

Thebarton Oval Precinct

Masterplan Advisory Group (MAG)

Meeting Notes

Monday 5 June 2023

Held at the City of West Torrens Civic Centre

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1 Opening / Welcome

Mayor Coxon, MAG Chair, declared the meeting open at 6.02pm.

Acknowledgment of country

Mayor Coxon provided the Acknowledgement of Country.

2 Attendance

CWT representatives

Mayor Michael Coxon
CEO, Terry Buss PSM
Deputy CEO, Angelo Catinari
Cr Graham Nitschke, Thebarton Ward

Community representatives

Dominic Stefanson
Ashley Connolly

Adelaide Football Club representatives

Tim Silvers, CEO
Shane Smallacombe
Scott Bell, Place PM

Secretariat

City of West Torrens

In attendance:

Presenters

David Cooke, City Collective

2.1 Apologies

Merryn Cossey
Douglas Schirripa
Michael Kumatpi O'Brien
Cr John Woodward, Keswick Ward

2.2 Observers

Members of the public were in attendance in the gallery for the meeting.

3 Presentations

Presenter David Cooke, City Collective

Purpose To present on the updated Masterplan (*refer Attachment 1*)

Item / Comment / Question	Response	Action Responsibility
Cr Graham Nitschke Is the heritage listed grandstand going to remain?	AFC – Yes. The proposed new oval alignment will have a similar proximity or be slightly closer to the current position. For spectator use and longevity of the grandstand this is being turned back into great spectator space.	Nil
Cr Graham Nitschke There are still concerns about car parking egress from Ashley Street	AFC – there is no vehicular access onto Ashley Street from those car parks, the only access will be from South Road however the car park in the south-west corner (existing) will have access to/from Ashley Street.	AFC responded in more detail later in the presentation.
Dominic Stefanson What sort of intersection is the Ashley/South Rd intersection. With the access off South Road only for north bound traffic not south bound, there is a need to alleviate people having to drive around the block.	AFC – there will be turnarounds on South Road to come back to head north.	Nil
Dominic Stefanson Asked for clarification of the Meyer Street parking access and when will emergency vehicles access.	AFC - there is publicly accessible parking in Meyer Street. On a game day this is a plaza area and public parking will be prevented allowing for access for emergency vehicles only.	Nil
Cr Graham Nitschke Sought clarification on the access and egress to parking entry (south eastern area no. 1 on plan).	AFC - confirmed this car park will have both access and egress from South Road only.	Nil
Mayor Coxon Regarding access to 64 spaces (no. 2) via Meyer Street – what is the benefit of having this public car park if these spaces if not being used on game days. Mayor Coxon asked to reserve the right to reconsider these car parking spaces. Feedback he has received is that the residents do not want to create any additional parking off Meyer Street.	AFC – Meyer Street becomes congested at times and strong feedback from the community identified that more parking was required. Match days will only happen on occasions and predominantly the use of the community facilities will still occur therefore focus is on match day users to utilise temporary parking or public transport provisions.	AFC/CWT

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<p>Cr Nitschke asked for reconsideration of the 50 car spaces.</p> <p>Cr Nitschke thought that this park was not used.</p>	<p>AFC - the car spaces already exist and as part of the 2018 Masterplan Council approved for this to be a car park so there is no difference between 2018 and now.</p> <p>Mayor Coxon, via the CEO, advised that the Thebarton Senior College utilise these car spaces identified as car park no. 2 on the plan.</p>	AFC/CWT
<p>Dominic Stefanson Observed that car park 2 should be closed on game days. Also observed that there will be a requirement for more public parking for those utilising the pool, playground, BBQ etc.</p> <p>Question: obviously not having a road going through the park is to be commended but in relation to that I don't see what that paved area near the 50m line n/w pocket, what is this area and how do you get to the temporary parking?</p>	<p>AFC - temporary car park access is from South Road. Principal here is if you are attending any events it is keeping users and car parking away from residential streets.</p>	Nil
<p>Mayor Coxon advised that part of the proposal to relocate the Thebarton Community Centre to the Brickworks is to include the swimming centre. This is why we need to 'park' consideration of the 64 spaces off Meyer Street until this matter is resolved. This is his personal view.</p>	<p>AFC – happy to take feedback on board</p>	AFC/CWT
<p>Dominic Stefanson How do all these different parcels of land get integrated in a coherent manner? Doesn't understand from 2031 onwards how those buildings interact with South Road. Is the vision that the front of the building face South road or has this not been considered as yet?</p> <p>Dominic Stefanson Someone should be thinking about how this is being designed for the long term.</p>	<p>AFC – the permanent acquisition zone has to be retained for the tunnel and the integration to the precinct will be resolved as the tunnel design evolves. Both AFC and CWT has requested to be a stakeholder in the final designs to make sure of such integration.</p>	Nil

