

Wooditjup Bilya Precinct Community Plan

Project Overview

Introduction

The Wooditjup Bilya (Margaret River) Precinct is located at the northern entrance of Margaret River and includes Rotary Park and the Old Settlement Precinct. The community and the Shire have recognised the importance of this place and by working together set a vision for its future. Through a master planning process it was determined that this was to be a natural and welcoming place that knows and speaks to its heritage and culture and that connects the community and township.

REALMstudios was engaged to prepare a concept plan to guide infrastructure renewal and where possible modest upgrades and expansion.

Please see Wooditjup Bilya Community Plan for renewal details in full.

Renewal Components

Rotary Park

- Public toilets
- Park furniture
- Playspace
- Retaining walls
- Pathways (access)

Old Settlement

- Carpark
- Pathways (access)

All areas

- Landscaping, weed control, stormwater management and revegetation



Artistic impression - Playspace.

Rotary Park

Relocation of Public Amenities

This plan nominates reconstruction of the public amenities to achieve universal access compliance and meet current user needs. The new facility is proposed in an alternative location, set to one side to allow views into the park, improving safety and creating a more attractive environment. This will allow a larger resulting turf area more suitable for events and picnics.

Public toilet inclusions consist of one universal access water closet in addition to four additional cubicles. The facility also includes storage for regular user groups such as Rotary and Parkrun.

Playspace

The existing playspace has been fundamentally reconsidered as an expression of Country and an opportunity for play to reflect Noongar totem animals through mimicry and creative interpretation. Working closely with the Undalup Association, especially Noongar artist Sandra Hill, the playspace adopts a nature-based approach that serves as an outdoor classroom and celebrates the local environment whilst also being universally accessible and as inclusive as possible.

Gumbarni - tawney frogmouth



Vantage point

Play inclusions

- Snake slide
- Marron sand scavenging table
- Accessible path that references the form of Wooditjup Bilya (Margaret River)
- Tawny frogmouth lookout
- Dugite concrete slide
- Mullet fish trap
- Owl lookout
- Quenda scurrying tunnel
- Feature climbing and balancing logs
- Water rat mia mia
- Ringtail possum rope climb
- Brushtail possum accessible net swing
- Willy wagtail stepping logs



Retaining walls

Most of the existing rock walls will be rebuilt in the same location except for the wall adjacent to the playspace. This will be reworked as a play terrace where slides and other play elements are integrated into a split-level change.

Pathways

Renewal of pathways (where required) to ensure universal access is provided between the park, existing footbridge and to and within the playspace.



Old Settlement

Carpark

The carpark is proposed in red asphalt with minor alterations to facilitate improved pedestrian access.

Pathways

Reconstruction of pedestrian access between the carpark, Historical Society (Old Settlement) and the Hairy Marron Café. Accessway consists of accessible ramp, stairs and pathways.

Landscaping, weed control, stormwater management and revegetation

Landscaping, weed control, stormwater management and revegetation is a major component of this plan.

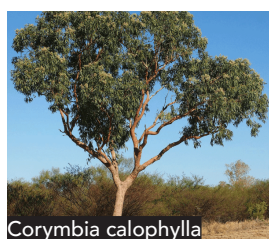
All planting, other than turf areas, are to be endemic of this area with planting between buildings etc. to feature flowing species, where possible.

Weed management and rehabilitation is the focus of environmental works proposed within the riparian zone which will require a site-specific planting strategy.

Water sensitive urban design approach will be harnessed to collect stormwater from roads and treat prior to discharge into the river. This will utilise a series of planted swales and bioretention basins to capture sediments, pollutants and nutrients through retention and slow release of stormwater to support protection and enhancement of Wooditjup Bilya (Margaret River).



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Corymbia calophylla



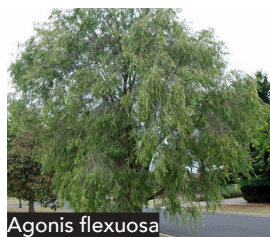
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Phyllanthus calycinus



Spyridium globulosum



Agonis flexuosa



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Conostylis candicans



Trymalium odoratissimum



Rhagodia baccata