



Swan View Local Area Plan: Community Engagement Background Report

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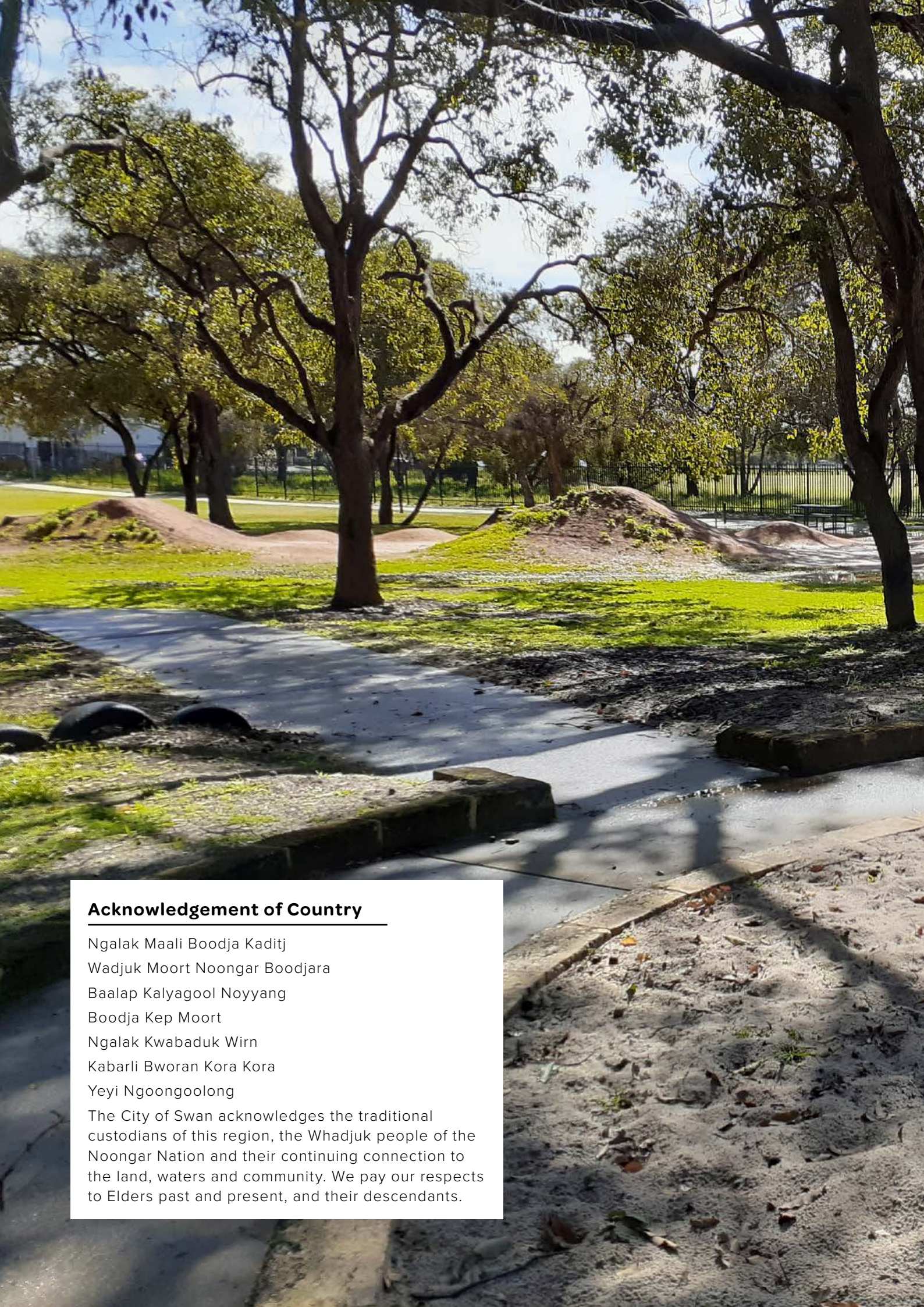