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Cr Graham Nitschke Are there public toilets and will these remain along with the playground?	AFC – this is not in the AFC lease zone.	Nil
Cr Graham Nitschke How many trees will be removed around Thebarton Oval?	AFC – 71	Nil
Cr Graham Nitschke How many trees will be removed as part of the realignment?	AFC – saving 2 significant trees because of the realignment.	Nil
Mayor Coxon Clarified the number of trees being removed.	Kings Reserve - 50 Thebarton Oval – 71	Nil
Dominic Stefanson Observation: This is a lot of information to absorb so don't know what my response is. This notion of knowing what is going in this space is pretty important and this is not a criticism of AFC so guess Council needs to address this. Observation: The height of the building is a fair way from anything so personally this could go higher and explore doing more re car parking.	Noted	Nil
Ashley Connolly Sought clarification re removing 121 trees from the precinct? Are you planting 3 times as many trees eg. 360 trees being replanted? Is this correct?	AFC – TORs talks about significant regulated trees 3 for 1.	Nil
Ashley Connolly Your cutting down 2 significant trees and replanting 6?	AFC - this refers to significant trees, the number that is not shown are the other replantings in this space. We will be able to provide information on this.	AFC

Item / Comment / Question	Response	Action Responsibility
Ashley Connolly 121 trees being removed is substantial.	AFC (T Silvers) - this will be worked through with Council. Mayor Coxon noted that he did not have the Terms of Reference handy however he will seek clarification. In terms of the current iteration there are 50 trees being impacted on Kings Reserve, the trees on Thebarton Oval is 71. And in terms of replanting he recalls that it was agreed that the trees impacted would be replaced with mature trees not saplings. Clarification would be sent out to MAG members.	AFC/CWT
Dominic Stefanson Thanked AFC for their work.	Noted	Nil
Cr Graham Nitschke Observation: fair bit to soak in. Concerned about the loss of trees, regulated or not. Concerns about large car park off Ashley Street.	Noted	Nil

4 Items to note | key messages | items for discussion

Item / Comment / Question	Response	Action Responsibility
Ashley Connolly Interested in the results of the previous survey AFC had done and wondered if there was an opportunity to have a look at the data from this survey.	Mayor Coxon referred to previous action in relation to this item. AFC agreed to provide.	AFC (complete - results sent to MAG via email 7/6/23)
Ashley Connolly Referred to previous discussion about peppercorn trees.	CWT – Council has been investigating as per resolution from its last meeting and noted Council had received advice from the Federal Parliamentary Library via Steve Georganas. This advice will be provided with the MAG meeting notes (Attachment 2) CWT still investigating but nothing to suggest that they were plated as part of a commemorative grove.	CWT to provide copy with MAG meeting notes
Cr Graham Nitschke Kyla Young letter indicated that there was a decision in 1918 to establish a soldier's memorial garden.	CWT – Mayor Coxon noted this is included in the information received from the Parliamentary Library.	Complete 9/6/23
Ashley Connolly – noticed that the timeline indicates one more meeting is this correct? Is this the final one?	Mayor – that's the next meeting that's planned. Feedback will be taken on board by AFC from this meeting unknown at this point. Significant amount of work has been done.	Nil

