

Media Statement

Community invited to comment on the Draft East Fremantle Foreshore Master Plan

The Town of East Fremantle are inviting members of the community to provide their feedback and comment on the Draft East Fremantle Foreshore Master Plan.

Commissioned earlier this year, the objectives of the foreshore master plan were to prepare a strategic vision for the protection and enhancement of the foreshore to mitigate erosion impacts which threaten environmental, recreational, aesthetic and cultural values of the foreshore.

Consultants EcoScape and MP Rogers were commissioned to undertake the Plan and have prepared a detailed desktop and site analysis of the East Fremantle foreshore as required and have now prepared an action plan that prioritises and provides indicative cost of proposed works to address the management recommendations that can also be used for possible future funding applications.

The river foreshore is one of the Town of East Fremantle's most important assets and is one the most diverse foreshore areas on the entire Swan Canning River system. Over the years the Town of East Fremantle has maintained and developed the foreshore on an as-needs basis.

With demand for the foreshore increasing the Town in association with the Department of Parks and Wildlife (Parks and Wildlife) identified that there was a need for a foreshore master plan to guide future development of the foreshore.

The Plan has broadly examined the facilities that occur along the foreshore and identified which areas have the highest public use. Issues such as the alignment of the Riverside Road, the sale of Leeuwin Barracks and demand of foreshore recreation areas have been considered.

The Plan identifies a number of design changes to the foreshore and provides number of recommendations with a staged program and cost estimates.

For a copy of the Plan, go to the Town's website <u>www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au</u> or email <u>admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au</u> to have a copy emailed to you.

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