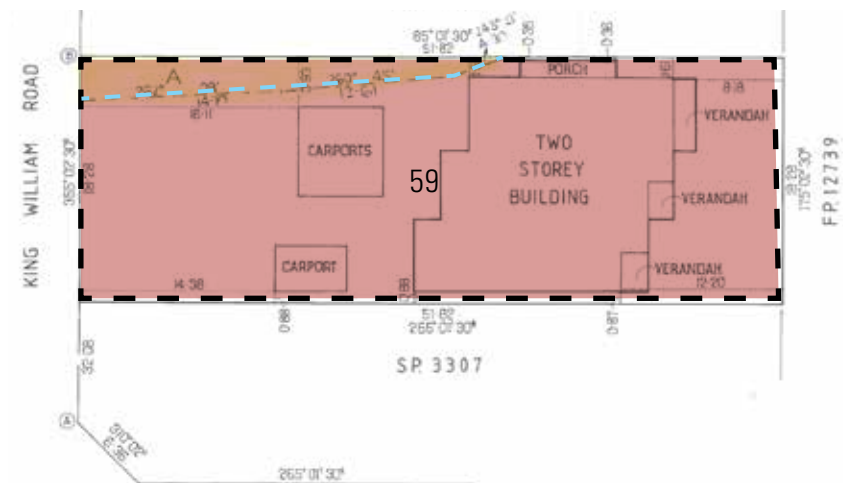
- a mesh fence with gate,
- 300mm top soil over the length of the new culvert,
- Box culvert drainage from existing storm water
- Registration of new drainage easement on common property titles
- Re-establishment of landscaping along the parklands creek



## Lot 59 Strata King William Road

Portion of the common property marked as A is subject to an easement with City of Unley for drainage purposes.

In 1997, 59 King William Road built 3 properties with a two storey buildings. The easement measures approximately 30metres in length across the site.

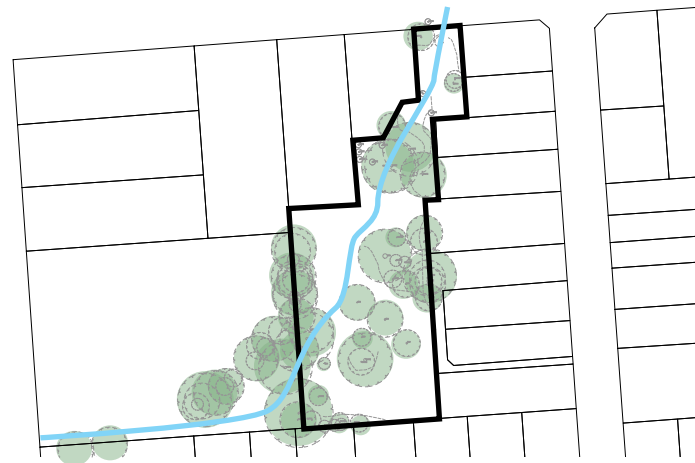
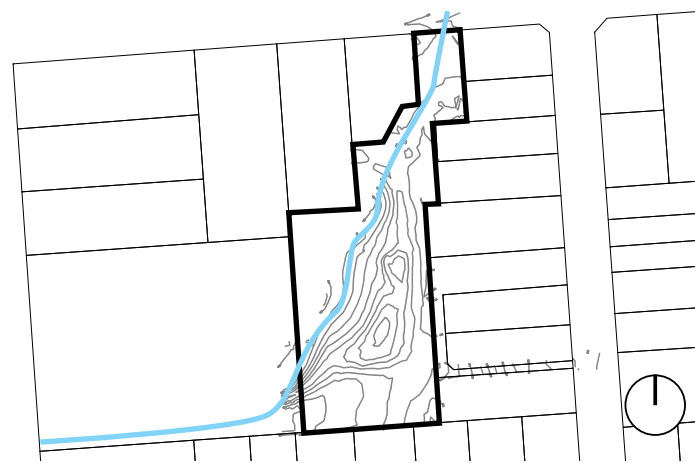




# LANDSCAPE CHARACTER



- 01 View looking north/east towards mounds along the Parklands Creek
- 02 View looking West towards King William Road
- 03 View looking south/west towards existing Parklands creek



The topography at North Unley Park fluctuates and drops steadily against the existing creekline.

Sections of the park are mounded along the Parklands Creek over the culvert and segments of the creek are fenced off from the public.

North Unley Park has an established green shady nature with predominately exotic species throughout the site. Some areas along the creekline are overgrown and can cause CPTED issues for visibility and passive surveillance within the park.

Perimeter planting beds and open grassed spaces along the creek corridor.

There is opportunity in this park to promote urban greening of a more diverse tree species and understory.

# SITE IMAGES



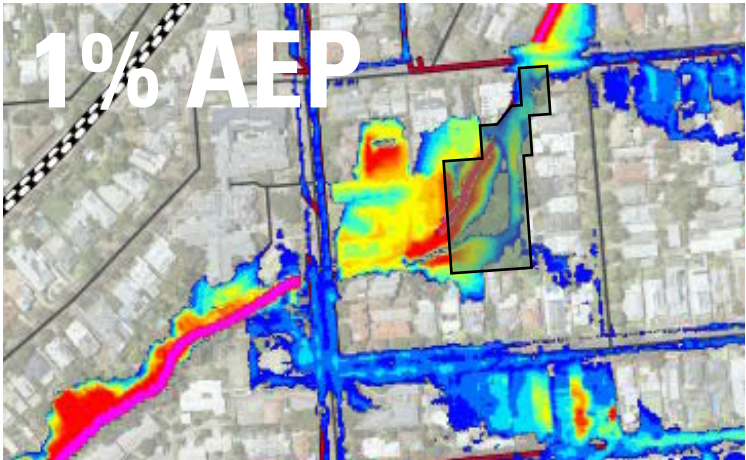
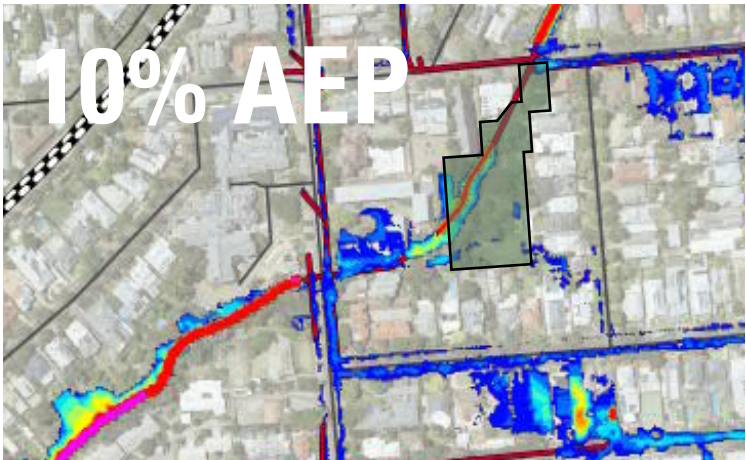
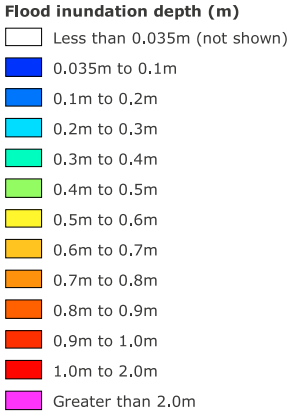
- 01 Fenced footbridge to access land over the creek
- 02 Maintenance gate entry from Killicoat Street Laneway
- 03 Mounding along Parklands Creek looking towards King William Road
- 04 Knox Court easement with City of Unley - View looking from King William Road
- 05 Toilet block located in the south/west of the park
- 06 Main entry from Young Street



# STORMWATER CONTEXT



01 View of Park Lands Creek looking north  
 02 View of Park Lands Creek along retaining wall of strata property 53



Diagrams for flood mapping study for annual exceedance probability (AEP) flood depth scenario

**Source City of Unley Flood mapping Study 2019**

The Park Lands Creek connects the greater catchment areas in the Adelaide Park Lands.

These maps demonstrate flood modeling for AEP (Annual exceedance probability) with 1% representing a 1 in 100 years chance and 10% 1 in 10 years chance

# ASSET CONDITION RATING



Source City of Unley Asset Condition rating 2017



ASSET TYPE	OPEN SPACE CONDITION ASSET RATING	QUANTITY
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	Average ● ● ● ○ ○	1
BBQ	Good ● ● ● ● ○	1
DRINKING FOUNTAIN	Poor ● ● ○ ○ ○	1
PICNIC TABLES	Poor ● ● ○ ○ ○	3
BOLLARDS	Average ● ● ● ○ ○	9
BASKETBALL HALF COURT	Average ● ● ● ○ ○	1
PAVED PATH	Not rated	240 lin m
SEAT WITH PLAQUE	not rated	1
BIN	note rated	1
FENCED CREEKLINE	Average ● ● ● ○ ○	170 lin m
FOOT BRIDGE	Poor ● ● ○ ○ ○	1
TOILET	TBC	1
ENTRY SIGNAGE	not rated	1

The current asset rating for North Unley Park shows an average to poor scoring based on the 2017 data. The ratings indicate the assets are due for upgrading and investment in the coming years.

While the park currently has typical elements found in a Neighbourhood Park it does not have sheltered areas or spaces that encourage longer stays.

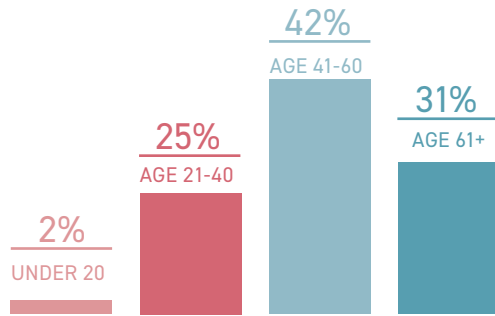
01 View looking south from Young Street entry

02 Existing BBQ and picnic table

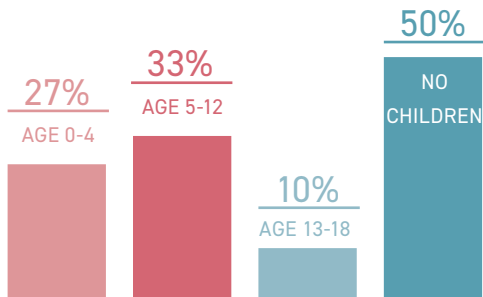


# SURVEY RESULTS

## Age of people surveyed

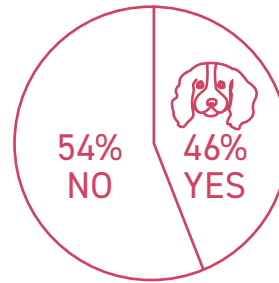


## Households with Children

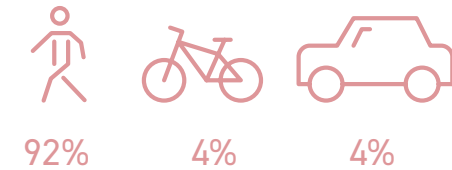


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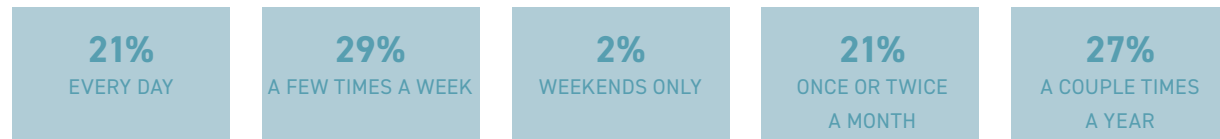
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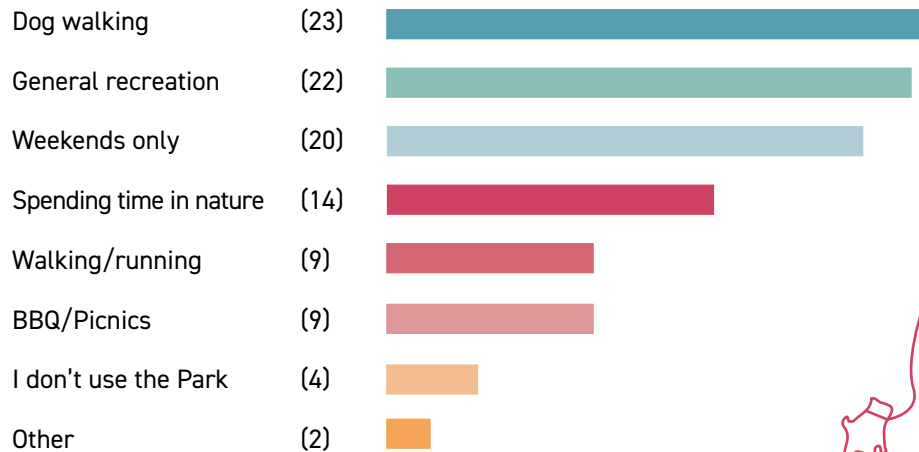
## Travel to the Park by:



## How often do you visit the Park?



## How do you currently use the Park?



"Practice bike riding"  
"With grandchildren as part of a bike ride along Charles Walk".



# SURVEY RESULTS

## If you don't use the Park, please tell us why?

### Unwelcoming

"It feels like a dead-end, **unwelcoming space**. It's hard to just pop in. Feels like it takes a lot of effort."

### Enclosed access

"It is too enclosed, not very welcoming, has little in the way of facilities. It seems a bit pointless.."

### Feeling unsafe

"It is not fully visible from the main roads and as such on and off I have seen some people in the park which makes me feel quite unsafe to be there on my own."

### Lack of passive surveillance

"I have rarely seen anyone use it, one reason is the detour required to access the park, additionally it has area's that are not well-sighted kind of hidden or out of sight from the roads.. the creek is not well maintained..."



## What do you not like about the Park ?

### Outdated Playground

"Terrible playground. always too hot in summer. too difficult to climb, then a tiny slide! ride on toys and seesaw are awful".

### Antisocial behaviour

"The toilet block which is very unsafe, attracting the wrong types of users to the park.."

### Lack of community safety

"It feels small, not open spaced and not potentially safe (feels as though you could be cornered, subjected to unwanted attention and under the sight of bordering dwelling occupants)".

### Difficult to access

".. It would be great if the playground could be upgraded to suit a wider range of ages.. Dogs without leash make it difficult to access greenspace... accessible and safe..better lighting and safety measures".



## What you like about the Park ?

### Natural Environment

"The natural and peaceful space. The trees. The fact it isn't structured or over planned. It is natural and quietly welcoming. neighbourhood friendly and discreet... private public space for meditation and quiet enjoyment."

### Peaceful Nature

"Great neighbourhood park with lots of friendly local visitors, very good place for dogs to run in their own space away from children's playground and BBQ areas."

### Close proximity and locality

"My home opens out onto the park, through my back gate. I am in the park, several times a day...I love the park, because of the closeness to my property. I have quite an invested interest in the park, and love the serenity of it.."

### Quite and Private

"It's a quiet spot that doesn't get too busy. It's green and secluded. The path is great for young kids to ride their bikes and scooters on."



# SURVEY RESULTS

If you could select one priority for North Unley Park, What would it be?

## PRIORITY 1

A more natural park which celebrates the creek passing through it

## PRIORITY 2

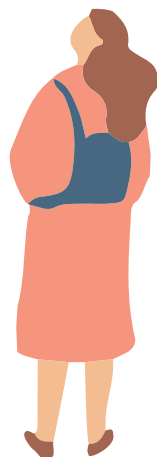
A more active park with a range of play activities for the local community

## PRIORITY 3

A greener park, valued for its open grassed areas, tree canopy and seasonal colour

## PRIORITY 4

A park that is easily accessible for people of all ages and abilities to safely relax within



What additional features would you like to see provided at the Park? Please rank in order of importance from 1-10, with 1 being the most important and 10 being the least important:

### Ranking



**1**

Improve the connection to nature, creekline and visual amenity



**2**

Improve biodiversity and habitat creation for local wildlife



**3**

Create safe settings for people to see, do, experience and places to meet



**4**

Provide open grass areas for picnics, kick about and recreation activities



**5**

Design places to play and interact socially in a playground setting



**6**

Introduce spaces for social gatherings, picnics, barbecues and all weather access



**7**

Lighting for pedestrians and places where people gather to support safe night time access



**8**

Create inclusive and social spaces accessible for all



**9**

Provide better connections and entries throughout the park, particularly to King William Road



**10**

Celebrate Kaurna connection to country

# REFERENCE GROUP OUTCOMES

The City of Unley engaged with two stakeholder groups called the Living Young Reference Group (Youth) and Active Aging Alliance Group (Seniors). Both reference groups were asked to imagine they were these key user groups and explored the types of needs and experience different people wanted in the Park. From the feedback we heard that several key themes were both important to the youth and seniors.

## User Groups Feedback

### Youth



- Biodiversity improvements along the creek and catchment areas to help filter the water
- Better entries and safety as entry is quite hidden
- Playground for different ages/ multi-generational
- Gathering/ Lounging spaces and BBQ areas
- Protecting biodiversity areas

### Senior / Grandparent



- Security and good lighting
- Safe pathways and better connections to bike networks
- Accessible facilities such as toilets, seating
- Ambulance access
- Natural plantings
- Age friendly exercise equipment

### Person with Disability



- Accessible facilities (paths, toilet)
- Somewhere safe, secure, no hazards (eg entrance and exits)
- Sensory or memory garden
- No loud noises or bright lights
- Protection from weather

### Local Worker



- Connection with nature
- Information signage such as flora and fauna and indigenous language
- Facilities (Seats, water fountain, toilets)
- Spaces to sit together or alone on lunch break
- Phone charging station
- Workout area

### Family



- Shelters, gathering BBQ areas
- Facilities such as toilets, seating and drinking fountain
- Play equipment with nature play and tree for climbing

### Young Children



- Things to see and keep children entertained
- Nature play, and inviting playground area with monkey bars, slides etc
- Open grass areas

### Couples



- Open picnic areas, drinking fountains, toilets
- Romantic garden areas with open grass areas and flowers
- Quietness and private spaces

### Lone Person



- Importance on safety and access when visiting alone
- Dog friendly areas
- Places to sit in the shade and shelter from rain
- Activities to do such as exercise equipment



### Key Themes

Feeling safe within North Unley Park

Improving the experiences with the creek and play

Accessible park facilities

Improving access, security and safety

Multi-generational playspace

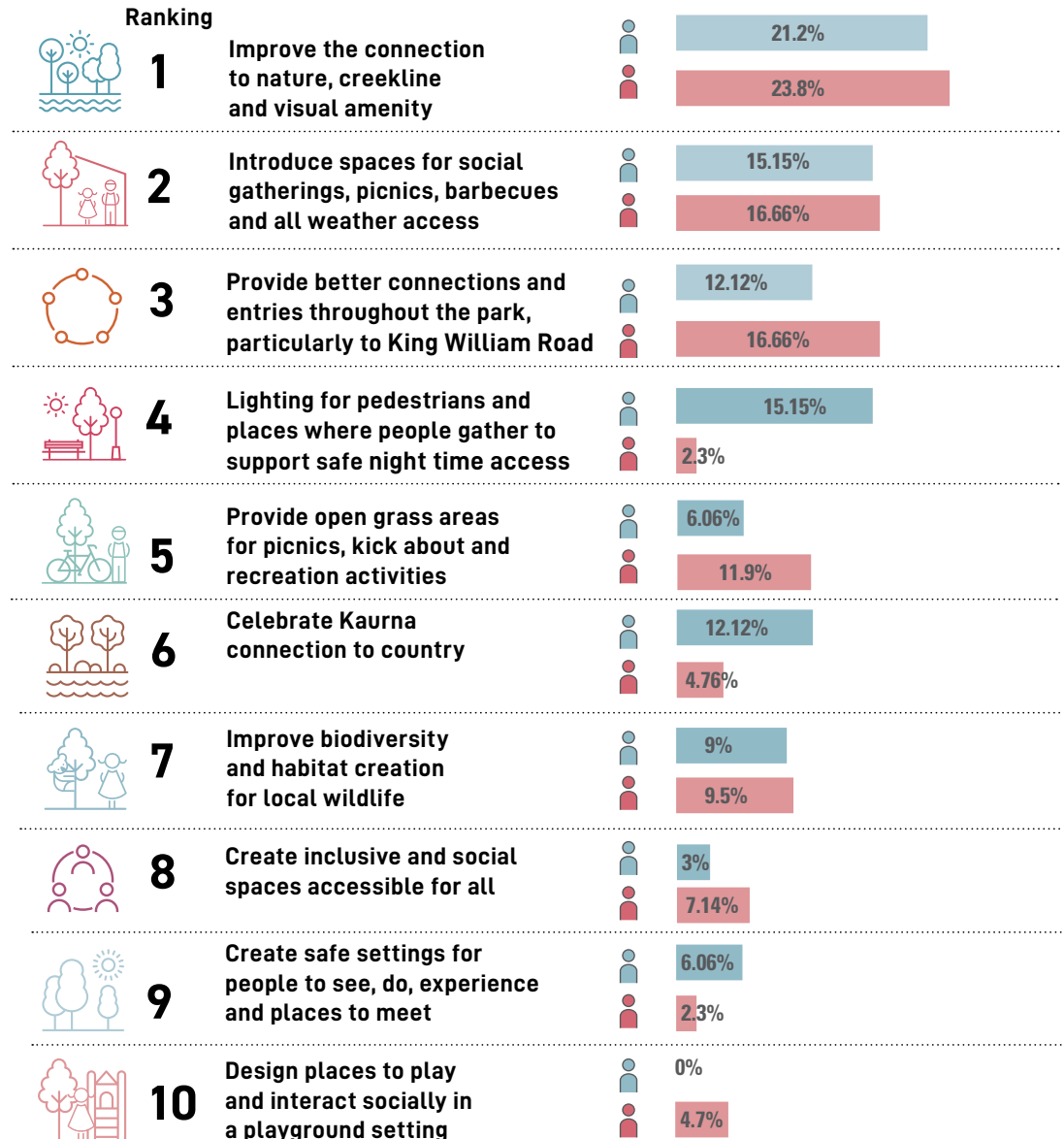


# REFERENCE GROUP OUTCOMES

 11 Living Young Reference Group

 14 Active Aging Alliance

The reference groups were asked to use coloured dots to prioritise the principles important to the redevelopment of North Unley Park. Similar to the community Survey, the highest priority is to improve the connection to nature, creekline and visual amenity. As well as higher priority for better connections and lighting access.





