

Withers Community Update

The Department of Communities, South West Development Commission and City of Bunbury are working together to highlight the potential within the Withers community.

FAQ document

In 2021, the State Government committed \$5 million to renewal works in Withers through the Withers Regional Renewal Project.

Residents may have noticed some changes already underway within the community. Over the last 12 months, the Project group has been working towards the delivery of new housing, access roads and plan for public spaces.

An FAQ document has been developed to outline the project timeline and provide insight into the overall project.

This FAQ document can be found at key locations in Withers including:

- Withers Community Library
- South West Sports Centre
- Hudson Road Family Centre
- Withers Community Heart Centre
- City of Bunbury Administration Building



Stakeholder workshops

Over the last couple of months, stakeholders have come together at community workshops to discuss project ideas and opportunities for collaboration. Attendees included the Withers Progress Association, South West Sports Centre, PCYC and the John Banks Memorial Dog Park Committee representatives. Together, the group identified a few key opportunities to work on together:

- Activation of Hay Park and John Banks Memorial Dog Park
- Community Gardens in Bunbury
- Creating a map to showcase the Withers Health and Wellbeing Precinct
- Friends of Five Mile Brook

Do you want to know about future workshops and opportunities to share your thoughts and aspirations for the Project? To be the first to hear about these opportunities, email jesika@creatingcommunities.com.au

