

ENGAGEMENT REPORT: COMMUNITY + STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK TO DRAFT MASTER PLAN

MT ADELAIDE *IRRERUP*
MT CLARENCE *CORNDARUP*

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MASTER PLAN : A PLAN TO CONSERVE + ENHANCE



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PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

This document presents a summary of the community and stakeholder feedback received between December 2020 and March 2021 on the Draft Mounts Master Plan. These documents can be accessed via the City of Albany website:

<https://www.albany.wa.gov.au/council/projects/live-projects.asp>

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1.0

ENGAGEMENT

OVERVIEW

SINCE 2016, THE CITY OF ALBANY HAS UNDERTAKEN A COMPREHENSIVE MOUNTS MASTER PLAN PROCESS, WHICH PROVIDES A LONG-TERM VISION FOR MOUNT CLARENCE AND MOUNT ADELAIDE.

The Plan aims to respect and enhance the significant natural, cultural, social and recreational assets, ensuring any future development is undertaken with a careful balance of conservation and enhancement.

In three phases of the project stakeholders and the community have provided input in the master planning process. The purpose the engagement was:

- to raise awareness for Council’s draft vision and strategies;
- to gather feedback on the key themes and the strategic opportunities presented – so as to refine the drafted list of ideas and establish if additional opportunities should be added;
- to gauge whether any projects or initiatives emerge as clear public priorities to advocate for to mobilise community support for action; and
- to inform the draft master plan and implementation plan

The three phases of the project involving Stakeholder and Community engagement as per the diagram below:

- Phase 3: Stakeholder Engagement - Community Advisory Group
- Phase 5: Community and Stakeholder Engagement on the Mounts Master Plan Summary Document
- Phase 7: Public Comment on the Draft Mounts Master Plan





PHASE 3: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT - COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

IN 2018 A COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED TO ASSIST IN AN ADVISORY NATURE AND TO HELP GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN.

Community Advisory Group representatives include:

- University of Western Australia
- South Coast Natural Resource Management
- Department of Parks and Wildlife (Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions)
- Department of Sport and Recreation
- GSCORE (Great Southern Centre for Outdoor Recreation Excellence)
- FORM
- RSL Albany
- Albany Aboriginal Heritage Reference Group
- Museum of the Great Southern
- Middleton Beach Group
- The Amazing South Coast
- Community/Business Representative

A series of meetings and workshops were held with the Community Advisory Group to:

- Collate background information on the Mounts
- Generate diagrammatic opportunities and constraints for each of the Character Precincts identified across the Mounts
- Guidance and assistance in the development of an engagement strategy and assist in its facilitation with local community and key stakeholders

PHASE 5: COMMUNITY + STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

IN 2019 THE MASTER PLAN SUMMARY DOCUMENT WAS PRESENTED TO AND REVIEWED BY THE COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS.

The community and stakeholder engagement was a combination of email notifications, face-to-face information sessions and presentations, an online or paper survey and a series of interactive workshops with key stakeholders and community members.

Four (4) information sessions were held where the community were invited to view the Master Plan Summary and discuss the project in detail.

The City received 264 online survey responses from the public with feedback that was taken into account.

Twenty (20) interactive workshops were held with key stakeholder groups and community members to seek feedback.

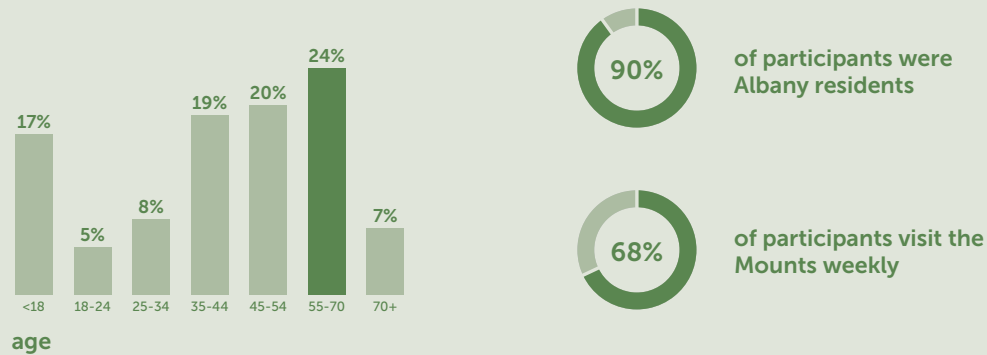
371 members of the community attended the information sessions and interactive workshops.

Outcomes of the Phase 5 engagement informed the development of a Draft Master Plan which was presented to the Community in December 2020.

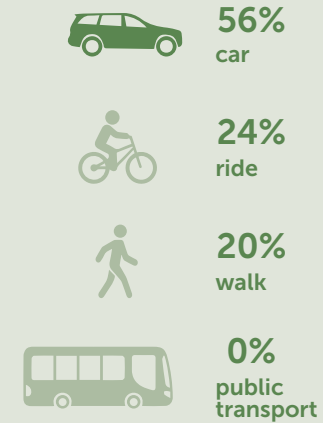


PHASE 5: COMMUNITY + STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT - GENERAL RESULTS

PARTICIPANTS



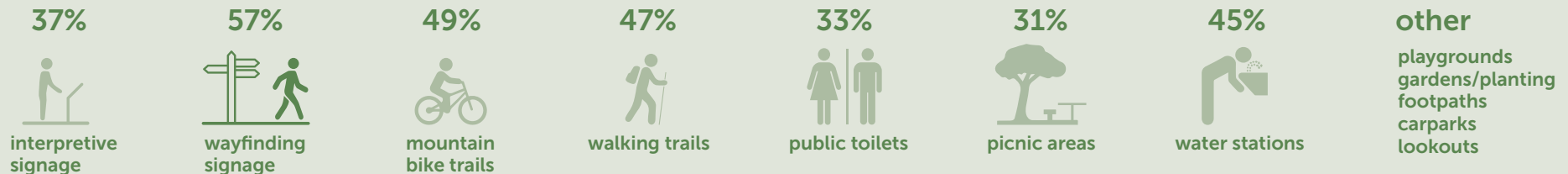
TRANSPORT TO THE MOUNTS



VISIT THE MOUNTS FOR



WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL AMENITIES + INFRASTRUCTURE

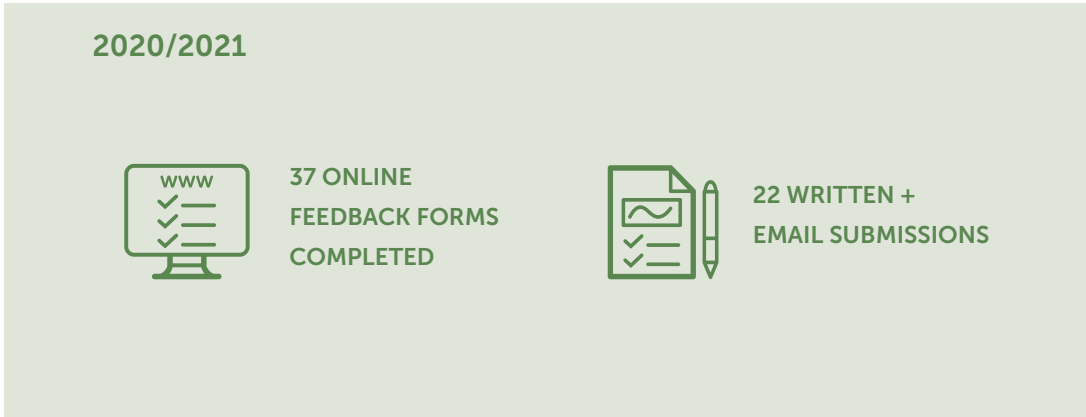


PHASE 7: PUBLIC COMMENT

The Draft Mounts Master Plan document reflects the feedback and ideas from past engagement. The Draft Master Plan incorporates ten Master Plan Strategies and a series of key projects and initiatives.

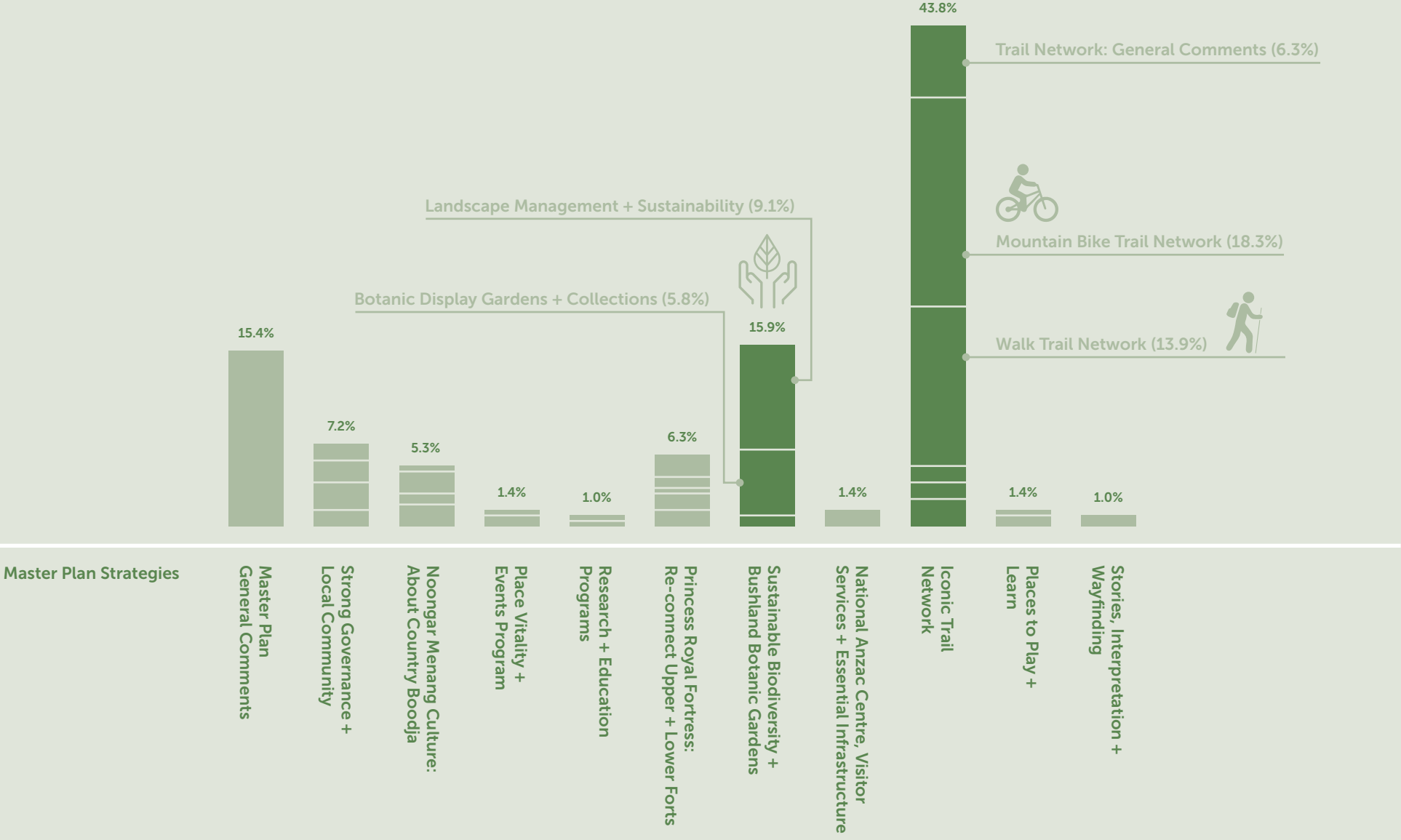
The Draft Master Plan document was open for review and comment from December 2020 to March 2021. It was made available on the City of Albany website for download and as hard copies at the City of Albany administration office. The public comment period was advertised through local media outlets, news papers, social media, direct email to the Mounts Master Plan contact list and Community Advisory Group members.

Feedback was collected in the format of email submissions, online feedback forms or hand written feedback forms.



PHASE 7: PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL RESULTS

PERCENTAGE OF COMMENTS RELATING TO THE MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES



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WHAT YOU SAID

PHASE 7: PUBLIC COMMENT - OVERVIEW

THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE A COLLATION OF ALL COMMENTS SUBMITTED DURING THE PHASE 7: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, DECEMBER 2020 - MARCH 2021.

The City of Albany values the continued community input into the Master Plan process and acknowledges the extensive work and effort many submissions have taken to prepare. Each submission has been reviewed by the project team and internal project control group.

All submissions have been incorporated into tables as general comments or under the relevant Master Plan Strategy:

- Master Plan - General Comments
- Strong Governance + Local Community
- Noongar Menang Culture : About Country Boodja
- Place Vitality + Events Program
- Research + Education Programs
- Princess Royal Fortress : Re-Connect Upper + Lower Forts
- Sustainable Biodiversity + Bushland Botanic Gardens
- National Anzac Centre, Visitor Services + Essential Infrastructure
- Iconic Trail Network
- Places To Play + Learn
- Stories, Interpretation + Wayfinding

Any diagrams or images included with submissions have been referenced in the tables and included as an attachment in the Appendices of this report.

