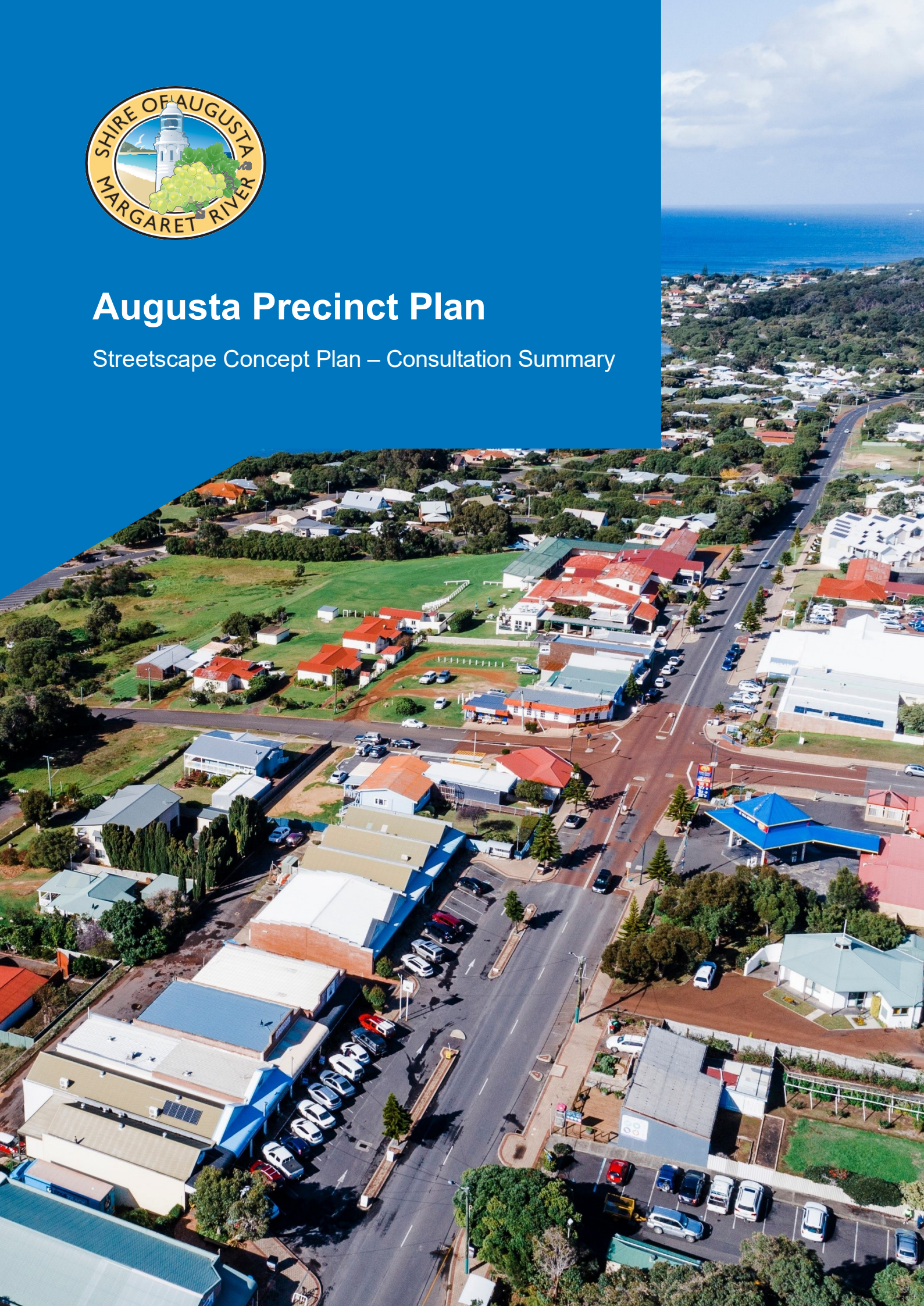




Augusta Precinct Plan

Streetscape Concept Plan – Consultation Summary



Background

The Shire recently undertook consultation on several preliminary concept plans for the Blackwood Avenue Main Street. The consultation was well received with over 100 survey responses, verbal and email submissions and community group submissions.

The proposed Streetscape Concept Plan was broken into two focus areas, being the Retail Strip and Intersection & surrounds. Multiple concepts were proposed for each focus area with the community asked to vote for their preferred concept and able to provide comment.

The Shire's consultation approach sought to achieve a majority vote, while gathering feedback on specific details of a chosen concept. The consultation has delivered on expectation and provided clear feedback for the progression of the Streetscape Concept Plan.