5 General business

Nil

6 Actions from previous meetings

Actions from the previous meeting held on 26 April 2023

Item / Comment / Question	Response	Action Responsibility	Date completed
M O'Brien - have any cultural issues been taken into account with regard to the arborist report? If not, can this be looked at?	<p>AFC - this could be investigated and provided in the overlay. Council comment Previous advice provided by Uncle Mickey O'Brien as reflected in the Meeting notes dated 13 February 2023 indicate:</p> <p><i>Uncle Mickey - has not been able to find anything substantial about cultural heritage of the indigenous people to this land however he is still looking. Noted that AFC have spoken with relevant indigenous authorities eg. Kaurua Yerta Aboriginal Corporation.</i></p> <p>-----</p> <p>The current trees planted on Kings Reserve are approximately 20 years old and aerial photography for the Thebarton Oval component of the Precinct dating to 1969 shows the site was clear of trees except a line of trees along the 'boundary' of Thebarton Oval and Kings Reserve. Aerial photography prior to 1969 shows some sporadic tree planting around Thebarton Oval however, those trees were removed to make way for the concrete terracing around the oval proper and that is reflected in the 1969 aerial photography. Accordingly, there appears to be no cultural or heritage issues with the trees within the total Precinct except the possibility of the trees along the boundary of Thebarton Oval and Kings Reserve which is still being investigated.</p>	AFC	5/6/23
A Connolly - can AFC provide actual numbers rather than percentages?	AFC - the engagement summary (to be provided separately to MAG members) will have the actual numbers.	AFC	7/6/23

Item / Comment / Question	Response	Action Responsibility	Date completed
Mayor Coxon noted that the detailed engagement summary would be provided to MAG members once the AFC Board has endorsed and the intention is to have the information provided to MAG members at the next meeting.		AFC	Issued 9/5/23
D Stefanson referred to the letter from Kyla Young regarding historical aspect of some of the trees.	AFC (S Bell) indicated that as the letter had only been received late today they would respond by the next MAG meeting. Council comment: This matter is still being investigated but to date, nothing has been uncovered to suggest historical significance of the trees.	AFC/CWT	5/6/23
A Connolly - not interested in prudential reviews - what about the \$45m of AFC investment to provide and maintain community facilities. What are the facilities?	CWT - Mayor Coxon indicated this will depend on the outcome of the final masterplan and Council will determine the detail in terms of benefits to the community.	CWT	

Actions from the previous meeting held on 8 March 2023:

Questions/comments arising from Ashley Connolly's presentation

Item / Comment / Question	Response	Action Responsibility	Date completed
Questions raised within Ashley's presentation to be addressed/responded to by AFC at the next meeting.		AFC	26/04/2023
DS - queried when Council would conduct a prudential review.	CWT - Terry Buss advised that this would be undertaken as part of the process once the final draft Masterplan had been endorsed by Council.	CWT	Ongoing

Questions/comments arising from AFC's presentation

Item / Comment / Question	Response	Action Responsibility	Date completed
JW - asked for clear definition of the number of trees to be removed	AFC advised this will be known once they receive the final arborist report	AFC	9/5/23
JW - requested that the arborist report be made public to avoid further speculation by the public.	AFC - noted	AFC	8/03/2023
JW - Council resolution regarding the return of Council owned land following completion of T2D works.- has letter been sent to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport	CWT - TB noted that the letter has been sent and he / Mayor Coxon are awaiting a response.	CWT	6/03/2023
DS - has the AFC not considered waiting until 2031 to build the 2 nd oval once the outcome of the return of Council land/T2D works are known?	AFC - TS advised that AFC would consider a post 2031 option depending on the outcome of the land to be returned to Council.	AFC / CWT / DIT	Ongoing

General business

Item / Comment / Question	Response	Action Responsibility	Date completed
GN - concern from the community regarding the 80 vehicle car park at Wainhouse Street - is this part of the AFC lease area? Also part 5 of the Masterplan Design Objectives indicates egress only onto Ashley Street - where is the access?	AFC - access/egress will be addressed at the next meeting of the MAG	AFC	26/04/2023
GN - will access still be to South Road only during the T2D works?	AFC - this will be addressed in conjunction with DIT noting that the AFC facility will likely be completed well before the T2D works are.	AFC	Ongoing
GN - Meyer Street access - design objectives identified that direct traffic access from Meyer Street be kept to a minimum and that there would be no public access. Draft MP shows restricted access - please confirm/clarify.	AFC - there will be bollards to stop general traffic and this access will be for emergency vehicles only.	AFC	8/03/2023
GN - how many sets of lights around the oval?	AFC - there will likely be the same as is now.	AFC	8/03/2023
GN - what will happen about light spill?	AFC - this will be minimal especially with new technology such as LED lighting.	AFC	8/03/2023
GN - there is \$9m allocated from the 2018 Masterplan for facilities - will these still be considered?	CWT - TB Confirmed that Council has funds in the LTFP of circa. \$9m to deliver community infrastructure projects.	CWT	8/03/2023

