

## BUNBURY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Growing Bunbury into WA's vibrant second city



## Glen Iris Community Consultation

Data Report

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## OVERVIEW

Two community forums were held, on Thursday October 15 and Saturday October 17, to seek community feedback on the challenges, opportunities, and needs of Glen Iris for the future, as part of developing a District Structure Plan to guide future development in the area.

Participants were invited to attend via a mail drop, email campaign, word of mouth and social media. The forums were structured to facilitate informal chats with Bunbury Development Committee and City of Bunbury Representatives, at tables themed:

- Traffic and access
- Open space, recreation and environment
- Community amenities and services
- Commercial Facilities and Services

Each table had four laminated maps showing different views of Glen Iris, whiteboard markers and sticky notes to capture all feedback in writing. A photographer was present to capture all notes made on the maps.

The following information includes:

- Raw data captured during the session
- Facilitator reflections
- Community feedback submitted via email

## FACILITATOR FEEDBACK

**The following feedback was gathered from facilitators after the event.**

### THURSDAY

**Owen McLean  
(Roads and Access)**

1. Pedestrian access in/out of Glen Iris

Pedestrian access from Glen Iris into town (across the south eastern portion of Eelup – free flow left slip lane) is unprotected and difficult to cross, particularly for the gentleman who raised it with me (he can't drive and accesses town/services using a mobility scooter). I've started following up internally but it raises a very important pedestrian/cyclist access issue in/out of Glen Iris needing resolution. Medium-long term we should have it covered with the new intersection and the ability to provide a path on the north side of Forrest Hwy to the Estuary/Koombana lights but short term there are some challenges to improve this.

2. Support for relocated Vittoria/Forrest intersection

Almost everyone we've spoken with has received the idea to provide a new relocated intersection of Vittoria/Forrest very positively as it's broadly acknowledged the existing intersection and northern portion of Vittoria Rd is currently highly constrained and subject to heavy congestion/stacking at peak times. There also appears to be a good understanding why the current intersection constraints has held further development back within Glen Iris.

	<p>3. Traffic calming and improvements along Vittoria Rd (south of Jeffrey)</p> <p>People are generally interested in how traffic can be calmed along the remaining sections of Vittoria Rd south of Jeffrey Rd to minimise rat-running and speeding now and into the future. There was also very strong support for the proposed Vittoria/SWH roundabout where people asked if it could be started ASAP to improve access/safety and deal with stacking/pavement width issues on the approach to this intersection (restricting left turners when there's a right turn queue).</p>
<p><b>Don Punch</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is a need for a community hub for youth and seniors</li> <li>2. Search independent land around Glen Iris for a possible trail bike site, and formalise an area where kids can safely push their bikes.</li> <li>3. Develop an implementation plan for bike trails.</li> <li>4. A clear management plan is needed for offset land in Glen Iris, with a responsible agency.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Matt Young (Recreation/Environment)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Otherwise generally I thought the workshop went well and the public had a great opportunity to interact, obtain information and make their comments. The laminated plans were a hit and there was adequate information. One issue that arose was that we had no staging plan for the DSP (see attached revised plan).</li> <li>• I found most members of the public did not want to draw on the maps and I ended up interpreting what they said onto the plan.</li> <li>• All wanted playing field/ovals incorporated into the DSP. Many identified the SWDC/WAPC land north of Jeffrey for that</li> <li>• immediately, even as an interim measure, they wanted the Dept of Communities land in the east to be developed with walking trails and to better manage out motorbikes and 4DWs. Many would like to see a nature reserve with a Big Swamp type treatment of the lowlands.</li> <li>• Many preferred all of the Dept of Communities land to be given up a POS - and even off-setted for other major projects on the locality</li> <li>• Need to make sure bush areas have bushfire separation where they adjoin private property</li> </ul> <p>Otherwise they also agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That we need to find an alternate solution to Vittoria Road.</li> <li>• They liked the duplication of Vittoria Road idea, and closure of Vittoria Rd at the Forrest Highway. All liked a road connection/bridge across the river to Robertson Drive.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All wanted Glen Iris to be better connected to the west to link to the Forum, City Centre and out to Picton Road near the train station</li> <li>• They liked getting multiple new access points to Willinge Road, Robertson Drive and the SW Highway.</li> <li>• Few comments about extending local footpaths</li> <li>• Complaint about staff at the new step-up step-down facility on Vittoria Road always parking along the verge</li> <li>• Flashing lights for around the schools to slow traffic</li> <li>• They respected the fact we have started to look at illegal 4WD access into the Dept of Communities land and speeding generally in the local established streets</li> </ul>
<p><b>Andrew McRobert</b></p>	<p>In relation to business, shops, and industry:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>1. Buffer to industry and abattoir</b></p> <p>A number of participants raised the issues of noise and odour from both the abattoir as well as some of the industries located at Picton. Other issues raised included relocation of the abattoir, the placement of sporting fields as a buffer between housing and surrounding industrial land use and, no housing being permitted closer to the industrial areas. While this has more relevance to planning for Stage 2 these are issues are currently affecting residents within Stage 1.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>2. Support for Neighbourhood Centre being located in and around Vittoria Road/Jeffery Road intersection</b></p> <p>A number of participants advised that they believed that the location of the Neighbourhood Centre should be focussed in and around this location and the new entry road. Another issue supported by residents was the need for an alternative access from Forrest Highway. As a short-term solution, the suggestion was made that the exit from the Farmer's Market be left out only with shoppers being forced to travel south to the roundabout at Jeffery Road. Questions were raised about what uses were intended within the Neighbourhood Centre.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>3. Greening of Glen Iris</b></p> <p>A number of participants commented on the need for better maintenance of, and more, open spaces/recreation areas, the need for more street trees and the need for quality entry statements to provide a better impression for visitors.</p> </li> </ol>
<p><b>SATURDAY</b></p>	
<p><b>Owen McLean (Roads and Access)</b></p>	<p>Pretty much every person that came in on Saturday complained about the Vittoria/Forrest intersection and traffic/safety issues around the BFM access (and minor mention of the school). Almost all were seeking explanation as to how this might be fixed where there was overall support for a new intersection/link effectively bypassing this constrained area in the medium-long term.</p>