Streetscape Concept Plan – Retail Strip

Focus area 1 – Retail Strip consists of the Town Centre section of Blackwood Avenue, north of Ellis Street. Three concepts were prepared for this section of the Town Centre.

Votes from the survey on the Shire's Your Say page resulted in 47% of respondents preferring Concept 2.

The main feedback provided through consultation included:

- Road lane width (with queries around lane width reduction);
- Tree planting was generally supported, however there were queries about species and suitability within the town centre environment;
- Full vehicle movement from the BP crossover onto Blackwood Avenue;
- Angle parking is preferred;
- The 7.5m alfresco area in front of businesses was supported; and
- Safe pedestrian crossings were supported, however different road materials were not supported.

Feedback received will be investigated in more detail and where appropriate the consultant will include in a revised Concept 2.

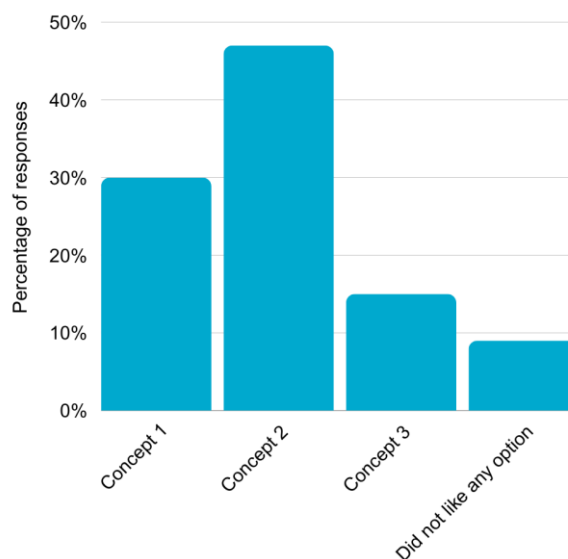
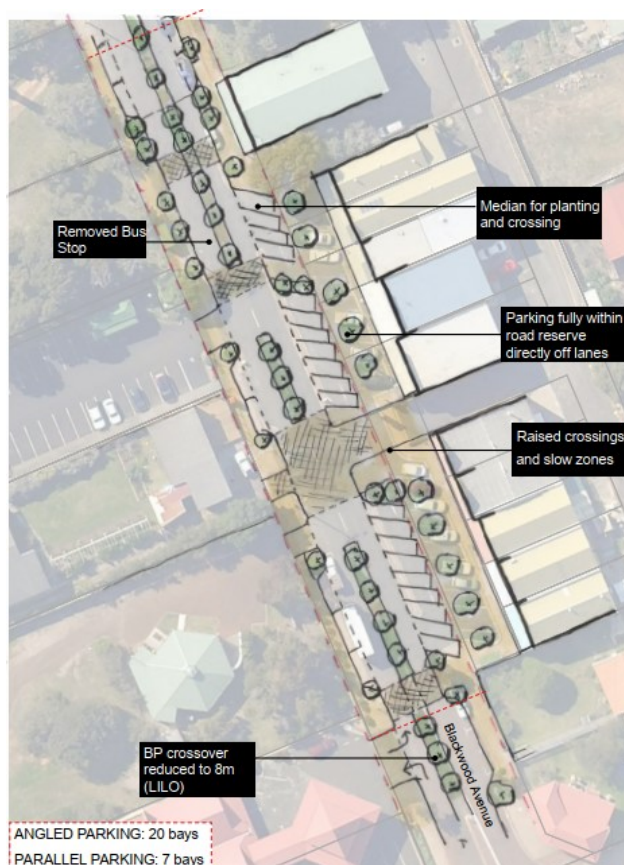


Figure 1: Focus Area 1

Streetscape Concept Plan – Intersection and surrounds

Focus Area 2 – Intersection and Surrounds consists of Blackwood Avenue south of Ellis Street. Two concepts for the intersection and two concepts for Blackwood Avenue were prepared.

The survey results showed majority support for Concept 4 (49%). The feedback received also showed support for the roundabout at the Ellis Street/ Blackwood Avenue Intersection.

Feedback provided for focus area 2 included:

- General support for a mountable roundabout.
- The chosen concept is consistent with the concept in Focus Area 1 for Blackwood Avenue.
- Reduction in lane width received mixed comments, with concerns around long vehicle traffic in this section.
- Mixed comments for the central median and tree planting, however the concept with a central median was preferred.
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- Materiality of the streetscape is vital to achieving a sense of pride for Augusta.