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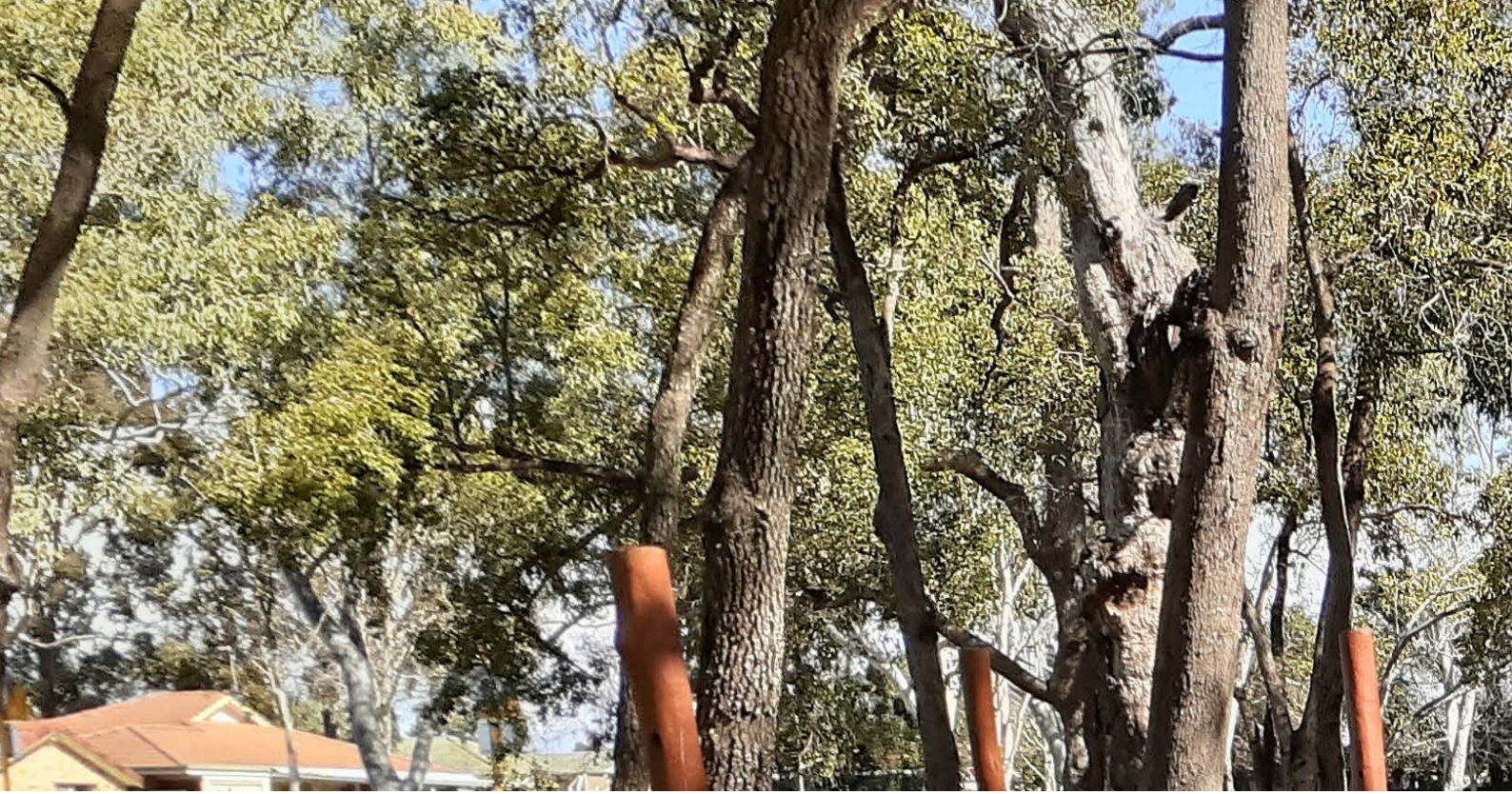
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The City of Swan acknowledges the traditional custodians of this region, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and their descendants.



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A message from the Mayor

The City of Swan comprises a large land area with diverse communities. Planning for such a diverse area requires creative priorities.

Local Area Plans provide the opportunity to recognise the unique character and needs of these diverse communities.

Local Area Planning involves local community members working together with the City to identify the specific issues affecting their community and, to produce a plan that provides solutions to meet the priorities of their local area in support of its unique character.

The Local Area Plan is therefore an important document for the City to plan for infrastructure and services and manage change at a local level.

The City appreciates the tremendous support and contribution made by community members and other stakeholders in developing the Swan View Local Area Plan.

Cr David Lucas
Mayor, City of Swan





Introduction

What is Local Area Planning?

Local Area Planning involves community members working with the City to identify specific issues affecting their community and to produce a plan that provides the priorities of the local area and what's happening to address these. Local Area Plans (LAPs) provide the opportunity to recognise the unique character and needs of our diverse communities. They focus on planning for the management of future growth as well as providing community services. Each LAP identifies a broad range of issues and, in engaging with the local community, establishes the key priorities for the area.

Local area planning integrates with the Strategic Community Plan (SCP) and the Local Planning Strategy (LPS) in order to inform corporate business planning to achieve place based planning and service delivery.

The priorities are established through the community engagement conducted with the local community. Outcomes of the LAPs, importantly, also provide feedback to the Local Planning Strategy and the Strategic Community Plan.



Swan View Context

Located in the Southern portion of the City of Swan, the Swan View local area is made up of the suburbs of Stratton, Jane Brook, part of Midvale, part of Swan View, and part of Red Hill.

Swan View is located approximately 25km north east of the Perth CBD, and 5km west of the Midland Strategic Metropolitan Centre. The Swan View local area is bound by Toodyay Road in the north, the Shire of Mundaring in the east, Murchison Drive, Talbot Road, Blanchard Road, Myles Road and Morrison Road in the south, and Roe Highway and Morrison Road in the west.

The Swan View local area is well connected to other parts of the Perth Metropolitan Region by regional transport links. Its proximity to Midland, the Swan Valley, Darling Scarp and John Forrest National Park contributes positively for the community of the Swan View local area.