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY

The community engagement day was held at North Unley Park on Sunday 12th September. Despite the wet and cold weather over 80 participants attended the event. Three ideas stations were set up throughout the park to capture feedback on community ideas including opportunities and challenges for considerations in development of the Master plan.

"We need more stuff for bigger kids, Nature play and sandpit if possible, climbing frames, Access to King William Road, Places to sit and have some food, more bins, more places to sit/ shelter as kids play around"

"We need to incorporate the creek into water play area with stepping stones and multiple bridges for kids to climb across the creek. We need security lighting, shelter areas for sun and rain as well as more seating and picnic areas."



## Improving the recreational experiences

### Key Ideas

- Gathering spaces with seating and shelters
- Active Recreation and open grass areas
- More adventurous play areas (treehouse/flying fox/bike riding loop)
- Nature Play
- Relocation of the playground area
- Improved amenities and create accessible locations (lighting/bins/drinking fountain/toilets)
- Consider a mixed use halfcourt
- More communal spaces and shared community gardens



## Connection to Creekline and visual amenity

### Key Ideas

- More greening along the edges or consistent fences
- Activate the western side of the creek
- Less fencing of the creek
- A more accessible bridge and alternative ways to cross the creek
- Interactions with the water
- Increase planting along the creek and removal of invasive tree species (Ash and Poplar)
- Balance flood management with creek interaction
- Improved maintenance of the creek

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY

Participants on the engagement day were asked to discuss and consider opportunities using a range of themed images and voted using coloured dots. A total of 266 dots were placed on the images. The top 3 images were places to interact with water, improvements to the creek line amenity and playspaces.

1  
priority



**PLAYGROUNDS AND NATURE PLAY** 57 votes

2  
priority

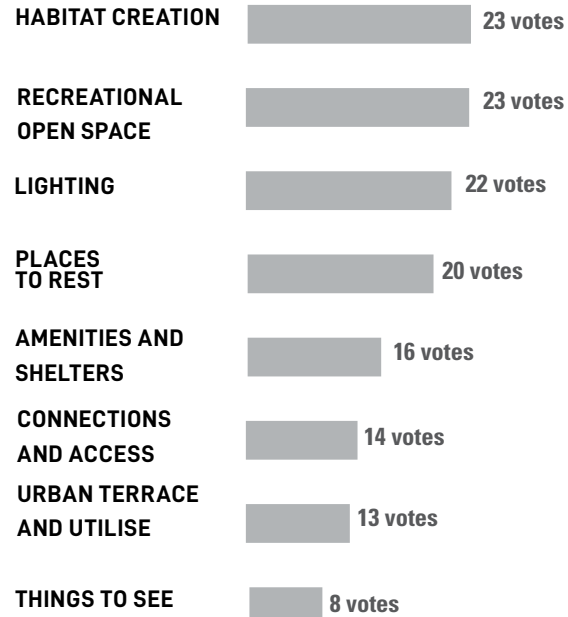


**PLACES TO INTERACT** 37 votes

3  
priority



**IMPROVE CREEKLINE** 33 votes







## DECISION REPORT

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	MIKE TURTUR BIKEWAY OVERPASS
<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	4.3
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	31 JANUARY 2022
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	BEN WILLSMORE
<b>JOB TITLE:</b>	MANAGER CITY DESIGN
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	1. MIKE TURTUR OVERPASS - DIRECTIONS SUMMARY

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### 1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Mike Turtur Bikeway extends from Glenelg to the Adelaide CBD along the Glenelg Tramline and is Adelaide's busiest cycling route with an average daily volume of approximately 1,200 cyclists. Approaching Forestville Reserve, bikeway users must currently dismount and walk through the narrow subway at Goodwood Railway Station or divert along Devon Street South and Victoria Street.

The Mike Turtur Bikeway Overpass Project involves the construction of a Shared Use Path over the rail corridor at Goodwood providing for continuous pedestrian and cyclist movement along the Bikeway, as well as improving access to the Goodwood Station platform via new lifts.

The Federal and South Australian Governments have committed \$25 million for the design and construction of the Mike Turtur Bikeway Overpass Project.

Council staff have been pleased to work with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and the Public Transport Projects Alliance (PTP Alliance) to inform the early planning and design for this project. Representatives for DIT and the PTP Alliance have also provided a briefing to Elected Members on the project on 29 November 2021.

It is understood that several opportunities identified by Council staff as part of the review of the project are considered outside of the current project scope and cannot be readily accommodated by the PTP Alliance.

These additional items reflect comments raised by Elected Members at the briefing held on the 29th November 2021, popular comments made by the local residents at the Community Information Sessions (30 November and 4 December), as well as a submission prepared by the Unley Bike User Group (Unley BUG – December 2021).

It is recommended that the Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport to recommend that the project scope be expanded to ensure that the full value of the investment by Federal and State Governments is realised and the new infrastructure is safely integrated into the local context and its network connections.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The report be received.
  2. The City of Unley write to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, requesting that the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) expand the current scope of the Mike Turtur Bikeway Overpass project to include:
    - 2.1 Widening of openings beneath the existing tram overpass at Lyons Parade (western side) and Railway Terrace South (eastern side) to safely accommodate for increased pedestrian and cycle movements.
    - 2.2 Establishment of a 4.0m wide shared use path (lit) and additional landscaping to connect the eastern ramp with Richards Terrace and the Marino Rocks Greenway (adjacent to the showgrounds).
    - 2.3 Improvements to the Goodwood Station subway and access ramps to allow Disability Discrimination Act compliant access to the station; and
    - 2.4 Provision of usable open space within the eastern ramp loop (Lot 32 / 42 Devon Street).
  3. A copy of the letter to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport also be sent to the Member for Unley, Member for Badcoe, and the Unley Bike User Group.
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## **3. RELEVANT CORE STRATEGIES/POLICIES**

1. Community Living
  - 1.5 Our City is connected and accessible.

## **4. BACKGROUND**

The proposed improvements to the safety and efficiency of walking and cycling routes through Forestville Reserve and over the Goodwood Rail corridor by the proposed Overpass is welcomed by the Council.

The Unley Integrated Transport Strategy sets an ambitious target to double the amount of active transport journeys to work by Unley residents (target of 7.4% cycling and 9.4% walking), and the State Government led investment will make an important contribution to the quality of the local and regional cycling and walking networks through the City of Unley.

Currently, people using the busiest bikeway in Adelaide must dismount and walk through the narrow subway under the station and then weave back onto the bikeway or travel out of direction to cross the rail line via the level crossing at Victoria Street and Devon Street South.

Two bicycle routes pass through the location:

- The Mike Turtur Bikeway which is an east-west route crossing the rail line running parallel to the tram corridor.
- The Marino Rocks Greenway which runs north-south adjacent to the Seaford rail line.

These two bicycle routes intersect on the western side of the rail lines within Forestville Reserve. Attachment 1 provides a map of the relevant area.

*Attachment 1*

## **5. DISCUSSION**

Council staff have been pleased to engage with the PTP Alliance in the early planning and design of the structure and sought to add local knowledge to compliment the expertise of the design team. In particular, staff have sought to share lessons-learnt from the recent infrastructure upgrade of the other section of the Mike Turtur Bikeway to better integrate infrastructure changes into the wider city.

Council recognises that the PTP Alliance has been engaged on a prescribed project scope and budget, however in exploring the site and the design parameters of the site, we have identified a number of items that are identified as outside of the current scope.

Council staff have strongly encouraged DIT to consider opportunities to expand the scope to address the following four opportunities to maximise the long-term community benefits that can be achieved through this project and its network connections.

### **Existing Tram Overpass**

The existing overpass includes narrow openings on the eastern and western sides of the rail corridor to support walking and cycling movement north / south. The Council has historically received a number of complaints about the width of the existing openings and impact on local safety, and these concerns have also been identified by the design team through their "Safety in Design" analysis.

The improvements proposed at Forestville Reserve are anticipated to increase the number of people walking and cycling daily through the area by providing a safer and more efficient route to cross the rail corridor. However, these existing narrow openings will limit the efficiency and appeal of the improvements if bottle necks on Lyons Parade (western side) and Railway north/south Terrace (eastern side) remain.

Further investment should be considered to increase the width of these opening to provide for safe through movement along the identified routes. It is understood that DIT had previously undertaken further assessment to prove the feasibility of expanded openings.

## **Richards Terrace**

Opportunity exists to formalise the link between the Marino Rocks Greenway (adjacent the Showgrounds) with the Mike Turtur Overpass (eastern ramp loop) via Richards Terrace, redirecting additional cycle movements away from Forestville Reserve, Nairne Terrace, and the need to cross the rail line at Leader Street. The scope of works along the current DIT vacant rail land could include:

- Provision of a 4.0m wide bitumen shared use path (walking and cycling connection) to extend north/south to connect with and divert around existing underpass.
- Installation of a small section of culvert adjacent the underpass (where existing width is insufficient) to allow for the shared path to extend over the existing stormwater drain (the drain is currently managed by the Council).
- Planting additional trees, way finding signage and lighting along the path to make effective north and south connections.

These additions would better support the current user behaviours of people walking and cycling through the site and connecting into wider network routes.

## **Platform Subway Access**

It is recommended that the accessibility and amenity of the existing subway be upgraded in co-ordination with the proposed overpass improvements. The current subway is not Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant, has a low ceiling, is dirty and uninviting. While the new overpass should remove the requirement for bike riders to access the subway, the existing steep ramps, un-even surfaces, and blind corners provide challenges for those with reduced mobility.

In addition, the poor lighting, restricted line-of-sight, and lack of passive surveillance can create a setting that is perceived by parts of the community as unsafe and a setting to be avoided.

Improvements to the safe access into the subway through the reconstruction of the entry / exit ramps could be integrated into the redevelopment of Forestville Reserve or Richards Terrace. Improvements to internal drainage, lighting and amenities would support greater accessibility and confidence for all who utilise the Goodwood Train platform.

## **Lot 32 / 42 Devon Street Design Intent**

It is recognised that the City of Unley has an absence of public open space, and any opportunity to introduce new useable open spaces across the City are a priority of the Council. Greater design consideration should be given to create usable open spaces amongst the ramp infrastructure in a safe, accessible, and greener setting.



The open space could support more informal / passive activities in a setting which supports sustainable local biodiversity.

### **City of Unley Strategic Directions**

The City of Unley has committed to several strategic projects which support the accessibility, safety and efficiency of the Marino Rocks and Mike Turtur Bikeways, including:

- Goodwood Road Crossing upgrade was a partnership between DIT and City of Unley, delivered as part of the Goodwood Road Main Street upgrade (Constructed)
- Creation of Richards Terrace 'Living Street' to improve the structure and amenity of a key local street to support safer movement for walking and cycling along the Marino Rocks Bikeway (Constructed)
- Greening of the Mike Turtur Bikeway (Musgrave Street / King William Road) – over 120 advanced trees, shrubs, and ground covers to be planted along the corridor, following the expansion of the shared use path by DIT (in Construction)
- Enhancements to the Devon Street South 'bend' and Railway Terrace South to support safer movement along Railway Terrace South and improve access to Forestville Reserve, Goodwood Primary School and Goodwood Road Main Street (in Design).

## **6. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

### Option 1 –

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The additional scope is recommended to ensure the full value of the investment by Federal and State Governments is realised and ensure that the project is safely integrated into the local context and network.

The additional items reflect comments raised by Elected Members at the briefing held on the 29th November 2021, popular comments made by the local residents at the Community Information Sessions (30 November and 4 December), as well as a submission prepared by Unley Bike User Group (December 2021).

#### Option 2 –

1. The report be received.
2. Council confirm a different course of action.

Council may wish to decide on an alternative way forward. If that is the case, Council will need to articulate what that course of action is and the next steps in pursuing that option.

#### Option 3 –

1. The report be received.

Council may wish to make no comment on the additional scope of works discussed in this report.

## **7. RECOMMENDED OPTION**

Option 1 is the recommended option.

## **8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

### **8.1 Financial/Budget**

- The additional items listed in the recommendation will require additional capital investment from the Federal and South Australian Governments.
- Consistent with other shared paths and open spaces on DIT land along the corridor, the Council would assume the day-to-day responsibility for its ongoing maintenance and upkeep, which would be an additional cost to Council (excluding responsibility for any structure associated with the ramps).

### **8.2 Legislative/Risk Management**

- The additional items are recommended to address risk management issues identified by Council in review of the project, in particular the need for wider openings beneath the existing tram overpass, as well as improved DDA access to the Station subway.

### **8.3 Staffing/Work Plans**

- Council staff would work with DIT and the PTP Alliance to further investigate and resolve opportunities associated with the proposed additional scope, if supported by the Council and the Minister.
- Consistent with other shared paths and open spaces on DIT land along the corridor, the Council would assume the day-to-day responsibility for its ongoing maintenance and upkeep, which would be an additional cost to Council.

### **8.4 Climate/Environmental Impact**

- Council staff would work with DIT and the PTP Alliance to further investigate opportunities to minimise climate / environmental impact if the proposed scope is supported by the Council and the Minister.

### **8.5 Social/Economic**

- The proposed overpass provides a direct social benefit through the provision of improved walking and cycling infrastructure and connectivity for the community.

### **8.6 Stakeholder Engagement**

- The proposed additional scope reflects comments raised by Elected Members at the briefing held on 29 November 2021, comments raised by the local residents at the Community Information Sessions (30 November and 4 December), as well as a submission prepared by Unley Bike User Group (December 2021).

## **9. REPORT CONSULTATION**

Nil

## **10. REPORT AUTHORISERS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Peter Tsokas	Chief Executive Officer



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|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Richards Terrace Living Street       | <b>5</b> Expanded Underpass |
| <b>2</b> Richards Terrace Shared Path         | <b>6</b> Overpass Structure |
| <b>3</b> Goodwood Station Access Improvements | <b>7</b> Usable Open Space  |
| <b>4</b> Expanded Underpass                   |                             |

**MIKE TURTUR BIKEWAY  
OVERPASS - DIRECTIONS**

## DECISION REPORT

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	MIKE TURTUR BIKEWAY OVERPASS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REGARDING PROPERTY ACCESS
<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	4.4
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	31 JANUARY 2022
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	ALANA FABER
<b>JOB TITLE:</b>	PROPERTY SERVICES COORDINATOR
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. MAP OF PROPOSED BIKEWAY OVERPASS ON COUNCIL LAND</li><li>2. FORESTVILLE RESERVE COMMUNITY LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH PROPOSED CHANGES</li></ol>

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### 1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Administration has been liaising with representatives of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and the Public Transport Projects Alliance (PTP Alliance), regarding the proposed construction of a new portion of the Mike Turtur Bikeway which runs parallel with the Adelaide to Glenelg tramline.

The proposal involves the construction of an overpass over the Adelaide to Melbourne rail corridor adjacent to the Goodwood railway station. Most of the overpass is to be constructed on a parcel of Council owned public road (Railway North Terrace, Goodwood) and on the southern portion of Forestville Reserve, which is classified as Community Land. Works are anticipated to commence onsite from late March 2022.

Construction of the new Bikeway Overpass will be undertaken by DIT. The works require Council consent by way of issuing a construction licence pursuant to Section 202 of the *Local Government Act 1999 (Act)*, to be granted to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, regarding the portion of Forestville Reserve. A permit will also be required for the alteration of a portion of Railway North Terrace pursuant to Section 221 of the Act.

Once the construction of the new Bikeway Overpass has been completed, it is proposed that a long-term lease, with an easement registered on the relevant Certificate of Title(s), be granted. Alternatively, the Minister may seek to acquire the piece of the Reserve on which the Bikeway Overpass infrastructure will be located to allow for the ongoing maintenance of this infrastructure by DIT. These arrangements are subject to further negotiations between the Administration, DIT and the PTP Alliance and will be presented to Council for consideration at a later stage.



It is also proposed that the Forestville Reserve Community Land Management Plan be amended to support the construction of the proposed Bikeway Overpass and granting of the construction licence.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The report be received.
2. Community consultation be undertaken regarding the proposed amendments to the Forestville Reserve Community Land Management Plan, and the Licence Agreement which is to be granted to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.
3. The Administration be authorised to negotiate the terms and conditions for the granting of the Licence Agreement and Permit, pursuant to Sections 202 and Section 221 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, respectively.
4. A further report be presented to Council outlining the results of the community consultation processes for the amendment to the Forestville Community Land Management Plan and issuing of the Licence Agreement.

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## **3. RELEVANT CORE STRATEGIES/POLICIES**

1. Community Living
- 1.5 Our City is connected and accessible.

## **4. BACKGROUND**

The Administration has been liaising with representatives of DIT and the PTP Alliance in the planning and design of the Mike Turtur Bikeway Overpass Project.

A briefing was held for Elected Members by representatives of DIT and the PTP Alliance regarding this project on 29 November 2021.

Attachment 1 indicates where the proposed Bikeway Overpass will be constructed in relation to Council land. The final extent of construction area may be subject to change by the PTP Alliance to suit detailed planning requirements of the construction.

*Attachment 1*

## 5. **DISCUSSION**

Council's public roads and various pieces of Community Land are required to be managed in accordance with the relevant Sections of the *Local Government Act 1999 (Act)*.

The new Bikeway Overpass project will have infrastructure constructed by DIT over a portion of Council road (Railway North Terrace, Goodwood) and the southern portion of Forestville Reserve, which is classified as Community Land.

The following outlines what is required of Council to manage these pieces of land in accordance with relevant sections of the Act. Early works are proposed to commence in late March 2022.

### Railway North Terrace, Goodwood

This piece of public road is owned by Council and was declared a public road in 1980. It is currently portion of Certificate of Title Volume 6616 Folio 340, known as Allotment 266 in Deposited Plan 684.

Section 221 of the Act requires Council to give authorisation to any proposed alteration to a public road by a third party, in this case DIT. It is proposed that this approval will be given via a permit being issued to the Minister by the Council.

In terms of the ongoing management of this piece of land, post completion of works, discussions between DIT, the PTP Alliance and the Administration have centred on the Minister acquiring this piece of the road. As discussions progress, a further report will be presented to Council at a later stage.

### Forestville Reserve

As Forestville Reserve is classified as Community Land, it needs to be managed in accordance with the relevant Community Land Management Plan for this specific reserve.

Council can grant leases and licences over Community Land (including for the construction of infrastructure) under Section 202 of the Act, which provides that leases must be granted consistently with the relevant Community Land Management Plan. Council must undertake public consultation before granting a lease or licence unless the relevant lease or licence is for a term of five (5) years or less and is specifically authorised in the relevant Community Land Management Plan.

As the proposed Bikeway Overpass infrastructure is not mentioned within the existing Forestville Reserve Community Land Management Plan, and a lease or licence for its construction is not contemplated, an amendment to this Community Land Management Plan is required.

The amendment process for Community Land Management Plans is to be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 196 of the Act, with the process including community consultation to be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement and Consultation Policy. The consultation will seek comment on the proposed amendment by Council to the Community Land Management Plan.

The proposed amendment to the Forestville Reserve Community Land Management Plan is contained in Attachment 2 (outlined in red).

#### *Attachment 2*

In addition, in accordance with the requirements of Section 202 of the Act, Council must give approval for DIT to access Council land (i.e., Forestville Reserve) before works commence. It is proposed that this approval will be given by way of a Licence Agreement between Council and the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. The process for the issuing of this licence includes that community consultation be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement and Consultation Policy.

Regarding the ongoing management of the Bikeway Overpass infrastructure on Forestville Reserve, discussions with DIT, PTP Alliance and the Administration have included either a long-term lease, easement registered on the relevant Certificate of Title(s) or the Minister acquiring the piece of the Reserve that the Bikeway Overpass infrastructure sits on. As discussions progress, a further report will be presented to Council for its consideration in due course.