Each comment has been reviewed against a series of criteria and classified with one of the resulting actions:

ACTION: NO AMENDMENT TO MASTER PLAN

Supported or neutral	A
Already noted, considered or included	B
Not feasible or beyond project scope	C
Widely divergent viewpoints, project objective still considered best option	D
Factually incorrect or unclear	E

ACTION : AMEND MASTER PLAN

Idea achieves a better project objective	F
New or additional information	G
**Supported, to be considered in Implementation Plan	H

NOT RELEVANT TO MASTER PLAN

Not applicable	I
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** Requires further investigation, design or detail







All submissions will remain confidential.

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MASTER PLAN - GENERAL COMMENTS

PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION	
MASTER PLAN - GENERAL COMMENTS	01	Looks great. But will it ever happen? We've been waiting years for something to be done to the trails up there. Just get on with it already!	30.12.2020	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	02	I am not a fan of this plan. The Albany City Council needs to deregulate trading hours. Albany is the only local government jurisdiction within Western Australia that has restricted trading hours. If Albany wants to be a tourist town; it has to give visitors what they want. 35 years ago, I was shopping at K Mart in Darwin at 12:30AM. Albany needs to grow up and fall in line with the rest of the state; instead of being servant to ill-advised council.	26.12.2020 and 04.01.2021	Email Submission and CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	03	The Mounts Master Plan has some great ideas, organised and well thought out upgrades and improvements are long overdue with loads of benefits such as protecting against erosion while creating enhanced user experience.	04.01.2021	Facebook, ABC Great Southern	-	
	04	Another opportunity to comment on a concept plan! Then it will be time to start working on the development of the next concept plan so we can have more community consultation but no actual progress.	04.01.2021	Facebook, City of Albany	-	
	05	Fantastic concepts - great ideas and wonderful to see forward and considered thinking for Albany - just get these projects done. Do wonder about the cost of maintenance in the future - has this been considered in plan?	06.01.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	06	In short, brilliant. One of the finest examples of integrated and strategic planning I have seen in the last twenty years. My congratulations to you and the team. It also demonstrates the value of input as it seems to take on board earlier comments. In particular taking out the Trails strategy is a huge improvement, as this was at odds with the master plan, was one eyed and unrealistic. The Master Plan is now more balanced, is strategic and has an interesting package of projects across many areas and interests. It has a better balance with walking and cycle trails and the master plans support for single use trails is captured. The stairway up Mt Adelaide is made possible (in the trails strategy it was an unlikely project crisscrossed with cycle trails and had a low priority).	06.01.2021	Email Submission	-	
	07	What a fantastic plan and it will offer so many opportunities to get closer to our environment, connect with each other and generate more activities and ideas. Totally fabulous.	07.01.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	08	The Master Plan has some very good concepts but it will be extremely expensive to put into place.	08.01.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	





MASTER PLAN - GENERAL COMMENTS

PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION	
MASTER PLAN - GENERAL COMMENTS	09	Commend all for the effort in creating a vision for Irrerup and Corndarup. Excellent to see a priority is given to the natural and cultural landscape of an area that is relatively small and in the heart of Kinjarling/ Albany .	18.01.2021	Email Submission	-	
	10	This is great. I especially like the Irrerup ladder, the Ataturk to Adelaide link and Botanic garden, and the separation of walkers from bikers.	29.01.2021	Email Submission	-	
	11	Well done crew, you've done a great job in a difficult and highly charged environment. Beautiful drawings and some wonderful ideas, we just need a wealthy benefactor now. I would like to make some comments on the Masterplan for the Mounts, and in particular congratulate you and the team on the thorough and professional way the proposals are presented and have been considered. This project began with a somewhat rocky beginning and I think you have successfully managed to identify and celebrate the opportunities for the Mounts and struck a more sustainable balance for development in the reserve, and connection back to the City and surrounds. The Masterplan is ambitious and will take many years to be implemented, but brings a cohesive vision at last, which will provide a guiding framework for the City and the community to work towards making the most of these wonderful landmarks. I look forward to Kardarrup/Mt Melville being enfolded into the vision.	02.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	12	I am in full support of the Draft Mounts Master Plan. Overall I think the Mounts Master Plan is a great design with a good balance between environment, culture and investment. I particularly like the idea of a café at the Married Quarters, Irrerup ladder and walk/bike trail development.	04.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	13	Appreciation to all those with input to this 'Master Plan' for The Mounts	05.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	
	14	Just do it	06.02.2021	Facebook, City of Albany	-	
	15	The first page of the plan states it is 'a plan to conserve + enhance + create an enduring legacy'. The Albany Mounts are unique and key to making Albany a very attractive tourist destination. Unfortunately, this sentiment is not reflected in the masterplan as it is a plan to develop the Mounts for human activity. The discussion around the natural environment is minimal to non-existent. This plan should put limits on human activity. With the rapidly changing climate Albany will be the last stronghold of the endangered Western ringtail possum and we need to maintain its habitat. Surveys have shown while there are currently good numbers of possums on Corndarup and Irrerup, the City is happy to put this at risk.	08.02.2021	Email Submission	YES Figure 01	






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MASTER PLAN - GENERAL COMMENTS	16	The Major Projects Team should be congratulated on getting the plan to this point, particularly as we know they have had to deal with a range of interest groups from both within and without the City of Albany.	08.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	17	Prioritisation of projects: How will this be done? This will be critical to minimising damage to the environment and making sure as many people are as relatively happy as possible. This will be especially important during setting priorities for trail development. Logic suggests "Shared Path links" p9 Appendix 1 should be one of the first projects the City of Albany completes.	08.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	18	A brilliant initiative that will play an important role in the future prosperity of our community. This is one of the most exciting and ambitious community initiative's I have come across. It underwrites the potential of this wonderful natural asset that is the mounts precinct. Given the size and scale of this master plan, I like the fact that it can be staged and rolled out as funding becomes available with only limited impact on the ongoing visitor experience. It is refreshing to see such a comprehensive long term plan being developed by local government and I believe this plan can and should be implemented for the benefit of our residents and those people visiting Albany and the region. I congratulate the City of Albany and it's team for thinking big, thinking ahead and daring to dream, be brave and bring the community with you.	18.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	19	Potential heritage impacts of proposals in proximity to Desert Mounted Corps Memorial are unable to be assessed given that details of specific works to the area are not included in the draft Master Plan.	18.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	20	I have seen many (4 or 5) plans for the Mounts come and go over the years and very little has happened. This one is too ambitious.	24.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	
	21	History + Stories: The font within this section is at often times, hard to read and is cut off in some sections. It is recommended that this section be adjusted to be more readable, or alternatively the document be released with an accessible document available, aligned with the Australian Government's Digital Service Standard.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	22	The overall presentation of the Mounts Master Plan has been presented thoughtfully and eloquently. Each of the strategies are sufficiently broad to provide guidance over a substantial period, while still providing a targeted plan. We would like to congratulate you on the finalisation of a draft Mounts Master Plan and the significant amount of work that has been contributed to it. The delivery of this master plan will provide a holistic and aspirational governance approach to the whole precinct and should be commended. We look forward to working with the City of some of the strategies and initiatives included within the master plan.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	

MASTER PLAN - GENERAL COMMENTS

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MASTER PLAN - GENERAL COMMENTS	23	<p>Accessibility and Inclusion: While the City is guided by the Access and Inclusion Plan 2018 – 2022, there could be scope to include a strategy or initiative to support this further in the Mounts Master Plan. Currently, the draft master plan does not appear to refer to any strategic planning for universal access and inclusion (aside from a few references to key projects listed in the appendix). A best-practice, strategic, whole of precinct approach to disability and inclusion access throughout the Mounts would elevate the precinct even further as a world-class tourism destination, recognised as inclusive for all.</p> <p>It is important to note that the minimum disability access requirements defined by the Building Code of Australia, often do not meet the requirements of the community and fall short in providing venues that are easy and enjoyable for all in the community to access. The integration of best practice universal design is recommended throughout the precinct. For example, the inclusion of a 'Changing Places' toilet, which provides suitable facilities for people who cannot use standard accessible toilets, would encourage a number of people within the community to visit the Mounts who otherwise might not. Currently there is only one Changing Places compliant toilet in the whole of Albany, which is not always practical for use by visitors to the Mounts.</p>	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	24	The "Plan" contains many good initiatives but does not acknowledge any negative impacts & is biased towards developing the Mounts for mountain biking.	26.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	
	25	<p>Congratulations to the planning team for addressing such a broad and forward looking draft master plan which includes recognition of how the Mounts area sits in relation to the surrounding City as well as the broader landscape beyond. The presentation of such a wide range of topics largely in illustrated format is excellent.</p> <p>Unfortunately there are, however, several important aspects of the Mounts that have been omitted, overlooked or not adequately addressed, especially with regard to conservation/bushland management/ weed control strategies, threatened species, fire management & wildfire response contingencies, funding and not least, the need for significantly improved City expertise in trail maintenance and recreation management in general.</p>	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	26	Conservation of bushland precincts & stippled map underlay should have far greater emphasis	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	27	Need for an additional section addressing 'FUNDING + MANAGEMENT' under the "Project Process + Key Drivers"	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	

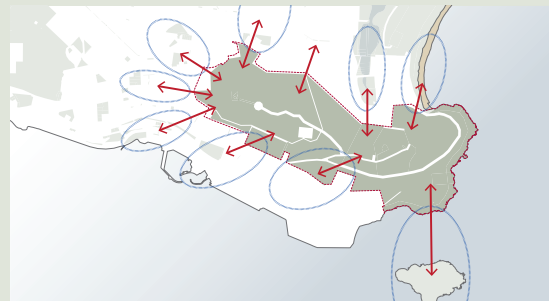
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MASTER PLAN - GENERAL COMMENTS	28	This current City of Albany draft Mounts Master Plan (24 December 2020) is a highly flawed document and is not supported. The Master Plan has gone out for public comment with no reference as to how the City of Albany decided upon the proposals contained in it.	01.03.2021	Email Submission	-	
	29	Funding the proposals contained in the MMP is not discussed nor are the budgetary requirements needed to expertly manage and maintain them and, not least, the budgetary requirements needed to close and/or remediate existing infrastructure.	01.03.2021	Email Submission	-	
	30	It is an unreasonable expectation that public comment will be balanced and well informed given the information provided in the MMP is grossly inadequate.	01.03.2021	Email Submission	-	
	31	Thank you. Very comprehensive document. No mention of dogs - hope there will be some dog friendly areas - glad that the 'No Dogs' signs have been removed. Wishing you well with the project(s).	02.03.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	
	32	For me the most important thing is that the unique, ancient culture and heritage of Corndarup is being completely ignored by the people who can make the change. Frankly we are sick of the continuous degradation that happens as a matter of course now because no one cares, there is little monitoring of trail bike riders so they are free to make the area a free for all. There are no stations for dieback, there is not enough information being given about the ancient sites and importance of the whole area.but most importantly there is little emphasis on caring for it and how that can be done. I think its disrespectful to our ancient culture that its not valued but may be seen as a source of income given the large trail bike weekend held here yearly...I was so discussed that I don't even know its title	24.03.2021	Email Submission	-	



STRONG GOVERNANCE + LOCAL COMMUNITY

Foster local ownership and pride and enhanced community participation - embedding programs, services and activity to enhance social cohesion, sustainability and prosperity, and promote intergenerational experiences - targeting everyone From family networks and kids, to seniors.



KEY PROJECTS + INITIATIVES

ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

- The Mounts Master Plan's vision is driven by eight Key Drivers and underpinned by nine Strategies which contain projects and initiatives for staged implementation. Management responsibilities are held primarily by the City of Albany and a number of key stakeholders.

