

Attadale and Alfred Cove Foreshore Master Plan

Vision and Values Mapping Consultation

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OVERVIEW

The foreshore bordering the Swan Estuary Marine Park in Alfred Cove and Attadale is a significant natural asset within the City of Melville.

The area is highly valued by local, regional and international communities for its outstanding natural beauty and rich biodiversity, its deep and ancient cultural importance and many social benefits it provides through passive and active recreational opportunities.

Following the unsuccessful proposal to establish a Wave Park in Alfred Cove, the City is seeking to engage with the community and other key stakeholders to establish a vision for the Alfred Cove and Attadale (and a small section of Applecross) foreshore area that will promote its wellbeing, guide future investments and support decision making processes.

The consultation engagement process for the this Foreshore Master Plan project is envisaged to be a partnership initiative between the City of Melville, State Government and key stakeholder groups.

The Foreshore Master Plan project study area includes the following key attributes: Natural Heritage Values including:

- Buffer and ecological corridor for the Swan Estuary Marine Park and associated A-Class Nature reserve.
- Threatened Ecological Communities (such as the temperate coastal saltmarsh and remnant pockets of Melaleuca dampland and Eucalypt woodland and threatened species such as trans-equatorial migratory birds.
- One of the few remaining natural visual landscapes surviving in the Lower/Middle Swan River Estuary.
- Bush Forever status species, falling within the Swan River Trust Development Control Area (DCA) covered by the Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006.

Cultural Heritage Values including:

- Locations along the foreshore area and the Swan River (Derbarl Yerrigen) as cultural and spiritual significance to the Aboriginal people.

Infrastructure/Facilities/Buildings Including:

- The shared path forming part of the river walk connecting Perth to Fremantle.
- Atwell House Arts Centre (leased by the City of Melville to the Melville Community Arts Association Inc.).
- Melville Bowling Club (freehold land within the Tompkins Park precinct and leased by the City of Melville to Melville Bowls).
- Tompkins Park (freehold land containing sporting ovals, with 'Tompkins on Swan' function centre and associated facilities leased by the City of Melville to the Tompkins Park Community and Recreation Association Inc.).
- Various infrastructures, such as stormwater drains discharging into the Swan River/Marine Park, and ancillary buildings located within the study area.

Open Space Including:

- Attadale Reserve along Burke Drive (rehabilitated and grassed landfill area managed by the City of Melville and adjacent to the Point Walter Reserve, utilised for dog walking and recreation)
- Attadale Conservation Area (fenced and revegetated natural area providing habitat to native wildlife and managed by the City of Melville)
- Alfred Cove A-Class Nature Reserve (a narrow ribbon of native vegetation along the river shoreline, managed by the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions – DBCA)
- Crown land managed by the City of Melville
- Point Waylen (in the care of DBCA, which is mostly grassed and managed by the City of Melville)
- Troy Park Peninsula and recreation area (managed by the City of Melville, including clubrooms and sporting facilities)
- Atwell House Creative precinct (formally wetland and now grassed, low-lying damp land managed by the City of Melville)
- Tompkins Park (sports park with associated facilities, active recreation areas and significant stands of mature trees)

The Attadale and Alfred Cove foreshore area has been the subject of numerous proposals aimed at enhancing and improving the area including:

- Fenced dog exercise area at Attadale reserve (which was not supported by the local community, and therefore did not proceed).
- Attadale Foreshore Swan Breeding Habitat proposal (based on a report prepared by Bamford Consulting Ecologists in 2018 titled The Black Swan at Alfred Cove and referred to as the Burke Drive Concept Plan).
- Friends of Melville Bird Sanctuary proposal.
- Troy Park Wildlife Sanctuary proposal (City of Melville resolution dated 19 February 2019).
- Troy Park Junior Sports Clubroom Development Concept Plan (prepared by the Troy Park Sporting Association).
- Alfred Cove boardwalk proposal and path realignment concept project, including streamlining, habitat restoration and wetland reconstruction (prepared by the City of Melville for consultation with DBCA and stakeholders).
- Atwell Creative Precinct Upgrades including:
 - proposed refurbishments to Atwell House
 - construction of a new “ceramics” building to house the South of the River Potters Club
 - path access and realignments
- Melville Bowling Club redevelopment (proposal being developed by Melville Bowling Club).
- Tompkins Park upgrades (upgrades to change rooms, parking and other improvements following a decision not to proceed with a major upgrade of the Tompkins Park facility incorporating lawn bowls facilities).

This paper provides an outline of a proposal to undertake comprehensive stakeholder engagement for the Attadale and Alfred Cove foreshore area to develop a vision, identify values, examine options and provide a guide for future decision making and investment priorities and opportunities.