	<p>The other key point of interest was I explained we're doing modelling to confirm whether there are possible (minor) improvements to the existing intersection to improve traffic flow and support additional development within Glen Iris (significantly service commercial opposite the BFM – west side of Vittoria Rd). I don't think I'm exaggerating to say I either got horrified looks or looks of disbelief when I mentioned using the existing intersection for additional development. I was able to assure people we wouldn't "stuff it up" any further but I got a clear message that even if our modelling confirms something is possible at the existing intersection (in theory) the community are not likely to support additional traffic through that intersection.</p> <p>This is a fairly important point given Don Punch and the Minister are keen to investigate new development obtaining access via the existing intersection however based on what I heard Saturday in particular I don't believe the community would be very impressed. At best increasing traffic through the existing intersection seems like a high-risk strategy.</p> <p>We should find out what our modelling shows in the next few weeks. Happy to discuss as required.</p>
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## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

The following feedback was submitted via email

### Community Feedback

<p><b>Tim and Sue Ellis</b></p>	<p><b>1. BUSHFIRE CONTROL</b> After the recent fire which ravaged the bushland at the end of Wass Drive we would like some action to clear up the dead trees and start a process of maintenance like the parkland opposite Magnolia Way which did not get burned as the maintenance prevented the fire spreading. We have been advised that a contractor has been maintaining this area for a long time, but they have never attended.</p> <p><b>2. HOMESWEST LAND</b> The amount of rubbish dumping, trail bike and 4WD abuse of this area is a shame. It's such a hard job for the ranger to monitor in fact a sheer waste of money and extremely frustrating for them. They would find it difficult to apprehend a trail bike. The bikes are extremely noisy as well as destroying areas with orchids &amp; other wildflowers and endangering walkers.</p> <p><b>3. FORREST HIGHWAY NOISE/SPEEDING VEHICLES</b> We are some 600m south of the highway but constantly hear high powered bikes and cars speeding past some obviously racing each other particularly at night. The police can't be expected to be everywhere and often have more important things to do. Many vehicles are also running the red lights. We suggest a camera be placed there.</p>
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4.FOOTPATH CYCLEWAY MARKETS TO EELUP ROUNDABOUT This is a disgrace and we have been asking for this since 2007 - a short section has been completed to the bus stop but almost impossible to walk any further due to the open drain.

5. HOUSE RUBBISH TIP JEFFERY ROAD

We are amazed that people can be prosecuted for riding a bike without a helmet or putting rubbish into the wrong bin when the disgusting rubbish tip around the property at the East end of Jeffery near Ince road has remained for years. It is an absolute eyesore and devalues the properties around it. The fact that no action has been taken is a disgrace and smacks of weakness when honest citizens would respond to orders to comply and this property just seems to defy the rules.

We hope your meeting can sort some of these issues as there are many beautiful family homes with proud owners who would like to see their home values maintained. We look forward to hearing the outcome with much interest and would be prepared to meet with you or volunteer for projects that may occur.



Feedback was captured using a combination of sticky notes and whiteboard markers, with the maps as a focus.