'FRIENDS OF THE MOUNTS'

- Recognise the high community values of the site
- Conservation and bushland management
- Horticulture and education
- Volunteer support networks and special projects
- Establish a volunteer guides programme

STAKEHOLDER + COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

- Foster a stronger sense of community ownership and public empowerment through an ongoing engagement process and the development and implementation of a refreshed and expanded communication strategy.
- Collaboration and partnership focus with community groups, commercial enterprises and government agencies, such as: Kings Park and Botanical Gardens, UWA, WA Museum, National Archives, Australian War Memorial Arts organisations
- Broaden global references and context for international visitors

NATIONAL HERITAGE LISTING

- Nominate the place for listing as a national heritage site and a place of outstanding heritage significance to Australia

STRONG GOVERNANCE + LOCAL COMMUNITY

PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION
ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK	01 The master plan does not give a direction on the preferred management structure for the area, although you have a section on governance.	06.01.2021	Email Submission	-	H
	02 A master plan approach for the precinct will provide clear governance for the whole precinct into the future, as well as a variety of attractions delivered to cater for residents and visitors.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	A
	03 Governance frameworks need to better involve community user and relevant professional experience & support for the Park	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
'FRIENDS OF THE MOUNTS'	04 I also strongly support the governance component, promotion of a friends group and volunteer support.	06.01.2021	Email Submission	-	A
	05 How will these developments be managed? CoA suggests having a "Friends of the Mounts group" However, this seems to be a volunteer group that will do the work for free, not a consultative group. Community consultative groups already exist. The City needs to reach out to these groups and not just the Albany MTB Club.	08.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
	06 Volunteer services could assist with the maintenance of public assets (parks and gardens) and the establishment of new structures (i.e. botanic gardens)	2020	Email Submission	-	H
	07 An independent community group has existed under this name, also known as 'The Mounts consultative group', for the past several years! Friends group is a strategic 'thinking' group for betterment of the Park and focussing mainly on walking activity. It is not a hands-on City convened field group like the bush-carers. Obviously, the existing Friends Group sees an on-going role to share its knowledge of walking trails and other specialised experience with the City.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	A
STAKEHOLDER + COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY	08 Building trust within the community: The question arises of who was consulted regarding the development of the new trails plan within the revised master plan? Albany is spoilt for choice with many residents having professional skills in the environmental management, environmental planning, tourism, weed management et cetera. It is rumored that the only people outside the City council that were consulted were members of the Albany Mountain Bike Club. Again, it appears that the City of Albany does not understand how to consult the community. The City did run some workshops but they were poorly advertised, some located in a pergola with no signage and often had high numbers of MTB Club members. No doubt these meetings will be used as evidence to support the current clearing permit application to build the trails. This is not good enough if the City hopes to get the community to trust them.	08.02.2021	Email Submission	-	A

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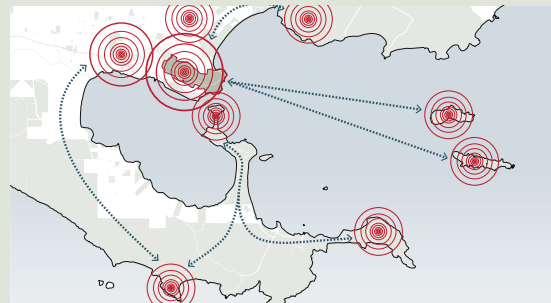
STRONG GOVERNANCE + LOCAL COMMUNITY

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STAKEHOLDER + COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY	09	It is great that a plan that has had some community engagement has been developed and is looking at the future.	08.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	10	Noongar consultation: Discussion with local Noongar representatives appears to reveal that the level of consultation with this group may have been minimal	08.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	11	Would like on going consultation with all the Noongar families	10.02.2021	Face to face meeting	-	
	12	There should be due recognition of the current 'Friends Group' and its experience with regard to planning, and in particular with a special focus on trail design, location and management. Albany has several other highly experienced community members with different special skills and knowledge including biodiversity protection and overall flora and fauna conservation.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
NATIONAL HERITAGE LISTING	13	I strongly support the city pursuing National Heritage Listing. The Mounts have a key role as visual, cultural and environmental links to the wider area, and the process of developing the proposal has the potential to reveal a wealth of assets for the community.	02.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	14	National Heritage listing should be high on the City's priorities as this would bring the greatest number of benefits to the area especially compared with a few mountain bike riders.	08.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	15	National Heritage listing for the Mounts would be the single most effective step in raising our visitor profile and triggering additional economic returns for Albany, especially if the target date can be achieved. National Heritage listing is critical but time is running out to meet the 2026 target date. Moves to formally apply for this special national status should be brought forward as quickly as possible to meet the target date of 2026! The nomination process and steps required for National Heritage nomination are quite lengthy – and can take several years to realise. At this stage the nomination should be only for 'Stage 1' being this Adelaide/Irrerup and Clarence/Cornarup Mounts Master Plan area. Expansion of nomination beyond the Park to include, for example, any additional City built heritage or to include Mt Melville/Kardarup, can be added later as 'Stage 2' if necessary.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	



NOONGAR MENANG CULTURE: ABOUT COUNTRY BOODJA

Recognising Menang Noongar culture as central to the regions' identity. The Mounts and its surrounds hold substantial cultural significance to the local Aboriginal Menang peoples, whom have extensive knowledge and stories to share about the area, for locals and visitors alike.



KEY PROJECTS + INITIATIVES

CONNECTION TO COUNTRY BOODJA

- Recognising Menang Noongar culture as central to the regions' identity

DUAL NAMING

- Progress and implement dual naming across the Mounts and surrounding landscapes (places, elements, locations)

SUPPORT ABORIGINAL TOURISM

- Promote and support Aboriginal tourism operators
- Development of outdoor gathering spaces for tour group gathering and storytelling

ART + STORYTELLING

- Explore and develop opportunities for how public art, storytelling and interpretation can act as a mechanism for cultural exchange, creative expression and place enhancement and creates new layers of narrative and substance to the locality, while cherishing and showcasing the existing qualities and character of the place.
- Dale Panorama artwork by Lieutenant Robert Dale is an evocative portrayal of European-Menang relationships which gave rise to the description of Albany as the 'Friendly Frontier'. The artwork has inspired a cultural overlay to the Mounts: an imperative to tell the story of Albany from different perspectives.

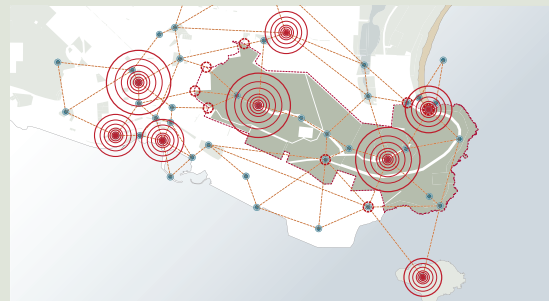
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PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION
CONNECTION TO COUNTRY BOODJA	01 This is a very important aspect of the Plan	10.02.2021	Face to face meeting	-	A
DUAL NAMING	02 Dual naming brings a depth of knowledge and diversity to us all	02.02.2021	Email Submission	-	A
	03 Noongar Menang joint place naming (Draft Master Plan Appendix 1 P12) are essential.	08.02.2021	Email Submission	-	A
	04 Support of the concept but how can it be done with honesty, respect and fairly, with more time to do research. Kinjarling is not a Noongar word	10.02.2021	Face to face meeting	-	A
	05 The correct name for Point Possession (Uredale Point) quoted in list of Menang names of places within City of Albany on Council web pages. Also, there are outstanding views from both Mounts extending to West Cape Howe, Mt Melville, Mt Lindsay, Porongurup Range, Stirling Range, Oyster Harbour, Mt Manypeaks, Mt Gairdner, King George Sound and islands, Bald Head peninsula, Point Possession, Quaranup former quarantine station, Princess Royal Harbour... all of which could be included in information on the Menang country and known place names.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	G
SUPPORT ABORIGINAL TOURISM	06 Would like to see opportunities for Aboriginal Tourism to be open to the market place, all Noongar community members and not exclusive to specific families. More work opportunities for young Noongar community members.	10.02.2021	Face to face meeting	-	H
	07 Facilitate Aboriginal community to be actively involved in highlighting environmental cultural values to local people and visitors.	2020	Email Submission	-	H
ART + STORYTELLING	08 Would love to see a lot of local Nyoongar artists works displayed along the climb (Irrerup Ladder)	04.01.2021	Facebook, ABC Great Southern	-	F
	09 Would like to see more paintings similar to Bella Kelly's artwork, not dot paintings which is not traditionally a Noongar painting style	10.02.2021	Face to face meeting	-	H
	10 Mt Clarence lookout is a point where a statue of a Noongar elder can be pointing North out to country, interpreting the other tribes coming in	10.02.2021	Face to face meeting	-	H
	11 Opportunity to tell the story at Middleton Beach or along the boardwalk of the interaction of the French explorers with the Noongars, or the story of how the dolphins would drive the salmon into the bay and the relationship of the Noongar people calling them in.	10.02.2021	Face to face meeting	-	H



PLACE VITALITY + EVENTS PROGRAM

Create new public art experiences and lasting cultural tourism products, assets and infrastructure to support engaging visitor experiences, deliver a significant cultural legacy, and help create a vibrant place for current and future generations - towards a new identity as the cultural capital of regional Western Australia.



KEY PROJECTS + INITIATIVES

ALBANY: KINJARLING CONNECT IN 2026

- Explore opportunities for the Mounts to mark the bicentennial of the founding of Western Australia's first British Colony in Albany 2026 – a cultural milestone of national significance




CULTURAL NETWORK STRATEGY

- Link site-wide projects, events, programmes and initiatives to City-wide arts and culture strategy, incorporating key cultural assets

EVENTS + ARTS PROGRAM

- Develop a year round seasonal events, exhibition and place programming strategy specific to the site i.e. 'Festival of the Mounts'

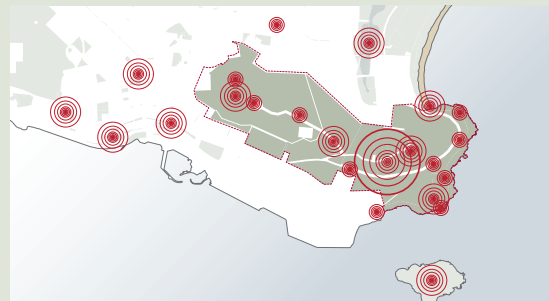
PLACE VITALITY + EVENTS PROGRAM

PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION
ALBANY: KINJARLING CONNECT IN 2026	01 The Noongar story is so important to the bicentenary. Concerned our Noongar culture will be exploited for 2026 celebrations, would like our families to be involved in the planning and consultation.	10.02.2021	Face to face meeting	-	
CULTURAL NETWORK STRATEGY	No comments				
EVENTS + ARTS PROGRAM	02 I agree that programming Events with a focus on culture would enable us to celebrate what is unique about the Mounds.	02.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	03 What about our 'Ghost Soldiers'?	02.03.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	



RESEARCH + EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Engage the next generation and facilitate a better understanding of the site and region through leading research, education and discovery and storytelling.



KEY PROJECTS + INITIATIVES



SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Promote development of school based education and excursion programs linked to existing curricula and national strategies for international education. Target science, history and heritage (such as; Anzac, seasons, biodiversity, whales etc.)

TERTIARY KNOWLEDGE + INNOVATION PROGRAM

- Develop MOU's with institutions such as University of Western Australia, Curtin University and TAFE to deliver environmental, recreational, horticultural and tourism-based research, such as data collection and monitoring.

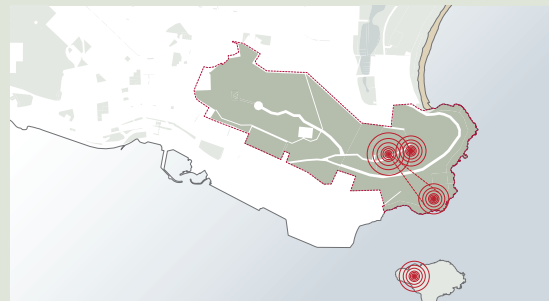
RESEARCH + EDUCATION PROGRAMS

PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION
RESEARCH + EDUCATION PROGRAMS: GENERAL COMMENTS	01 The creation of an environment centre could provide a focal point for interested community members and school students to understand their environment and heritage and how they can be actively involved in protection.	2020	Email Submission	-	
SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM	No comments				
TERTIARY KNOWLEDGE + INNOVATION PROGRAM	02 Monitoring of trails and their condition is a task that 'citizen scientists' could continue to embrace.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	



PRINCESS ROYAL FORTRESS : RE-CONNECT UPPER + LOWER FORTS

The Princess Royal Fortress (opened in 1893) encompassing the Princess Royal Battery, Plantagenet Battery and surrounding landscape, is a valued local asset of national historical significance, with significant potential to expand and improve the experience of the National Anzac Centre and Mounts community precinct.



KEY PROJECTS + INITIATIVES

THE GUNS OF THE FORTRESS

- Restore and interpret both original batteries and landscape settings including gun emplacements with guns, magazines, shell stores and bunkers.

CONNECT THE UPPER + LOWER FORTS

- Physically re-connect upper Princess Royal Fortress and lower Plantagenet Battery sites through trails and interpretive reveals of hidden sites and history

HERITAGE + CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE PLAN

- Identify cultural and commemorative assets within the precinct and reference to the history of Albany and neighbouring heritage assets, such as; DMCM, Camp Quararup (graves, memorial), Albany Waterfront, Peace Park, WA Museum, Cemetery, Strawberry Hill Farm, St Johns Church, Ellen Cove.

UNDERTAKE A COLLECTION + EXHIBITION AUDIT

- Refining the focus of collections based on direct provenance to place, and develop cross promotion strategy with the NAC and other agencies, such as; Museum WA.

BUILDINGS + INFRASTRUCTURE ADAPTIVE REUSE PLAN

- Employ best practice contemporary design to maximise the impact of heritage building assets. Strategically plan for the future expansion of improved visitor amenities, and removal of non-significant buildings (such as HMAS Perth Centre and outbuildings).