#### Next Steps

Community consultation will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement and Consultation Policy for both the amendment to the Forestville Reserve Community Land Management Plan and the issuing of the Licence Agreement to the Minister. Both community consultation processes will be run concurrently.

The Administration will commence negotiations with the Minister on a draft access Licence.

A further report will be presented to Council outlining the results of both consultations, for a decision to be made by Council on the amendment to the Community Land Management Plan and the Licence Agreement.

## 6. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

### Option 1 –

1. The report be received.
2. Community consultation be undertaken regarding the proposed amendments to the Forestville Reserve Community Land Management Plan, and the Licence Agreement which is to be granted to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.
3. The Administration be authorised to negotiate the terms and conditions for the granting of the Licence Agreement and Permit, pursuant to Sections 202 and Section 221 of the Local Government Act 1999, respectively.
4. A further report be presented to Council outlining the results of the community consultation processes for the amendment to the Forestville Community Land Management Plan and issuing of the Licence Agreement.

This option enables the Administration to undertake community consultation in accordance with Council's requirements for the management of its roads and Community Land pursuant to the Act, and to commence the development of the proposed Licence Agreement.

### Option 2 –

1. The report be received

This option allows Council to receive and note the report but to not proceed with any further action.

Without undertaking the necessary community consultation processes, Council is not able to issue a Licence Agreement to the Minister, in accordance with the requirements of the Act. This would mean that Council is not able to grant access to DIT for the purpose of commencing construction to Forestville Reserve as planned, and this may challenge the proposed construction approach and program.

Similarly, under this option, Council would be unable to amend its Forestville Community Land Management Plan to support the proposed works.

## 7. **RECOMMENDED OPTION**

Option 1 is the recommended option.

## **8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

### **8.1 Financial/Budget**

- There will be some costs associated with the community consultation processes and these can be met from Council's operating budget.

### **8.2 Legislative/Risk Management**

- The *Local Government Act 1999* provides the following provisions for the management of Council owned parcels of road and reserve that are to have the new proposed Bikeway Overpass constructed on it. The following Sections of the Act are relevant:
  - Section 196 – Management Plans for land owned by Council that is Classified as Community Land (Forestville Reserve).
  - Section 202 – Management of Community Land (Forestville Reserve).
  - Section 221 – Approval for alterations of a Council road by a third party (Railway North Terrace, Goodwood).
- Each of these Sections of the Act require processes which Council must comply with before the construction of the Bikeway Overpass can commence.

### **8.3 Staffing/Work Plans**

- The required processes outlined in this report can be managed by Council staff within their current workplans.

### **8.4 Climate/Environmental Impact**

- Not applicable regarding the legislative processes required. However, the Administration is working with representatives of DIT and the PTP Alliance regarding the design of the Bikeway Overpass to incorporate appropriate measures.

### **8.5 Social/Economic**

- The proposed Bikeway Overpass will provide users of the Mike Turtur Bikeway with improved cycling and walking infrastructure by enabling cyclists to bypass the current alternate routes where they must either dismount and walk through the narrow subway at Goodwood Railway Station or divert along Devon Street South and Victoria Street.

### **8.6 Stakeholder Engagement**

- There has been no community consultation undertaken to date regarding this matter by Council as it is not a Council project. However, DIT and the PTP Alliance have undertaken consultation with the local community to raise awareness of the proposed design.
- For Council to grant consent by way of access for the construction of the Bikeway Overpass on its road and reserve, various processes under the Act are required to be undertaken. These processes include separate community consultations required regarding this matter.



- Community consultation is to be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Council's Community Engagement and Consultation Policy, which allows for a period of 21 days in which objections/comments can be lodged with Council.
- Any objections/comments that are received as part of the community consultation processes will be considered by Council via a further report.

**9. REPORT CONSULTATION**

Council's City Design staff have been consulted regarding this matter.

**10. REPORT AUTHORISERS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Claude Malak	General Manager, City Development
Ben Willsmore	Manager City Design





<b>Size</b>	11,592 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Address</b>	Ethel Street, Forestville.
<b>Purpose</b>	Recreation and storm water management
<b>Description</b>	<p>The reserve is bisected by Brownhill Creek and provides opportunities for recreation while also fulfilling its role for storm water management.</p> <p>The reserve offers a range of recreational facilities including children's playground, skating/scooter area, open space for casual ball games, a sheltered BBQ, and a basketball/netball area.</p> <p>The open play areas of the park, south of the corner car park, can be used to exercise dogs off-leash in accordance with the Animal Management Plan.</p> <p>A unisex public toilet is open during daylight hours.</p> <p>The Unley Swimming Centre is located within Forestville Reserve at 1 Nicholls Street. The Swimming Centre is managed as a community facility by Council and operates on a commercial basis with entry fees.</p> <p>A kiosk is accessible from inside and outside the venue and a club owned clubhouse is provided for swimming clubs. The centre provides a range of 'learn to swim' programs for the community.</p> <p>Artworks include 'Poolside', and an inlaid mosaic seating bench.</p> <p>The Mike Turtur Bikeway and Marino Rocks Greenway provide cycling connections on the southern and eastern boundaries of the site. <b>An overpass structure provides access to Goodwood Railway Station and connectivity to the wider walking and cycling network.</b></p>
<b>Facilities/Ass</b>	Playgrounds, shade structures, artworks, bbq/picnic facilities, skate park, basketball/netball half court, public toilet (adjacent Swimming
<b>Landscape Character</b>	Mixed open space with irrigated turf, canopy trees and under storey garden beds. Irrigated lawns are provided around the swimming pool.
<b>Maintenance</b>	Group B - Reserve, Gardens and Creek. The Swimming Centre is maintained in accordance with Property Services requirements. <b>Maintenance of the rail overpass and structure is the responsibility of the South Australian State Government.</b>
<b>Lease Details</b>	<b>Leases and Licences for uses that are consistent with this management plan may be granted or renewed in accordance with section 202 of the Local Government Act 1999.</b>



**Before granting any lease or licence that:**

- is for a term of greater than five years; or
- would have a significant impact on the community's use and enjoyment of the reserve,

**the Council will comply with its public consultation policy.**

**Leases/Licences have been or will be granted to:**

- **Unley Amateur Swimming Club Inc (lanes)**
- **Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (overpass structure)**

<b>Bookable Assets</b>	Swimming lanes are bookable via the swim centre website.
<b>Sustainability for events</b>	<1,000 people suitable for medium scale events.



**Technical Level of Service**

<b>Performance Targets</b>	<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>KPI</b>
1. Condition	Average condition of open space	≤ 3
	assetsAverage stormwater asset	≤ 3
	condition Average condition of	≤ 3
	building assets	≤ 3
	Average condition of bridge assets	
2. Renewal	Asset Renewal Ratio	90-110%
3. Capacity	Parks are provided within 500m of all properties	95% Compliance
	Buildings are utilised	80% or higher
4. Accessibility	Open spaces are accessible to	Annual increase
	allBuildings are accessible to	incompliance
	all	100% compliance
5. Safety	Compliance standards are	Annual
	metBuilding safety	playground
	compliance	inspection
		100% compliance

**Community Level of Service**

<b>Performance Targets</b>	<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>KPI</b>
1. Well maintained	Community survey - Physical Quality	Based on survey
2. Meets service needs	Community survey - Open Space Functionality	Based on survey



## DECISION REPORT

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTIES
<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	4.5
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	31 JANUARY 2022
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	PETER TSOKAS
<b>JOB TITLE:</b>	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	NIL

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### 1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As part of Council's Tree Strategy, one of the future direction initiatives in the 'Expand and Establish' category is E4 "Support and Promote Trees on private land".

This report presents the concept of offering a rates rebate to owners of properties that meet a target canopy cover, the process involved and financial impacts of such a concept being implemented.

In terms of the actual concept, there are two approaches that have been considered:

1. Offering a rebate to ratepayers whose property has a canopy cover greater than or equal to 30% (estimated \$200K rebate cost + \$25K admin cost)
2. Offering a rebate to ratepayers whose property has canopy cover 1% or more above the average canopy cover for that suburb (estimated \$300K rebate cost + \$30K admin cost)

As the financial incentive relates to a significant change to Council's existing rating structure (discretionary rebate), Council will be required to undertake separate community consultation before the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2022-23 is presented to Council. These steps are outlined within the report.

The application of any discretionary rebate will require a council policy, and in accordance with legislation, all council policies are to be reviewed at the beginning of each council term.

### 2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The report be received.
  2. *For Council to determine, refer to Section 6 of the report.*
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### **3. RELEVANT CORE STRATEGIES/POLICIES**

#### 2. Environmental Stewardship

2.5 The City's resilience to climate change is increased.

### **4. BACKGROUND**

As part of the Council's Tree Strategy, one of the future direction initiatives in the 'Expand and Establish' category is E4 "Support and Promote Trees on private land".

Action E4.4 states that:

*"Council will explore a range of financial measures and incentives to encourage the retention and expansion of tree canopy on private land." It is noted that Council will "investigate policy options that consider minimum requirements for canopy cover on private land. These investigations may also consider financial and other incentives for existing properties to achieve a target canopy cover level and establishing partnerships with commercial property owners to increase tree canopy cover".*

This initiative supports and is consistent with the Conservation Council's "A Call to Action: Protecting Adelaide's Tree Canopy" document that calls on Councils to "consider financial mechanisms to share the cost burden between homeowners and the community, including land tax, Council rates and stamp duty exemptions/reductions and the potential for protective encumbrances to be in place" (recommended Action to Problem 3.1). Council endorsed this document in principle at its meeting on 27 September 2021.

Council has also set the CEO a KPI to "complete the work associated with providing financial incentives to encourage tree canopy cover on private properties".

Over the last two years, Council has considered two approaches to the matter of financial incentives. The first relates to new developments and the application of an additional fee if a prescribed tree canopy target is not met. Discussions with the State Government are continuing on this matter and this approach is not the subject of this report.

The second approach involves offering a rebate to ratepayers whose property meets the prescribed tree canopy cover. While this approach has been discussed by Council on several occasions, a formal position has not been agreed. It should be noted that Council considered a concept (Concept 2) at its meeting on 28 September 2020 that involved applying an additional rate to all properties in the City and then awarding a rebate to properties that met the minimum canopy cover. Council resolved not to proceed with that concept.

This report discusses the concept of offering a rebate to owners of properties that meet a target canopy cover, the process involved, and financial impacts of such a concept being implemented.

## 5. **DISCUSSION**

If Council is to reach its long term canopy cover target in accordance with the direction of the State Government, there needs to be an increase of canopy cover on public land, and more importantly on private land.

In 2021, a survey of tree canopy cover was undertaken using LIDAR data. This data was analysed and the information was presented to Council, including the average canopy cover by suburb, and in the majority of cases by individual property.

The 2021 LIDAR tree canopy data indicates that the canopy cover for properties across the City is approximately 28% compared to 26.6% in 2018. This figure can then be further broken down into public land canopy cover (25.4% vs 24.1% in 2018) and private land cover (22.3% vs 21.3% in 2018).

This increase is likely due to a number of factors including increased tree heights, existing canopy growth, Council's commitment to tree plantings over the past few years, and raised community awareness about the benefits of trees.

While the above data suggests that canopy cover is increasing across the city, analysis of new developments (with increased building footprint) across the City between 2018 and 2021 suggests that for 636 new developments, there has been a loss in canopy cover of approximately 61,000m<sup>2</sup>.

Unfortunately due to the complexity of overlaying data sets, there are about 1,500 properties for which the change in canopy cover cannot be determined without an on-site assessment and this has not been undertaken.

The use of financial incentives to encourage/reward residents to retain trees on their property is one that Council has indicated it wishes to consider further.

In terms of the actual concept, there are two approaches that have been discussed at various Council briefings:

1. Offering a rebate to ratepayers whose property has canopy cover greater than or equal to 30%.
2. Offering a rebate to ratepayers whose property has canopy cover 1% or more above the average canopy cover for that suburb.

While the concept itself is simple, combining three complex data sets, (LiDAR, property titles, and rates) requires detailed analysis to ensure that quality assurance and accurate data modelling is undertaken.

The second approach, that is, comparing the canopy of each property to an average cover for a suburb, requires the most amount of data configuration. In summary, both approaches will require a significant amount of work to be undertaken by staff.



As a guide, the work undertaken this financial year in analysing the LiDAR data and applying it to individual households, has taken approximately 320 hours of staff time (i.e. about \$25,000). In essence, this means that Council will need to allow \$25,000 to \$30,000 to undertake the data combining and analysis process for each new LiDAR data set received (anticipated to be on an annual basis).

As Members are aware, both approaches will also result in a loss of general rates income and this loss will need to be funded by either an allocation from the annual Operating Projects, a reduction in the level of service of another service, or increasing the overall rates income above the consumer price index (CPI). It should be noted that Council's adopted Long Term Financial Plan comprises an annual increase of CPI.

For example, should Council offer a rates rebate of 2% for either of the two approaches above, the following table provides the estimated financial impact to general rates income:

Approach	Estimated number of properties	Estimated \$ for a Rates Rebate of 2%
1. Offer a rebate to ratepayers whose property has canopy cover greater than or equal to 30%.	4,300	\$200,000
2. Offer a rebate to ratepayers whose property has canopy cover 1% or more above the average canopy cover for that suburb.	6,740	\$300,000

As this financial incentive relates to a significant change to Council's existing rating structure, Council is required to undertake the following steps before the development of the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2022-23:

1. Council to approve a draft Discretionary Tree Canopy Rate Rebate Policy for the purpose of community consultation. The introduction of a discretionary rates rebate will need to address the following:
  - a) the reasons for the proposed rating change;
  - b) the relationship of the proposed change to the council's overall rates structure and policies;
  - c) in so far as may be reasonably practicable, the likely impact of the proposed change on ratepayers (using such assumptions, rate modelling and levels of detail as the Council thinks fit);
  - d) issues concerning equity within the community, and any other issues considered relevant by the Council.
2. Undertake community consultation for a period of no less than 21 days.
3. Council consider the feedback from the consultation with other relevant information and then make a decision.

If Council adopts the Policy for the 2022-23 financial year, the incentive will then form part of the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for consultation.

To implement a discretionary rebate for the beginning of the 2022-23 rating period, the rebate will have to be based on the LiDar data received in 2021 as the LiDar data for 2022 will not be available prior to finalising the Annual Business Plan and Budget.

The criteria and timing in which the rates rebate would be applied will need to be clear so that staff may manage concerns or objections that a ratepayer may raise. It should be noted that all discretionary rebates are reviewed at the beginning of each council term.

## 6. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

### Option 1 –

1. The report be received.
2. The introduction of a Discretionary Tree Canopy Rate Rebate is supported in principle and a draft Policy, for the purpose of community consultation, be presented at the next Council meeting.

To implement a Discretionary Tree Canopy Rate Rebate for the beginning of the 2022-23 rating period, the following milestones will need to be met:

Step	Month	Action
1	January – Council meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council support in principle the introduction of a discretionary rates rebate</li> </ul>
2	February – Special Council meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council consider a draft Policy for community consultation</li> <li>• Consultation commences in February</li> </ul>
3	March – Council meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council to receive feedback from the consultation and decide if the rebate is to be included in Draft Annual Business Plan (ABP) for 2022-23</li> </ul>
4	April – Council meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed rating structure included in the Draft ABP for consultation</li> </ul>

To implement a discretionary rebate for the beginning of the 2022-23 rating period, the rebate will have to be based on the LiDar data received in the prior year, i.e. 2021.

## Option 2 –

1. The report be received.
2. The introduction of a Discretionary Tree Canopy Rate Rebate not be supported.

The implementation of the many existing Tree Strategy actions will continue, including Council lobbying for change to legislation that would apply to new developments.

The LiDar data will now be received annually under Green Adelaide's coordination and support, and the intention is to continue its overlay with property information. This will enable closer monitoring of the impact of climate change over time and more swift targeted education.

## **7. RECOMMENDED OPTION**

The matter is for Council to determine.

## **8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

### **8.1 Financial/Budget**

- The cost of providing a discretionary rates rebate is in the order of \$200K for approach one and \$300K for approach two based on the 2021 LiDAR data. This may change when a new LiDAR data set or annual property information is received.
- In addition to the cost of the rates rebate, additional funding will be required to support the analysis and management of this new initiative. This is estimated to be \$25K to \$30K.

### **8.2 Legislative/Risk Management**

- The proposed Discretionary Rates Rebate approach meets the requirements as set out in the *Local Government Act 1999*.
- At the beginning of each council term, Elected Members are to review and decide whether any discretionary rates rebate should continue or cease.
- There are about 1,500 properties where the canopy cannot be measured. This is a product of the data received from the Lands Title Office where property boundaries and division of titles are in conflict. These properties will not be able to benefit from a rates rebate without staff undertaking an onsite inspection. Either the rebate policy could stipulate these properties are not eligible for a rebate or the cost of onsite inspection will need to be added to costs listed above. Based on an average of \$400 per onsite assessment, this would add approximately \$60K to the cost of administering the scheme.

- The use of discretionary rebates for tree incentives will fall under the ambit of external audit scrutiny. The potential increase to external audit cost while low, has not been considered and there will be a small impact on staff resources during each audit to provide information.
- Should a ratepayer object to the percentage of canopy cover calculated for their property and wish to seek a rebate, only Council can formally decide on an individual basis/case.

### **8.3 Staffing/Work Plans**

- The introduction of either approach will require additional resources to undertake the analysis and management of numerous data sets.
- The ongoing management and holding of tree data against the property rates data over time has not yet been resolved. The rating systems data environment is complex to meet taxation and audit requirements.

### **8.4 Climate/Environmental Impact**

- There are many benefits in maintaining a tree canopy cover across the City of Unley and these have been identified in previous reports as well as Council's Tree Strategy.

### **8.5 Social/Economic**

- The equitable, fair and reasonable distribution of the rates burden across the various types of ratepayers is a principle of *Chapter 10 Local Government Act 1999*.

### **8.6 Stakeholder Engagement**

- Elected Members have had a number of briefings and workshops on this matter.

## **9. REPORT CONSULTATION**

Advice has been provided by the General Manager Business Support and Improvement and the Rates Coordinator.

## **10. REPORT AUTHORISERS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Peter Tsokas	Chief Executive Officer

## DECISION REPORT

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	DRAFT DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION PLAN
<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	4.6
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	31 JANUARY 2022
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	MARCIA MUDGE
<b>JOB TITLE:</b>	TEAM LEADER COMMUNITY & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	1. DRAFT DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION PLAN

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### 1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the draft City of Unley Disability Access and Inclusion Plan for the purpose of community consultation.

The *Disability Inclusion Act 2018* (SA) prescribes that each Council must have a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) to guide Council's commitment to actions furthering access and inclusion for the next four years. The DAIP must align with the State Disability Inclusion Plan 'Inclusive SA 2019-2023' and meet legislative requirements.

Following an extensive program of community engagement, a draft DAIP has been prepared that is strategically aligned to the State Disability Inclusion Plan, responds to our specific demographic and health data and considers the feedback from stakeholders, including input from people with lived experience of disability.

Informing many of Council's functions and activities, this draft DAIP is designed to focus the implementation of actions to further advance the City of Unley in its continued efforts to create an accessible and inclusive community for all. It includes measurable and achievable actions that are in alignment with and complement existing City of Unley strategic plans, budgets and reporting cycles.

It should be noted that this draft DAIP sits alongside other strategic documents, in particular the Living Well Plan, Active Ageing Strategy, Cultural Plan and the Community Profile. These documents have been developed to complement one another, and unnecessary duplication has been avoided.

The draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan is now presented to Council for in-principle endorsement in order to proceed to community consultation.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The report be received.
  2. The draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan be endorsed for the purpose of community consultation.
  3. Following the completion of community consultation, a final Disability Access and Inclusion Plan be presented to Council for endorsement.
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## **3. RELEVANT CORE STRATEGIES/POLICIES**

### 1. Community Living

1.1 Our Community is active, healthy and feels safe.

1.2 Our Community participates in community activities, learning opportunities and volunteering.

1.5 Our City is connected and accessible

The draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan is a key strategic document to guide Council's actions under the *Disability Inclusion Act 2018 (SA)* and links to:

- City of Unley 4-Year Delivery Plan & Community Profile
- Living Well Plan
- Active Ageing Strategy
- Cultural Plan
- Living Young Plan
- Living Active – Sport and Recreation Plan
- Living City Open Space Strategy
- Walking and Cycling Plan
- Tree Strategy

## **4. BACKGROUND**

The draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) has been developed to meet the requirements of the *Disability Inclusion Act 2018 (SA)* (the Act). The Act prescribes that each state authority ("a local council constituted under the *Local Government Act 1999*") must have a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP).