Map 1: Swan View Local Area Suburb Breakdown



Swan View Local Area Then and now 2016-2022

In 2015, we held three workshops with the Swan View local Area community to hear what you liked, what your concerns were and what you'd like to see improve in the local area.

The results of the workshops were collated and relevant actions were developed in response to the communities needs, and also informed the key priorities for the area.

These actions included projects and services that were reported on annually and with updates given across the City's business units. Moving forward, the City will share these actions and outcomes on our website, e-newsletter and social media channels.

What's changed in Swan View since the last LAP?

- General road infrastructure upgrades to support increasing vehicular traffic movements for local traffic and wider network movements. This includes the planning of the Orange Route, which is a key State government project.
- Upgrades to cycle and pedestrian paths along Farrall Road, adding value to the amenity of the local area.
- New additions to local parks and community centres including new pavillions and playground upgrades.

What key concerns have we heard since 2015?

- The area needs better support services to respond to an ageing community;
- The need to improve responses to bushfire prone areas through mitigation strategies and working with the community; and
- Loss of biodiversity in the area due to new development sites.

How has the City improved the engagement process

The engagement process has been refined to focus on understanding what the priorities for each local area are and how the community wants the City to address those priorities. This means we'll know exactly what areas the Swan View community want the City to focus on for the next five years.

Engagement will be done through an online platform that you can access from your own home on your own device. This means you won't miss out on having your say on the future of your community. Access the engagement platform at your own time and pace. Instructions are provided, but if you need assistance, City staff will be scheduling public drop-in sessions at local facilities to assist.

The City will also provide annual updates on what is being done in Swan View to address the community's priorities and let you know once the updates are live on the City's website.

Swan View Local Area Assets

Our assets

John Forrest National Park
Jane Brook Foreshore Reserve
Blackadder Creek Reserve
Stratton Community Centre
Stratton Youth Space
Stratton Skate Facility

Our active parks

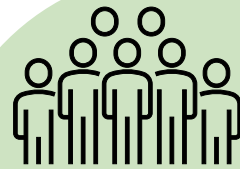
Swan View Oval Playing Field
Farrall Oval Playing Field
Dorrigo Park
Sherlock Park
Cockman Park
John Stone Park
Kangaroo Court Park
Swan View POS
Augustus Park
Bourke View Park
Wiltshire Park,

Our proposed assets

Orange Route
Reserve 54009 on Huntsman Terrace



Community statistics



12,341

2021 estimated
resident population



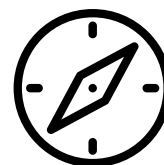
6.5%

Aboriginal and Torres
Strait islander population



2.54

Average household
size



23%

Residents born
overseas



37 yrs

Median age of
residents

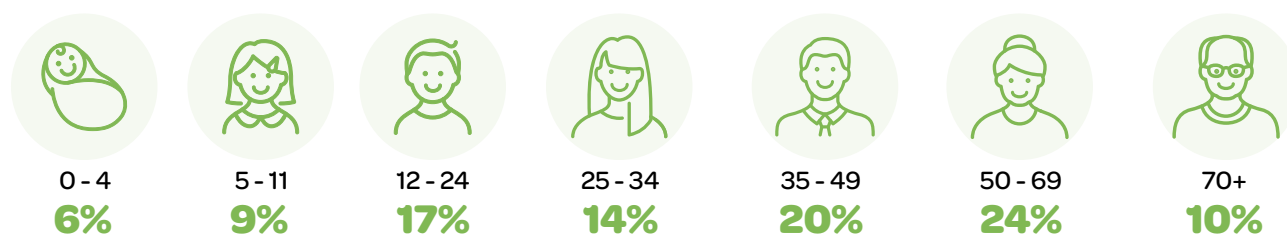


Social Environment

Population

The social environment of any local area reflects the identity of the community through the analysis of the population and the factors that influence this. By recognising these factors, the City is able to identify and plan for the people who live in each area to apply informed planning that reflects the needs of the community. In 2021, the Swan View local area had an Estimated Resident population of 12,341, representing 7.8% of the City's overall population.

Age structure



Children and early years development

There are a range of programs and facilities accessible outside the local area that provide for children and early years (children aged 5-11 years old) who represent 9% of the population.

The community is encouraged to utilise nearby facilities such as the Midland Library and Swan Active Midland, which provide a range of programs and activities for kids throughout the year that attract children from that catchment. At Swan Active, programs include:

- Swimming lessons
- School holiday activities
- Creche
- Kindy gym;
- A 10 week coaching programs in netball, basketball, soccer and cricket which run throughout the school terms.

Midland Library offers weekly activities such as Storytime and Rhymetime, as well as a variety of seasonal school holiday events and activities.



Young people

Stratton Youth Centre 'Stratton Edge' is a drop-in facility for 12-17 year olds looking for a safe place to attend. The facility includes a table tennis, pool table, basketball, arts and crafts, soccer, football and a skate park. The team at Stratton Youth Centre run workshops for cooking, money and budgeting, health, relationships, art and music.