PRINCESS ROYAL FORTRESS : RE-CONNECT UPPER + LOWER FORTS

PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION	
PRINCESS ROYAL FORTRESS: GENERAL COMMENTS	01	Proposals affecting Albany Forts should be considered in the context of the Conservation Plan for the place.	18.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
	02	A separate Interpretation Plan for Albany Forts should be prepared. This would address the Heritage Council's recommendation of 23 October 2012 for a management plan and interpretation plan to be prepared for the whole site. The Interpretation Plan would ensure a holistic approach to interpretative elements across the site and could inform the design of new builds and landscaping, including the location of new paths and interpretation of significant demolished buildings such as the WWI kitchen at the site of the BBQ area to be demolished.	18.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
	03	Consideration should be given to returning the grassed area south of the parade grounds (including the existing gathering and picnic area and amphitheatre) to natural bush. This would reinforce the natural vegetation of the site, which was critical in the design of Albany Forts.	18.02.2021	Email Submission	-	C
	04	Given the archaeological potential for Albany Forts, an Archaeological Management Plan should be prepared to ensure that archaeological components are identified, assessed and managed appropriately. At the very least, an archaeologist should be engaged to ensure that there is minimal impact upon any archaeological remains where new build occurs at the site of a former building.	18.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
THE GUNS OF THE FORTRESS	05	Reinstating or revealing joinery items in the Gun Emplacements, Magazines and Shell Stores and fencing around buildings should also be considered.	18.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
	06	The proposed elevated heritage walkway is supported. This will reduce visitors trampling in the native vegetation of the Parade Ground to Mt Adelaide summit area which contains Priority Flora <i>Stylidium falcatum</i> . Piles for the structure will need to avoid this species if possible.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	B
CONNECT THE UPPER + LOWER FORTS	07	Why don't they open up the underground tunnel there just of to the wright hand side top of the hill as they closed it some many years ago now yeah I used to play under that tunnel as a kid it has a stairway going down to the tunnel if it was reconstructed properly it would be safe. And open it up to the public the tunnel goes quite a long way we used to take a torch with us when we were kids.	04.01.2021	Facebook, ABC Great Southern	-	A

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PRINCESS ROYAL FORTRESS : RE-CONNECT UPPER + LOWER FORTS

PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION	
HERITAGE + CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE PLAN	08	Beautifully presented documentation with clear defined pathways for the future of the 2 mountains (the Mounts) - Would like to see Albany Heritage Park become a full WW1 military museum - there is a private museum out near Denmark somewhere - we need to honor WW1 participants here in Albany up at the Forts	10.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	A
	09	A heritage consultant should be engaged to prepare Heritage Impact Statements for proposals affecting State Registered places: Desert Mounted Corps Memorial and Albany Forts	18.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
	10	Both Mt Clarence summit precinct area and Mt Adelaide + the whole Princess Royal Fortress area should be 'respectfully' priority managed for their national significance and historical 'sense of place'	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	B
UNDERTAKE A COLLECTION + EXHIBITION AUDIT	No comments					
BUILDINGS + INFRASTRUCTURE ADAPTIVE REUSE PLAN	11	New buildings in the location of the former Quarter Master's Stores and the extension to the Barracks should comprise accurate reconstructions based on drawings, photographs and physical evidence of the original structure, or contemporary appropriate and sympathetic new builds. In accordance with the Conservation Plan, the new buildings should be sited on the same footprint as the earlier buildings and take approximately the same form.	18.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
	12	The adaptation of heritage buildings for coffee outlets/display purposes is acceptable to the extent of installing reversible small fixtures, services and partitions, provided this does not affect any external or internal fabric or spaces of considerable significance. Structural additions and openings may be made. New or different finishes are acceptable, provided these do not obscure or damage the important evidence of significant materials and finishes. Any alterations to the fabric should be documented and placed in a permanent archive, along with other records relevant to the place.	18.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
	13	The adaptation of heritage buildings provides an opportunity for consideration of the following intrusive elements to be removed and missing elements to be reinstated: a. Remove the concrete verandah and re-establish the external entrance to the basement at the Canteen and Military Institute (Forts Store). b. Remove the covered dining area attached to the Lieutenants House. c. Remove the low masonry wall around the Married Officers Quarters. d. Reconstruct room plans and features to the Married Officers House and Lieutenants House, which have been altered.	18.02.2021	Email Submission	-	C



SUSTAINABLE BIODIVERSITY + BUSHLAND BOTANIC GARDENS

The establishment of a world-recognised regional botanic garden network showcasing the regions unique landscape, biodiversity and natural environment – providing inspirational experiences to enhance life – and key to the adoption of sustainable and adaptive management practices that will implement appropriate uses and enhance significant natural environments and places.



KEY PROJECTS + INITIATIVES

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT + SUSTAINABILITY

- Conserve and enhance natural bushland and rare granite outcrop environments. Align natural reserve management practices to City's Natural & Developed Reserves Management Strategy(s) and Environmental Code of Conduct.
- Good future management promoting sustainable practices and value systems for caring for country, completing the biological inventory, researching the major threatening processes and monitoring and taking appropriate action to conserve those species and communities most at risk.
- Understand, map and communicate the landscape values of the site, and protection and enhancement programs and strategies.

BOTANIC DISPLAY GARDENS + COLLECTIONS

- Develop, plan and implement a regional botanic garden aligned with best practice and UWA and Great Southern Biodiversity / Botanic garden Network Strategy (GSDC).
- Staged implementation of curated, developed display gardens aligned with best practice; celebrating local and regional landscape biodiversity.
- Provide a node of consolidated infrastructure to support the working operations and management of the bushland and Botanic Gardens, including a visitor hub, glass houses, plant nursery and storage facilities.

RESEARCH + EDUCATION

- Stimulate new opportunities for the research and education sector through enhanced partnerships and access to improved natural, cultural or heritage sites and associated information.

SUSTAINABLE BIODIVERSITY + BUSHLAND BOTANIC GARDENS

PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION	
LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT + SUSTAINABILITY	01	I also understand the fragility of the world's current environmental issues with land clearing and would trust the project is undertaken with utmost respect to the environment. On that note, I wonder if there is an opportunity for tree plantation? we would love to help in some way.	20.01.2021	Email Submission	-	B
	02	Biodiversity = human survival. It's not an exaggeration to state that the key to the survival of humans on our planet is biodiversity. Two strategies that stand out for me in the MMP are the Regional Botanical Gardens and the Nature Play as they can work together to showcase and educate locals and visitors of all ages about the rich biodiversity of this region and its importance to them as individuals and as part of humanity. And they'll be having a good time as well ! Another way that COA can 'embrace the region's status as a world recognised biodiversity hotspot' (p4 MMP) is by protecting and conserving the remaining natural bush on the Mounts. Although this will mean halting plans to clear areas of natural bush in AHP to facilitate the construction of the proposed new walking, hiking and MTB trails it will prevent further fragmentation of the bush. And help protect biodiversity. I know this action will disappoint, anger and frustrate many walkers and those MTB riders who see the Mounts being able to provide them with the 'sickest janky trails' in the state but if you take the time to watch David Attenborough's, A Life on Our Planet - My Witness Statement, you might be persuaded to change your mind. In a single lifetime, his, he has witnessed our planet lose half its wilderness. It is now severely lacking in wild habitats, which are key to nature's incredible biodiversity. And to our survival!	03.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	A
	03	Going forward, and in keeping with the COA's endorsement of the Climate Change Declaration Action, I believe we can be part of restoring the planet's biodiversity by recognising that we must conserve and, if possible, even increase the 'wilderness' in the AHP.	03.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	B
	04	With all this new development, it would be important to have well educated trained management/staff/workers to ensure the integrity of 'The Mounts' is maintained.	05.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	H
	05	City of Albany's inability to manage this development and ongoing maintenance: Up until this point there has been little evidence the City of Albany is capable of maintaining natural areas. The City's attitude to dieback management and failure to undertake even basic trail maintenance and replacement of damaged or stolen signs are cases in point. This appears to be a mix of attitude within City management, inexperienced middle management and lack of on-ground staff.	08.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
	06	The report acknowledges the future potential of the Mounts Bush Reserve as an asset worth protecting. These statements are welcomed but at present there is little evidence of the protection of the areas of good vegetation (& dieback free) or of granite outcrop management nor much work in preventing erosion on the existing trails. Considerable funds need to be sourced for this to occur.	26.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	H








SUSTAINABLE BIODIVERSITY + BUSHLAND BOTANIC GARDENS

PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION
LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT + SUSTAINABILITY	07 The Fauna/Flora of the area are the most important stakeholders & should be better protected. The most vulnerable stakeholders on the "Mounts" are the native flora & fauna species it contains. Honey Possums (<i>tarsipes rostratus</i>), whilst not endangered, require an abundance & diversity of flora to flourish, vegetation which has not been altered. It has also been noted that the native bush Rat would be impacted by habitat disturbance as it requires a good understory whereas the feral rat (<i>rattus rattus</i>) species is more common on disturbed sites. The bandicoot (<i>isoodon obesulius</i>) being ground dwelling, is especially vulnerable to predation. Predation increase is inevitable with the numerous trails envisaged as it offers easy access & limits quick escape. Anecdotally the number of Red-tailed Black Cockatoos, which used to visit in big raucous flocks, has also diminished but this may be due to factors other than habitat loss. The Mount Clarence/Mount Adelaide Reserve is a very unique & iconic reserve; it contains such a biodiversity of organisms within the boundaries of a city which must be protected. Let us not compromise on what need to be preserved so future generations can also enjoy what we do today. This reserve is only about half the size of Bold Park (Perth) but contains more bird & mammal species. Kings Park also has less plant species (324 vs 350) yet is approximately twice the size.	26.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	
	08 Further surveys should be carried out to better understand the impact trails will have with more data collected. Fauna such as the elusive Honey Possum, as mentioned, which rely on a variety of plant producing nectar at different times & micro-bats which are fundamental to the health of an ecosystem should be undertaken before any more vegetation is cleared.	26.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	
	09 Any initiative that impacts on the "Mounts" must be well managed & resourced so that the integrity of the area is maintained for future generations to enjoy.	26.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	
	10 Unfortunately, the resourcing currently allocated for the City to 'Conserve and Enhance' the Park is grossly lacking. This is not only with regard to operating funds per se but also in terms of commitment, experience, understanding and implementation by City staff.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	11 The City of Albany Environmental Code of Conduct is extremely dated (2006) and is not attuned to current requirements.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	12 Both the northern and southern facets of The Ridge present excellent opportunities for retention of some high quality blocks of native vegetation as well as numerous open granite slabs and granite boulders. They have minimal existing or previous disturbance but the northern block in particular has been used for many biological surveys over the past ~20+ years. It is known as a major overlap zone and high density location of western ringtail possums and brush tail possums which are concentrated more in the taller trees above Burt Street west. Both areas within the facets could be retained in a 'pristine' condition as reference blocks for future protection of biodiversity and likely Menang cultural value as well as for approved long term research monitoring.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	YES Figure 02	

SUSTAINABLE BIODIVERSITY + BUSHLAND BOTANIC GARDENS

PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION	
LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT + SUSTAINABILITY	13	Irrespective of the broad scale dieback disease mapping, protocols for any soil disturbance activity such as trail clearing or establishment of botanic gardens should only be allowed in dry soil conditions and clean worker footwear, tools and machinery etc.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	B
	14	Any native vegetation clearing, even if re-growth, will require permits and separate community referrals.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	B
	15	The Master Plan (MMP) does not address the conservation status of the Albany Heritage Park (AHP) and how it's biota will be impacted by the construction of trails and further fragmentation of the bushland. The MMP fails to acknowledge, or even mention, that the AHP is a refuge for the critically endangered Western Ringtail Possum (<i>Pseudocheirus occidentalis</i>).	01.03.2021	Email Submission	-	H
	16	It also fails to address how the City will deal with threatening processes, such as bushland fragmentation, loss of habitat, feral predators, weed and disease infestation/spread, erosion, fire and climate change.	01.03.2021	Email Submission	-	H
	17	Environmental approval processes, necessary under Commonwealth and State environmental legislation, are not mentioned in the MMP. The MMP is presented as if it is a fait accompli and not subject to environmental scrutiny by relevant government agencies.	01.03.2021	Email Submission	-	B
	18	Climate change is becoming a central factor when planning any future development strategies including those impacting on our natural environment. The most recent report on climate change (Combating ecosystem collapse from the tropics to the Antarctic) states that ecosystems across Australia including the forests and woodlands of the Great Southern are collapsing. This report is the work of 38 scientists from 29 universities and government agencies. To prevent complete collapse scientists recommend "a greater awareness of the value of ecosystems, better planning to anticipate risks and rapid action to reduce them". In its Climate Change Action Declaration the City has acknowledged that "climate change is occurring and requires immediate and urgent action". It is time for the City to act. The City should "embrace the region's status as a world recognised biodiversity hotspot" (p4. MMP), abandon the MMP's proposed extensive trail network including mountain bike trails and work towards the conservation, rehabilitation and protection of the unique and iconic AHP environment. It has been a tourist attraction for many years with its central location, outstanding landscape value, quality cultural and historical infrastructure, exceptional vistas, outstanding biodiversity and high quality walking experiences. The City can capitalize on and improve on these existing values and natural assets. The MMP's proposals will cause the degradation of these values and natural assets and is therefore not supported.	01.03.2021	Email Submission	-	A
19	There are no stations for Dieback	24.03.2021	Email Submission	-	H	

