

AlburyCity
Four Year Delivery Program
Councillor Priorities
8 March 2021

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| 1 | A Growing Sustainable Economy | "Pop-up" outdoor dining / retail / busking etc in on-street parking areas of the CBD as part of COVID stimulus/recovery | Engagement/City Development | Opportunities for activation exist under the Commercial Activities on Public Land Policy and Activities on Footpaths and Roads Policy. Discussions have been held with Albury Business Connect who are letting their members know of our support of additional outdoor dining spaces/chairs, without the requirement for a DA. Application process is streamlined to enable approval after the business consults with neighbouring businesses to use the additional space. This has been actively promoted by our Economic Development and Education/Compliance team. From a strategic perspective, additional areas within the CBD can also be considered as part of the CBD Masterplan reviews to be undertaken by City Development in 2021/22. In addition, Albury Business Connect is undertaking consultation with businesses regarding a potential Parklet trial in both the Albury and Lavington CBD's, which is being supported by AlburyCity. Investigations are expected to conclude by May 2021. |
| 2 | A Growing Sustainable Economy | Identification for a public open space in the Lavington CBD (and/or strategic acquisition if required) | City Development | Consider as part of CBD Masterplans review to be undertaken in 2021/22. |
| 3 | A Growing Sustainable Economy | Lavington CBD bike loop | City Projects | Council is currently working through the implementation of the Albury CBD Bike Loop. Following the completion of this, work will commence on the planning, design and consultation for the Lavington CBD Bike Loop. |
| 4 | A Growing Sustainable Economy | Strategic land acquisitions in the Thurgoona Wirlinga growth corridor to ensure Council secures the land required for community and recreational purposes before acquisition costs become prohibitive | City Development | Identification of required sites to be led by City Development. Requires completion of strategies such as TW Drainage, Open Space Strategy etc. In total \$2M has been provided for in the draft Four Year Delivery Program for 2023/24 to 2024/25. |
| 5 | A Growing Sustainable Economy | Establish the Thurgoona Link Road connections to the Davey Road interchange by the end of the four year plan | City Projects | Works are commencing on the design of the plan and acquisition of the final parcels of land to facilitate the construction. Environmental assessments are underway with the project being assessed as having a significant impact. Accordingly it has now been referred for consideration at a Federal level, which can be up to a 12 month process. This time will be utilised to continue to bring the design to a construction stage. |
| 6 | A Growing Sustainable Economy | Progress implementation of the Borella Road/Riverina Highway Corridor Strategy, with the priority being the Airport entry roundabout | City Projects | Council is currently working with TfNSW to develop an implementation plan for the delivery of the strategy. |
| 7 | A Growing Sustainable Economy | Walsh Street reconstruction including the provision of footpaths in year 1 or 2 | City Projects | Following the Pre-meeting Briefing Session on 15 February, a review of the proposed path construction along the length of Walsh Street, East Albury was completed. A possible alignment has been identified which will provide a concrete path along the entire length of Walsh Street, from Schubach to East Streets. While our preferred width of a 1.5m path may not be possible for the entire length of Walsh Street, due to narrow nature strips and a number of constraints within the nature strip, the plan is to fit the path as best as possible to provide safe pedestrian access along the street. Further to this, funds have been identified in the current year budget, due to savings realised in other footpath construction projects, which could allow for the construction of the 850 lineal metre (part of) the path this year. These works will connect to another path construction project along Jamieson Street which has just been awarded and will be constructed during 2020/21. A request for quotation is currently being prepared to inform the potential allocation of this project across the current and Draft 2021/22 Operational Plan and subject to further community consultation. |