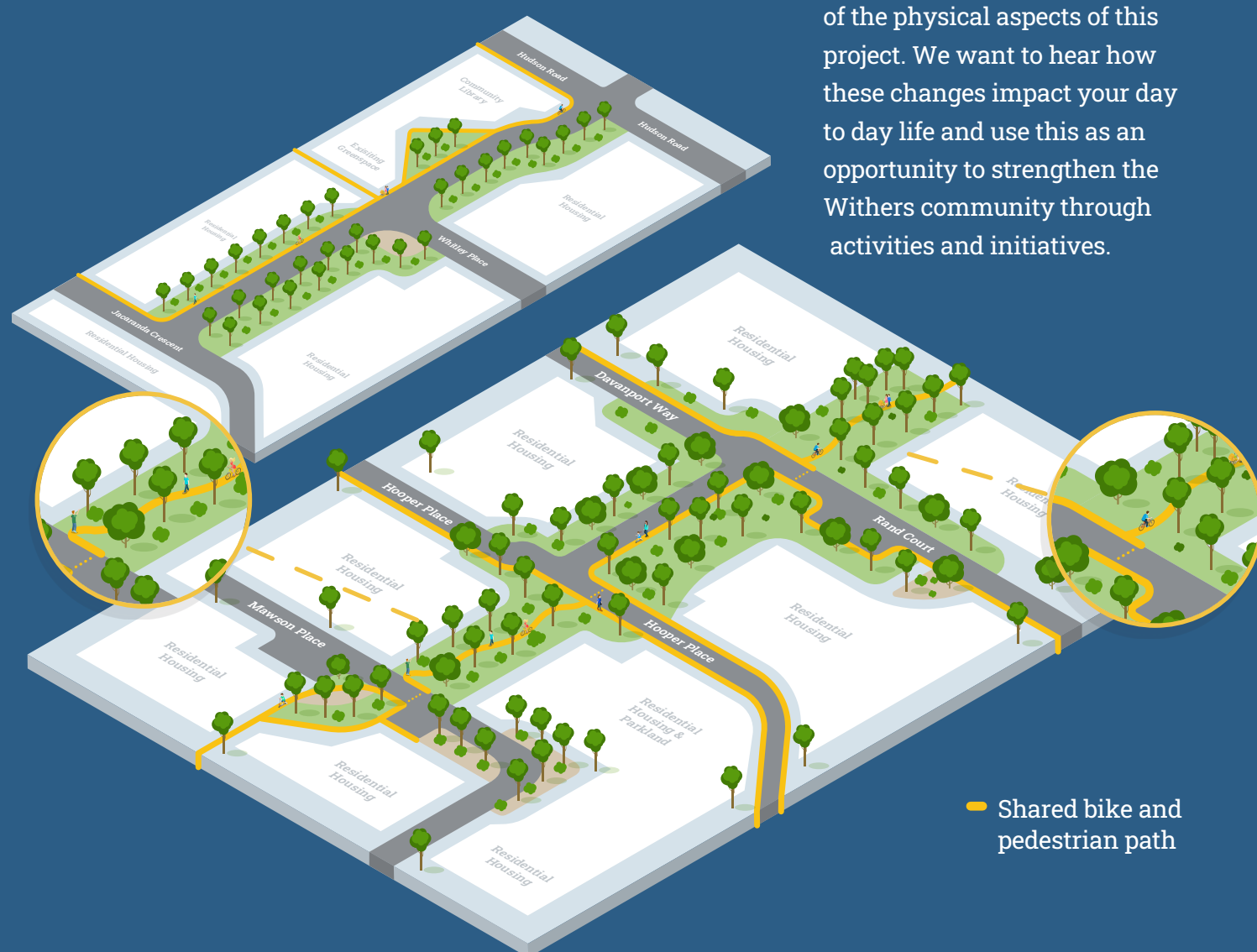


Withers connector roads

The first new road connection, Kookaburra Drive, officially opened in October 2022. This road connects Minninup Road and Jacaranda Crescent, reducing the travel distance between the two from 1.7km to just 90m!

As well as the road connectors, there will be increased pedestrian opportunities throughout Withers. This will include footpaths with lighting and CCTV. Increasing connection aims to increase the passive surveillance in the community, which decreases opportunities for anti-social behaviour.

Connector roads, refurbishments and pedestrian access are some of the physical aspects of this project. We want to hear how these changes impact your day to day life and use this as an opportunity to strengthen the Withers community through activities and initiatives.



— Shared bike and pedestrian path



Increased security lights and cameras



More shared pedestrian and bike paths



More trees and green space

City of Bunbury Neighbourhood Connect Grant Funding

Neighbourhood events are a great way to connect residents with their community. It can build a sense of pride amongst the community and encourage residents to care for their neighbourhood and help improve safety.

The City of Bunbury offers a dedicated grant to help passionate individuals and groups to support residents in developing a sense of safety and connection, through community initiatives in their neighbourhood.

The Neighbourhood Connect category is open all year round and applicants can apply for up to \$5,000 under the following tiers:

Tier 1
up to \$1,000
No matched funding required

Tier 2
\$1,001 to \$5,000
No matched funding required

We are interested in funding initiatives that meet the Neighbourhood Connect category including those that:

- are within the City of Bunbury neighbourhoods
- encourage an aspect of neighbourhood safety
- allow residents to come together to connect and meet
- are delivered by the community for the community
- actively engage local residents to be involved in their neighbourhood.



Here's a list of some of the open spaces in Withers available to use for your next neighbourhood event.

- Maidens Park
- Des Ugle Park
- Mason Park
- Les Wilson Park
- Moriarty Park
- Dog Park
- Welcome Park

Your neighbourhood event/activity is not limited to public open spaces. Community centres and streets within the neighbourhood can also be considered, and the City's Events Team can assist you to organise a safe event for your residents.

For more information on the City's Grant Program, visit the City's website and search 'Bunbury Grant program', or call or email the team on grants@bunbury.wa.gov.au or 9792 7000. Alternatively, our team are happy to meet with you to discuss your project.

For assistance in event planning contact the team on events@bunbury.wa.gov.au or 9792 7000.

John Banks Memorial Dog Park



Did you know?

Did you know that the John Banks Memorial Dog Park is the only enclosed dog park south of Mandurah?

Along Parade Road, just on the edge of Withers, the John Banks Memorial Dog Park comes alive with dogs and their owners. It's said that the afternoon, around 5pm, is the busiest time to play with other pups and chat to their owners, but the Dog Park can also be animated throughout the day.

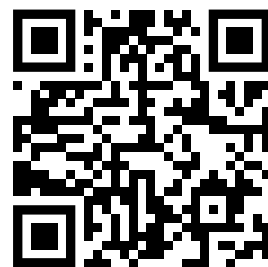
A group of passionate residents have come together to advocate for upgrades to the John Banks Memorial Dog Park. This includes an additional area for smaller dogs, water fountains, improved gate access and the installation of a community noticeboard and CCTV. They've even had a purple bench built by the Men's Shed to be installed at the Park. This bench is part of an initiative that creates awareness about the impact of domestic and family violence and has been constructed to accommodate a wheelchair or pram in the middle of the two seats.

In November, a fundraiser event was hosted at Grand Cinema Bunbury with a premiere screening of Black Panther: Wakanda Forever. More than 50 community members attended the screening with 13 local businesses donating to the raffle. In total, the event raised more than \$1000 for the upgrades to the John Banks Memorial Dog Park!

To stay up to date with the John Banks Dog Exercise Area upgrades like their facebook page or email bunburydogs@gmail.com

Keeping you informed

A bi-monthly Project update sharing the latest Project news and highlights will be produced. To receive these updates electronically, scan the QR Code.



There will be future opportunities to share your thoughts and aspirations for the Project at future workshops. To be the first to hear about these workshops or to get more information about the Project contact jesika@creatingcommunities.com.au



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