SUSTAINABLE BIODIVERSITY + BUSHLAND BOTANIC GARDENS

PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION	
BOTANIC DISPLAY GARDENS + COLLECTIONS	20	Botanical Garden? I'm all for that!	04.01.2021	Facebook, City of Albany	-	
	21	The cleared degraded area to the south of marine drive at the sites main entrance lends itself to beneficial use. Options could be a challenging BMX or trails bike circuit. Or the site for the botanic park. You have suggested the botanic park at site N13 and described it as a degraded sewerage depot site. It was actually rehabilitated and is now covered with native vegetation, forming habitat for species such as possums. Why not use the cleared area south of Apex drive, shown as N1, which has excellent vehicle access, great views and no clearing approvals required?	06.01.2021	Email Submission	-	
	22	While there are some pleasing aspects of the plan, there is still some points that are of great concern. Great idea to have steps from Middleton Beach and a Botanical garden, also need to allow a budget to maintain this garden, its very disappointing when walking around the trails the amount of weed in the reserve.	11.01.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	23	A Botanical Garden would be fantastic assets for Kinjarling / Albany.	18.01.2021	Email Submission	-	
	24	One consideration would be to place the proposed Botanical Garden under the Avenue of Honour trees. This could assist in solving several issues; regular garden maintenance and having more visitors to stop and walk through the trees to understand the significance of our fallen. More resting stops to contemplate could also be added.	28.01.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	25	I strongly support the development of a botanic garden. There is so much that is intact in flora and fauna on the Mounts, which with planning and strategic management could be a rich resource for the local and wider community, and link to the education and research elements of the proposal.	02.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	26	The Botanic link, connecting the board walk to the heritage precinct and opening the views is a beautiful design - reminds me of Kings Park.	04.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	27	The development of a Botanic Gardens with educational facilities appears to be an excellent idea (Appendix 1 P11)	08.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	28	I am glad to see the proposal for a regional botanic garden. Botanic gardens attract a lot of tourists and, if designed well, can have both economic and environmental benefits. It would be good to see more emphasis in the plan on protecting the valuable urban bush land on the mounts. It is prime habitat for the critically endangered western ringtail possum. This species of possum is heat sensitive so as the climate on the west coast becomes hotter south coast habitat will be critical for its survival.	24.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	

SUSTAINABLE BIODIVERSITY + BUSHLAND BOTANIC GARDENS

PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION	
BOTANIC DISPLAY GARDENS + COLLECTIONS	29	I think a Botanic Garden to be too difficult and expensive (look at what's been done at Whale World). I suggest a path put through natural bush with signage on significant plants and a brochure available to be preferable. Glasshouse, nursery etc open to vandalism.	24.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	A
	30	The Proposed botanic link and garden is bold forward thinking. However, it will require a further reduction in native habitat and loss of direct connectivity for fauna. Even though the existing vegetation may mainly be natural re-growth, clearing permits will still need to be issued. Also, it will need significant funding, a specialist additional workforce and facilities for plant storage, seed banks and glass house propagation etc.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	A
	31	I am wildly in support of a regional botanical garden in Albany. Could it include a section with historically cultivated plants, such as apple and pear trees which were once so important in the region? There are some old and unusual varieties on properties in the Albany region and it would be great to have a collection that is professionally maintained and could serve as a germplasm for the region. I have been doing some research on this and have some ideas if you are interested.	15.03.2021	Email Submission	-	A
RESEARCH + EDUCATION	32	As part of the botanical garden concept could there be a focus on giving visitors horticultural skills via events, classes etc? This has been very successful in other parts of the world.	15.03.2021	Email Submission	-	B
	33	"The Mount Clarence and Mount Adelaide Bush Reserve also has the potential in the future to be a special reserve for public education profiling South Coast fauna species of WA including one of the most accessible sites to spotlight the 'vulnerable' Western Ringtail Possum. The data presented in this report provides the opportunity for the managing authority, The City of Albany, to build on the findings to enhance its management for fauna conservation." <i>Mount Clarence and Mount Adelaide Bush Reserve Fauna Survey Report S. Leighton, DEC, 2012</i>	26.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	B



NATIONAL ANZAC CENTRE, VISITOR SERVICES + ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Identify, refurbish and enhance key infrastructure and public realm assets to ensure the continued successful operation and continually improving visitor experience within the broader Mounts precinct (Mt Adelaide, Mt Clarence and environs), and revitalised Princess Royal Fortress (PRF) and National Anzac Centre precinct. Continue to provide a dynamic approach to museum collection and display material, in order to encourage repeat visitation and maintain contemporary relevance of the museum.



KEY PROJECTS + INITIATIVES

NAC CONTENT + COLLECTIONS STRATEGY

- Review, refresh and improve to ensure interpretative experiences remain relevant, engaging and consistently high quality
- Develop and implement a strategy in partnership with WA Museum to manage NAC cultural and commemorative assets, including objects (loans, conservation requirements) and interpretative content (graphic and multimedia), and review and update curated multimedia content, permanent and rotating exhibitions.

VISITOR ACCESS + TOURISM SERVICES HUB

- Provide a central, well-connected and active arrival, parking and orientation system within Princess Royal Fortress to support visitor operation and tourism product services.
- Formalise and improve the visitor arrival sequence, orientation spaces and facilities for guided and self-guided experiences and commercial tourism operators.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES + ESSENTIAL SERVICES

- Build upon recently completed works to support site activation e.g. footpaths, lighting, bins, seating, shelters

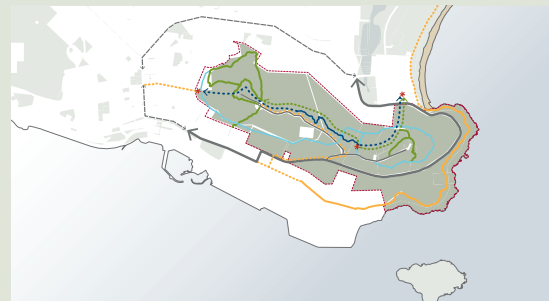
NATIONAL ANZAC CENTRE, VISITOR SERVICES + ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION	
NAC CONTENT + COLLECTIONS STRATEGY	No comments					
VISITOR ACCESS + TOURISM SERVICES HUB	No comments					
INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES + ESSENTIAL SERVICES	01	The proposed carpark upgrade should be confined to already cleared areas of land, to avoid the loss of bushland which should be retained.	18.02.2021	Email Submission	-	B
	02	The opportunity should be taken to reconsider the design and siting of existing and new outdoor furniture to minimise visual clutter.	18.02.2021	Email Submission	-	B
	03	Bike racks in Princess Royal Fortress are mentioned – however the Fortress and environs should be bike free as per similar heritage precinct protocols & signposting in Kings Park & Botanic Garden.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	YES Figures 03 + 04	H



ICONIC TRAIL NETWORK

Development of a site responsive trail network system that is balanced, legible, safe and well connected, linking major destinations, neighbourhoods and activity nodes within the city, and catering to a range of different trail users, styles, levels of difficulty and experience (active, passive, heritage, nature) - whilst ensuring the protection of the sites' environmental, cultural and heritage values.



KEY PROJECTS + INITIATIVES

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL NETWORK

- A single-use link MTB link trail network through Mt Clarence (*Corndarup*) + Mt Adelaide (*Irrerup*) connecting surrounding precincts of Middleton Beach, City Centre and Waterfront and linking geographical features to provide fun and challenging experiences catering for beginner to intermediate riders.

WALKING TRAIL NETWORK

- Single use link and circular walk trails connecting Mt Clarence (*Corndarup*) + Mt Adelaide (*Irrerup*) and connecting surrounding precincts of Middleton Beach, City Centre and Waterfront. Unique natural and recreational experience with iconic views and a bushland experience.

THE MOUNTS COASTAL TRAIL

- Enhance the iconic coastal shared-use trail from Middleton Beach to the Port and Town Centre, showcasing information and linking sites of natural, cultural and historical significance

DRIVING + PUBLIC TRANSPORT EXPERIENCE

- Enhance the driving experiences with clear and legible, well sign posted road network, designated turn-around, drop-off and parking areas at key destinations.
- Upgrade park gateways and orientation nodes, ocean experience lookouts, access ways, pedestrian links

CONNECTING TO NEIGHBOURHOODS

- Develop physical connections with adjacent neighborhoods. Infrastructure upgrades and safe accessible connector paths completing shared path links between the Waterfront and the Mount summits.

ICONIC TRAIL NETWORK

PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION	
TRAIL NETWORK: GENERAL COMMENTS	01	Affirmation of the proposed separation of walking + cycling trails	05.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	B
	02	The plan to have separate cycling and walking trails for safety reasons is valid. It is highly likely however, that cyclists will continue to ride on all trails as they do now. How does the CoA plan to manage that inevitability?	08.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
	03	* is supportive of the conceptual trail network identified in the master plan. As per the existing service agreement between the City and *, we will work with the City to deliver this project. DBCA's Trail Development Process, is recognised as the State's best-practice, sustainable trail building methodology. The Mounts trail network is currently only at Stage 4 'Concept Plan' of DBCA's 8-step process. It is expected that the City and * will work towards the delivery of the next steps together – corridor evaluation, detailed design, construction and management. The trail network concept plan included within the master plan is conceptual and flexible and could require adjustments during the corridor evaluation, detailed design and construction stages. (* Name withheld)	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
	04	Firebreaks & power line access roads should be further enhanced & utilized as dual trails (but without compromising their use by these Utilities). It should be noted that walkers appreciate views; mountain bikers trail challenges.	26.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	H
	05	The uniqueness of this area, a granite outcrop within a city boundary, must be preserved. Developing multiple trails on the Mounts will impact on & harm the very fabric which is its uniqueness. One well designed "mountain bike only" & "walking only trail" is all that is required.	26.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	A
	06	The failure to control mountain biking and then to sanction it on pre-existing walking trails, as well as along boundary zone firebreaks and management access routes, has also created direct conflict especially with many regular walkers and nearby residents (especially post-COVID as more people seek to have nearby passive exercise particularly in the early morning and late afternoon). It has also impacted on other visitors who wish to undertake lengthier healthy walking activity within the park to the extent that they some cannot relax for fear of speeding bikes coming from behind or confrontation with bikes approaching on blind corners.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	B
	07	The Mt Clarence (Mounted Horse Memorial and approach path from the main carpark), War Memorial/ Padre White Lookout; Avenue of Honour; Princess Royal Forts/Mt Adelaide 'heritage precincts' should all be for pedestrian access only with no bike riding. This is in line with the protocols for the State War memorial and surrounding precincts in Kings Park where bikers must dismount and push their bikes or use bike racks as provided and proceed on foot.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	YES Figures 05, 06, 07 and 08	A



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TRAIL NETWORK: GENERAL COMMENTS	08	The areas downslope both North and South of the Ridge Precinct (mainly 'white trails') are the most heavily used by the local community as they adjoin high density urban edge neighborhoods. They provide the major contouring/largely level health & walking fitness trails in the Park especially for the more elderly. Bike use protocols (speeds) & safety issues will need to be fully included here.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	YES Figures 06, 07 and 08	
	09	My main concern has always been that a code of conduct needs to be established on the mounts using clear signage and community education so that people respectfully use the mounts. 1. Bikes give way to pedestrians 2. Dogs under control leashes or within 2 metres of the owners. Not chasing anyone animals through the bush. 3. Signage at the top of the Light Horse monument to ask people not to ride bikes down there.(We asked one teenager not to do it as he was about to do it "Why everyone else does?" That as trails are built redundant trails and degraded areas are rehabilitated at the same time. I don't want to hear that we've spent all the money on new trails and now there's none for rehabilitation. I am prepared to do volunteer work assisting with rehabilitation.	28.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	10	After the previous version of June 2019, which also received documented public input, no justification is given for the dramatic increase in trails, in particular the mountain bike trails. Further, the MMP fails to acknowledge the detrimental visual impact the proposed trails (predominantly mountain bike trails, single and dual use) will have on the landscape value of the AHP.	01.03.2021	Email Submission	-	
	11	Overall the City has a history of poor management and lack of maintenance of the AHP trail network. This lack of resources and expertise to manage the AHP is overwhelmingly evident by the damaging impact of the City's recent decision to allow mountain biking on all AHP's trails and tracks. Significantly, when making this decision the City gave no thought to the fauna of the AHP, in particular the critically endangered Western Ringtail Possum. Mountain biking has brought many negative effects but erosion and damage to vegetation is apparent. Importantly there are no signs, hygiene points or other demonstrable means to deter the spread of phytophthora and other pathogens. Signage provided (which is minimal) is totally inadequate to curtail the considerable danger posed by mountain bikers to other trail users, predominantly recreational walkers (an issue that is well documented).	01.03.2021	Email Submission	-	