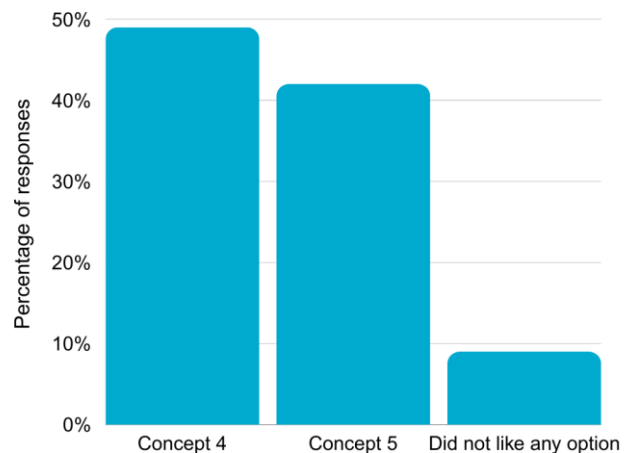
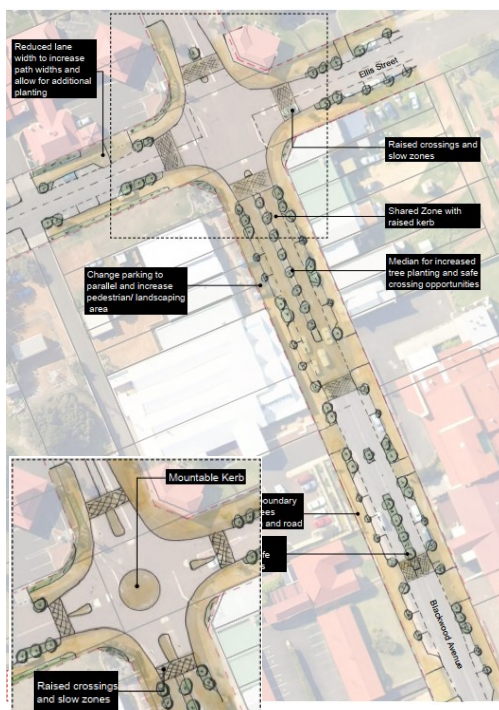


Figure 2: Focus Area 2

Response to the Feedback

Lane widths and car parking widths along Blackwood Avenue will be maximised without impacting pedestrian amenity. Reduced lane widths benefit traffic calming, slowing vehicle speeds and allowing shorter distances for pedestrians to cross the road.

Tree planting within the streetscape was generally supported, however comments around tree species and their suitability were raised. A range of tree species and landscaping options will be investigated to ensure there is no impact to vehicle movement/ views, and selected species are appropriate to grow in the difficult environment and provide adequate shade and look.

Vehicle and pedestrian movement will be reviewed in the final plan to ensure a safe balance between the two. Appropriate pedestrian crossing treatments will be proposed, avoiding a change in materiality on the road surface. It is likely that a mixture of raised pedestrian crossings and designated refuge points within the central median area will be implemented. Vehicle movement to private businesses will be investigated to ensure adequate access, including to the service station in the centre of town.

Heppingstone View

Focus Area 3 – Heppingstone View consists of the currently unestablished section of road reserve. Three concepts for the road reserve were prepared.

The survey results showed community support for Concept 6 (48%), which would see the Heppingstone View road reserve used as a park and footpath.

Feedback provided for focus area 3 included:

- Limited support for the road reserve to be repurposed as housing.
- Green space within close proximity to the town centre and civic precinct is valuable.
- The protection of the existing trees within the road reserve is supported.
- Pedestrian access and recreation opportunities were supported.
- The road concept could alleviate some of the traffic along Bussell Highway.

A more detailed concept plan will be developed for the Heppingstone View Concept and circulated for consultation at a later stage.

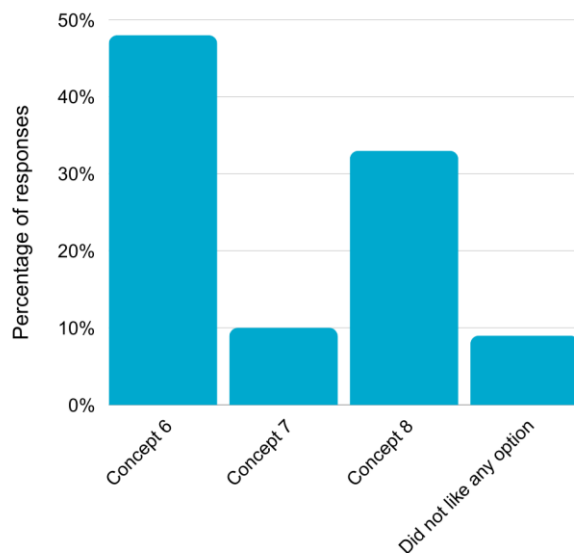


Figure 3: Focus Area 3