Part 5 (section 18) of the Act requires that:

- (1) A State authority must cause a review of its disability access and inclusion plan to be undertaken at least once in each 4-year period, and a report on the review to be prepared and submitted to the State authority.
- (2) The State authority must cause a copy of the report submitted under subsection (1) to be provided to the Minister as soon as is reasonably practical after receiving the report.

This new DAIP is also required to incorporate objectives which are based around the four themes of the State Disability Inclusion Plan 2019–2023 which are:

- Inclusive Communities for All
- Leadership and Collaboration
- Accessible Communities; and
- Learning and Employment.

While there have not been formal briefings or meetings on the draft DAIP, Elected Members have been extensively engaged via Ward briefings, emails and meetings with the administration.

## **5. DISCUSSION**

### **About the Draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP)**

The draft DAIP is ensuring that the City of Unley is a place where people living with disability are encouraged, supported, heard and enabled to achieve to their highest potential and to participate in all aspects of community life. A strength-based approach has been adopted with a focus on what is already being done well in this area and a guiding principle that everybody has the right to contribute, to be treated with dignity and respect and to self-determination.

The draft DAIP links with, and complements, the City of Unley's Community Plan 2030, 4-Year Delivery Plan, Annual Business Plans, Asset Management Plans, Active Ageing Strategy, Cultural Plan, Living Well Plan, Living Young Plan, Living Active – Sport and Recreation Plan, Living City Open Space Strategy, Walking and Cycling Plan and Tree Strategy.

Importantly, the draft DAIP is aligned with the objectives of the State Government's Disability Inclusion Plan 2019 – 2023, Inclusive SA.

Four focus areas and associated actions are outlined in the plan that will guide how the City of Unley will provide services, support, facilities and information that are accessible for all and are genuinely inclusive. Ensuring accessibility of our buildings, footpaths, parks and other infrastructure is coupled with strengthening social inclusion and health-based planning in all that we do.

It is intended that this will be a living document, and further commits Council to engaging people with disability and their families, friends, and carers in the community in a collaborative way to ensure the outcomes are achieved through meaningful and impactful actions over the next four years and into the future.

The draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan is provided as Attachment 1 for Council's consideration.

### *Attachment 1*

#### **How the Draft DAIP was Developed**

The draft DAIP has been developed through:

- Conducting an audit of the information, services and facilities that Council already provides.
- Reviewing current practices in Council to identify possible barriers to access and inclusion.
- Sourcing statistical information via Australian Bureau of Statistics about people living with disability.
- Considering access and inclusion issues identified by staff, service users, carers, Elected Members, disability support organisations and peak bodies.
- Undertaking accessible community engagement (including easy read format), with people with disability, carers and organisations representing their interests. This engagement included:
  - Your Say Unley survey, 55 responses received.
  - Focus group with Purple Orange, comprised of people from the City of Unley who have lived experience with disability.
  - Consulting with the SA Council on Intellectual Disability and Scope Australia.
- Analysing the findings of the consultation and community engagement process.
- Developing priorities under four key areas that align with the four themes and associated priorities in the State Disability Inclusion Plan.

#### **Overview of the Draft DAIP**

The draft DAIP is presented in four (4) parts:

- Introduction; Strategic Context; Related Strategies; and Overview of our City
- Community engagement process and results
- Vision, Key Principles, Objectives and Actions
- Implementation, Monitoring and Review

The objectives outlined in the draft DAIP are directly aligned to the four themes of 'Inclusive SA', the State Disability Inclusion Plan 2019–2023:

- Inclusive Communities for All
- Leadership and Collaboration
- Accessible Communities; and
- Learning and Employment.

In particular, the Plan outlines Council's existing commitments and initiatives supporting people with disability, identifies gaps and recommends strategies for future consideration, collaboration and implementation.

The draft DAIP is a strategic document that guides Council's work to maintain and improve the access and inclusion for all in our community. It brings together and recognises the important contribution that Council makes to the community and guides our actions over the next four years with a focus on creating the conditions and environments that enable people with disability to achieve to their highest potential and participate in all aspects of community life.

The majority of actions in the draft DAIP reflect projects already being undertaken through existing programs. Some actions require existing programs to be slightly adjusted to meet requirements of the DAIP.

### **Next Steps**

Following Council's in-principle endorsement, community engagement on the draft DAIP will be undertaken (as outlined in section 8.6 of this report), with feedback received to be used to inform the finalisation of the Plan for Council's consideration.

Actions in the DAIP will be built into annual work plans and budget bids will be submitted through the Annual Budget and Business Plan process.

## **6. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

### Option 1 –

1. The report be received.
2. The draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, as set out in Attachment 1 to this report (Item 4.6, Council Meeting 31/01/2022) be endorsed for the purpose of community consultation.
3. Following the completion of community consultation on the draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, a final Disability Access and Inclusion Plan be presented to Council for endorsement.

This option provides endorsement of the draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan for community consultation purposes.

The draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan meets Council's requirement under the *Disability Inclusion Act 2018* (SA).

A final version of the draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, including a report on the results of the community consultation, will be presented for Council's endorsement.

Option 2 –

1. The report be received.
2. Subject to the following amendments and/or additions, the draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, as set out as Attachment 1 to this report (Item 4.6, Council Meeting 31/01/2022) be endorsed for the purpose of community consultation.
  - *Amendments requested to be inserted here*
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3. The CEO be authorised to make editorial or formatting amendments to the draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan if required to finalise the document for community consultation.
4. Following the completion of community consultation, a final Disability Access and Inclusion Plan be presented to Council for endorsement.

Council may wish to request amendments and/or additions to the draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan. These changes can be incorporated for the purposes of the community consultation phase without the need to come back to Council for further consideration. A final version, including a report on findings of the community consultation and any modifications made, will be presented for Council's consideration.

Should Council wish to amend the draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, consideration should be given to the context of the Plan, the requirements of the *Disability Inclusion Act 2018* (SA), the role of local government, potential financial impacts and constraints and project timeframes.

Option 3-

1. The report be received.
2. The draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, as set out in Attachment 1 to this report (Item 4.6, Council Meeting 31/01/2022), be further amended as outlined below and returned to council for review prior to commencement of a community consultation process:
  - *Summary of amendment required to be inserted here*

Council may wish to make more substantial changes to the DAIP and for the revised document to return for endorsement. This option directs staff to make the required changes and return it to Council prior to commencing the consultation process.

## **7. RECOMMENDED OPTION**

Option 1 is the recommended option.

## **8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

### **8.1 Financial/Budget**

- Unbudgeted costs of \$15,000 to develop the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan including conversion of two surveys into Easy Read format, conversion of draft DAIP into Easy Read format, and consultation with a focus group of people with disability during the development phase, will be presented to council through the Budget Review 2 process.
- The cost of ongoing implementation will be built into existing programs and managed and approved through Council's Annual Business and Budget process.

### **8.2 Legislative/Risk Management**

- It is a requirement of the should be given to the context of the Plan, the requirements of the *Disability Inclusion Act 2018* (SA), that Council has a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.
- The draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan presented meets the requirements of this Act. It is a requirement of the Act that Council provides yearly updates to the Department of Human Services regarding the progress of this Plan.

### **8.3 Staffing/Work Plans**

- Staff work plans have been established in the 2021/2022 budget to support the time commitment associated with community consultation for the draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, as well as the consolidation of feedback and updating of the final document.
- If Council approves the final Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, implementation will occur from February 2022 onwards, noting that an action under the plan is to investigate the potential for an "Inclusion Officer" role at Council in the future.

### **8.4 Climate/Environmental Impact**

Nil

### **8.5 Social/Economic**

- The draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan will positively contribute to Council's Community Plan objectives, supporting access and inclusion for people with disability.

## **8.6 Stakeholder Engagement**

- As outlined in this report, engagement undertaken to date to obtain initial community input into the draft Plan includes a community survey with 55 responses, a focus group with people with lived experience of disability, and consultation with peak bodies, Department of Human Services and Council staff.
- Once endorsed for community consultation, the following will occur:
  - An online feedback portal through Your Say Unley website, (with easy read format available)
  - Social media campaign to encourage interaction with Your Say Unley feedback portal
  - The draft Plan will be on display at Council's Civic Centre
  - Email the draft Plan to the Council databases including locally based disability support organisations and Economic Development databases including GP's and health providers
  - Once community consultation feedback has been incorporated, the final plan along with a summary of feedback received will be provided for endorsement by Council.

## **9. REPORT CONSULTATION**

Detailed consultation has been undertaken with key internal stakeholders during the development of this Plan. This included representatives across the Community Connections, Community and Cultural Facilities, Operations, City Design, Strategic Assets, Office of the CEO and Planning teams and the Executive Management team.

## **10. REPORT AUTHORISERS**

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## **MAYORAL FOREWORD**

I am pleased to present the City of Unley's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan which will ensure improved access and inclusion for citizens of all ages who are living with disability.

The Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2022-26 (DAIP) complements Unley's status as an 'Age-Friendly City' and aligns with Council's other strategies including Unley's Community Plan 2033, our Annual Business Plans and the Active Ageing and Living Well Plans, which address social health, inclusion and wellbeing priorities. The Plan also aligns strongly with the State Government's vision for a 'healthy, liveable and connected community for all South Australians'.

This important Plan responds to social health trends across Australian society and in our local community. This plan has been developed with input from people with disability, who have played a crucial role in shaping this plan and sharing their lived experience, suggestions and ideas.

The City of Unley is committed to continuing to play a pivotal role in providing services for the health and wellbeing of its community. It is important to recognise that disability can take many different forms and affect people at all stages of life.

The Disability Access and Inclusion Plan articulates the actions Council will take to maintain and improve the access and inclusion for people with disability within the City of Unley.

Structured around the themes and priorities in South Australia's Disability Inclusion Plan 2019-23, the City of Unley's Plan adheres to the four key principles:

- Inclusive Communities for All
- Leadership and Collaboration
- Accessible Communities
- Learning and Employment.

The Plan details actions for implementation, outlining Unley's specific approach to improving the lives of people with disability.

We welcome opportunities to promote healthier, better living for all our residents through partnerships with external agencies and providers. During the development of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, our communities have faced a global pandemic, which has left many people feeling more vulnerable and requiring extra support.

This health challenge has highlighted the key role Council plays in safeguarding our community's welfare and supporting vital social connections. I am grateful to our community and to Council staff for their feedback, input and work in developing the Plan at this time.

The Disability Access and Inclusion Plan will help address current and emerging health challenges and provide us with a framework for positive action in the years ahead.

**Mayor Michael Hewitson AM**

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## Acknowledgement of Country

*Ngadlurlu tampinhi, ngadlu Kurna yartangka inparrinhi. Ngadlurlu parnuku tuwila yartangka tampinhi.*

*Ngadlurlu Kurna Miyurna yaitya yarta-mathanya Wama Tarntanyaku tampinhi. Parnuku yailtya, parnuku tapa purruna yalarra puru purruna.\**

We would like to acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today.

\*Kaurna Translation provided by Kaurna Warra Karrpanthi

## Introduction

The City of Unley is a vibrant and diverse community that recognises people living with disability are respected and valued members of our community who contribute to the prosperity and vitality of our City. Council has an obligation to ensure the City is accessible for all and provides opportunities for connection, inclusion and contribution.

Based on the 2016 Census for Unley, the Australian Bureau of Statistics reported that 2,223 people (or 5.9% of the population) in the City of Unley identified as needing help in their daily lives due to disability, and this was a similar percentage to the previous Census in 2011. This Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) aims to further enhance the City of Unley's commitment and reputation as an 'Age Friendly City' by optimising opportunities for health, participation and safety for all generations.

We have developed priorities that align with the State Disability Inclusion Plan *Inclusive SA 2019-2023* to ensure all people with disability have the opportunity to be connected, empowered and able to participate and contribute in a meaningful way within our community.

This Plan represents our continued commitment to raising awareness in the community of the importance of access and inclusion, planning and promoting the social and economic benefits of a more inclusive South Australia for people living with disability.

The DAIP is legislated by the *Disability Inclusion Act, 2018 (SA)* which prescribes that each state authority (i.e. "a local council constituted under the *Local Government Act 1999*") must have a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP). Under the *Disability Inclusion Act 2018*, the definition of a person with disability includes:

*"long-term physical, psycho-social, intellectual, cognitive, neurological or sensory impairment, or a combination of any of these impairments, which in interaction with various barriers may hinder the person's full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others."*

For the purpose of this DAIP, the City of Unley defines "Access" as: ensuring every member of the community can equally use our physical environment, transport, information, and



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services. "Inclusion" moves beyond this and ensures that equal opportunities are available for people with disability and supports the idea that everyone should be able to use the same facilities, take part in the same activities, and enjoy the same experiences, including people who have disability. These definitions, combined with research and community consultation which included people with disability, has helped to inform the development of the DAIP for the City of Unley.

The DAIP also adopts a strength-based lens with a focus on what is already being done well in this area and a guiding principle that everybody has the right to contribute, to be treated with dignity and respect and to self-determination.

## **Our Plan**

The DAIP links with, and complements, the City of Unley's Community Plan 2030, 4-Year Delivery Plan, Annual Business Plans, Asset Management Plans, Active Ageing Strategy, Cultural Plan, Living Well Plan, Living Young Plan, Living Active – Sport and Recreation Plan, Living City Open Space Strategy, Walking and Cycling Plan and Tree Strategy.

Importantly, the DAIP is aligned with and draws on the State Government's Disability Inclusion Plan 2019 – 2023, Inclusive SA. The planned outcomes we seek to achieve in this plan align with the objectives of Inclusive SA.

The DAIP sets out four focus areas and actions that will guide how the City of Unley will provide services, support, facilities and information that are accessible and inclusive for all. Ensuring accessibility of our buildings, footpaths, parks and other infrastructure is coupled with strengthening social inclusion in all that we do.

The City of Unley commits that this will be a living document and to engaging people with disability and their families, friends and carers in the community, as well as City of Unley staff in a collaborative way to ensure the outcomes are achieved through meaningful and impactful actions over the next four years and into the future.

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**Strategic Context**

In order to provide services, support, facilities and information in an equitable manner, the City of Unley is guided by multiple layers of legislation and policy. These include:

International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</li> </ul>
Commonwealth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disability Discrimination Act (1992)</li> <li>• Disability Services Act (1986)</li> <li>• Building Code of Australia</li> <li>• Australian Standards</li> </ul>
State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disability Inclusion Act (2018)</li> <li>• Equal Opportunity Act (1984)</li> <li>• Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act (2016)</li> <li>• Disability Services Act (1993)</li> <li>• Carers Recognition Act (1993)</li> <li>• Public Health Act (2011)</li> </ul>
Local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Unley’s Community Plan 2030</li> <li>• 4-Year Delivery Plan</li> <li>• Annual Business Plans</li> <li>• Asset Management Plans</li> <li>• Active Ageing Strategy</li> <li>• Cultural Plan</li> <li>• Living Well Plan</li> <li>• Living Young Plan</li> <li>• Living Active – Sport and Recreation Plan</li> <li>• Living City Open Space Strategy</li> <li>• Walking and Cycling Plan</li> <li>• Tree Strategy</li> </ul>

The objectives established in this DAIP are based around the four themes of the State Disability Inclusion Plan *Inclusive SA 2019-2023* which are:

- Inclusive Communities for All
- Leadership and Collaboration
- Accessible Communities
- Learning and Employment.



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### Related Strategies

The City of Unley has made a long-term commitment to being an 'Age Friendly City'. An Age Friendly City encourages activity and wellbeing by optimising opportunities for health, participation and security. It also fosters a City where people of all ages and abilities can live healthy and independent lives for as long as possible and remain in a secure and supportive environment that enables them to participate in the community. The Active Ageing Strategy incorporates the values, principles and definitions of Age Friendly Cities and communities as outlined by the World Health Organisation. The focus areas are very much in line with access and inclusion for all people, including:

1. Outdoor spaces and buildings
2. Transportation
3. Housing
4. Social participation
5. Respect and inclusion
6. Civic participation and employment
7. Communication and information
8. Community support and health services.

Because of the synergies between the Age Friendly principles and the requirements in the Commonwealth *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (DDA), a full review of the DDA has been undertaken to determine how Council is already meeting its requirements to determine where more work is required and these actions have been included in the Council's Asset Management Plans.

Council's Living Well Plan has strong synergies with the DAIP with the following priority areas closely linked:

1. An engaged and purposeful community
2. A healthy and active community inside and out
3. A safe community
4. An inclusive and connected community

Similarly, there are links with the City of Unley Cultural Plan in the following area:

- The Culture of Us - Provide voices for different demographics with an inclusivity lens on specific programs.

This plan also links with the City of Unley's Asset Management plan, which aims to ensure buildings are accessible to all and that public facing buildings/facilities meet all relevant legislation and standards for access.

The City of Unley's DAIP 2022-2026 further demonstrates our continued commitment to supporting people living with disability access the services and supports needed to be actively involved as valued and contributing members of our community.

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## **Our City**

Located four kilometres south-east of Adelaide's CBD, the City of Unley has a land area of 14.4 square kilometres and has a population of more than 39,000 people. The region has two Population Health Areas (PHA), Unley–Parkside, and Goodwood–Millswood.

The City of Unley has a mixed aged group similar to that of metropolitan Adelaide. In 2016, the median age for the City of Unley was 41, which is older than the Greater Adelaide median age of 39. In 2011, the median age for the City of Unley was 39, suggesting the population is ageing<sup>1</sup>. Overall however, the population is still relatively young, with 80.9% under 65 years and 35.5% under 30 years<sup>2</sup>.

For people with disability, participation in all aspects of community life can be challenging. In the City of Unley, 3.5% of people report having a profound or severe disability, and amongst the 65 years and over age group, the proportion is 11%<sup>3</sup>.

Based on the 2016 Census for Unley, the Australian Bureau of Statistics reported 2,223 people or 5.9% of the population in the City of Unley identified as needing help in their daily lives due to disability, and this was a similar percentage to 2011.

Almost one in eight people in the City of Unley i.e. 12.0% of the population aged 15 years and over, provided unpaid assistance to other people who need support because of a disability, a long-term illness or problems related to ageing. This number is consistent with the level in Greater Adelaide overall<sup>4</sup>.

As of June 2017, 3.8% of City of Unley residents were Disability Support Pension recipients, compared to 6.3% in Metropolitan Adelaide<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> City of Unley Community Profile 2018

<sup>2</sup> Census for Unley. Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2016.

<sup>3</sup> Population Health Profile-City of Unley 2019, Public Health Information Development Unit (PHIDU)

<sup>4</sup> Census for Unley. Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2016.