Photo 1 and 2: Stratton Youth Space

Ageing Population

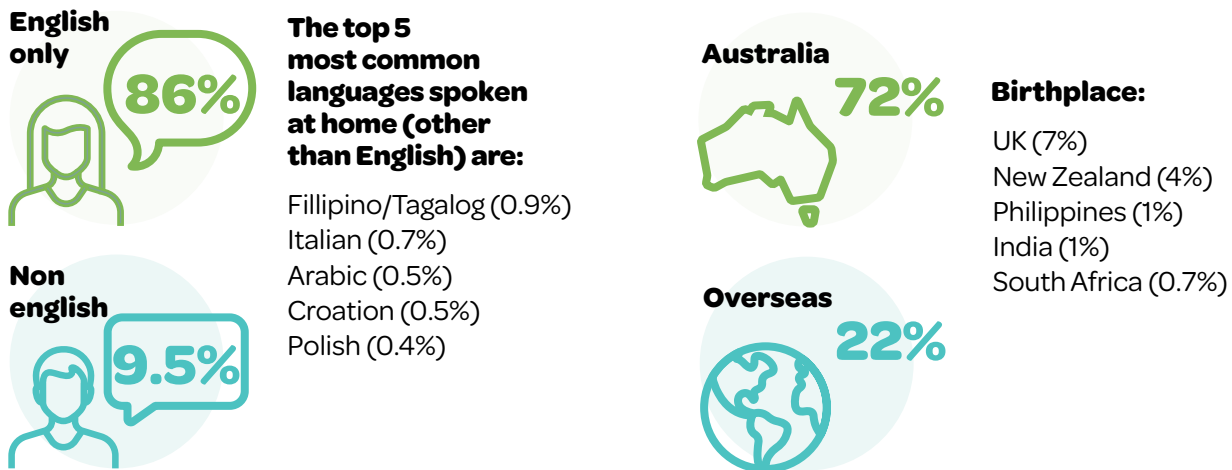
Swan View local area has an ageing population, with a higher proportion of people in the older age groups (60+ years) than the City of Swan. From 2016 to 2021, the most significant growth was in persons aged 70 to 84.

The City's Community Care Services is a citywide service committed to providing services to all eligible community members. Community Care Services offer a range of high-quality and essential services through contractors to deliver in-home support services in the areas of domestic assistance, personal care, individual social support, respite, and gardening. The office is located in Midland, and services are accessible to the ageing population of Swan View. This includes access to special interest groups such as men's groups and dementia specialised services. Community Care Services has a fleet of 19 vehicles to provide a personalised transport service to their clients. This assists clients with accessing medical appointments, shopping and social trips within the metropolitan area.

In addition, Swan Active Midland also provides services to aged residents of Swan View through various fitness and health activities. The City holds its highly successful Ageing Disgracefully event annually.

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) Communities

Midland Library offers a free Social English Club program every Friday, where conversational English is encouraged over tea, coffee and cake. The sessions are open to anyone with any background or level of English. For residents of the Swan View local area, the library also offers the pop-up space in the foyer to CaLD organisations who would like to showcase their organisation, services and activities.



Reference: Profile ID 2016

Indigenous Communities

The Swan View local area has the highest proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents in the City of Swan, at 6.5% of the population. This is significantly higher than Greater Perth at 1.8%. The City's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) was formally endorsed and adopted by Council in April 2022. The RAP will formalise a commitment between the City and the Wadjuk-Noongar and other Indigenous communities living and working in the City of Swan. The City held a launch event in June 2022 in Midland to coincide with Reconciliation Week and the start of Naidoc Week celebrations in July, which included a showcase by local Indigenous artists and various events across the City of Swan.

Community Safety

The City's Community Safety Plan identifies key priority areas for improving community safety across the City. This includes measures to detect, deter crime and address the underlying causes of crime, address personal and community safety issues, and increase coordination and responsiveness.

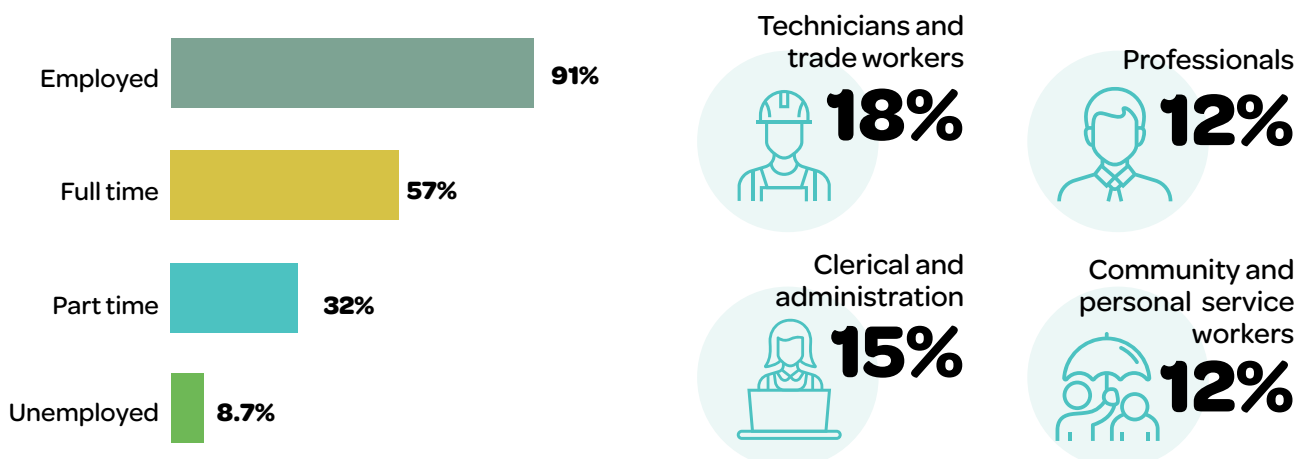
Bushfire safety is important for the Swan View community. The City's Community Safety team will increase inspections in the Talbott Road bushland and private property north of Toodyay Road. The City also partners with the Shire of Mundaring to manage bushfire mitigation processes.