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TRAIL NETWORK: GENERAL COMMENTS	12 <p>The environmental degradation brought about by the introduction of mountain biking, coupled with the adverse impact of trail proposals contained in the MMP, flies in the face of current scientific advice on how to manage areas inhabited by the Western Ringtail Possum (WRP).</p> <p>The Western Ringtail Possum Recovery Plan (WRPRP) (February 2017) states that "habitat loss and fragmentation" are the "most important and immediate threatening processes" in coastal and near coastal populations in the South Coast zone. The Recovery Plan also outlines that WRP "populations can be accounted for by habitat quality namely continuity of canopy, availability of suitable diurnal refuges and foliage nutrient value...". The Trail proposals in the MMP increase fragmentation, decrease canopy continuity and cause habitat loss and degradation in the AHP.</p> <p>The Recovery Plan states that predation by the E. fox and cats is exacerbated when WRPs need to come to the ground. In urban environments domestic dogs can also predate on the WRP. Creating more and wider trails not only disrupts canopy continuity forcing the WRP to the ground but also facilitates the movement of these predators.</p> <p>"WRPs are among the species most likely to be impacted by recent and predicted climate change in the south west because they have very specific habitat requirements" and "are sensitive to drought induced stress" (WRPRP p. 15). The need to maintain and enhance canopy cover should be an essential goal of the City's management strategy for the WRP, not creating more fragmentation and canopy loss.</p> <p>The City is aware of the WRPRP and should act on its recommended 10 year recovery plan. Important criteria for success is that habitat critical to survival is defined, identified and protected; threatening processes curtailed and managed; that there is increased community recognition of the status of the ringtail possum and support for its conservation.</p> <p>Instead the City has commissioned the "Albany Heritage Park Link Trail WRP Impact Assessment" (Biota 2020) a document which endeavors to counter the science based WRPRP and justify the MMP proposals for an extensive trail network including Mountain Bike Trails to be constructed in the biodiverse AHP.</p>	01.03.2021	Email Submission	-	A
	13 <p>Good to have separate walking and bike trails - have had 2 near misses</p>	02.03.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	B




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MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL NETWORK	14	I support all the other proposals as well but am disappointed in the scaling back of proposed mountain bike trails. I support a network of mountain bike trails that would encourage enthusiasts from all over the state, if not the country, to travel here to ride. Just look at the success Margaret River has had with the 'Compartment 10' trails. Or, for a perfect example, Derby, in Tasmania went from a mining ghost town to successful tourist drawcard on the back of a world class mountain bike trail network.	07.01.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	15	If it ever happens can I suggest that Albany does not need anymore green MTB trails. There's so many fire roads that the one time uses can ride, if the fire trails are surfaced with gravel or something easier to ride on as most of the "green" level riders would find it hard to ride in soft sand. As for the dedicated MTB riders that are up on the hill 2 or 3 times a week (more if we had trails) blue and black trails would be more desirable. Albany has the opportunity to have some of the sickest rocky janky trails in the state. A black trail from the desert memorial down to grey street would benefit the urban downhill greatly as you would have the longest possible run down to Stirling terrace with out any pinch climbs. One of best trails in Albany is from the top apex car park down to the circuit trail on the left and finishing on Burt street. Anyway that's my 2 cents....	08.01.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	16	The frustrating part of The Plan is the Mountain bike trails. I have attended many information sessions on this ongoing plan and the most outstanding reactions at all of these sessions is the opposition to more Mountain Bike trails. The frustration that there will be more bush ripped out to implement these trails. Pleasing to see the recognition of the many species of Wildflowers and Wildlife but more trails at the peril of the bush and wildlife. When I walk around in the area I often see the King's Skink's sunning themselves then scurrying for cover and see the Bandicoot's fossicking for food. What happens to them when the bikes go flying around, short cutting the corners and steps, skidding on the corners and hills, I see evidence of this when an occasional bike has been around, not to mention all the works that will take place in their deminishing habitat, we already have a Skink and a Bobtail set up home in our garden. I regularly walk in the area and find that when there is a mountain bike on the trails they never use their bells. To make this area user friendly (its not at the moment) there needs to be walkers only trails, keep the bikes off the smaller side tracks, keep the bikes to their existing bike only trails which they can access via the roads.	11.01.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	17	There is a better place to put in some Mountain bike trails, out at the Motorplex land where there would be no impact on the Wildlife and Wildflowers (its not a reserve), where they wont impact on the passive activities of tourists and locals. You won't allow motorbikes in the reserve and they wouldn't do anymore damage than the Mountain Bikes and at least you would hear them coming.	11.01.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	

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MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL NETWORK	18 The improvement opportunities we were able to identify included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication around significant trail closure. I understand this may not always be possible on unofficially designated trails however due to the lack of designated trails any communication will be appreciated that may effect users on trails that have been shared. As a club we are in a good position to communicate this to the wider community. • Communication with any trail alterations taking place on shared trails. This may be as simple as including temporary signage if any maintenance/alteration is taking place. • Acknowledging mountain bike user on shared trails and if possible through liaison and support from the mountain bike community maintaining shared trails to continue to meet all user groups. • Assisting in reinstating dogs on lead signage and mountain bike riding signage that has been removed by the public or degraded. • Consideration of safety signage onto the Pilot trail that isn't currently effective, possible due to size and placement near a very tempting view. I understand the the Master Plan is in action however due to ongoing delays with progress already stretching over a number of years with this project. If we are not progressing by April which fits in with the time frame of required approval currently submitted, could a signage plan be looked at as a priority. 	18.01.2021	Email Submission	-	
	19 Youth currently have limited interest in features available on the mounts which is currently the only accessible mountain biking area that is accessible to them in town. We see providing exciting youth activities and promoting a healthy outdoor lifestyle as a high priority. It is great to have the Challenge Park project progressing however this will suit a bmx, jumps and skate park style rather than the mountain biking community.	18.01.2021	Email Submission	-	
	20 Proposed bike trails up/down Irrerup and Corndarup are totally incongruent with the majority of aims of the grand plan . More "cleaver" design than clever . Visually the mounts would resemble off - season ski fields rather than pristine unique south coast bushland. A single bike trail up/down would satisfy those riders commuting from CBD to Binalup and disappoint the few that would prefer to race down the mounts . Also limiting the build structural damage to the bush , not to mention the considerable initial and ongoing costs .	18.01.2021	Email Submission	-	






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MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL NETWORK	21	<p>I feel like the new draft plan doesn't cater very well to the intermediate and advanced groups of mountain bikers. This group of riders are the ones that travel specifically to ride mountain bikes repeatedly to the same destination, if the trails are to a quality they expect. The majority of local mountain bikers are also in these two categories. It is a perfect opportunity to include this type of trail. This type of trail is what you need to attract the tourist dollar as well as state and national events which would really put us on the map.</p> <p>I completely endorse distinct trails for each type of user group and not shared trails where it can be avoided. It highly impacts each user's experience negatively whether a rider scares a walker, or a mountain biker must stop a run to give way to a walker.</p>	20.01.2021	Email Submission	-	
	22	Looks great to me, particularly the bike trails. Any new bike trails are welcome in my eyes. Well done on the whole concept, now it needs to be implemented, been a long time in the making already.	21.01.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	23	<p>By watering down the initial plan there has been the creation of several issues that need addressing. The new trails will be great but how do you propose riders will get safely from Mt Adelaide to the top of Mt Clarence to access the full descending trail? As this version of the trails has removed the proposed shared use climbing trail from Mt Adelaide to Mt Clarence summit cyclists must now find their own route. The only options will be: a) cycle up the road which is dangerous due to the limited sight lines for drivers on the corners. I know from personal experience that cycling up here creates challenges for drivers let alone the tour bus that tried to get around me the other day. The increase in young kids accessing the trails will be a challenge if they go up the road! b) ride up the new walking only trail alongside the road. Destined to create walker conflict if riders access walk only paths to stay safely off the road. c) ride up the path on Apex Dve to the water tank, then take the 'pipeline' walk/ride trail on the southern side of Mt Clarence around to the new blue climb above Grey St. This is the safest option for cyclists but is not ideal because it was hoped that the creation of trails would take cyclists off the other walk/ride trails to reduce user conflict. I believe most cyclists, including kids, will go for the most direct route up the road if they are not offered a more suitable alternative. SOLUTION: Make sure there is scope to add either a dual use or preferably a bike only path between Adelaide and Clarence in the next stage of trail development. I know this was hoped to be the final stage of development but by removing some of the trails, issues have been created.</p>	27.01.2021	Email Submission and Face to Face Meeting	-	

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MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL NETWORK	24 Where exactly is the 'existing' blue mountain bike trail that is being accessed to create the descent from Mt Clarence to Mt Adelaide and then Middleton Beach. The map shows existing blue trail both above and below the Apex carpark. Below section below the carpark, the Pilot trail, is fine as it is a blue (intermediate) trail. The section above the carpark could be problematic as it is a black (advanced) trail that is part of the Mt Clarence downhill track. If the trail had planned to use the existing push up track alongside the downhill trail as a blue down, then how do people using the downhill trail get to the top of the track? It will be dangerous to send an increased volume of traffic down this push up trail against the flow of riders pushing back up. SOLUTION: Ensure that the new trail includes a new section of blue in this area. It is fine to include the downhill track as an advanced 'option' for riders to choose a more difficult section of track, but it wouldn't be recommended to make it the only option.	27.01.2021	Email Submission and Face to Face Meeting	-	A
	25 I am happy to see a reduction of technically difficult and high-speed MTB trails, as these would have been in direct conflict with the other goals for the Mounts. I am however, concerned about the amount of clearing and development that will be required at the decent/ascent to Binalup/Ellen Cove for walkers and cyclists. Could an alternative uphill route for walkers or cyclists be routed along the boardwalk and then ascending at a different point? I understand crossing Marine Drive will need to be carefully considered, but the existing trail infrastructure may be able to be incorporated better. I am happy to see many of the smaller duplicated trails proposed to be revegetated, both for ease of management and biodiversity reasons. In addition, the cycle lane on Marine Drive would be a welcome safety improvement.	02.02.2021	Email Submission	-	A
	26 While the plan looks good, perhaps model the plan on how many trails you need to attract the events, tourists and even spectators that we want coming to our town and in our quiet periods. Dh: You need a trail being over 2mins for elite riders in time/length (on a black trail) to hold national events - in which could double as a state track with multiple line choices. This may encourage 100-150 plus riders plus families at a state run event and local events - although most riders are from metro areas. Dh may also need a shuttle option back to the top of the trail head. Enduro: to hold enduro events WAGE you will need 7 trails (Melville would be ideal) that are blue or black trails and you would have 300-400 riders plus families attending ! Just look at the previous numbers attending Wage events - the numbers don't lie. Please also consider enduros events need 1/2 trails to get back to the top that wouldn't affect traffic. Then you have Xc - which could combine elements of all suggested trails and riders can either ride up or down on certain trails. More people, more \$\$ for Albany again We haven't even touched on our roadies either. Lots of potential albania to attract major tourism throughout the year for our cafes, accomodation and retail stores. You also have schools as part of the curriculum using these trails as modes of transport for students and where the education begins. We travel to pemberton and margaret river for our camps - therefore those regions may travel here to our trails - if and when we get them. More \$\$\$\$	03.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	A



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MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL NETWORK	27	I have no problem with building green trails but my personal opinion is if we are building a limited trail network, an emphasis should be on current users not new. The green descent should be at minimum a blue descent trail with easier options. It is disappointing to see that trail network is also a scaled back version of what was promised to the mountain bike community especially as the other user groups will be well catered for.	04.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	28	The only issue I have is the removal of the Black 'Downhill' Track. I think given the slow progress of trail development in Albany it is a mistake to remove this established trail. Albany is already behind in this sport and removing established trails is counter intuitive from both a planning, financial and tourism perspective. I also believe the mounts should cater for all skill levels. The recently announced plan for an artificial surf reef is designed for a range of skill levels to access waves in close proximity to town. It is contradictory to then remove the 'range' of trails from the Mounts. If kids (and adults) that want to surf are enabled to do this close to town and not have to be driven to sites out of town then I find it contradictory that this will be the case for mountain bike riders. My son progressed from the pilot trial to the downhill very early on and I am certain his interest would have waned if his only options were the blue and green trails. From our experience talking to mountain bike riders in other localities this is often the case and variety from green to black is the design ideal. Having 'easy' trails in town and 'hard' trails out at Poikeclerup does not encourage families to ride together or for riders to easily progress their skills. I also believe that experienced mountain bike riders (those seeking challenging trails) like to incorporate their sport with cafes, restaurants and bars and other towns are successfully building this into their trail design.	04.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	29	Our concern for the amount of bushland to be impacted/cleared for the proposed uphill + downhill mountain bike trails - Irrerup to Ellen Cove + Corndarup to Albany City.	05.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	
	30	I propose that once the trail development of Corndarup and Irrerup has taken place there will be no further development of cycling on Kardarup (Mt Melville) and that the existing narrow (single track) trails become walk only.	08.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	31	The Albany Mounts WILL NEVER be a world-class mountain biking facility. 'Iconic trails' is also somewhat of a stretch. Great views? Yes. This is the argument put forward by a small number of local downhill mountain bikers. As stated many times on the Albany MTB Club Facebook page their main reason for advocating more mountain bike (MTB) trails on Irrerup and Corndarup is the central location i.e. they can go for a ride before work or send their children off without having to drive anywhere.	08.02.2021	Email Submission	-	