SCOPE OF WORK

The Project proposes a comprehensive community engagement process through a Charrette or Enquiry by Design process to achieve the following related to the Attadale and Alfred Cove foreshore area:

- Development of a vision and key objectives.
- Identification of values and aspirations (environmental, social, economic, recreational).
- Preparation of concepts (locational, facilities, uses) that explore scenarios, and a variety of options within those scenarios to maximise the protection, enhancement and use of the area.
- Selection of preferred options and priorities for the area, to be further developed through the preparation of a business case.

The scenarios will be prepared for the foreshore study area extending eastwards from Point Walter Reserve Lower Car Park entrance (at its junction with Burke Drive) to Attadale Reserve along Burke Drive (Roberts Road through to Troy Park), Troy Park (including the peninsula), Alfred Cove Nature Reserve, Atwell Creative Precinct, Melville Bowling Club, Tompkins Park and along the foreshore in a small section of Applecross extending to the Dunkley Avenue and Cunningham Road intersection (refer to Figure 1).

The preparation process will include an analysis of the site locations (at sub-precinct level) and its surrounding context with the wider precinct and foreshore area.

The community engagement is proposed as a Charrette or Enquiry by Design process that will inform the development of the opportunities, concepts and improvement options; including funding options and proposed timeframes for implementation. A preliminary identification of opportunities, concepts and options associated with the foreshore study area will include (but is not limited to) the following:

- Respecting and celebrating the Aboriginal heritage, history and environmental significance of the locality.
- Improving the quality of experiences, facilities and movement for the public.
- Integrating any facilities redevelopment or upgrades with the environmental features and the surrounding residential area in a cohesive and sustainable way.
- Optimising recreational and community spaces through redesign, consolidation, co-location or relocation.
- Improving access and parking, within the existing environmental and physical constraints.
- Maximising the sustainable use of existing facilities and buildings, particularly to the wider community.
- Enhancing the foreshore area, surrounding landscape and streetscapes through protection, replanting and revegetation.

Meetings will need to be held with stakeholders (see below) in order to gather information on the issues that will be reflected in the consultation process and options development for the foreshore area.

PRELIMINARY STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION

Understanding who the project stakeholders are is a critical element of any project. By understanding who these individuals and groups are, it is possible to ensure they are appropriately engaged as part of the project in the appropriate manner.

Stakeholders have been identified broadly as follows, in no particular order of importance or preference:

- Adjacent residents and site recreational users (including dog walkers and cyclists)
- Tompkins Park Community and Recreation Association Inc. and associated sporting clubs
- Recreational water sport associations and user groups
- Troy Park Sporting Association and associated sporting clubs
- Melville Bowling Club
- Melville Community Arts Association Inc.
- Swan Estuary Reserves Action Group Inc.
- Friends of Attadale Foreshore Inc.
- Federal, State Politicians/MPs
- Government Departments/Agencies
 - Department of Sport and Recreation (DLGSCI)
 - Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)
 - Department of Planning, Heritage and Lands (DPLH), including Aboriginal Affairs
 - Department of Water and Environment Regulation (DWER)
 - Water Corporation
 - Heritage Council of WA
- South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council
- Whadjuk Working Group
- City of Melville staff and Elected Members

A more comprehensive stakeholder list will be developed over the course of the project and will be detailed in the communication plan.

PROJECT DELIVERABLES

A Charrette or Enquiry by Design (comprehensive community engagement and involvement) process is expected to deliver the following:

- Pre-Charrette or Enquiry by design event
 - Site and context analysis, including a synopsis of existing documentation from previous studies.
 - Preliminary engagement with stakeholders, invitation to attend event
 - Charrette or Enquiry by Design process definition
 - Report highlighting/ analysing the above three points
 - Pre-Charrette presentation to Council outlining process
- Delivery of community consultation process and activities as agreed
- Post consultation report containing vision, values, aspirations, opportunities, concepts, options identification and assessment, preferred concepts/options based on sketches and preliminary quantity surveyor cost estimates
- Presentation to Council on consultation report and outcomes

PROJECT TIMEFRAME

The Charrette or Enquiry by Design component is Phase 1 of the project and is expected to be completed in 2020-2021 (subject to the approval of funding by the Melville City Council) over a six to nine month period. A six month project is considered a minimum period, with up to nine months taking into account the need to block out half of December 2020 and January 2021 for community consultation activities due to the Christmas holiday period.

Phase 2 of the project would be undertaken in 2021-2022 and involve the preparation of a Business Case based on the preferred options for enhancements or redevelopment of foreshore areas, facilities and infrastructure. This timeframe would be dependent upon adequate funding provided by project partners to progress priority initiatives.

PROJECT PROCUREMENT

The City of Melville will manage the procurement of a consultant to undertake the preparation of the Master Plan, in accordance with the Local Government Act requirements and the City's Procurement Policy, and support consultants in managing the stakeholder engagement process.