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A Connolly - the number of trees to be cleared must be accurate.	AFC - once the reorientation of the oval is known this will be taken into consideration and at this stage the plan does not show all of the trees.	AFC	9/5/23
D Stefanson - acknowledged the changes made by AFC and the concession made if the oval is able to be moved further west. He also acknowledged the responses from AFC in relation to his presentation from the 13 February meeting and thanked AFC for their responses.	AFC - noted.	AFC	8/03/2023
M Cossey - what are the SANFL doing?	AFC - TS - the/this proposal is based on the SANFL leaving Thebarton Oval.	Nil	8/03/2023
D Schirripa - need to keep in mind the benefits to local business.	AFC / CWT noted.	Nil	8/03/2023
GN - thanked both A Connolly and AFC for their presentations	Noted	Nil	8/03/2023

Actions from the previous meeting held on 13 February 2023:

Item / Comment / Question	Response	Action Responsibility	Date completed
Feedback was provided by Dominic Stefanson in response to the draft Masterplan presented at the meeting of 31/1/23. (Refer attached copy of presentation). and as presented by Dominic Stefanson has been emailed to Scott Bell.	Feedback to be formally considered and responded to at the next meeting by AFC.	Copy of DS presentation to be sent to AFC and responded to at next MAG meeting. AFC to contact DS if any clarification is required.	21/02/2023
Mayor Coxon - requested that the land DIT are compulsorily acquiring is clearly identified on the MP.	AFC advised this is addressed in their updated MP to be presented today.	AFC to note.	21/02/2023
Mayor Coxon - queried how this land could be used once T2D has completed and returned to Council.	CWT AFC to consider	CWT AFC	21/02/2023
Cr Woodward - also requested whether AFC could quantify size of land being returned to Council?	AFC advised this will be highlighted in their revised presentation of the MP.	AFC	21/02/2023
Cr Woodward - asked if AFC did not have MCG size oval would this effect oval moving further to the east?	AFC to investigate.	AFC	8/03/2023
Cr/s Woodward and Nitschke sought clarification on the relocation of the Community Centre (Council owned) and questioned if this was a consistent view of AFC and the community given the original idea was to reinstate within the Precinct.	T Buss advised options can be considered by Council as to where the Community Centre could be relocated to.	CWT	Ongoing

Item / Comment / Question	Response	Action Responsibility	Date completed
Cr Nitschke – indicated his support for a two stage construction - being Thebarton Oval then half of the 2 nd oval and remainder of 2 nd oval once land is returned to Council. This will give the community a better outcome as per the 2018 MP. He expressed his concern with size of 2 nd oval but if it is undertaken in 2 stages then the 2 nd oval could be moved as far as possible to the east.	AFC noted that the lease line is as per the red dotted line being the temporary acquisition line.	AFC	8/03/2023
Cr Nitschke requested that an access roster and public access for usage be developed and does this time include when parking is required?	AFC advised this will be highlighted in their revised presentation of the MP.	AFC	Ongoing
Cr Nitschke queried the alignment of the 2 nd oval, and could this be reorientated?	AFC open to considering differing orientations of the 2 nd oval.	AFC	8/03/2023
Ashley Connolly – questioned how willing is the AFC going to be to sacrifice some of the area of the 2 nd oval?	AFC to take on notice and respond at next meeting.	AFC	8/03/2023
Cr Woodward - noted that AFC were happy to forego the open space area from the proposed leased area (western end of Kings Reserve).	Noted by AFC	CWT AFC to review lease documentation.	8/03/2023
Cr Woodward - noted that the four week survey period closes 13 March 2023. Will this updated information be live now?	AFC advised that this is the case.	Nil	8/03/2023