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MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL NETWORK	<p>32</p> <p>The proposed blue MTB trails on Corndarup (Clarence) will reduce the amount of natural habitat but they are less environmentally impactful than other planned trails due to their location is disturbed vegetation. The proposed green trails development for cycling above Ellen Cove however, are extensive and will run through the most intact and least disturbed native vegetation on both Corndarup and Irrerup. I am strongly opposed to this part of the development, particularly the totally unnecessary uphill section. There are at least 2 superior alternatives for cyclists to ride up to the top if Irrerup.</p> <p>1. A return cycle track from Adelaide Crescent, up Wiley Crescent, Chequers walk and then Morley Place. Cyclists can then ride back onto the fire trail/new trail on Irrerup. No unnecessary clearing of prime habitat as can be seen in image 1 below.</p> <p>2. Prioritise the construction of the proposed shared trails parallel to Marine Drive ("Shared Paths Links" p9 Appendix 1) so cyclists can ride up along Marine Drive until they reach either the proposed dual use trail which runs up towards the National ANZAC Centre. An even better option is to build to a new trail further west (image 2) that runs up to the saddle car park for cyclists only for Marine Drive. This would then allow the trail from Marine Drive to the National ANZAC Centre to be walker only instead of being dual use. The argument against the trail from Marine Drive to the ANZAC Centre being dual use is you are introducing MTBs to the ANZAC hub, often busy with tourists. If this happens ALL CYCLISTS must be forced to dismount and walk their bikes through these areas.</p>	08.02.2021	Email Submission	YES Figures 09 and 10	A
	<p>33</p> <p>So overdue, so watered down so disappointing but critically, and this is the point, better than nothing. Nothing planned or purpose built in terms of trails is what we have. With the exception of the pilot trail and the downhill track all other track are a social network of erosion gullies. Those who would block progress do not see that new trails improve, sustain and make fit for purpose the erosion gullies caused by years of walkers and more recently riders. Both these groups are growing, as they should be, and the mounts need a planned network of trails that provide something for everyone into the future. Why do we walk and ride in the bush and not up and down the street, too many people forget that the connection with nature can be done on a bike as well as on foot. A connection with nature that makes us value it and want to protect it. Am I happy with this plan, if course not, it is a sad reflection of what started as a plan to build sustainable tracks for the growing mountain bike community. Those same mountain bikers willingly and actively reached out to walkers to be part of a sustainable network of trails to protect the mounts, and yes, that are fun (and I guess janky but I'm 55 so I'm not sure what that means exactly) to ride and walk. So yes I am disappointed, have we been stabbed in the back by the people we invited on board, yes. Is the city myopic, yes. But for gods sake build something already. If this is the best you can agree on then shame on you but get it done. We are way behind towns with much smaller populations let alone cities. Every day nothing happens more people ride and walk the existing erosion gullies and the experience gets worse.</p>	09.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	A







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MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL NETWORK	34	Great to see that there will finally come more mtb trails... sure has been awhile. Hopefully this will be the start of more trails aswell! If you consider that Margret river has a wide range of trails is it quite shocking that a city like Albany dose not have that. Cant wait to see this put into motion sooner then later, since this is definitely something that Albany misses.	10.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	35	Dedicated one way mountain bike trails most welcome. Disappointed there are not more mountain bike trails proposed. There is enough land to support a separate network of trails for both walkers and riders. Such a unique location deserves more, so convenient for kids and families to ride up after school and get a hour or two riding in if there were well designed trails.	12.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	36	i think a lot more people will use a more cohesive lay out of bike trails and dual use sealed paths, like those outlined in the plan, compared to what there currently is. its much needed and long overdue imo. it probably does need more Mountain bike tracks though. you have to remember that you can travel a lot more distance in a short amount of time on a bike so the trails can run out pretty quickly and it soon gets boring doing the same ones all the time.otherwise its good and works on the project need to start ASAP	13.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	37	We were out with a class of 24 TAFE Eco-tourism and Conservation and Land Management students on Friday afternoon (12/2/2021). Luckily we had stopped at one of the 'wider' rock outcrop sites and were looking at a significant Menang Heritage site when a mountain bike suddenly appeared belting onto the granite rock at about 30km's/hr and had to jam on his brakes to avoid crashing into the group. I have seen this on many occasions whilst walking up on the Mounts. The lovely single file nature heritage walking tracks have blind corners and if both users continue to use the same tracks there will be a very bad accident at some point. The bike rider had to divert his route to get around our group and we noticed he rode straight over some Borya pin cushion plants which we had just been talking to the group about how special they are as very slow growing granite outcrop colonizer plants. It was a shame to observe how quickly and easily these sensitive sites can be degraded. It was also a very obvious example of two very incompatible user groups up on the Mounts.	15.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	38	As a regular traveller around the SW I do a lot of mountain biking in places like Margaret River and Collie that both have an excellent network of trails close to the town centre. I also participate in four annual organised rides in various towns that attract up to 500 riders plus families that usually stay for the weekend.I also ride around the mounts on a regular basis. I am also careful when approaching walkers as I believe most riders are. This plan has some excellent tracks that would enhance the tracks we already have and would definitely attract MTB riders and bush walkers to the town. I believe the separate walk and riding tracks will work well and help everyone have a good experience on the mounts.	19.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	

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MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL NETWORK	39	Sad to see a very decreased amount of mtb trails included than to what was originally planned. Downhill trails need to be designated bike only trails but any uptrail can easily be shared... it works in every other part of the world where different user groups are able to respectfully share and coexist. So why does this not seem possible in Albany?	21.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	40	Mountain Bike trails to be minimised	24.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	
	41	The aims stated are often incongruent with reality. "Proposed initiatives to minimise impacts on flora & fauna". The Mt Adelaide/Irrerup mountain bike trails linking the summit to Ellen Cove are totally unacceptable. There are already tracks from the summit that could easily be upgraded & used & Morely Place/Checkers Walk offers both up & downhill access. An "easy" bike trail here would destroy the integrity of this area.	26.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	
	42	Proposed easy mountain bike trail from Mount Adelaide lookout down to the primary trail head at Ellen Cove negates the key driver of caring & conserving. It does not protect the sites natural beauty nor embrace the regions status as a world recognized biodiversity hotspot. It will not be sustainable nor is it an appropriate use that will significantly enhance the natural environment, quite the contrary. There is already a track down to Morley Place from the summit which could be utilized or modified & the existing roads can then be used to get down further to the seafront without sacrificing a vast area of bushland. Why the necessity of an "easy" mountain bike trail, an area where Rosenberg's Racehorse Goanna are found and other vulnerable species. Mountain bike trails like this will inevitably lead to bikers cutting through the vegetation to make faster progress & trail "creep" will widen the edges. This is all evidenced throughout the trails on the Mounts.	26.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	
	43	Many illegal "trails" can be observed on the mounts which should be stopped by fencing them off.	26.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	
	44	The extensive introduction of new 'up' bike trails on and around Mt Adelaide (including the summit area) is opposed – alternatives are already available	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	45	The huge increase in proposed bike trail areas with resultant major impacts upon native vegetation, wildlife habitat and landscape amenity/impact within the northern facet of Mt Adelaide is strongly opposed. There are various existing or proposed 'return' routes noted elsewhere in the draft master plan for example using Checkers Way/Morley Place and Marine Drive (shared path) and hence avoiding the need to clear yet more native vegetation for new 'up trails'.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	

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MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL NETWORK	46	Bicycle riding should not be permitted in the Mt Clarence summit precinct area and Mt Adelaide + the whole Princess Royal Fortress area, these are nationally important areas as per the protocols already in place for Kings Park War Memorial precinct and the State Botanic Gardens also in Kings Park	26.02.2021	Email Submission	YES Figures 05, 07 and 08	
	47	As per Kings Park, a 10km/hr maximum bike speed limit should apply to all shared walking & bike trails throughout the Park –this includes the highly popular 'white trails' which are mainly within the Ridge northern facet above Hare Street	26.02.2021	Email Submission	YES Figures 06, 07 and 08	
	48	The proposed new section of bike trail from Mt Clarence summit area down to the Apex Drive terminal car park toilets should be located further up slope from the memorial seat on the existing Granite Trail (which will become a major resting place on the iconic City to Ellen Cove walk only trail.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	YES Figure 10	
	49	My botanical friends emphatically want all the native flora on Mt Adelaide and Mt Clarence kept, and are against fast cycle paths, and I agree with them. There are other opportunities around Albany for fast cyclists, and apart from losing wildlife, they risk interfering with the more leisurely users of cycle paths and walkways.	15.03.2021	Email Submission	-	
	50	I have major concerns about the bike paths on the reserve. I have seen where bikers have widened the trails and when others have made new ones right through the middle of ancient moss patches. I have spoken to people who have almost been knocked over by trail bike riders who feel the need to go as fast as they can. It is a matter of time before someone is injured.	15.03.2021	Email Submission	-	
	51	My feeling is no bike trials at all on the mount...lets have at least 1 area that is for walkers only to enjoy. I am sure the trail bike riders will have better fun riding on other country that is not as sacred to us as the Corndrup one is.	15.03.2021	Email Submission	-	

ICONIC TRAIL NETWORK

PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION	
WALK TRAIL NETWORK	52	Irrerup Ladder: They have a better one already, the road and steps up to the Anzac memorial on Mt Clarence	04.01.2021	Facebook, ABC Great Southern	-	A
	53	Irrerup Ladder: So long as it is divided into two lanes, one up and one down it might work, too many think that they have no need to share walking or cycling paths	04.01.2021	Facebook, ABC Great Southern	-	A
	54	Irrerup Ladder: Great idea, could also provide much needed work for local people	04.01.2021	Facebook, ABC Great Southern	-	H
	55	Irrerup Ladder: Perhaps it could be done using the same type Workers as the Board Walk was constructed (this would create sensible employment for the labourers in need of work, NOT a fancy Building Company. The Boardwalk is a credit to all who was involved, repeat the Ladder Walk under the same involvement!	04.01.2021	Facebook, ABC Great Southern	-	H
	56	You can already walk from Mids to the Forts by either the boardwalk or the Mt Adelaide trail. Why clear more bush?	04.01.2021	Facebook, ABC Great Southern	-	A
	57	I'd love to see a gondola type lift that ran from somewhere near the site of the old tourist bureau up to the top of Mt Clarence, the ANZAC Centre then into Middleton Beach. Spectacular views, huge tourist attraction and disabled / wheelchair friendly.	04.01.2021	Facebook, ABC Great Southern	-	C
	58	A gondola from York St to Mt Melville then across to Mt Clarence and back to York St, that would pull a lot of tourists. Or from York St to Mt Clarence then to forts, to Middleton Beach	04.01.2021	Facebook, ABC Great Southern	-	C
	59	Zipline please. It all sounds great but could we please add a zipline! It could go hand in hand with the zigzagging staircase; zip down and hike up!	07.01.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	C
	60	Some inspired ideas in this plan. I love the Botanic Link and the Irredup Ladder proposals. They would offer a full day's worth of wandering around up on the mountain. Assuming the hotel gets built down at Middleton Beach, the whole mountain would be accessible by foot.	07.01.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	A
	61	Irrerup Ladder would be fantastic asset for Kinjarling / Albany.	18.01.2021	Email Submission	-	A
	62	The walk link above the port remains problematic, but is less of a priority to resolve. I also welcome the walker-only trails, and would note that maintenance is urgently needed on all the trails – they have become 'V' shaped due to MTB use and are increasingly hard to walk on, and will erode further this winter if repairs and management of use is not initiated quickly.	02.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H

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WALK TRAIL NETWORK	63	On the proposed single use walking trail on the north side of 'The Mounts' (an excellent idea!) an offshoot from this to the existing Apex Lookout - this short side track would create/enable walkers to enjoy this Apex Lookout.	05.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	
	64	The proposed walk only link from the City over the two mounts and down to Ellen Cove (Granite Link Walk Trail) is strongly supported and should take priority over further development of bike trails.	08.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	65	Irrerup Ladder is supported as long as it has minimal impact on this pristine piece of vegetation AND world class Dieback management is in place.	08.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	66	IMMEDIATE ACTION. To put signage on Brunswick Rd to indicate the coastal path to Ellen Cove. This should be a priority. I have seen walkers on Marine Drive going to Ellen Cove.	24.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	
	67	The proposed walking path along Marine Drive is unnecessary. It is hilly, exposed and hot. the coastal (boardwalk) is purpose built, attractive and of lower elevation and cooler.	24.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	
	68	I think this plan limits additional damage to the remnant vegetation that makes the mounts an enjoyable natural experience. I support the concept of dual use paths only where adequate width exists. Up and downhill narrow tracks are not suited to dual use due to passing limitations and relative speeds of different users. The new sealed paths will enhance access to a broader group of people too.	25.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	
	69	The iconic Mt Adelaide trail as a sealed heritage walk trail would be welcomed as some visitors to the Anzac Centre would enjoy further activity.	26.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	
	70	A good sealed track from the port to Mt Clarence following but not alongside the roadway could be extended on to the Anzac Centre to cater for visitors from ships who would appreciate some physical activity. A cycle path along the length of Marine Dve would be a good enhancement whereas a walkway to the summit could be provided by upgrading existing bush tracks as walking alongside the road is not really suitable for walkers but good for bike riders. The summit to summit link path being extended to cater for walkers is not a good idea - walkers do not want to walk alongside a road, they want to walk in & enjoy the bush experience.	26.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	YES Figure 11	