Community Feedback: Thursday October 15

Attendees: 17

Type	Feedback	Ref
Open space, recreation, and environment	Develop in short/medium term for woodland walk trails (D. Wagstaff) manage fire + 4wd access + motorbikes	Pic 6880
	Noise from industry big problem	Pic 6889
	Can hear animals being killed at abattoir	Pic 6889
	Buffer and playing fields	Pic 6889
	Wetlands buffer and playing fields plus a club room	Pic 6889
	Buffer zone for industry	Pic 6887
	Industrial noise abattoir noise + smell	Pic 6907

	Noise buffers	Pic 6907
	No direct link from Woodley to Willinge. Maybe left off	Pic 6892
	Community hall (east of Bauhinia avenue)	Pic 6899
	Big swamp style park along Willinge	Pic 6899
	Recreation area in woodland along Willinge	Pic 6899
	Buffer zone for industry	Pic 6887
	Bush near Djidi School to stay as public open space	n/a
	Recreation area opposite Ince (near water treatment plant) to include an oval, cricket pitch and AFL goals. Rehabilitate Ince Road with trees. Limestone paths for public walkways, bushwalks like Manea Park	n/a

<b>Commercial facilities and services</b>	Day office space	Pic 6890
	Office/ meeting facility Picton	Pic 6890
	Neighbourhood services mid Vittoria	Pic 6890
	Commercial area in right spot	Pic 6890
	Repurpose Picton school	Pic 6890
	Space for youth not just ovals	Pic 6890
	Preserved and public bushland Western Ringtail Red, White, Black Cockatoos Industrial Noise – Abattoir noise and smells Noise Buffers	Pic 6907
	Can hear animals being killed at abattoirs Noise from industry a big problem No direct link on Willinge from Woodley – Maybe left off? Buffer and playing fields	Pic 6892

<b>Community amenities and services</b>	Noise issue bad for more housing development (east of glen iris)	Pic 6884
	Where are the playing fields? (west of Vittoria Road)	Pic 6884
	A place to legally ride dirt bikes, possibly north of Willinge Drive and east of South West Highway. (Near old Barbetti sand pit).	n/a
<b>Traffic and Access</b>	Snakewood Bend, Old signs	Pic 6909
	Disability scooter difficulty crossing here – poor visibility (Robertson drive near Eelup roundabout)	Pic 6883
	Amber flashes red crossing 40km/h red crossing ahead signs James Runra – 0457 339 080 weekdays after 1pm	Pic 6883
	Link to SW highway (Vittoria Road)	Pic 6885
	Good location for commercial (east of Vittoria Road)	Pic 6885
	Link Woodley to Willinge, recognising traffic separation	Pic 6885

	Use fill from Ros to make development options (east of Robertson Drive	Pic 6885
	"left in" off Forrest highway supported	Pic 6886
	Farmers market traffic (exiting) should be forced to roundabout	Pic 6886
	More traffic management on long straight road sections	Pic 6886
	Extend footpath to footbridge from bus stop near farmers market	Pic 6888
	Bus stop footpath	Pic 6888
	Widen road as right turners block left turners getting to SW highway Crystal Potter – 0408 094 395	Pic 6917
	Increased noise on proposed SW Highway diversion	n/a



*Doug and Matthew discuss some detailed feedback provided on Thursday night*

Community Feedback: Saturday October 17

**Attendees: 9**

<b>Traffic and access</b>	Don't connect Woodley to Willinge Better parks east end of Woodley Resolve farmers market intersection	Pic 6932
	Traffic (at farmers market intersection)	Pic 6940
	Parking (in lot near church)	Pic 6940
	Open up Moorland Avenue to Australind Bypass	Pic 6940
	Highway access to Vittoria issues	Pic 6944
	Need to finish PSP along Moorelands to keep people off the road	Pic 6945
	Can we open Moorelands left out until new access built? temp	Pic 6945
	Footpath very close to the road over a short section	Pic 6945
	Aqwest trudges damaging trees along Woodley Pippa Rome – 0427 256 213	Pic 6945
	Parking issues step up step down	Pic 6948
<b>Open space, recreation, and environment</b>	Red light camera on Australind bypass	Pic 6950
	Keep lake reserve (woodland along Willinge)	Pic 6940
	Old billabong	Pic 6948
	Walk paths along river and cycleways	

	Water table affects sewerage	Pic 6948
	Playground plus ovals close to houses dotted around neighbourhood	Pic 6948
	Trails issues with flytipping (woodland along Willinge)	Pic 6949
	Basin maintain clean (along Orchid Drive)	Pic 6949
	Trails (along Orchid Drive)	Pic 6949
	Better playgrounds in north east area with shade	Pic 6950
	Provide recreational land, reserves, paths (along Jacksonia St)	Pic 6950
	Footpath connection pipe drain between Vittoria and River Leu	Pic 6950
	Can POS be upgraded?	Pic 6950
	Fit (farmers market intersection)	Pic 6950
<b>Commercial Facilities and Services</b>	Odours from abattoir in summer	Pic 6940



*Community members giving feedback on Saturday morning*