Economic Environment

Employment status



Employment and Economy

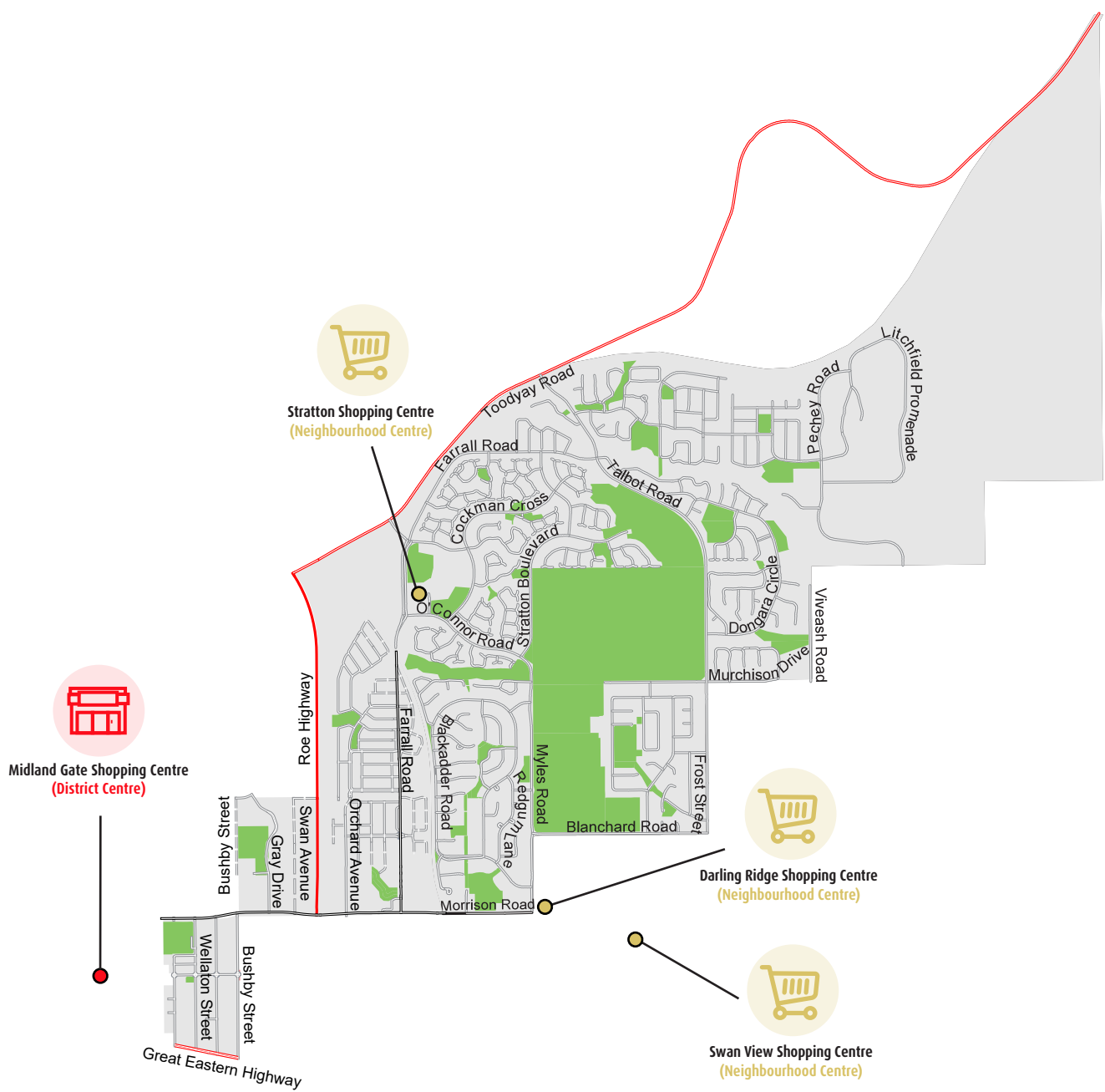
The Swan Business Engagement Program assists businesses through information provision, business facilitation and potential business opportunities. The City's team of qualified and experienced professionals help residents start, grow or relocate their business.

