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# Final Whiteman Park Strategic Plan 2017 - 2021

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REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS

Submitter	Issue(s) raised	Planning response
Mr Ross Underwood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Given the park's lineal connection to the Swan River to the south and West Swan Rd to the east, there is opportunity to improve access to the Park by bicycle.</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strategic Plan notes as Outcome 3 – 'the promotion of the park as a destination of significance for local and international visitors' and as a subset upgrading and extending the parks facilities to expand visitor opportunities and experiences including active and passive recreation and nature play.</li> <li>Improving access to the Park for bicycles and improving the connectivity between the park and Swan River and West Swan Rd would be considered as part of the structure planning that will support the Strategic Plan.</li> <li>The WAPC has commenced an upgrading of bicycle paths within the park and greater connections into the park will be provided from the new Northlink and Ellenbrook Bus Rapid transit/Lord Street realignment projects.</li> </ul>
Mr Eric Purvis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A great plan. Make it happen.</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p>
Mr Gerald Corbett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sporting fields along Marshall Road considered an intrusion into the Park.</li> <li>Cemetery concern regarding water table.</li> <li>Who would run the short term accommodation on Lord Street?</li> <li>Concern that any development may impact the flora and fauna in the area.</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The strategic plan proposes the construction of sporting fields on Marshall Road to provide a buffer between the industrial and residential developments in the area and the park. This is to meet the twin objectives of providing additional sporting facilities for the region, as well as complimenting the park's core business 'Outcome 1' in providing interconnected meeting places for communities to meet, recreate in and enjoy.</li> <li>The proposed cemetery is intended to be developed as a parkland facility similar to Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park. This is designed to avoid any ground water issues. The cemetery proposal is subject to a recently commenced master planning exercise that will test suitability for the purpose including ground water issues. If the site is not suitable the proposal will not proceed.</li> <li>Short stay accommodation. The strategic plan is a high level plan and as such does not consider the issue of who would run the proposed short term accommodation on Lord Street. This will be considered at a future stage in the planning process.</li> <li>Outcome 4 – Conserving the environment and Whiteman Park's heritage for future generations, recognises the importance of protecting the flora and fauna in the area. This is supplemented by the fact that the majority of the park is to remain a Bush forever site – Parks and Recreation under the MRS.</li> </ul>
Ms Margritha Dik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved access to the Park for cyclists.</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strategic Plan notes as 'Outcome 3' – the promotion of the park as a destination of significance for local and international visitors and as a subset upgrading and extending the parks facilities to expand visitor opportunities and experiences including active and passive recreation and nature play.</li> <li>Improving access to the Park for bicycles is to be considered as part of the structure plan to be developed in support of the strategic plan.</li> <li>The WAPC has commenced an upgrading of bicycle paths within the park and greater connections into the park will be provided from the new Northlink and Ellenbrook Bus Rapid transit/Lord Street realignment projects.</li> </ul>

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Mr Matt Farr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments regarding in principle support, with further work to be done in respect to improving access to the park for pedestrians.</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strategic Plan notes as ‘Outcome 3’ – the promotion of the park as a destination of significance for local and international visitors and as a subset upgrading and extending the parks facilities to expand visitor opportunities and experiences including active and passive recreation and nature play.</li> <li>Improving access to the Park for pedestrians is to be considered as part of the structure plan to be developed in support of the strategic plan.</li> <li>Discussions have also been held with Main Roads and the Department of Transport in relation to the interface between the park and the Ellenbrook Bus Rapid Transport project, with the Youle Dean Road ‘in fill’ bus station location outside the main entrance to the park.</li> </ul>
Ms Fiona Carter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whiteman Park was given to the people of Perth not the State Government or the Shire of Swan. The existing park should remain as is.</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The WAPC purchased all the land that now makes up Whiteman Park from Mr Lew Whiteman and others during the 1970’s. Mr Whiteman developed the area within the park known as Mussel Pool, which was a popular picnic destination in the 1960’s. When the park was officially opened in 1986 it was named in recognition of Mr Whiteman.</li> </ul>
Mr Eric Pearson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments regarding more work required to provide tourism facilities to promote WA and the Noongar people.</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The strategic plan recognises the importance of providing tourism facilities and the interconnection of Whiteman Park and the local Noongar people and culture. This is outlined in ‘Outcome 2’ – provide improved community access to the park’s activities and ‘Outcome 3’ a destination of significance for local and international visitors. The City of Swan has been planning for an indigenous cultural centre on the Bennett Brook land and there is a plan for an indigenous interpretation trail along the Bennett Brook from the Swan River. Settlement of the South West Native Title claim involves land commitments in and around Whiteman Park.</li> </ul>
Ms Bree Scraglioni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General comments in support of the strategic plan, but noting careful planning is required so that it achieves its objectives.</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p>
Mrs Helene Young	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notes that Whiteman Park is a happy place and as such should not have a cemetery attached to it.</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed cemetery is not intended to provide a traditional burial service but to be a memorial park similar to Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park.</li> <li>The cemetery proposal is subject to a recently commenced master planning exercise that will test suitability for the purpose including ground water issues. If the site is not suitable the proposal will not proceed.</li> <li>The memorial park will be sympathetic with the existing Park environment and provide a relaxed contemplative environment.</li> </ul>

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Swan Valley Progress Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General comments in support of the strategic plan, with additional comments on where the strategic plan could be enhanced or where additional clarification could be provided.</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The strategic plan is a high order plan that is to be supported by further detailed planning including structure plan, business cases for key project areas, budgets and program of works. Appropriate governance is to be included, which will incorporate stakeholder consultation. This is to ensure that as the strategic plan is implemented, that the appropriate approvals and stakeholder engagement has occurred.</li> </ul>
Roberts Day on behalf of the Catholic Archbishop of Perth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generally supportive of the strategic plan, but note that the proposed youth attractions to be developed in the Marshall Road land use area do not impinge on the sites potential to be developed in accordance with its industrial development zoning.</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The youth attraction area identified in the strategic plan is not intended to be developed in the area along Marshall Road that is within the industrial development zoning. The area proposed is within the existing Parks and Recreation zoning.</li> </ul>
City of Swan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generally supportive of the Strategic Plan. Commented that they do not support the location of the Cemetery given the high water table and the lands intended use for public purpose. Have noted a preference for the Cemetery to be located along Alexander Road</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed cemetery is not intended to provide a traditional burial service but to be a memorial park similar to Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park. The memorial park will be sympathetic with the existing public purpose zoning.</li> <li>The alternative site previously proposed by the City of Swan is not suitable for cemetery use as it is over the priority 1 source protection area of the Gnangara Water Mound.</li> </ul>
Metropolitan Cemeteries Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports the strategic plan.</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p>
Department of Sports and Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generally supportive of the strategic plan.</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p>
Public Transport Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notes that they wish to engage further with stakeholders regarding the potential alignment and station locations arising from the <i>Perth Transport Plan for 3.5 million</i>.</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department of Planning and the Whiteman Park Management team are already in discussion with the PTA on the alignment and station locations in respect to Whiteman Park.</li> </ul>
Tourism Western Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports the strategic plan.</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p>
Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generally supports the strategic plan, but notes the ground water concern in respect to the cemetery.</li> </ul>	<p>Submission noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed cemetery is not intended to provide a traditional burial service but to be a memorial park similar to Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park. This is deigned to avoid any ground water issues.</li> <li>The cemetery proposal is subject to a recently commenced master planning exercise that will test suitability for the purpose including ground water issues. If the site is not suitable the proposal will not proceed.</li> </ul>