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WALK TRAIL NETWORK	71	The Mt Adelaide/Irrerup (Jacobs) Ladder is welcomed as long as it is built above ground as per the 'Ladder' at Hillary's/Whitfords Nodes with lookouts at various levels but if it is steps on the ground then it is totally unacceptable from an environmental perspective as it will further fragment the fauna & provide greater & easier access for predators (mainly cats).	26.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	-	H
	72	<p>The repeatedly promised priority for 'world class walking trails' promoted for the City Mounts in 2015/16 has not eventuated and in the meantime through 2017-20 the existing walking only trails on and around Mt Clarence (eg Circuit Trail and Granite Trail) and around Mt Adelaide (eg Mt Adelaide Nature Trail) – all of which, prior to 2016, had descriptive brochures and were listed on State walking trail inventories - have been unilaterally re-defined by the City since 2019 as 'shared trails for walkers and mountain bikers'. However, the walking trail brochures have remained current at the Albany Visitor Centre and recently re-printed as well as being accessible on State walking only trail inventories</p> <p>Quite apart from the fact that all these walking trails were carefully designed and maintained for low impact walking use, the escalation of bike use and failure of the City to control this, have progressively destroyed the natural ambience of these trails for walkers due to increased erosion, bikers riding round water bars and significant trail widening due to other 'trail creep' including over-wide pruning maintenance by City crews. This is a highly retrograde situation that continues to cause considerable community concern.</p>	26.02.2021	Email Submission	YES Figure 12	A
	73	Walk trails which are being retained should have much more prominence and urgent restoration to counter the several years of bike damage, 'trail creep' and poor City maintenance & understanding	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
	74	The long promised City to Middleton iconic walk only trail is strongly supported. It is very good to see that an iconic walking trail is now being proposed running from the City over and around Mt Clarence, along the Ridge then over and/or around Mt Adelaide to link with the boardwalk back to town via the Mt Adelaide Nature Trail (which dates from the 1970/80's) and to Middleton Beach via the Irrerup stairs. This should be flagged in the master plan as an urgent top priority construction ahead of further bike trail expansion. Hence the 'Key projects and initiatives' under this section (central column) should present the Walking Trail Network first and then the Mountain Bike Trail Network second.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	A

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PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION	
WALK TRAIL NETWORK	75	The previously State funded walk only Circuit Trail on Mt Clarence (on both the north side towards Burt Street and on the south side down to the water pipe line) should be an urgent priority for repair of erosional damage caused by shared bike use and consequential widening through 'trail creep' plus loss of Priority Flora.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	76	The long established and very popular Mt Adelaide Nature Trail should be retained as walking only and should be contoured further round the hillside slightly upslope of the continuing fire trail or, better still, the fire access for that section through to the ANZAC centre be allowed to naturally rehabilitate	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	77	The Irrerup ladder should not truncate the surviving section of the historic nature trail. The proposed Irrerup Ladder is a neat solution to creating a stable descent route for the final section of the iconic link trail from the City over Mt Clarence and gently sidling down the north-western flank of Mt Adelaide to join the historic Mt Adelaide Nature Trail. There is strong local support for retention of the remaining beautifully contouring section of the original nature trail.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	YES Figures 13 and 14	
	78	Established in the 1970/80's in conjunction with the Town of Albany, Eileen Croxford's mid 1980's original botanical field notes are also still held and there would be good reason to commemorate her outstanding work for the Town/City of Albany in establishing this trail as well as establishing WA's most significant Regional Herbarium which has been located at the Regional DBCA Office on Albany Highway since the 1980's. The trail, or at least the surviving original section, could possibly be re-named after Mrs Croxford.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	YES Figures 13 and 14	
	79	To enhance the contemplative/respectful sense of space in the Avenue of Honour consider potential for a raised view lookout about 10m into the bush near the northern power easement tracks and gate. Irrespective of such development seek removal of the ugly overhead power line and replace it by an underground line along the line of sight N-S section. This (and maybe the lookout) could be a major contribution to the master plan courtesy of Western Power.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	
	80	As a regular walker around Mt Clarence for many years I have safety concerns with bikes speeding around the trails and not using bells. This can be quite frightening when bikes race past without notice. Many of the trails are single file width and should not be used as race tracks. Bikes should not be permitted on single file tracks and must not be permitted on walkers only trails. Trails have also been badly degraded by bike wheels in recent years.	28.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	

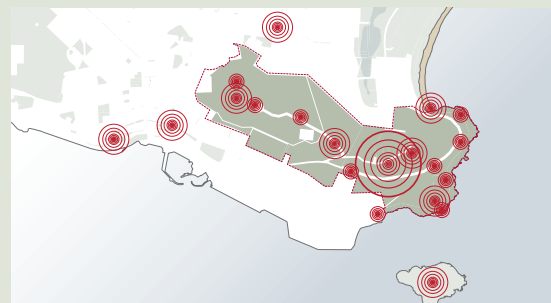
ICONIC TRAIL NETWORK

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THE MOUNTS COASTAL TRAIL	81	We would like to see Noongar interpretation and stories being told along the boardwalk.	10.02.2021	Face to Face Meeting	-	B
	82	The boardwalk is well used but the section joining it to the city centre is certainly not iconic; it runs along Brunswick Rd with an industrial outlook until it re-joins Brunswick Rd at the dead end. There should be an alternative path for this section with a more pleasant 'bush' outlook by swinging it uphill until it again joins the dead end section of Brunswick.	26.02.2021	Hand Written Feedback Form	YES Figure 15	H
	83	The need for 10km/hr speed restriction signs for bikers and/or dual use restricted times as per northern Sydney coastal trails	26.02.2021	Email Submission	YES Figure 16	H
DRIVING + PUBLIC TRANSPORT EXPERIENCE	84	The proposed road access south from Apex drive may be at odds with port activity. I am not clear where you are thinking it might go, or benefit. It would also impact on the use of this land for public activity.	06.01.2021	Email Submission	-	B
	85	One initiative that must be done quickly is to reduce the height of the vegetation along the full length of Marine Drive to allow locals and tourists alike to view the magnificent vista. Some of the lookouts are now not lookouts as the vegetation has and is obscuring the views. I realise the plan talks about the vegetation at the lookouts but the whole Drive needs urgent attention. This could be done now.	08.01.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	G
	86	I recently walked from the top of Mount Clarence (being dropped off) down the trails, over to Mount Adelaide and via trails to the boardwalk being picked up a Middleton Beach. Surprisingly it was only an hours walk and the transition from mountain tops to coastal scenery was quite an experience. I'd like to see this promoted in conjunction with public transport to the mounts to enable this (one-way) walk and others.	04.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
CONNECTING TO NEIGHBOURHOODS	87	It is excellent that the plan is looking at taking in the whole landscape around Albany. (Gateway neighbourhoods Appendix 1 P13).	08.02.2021	Email Submission	-	A
	88	On the whole it looks a good varied project to satisfy most of the existing local users, while also linking up different areas of interest for tourists and locals to explore.	13.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	A
	89	I think this plan provides something for everyone and links a number of good trails and access points across the mounts.	25.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	A
	90	There may be potential for including the school precinct (Albany Senior High School, Albany Primary School) as a 'gateway neighbourhood', as it appears to meet the criteria defined in the document for gateway neighbourhood; particularly given that one of the Master Plan strategies is 'Research and Educate' referring to school based education.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	G
	91	Suggest you mention proximity of Point Possession (Uredale Point) not 'Quaranup' and also the historic significance of the large cairn marking the spot where Captain George Vancouver claimed this area for the British in 1791.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	G



PLACES TO LEARN + PLAY

The Mounts can provide unique experiences for nature based play and learning to enhance its community and visitor appeal – encouraging kids interacting outdoors and in nature to inspire positive environmental awareness, cognitive, emotional and physical development, through discovery and connection with nature.



KEY PROJECTS + INITIATIVES

NATURE PLAY

- Located at PRF in the area of maritime gun artefacts, a place to play and promote the development of nature-based activities, gathering and experience structured around interpretive themes significant to the Mounts.

NATURE BASED ACTIVITIES

- Programme of inspired outdoor experiences through events, catering for children and family-based activities

DESIGNATED EDUCATION SPACES

- Development of outdoor designated education spaces for tour group gathering and storytelling and indoor, adaptive reuse of the Forts buildings to optimise use and participation.

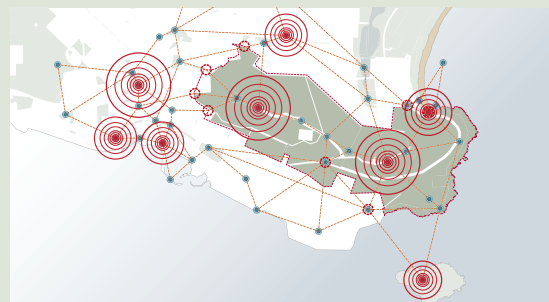
PLACES TO PLAY + LEARN

PROJECT / INITIATIVE	COMMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION FORMAT	IMAGE INCLUDED	ACTION
NATURE PLAY	01 The proposed nature play should be confined to already cleared areas of land, to avoid the loss of bushland which should be retained.	18.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
NATURE BASED ACTIVITIES	02 In an original version of the Mounts Master Plan there was an idea for a school camp area. I was disappointed to see this has been removed. I feel the mounts is an ideal location for this	04.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
	03 If camping is to be developed here (is this daytime only?) the iconic trail should be aligned at least 20m downslope to provide separation and allow for screening of the walk trail from the recreational facilities & vice versa.	26.02.2021	Email Submission	-	H
DESIGNATED EDUCATION SPACES	No comments				



STORIES, INTERPRETATION + WAYFINDING

Increasing the potential for the discovery and interpretation of natural environment and rich layers of history, through protecting and enhancing natural assets; facilities and built fabric; collections and displays; stories and memories. Development of a consistent, clear and legible brand and wayfinding system so that visitors are able to easily identify, navigate and interpret locations in a diverse network of activities and destinations.



KEY PROJECTS + INITIATIVES

SITE-WIDE INTERPRETATION STRATEGY

- Connecting stories, interpreting information, connecting view lines to adjacent precincts and neighborhoods
- Key interpretation themes based around: Our Environment, Noongar Menang Culture, Colonial Heritage, Military Heritage

VISITOR ORIENTATION + WAYFINDING STRATEGY

- Redefine the existing hierarchy of park 'gateway' entry and points of arrival, activity nodes and network of destinations to help user navigation and promote and improve the visitor experience

CONNECTING DESTINATIONS + ATTRACTIONS

- Explore ways to integrate adjacent neighborhood reserves and connect to places, such as; Visitor Centre

REDEFINE THE BRAND

- Understand the perception of the Albany Heritage Precinct and develop a strong cohesive brand (such as 'The Mounts') that incorporates a collection of existing brand elements
- Develop communications, marketing and promotions plan aligned with Albany Visitor Centre and Amazing South Coast brand

STORIES, INTERPRETATION + WAYFINDING

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SITE-WIDE INTERPRETATION STRATEGY	No comments					
VISITOR ORIENTATION + WAYFINDING STRATEGY	No comments					
CONNECTING DESTINATIONS + ATTRACTIONS	No comments					
REDEFINE THE BRAND	01	So then who is hunting glory for these name changes - are they so hard up to be noted and feel special	04.01.2021	Facebook, City of Albany	-	
	02	I've checked the City of Albany monthly meeting minutes, checked through various newspapers and State Govt Bulletins but I cannot find a single reference to a change of name from "Albany Heritage Park" to "the Mounts". There was no question in the community consultation process regarding a name change. "the Mounts" appears 36 times in the report and even includes a sparkling new logo!!! Almost a fait accompli! Did you think we wouldn't notice? "Albany Heritage Park" is referred to once as a full name and once as AHP. There is no reference whatsoever to the possibility of a new Noongar name which makes the reports' claim that "The City of Albany respectfully acknowledges the Menang Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which the city conducts its business, and pays respect to elders past and present" echo with hollow grief from traumas of the past. Not much respect there. Exactly which council officer has taken the step to over ride the name of the Albany Heritage Park? Stand up. Make yourself known. Explain your actions. Ask those who pay your salary what they think of your idea! Who knows? "the Mounts", or a Noongar name may have overwhelming community support, but, it needs to be tested with a simple vote (at the next council elections).	07.02.2021	CoA Website Public Comments	-	



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PROJECT STATUS + NEXT STEPS

- Distribute this Engagement Report to Council, key stakeholders and the Community.
- Await outcome of City’s native vegetation clearing application. The application is currently being assessed under a bilateral agreement (an agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and Western Australia under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and Environmental Protection Act 1986). The decision will determine the parameters to which projects and initiatives are able to be planned and implemented.
- The Draft Master Plan will be amended to reflect both the input of the community engagement process and the outcomes of the application. An Implementation Framework will be also be drafted as part of the Master Plan.
- The final Integrated Master Plan report will be presented to Council and a decision made whether or not to adopt the Master Plan (vision, objectives, strategies and key projects and initiatives).
- If successful, the implementation of any projects and initiatives will be subject to funding, Council priorities and confirmation of relevant approvals. Detailed design development and planning processes will include ongoing comprehensive community engagement processes.





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APPENDICES

- A** **FIGURES SUBMITTED WITH FEEDBACK**
Diagrams + images included in individual submissions, referenced in the tables in section 2.0 of this report
- B** **MOUNTS MASTER PLAN DRAFT REPORT**
Draft Master Plan document open for public comment from December 2020 to March 2021
- C** **KEY PROJECT SHEETS**
Key Project Sheets included in the Draft Master Plan document open for public comment from December 2020 to March 2021
- D** **ANALYSIS OF COMMUNITY + STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT, FEBRUARY 2020**
Report issued February 2020 following Phase 5: Community + Stakeholder Engagement