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| 8 | A Growing Sustainable Economy | Review the works depot initiative with a view to funding consolidation of all depots at the East Albury site and enable development of the Wodonga Place depot site to drive economic growth and CBD offering. | Assets, Sustainability & Environment/City Projects | A key priority for the new Building and Property team will be to investigate the feasibility of relocating the existing Wodonga Place Depot. This investigation will include the analysis of potential sites and the associated land acquisitions that may be required. The review of the Murray River Experience Masterplan and Albury CBD Masterplans will give consideration to future uses for the existing site. Any future utilisation of this land will need to be negotiated with Crown Lands. A budget item has been included in the 2021/22 draft budget to undertake a feasibility study for a future site. |
| 9 | A Growing Sustainable Economy | Utilise and improve the look of rail land in the heart of Albury | Assets, Sustainability & Environment | Council will work with land owners to explore opportunities to enhance the interface between rail land and the CBD. |
| 10 | A Growing Sustainable Economy | Progress Young St (ex-ARTC) land development to maximise community benefit of commercial/government activation, incorporate sustainable design/walkability for this high profile site | Business & Lifestyle | ARTC has submitted its formal request to TfNSW, which is currently under consideration. Discussions also underway with NSW Government as to future opportunities for the site, once land is removed from Head Lease. Considered a strategic priority project. |
| 11 | A Growing Sustainable Economy | Identifying under utilised Council land that could be sold to be developed by others | Business & Lifestyle | An audit of AlburyCity landholdings has previously been undertaken to identify those not required for strategic or operational needs. Only one significant site at the western end of Union Road (north of Glenmorous Gardens) was identified. This was investigated for disposal but retained for future consideration to ensure no strategic requirement and to maximise return on investment if sold. |
| 12 | A Growing Sustainable Economy | Bring the Master Planning of the Greenfield Park change rooms and grandstand forward from Year 3/4 to Year 1 | City Landscapes | Noted. Detailed Design budget has been brought forward Yr 1 (2021/22), with construction budget to follow in Years 2 and 3 (2022/23 -2023/24). Project will require external grant funding to fully fund construction costs which are estimated at approximately \$4M. |
| 13 | A Growing Sustainable Economy | Facilitate the planning of the Murray River Experience 'Boulevard' Stage 1 as a staged project | City Landscapes | Awaiting completion of MRE review prior to identification of a suite of discreet projects and accompanying staged implementation program. |
| 14 | A Growing Sustainable Economy | Implementation of the Mountain Bike Strategy once completed | City Landscapes | Awaiting completion of MTB Strategy prior to identification of full suite of projects and accompanying staged implementation program. However, preliminary funds have been identified in years 1-3 of the four year budget to commence implementation of the recommendations contained within the Strategy. |
| 15 | A Growing Sustainable Economy | Identify and fund all upgrades to Nail Can Hill Mountain Bike loop including toilet facilities | City Landscapes | Awaiting completion of MTB Strategy prior to identification of full suite of projects and accompanying staged implementation program. However, preliminary funds have been identified in years 1-3 of the four year budget to commence implementation of the recommendations contained within the Strategy. |
| 16 | An Enhanced Natural Environment | Carbon reduction initiatives including renewable energy generation, replacing vehicles at end-of-life with electric vehicles, and commercial organic waste collection and processing | Assets, Sustainability & Environment | Carbon reduction initiatives will be included in the Four Year Delivery Program to ensure AlburyCity carbon reduction targets can be met. The Electric Vehicle Strategy will commence in 2020/21 to inform replacement of Council vehicles at End of Life. Actively working with local contractors to introduce Commercial Organic Waste Collection and Processing service locally. |
| 17 | An Enhanced Natural Environment | Community Energy Fund continuation and consider expanding | Assets, Sustainability & Environment | The Community Energy Fund will open again for the 2021/22 financial year with a budget allocation of \$100,000. A budget allocation of \$100,000 has also been included for year 2-4 of the Four Year delivery program. If the fund is oversubscribed consideration could be given to increasing the budget allocation. |

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| 18 | An Enhanced Natural Environment | Feasibility study of the naturalisation of Bungambrawatha Creek | Assets, Sustainability & Environment | A review of natural creek lines including Bungambrawatha Creek will be included in the Four Year Delivery Program. The naturalisation of the creek is being considered as part of the review of the Murray River Experience Master Plan, which is currently considering opportunities to naturalise the Creek behind the Albury Swim Centre. This is further supported by the draft Fredericks Park Masterplan, which also identifies the opportunity to investigate the feasibility of re-naturalising parts of Bungambrawatha Creek. |
| 19 | An Enhanced Natural Environment | The Urban Forest Strategy | Assets, Sustainability & Environment | This is being commenced in the current 2020/21 financial year. |
| 20 | An Enhanced Natural Environment | Consider adding a priority of 'planned removal and replacement of all Plane Trees in streets and public spaces' with a view to decreasing the currently high allergy trees, but also have a high root damage rate as well. It needs to be managed so we keep a street tree scape, but over time decrease the detrimental impact to public health (hay fever!) and also damage from the roots to public and private property. | City Landscapes | Awaiting completion of the Urban Forest Strategy to identify a strategic approach to urban street tree replacement. |
| 21 | A Caring Community | Ensure timely completion of key master and strategic plans to guide future decision making and investment | Various | The development of key master and strategic plans will be prioritised to guide future decision making. New Master Plans identified for the 2021/22 year include Bilson Park Master Plan and Eastern Hill Activation Plan. |
| 22 | A Caring Community | World War II Memorial Bowl upgrade; A children's play space and an exercise space for local children, families and those community members that would use the space for an exercise workout. Solar lighting along the path up to the Memorial as a safety issue as a lot of people use this path in the early evening. In addition the path and steps need to be reviewed from a safety point of view. | City Landscapes | Council is currently completing a Masterplan for the site, which will be completed prior to June 2021. To facilitate implementation of the Masterplan, there has been \$50K identified in 2021/22 to complete detailed design, as well as an additional \$550K identified in 2022/23 for construction. The Masterplan has incorporated the request to re-align the path through Memorial Bowl to align better with Memorial Pathway. A separate body of work is currently being undertaken to remove saplings and clear the sight visibility along Memorial Pathway, as well as preliminary investigation of pathway lighting. |
| 23 | A Caring Community | Escalating community safety and crime prevention activities, including joint community safety and crime prevention initiatives with Wodonga such as tendering graffiti removal | Community & Place | The Crime Prevention Plan is a requirement of the Attorney Generals Department (NSW) to meet criteria to enable funding over the period of the plan. This is NSW specific. Victoria has a different approach and state funding opportunities. We will certainly seek to consult with Wodonga Council, and other key stakeholders, when we commence engagement for the development of the next Crime Prevention Plan scheduled for 2021/22. The Graffiti Management Plan is currently being developed and consultation with Wodonga regarding combined initiatives will continue. A functional review of the Communities Team is currently underway to determine current and future resourcing required to deliver on existing and proposed community safety and crime prevention plans and strategies. |
| 24 | A Leading Community | Benchmarking the utilisation and performance of our maintenance and construction crews | Various | Proposed to be undertaken as part of AlburyCity's Service and Efficiency Review Program. |