



Hon Donna Faragher MLC
Minister for Planning

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MEDIA STATEMENT

Future planning for Whiteman Park

- **Public consultation on the future role of the park**
- **\$2.8 million available for infrastructure and services**

A draft plan to guide the future direction of Whiteman Park has been released for public comment.

Planning Minister Donna Faragher said the draft Whiteman Park Strategic Plan 2016-2020 proposed to define the park's role, activities and boundaries and was supported by a \$2.8 million investment by the Liberal National Government to provide infrastructure for future development close to the park.

"Covering nearly 4,000 hectares, Whiteman Park is one of the largest metropolitan conservation and recreation parks in the world, and one of the State's most visited attractions with more than one million visitors each year," Mrs Faragher said.

"It is made up of distinct land use areas including Bush Forever sites and the old Caversham airfield, Whiteman Park village, the Bennett Brook Reserve, and lands bordering Marshall Road and Lord Street.

"The draft plan was developed to consider the current land holdings that make up the park and to ensure its greater sustainability and self-sufficiency into the future.

"It looks at issues such as the development of interconnected community meeting places, improving community access to the park and confirming its status as a destination of environmental, cultural and heritage significance for local and international visitors."

The Minister said the Marshall Road lands, on the park's southern boundary, had already been identified as a site for future regional sporting fields, with the potential for a commercial recreation attraction to complement the park's activities.

"There is also scope for the development outside Whiteman Park of a job-generating industrial estate to the west of the Marshall Road lands area, as well as a much-needed park home and caravan park site to address the current shortfall of this type of accommodation within the City of Swan," she said.

"The \$2.8 million budget allocation for a road, service provision and infrastructure work to the site boundaries will allow these to be progressed."

The 60-day public consultation period closes on Tuesday, October 4, 2016.

Fact File

- To view the draft plan and for more information, visit <http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/whitemanpark>



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MEDIA STATEMENT

More community facilities for Whiteman Park

- Five-year strategic plan for Whiteman Park has been finalised
- Plan to guide the park's ongoing use as a major community and tourist centre
- Planning for new community facilities to benefit visitors

Planning and Disability Services Minister Donna Faragher today released the final Whiteman Park Strategic Plan 2017-2021 to guide the ongoing use and enjoyment of the park into the future.

"Whiteman Park is one of the State's leading tourist attractions with more than one million visitors each year and it is important that we have a plan for the park's future that focuses on its best attributes - community access, the environment and heritage," Mrs Faragher said.

"A number of new community facilities will enhance the visitor experience at the park. \$100,000 will be made available for detailed planning of a new recreation facility that will be available to youth in the area. The facility is likely to be located on Lord Street near the main entry.

"Accessibility of the park for the wider community is also to be enhanced, with funding to allow detailed planning for a new Changing Places bathroom facility, and an all abilities playground near Mussel Pool, to be delivered by the State Government in partnership with the Pia's Place project and the Touched by Olivia Foundation."

The Minister said that the park could accommodate more visitor services and attractions that aligned with the strategic plan, and an expression of interest would soon be open to businesses.

The strategic plan outlines four key objectives for Whiteman Park:

- provide interconnected meeting places for communities to meet, recreate in and enjoy
- provide improved community access to the park's activities
- create a destination of significance for local and international visitors
- conserve the environment and Whiteman Park's heritage for future generations.

The Metropolitan Cemeteries Board is undertaking detailed site investigations to look at the feasibility of developing a parkland cemetery on Marshall Road.

Fact File

- At 4,000 hectares, Whiteman Park is one of the biggest capital city regional parks in the world and nearly 10 times the size of Kings Park
- The park won the 2016 Major Tourist Attraction gold medal at the WA Tourism Awards
- The draft plan was released for public comment in October 2016 and received 17 submissions
- For more information, visit <http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/WhitemanPark>