<sup>5</sup> Population Health Profile-City of Unley 2019, Public Health Information Development Unit (PHIDU)

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# City of Unley Community Profile



### TOTAL POPULATION



### WORKPLACE



### PROSPERITY



High average income



Low unemployment

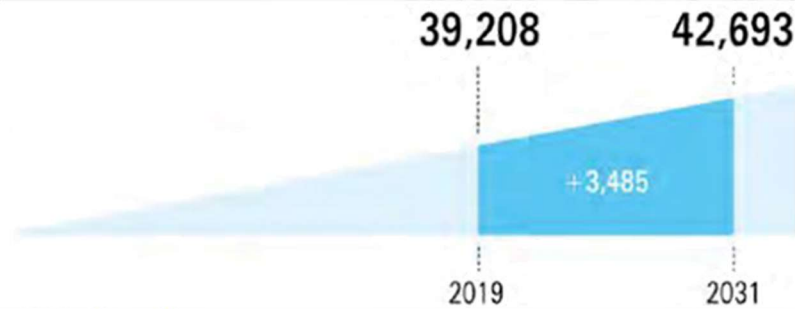


High education



33.3% of residents own their own home without a mortgage

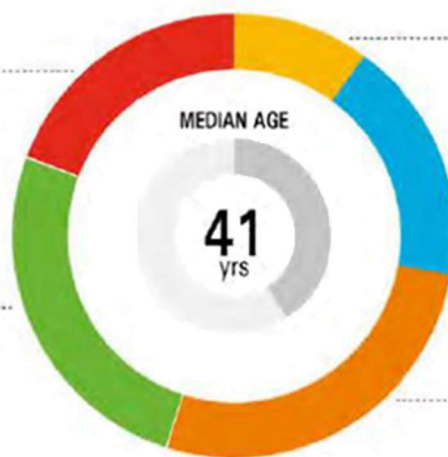
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### AGE DEMOGRAPHIC

**19%**  
65+ yrs

**26%**  
45-64yrs



**10%**  
0-9yrs

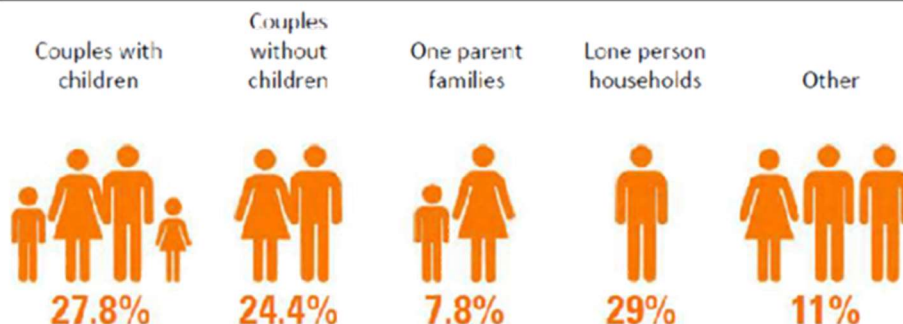
**18%**  
10-24yrs

**27%**  
25-44yrs

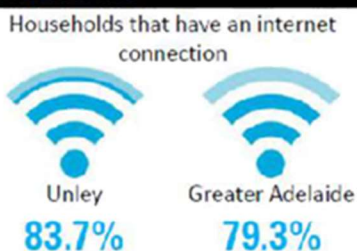


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**HOUSEHOLD TYPES**



**INTERNET ACCESS**



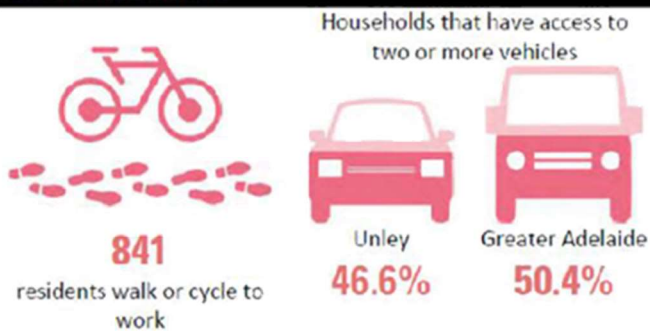
**MEDIUM DENSITY HOUSING MEDIAN**



**DIVERSITY**



**LESS VEHICLE DEPENDENCY**



**COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND CARING**



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## **Community Engagement**

In developing this DAIP, the City of Unley undertook the following:

- an audit of the information, services and facilities that Council already provides
- review of current practices in Council to identify possible barriers to access and inclusion
- sourcing of data focussed on people living with disability including visitors and service users in the Council area
- consideration of access issues identified by staff, service users and disability organisations
- call for submissions from members of the public via a community consultation survey including (but not limited to) a focus on priority groups living with disability: women, children, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culturally and linguistically diverse people
- determined links to and alignment with the State plan, Building Code, Living Well Plan, Cultural Plan, Active Ageing Strategy
- ensured alignment with the four themes and associated priorities in the State Disability Inclusion Plan
- undertook accessible community engagement including consulting with people with disability and persons or organisations representing the interests of people with disability and their carers
- undertook internal consultation with City of Unley staff to identify what we are currently doing, what is needed and where there are opportunities and gaps
- consideration of existing plans, services, assets, playgrounds, footpaths, website, printed materials, customer service as key areas to focus on
- a focus group of people living with disability via Purple Orange to determine their feedback and priorities
- an analysis of the findings of the consultation and community engagement process
- using outcomes from the research and consultation, determined goals, actions, responsibility, timeframes and how success will be measured and monitored

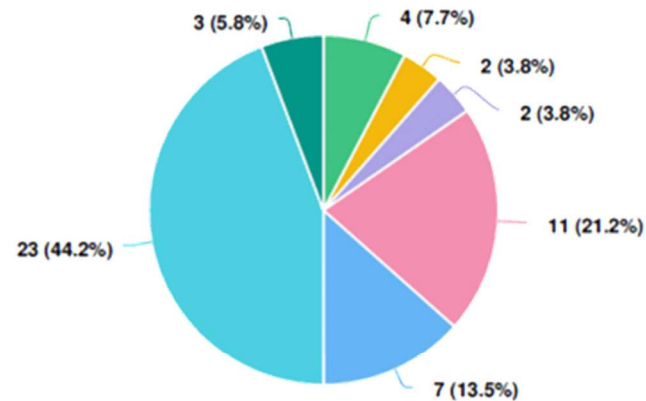
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## Community Engagement Results and Top Emerging Priorities

Council undertook engagement throughout August 2021 was pleased to receive 55 responses to our community survey. Our focus group also provided key feedback from people with disability and this information has been coupled with our audit to create our Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

**Quantitative data from the 55 participants who undertook our Your Say Unley survey told us (N.B. final designed version of plan will include graphs for the data below):**

35% of people who completed our survey identified as a person with disability, and 41% of respondents said they care for, work with or support someone with disability. Our age breakdown of survey participants was as follows:



### Question options

● 18 or under ● 19 - 29 ● 30 - 39 ● 40 - 49 ● 50 - 59 ● 60 or older ● Prefer not to answer

51% of people felt that Council makes it easier for people with disability to visit and use indoor/outdoor places and facilities it manages.



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50% of respondents rated between good to extremely well, when asked how well Council is doing in making it easy for people with disability to take part in events, activities and programs. 36.5% stated that this needs improvement and 13.5% selected unsure or not applicable.

54.9% of people who took the survey felt that Council staff are respectful and show understanding towards people with disability.

Areas that a majority of responded selected "unsure or not applicable", and indicated more proactive promotion is required, were as follows:

- Do you think Council is inclusive when employing people with disability (78.4%)
- Do you think Council is inclusive when providing opportunities for work experience and volunteering (78.8%)
- Do you think Council is doing enough to help businesses to welcome and include people with disability (55.8%, noting a further 36.5% selected no)
- Do you think Council makes it easy for people with disability to obtain information about other support services in the community (50%, noting a further 17.3% selected no, 26.9% selected yes)
- Do you think Council has beneficial partnerships (with other service providers, groups and organisations) to assist inclusion and participation of people with disability (55.8%, noting 17.3% selected no and 26.9% selected yes)

When asked to rate how well has Council done to enable people with disability to contribute to civic decisions, the responses were split between 'needs improvement' at 35.3%, Good to Extremely Well at 33.4% with the remaining selecting unsure or not applicable.

66.7% of respondents said that they are not hearing enough from Council about what it is doing and achieving to increase inclusion and access for people with disability in the City and they would like to hear more.

**The top six priorities that emerged from in-depth qualitative data were:**

- Spaces – ensuring accessibility for all, universal design and adherence to standards
- Events/programs activities – designing to encourage and support participation by all in the community
- Communication/PR – sharing what we offer, ensuring our communication is accessible for all
- Grants/finance – to support the community to be accessible and inclusive
- Representation – across the board, from staff and Elected Members and volunteers, and supporting people with disability in these roles
- Ideas – program specific ideas and suggestions for what we can do to be more inclusive and accessible in our community

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**Our Focus Group of 10 people with disability told us their priorities are:**

- The DAIP should make a strong statement about how accessibility and inclusion benefits the whole community
- The establishment of a Disability Advisory Group for the City of Unley
- A commitment to prioritising accessibility requirements over other considerations such as heritage status
- Regular maintenance of footpaths, including the removal of low hanging branches and damage from tree roots
- The establishment of a specific process for people to raise accessibility issues and that these issues are handled by a suitably trained staff member
- Ensure City of Unley communications are provided in multiple formats so they can be accessed by everyone in the community
- Offering IT and audio equipment for loan or hire and providing training workshops and/or a community helpdesk support service
- A commitment to creating accessible and inclusive events in the community
- The adoption of universal design principles for all new council developments and projects across infrastructure, services, programs, events, communications, and all other aspects of council's work
- A commitment to meaningful engagement with the disability community for all projects and programs, including through adopting co-design approaches
- A commitment to employing more people living with disability at the City of Unley, across all levels and roles, including as elected members
- The establishment of a position at the City of Unley to advise businesses on what supports and funding are available to support the employment of people living with disability
- The establishment of a grant program to support skills development among emerging leaders in the disability community
- Facilitating the roll-out of disability inclusion training to customer-facing roles in the community
- Promoting services and programs in the local area that support the development of self-advocacy skills, such as peer networks

**Our staff identified five key areas where there are opportunities and/or gaps**

- Communications/PR: ensuring accessibility and inclusivity is considered across all mediums and that available technology is utilised
- Gatherings/events/activities: specifically tailored, and those already existing to consider and plan for inclusivity

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- People: recruitment processes and employment and training of staff, ensure representation across the organisation, inclusion officer and/or reference group, inclusive engagement and inclusive volunteering
- Spaces: consideration of access and inclusion in places, spaces, buildings, universal design, DDA compliance
- Funding: support required to implement DAIP actions and support our community to become more accessible and inclusive

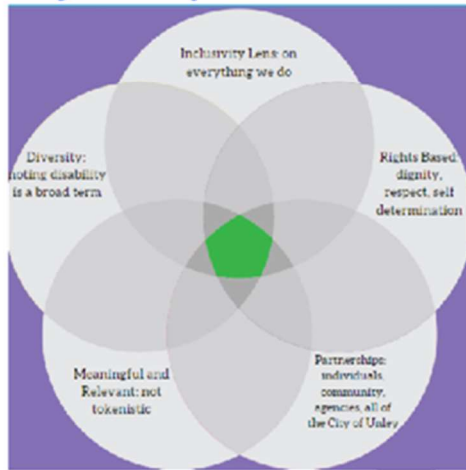
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## Our Vision

Our vision is to foster and support the City of Unley to lead the way in accessibility and inclusion and where people with disability are encouraged, supported, heard and enabled to achieve to their highest potential and participate in all aspects of community life.

## Key Principles



Rights Based: dignity, respect, self determination

Inclusivity Lens: on everything we do

Diversity: noting disability is a broad term

Meaningful and Relevant: not tokenistic

Partnerships: working with individuals, community, agencies and the whole of the City of Unley

## Objectives and Actions

The objectives and actions established under the DAIP are based around the four themes of the Inclusive SA: State Disability Inclusion Plan 2019–2023:

- Inclusive Communities for All
- Leadership and Collaboration
- Accessible Communities
- Learning and Employment.

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**Timeframes**

Actions within this plan have been categorised into the following timeframes:

Short term: Implemented in 2022 and 2023

Medium term: by end of 2024

Long term: by end of 2026

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**Objective 1: Inclusive Communities for All**

Social inclusion is a priority for people living with disability as it affects all aspects of their lives. It is our aim that the contributions and rights of people living with disability are valued and understood and that their rights are promoted, upheld and protected. We also want to ensure that people living with disability are supported to advocate for their own rights.

[Link to priorities in State Disability Inclusion Plan \*Inclusive SA 2019-2023\*](#)

Priority 1: Involvement in the community

Priority 2: Improving community understanding and awareness

Priority 3: Promoting the rights of people living with disability

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	STATE PLAN PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMEFRAME	MEASUREABLE TARGET
1.1 Accessibility and Inclusion actions are embedded across the organisation	1.1.1 Establish a DAIP Reference Group to be run in a collaborative and sustainable way, undertake regular consultation and engagement, and deliver on annual reporting requirements. Group to comprise of community members, including people with lived experience and carers.	2	DAIP Reference Group	Short term	DAIP Reference Group is established and engaged with on relevant Council initiatives



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	1.1.2 All Elected Members, employees and volunteers undertake Disability Awareness training	2	Governance (Elected Members), People and Culture (staff), and Community and Cultural Development (volunteers)	Medium term	All Elected Members, employees and volunteers receive training
	1.1.3 Investigate offering Disability Access and Inclusion training to community organisations and businesses	2	Community and Cultural Development, Economic Development	Long term	Cost and viability are investigated, and budget bid submitted
	1.1.4 All project scopes and budget bids include a section to describe how disability access and inclusion has been/will be addressed	2	Finance	Short term	Project scope and budget bid template documents include a new section detailing how disability access and inclusion has been/will be addressed
1.2 Promote inclusion for all attending organisational meetings	1.2.1 Meeting documents are provided in accessible formats	1	Business Support & Improvement, Office of the CEO	Long term	All Council agendas are provided in accessible formats if requested
	1.2.2 All Council owned public buildings fitted	3	Facilities Manager	Medium term	Installation of appropriate accessible

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	with the correct aids, equipment and accessible as required by the Building Code of Australia and AS1428				features to facilitate attendance at meetings
1.3 Council website and hard copy publications are provided in easy to read format to improve access to information	1.3.1 Review website and current suite of documents, provide key staff with Easy English training and acquire Easy English app for conversion of documents	2	Communications	Medium term	<p>Review of website and hard copy documents is undertaken</p> <p>Relevant staff undertake Easy English training</p> <p>Documents are converted into easy read format.</p> <p>Updated style guide including accessibility section.</p>
1.4 Programs provided by Council are accessible and inclusive for all	1.4.1 Engage with existing stakeholders and participants to audit current programs to determine if they meet diverse needs of participants	3	City Services	Medium term	<p>Engagement with stakeholders and participants via surveys at events, programs and activities. Surveys to include specific questions regarding access and inclusion</p>

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	<p>1.4.2 Community programs respond to inclusion for the whole of community, including people with disability, families with a low income, and people from non-English speaking background</p>	1	City Services	Long term	<p>Creation of new programs or current programs adapted to be inclusive of all. Opportunities identified and implemented to maximise inclusion and accessibility.</p>
	<p>1.4.3 Continue to offer flexibility and a tailored approach for specific groups who may need to use the library outside of normal hours to meet their diverse needs.</p>	1	City Services	Short term	<p>Access and inclusion is embedded across programs</p>
	<p>1.4.4 Accessibility principles embedded in event permit application process, ensure event organisers consider disability parking at event sites</p>				

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		1	Events Coordinator	Short term	Event Toolkit updated and permit application process requests event organisers to consider and demonstrate how they will improve access and inclusivity at their event and show consideration of disability parking provisions
1.5 Develop and deliver services that support people with disabilities and their families/carers to live independent lives	1.5.1 Further promote Council services including community bus service	1	Community Wellbeing	Ongoing	Community bus service maintains levels of usage
	1.5.3 Explore opportunities to increase inclusion and participation in grant funded services provided through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) and Active Ageing services and initiatives	1	Active Ageing Officer and Community Wellbeing	Ongoing	Adjustment of community service programs (where possible) to increase inclusion (noting CHSP services available to people aged 65+ via referral)

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1.6 Community Grants support access and inclusion	1.6.1 Community grant category for access and inclusion is trialled	1	Cultural Development Coordinator	Short term	Number of applications received in trial category will determine how often to include in future rounds
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## Objective 2: Leadership and Collaboration

People living with disability want to have a greater role in leading and contributing to government and community decision-making. It is our aim that Council actively seek the perspectives of people living with disability and that they are supported to participate meaningfully in government and community consultation and engagement activities.

[Link to priorities in State Disability Inclusion Plan \*Inclusive SA 2019-2023\*](#)

Priority 4: Participation in decision-making

Priority 5: Leadership and raising profile

Priority 6: Engagement and consultation

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	STATE PLAN PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMEFRAME	MEASUREABLE TARGET
2.1 People living with disability are supported to participate and make decisions within the community	2.1.1 Support people living with disability to actively participate in decision-making processes within Council or the community by providing engagement opportunities online and in person	4	City Services	Ongoing	People are provided with a platform to influence decision making process involving projects within the community through the use of online and in person opportunities
	2.1.2 Council's Active Ageing	6	Active Ageing Officer and Youth Officer	Ongoing	Representation on the Active Ageing Alliance



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	<p>Alliance and Youth Reference Group encourage people with disability to join and participate</p> <p>2.1.3 Ensure the Active Ageing Alliance continues to focus on access and inclusion as part of its priorities</p>	6	Active Ageing Officer	Ongoing	<p>and Youth Reference Group of people with disability</p> <p>Active Ageing Alliance continues access and inclusion focus for all projects and activities</p>
2.2 Promote participation in Council elections	2.2.1 Ensure people of all abilities are provided the opportunity to nominate and vote in Council elections through improved promotion, communication methods and access	4	Office of the CEO	Long term	Council has implemented a communication strategy aimed to increase participation in Council elections, ensure that inclusivity is part of that campaign – for accessibility of message and opportunity to nominate and vote (note use LGA statewide campaign materials).

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<p>2.3 Council is a leader in advocacy and advice</p>	<p>2.3.1 Provide a current list of advocacy services on the City of Unley website, including organisations providing support for carers</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Communications</p>	<p>Medium term</p>	<p>Council website provides a current list of advocacy and services</p>
<p>2.4 Council is an industry leader in access and inclusion</p>	<p>2.4.1 Recognise International Day of People with Disability</p> <p>2.4.2 Review Council's Engagement Toolkit to incorporate Inclusive SA principles into all community consultation</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Community Support &amp; Wellbeing and Communications</p> <p>Communications</p>	<p>Medium term</p> <p>Long term</p>	<p>International Day of People with Disability recognised every year</p> <p>Review of Toolkit undertaken and updated as required including accessibility section, noting that State Government reforms on consultation will deliver a Statewide Consultation Charter for Local Government. Once this is released, Councils will update their consultation/engagement policies to reflect the charter</p>

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	<p>2.4.3 Monitor growth industries that focus on access and inclusion and work collaboratively to achieve mutually agreeable outcomes for residents within the City of Unley (such as NDIS business tenants located in City of Unley)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>City Services and Economic Development</p>	<p>Long term</p>	<p>Collaboration with relevant businesses and industry is achieved, with a focus on strategies and approaches that facilitate greater access and inclusion and other reported benefits to our residents. This collaboration may be achieved by the development of Memorandums of Understanding or similar agreements, with surveys sent to demonstrate effectiveness.</p>
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### Objective 3: Accessible Communities

The accessibility of the built environment, quality services and information are key to ensuring people living with disability are included and have the opportunity to equally participate in all aspects of community life. It is our aim to increase accessibility to public and community infrastructure, transport, services, information, sport and recreation and the greater community.

[Link to priorities in State Disability Inclusion Plan \*Inclusive SA 2019-2023\*](#)

[Priority 7: Universal Design across South Australia](#)

[Priority 8: Accessible and available information](#)

[Priority 9: Access to services](#)

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	STATE PLAN PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMEFRAME	MEASUREABLE TARGET
3.1 Information about Council services developed in alternative formats (plain English, adequate font size and colours, touch screens, braille, TTY and hearing loops)	3.1.1 All new plans and strategies are provided in easy read, plain English formats	9	Communications	Long term	All new plans developed are provided in alternative formats and follow Communications team style guide
	3.1.2 Equipment is provided to assist hearing impaired people at the customer service centre	9	Facilities Manager	Long term	Equipment is operational at Customer Service and promoted

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	3.1.3 Install hearing loops in all Council owned venues	9	Facilities Manager	Long term	Hearing loops installed in all venues
3.2 Ensuring online information meets accessibility standards	3.2.1 Review website including online forms to ensure it meets accessibility standards and promote the use of supporting apps	8	Communications	Medium term	Website complies with the WCAG 2.0AA Policy
	3.2.2 Social media posts and videos to have captions and descriptions of images	8	Communications	Medium term	Guidelines and processes implemented to ensure all social media posts include a description to accompany the image, videos have captions included
3.3 Accessible Council buildings and facilities, car parks, reserves, footpaths (including	3.3.1 Review Asset Management Plan, including a focus footpath	7	Strategic Assets	Short term	Asset Management Plans are updated Compliance with AS 1428 is achieved

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<p>community events) and infrastructure using Universal Design Principles</p>	<p>maintenance program to determine extent of works, compliant with AS1428 and continue with program to address gaps</p> <p>3.3.2 Audit existing playgrounds, fitness equipment and associated public amenities including toilets to ensure they meet appropriate design principles for both access and inclusion and follow Inclusive Play Guidelines (“Touched by Olivia”) in the development of new and upgraded</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>City Development/Asset Management</p>	<p>Medium term</p>	<p>Audit is completed and included into update of Asset Management Plans, new and upgraded playgrounds and spaces are developed using Inclusive Play Guidelines</p>
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	<p>playgrounds and play spaces and include rest spots and accessible water fountains</p> <p>3.3.3 Ensure access compliant Council toilets are included on the National Public Toilet Map website</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>Assets (list) Communications (on website)</p>	<p>Medium term</p>	<p>National Public Toilet Map website is up to date and linked to City of Unley website</p>
	<p>3.3.4 Explore additional pedestrian safety counters at high use crossings and determine length of crossing time</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>City Development</p>	<p>Medium term</p>	<p>Reviews are undertaken annually and plan to install pedestrian safety counters is in place and implemented</p>
	<p>3.3.5 Conduct regular reviews of accessible on and off-street car parking</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>City Design</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Reviews are undertaken biennially and parking strategy in place</p>

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	3.3.6 Continue to provide charging points for mobility devices across the City	7	Asset Management	Ongoing	Charging points maintained and included in new developments where possible
	3.3.7 Undertake a risk assessment, and identify priorities to resolve risks caused by some types of street trees and their seeds, leaves and bark	7	City Development	Short term	Risk assessment undertaken and actions included in regular maintenance schedules
3.4 Review and refresh the promotion of publicly accessible car parking and amenities within parks/reserves	3.4.1 Create a register of all accessible playgrounds, parking and public amenities and place on Council website	7	Open Spaces, Assets, Open Cities, Communications	Medium term	Accessible amenities are promoted via a map on Council website

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3.5 Development Assessment is undertaken in accordance with the relevant Acts and Australian Standards and Universal Design Principles	3.5.1 Development Assessment ensures that building design meets DDA compliance	7	City Services	Ongoing	Assessment of Development Applications ensures developments comply with DDA principles
	3.5.2 Advocate for "best practice" inclusive design principles to be included in all private developments	7	City Services	Ongoing	Private developments encouraged to consider best practice inclusive design principles
	3.5.3 Ensure that universal design principles are included and adherence to the Commonwealth Disability (Access to Premises-Building) Standard 2010 in all new Council buildings and renovations to existing buildings,	7	City Services, City Development	Ongoing	All new Council buildings and renovations consider inclusive design principles

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	including consideration of indoor and outdoor furniture and consider minimum two wheelchair parking spaces per building				
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## Objective 4: Learning and Employment

Workforce participation is fundamental to social inclusion. It provides economic independence and choice, social connections and friendships, value, identity and belonging. It is our aim that people living with disability have access to meaningful and inclusive employment and volunteering opportunities.

