

5.11 Staging Plan

Through the community engagement process two key areas for enhancement works have been defined, Area A being The Palms and Hampton Oval to the WWTP, and Area B being the Foreshore Promenade between the WWTP and the boat ramps. This plan has been created to coincide with the project cost estimates.

In preparing and finalising the Staging Plan EPCAD has considered the following key items:

- Visibility of change (making it obvious that beautification works have occurred as promised)
- Ability for the first stage to be a catalyst for further stages (building momentum)
- Capacity within the community to take leadership for future stages, and building this capacity within the preliminary works
- Connectivity of the new works with the existing landscape
- Linking the beautification works with other works in town i.e. The Community Hub building
- And showing that The Dampier Townsite and Foreshore Enhancement Plan is going to deliver real changes that the community and visitors can see and enjoy.

Staging

The Staging Plan shows the following order:

- Stage 1. Implementation of the Shark Cage Node (as identified as “Stage 1 extent of works”)
- Stage 2. Implementation of The Palms and Hampton Oval Detail Area
- Stage 3. Implementation of the Promenade widening between The Palms and Windy Ridge Oval
- Stage 4. Implementation of the Windy Ridge Node
- Stage 5. Implementation of the Pedestrian Bridge Connection between the Village Centre and the Foreshore.
- Stage 6. Implementation of improvements and enhanced amenity between The Palms and HHBSC.
- Stage 7. Incremental modular implementation of multiple mini-nodes along The Promenade

Implementation refers to the design development, documentation and construction of each element.

The roll-out of works over any number of years is primarily dependent on budgets and funding. It may be possible for stages of works to be undertaken in smaller sub-stages to suit grants packages or annual budgets. Therefore further guidance and consideration is required by the City of Karratha to advise on the available budget that can be applied to a stage of works in association with the estimated cost of works.

Quick Wins

EPCAD strongly recommend completing each stage of works with a consolidated budget rather than spreading the budget too thinly around minor elements in many areas. That said, there are a number of minor items or quick wins that can be undertaken to show immediate action on the ground and that won’t complicate or conflict with works in the future. Those are

- Installation of permanent footings and power connections at The Palms/Hampton Oval for the outdoor movie screen; and
- Street tree planting generally throughout town.

Consecutive Works

Furthermore there are a number of activities that may be undertaken between Stages through alternative budget opportunities. These would be:

- Shrub and tree planting works throughout town and along the Foreshore

- Car park sealing
- Drainage corridor infrastructure works
- Implementation of incremental minor foreshore nodes
- Upgrading of degraded or deteriorated furniture and amenity units

The community feedback shows that the Dampier community are frustrated by the processes to date and the lack of tangible works on the ground. With this in mind, EPCAD recommend that Stages 1-2 should be undertaken before car park re-surfacing works or that infrastructure works (e.g. Drainage, walls and re-surfacing) should not be undertaken utilising any “beautification” grants.



Figure 28: Staging Plan

Balance of Works

The Masterplan shows a large range of items and projects that may be undertaken by the City of Karratha or by other groups as they desire. EPCAD have identified the key projects to be undertaken by CofK. Any other works on the masterplan may be undertaken by any other party at any time. In awareness of the DCA strategic plan we recommend that the DCA could focus on the following activities in relation to enhancements and improvements;

- Improvements to the Feature Entry Area
- Implementation of an Art’s Trail commencing with locations that are immediately available, and planning for future locations. For instance the Foreshore nodes or The Palms play sculptures.