Item / Comment / Question	Response	Action Responsibility	Date completed
Mayor Coxon - question has been raised about why this information is to be kept confidential	AFC –this is in a testing phase and information will be updated as the consultation progresses. Putting out information now which will be different as its being updated live could be wrongly interpreted by the public until the final draft masterplan is produced.	AFC to circulate updated information to the MAG and to be placed on their website.	21/02/2023
<p>Ashley Connolly - queried AFCs community engagement survey questionnaire and asked whether the questions shown on the presentation was the extent of the questions?</p> <p>A Connolly commented that some people in the community are seeking clarification in the MP on the distinction between the two areas being Thebarton Oval and Kings Reserve.</p> <p>Dominic Stefanson queried why AFC is running the consultation survey.</p>	<p>AFC – yes survey comprises 8 questions</p> <p>AFC – to take on notice</p> <p>This question was answered by Will Gormly who clarified that this consultation process does not negate Council's responsibility to further consult on the final draft MP.</p>	AFC	<p>13/02/2023</p> <p>8/03/2023</p> <p>13/02/2023</p>
Ashley Connolly – what information does AFC expect to get from their survey responses that would be different to the URPS survey?	AFC advised that the Council/URPS survey focussed on the proposed lease whereas AFCs current consultation focusses on the development of the Masterplan.	Nil	13/02/2023

Actions from the previous meeting held on Tuesday 31 January 2023:

Item / Comment / Question	Response	Action Responsibility	Date completed
Noted that AFC would not achieve their timeline if MAG meetings were held monthly.	MAG agreed that meetings should be held fortnightly to achieve timeline.	CWT Secretariat to send calendar invitations	6/02/2023
Mayor Coxon sought clarification of the consultation process.	<p>AFC/City Collective advised that there would be a 4/5 week period for AFC to seek public feedback. The MAG would meet twice during that period to help shape the Masterplan and to consider feedback received to date. Intention is to have a live/interactive website throughout the consultation process which would trigger changes to the masterplan at the same time as the MAG provides their feedback.</p> <p>A site inspection/tour with MAG members was also discussed and agreed to occur as part of a future MAG meeting.</p>	CWT/AFC to schedule site inspection/tour of Thebarton Precinct	Site tour and meeting to occur on Monday 6 March - details to be finalised between CWT and AFC
D Stefanson expressed concern about the feedback that would be received from the member base and how this would be weighted.	City Collective advised that the process would follow a similar way to the lease consultation process in terms of collating and analysing feedback.	AFC/CC to note concern	31/1/2023

Actions from the previous meeting held on Tuesday 31 January 2023 (cont):

Item / Comment / Question	Response	Action Responsibility	Date completed
D Stefanson commented that the community would like to know more of the 'nitty gritty' details of the plan e.g. how many trees to be removed; which trees; how many car parks; location of 2 nd oval; how much open space is being lost.	AFC have made a commitment to provide further detail on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the number of trees to be retained/removed, and information relating to tree canopy coverage; car park numbers; open space area calculations; and offset distances of the proposed Kings Reserve Oval. 	AFC/CC to note and provide further detail at the next meeting	Update provided 13/2/23
Michael O'Brien - queried the status of any cultural heritage work occurring in the project planning?	AFC indicated that meetings have been scheduled with Kaurua representatives to discuss the plan.	AFC to update the MAG on the matter and include reference to cultural heritage in MP	Update provided 13/2/23
Doug Schirripa – noted that there is nothing in the masterplan detailing how it is going to benefit businesses in the area. Bringing business back and invigorate precinct particularly HB Rd cafes etc.	Comment noted	AFC/CC to note and provide comment in relation to this in the Masterplan draft	Update provided 13/2/23
Ashley Connolly – sought clarification on status of eastern area of the precinct post T2D works has been completed. Queried what is the benefit to AFC in having an MCG size oval? Also asked if the oval could be shifted further east towards south road when the parcel of land is handed back to Council?	Suggestion noted	Suggestion to be considered through the Masterplan development process.	Update provided 13/2/23

Actions from the previous meeting held on Tuesday 31 January 2023 (cont):

Item / Comment / Question	Response	Action Responsibility	Date completed
Dominic Stefanson – indicated that a variety of activity spaces should be included. Sought clarification on the temporary car parking arrangements on 2 nd oval and requested there be community benefit to any carparking revenue. Indicated that he was still not clear about usage hours of the oval(s) and this should be made clear as the public will want to know.	As an initial reference AFC advised that they are working towards 100 hours/month or 25 hours/week however will continue to work on a usage model with the CWT and will be part of any final lease agreement.	AFC/CWT	Update provided 13/2/23
Merryn Cossey – queried whether the current Ashwin Parade traffic congestion is going to be factored in particularly on AFLW game days and use of Brickworks shopping centre for overflow parking?	AFC indicated that traffic studies are currently underway	AFC	Update provided 13/2/23
Cr Nitschke requested that the meeting notes of 31 January 2023 be updated to include the Masterplan Design Objectives as listed below:		CWT	Reflected in these meeting notes