The City supports local businesses through many initiatives, particularly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The Business and Tourism team contacted many businesses to provide a comprehensive list of opportunities from various industry providers to help businesses with employment, training or upskilling, and knowledge on rebuilding and recovering.

Commercial Centres

Swan View local area is predominately residential with some commercial tenancies that provide services to the community (See Map 2).

Swan View's proximity to Midland Gate Shopping Centre creates the need for only small-scale retail within the local area. This may limit economic opportunities; however, this supports the broader reach of Midland as the City's Strategic Metropolitan Centre. The centres in Map 2 are categorised as Neighbourhood Centres, providing day-to-day and weekly shopping needs and other services.



Map 2. Commercial Centres



Natural Environment

Biodiversity

Swan View local area is located nearby to many highly valuable environmental assets. These include Blackadder Creek, Jane Brook and the Swan River. Swan View local area is also located between two highly valued amenity landscapes, the Darling Scarp and the Swan Valley, which contain significant bushland areas, including John Forrest National Park.

Existing remnant vegetation is predominately within the Talbot Road Bush Forever site, Department of Housing bushland and the John Forrest National Park. 'Friends of Groups' for the Swan View local area include Friends of Blackadder Creek, Jane Brook Association, and Friends of May Brook.

Tree canopy

The City has developed an Urban Forest Plan (2019-2039) which identifies tree canopy coverage for each local area. The plan supports the City's target of increasing canopy cover by 1% each year. As of 2016, the Swan View local area had the following canopy coverage.



Midvale
8.39%



Jane Brook
12.2%



Stratton
15.3%



Swan View
17.59%

Blackadder-Woodbridge Eco Corridor Assessment

The City has commissioned an ecological assessment of the Blackadder-Woodbridge Eco Corridor (between Swan View and Viveash). This includes a vegetation survey, fauna habitat mapping, weed survey, significant tree assessment, and observational notes on management issues.

This area is important as it links other bushland areas in providing habitat, sources of food, resting and nesting fauna, and provides a level of amenity for local residents.

The City is developing a program and expanding current maintenance work to improve the vegetation corridor. This will raise awareness and increase community capacity within the Blackadder-Woodbridge Eco Corridor. Expanding works could include weed control, planting activities, erosion control, invasive species control, community engagement and education workshops, and supporting 'Friends of Groups'. The City is also supporting a collaborative project by Curtin University, 'Reconnecting to Rivers', which aims to document and map Whadjuk knowledge of the area.





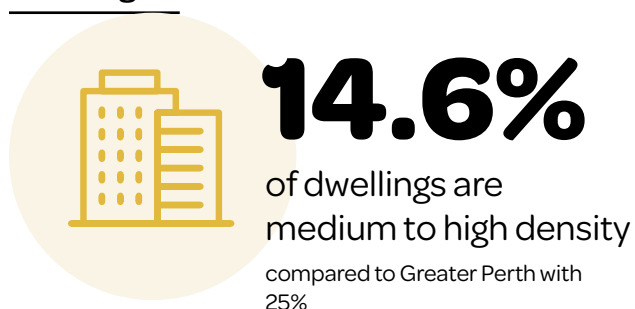
Built Environment

Aboriginal Significant Sites

The significance of Aboriginal heritage within development sites is important to recognise and protect. There are several publically recorded Registered Aboriginal Sites (DoAA) in Swan View. These sites include but are not limited to: Green Bullfrog Dreaming, Talbot Road, Farrall Road East, Jane Brook North, Blackadder and Woodbridge Creek, Jane Brook, and Talbot Road/Toodyay Road. Approval is required under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 for any development on land where sites of significance are registered and will require consultation with local Aboriginal people.

