

Withers Connector Roads

The connector roads construction works have been awarded to local contractor Carbone Bros. and works have commenced on the new road between Hudson Road - Whitley Place - Jacaranda Crescent.

Other key roads impacted include:

- Davenport Way - Rand Court
- Hooper Place - Stallard Place
- Mawson Place - Reynolds Way

Withers residents will be notified prior to the commencement of each stage of works.

The City of Bunbury will soon be advertising a tender for the landscaping aspects of the project which will be completed in Autumn 2024.

Housing Refurbishments

The Department of Communities has advised that all demolition works are now complete.

The focus is now on the refurbishment of the dwellings that were identified by the Department for upgrading and include:

- 10 dwellings have now had the refurbishment work completed.
- Two dwellings' refurbishment works are in progress.
- Six dwellings are in the initial phase of scoping work being carried out.

Withers Community Update

Stakeholder Workshops

In 2022, the City of Bunbury secured funding for the delivery of place activation via a grant from the South West Development Commission. This project was aligned with the Infrastructure Renewal Project through ongoing consultation with the Withers Stakeholder Agency Groups; Withers Progress Association, South West Sports Centre and PCYC among others. Consultation included three workshops, delivered by the appointed consultants Creating Communities. Two workshops were held in 2022 and the third in June 2023. The workshops progressively identified key areas and activities for expenditure of the \$50,000 grant funding.

Following the third workshop, two community projects were identified:

- Upgrading and improving activation of the John Banks Memorial Dog Park.
- Development of a “health and community services map” for Withers residents.

City of Bunbury staff are currently obtaining cost estimates to progress both projects and the intention is to have them completed by 31 December 2023.



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Withers Project History

Five Mile Brook

Five Mile Brook is another key development opportunity for the Withers community, with working group meetings currently being hosted by Leschenault Catchment Council and GreenTeach. The proposal explores a collaborative project to restore the Five Mile Brook with approximately 1km of the brook flowing through the Withers suburb. Previous interest in Five Mile Brook has been expressed by the Withers community throughout the aforementioned Placemaking Workshops. Thus, the invitation to be involved in this project has been extended to the Withers Stakeholder Agency Groups and remains open to the Withers community.

If you would like to be kept updated on the progress of either or both the Placemaking Projects and Infrastructure Renewal, please email info@bunbury.wa.gov.au

Community Led Activation Grant Opportunities

The City of Bunbury has two grant opportunities with the focus of these grants being about supporting initiatives and events that connect the community.

New Makers is a new grant within the City of Bunbury Grant Program, in which the City is looking to support new applicants who have never applied to the grant program with initiatives and events that connect the community. There is no matched funding required with up to \$2000 in funding available.

The Neighbourhood Connect grant looks at supporting initiatives and events that activate local neighbourhood open spaces, focusing on safety and connection for those that live there. There is no matched funding required with up to \$5000 funding available.



The open spaces in Withers available to host initiatives and events that would be eligible for either the 'New Makers' or 'Neighbourhood Connect' grants include:

- Maidens Park
- Des Ugle Park
- Mason Park
- Les Wilson Park
- Moriarty Park
- John Banks Memorial Dog Park
- Welcome Park

The City of Bunbury Events Team is available to assist you to organise a safe event/initiative and can be contacted at 9792 7000 or events@bunbury.wa.gov.au For more information on the City's Grant Program, please contact the team at 9792 7000 or grants@bunbury.wa.gov.au