Cr Nitschke requested that the meeting notes of 31 January 2023 be updated to include the Masterplan Design Objectives as listed below:

Masterplan Design Objectives:

- Previously agreed elements of the 2018 Kings Reserve Masterplan are to be incorporated into the Precinct Masterplan;
- Removal of significant and regulated trees is to be kept to a minimum and where such trees are to be removed, for each such tree removed three new trees are to be planted within or close proximity to the Precinct;
- Where possible, replacement community facilities are to be constructed and made available prior to existing facilities being demolished or closed;
- That the replacement community Centre remain Council run and independent to AFC;
- That direct traffic access to the Precinct from surrounding residential streets shall be minimized where possible but there shall be no public access to the Precinct from Meyer Street unless for emergency vehicle requirements;
- That any proposed development improves upon existing parking infrastructure and that parking remains free and available to residents other than on game days;
- Public parking levels meet planning requirements and AFC provide their full car parking requirements specific to their needs as part of the development, with the understanding game day will require temporary parking arrangements;
- That artificial turf not be used for external sports fields;
- Public access to green space on Kings Reserve and Thebarton Oval is to be maximized during daylight hours and where possible, use of both ovals at the same time during daylight hours by AFC is to be minimized with AFC sole access times of both ovals to be made publicly available;
- Council and AFC will meet and coordinate Precinct usage at least annually so as to ensure there is no prohibition of community events or festivals on Kings Reserve due to AFC requirements;
- There are no restrictions to dogs and dog walking on Kings Reserve during public access times.