[Link to priorities in State Disability Inclusion Plan \*Inclusive SA 2019-2023\*](#)

Priority 10: Better supports within educational and training settings

Priority 11: Skill development through volunteering and support in navigating the pathway between learning and earning

Priority 12: Improved access to employment opportunities and better support within workplaces

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	STATE PLAN PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMEFRAME	MEASUREABLE TARGET
4.1 Provide employment, volunteering and workplace opportunities across Council for people with disability	4.1.1 Review Council's 'Recruitment and Selection policy' to ensure access and inclusion principles are represented.	12	People and Culture	Short term	Recruitment and Selection Policy is reviewed and updated as required
	4.1.2 Review employee onboarding procedure and resources to ensure there are no barriers to inclusion	12	People and Culture	Medium term	Access and inclusion are embedded in the onboarding process at Council

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	<p>in relevant CoU systems</p> <p>4.1.3 Share all job vacancies (including Elected Member vacancies) with disability employment groups</p> <p>4.1.4 Ensure employee and volunteer position descriptions are checked for accessibility prior to the vacancy being promoted</p> <p>4.1.5 Encourage job applications from people living with disability, including a statement of support for those who require</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12</p> <p>12</p>	<p>People and Culture &amp; Governance (Elected Member vacancies managed through the Electoral Commission of SA (ECSA))</p> <p>People and Culture and Volunteer Coordinator</p> <p>People and Culture</p>	<p>Medium term and ongoing</p> <p>Long term and ongoing</p> <p>Short term and ongoing</p>	<p>Vacancies are shared with disability employment groups</p> <p>Employee and volunteer position descriptions are provided in large format and easy to read format</p> <p>Statement added to all position descriptions and advertisements</p>
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	adjustments to the recruitment process or workplace to assist with accessibility				
	4.1.6 Investigate the potential and feasibility of an "Inclusion Officer" role at Council	12	People and Culture	Short term	Position is investigated and either pursued/not pursued
	4.1.6 Include the DAIP in onboarding process for new Elected Members, employees and volunteers	12	Governance (Elected Members), People and Culture (staff), and Community and Cultural Development (volunteers)	Medium term	DAIP is included in all Elected Members, employees and volunteers onboarding process
	4.1.7 Review Council Volunteer policy and procedures to reflect inclusion and access for all	12	Volunteer Coordinator	Medium term	Volunteer policy and procedures are reviewed and updated
	4.1.8 Investigate possibility of a	12	Volunteer Coordinator	Medium term	Investigate and cost volunteer buddy

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	<p>buddy program for existing volunteers to support new volunteers with disability</p> <p>4.1.9 Assess all new vacancies to determine if a drivers licence should be an essential requirement of the role</p>	12	People and Culture	Short term	<p>program and submit budget bid</p> <p>Base line template for all roles will not ask for a driver's licence, all new vacancies are assessed and drivers licence requirement included if essential</p>
4.2 Promote workforce diversity	4.2.1 Develop a workforce Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Plan	12	People and Culture	Short term	A workforce Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Plan is developed

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### Implementation, Monitoring and Review

It is a requirement of the *Disability Inclusion Act 2018* that a report be prepared, on or before 31 October each year to the Chief Executive on the operation of the Council's DAIP during the preceding financial year. This report must include a summary of the extent to which the DAIP has been implemented.

In turn, the Chief Executive must on or before 31 December in each year, provide to the Minister of Human Services, a report summarising the above-mentioned annual report.

The annual review will monitor, track and evaluate the status of each action contained within the four objectives within the DAIP:

- Inclusive Communities for All
- Leadership and Collaboration
- Accessible Communities
- Learning and Employment

Each of the actions identified have been allocated to responsible business units within Council, along with timeframes for the expected completion date. Measures have also been established to evaluate if the action has been completed.

The survey data captured throughout the initial community engagement used for the development of this plan, will form the baseline data for measurement of success.

To measure the outcomes and impact of this plan, a community survey will be undertaken every two years, the first at the halfway point of this plan and the second at the conclusion of the plan.

At the completion of this DAIP in 2026, a whole of Plan review will take place to update or renew the objectives and actions to best reflect the needs and feedback from the community at the time.

### Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge the many members of our community, especially those with disability, their family, carers, service providers and those with lived experience, who took part in our community engagement process.

## DECISION REPORT

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	2022 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - CALL FOR NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THE NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	4.7
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	31 JANUARY 2022
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	KATHRYN GOLDY
<b>JOB TITLE:</b>	ACTING EXECUTIVE MANAGER, OFFICE OF THE CEO
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. CALL FOR MOTIONS FOR NGA 22 (DISCUSSION PAPER)</li><li>2. EMAIL FROM AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, DATED 17/12/2021</li></ol>

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### 1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is now calling for Notices of Motions for the National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government which will take place in Canberra on 19-22 June 2022. Any submissions for Notice of Motions are required to be received no later than Friday 25 March 2022.

### 2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The report be received.
  2. *The matter is for Council to determine. Options are provided at section 6 of this report.*
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### 3. **RELEVANT CORE STRATEGIES/POLICIES**

4. Civic Leadership
  - 4.1 We have strong leadership and governance.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

The NGA provides an opportunity for Councils across the country to influence the national policy agenda on issues affecting Local Government.

The NGA of Local Government is scheduled to be held in Canberra on 19-22 June 2022.

The 2022 NGA theme is 'Partners in Progress', focusing on how partnerships, particularly between the Australian Government and local governments, can tackle the immediate challenges facing communities and help us confidently prepare for the future.

The ALGA is currently calling for motions from Councils. The deadline for submitting motions is Friday 25 March 2022.

#### **5. DISCUSSION**

The ALGA is the national peak advocacy body for local government. ALGA's work includes but is not limited to the establishment of national policy and extensive liaison and lobbying with departments, Ministers, and other parliamentarians at the Commonwealth level to achieve better outcomes for local councils.

The ALGA is comprised of delegates from each member association who refer matters of national relevance to the ALGA Board for consideration at regular Board meetings.

The 2022 NGA of Local Government is due to be held in Canberra on 19-22 June 2022 and is an opportunity for individual councils to identify matters of national relevance to the sector and for these matters to be considered by ALGA as national policy, for its advocacy role for more immediate action by ALGA on behalf of the sector.

##### Submissions of Motions for Debate

The ALGA Board is calling for motions for the NGA under the theme of 'Partners in Progress'. This theme is focusing on how partnerships, particularly between the Australian Government and local governments, can tackle the immediate challenges facing communities and help us confidently prepare for the future.

To inform the submission of motions, a discussion paper has been prepared by ALGA (Attachment 1).

*Attachment 1*

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

1. be relevant to the work of local government nationally;
2. Be consistent with the themes of the NGA;
3. Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association;
4. Be from a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association;
5. Propose a clear action and outcome; and
6. Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

Motions should generally be in a form that seeks the NGA's support for a particular action or policy change at the Federal level that will assist local government to meet local community needs.

Motions are to be lodged electronically using the online form available. Motions must include a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and the endorsement of Council. The background information to the motion assists all delegates, including those with no knowledge of the issue, in their consideration of the motion.

To ensure efficient and effective debate where there are numerous motions on a similar issue, the ALGA Board NGA Sub-committee will group the motions together under an overarching strategic motion. The strategic motions will either be drafted by ALGA or are based on a motion submitted by a Council which best summarises the subject matter.

Once all motions have been received, they are reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-Committee as well as by State and Territory Local Government Associations to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. When reviewing motions, the Sub-committee considers the importance and relevance of the issue to local government.

Councils must submit motions directly to ALGA. When ALGA collates the proposed motions, they will provide them to state associations seeking additional background material if required.

It should be noted that motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued. Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state/territory local government association and will not be included in the Business Papers.

Motions that are accepted and placed on the Agenda for the NGA will be debated throughout the assembly.



Following the Call for Notices of Motions by ALGA, communication was sent to all Elected Members asking for any Motions to be submitted prior to the January Council meeting.

At the time of finalising this report, no proposed Motions had been received from Elected Members for inclusion in this report.

Proposals for Motions to be submitted for the ALGA NGA may also be made at the Council meeting.

## **6. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

### Option 1 –

1. The report be received.
2. The following matter be submitted to the Australian Local Government Association for inclusion in the upcoming National General Assembly (currently scheduled for 19-22 June 2022).

#### **Motion:**

*The matter is for Council to determine*

#### **National Objective:**

*The matter is for Council to determine*

#### **Summary of Key Arguments:**

*The matter is for Council to determine*

3. Staff be authorised to compile additional background information in support of the proposed motion and liaise with the ALGA (if required) in relation to the wording of the motion set out in Part 2, and if essential, modify the wording to facilitate acceptance of the motion for consideration at the upcoming Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly (currently scheduled for 19-22 June 2022).

This option endorses the proposed motion relating to compulsory voting in Local Government to be submitted to ALGA for consideration at the National General Assembly in June 2022.

### Option 2 –

1. The report be received.

Council is not obligated to submit a Notice of Motion. This option receives the report and takes no further action.

**7. RECOMMENDED OPTION**

This is a matter for Council to determine.

**8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

**8.1 Financial/Budget**

- There are no financial/budget implications associated with the recommended options.

**8.2 Legislative/Risk Management**

- Should Council determine to submit a Notice of Motion, staff will need to ensure it meets ALGA requirements, which may require slight modification to the wording of the motion, without changing the intent of the motion, prior to submission to ALGA. Option 1 point 3 of the recommendation provides the capacity for staff to make changes to the motion if required, to facilitate submission to the ALGA.

**8.3 Staffing/Work Plans**

Not Applicable

**8.4 Climate/Environmental Impact**

Not Applicable

**8.5 Social/Economic**

Not Applicable

**8.6 Stakeholder Engagement**

Not Applicable

**9. REPORT AUTHORISERS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Peter Tsokas	Chief Executive Officer





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## SUBMITTING MOTIONS

This discussion paper is a call for councils to submit motions for debate at the 2022 National General Assembly (NGA) to be held in Canberra 19 – 22 June 2022.

It has been prepared to assist you and your council in developing your motions. You are encouraged to read all the sections of the paper but are not expected to respond to every issue or question. Your council's motion/s can address one or more of the issues identified in the discussion paper.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au) and received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 25 March 2022.

The theme of the 2022 NGA is – Partners in Progress.

The NGA aims to focus on how partnerships, particularly between the Australian Government and Local Governments, can tackle immediate challenges facing communities as well as confidently facing the future.

In submitting your council's motion/s you are encouraged to focus on how partnership can address national issues at the local level, and new ways the Australia Government could partner to strengthen the local government sector to advance community well-being, local economic development, create jobs, address environmental challenges, climate change and complex social issues such as housing affordability.

The National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) is an important opportunity for you and your council to influence the national policy agenda and promote new ways of strengthening the local government sector and our communities.

Note: If your council does submit a motion there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the National General Assembly to move and speak to that motion if required.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2022 NGA.



**To submit your motion go to:**  
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## KEY DATES

### CRITERIA FOR MOTIONS

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

1. be relevant to the work of local government nationally
2. not be focussed on a specific location or region – unless the project has national implications. You will be asked to justify why your motion has strategic importance and should be discussed at a national conference
3. be consistent with the themes of the NGA
4. complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association
5. be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association
6. propose a clear action and outcome i.e. call on the Australian Government to do something; and
7. not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

Motions should generally be in a form that seeks the NGA's support for a particular action or policy change at the Federal level which will assist local governments to meet local community needs.

Motions should commence as follows - *This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to .....*

*Example*

*This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to restore Local Government Financial Assistance Grants to a level equal to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.*

## OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

Please note that it is important to complete the background section on the form. Submitters of motions should not assume that NGA delegates will have background knowledge of the issue. The background section helps all delegates, including those with no previous knowledge of the issue, in their consideration of the motion. Please note that motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.

Try to keep motions practical, focussed and relatively simple. Complex motions with multiple dot point can be difficult to implement and to advance.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-Committee, in consultation with state and territory local government associations, to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. When reviewing motions, the Sub-Committee considers the criteria, clarity of the motion and the importance and relevance of the issue to local government. If there are any questions about the substance or intent of a motion, ALGA will raise these with the nominated contact officer. With the agreement of the submitting council, these motions may be edited before inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

To ensure an efficient and effective debate where there are numerous motions on a similar issue, the ALGA Board NGA Subcommittee will group the motions together under an overarching strategic motion. The strategic motions have either been drafted by ALGA or are based on a motion submitted by a council which best summarises the subject matter. Debate will focus on the strategic motions. Associated sub-motions will be debated by exception only or in accordance with the debating rules.

Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state or territory local government association and will not be included in the NGA Business Papers.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au). All motions require, among other things, a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and endorsement of your council. Motions should be received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 25 March 2022.



## Introduction

As Australia emerges from the crisis management phase of the COVID-19 global pandemic, attention now turns to rebuilding and to the future.

By the time of the NGA in June 2022, the next federal government and 47th Parliament of Australia, will almost certainly have been elected.

Prior to the election the major political parties will have campaigned on priorities and made numerous policy and programs commitments that will help shape our nation's future.

Invariably, in government, these policies and programs will need to be refined, developed and implemented. Almost certainly they will need to be adapted to meet changing circumstances, emerging issues and local and regional needs.

We know from previous elections that governments will not be able to achieve their policy agenda alone. They need reliable partners committed to playing their part in taking the nation forward, working together on mutual goals and advancing national prosperity for all.

During the election campaign, ALGA will be working extensively with state and territory local government association members, and many of you, to advance the national priorities highlighted in the Federal Election manifesto 'Don't' Leave Local Communities Behind'.

These priorities were significantly influenced by many of the resolutions of past NGAs.

Whether the Coalition Government is returned or a new Government formed, the 2022 NGA provides the first major opportunity to engage with relevant portfolio Ministers and key members of the new Government.

Most importantly, it provides you - the elected representatives of Australia's local councils and communities - with the opportunity to reaffirm our national priorities and to place new ideas on the national policy agenda.

## The Immediate Recovery Challenges

Government at all levels have collaborated to avert the worst possible health and economic outcomes of the COVID-19 pandemic across Australia.

By November 2021 most states had reached or made significant progress in reaching the 80% or more vaccination threshold.

Every community was affected, some more than others, and local government has been at the forefront of developing local solutions to local challenges.

*Given the economic and social impacts of the COVID pandemic on communities over the past 2 years, are there issues that need to be addressed by a new partnership between the Commonwealth Government and local governments?*

*Given the impacts of the COVID pandemic on your council and other councils around the country, are their issues that a partnership between the Commonwealth Government and local government should address?*

## Jobs

In September 2021 the national, seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, was 5.2% (ABS). The underemployment rate was 9.5% with monthly hours worked decreasing by 1 million hours. Roy Morgan's survey work suggests Australian unemployment (unadjusted) was 9.2% in October with underemployment at 8.6%.

National statistics however mask variations at the state, regional and local level. State and Territory unemployment ranged from 3.9% in Western Australia and the Northern Territory, 5.1% in Queensland and Tasmania, 5.3% in South Australia, NSW 5.4%, Victoria 5.6% and the Australian Capital Territory 6.6%. Similarly, regional and local community unemployment vary from the national average reflecting local circumstances and the different impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, lockdowns and their flow-on effects have on the local economy. Youth unemployment and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander unemployment is also consistently higher.

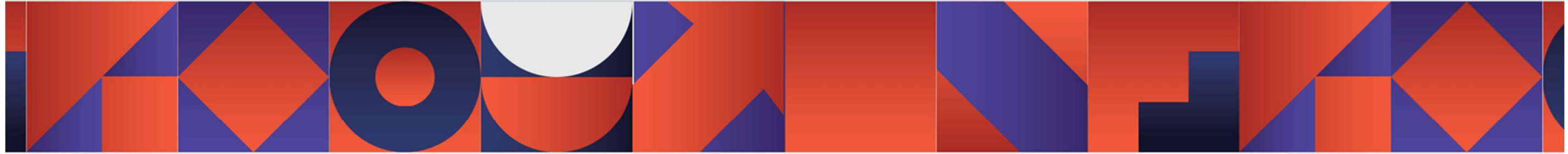
As an employer of staff and of contractors, as well as a facilitator of local economic development, local government can play a key role in addressing unemployment and underemployment.

In keeping with the ALGA Federal election manifesto, 'Don't' Leave Local Communities Behind' local solutions are required for local circumstances.

*What new partnership program could the Australian Government develop to take advantage of local government's knowledge of the local economy, geographic spread across the country and its ability to create jobs?*

*As an employer, what are the pre-requisites for councils to create more good quality, secure local jobs that build community capacity and address local workforce skills shortages?*





### Building Back Better Businesses

The economic shock of the past 2 years has caused unprecedented disruption to local businesses and communities. While many businesses have adapted to difficult circumstances, some have not survived. The current vacant shops fronts and offices of the streetscapes in our cities and towns is evidence of the challenges that our local businesses, local industry and communities have faced.

*The capacity of the private sector, and small business in particular, to bounce back is untested.*

*What new partnership programs could the Australian Government introduce to take advantage of local government's role in economic development, including to support local businesses?*

### Opening Australia's Borders

As previously mentioned, by November 2021 most states had reached or made significant progress in reaching the 80% or more vaccination threshold. At this point, under the National Plan to Transition Australian National COVID-19 Response, governments were committed to introducing new measures such as opening international borders, minimising cases in the community without ongoing restrictions or lockdowns, Covid vaccination boosters encouraged and provided as necessary, and allowing uncapped inbound arrivals for all vaccinated persons, without quarantine.

As Australia opens-up its international borders economic recovery is expected to accelerate. The return of expats, international students, overseas migration and international tourism will increase population, supply of labour and demand for goods and services including for accommodation.

In the first instance, economic activity can be expected to return to pre-Covid levels. Over time, with appropriate support, it will grow.

The closure of borders and particularly international borders affected many parts of the tourism industry and the economies of many local communities. While domestic visitors helped fill a gap, recovery of many parts of the industry and the economy of communities that depend heavily on tourism will depend on the return of international travel.

To do this Australia must position itself to compete in international markets. This comes through offering high quality destinations, services and experiences that highlight the quality and value available in Australia. In addition to delivering a better visitor experience, this should also increase productivity, efficiency and innovation.

*In the short term, what new partnership programs could the Australian Government introduce to assist local government meet the return of international students and stronger migration now and into the future?*

*What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to facilitate tourism and the traveller economy?*

### Workforce Shortages and Re-engineering Work

In November 2021 business representatives report significant labour shortages particularly in the agriculture and hospitality sectors. The lack of backpackers, overseas students and migrant workers, combined with people not wanting to return to the workforce, are just some of the reasons attributed to these shortages.

While opening borders may increase the supply of labour, some argue that there is a more fundamental change in Australia's workforce and workplaces.

Although not reported in Australia yet, in the United States the post Covid workforce has been associated with what some have called the 'Great Resignation' as employees have adjusted their expectations, work life balance and priorities and simply not returned to their old jobs.

Many workers have been required to work from home for extended periods during the pandemic, including working remotely and now look for greater flexibility in their work. Technology and automation are transforming work and the workplace.

Many are prepared to change jobs to maximise this flexibility and the benefits derived from it. Traditionally this has led to wage pressure but coupled with demand for greater workplace flexibility employers need to be innovative to attract and retain employees. As an employer, councils are not immune and will also need to develop these strategies.

*What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to help support an influx of skilled migrants?*

*What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to help councils attract and retain appropriately trained workers and employees?*





## Climate change

The United Nations Conference (COP) of Parties 26 held in Glasgow 2021 focused global attention on climate change and global and national efforts to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and limit global warming to 1.5 degrees.

For decades local governments have played an important leadership role in addressing climate change. Councils have supported the adoption of a wide range of community-based programs and initiatives to lower the carbon footprint of local communities. As a sector, local government has led the debate for lowering carbon emissions, sourcing renewable energy, responded creatively to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, facilitated the construction of green buildings and water sensitive design of cities and towns.

