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PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY REQUESTS AND ACTIONS

I write further to our recent meeting following the update provided to Council in relation to the requests made by your group. In addition to the works that have already been undertaken, I am pleased to be able to confirm that Council were supportive of a number of further projects being implemented in the future.

I can therefore respond to the items in the order in which they were raised in your Association's submission entitled "Pride in our Community" dated 23rd February 2015.

Item 1 - Sensations Café Front Area

The area outside of the café has been tidied up and mulched. City officers have been in contact with the owners of the property to discuss the possibility of carrying out and maintaining some vegetated landscaping to the area in the future. Unfortunately, the owners were not interested on taking responsibility for anything other than the very low maintenance landscaping which has now been implemented. Other than periodic maintenance, no further action will be taken on this reserve.

In the event of the property changing hands in the future, officers will approach the new owner to determine if they would like to maintain and/or enhance the area.

Item 2 - Western Groyne adjacent to car park abutting Freycinet Drive

The City does not generally maintain groynes or sea walls in this manner, other than in locations such as the town centre foreshore. In response to this specific request however, the area has been treated for weeds and tidied up. The scrub and debris along the edge of the groyne has also been removed and a new footpath has been constructed.

No further action will be taken with this request other than periodic weed spraying.

Item 3 – beach adjacent to Sensations Café

Vegetation on a beach will not be removed as it serves as support for dune stabilisation and provides natural protection to coastal erosion and storm damage. There is however a weed spraying program in place that will include this area.

The City does not intend to install a shelter. Some beach shelters are provided in high profile areas such as the foreshore but it is not standard practice to install them along the coastline. The City has in fact taken steps in its local law to curtail the long term use of structures on beaches in the district.

Item 4 – Roundabout on intersection of Navigation Way, Ostia Way and Mussell Court

The roundabout was landscaped over 12 months ago and the vegetation is now well established. It now forms part of a periodical maintenance programme.

Item 5 – Burgee Close

Landscaping works will be carried out to the west side of the bridge with native vegetation including peppermint trees and water wise planting. Specifically, the area (west of the bridge) will be reticulated for grass development (grass development will be using stolons and seed) and trees. On the eastern side of the bridge landscaping will consist of works similar to those above but subject to the availability of water. Otherwise native vegetation not requiring watering or maintenance will be provided. These works will be completed in the 17-18 financial year.

Council also agreed that a bin should be provided on the western side, particularly for fishing rubbish.

Item 6 – Entry to Lanyard Boulevard/Layman Road

Landscaping similar to the park southern area adjacent to Keel Retreat is proposed for this location and will include reticulation, trees and shrubs, grass development and hard landscaping in the form of jetty pile structures, a footpath and bollards. These works will be completed in the 17-18 financial year.

Item 7 – Keel Retreat and Lanyard Boulevard

This area had originally been constructed with reticulated lawn and landscaping but as the City does not generally maintain median strips unless a higher level of service is paid for via a SAR, this was removed. The City will not be placing more woodchips in the area but will instead replace dead trees and further planting when required and carry out weed sprays and mowing when required.

Item 8 – Gazebo – Anchor View

Council were not unanimous in the deliberations concerning this request. However it is noted that the landowners no longer consider there is a need for either shade shelter or a barbecue and the Council supports this position.

Item 9 – Layman Road, Wonnerup to Lanyard Boulevard

All overgrown and dead plants and bushes have been removed from this area. Some low lying hardy natives will be planted in the nibs of the median islands and where possible in the body of the median strips and road reserve. These works will be completed in the 17-18 financial year.

Item 10 – Entry Approaches Layman Road/Near Spinnaker Boulevard

Trees on the western side of Layman Road have in the past been removed; these will be replaced with red flowering gums. These works will be completed in the 17-18 financial year. Sheoaks will be replaced gradually over time with Red flowering gums as and when required.

Item 11 – Bore Water

Currently large sections of Port Geographe are reticulated using scheme water. Over a period of two years from the 17-18 financial year all scheme water in reticulated areas will be converted to a bore water supply.

Item 12 – Layman Road Native Tree Planting

Peppermint trees will be planted in a herringbone style along the eastern section of Layman Road as indicated on the plan below. Advanced tube stock will be used and will be planted during the winters of 2017 or 2018.

Item 13 – Bridge Repairs and Maintenance

Maintenance works will be undertaken in the 17-18 financial year and into future years.

Item 14 – Boat Ramp Carpark Stage 1 and Item 15 Stage 2

The Regional Boating Facilities Scheme (RBFS) has provided a sizeable contribution to this project and staff will continue to negotiate with the State for further funds and by linking these works to stage 2. These works will be completed in the 17-18 financial year.

Item 16 – Boat Ramp Upgrade and Jetty Maintenance

RBFS have agreed to a grant for a feasibility study into the potential for floating jetties instead of the existing boat ramps. Further information in relation to the progress of the study will be provided once available.

Item 17 – Street Lighting

Street lighting in Port Geographe is a decorative type which, unlike street lighting in the majority of areas, the City is required to maintain. As and when possible these will be replaced with Western Power standard decorative lights which the City will no longer be required to maintain. Funds within the Development Reserve will be quarantined for the future replacement of the 66 lights.

Item 18 – Supply of new BBQ to Western Foreshore

In our later discussion concerning the provision of barbecues it is understood that the need for this is not paramount. As part of a broader consideration concerning the absence of a City policy for installation of such facilities, Council will further determine whether the City will provide this at the 17-18 budget bids deliberations.

Whilst writing I can also inform you that City officers are looking at the concept of 'pull in' bays at Layman Road to facilitate better parking and access to Wonnerup Beach. Being the nearest beach, particularly for Port Geographe residents on the eastern side of the development, this will be to the benefit of many.

I trust that with these proposed works planned that your associations requested with list has been largely addressed.

