

CONNECTED COMMUNITY PLAN 2005-2008

1. ENTIRE COMMUNITY - INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS (including indigenous people, people from diverse cultures and people with a disability)

To foster activities that provide opportunities for social inclusion

- 1.1 Investigate the development of two community focal points (north and south) based on the redevelopment of: 1) SPCC and 2) GBLC (including consideration of the Community Needs Facilities Study, Assets Review and Open Space Review)
- 1.2 Examine the cost/benefit/opportunity of disposing of Council's surplus land holdings so the resources can be utilised to support community facility enhancement
- 1.3 Plan and implement an annual range of Community Arts and Events based on new and successful initiatives. To include; Fiesta; Family Concerts; Open Markets; Community Arts; Public Art; Community Awards
- 1.4 Plan and implement a business plan for the GBLC that fosters social vitality and financial viability (including City-managed programs based on community needs and operating as cost neutral)
- 1.5 Continue to manage the City's Funding Program which provides funding for the provision of externally managed community services / programs
- 1.6 Plan and incorporate a 'Neighbourhood Celebration' fund to the City's Funding Program Policy to support local neighbourhood activities such as street or park activities
- 1.7 Develop a Leisure and Recreation Development Strategy for the City (including passive and active leisure, recreation and sport)
- 1.8 Continue to implement the Communication and Consultation Policy and the City's Strategic Communications Plan 2005 - 2008
- 1.9 Develop a communication strategy (printed and on-line) to provide access to community information and promote community activity

- 1.10 Investigate partnerships with State Government to provide centralised health services as two possible 'one-stop shop' health centres at the two community focal points (also refer 2.2)
- 1.11 Explore opportunities to assist the City's educational institutions to be more connected to the wider community (Universities, public and private schools etc)
- 1.12 Explore opportunities to develop an on-line community and ensure ongoing access to the internet to all residents at two City of South Perth Libraries (also refer 7.3)
- 1.13 Implement the Safer City Action Plan and commence the development of a Community Safety Plan in line with the OCP funding and incorporating Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- 1.14 Develop a Cultural Development Strategy for performing and visual art
- 1.15 Develop a Policy that outlines the City's role in developing a Connected Community
- 1.16 Continue to implement the TravelSmart Local Action Plan, advocate for appropriate public transport to link Community Focal Points and acknowledge that increasing the number of pedestrians, cycling and utilisation of public transport contributes to a connected community
- 1.17 Develop resources to implement the City of South Perth 2003 Disability Services Plan, Access for Everyone
- 1.18 Continue to provide informal learning opportunities, support for heritage preservation and library services

2. FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

To foster and facilitate the support, skills development and equitable access to community facilities and services for parents with young children

- 2.1 Develop a Families' Strategy to ascertain needs, future demands, and identify opportunities to engage with existing agencies to prioritise the allocation of resources
- 2.2 Investigate centralising infant health clinics to be located at the two community focal points (SPCC & GBLC) (as per 1.10)
- 2.3 Investigate the demand for an increased number of supervised care facilities for babies and children and determine the City's role
- 2.4 Coordinate specific family focused events (as per 1.3 and 1.7)

3. YOUNG PEOPLE

To foster and facilitate the support, skills development and equitable access to community facilities and services for young people

- 3.1 Develop a Youth Strategy to ascertain needs, future demand and identify opportunities to engage with existing agencies to prioritise the allocation of resources
- 3.2 Coordinate specific youth focused events (as per 1.3 and 1.7) and support activities such as Student Scholarship Program
- 3.3 Assist and resource the YAC to plan and implement a range of activities
- 3.4 Develop and implement a leadership development program for young people within local government

4. SENIORS

To foster and facilitate support, opportunities and equitable access to community facilities and services for an aging population

- 4.1 Develop a Seniors' Strategy to ascertain needs, future demands and work with existing agencies to address the allocation of resources
- 4.2 Coordinate specific senior focused events (as per 1.3 and 1.7)