Pragmatically, local government has been at the forefront to address the impacts of climate change and adaptation to climate change. These impacts include an increased number of days with high temperatures, less rainfall and more droughts in southern Australia, less snow, more intense rainfall and fire weather, stronger cyclones, and sea level rise. These changes will increase stress on Australia's infrastructure and physical assets and natural ecosystems that are already threatened, and significantly affect agriculture, forestry, fisheries, transport, health, tourism, finance and disaster risk management.

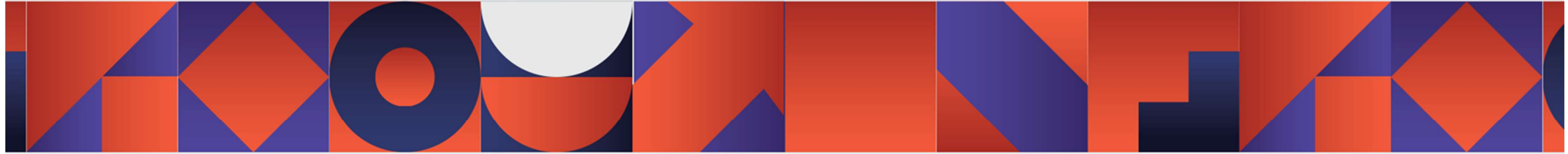
*How do we work together to ensure that there is local adaptation to climate change and climate extremes?  
What partnerships are available to achieve climate neutrality?*

## Natural Disasters

With the high-risk weather season commencing, many councils will be engaging with their communities about disaster preparedness, resilience and recovery. Not only have we experienced one of Australia's worst bushfire seasons in 2019-20, but some councils also had to deal with multiple disaster events within a 12 month period. Some councils have had to deal with bushfires, followed by storms, flooding, hailstorms, more flooding and COVID-19. These multiple disasters have had a devastating effect on many councils' financial sustainability and their ability to fund mitigation measures for the upcoming high risk weather season. Smaller rural and regional councils are further financially challenged and require help with preparedness and mitigation, as they currently have zero capacity to fund major mitigation projects.

The Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements recognised that councils need help. It concluded that without assistance many local governments cannot undertake the roles and responsibilities allocated to them by their State/Territory Governments.

*What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to help to address natural disasters to assist in recovery and build resilience?*



## Environment

Local government plays a critical role in environmental management including environment protection.

“Australia’s Strategy for Nature 2019 – 2030” recognises that we all have a role in securing nature as the foundation of our existence. It is an overarching framework for all national, state and territory and local strategies, legislation, policies and actions that target nature. It has 3 goals:

1. Connecting all Australians with nature:
2. Care for nature in all its diversity, and
3. Share and Build knowledge.

To achieve these goals there are a variety of options for joint action to reduce threats and their impacts include ensuring the design and management of the protected area network considers and accommodates future threat scenarios and establishes robust mechanisms to respond effectively to new and emerging threats. The strategy suggests there are opportunities to ‘... improve planning, regulation, environmental impact assessment and approvals processes. In addition, threat abatement activities could include targeted pest management, ecosystem restoration (integrated fire management, revegetation), pollution control, greenhouse gas emissions management and climate change adaptation’.

*How could the Australian Government partner with local government to help support the implementation of the Australian Strategy for Nature 2019 – 2030 and take advantage of local knowledge?*

*What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to help to reduce threats and risks to nature and build resilience?*

## The Circular Economy

The 2019 National Waste Policy Action Plan applies principles of a circular economy to waste management to support better and repeated use of our resources. The circular economy principles for waste are:

1. Avoid waste
2. Improve resource recovery
3. Increase use of recycled material and build demand and markets for recycled products
4. Better manage material flows to benefit human health, the environment and the economy
5. Improve information to support innovation, guide investment and enable informed consumer decisions.

Councils play a major role in the management of household and domestic waste. Therefore, local government has a critical role to play in further developing the circular economy.

*How could the Australian Government partner with local government to advance the circular economy?*

*What new programs could the Australian Government partner with local government to progress these objectives?*





### **Affordable Housing**

The shortage and costs of rental properties and affordable home ownership is causing significant social and economic impacts in cities and towns across Australia, including rural and regional communities. This is due to a range of factors such as changes in recent migration patterns, cheap finance and labour and material shortages in the construction sector.

The impacts on local governments and communities includes housing stress for individuals and families, difficulty in attracting and housing key workers and an increase in homelessness.

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue 2021 is leading an inquiry into the contribution of tax and regulation on housing affordability and supply in Australia. Whilst the provision of affordable housing is not a local government responsibility, local governments often facilitate affordable housing within their communities, operating within state/territory planning, financial and other legislation requirements. The housing challenge is different in each community and the council response is dependent on its financial resources and priorities.

*How could the Australian Government partner with local government address housing affordability?*

*What new programs could the Australian Government partner with local government to progress this objective?*

### **Conclusion**

Thank you for taking the time to read this discussion paper and support for the 2022 National General Assembly of Local Government.

A reminder:

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17 December 2021

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To the Mayor, Councillors and CEO (please distribute accordingly)

As the national voice of local government, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) advocates on behalf of Australia's 537 councils for funding and policy outcomes that support local governments to deliver better results for their communities.

Each year we hold a National General Assembly (NGA) in Canberra where councils from around our nation discuss current and emerging challenges and opportunities and advocate to the Federal Government on critical issues facing our sector.

The motions passed at our NGA inform ALGA's strategic direction and national advocacy objectives. We listen to what you tell us, and take your message to Ministers, MPs and decision-makers in Canberra and around the country through Ministerial meetings, forums, budget submissions, and advocacy campaigns.

Next year's NGA will be held in Canberra from 19-22 June and will be an opportunity for us to clearly set and articulate our agenda to a new or returning Federal Government.

The theme for this event will be *Partners in Progress*, focusing on how partnerships, particularly between the Australian Government and local governments, can tackle the immediate challenges facing communities and help us confidently prepare for the future.

**We are now calling for motions for next year's NGA, and I would encourage you to consider whether there is a strategic issue of national importance that your council can bring to this event.**

We have prepared the attached discussion paper which covers some of the critical national policy areas that our sector needs to consider now and into the future and will help you prepare your motion.

To assist us, please ensure that your motions meet the following criteria:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally;
2. Be consistent with the themes of the NGA;
3. Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association;
4. Be from a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association;
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that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

All motions should have a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and the endorsement of your council. Motions can be lodged online at [alga.asn.au](http://alga.asn.au) until 11:59pm on Friday 25 March 2022.

**I've also attached a copy of ALGA's 2022 Federal Election Priorities.**

The 17 national priorities outlined in this document have been informed by motions passed at last year's NGA, and unanimously endorsed by ALGA's Board in conjunction with our member state and territory local government associations.

They cover our key priority portfolios of economic recovery, transport, and community infrastructure, building resilience, circular economy and intergovernmental relations, and outline what local government could achieve, if formally recognised and adequately funded.

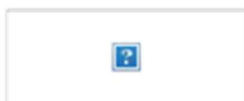
They have been assessed by independent economists, and if implemented by the next Federal Government they would create at least 42,975 new jobs and add \$6.39 billion per annum to Australia's GDP.

In the lead up to next year's election, ALGA and your state and territory local government associations will be calling on all parties and candidates to support these national priorities, empowering local government to play a meaningful role in Australia's recovery.

Your council can support this national campaign by endorsing ALGA's priority asks, identifying local projects and programs that could be delivered with better funding partnerships, writing to local members and candidates, and highlighting the value strong funding partnerships can deliver for your local community.

**Will you join ALGA at the 2022 National General Assembly in Canberra from 19-22 June, and will you work with us to advocate for these key national priorities and help ensure no community is left behind in Australia's COVID-19 recovery?**

Any administrative inquiries can be directed to ALGA by calling 02 6122 9400.



Cr Linda Scott  
ALGA President

## COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

**REPORT TITLE:** COUNCIL ACTION RECORDS  
**ITEM NUMBER:** 4.8  
**DATE OF MEETING:** 31 JANUARY 2022  
**AUTHOR:** LARA KENNEDY  
**JOB TITLE:** EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF THE  
CEO  
**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

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### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide an update to Members on information and actions arising from resolutions of Council.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The report be noted.
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COUNCIL ACTION REPORTS - ACTIONS TO JANUARY 2022						
Meeting Date	Item #	Subject and Council Resolution	Responsible Exec.	Status/Progress	Expected Completion Date	
23/08/21  refer 5.1.2 27/09/21	4.1	<b>CULROSS AVENUE TRAFFIC AND PARKING ASSESSMENT</b> 2. The Council undertake consultation with the residents abutting Culross Avenue, Bridge Street, and all regular hirers of Scammell Reserve, including the Scout Hall, regarding a possible full road-closure of Culross Avenue to be provided adjacent no. 19 and 20 Culross Avenue. 3. As part of the consultation process regarding a possible full road-closure of Culross Avenue, feedback is sought in respect to the likely impacts that the road-closure would have for matters such as on-street parking, circulation and access and waste collection. 4. A further report be presented to Council for its consideration outlining the results of the feedback received in response to the consultation process for a possible full road-closure of Culross Avenue.	GM City Development	The Administration engaged an external consultant to undertake consultation as resolved by Council. Consultation has concluded and feedback has been received. A report outlining the results of the feedback is presented to Council for consideration at its January 2022 meeting.	Completed	
23/08/21	4.6	<b>SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAM - SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS UPDATE</b> 2. An Elected Member briefing be held to provide details on the impact of plastic bags going to landfill within the City of Unley, to allow an informed submission to be made to the Stage 3 consultation for implementation of the Single-Use and Other Plastic Products (Waste Avoidance) Act 2020.	GM City Development	The Administration has been liaising with Plastic Free SA which is a non-for-profit-organisation that works with local businesses to transition to no plastics. A briefing will be held with Elected Members in February 2022 on how Council can play a more active role in businesses reducing their reliance on single use plastic bags through engagement with Plastic Free SA.	February 2022	
23/08/21	5.1.2	<b>NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR D. PALMER RE: FRONT BOUNDARY HEDGES - IMPACT ON PEDESTRIAN ACCESS</b> 1. An audit of previously inspected hedges on the front boundaries of private properties within the City of Unley be completed to: 1.1 Identify hedges that impede pedestrian access on the public footway; 1.2 Outline actions Council may take to resolve the impact of these related hedges, in line with Council's Compliance Policy. 2. A report on the audit findings be presented to Council for consideration of any further action.	GM City Services	The audit of hedges has been completed, with outcomes of the audit and next steps presented at the Council briefing on 15 November 2021. A report will be presented to Council early in the new year, presenting the future approach, as well as costing a City Wide hedge audit for Council's consideration as a future budget submission for 2022/23.	March 2022	
27/09/21	5.1.1	<b>NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR J. BONHAM RE: CALL FOR ACTION FOR CONSERVATION COUNCIL AND PROPOSED ITEM OF BUSINESS FOR GAROC</b> 2. The CEO be authorised to write to the Conservation Council of South Australia indicating that Unley Council has endorsed in principle 'A Call to Action: Protecting Adelaide's Tree Canopy'. 3. The 'A Call to Action: Protecting Adelaide's Tree Canopy' report be referred to ERA to evaluate the recommendations contained in the report, and to investigate what role councils may play in their implementation, and a report be provided to member councils on completion of investigations. 4. A motion be submitted for consideration at the next General Meeting of the LGA requesting the LGA lobby the State Government regarding the provisions applying to arborist qualifications/standards and methodologies used for tree assessments, potentially through the introduction of a Practice Direction under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016. 5. Council staff be authorised to liaise with the LGA Secretariat in relation to the wording of the motion set out in Part 3, and if required, modify the wording to facilitate acceptance of the motion for consideration at the Local Government Association Ordinary General Meeting and to ensure legislative compliance.	CEO  CEO  Executive Manager Office of the CEO	Completed  Completed  The next LGA General Meeting at which this motion can be considered will be held in April 2022.	Completed  Completed  April 2022	
27/09/21	5.1.2	<b>NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR J. DODD RE: VARIATION TO COUNCIL RESOLUTION C0578/21: CULROSS AVENUE TRAFFIC AND PARKING ASSESSMENT</b> 2. The Council undertake consultation with the residents abutting Culross Avenue, Bridge Street, and all regular hirers of Scammell Reserve, including the Scout Hall, regarding a possible full road closure of Culross Avenue to be provided adjacent no. 19 and 20 Culross Avenue and/or for a possible full road closure at the intersection of Culross Avenue and Fullarton Road. 3. As part of the consultation process regarding a possible full road closure of Culross Avenue, feedback is sought in respect to the likely impacts that the road closure would have for matters such as onstreet parking, circulation and access and waste collection. 4. A further report be presented to Council for its consideration outlining the results of the feedback received in response to the consultation process for a possible full road closure of Culross Avenue.	General Manager City Development	The Administration engaged an external consultant to undertake consultation as resolved by Council. Consultation has concluded and feedback has been received. A report outlining the results of the feedback is presented to Council for consideration at its January 2022 meeting.	Completed	

COUNCIL ACTION REPORTS - ACTIONS TO JANUARY 2022					
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22/11/21	5.1.1	<p><b>NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR K. ANASTASSIADIS RE: REQUEST TO UNDERTAKE A MOVEMENT STUDY OF GLEN OSMOND ROAD</b></p> <p>1. The City of Unley write to the City of Burnside and request that a joint meeting be held with the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Corey Wingard, with a view to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) undertaking a holistic movement study of Glen Osmond Road from Fullarton Road in the south-east to Greenhill Road in the north-west that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• safe and timely movement of pedestrians (including those using mobility aids) and cyclists along and across the road.</li> <li>• safe and timely movement of pedestrians (including those using mobility aids) and cyclists at the intersection of Glen Osmond Road, Kenilworth Road and Young Street.</li> <li>• motor vehicle traffic volumes and speeds on Glen Osmond Road.</li> <li>• motor vehicle movements at the intersection of Glen Osmond Road, Kenilworth Road and Young Street including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- illegal turns from Kenilworth Road into Glen Osmond Road.</li> <li>-- queuing across pedestrian crossings and the slip lane.</li> <li>-- entry from the commercial premises located within the intersection.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	General Manager City Development	A meeting between Mayors and CEO's occurred on 18 January 2022. It was agreed that Unley would draft a letter to the Minister and Burnside would co-sign the letter. Discussion also covered a future PLEC submission by both Councils for undergrounding of street lights and streetscape improvement for all of Glen Osmond Road (in stages) commencing from Cross Road and heading progressively north.	March 2022
13/12/21	5.4.1	<p><b>QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLOR D. PALMER RE: ADMINISTRATION TO CLARIFY WHETHER THE MAYOR HAS A COUNCIL PROVIDED VEHICLE AS PART OF HIS ROLE</b></p> <p>1. Can Administration clarify whether the Mayor has a Council provided vehicle as part of his role?</p>	Acting Executive Manager Office of the CEO	Responses to the Questions on Notice are provided with the January 2022 agenda.	Completed

## **MOTION OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR D. PALMER RE: 2022/23 BUDGET GUIDANCE
<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	5.1.1
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	31 JANUARY 2022
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	NIL

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Councillor D. Palmer has given notice of intention to move the following motion at the Council meeting to be held on 31 January 2022.

### **MOTION**

That:

1. The Administration frame the 2022/23 Budget within the parameter of a General Rate rise of CPI + 1%.
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### **Background**

The preparation of the Annual Budget and Business Plan is a prime responsibility of Council. The vast majority of the background work is the everyday province of our staff. In fulfilling our role we also have an obligation to give guidance to our staff about our expectations. For several years we have been giving early notice to staff about our expectations and self-imposed budget restraint. This is our own voluntary cap on rate rises.

We cannot ignore the fact that many costs inevitably rise on an annual basis and this guidance provides a reasonable allowance for that.

This motion is not a Budget decision, it is guidance to staff.

## **MOTION OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**REPORT TITLE:** NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR J. BOISVERT RE: SUPPORT TO BUSINESSES DURING CURRENT COVID-19 (OMICRON) OUTBREAK

**ITEM NUMBER:** 5.1.2

**DATE OF MEETING:** 31 JANUARY 2022

**ATTACHMENTS:** NIL

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Councillor J. Boisvert has given notice of intention to move the following motion at the Council meeting to be held on 31 January 2022.

### **MOTION**

That:

1. Administration investigate and report back on what support Council could provide to businesses during the current COVID-19 (Omicron) outbreak.
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### **Background**

During the initial outbreak of COVID, Council discussed and implemented ways to support residents and businesses when they experienced significant economic losses. This included rate rebates and rate holidays as well as, more recently, the waiving of outdoor dining permit fees. The obvious lack of people in the streets is more than likely hurting most small businesses that rely on regular purchases.

## QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE AT COUNCIL MEETING 13/12/2021 RE: ALLOWANCES, BENEFITS AND SUPPORT TO MAYOR/ELECTED MEMBERS
<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	5.3.1
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	31 JANUARY 2022
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	NIL

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The following Questions were asked without notice by Councillor D. Palmer at the Council Meeting on 13 December 2021. At that time the questions were taken on notice. The answers are now provided:

### QUESTIONS

1. Can Administration clarify whether the Mayor has a Council provided vehicle as part of his role?
2. What roles does Administration have on correcting errors that may have been identified in the personal blogs of Members?

### ANSWERS

1. **Can Administration clarify whether the Mayor has a Council provided vehicle as part of his role?**

As per the Elected Members Allowances and Benefits Policy, Council has resolved in accordance with section 78(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, that the provision of facilities and support set out in "Schedule 4 – Facilities and Support Specific to the Mayor" are necessary or expedient to the performance or discharge of official functions or duties by the Mayor. Schedule 4 contains the following in relation to provision of a vehicle to the Mayor:

- A fully maintained Council-owned vehicle, of a similar type and standard to that supplied to the CEO. In accordance with section 78(3) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the use of the vehicle for a purpose unrelated to the performance or discharge of official functions and duties is authorised, subject to the reimbursement to the council for any additional costs or expenses associated with this use.

The Mayor is not obligated to receive or use the facilities and support set out in Schedule 4.

Mayor M. Hewitson has declined the use of a fully maintained Council-owned vehicle since being elected to office.



2. **What roles does Administration have on correcting errors that may have been identified in the personal blogs of Members?**

As has been previously communicated to Elected Members, and based on legal advice received, Administration has no role in requesting a correction to an Elected Members personal blog. A personal blog could reasonably and objectively be considered communication from the Elected Member in a private capacity, rather than as a function and/or responsibility as an Elected Member. A personal blog and its contents could also be considered to be used for an electoral purpose, and it is not appropriate for Administration to seek to edit electoral material published by Elected Members.

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## QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	QUESTION ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLOR P. HUGHES RE: TREE CANOPY NOTIFICATION
<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	5.3.2
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	31 JANUARY 2022
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	NIL

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The following Questions on Notice have been received from Councillor P. Hughes and the answers are provided:

### **QUESTIONS**

1. How many Unley property owners paid their rates in full and therefore did not receive advice of their canopy percentage?
2. How and when will these property owners be advised of their property's canopy percentage?

### **ANSWERS**

1. **How many Unley property owners paid their rates in full and therefore did not receive advice of their canopy percentage?**

Full annual payment was received for 2,542 rate assessments at the end of the first quarter. These assessments were not sent a rate notice for the second quarter and therefore have not received information about the canopy cover percentage.

There were 19,468 assessments as at 30 June 2021.

2. **How and when will these property owners be advised of their property's canopy percentage?**

Administration has been developing an App with a target launch within the next 6 to 8 weeks. The Tree Canopy App will enable anyone to enter a property address, and the App will display on a map the property's canopy cover (current, 2021 and previous, 2018) and building footprint.

A communications plan will be developed for the launch of the App to inform a broad group of stakeholders. This approach is intended to avoid a special mailout cost in the order of \$3,700, where a number of the properties do not have a canopy measurement and/or instances where assessments are sent to property management/investment agents.

As the LiDar will now be undertaken on an annual basis, it is proposed that the App will be updated on an annual basis and be accompanied by a public annual report (aligned to the adopted strategy) and number of standard reports.

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## QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	QUESTION ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLOR P. HUGHES RE: SOLAR PANEL AND BATTERY STORAGE POTENTIAL ON COUNCIL OWNED BUILDINGS
<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	5.3.3
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	31 JANUARY 2022
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	NIL

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The following Questions on Notice have been received from Councillor P. Hughes and the answers are provided:

### **QUESTIONS**

1. Which Council owned buildings currently have Solar Panels installed? What is their current kW capacity?
2. Do any of these buildings have potential for increased capacity?
3. Which of these warrant considerations for battery storage?
4. Do any of these buildings have an ageing / inefficient Solar Panel system that warrants replacement. If so which ones?
5. What is the (definite and/or tentative) priority order for installing Solar Panels on Council owned buildings that currently have nil?
6. Which of these warrant considerations for battery storage?
7. Which Council owned buildings, leased to community groups, currently have Solar Panels installed? What is their current kW capacity?
8. Which of these have capacity for an increase?
9. Which of these warrant considerations for battery storage?
10. Are any joint ventures currently being explored with these community groups?