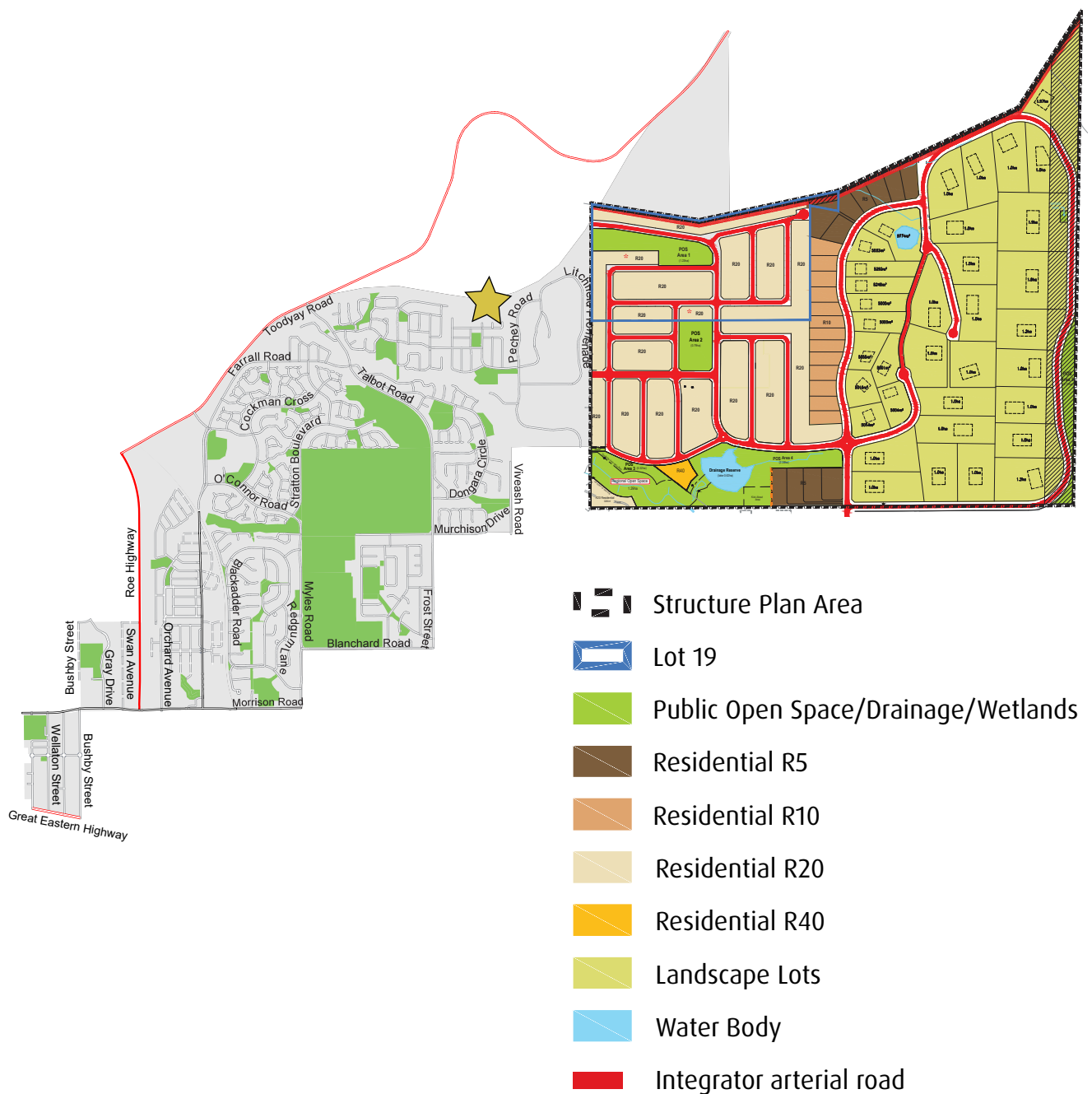
The City will review its Local Heritage Survey this year and wishes to incorporate local Aboriginal heritage in its listings, where appropriate. This is currently in the planning stage and will require approval and engagement with local Aboriginal groups. This reflects the recognition by the City to address and acknowledge Aboriginal heritage.

Housing



New Development Opportunities

The Jane Brook Structure Plan was adopted by Council in August 2018. Map 3 illustrates the staging of the plan. The structure plan provides for four public open spaces ranging from 1.23 hectares to 0.71 hectares. The dwelling target of the area is 359 dwellings, with 10 dwellings per site hectare.



