

With regard to the impact on the road network and traffic associated with the location of North Perth Common on the corner of View Street and Fitzgerald Street, it was identified that View Street is a local distributor road which currently accommodates approximately 3,000 vehicles per day. Given the large traffic volumes using View Street, it was recommended that the current two way traffic arrangement should remain in operation. Should View Street be either closed permanently or reduced to one-way traffic only, this would have a considerable adverse impact on the surrounding road network by displacing traffic flows to the surrounding streets and intersections.

On the basis of the above, the Concept Design, proposes to maintain two way traffic along View Street, however there will be modifications made to the street as noted earlier, which include narrowing the View Street road carriageway; tightening the radii of the corners at the Fitzgerald Street and View Street intersection; ramping up the road carriageway at each end of the space; raising the levels of the carriageway within the space to be flush with the pedestrian verge areas; and applying a paving treatment across the whole shared space that demarcates it from the normal road bitumen. These treatments are designed to change driver behaviour, slow down vehicles and reduce vehicle dominance through North Perth Common.

CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

If approved, North Perth Local and all residents, landowners and businesses within 500m of the NPC site will be notified of Council's decision.

LEGAL/POLICY:

Nil.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

There are minimal risks associated with the approval of the concept design for NPC. The approval of the concept design will enable Administration to continue with the project as specified in the City's Corporate Business Plan 2017/18 – 2020/21 and Annual Budget.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The proposed concept design for NPC will contribute to a number of the 2017/18 Council priorities including:

- Thriving and Creative Town Centres;
- Supporting Liveable Neighbourhoods;
- More Inviting Green and Open Spaces; and
- Improving Community Connection and Inclusion.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The project has a total budget of \$741,000, made up as follows:

- \$114,000 for Phase 1 which includes the design documentation and project management.
- \$627,000 for Phase 2 which incorporates the materials and labour for the construction.

The actual cost of Phase 1 of the project is \$71,620 which is \$42,380 under budget. On this basis, it has been recommended that the savings of \$42,380 from Phase 1 of the project be carried forward to Phase 2 of the project. This will increase the budget for Phase 2 of the project from \$627,000 to \$669,380. The increase in the budget for Phase 2 will still allow the project to comply with the overall budget of \$741,000. **As part of the total project cost the City has received a substantial funding contribution of \$250,000 from the State Government that will contribute to both phases of the project.**

COMMENTS:

The NPC concept design as shown in **Attachment 1** has undergone extensive review and refinement from the NPC Working Group and the City. It is considered that the proposed Concept Design meets the Design Objectives identified by the Working Group and will ensure that a functional, adaptable and interesting urban space is developed, which will be of great benefit to the community.