5. VOLUNTEERS

To foster and support volunteering within the community

- 5.1 Identify and allocate a resource to develop a Volunteering Policy & Management Practice; coordinate information; and train volunteers
- 5.2 Continue to implement and develop the Volunteers Acknowledgement Program

6. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GROUPS (including arts, sports, environmental groups etc)

To foster support, skills development and access to facilities for community groups

- 6.1 Continue to implement the following package of services; Community Information Directory, Village Voice, Club Development Seminars, Community Network Forums Funding Program, Community Awards, Consultancy, Information Distribution / Promotion (including the promotion of volunteering opportunities available within groups)
- 6.2 Regularly research the sustainability of community groups to ascertain changes in support needs and celebrate best practice
- 6.3 Continue to promote and implement the Community Funding Program of the City's Funding Policy to support community group activity

7. COMMUNITY PROSPERITY

To foster opportunities for partnerships, local employment and economic development

- 7.1 Identify and develop partnerships with local businesses through the Community Partnership program and sponsorship opportunities to maximise resources and achieve shared outcomes
- 7.2 Explore options for a dedicated resource for local economic development that will develop and manage strategies to support new and existing local business
- 7.3 Explore the options for integrating community and business information on-line directories (as per 1.12)
- 7.4 Explore the options in relation to City or South Perth employees volunteering or contracting their services to support local community organisations (eg strategic planning, volunteer management, marketing etc)

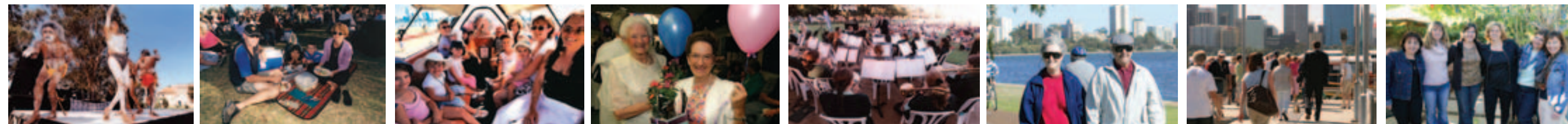
KEY OF ACRONYMS

CCP	Connected Community Plan
COSP	City of South Perth
CSRFF	Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund
SPCC	South Perth Civic Centre
GBLC	George Burnett Leisure Centre
YAC	Youth Advisory Council
OCP	Office of Crime Protection

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

BUILDING THE COMMUNITY FOR THE FUTURE



Connecting is about relationships between people and organisations and is critical in building functional and sustainable communities.

The development of the City's first Connected Community Plan highlights the City's key role in fostering a sustainable community, through leadership, planning, networking, governance and providing the development of opportunities for social inclusion.

The Councillors and staff of the City of South Perth have worked together to develop a vision for the city:

"The City of South Perth will be Perth's most liveable community - celebrating our history and riverside location and creating opportunities for the future".

Thank you for the valuable contributions made by all the stakeholders, organisations and community members who were involved in the development of this plan. I look forward to their ongoing involvement in the Plan which offers opportunities to connect us all and ensure our community is self sustaining.

Mayor John Collins JP

WHAT IS A CONNECTED COMMUNITY?

Connected Communities are healthy places to live. Through a multitude of activities and opportunities to interact, community members feel connected to each other and the place or neighbourhood they share.

A connected community is strong in terms of social capacity, resilience and social sustainability. Social trends have indicated that opportunities to be together in a range of informal and formal ways are becoming less frequent, and it is important that we foster and value them.

WHAT WILL A CONNECTED COMMUNITY PLAN (CC PLAN) DO?

The CC Plan will guide the City and other local organisations to work together to develop and resource programs, services and facilities that give all community members choice and opportunities to participate, interact and feel a part of the community. These outcomes will assist the City of South Perth to be a strong, socially sustainable community.

AIMING TO BE SOCIALLY SUSTAINABLE

WHAT IS A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY?

The development of a sustainable community requires a balance between economic, social and environmental elements.