Map 3. Jane Brook Structure Plan Area

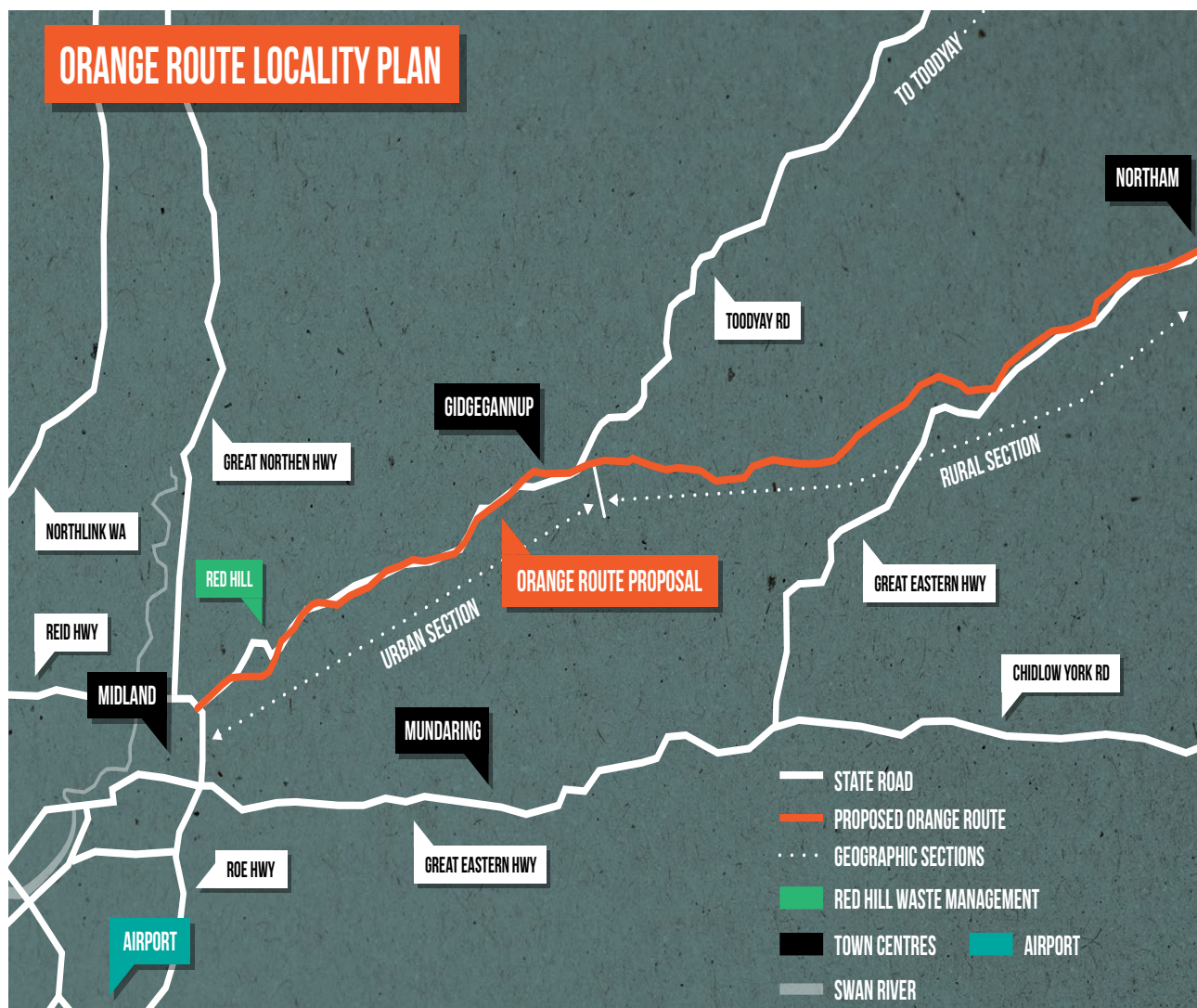
Public Open Space and Community Facilities

The planning of all open spaces is based on hierarchy, function, use, and intended length of stay, as identified in the City's Standard of Provision Framework. The hierarchy ensures that open space and facilities are appropriate for their intended use and catchment. Local parks cater for shorter use and smaller catchments, where as larger, sporting open spaces cater for longer uses and larger catchments and therefore require more infrastructure such as toilets and car parking. The table below provides an overview of some of the walk trails, parks, picnic areas and playgrounds in the Swan View local area.

| Park | Hierarchy Level | Function | | | | | Amenities |
|--|--------------------------|------------|-------|--------|------------|------------|---|
| | | Recreation | Sport | Nature | Kick about | Play space | |
| Swan View Oval Playing Field | Neighbourhood | ✓ | | | | ✓ |   |
| Farrall Oval Playing Field Park | Neighbourhood | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ |   |
| Bremmer Park | Local | | | | | | |
| Dorrigo Park | Neighbourhood | ✓ | | | | ✓ |   |
| Huntsman Park | Local | | | | | |  |
| Sherlock Park | District & Neighbourhood | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ |   |
| Cockman Park | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |   |
| Bombay Entrance Park | Local | | | | | ✓ |   |
| Brilliant Rise Park | Local | | | | | ✓ |   |
| Campolino Park | Local | | | | | ✓ |   |
| John Stone Park | Neighbourhood | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ |   |
| Kangaroo Court Park | Neighbourhood | ✓ | | | | ✓ |   |
| Natham Square Park | Neighbourhood | | | | | |   |
| Swan View POS (Spinebill) | Local | ✓ | | | | ✓ |   |
| Augustus Park | Neighbourhood | ✓ | | | | ✓ |   |
| Bourke View Park | Neighbourhood | ✓ | | | | ✓ |   |

Road Network

The Orange Route is a highway-standard road that will connect Midland to Northam. This will be part of the first stage of the Perth to Adelaide National Highway. This will include a major upgrade to Toodyay Road (between Roe Highway and Lilydale Road) and Great Eastern Highway (between Wundowie and Northam). The project is estimated to cost \$1.2 billion. The new route will provide a more efficient journey in and out of Perth.



Since the previous Swan View LAP, Farrall Road has been upgraded to a dual carriageway for the southern portion up to Blackadder Creek and provided additional stacking length at the Morrison Road intersection, improving pedestrian crossings and right turn signals at the intersections traffic lights. The new and upgraded local street network supports movement of traffic, pedestrians and cyclists. The upgrade also consisted of a grade separated rail crossing, street parking and street tree planting on verges, resulting in a safer pedestrian experience.

North Link WA project was also completed. The project was funded by the Federal and State governments with a \$1.02 billion investment. This project linked to Gateway WA, servicing regional traffic movements to commercial and industrial areas such as Malaga, Kewdale, Perth Airport and Perth CBD. This removed pressure from Great Northern Highway by shifting the majority of routes for heavy vehicles.





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