



WHITE GUM VALLEY PRECINCT

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday May 8th, 2018 7:30pm

1. Stirling Hwy / Leach Hwy

Following the Joint Precinct Workshop about the proposed roadworks, we have submitted a list of questions and our design requirements to Main Roads and requested they meet with us to respond.

Main Roads are conducting two drop-in workshops at Stackwood (corner Stack and Wood streets).

We ask that residents ask Main Roads to come and meet with us, either when you go to the meeting or by email.

A resident advised that he had registered on the website but has not received any information, including did not receive invites about the consultation workshops.

Council and elected members will lobby for a local committee to be consulted about the project.

Follow up note: Main Roads have agreed to attend a precinct meeting. We are waiting for a date.

2. Repair Cafe

Jo described how the Mt Hawthorn Repair Café worked. She would like one to get set up in the Valley/Freo. Jo's proposal for a Repair Café in the Valley is attached to these notes.

The Mt Hawthorn Café runs once a month, relies on volunteers, hires space in a café and fixes as much as possible based on who and what turns up. The group received some funding from Council and have become an incorporated body. They have joined an international body which provides assistance and promotion.

People who are interested in getting involved could contact Jo. Contact details are on the attached proposal.

Councillors are interested in creating a connection between the Repair Café and recycling centre at the depot.

3. Sullivan Hall & Ex- Men Shed Site

Council have determined the former Men's Shed building can not be salvaged and will be demolished. This will happen in the next financial year.

Council's community engagement staff have commenced a process of planning for a masterplanning for the site. A workshop is likely to occur in June.

The community still has divided views on whether the building should be salvaged or should remain. There was discussion about how to reuse materials like the building's floorboards and foundation.

Roy Lewisson sent through to the meeting a **community building proposal** on the site and wants to get together a project committee from interested Precinct members to plan and undertake this project. An **oil press** on the ground floor would form a central part of the project. Roy's proposal is attached. Roy would like to establish a working group to explore this idea and will be looking for volunteers. If you are interested in this proposal, please contact Roy on roylewisson@gmail.com

4. East Valley Pocket Park

This park on the corner of Minilya and Biddles Lane has been approved to proceed. It is partially on a sump and on the verge. It is intended to provide some green space and play area for residents living in the eastern end of the Valley. Community feedback has concluded and minor modifications to the concept are being made prior to implementation phase beginning.

5. Updates on current and new projects, and community initiatives

- **Community Safety – Chris gave an update:**
 - Launching Neighbourhood Watch: put stickers on bins, use UV markers to put drivers license on goods that can be stolen. These were made available at the meeting.
 - Have increased community safety patrols on Thursday-Sunday til 2pm.
 - Dog Policy has been adopted by Council. The biggest change is dogs prohibited on the cricket pitch on Stevens Reserve, to protect it. Priority for the area is sports.
 - Working with Notre Dame to expand CCTV coverage in West End.
 - Question: Where do joggers go that they can avoid dogs? Golf course.

- **Orchard**
 - Harvest occurred on April 29th in Booyeembara and some WGV street trees. 90 litres of oil were pressed. Some will be available for non-pickers.
 - Will have a winter solstice event again on June 21st with lantern parade in and around the Orchard.
 - Sign up for the Orchard mailing list to keep up to date at www.wgvorchard.org
 - Developing up an idea for outdoor cooking space at the Orchard.

- **Council News**
 - Kings Square project proceeding well.
 - 64 trees at completion, including Jacarandas on the edges of the site and retained site.
 - The foundations for the first church have been found, These will be visible in the new plaza.

- While delivering the paper locally, saw lots of dog poo around – need more bags in the suburb.

- **Davies Park**
 - A resident has developed a design to upgrade Davies Park.
 - Council are reluctant to irrigate more parks because the bore water limit/cap is almost used up.
 - Council investigating irrigating a portion of the park near the play equipment, but keeping it mostly a dry park.

- **Long Table Lunch**
 - Brian is proposing a community long table lunch in November.
 - Bring table, chairs, food etc. Meet your neighbours. Revive the Valley Feast? May be funding available via the Festival.

- **Pedestrian and Cycle Crossings**
 - Progress on looking at the main road crossings out of the valley?
 - Council is looking at Hampton Rd crossings, particularly at Stevens Street.
 - Also South Street and Carrington Streets continue to be a problem.
 - Footpaths in the Valley – Amherst Street often people including mums walking on the Street as no footpath.

- **Verge Parking Policy**
 - Subdivided lots and smaller houses is resulting in more verge parking.
 - Council does not have a policy on verge parking and will need one as this problem grows.
 - Need to provide formal parking in some areas.

Next precinct meeting in July, Main Roads meeting to be advised.

Close at 9:25pm.