We all recognise that the future of our communities depends on strong employment opportunities and the ability to access quality natural environments. However social capital, the strength of our community networks and opportunities to interact, is equally as important.

WHAT ARE SOME ELEMENTS OF SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY?

CONNECTION	interaction between individuals, community groups and each other
ENGAGEMENT	involvement in local decision making
PARTICIPATION	contributing to community activities and projects
INNOVATION	support for unique ideas and creative solutions
PARTNERSHIPS	collaboration between organisations and community groups to achieve common goals
ADVOCACY	support and encouragement for local values
LEARNING	access to information and knowledge

HOW DOES THE CC PLAN ALIGN WITH THE CITY OF SOUTH PERTH STRATEGIC PLAN?

Within the City of South Perth Strategic Plan 2004-2008 the following facets refer to the development of the CC Plan:

VISION

The City of South Perth will be Perth's most liveable community - celebrating our history and riverside location and creating the opportunities for the future

MISSION

To enhance the quality of life and prosperity of our community

GOAL 2 COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

To foster a strong sense of community and a prosperous business environment

STRATEGY 2.1

Develop and implement a Connected Community Plan to:

1. Address the specific needs of aged, families, youth, unemployed; and
2. Encourage opportunities for community development and vitality

HOW HAS THE CC PLAN BEEN DEVELOPED?

The CC Plan has been developed based on research incorporating different levels of consultation. This has helped the plan to be designed specifically for the diverse needs of the City of South Perth community. To enable the plan to maintain relevance, regular consultation and updating will occur in the future.

FRAMEWORK - THREE WAYS OF CONNECTING

Part of the development of the CC Plan was to examine what both the City of South Perth and community groups and organisations do to assist the community to connect already, and acknowledge the importance of this. Organisations self evaluated themselves based on the following three questions:

1. Identify occasions that provide opportunities for community members to connect with each other.
2. Identify occasions that provide opportunities for you to connect with the community
3. Identify occasions that provide opportunities for your organisation to connect with other organisations.

Information received in response to this framework provided the City with an environmental scan on the existing activity and health of the community.

CONSULTATION

The consultation process for the CC Plan involved a combination of informing, consulting and involving both the external and internal stakeholders and the wider community. The consultation period was between March and November 2004 and included; in depth interviews, two facilitated workshops and distribution of a CC Plan newsletter and survey. Following development of a draft CC Plan feedback was sought and contributed to amendments and the development of this document.

RESEARCH & KEY FINDINGS

Research previously conducted by the City and other key organisations has contributed to the development of the CC Plan. These reports include the City of South Perth Community Facilities Needs Study (March 2004, Creating Communities Australia Pty Ltd.), Agency Consultations on Community Services in the City of South Perth and Town of Victoria Park Now and Then, (April 2003, Barbara Gatter & Associates) and other relevant research and surveys.

DEVELOPMENT OF TWO COMMUNITY FOCAL POINTS

CANNING HIGHWAY DIVIDES THE CITY INTO TWO DISTRICTS, ONE NORTH AND ONE SOUTH

The City of South Perth geography is such that the community will benefit a great deal from the development of two key places of activity, one each side of Canning Highway. The two locations detailed below have great potential as community focal points for the future. Both have extensive redevelopment initiatives planned for 2006/2009 (source: COSP Strategic Financial Plan 04/05) to better meet the needs of the community now and in the future:

- **South Perth Civic Centre precinct (SPCC) corner Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth. (civic facilities, library, halls, playing fields, hospital) is a northern community focal point**
- **George Burnett Leisure Centre (GBLC) Park, Manning Road, Karawara. (library, leisure centre, playing fields) is a southern community focal point**

Community focal points are the places that community members consider as destinations to do day to day things and interact with people and could be characterised by any combination of local retail and commercial outlets, built community facilities, schools and parks/public open space areas. It is at these focal points within the community that connection and interaction occurs, as this is where people go to shop, meet with friends, participate in sport and recreation programs, attend group activities, and access education and other services.