## **ANSWERS**

### **1. Which Council owned buildings currently have Solar Panels installed? What is their current kW capacity?**

A total of 105kW of solar panels have been installed on Council-owned buildings in recent years as follows:

- Civic Centre: 30kW (2020)
- Depot: 30kW (2020)
- Clarence Park Institute Hall: 20kW (2019)
- Fullarton Park Community Centre: 15kW + 9.8kWh lithium-ion battery (2018)
- Swimming Centre: 10kW (2017)
- Unley Community Centre: 1.6kW (2014)

### **2. Do any of these buildings have potential for increased capacity?**

Of the current buildings with solar panels, the following have capacity for additional panels:

- Unley Community Centre – 15kW
- Depot – 8kW\*
- Swimming Centre – 20kW

The Unley Civic Centre has potential for increased capacity however it is not recommended as it will require structural changes to the heritage sections of the building, which is considered cost prohibitive.

\*Note that any system exceeding 30kW in total requires additional network protection measures, meter reconfiguration, and connection approvals due to its large commercial scale size.

### **3. Which of these warrant considerations for battery storage?**

Battery Storage would benefit facilities that have regular night time usage and/or will likely have overnight charging of electric fleet vehicles (long term). Of the current buildings with solar panels, the following warrant consideration for battery storage:

- Civic Centre
- Unley Community Centre
- Depot

Please note that the 2021 Climate and Energy Plan - Technical Report did not recommend additional battery installations until 2024, due to current pricing, and it was suggested to focus on solar panels or other energy efficiency works in the short term

4. **Do any of these buildings have an ageing / inefficient Solar Panel system that warrants replacement. If so which ones?**

In 2011, the Council undertook the installation of a number of 1.6kW demonstration sites. Council has progressively replaced or upgraded these sites, with only the Unley Community Centre requiring replacement/upgrade.

5. **What is the (definite and/or tentative) priority order for installing Solar Panels on Council owned buildings that currently have nil?**

30 kW installations are planned as part of the Unley Oval Community Hub (Stage 2 works).

The tentative priority for further installations on buildings without any existing solar panels is the Goodwood precinct (Library and Community Centre).

6. **Which of these warrant considerations for battery storage?**

The Goodwood precinct (Library and Community Centre) could be considered for battery storage in the future due to regular evening usage of the various facilities. The Unley Oval Community Hub can also be assessed when it is fully operational

7. **Which Council owned buildings, leased to community groups, currently have Solar Panels installed? What is their current kW capacity?**

Currently, the following leased sites have solar panels:

- Sturt Bowling Club – 13.3kW
- Goodwood Oval (cricket and football clubs) – 30kW
- Forrestville Hockey Club – 1.6kW
- 39 Oxford Terrace (Sturt Football Club) – 35kW

8. **Which of these have capacity for an increase?**

Forrestville Hockey Club – 15kW.

9. **Which of these warrant considerations for battery storage?**

As part of the Climate Partners Fund (see Q10 below), Council staff would engage with Community Groups (tenants) to identify opportunities for increased solar capacity as well as requirement for battery storage and appropriate configuration of the existing facilities.

10. **Are any joint ventures currently being explored with these community groups?**

The 2021/22 Business Plan includes the Climate Partners Fund, a new initiative where a 50% subsidy up to the value of \$7,500 is provided by Council towards the cost of energy efficiency capital upgrades, including solar panels and/or battery storage.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	MAYOR'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 2022
<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.1.1
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	31 JANUARY 2022
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	1. SUBMISSION FROM UNLEY COUNCIL TO HON JOSH TEAGUE, MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### 1. RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The report be received.

### Functions attended (08/12/21 to 31/01/22)

Legend for attendance type at Function/Event:	
Attendee – only, no duties	Guest – specifically invited as an event guest
Interview – on-air radio guest	Host – hosted a meeting as Mayor
Mayor – attended as the Mayor of City of Unley	Presenter – involved in presenting awards
Representative – attended as Council representative	Speaker – attended and gave a speech as Mayor

Date	Function/Event Description	Type
08/12/21	ERA Mayor's Christmas Dinner	Mayor
09/12/21	Meet the Mayor	Host
09/12/21	Shadow Minister's Briefing	Mayor
10/12/21	Buddies at Breakfast Xmas Event	Mayor
10/12/21	Mayor's Christmas Dinner	Host
11/12/21	Christmas on King William Road	Attendee
14/12/21	Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch	Mayor
15/12/21	Meeting with Attorney General Hon Josh Teague, Minister for Planning and Local Government*	Mayor
24/12/21	Christmas Eve Outdoor Carols – Glen Osmond Baptist Church	Guest
08/01/22	Adelaide International Tennis SA	Mayor
12/01/22	BHKCS Project Business Case	Mayor
17/01/22	Official Opening of Kensington Gardens Reserve	Mayor



<b>Date</b>	<b>Function/Event Description</b>	<b>Type</b>
20/01/22	Meet the Mayor	Host
21/01/22	Minister Wingard Visit to Unley Oval	Mayor
25/01/22	Common Grace Annual #ChangeTheHeart Event	Guest

\*Meeting with the Hon Josh Teague, Minister for Planning and Local Government 15 December 2021, attended with CEO and David Pisoni MP, Minister for Innovation and Skills. The Ministers both gave enthusiastic support and understanding and I hope that our request will be supported by this Government.

Attached is the submission from City of Unley to the Hon Josh Teague.

Submission from Unley Council to Hon Josh Teague, Minister for Planning and Local Government

**New developments that increase the built form are crucial for Unley Council to achieve a long-term tree canopy of 31% canopy cover across the city.**

**1. Tree Canopy**

- The City of Unley loses approximately 1,000 trees on private property per annum.
- Council currently has a street tree planting program that partly offsets this loss but will run out of public land to plant trees within 5 years. Council is planting 500 extra trees per year. The maximum canopy cover across the whole city when Council Land is fully planted is only 6.4% of the 31% target.
- Analysis indicates that if Council is to meet its long-term canopy target of 31% by 2045, an additional 14,000 trees need to be planted within the next 25 years (in addition to those being replaced).
- Most of these tree plantings will need to be on private land to increase the tree canopy to approximately 27% from the current 22%.
- Council will need support from the State Government to buy additional land as land is expensive in the City of Unley.
- Council has explored several concepts in relation to financial measures and favours one that applies to new developments only, rather than one for all properties.
- Development approvals that would result in an increase to the built footprint on the property ( e.g. two or more dwellings on one allotment; alterations and additions such as in-ground swimming pools, verandas, and garages) would trigger the preferred concept.

**2. Private Property 2018-2021 LiDar data**

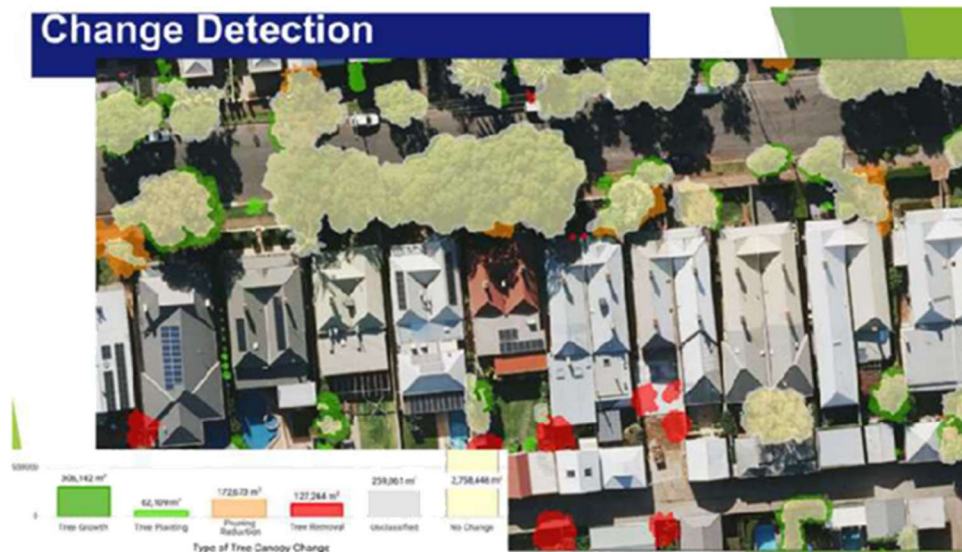
- The average tree canopy on private property across Unley has increased from 21.26% to 22.34%.
- However, this is a temporary outcome likely due to the growth of surviving existing trees. Each year more than twice as many trees are removed than new trees being planted.
- Development Applications (involving Building Footprint Increase) for the period June 2018 – June 2021 show a decrease of tree canopy cover overall of over 22%.



- 636 of DA's have a loss of 35.70%; and 661 an increase of 13.45%.
- Many of the developments with tree loss are a permanent loss, as new trees can not be planted.
- The LiDar data for the city of Unley clearly shows approximately 20,000M<sup>2</sup> of canopy loss on an annual basis.
- This ongoing loss over years will mean that our target will not be reached and our city will decline to an overall canopy cover of below 20%.

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Submission from Unley Council to Hon Josh Teague, Minister for Planning and Local Government



### 3. Proposed Approach

- When a development application is lodged, an assessment of tree canopy cover on the property would be made against a target canopy cover of 15%. This target ties in with the new planning code which makes provision for sufficient “soft soil” to enable all new developments to be able to grow 15% tree canopy cover should they choose to do so.
- If the target is not met, the property owner would be charged an additional 10% of their rates, until such time as 15% canopy cover is achieved on the property. If on the other hand, the 15% target was met at the time of development, the additional charge would not be imposed.
- The additional income received by Council from the increased charges would go into a tree fund so that Council can purchase additional land on which to plant trees to achieve the desired canopy cover.
- Legal advice indicates that for the concept to be implemented,
  - it would require amendments to Section 154 of the Local Government Act to enable Council to impose a separate rate directly connected to this purpose, should this approach be used. OR .....

### 4. Request from the City of Unley

- For the Minister for Planning to approve an offset fund provided for in Section 197 of the Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 to provide a financial incentive for new developments to have 15% tree canopy cover.
- Section 197 (5) “An approval of the Minister that relates to a scheme to be established by a joint planning board or a council may be given on conditions specified by the Minister.”
- The fund be held and managed by the Unley Council
- The sole purpose is to buy nearby offset land for council to plant trees on.
- Council bears the costs of planting and maintaining from recurrent revenue.
- Suggested it be a trial of at least three years to measure outcomes. An offset fund requires updating each 10 years by the minister.

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## DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

**REPORT TITLE:** DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 2022  
**ITEM NUMBER:** 6.2.1  
**DATE OF MEETING:** 31 JANUARY 2022  
**ATTACHMENTS:** NIL

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### 1. RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The report be received.
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### Functions attended (08/12/21 to 25/01/22)

Date	Function/Event Description
10 Dec	Attended Buddies Christmas Breakfast
	Attended Mayor's Christmas function
11 Dec	Spent time at Christmas on King William Road with my wife Dianne, met and had coffee with the Mayor & his wife Ros
13 Dec	Met with staff at Page Park to discuss condition of turf
	First fortnightly meeting with Deputy Mayor
	Attended Economic Development Working Group's meeting with Ed Scanlon. A productive meeting providing Ed with some insight into the development of our Economic Strategy.
	Council meeting
14 Dec	Attended Goodwood Road Traders Christmas function
	Attended Unley Road Christmas Networking event.
10 Jan	Fortnightly meeting with Deputy Mayor. General discussion.
21 Feb	Coffee with Cr Boisvert, discussing Clarence Park ward issues and budgeting.
24 Feb	Fortnightly meeting with Deputy Mayor. Discussed tree strategy in readiness for CEO report to Council.

Had numerous conversations with rate payers re concerns they may have. Many of these were focused on the North-South Corridor T2D project.

## REPORTS OF MEMBERS

**REPORT TITLE:** REPORTS OF MEMBERS  
**ITEM NUMBER:** 6.3.1  
**DATE OF MEETING:** 31 JANUARY 2022  
**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. COUNCILLOR M. BRONIECKI

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Council to note attached reports from Members:

1. Councillor M. Broniecki
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**MEMBER REPORT**

**REPORT TITLE:** REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR M. BRONIECKI

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**Functions attended (08/12/21 to 25/01/22)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Function/Event Description</b>
9/12/2021	Unley Museum Sesquicentenary Event
10/12/2021	Buddies Breakfast Christmas function at Unley Park Sports Club
10/12/2021	Unley Council Christmas function
13/12/2021	Living Young Reference Group presentation
13/12/2021	Council Meeting
14/12/2021	Unley Community Centre ride
14/12/2021	Unley Traders Christmas event
17/12/2021	Meeting with Mayor and Councillor Michael Rabbitt
17/12/2021	Meeting with resident
20/1/2022	Meeting with resident



## **CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	CORRESPONDENCE
<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.4.1
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	31 JANUARY 2022
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	1. GREEN ADELAIDE 2. DAVID SPEIRS MP

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The correspondence from:

- Green Adelaide – Urban Heat and Tree Canopy Cover Mapping Update
- David Speirs MP – 2021/22 Greener Neighbourts Grants program Application Outcome

be noted.

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22 December 2021

Mayor Michael Hewitson  
City of Unley

Via email: [mhewitson@unley.sa.gov.au](mailto:mhewitson@unley.sa.gov.au)

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Dear Mayor Hewitson

**Re: Urban Heat and Tree Canopy Cover Mapping Update**

I'm writing to you following my previous correspondence in June 2021 regarding the Green Adelaide Board's (the Board) proposal to lead urban heat and tree canopy cover mapping across metropolitan Adelaide, which included a request for funding contributions of \$10,000. On behalf of the Board, thank you for your commitment to contribute to this project subject to further discussion at an operational level. I am pleased to advise that sufficient funding has been committed by several councils as well as the State Government through Wellbeing SA and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), in addition to the Green Adelaide Board to enable the first stage of data capture to proceed.

Green Adelaide is coordinating the **urban heat and tree canopy mapping** across 18 metropolitan councils. This will establish a full dataset to form the basis for ongoing monitoring of change, achievements and projects at various scales, from the entire metropolitan region potentially down to individual properties. This recapture will also inform the development of the urban greening strategy for metropolitan Adelaide.

I am pleased to advise that suppliers for the data capture have been contracted, and that this will be undertaken between January and March 2022. Data will be delivered by May 2022, after which analysis will be undertaken.

Green Adelaide staff will continue to engage with key agency and council representatives at an operational level through workshops to discuss and prioritise the data analysis products (technical reports and communications materials) that will best meet the needs of project partners.

Once again thank you for your contribution and continuing support of this important work. If you would like any further information on this matter, please contact Brenton Gear, Director Green Adelaide, at [Brenton.gear@sa.gov.au](mailto:Brenton.gear@sa.gov.au) or 0428 823 622.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Daniels".

**Chris Daniels**  
Presiding Member  
Green Adelaide Board







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Mayor Michael Hewitson  
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Dear Mayor, *Michael*

**Re: 2021/22 Greener Neighbourhoods Grants program Application Outcome**

Thank you for your application for funding through the 2021/22 round of the Greener Neighbourhoods Grants program (GNGP), I greatly appreciate the effort and enthusiasm that your staff have shown in the preparation of your organisation's application.

I am pleased to inform you that your project '**Outside the Kerb - Greening Unley's Older Streets**' has been approved for funding for the amount of **\$34,887** (GST exclusive).

The GNGP has been very successful, with over \$1.61 million of funding awarded since 2019/20 for projects which will increase tree canopy, reduce urban heat, and provide benefits for local communities. Funding awarded through the 2021/22 round brings the total funding awarded to more than \$3.35 million.

Increasing tree canopy and quality public green space across our suburbs and regional cities provides many benefits, increasing liveability and enhancing health and wellbeing through nature connectedness as well as providing habitat for native fauna.

I am proud to support your organisation to deliver practical, on-ground benefits for local communities as an example of the work that will transform Adelaide as a National Park City. I look forward to future updates on the environmental and social outcomes which result from this project.

Green Adelaide staff will liaise with staff from your organisation to formalise the grant agreement for your project. If you have any questions prior to this, please contact James Peters, Senior Policy Officer, by phoning (08) 8226 8580 or emailing [james.peters@sa.gov.au](mailto:james.peters@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

**DAVID SPEIRS MP**  
Minister for Environment and Water

Date: *10/01/2022*

## DECISION REPORT

**REPORT TITLE:** CONFIDENTIALITY MOTION FOR ITEM 7.2 -  
WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
CONTRACT

**ITEM NUMBER:** 7.1

**DATE OF MEETING:** 31 JANUARY 2022

**AUTHOR:** CLAUDE MALAK

**JOB TITLE:** GENERAL MANAGER, CITY DEVELOPMENT

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Pursuant to section 83(5) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Chief Executive Officer has indicated that, if Council so determines, this matter may be considered in confidence under Part 3 of the *Local Government Act 1999* on the grounds set out below.

### 1. **RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(b)(i) and (b)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in relation to this matter because it relates to:
  - information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and
  - information the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest
2. In weighing up the factors related to disclosure:
  - disclosure of this matter to the public would demonstrate accountability and transparency of the Council's operations; and
  - non-disclosure of this item at this time will enable Council to consider and decide upon the way forward to deliver its waste management services, without compromising the commercial position of Council or the position of the person whom council is proposing to conduct business with.

On that basis, the public's interest is best served by not disclosing Item 7.2 Waste Management Services Contract report, attachment(s) and discussion at this point in time.

3. Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* it is recommended the Council orders that all members of the public be excluded, with the exception of staff of the City of Unley on duty in attendance.



**ITEM 7.2**

**Confidential – removed from the public agenda – page 238 – 273**

## DECISION REPORT

**REPORT TITLE:** CONFIDENTIALITY MOTION TO REMAIN IN  
CONFIDENCE FOR ITEM 7.2 - WASTE  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT

**ITEM NUMBER:** 7.3

**DATE OF MEETING:** 31 JANUARY 2022

**AUTHOR:** CLAUDE MALAK

**JOB TITLE:** GENERAL MANAGER, CITY DEVELOPMENT

### 1. **RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Pursuant to Section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the following elements of Item 7.2 Waste Management Services Contract, considered at the Council Meeting on 31 January 2022:

- Minutes
- Report
- Attachment

remain confidential as follows:

- Minutes: until it is determined that the first decision of Council will not proceed or the formal Contract is entered into, whichever occurs last.
- Report & Attachment: until the Chief Executive Officer (as per (3) below) or Council, by resolution, determines that there is no longer any requirement to maintain confidentiality for the benefit of the commercial interests of the parties considered by Council in this Item.

and not available for public inspection until the cessation of those periods.

2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to provide details of the decision to relevant parties if required, in order to enable implementation of the decision.
3. Pursuant to Section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the power to revoke the order under Section 91(7) prior to any review or as a result of any review is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

## DECISION REPORT

**REPORT TITLE:** CONFIDENTIALITY MOTION FOR ITEM 7.5 - JOINT APPLICATION WITH THE CITY OF MITCHAM TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION UNDER THE 'LEGAL ASSIST POLICY'

**ITEM NUMBER:** 7.4

**DATE OF MEETING:** 31 JANUARY 2022

**AUTHOR:** PETER TSOKAS

**JOB TITLE:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Pursuant to section 83(5) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Chief Executive Officer has indicated that, if Council so determines, this matter may be considered in confidence under Part 3 of the *Local Government Act 1999* on the grounds set out below.

### 1. **RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in relation to this matter because it relates to:
  - information relating to actual litigation, or litigation that the Council or Council committee believes on reasonable grounds will take place, involving the council or an employee of the Council.
2. In weighing up the factors related to disclosure:
  - disclosure of this matter to the public would demonstrate accountability and transparency of the Council's operations; and
  - non-disclosure of this item at this time will enable Council to determine a course of action relating to an application for financial assistance for current litigation.

On that basis, the public's interest is best served by not disclosing 7.5 Joint application with the City of Mitcham to the Local Government Association under the 'Legal Assist Policy', Report and discussion at this point in time.

3. Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* it is recommended the Council orders that all members of the public be excluded, with the exception of staff of the City of Unley on duty in attendance.

**ITEM 7.5**

**Confidential – removed from the confidential agenda – pages 276 – 289.**

## DECISION REPORT

**REPORT TITLE:** CONFIDENTIALITY MOTION TO REMAIN IN CONFIDENCE FOR ITEM 7.5 - JOINT APPLICATION WITH THE CITY OF MITCHAM TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION UNDER THE 'LEGAL ASSIST POLICY'

**ITEM NUMBER:** 7.6

**DATE OF MEETING:** 31 JANUARY 2022

**AUTHOR:** PETER TSOKAS

**JOB TITLE:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### 1. **RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Pursuant to Section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the following elements of Item 7.5 Joint application with the City of Mitcham to the Local Government Association under the 'Legal Assist Policy', considered at the Council Meeting on 31 January 2022:

- Minutes
- Report
- Attachment

remain confidential until legal proceedings have concluded and not available for public inspection until the cessation of that period.

2. Pursuant to Section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the power to revoke the order under Section 91(7) prior to any review or as a result of any review is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.