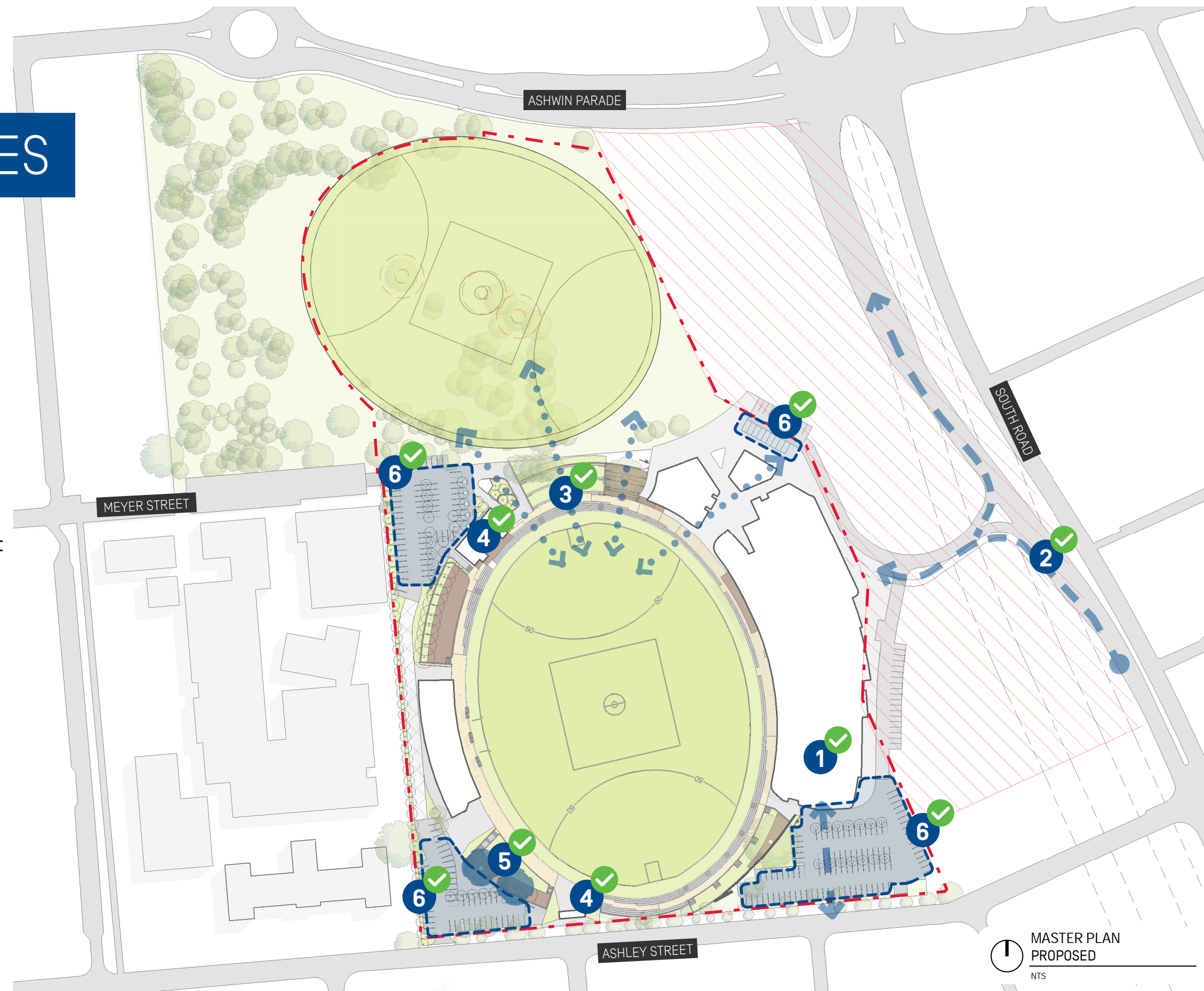
7 Next meeting and close

The MAG Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.07pm and advised that the date for the next meeting will be **Monday 19 June 2023 at 6pm.**

ATTACHMENT 1 (next page)

UPDATED MASTER PLAN PROVIDES BETTER OUTCOMES

1. BUILDING MASS MOVED TO CENTRE OF SITE
 - INCREASED SITE AREA RESULTING IN REDUCED BUILDING HEIGHT (2 LEVELS)
 - INCREASED SETBACK FROM ASHLEY STREET
2. GREATER ALIGNMENT TO T2D REFERENCE DESIGN FOR SOUTH ROAD ENTRANCE AND LINK TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT, REDUCING VEHICLE IMPACT TO WEST OF SITE
3. NO ROADWAY THROUGH SITE PROVIDES GREATER OPPORTUNITY FOR SAFE CONNECTIONS THROUGH THE PRECINCT
4. INCREASED SPACE AROUND HERITAGE ITEMS
5. BETTER SIGNIFICANT TREE RETENTION OUTCOMES FOR SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF SITE
6. GREATER DISTRIBUTION OF CAR PARKING ACROSS THE PRECINCT





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Thebarton Oval WW1 Commemorative Trees

Thank you for your question relating to WW1 commemorative trees at Thebarton Oval received on 26 May 2023 by email.

As confirmed in our subsequent discussion, you have asked for:

1. Whether the avenue of trees planted about 100 years ago at Thebarton Oval, Thebarton, Adelaide might be commemorative trees planted by WW1 veterans, and
2. Whether this avenue of trees, including a single pine, was part of a WW1 heritage project or a similar project to commemorate WW1 history.

You requested this information by Friday 2 June 2023.

Caveat

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Executive summary

- While there is evidence to suggest that a Soldiers' Memorial Garden was planned for the Thebarton Oval precinct, it is unclear whether it was formally established.
- The Parliamentary Library was unable to identify any clear evidence based on Trove, the National Archives of Australia, local state records, and other databases to demonstrate that the trees identified in the request, including the single pine, is part of a WW1 heritage project or were planted by WW1 veterans themselves.

Detailed response

[Thebarton Oval](#), also known as Thebarton Soldiers' Memorial Oval and Recreation Ground, was constructed as part of a war memorial building program undertaken by many local Australian councils after World War One (WW1).

As part of the initial design for the area, South Australia's town planner Charles Reade identified the possibility for a '[Thebarton Recreational Park](#)', potentially including a Soldiers' Memorial Garden. The plans were approved in 1918 but Reade's vision was [never fully implemented](#), as it was later discovered that they had been [altered](#) by the Superintendent of Public Buildings. While at its opening the Oval was referred to as a '[memorial to \[the\] town's soldiers](#)', there was no mention of a Soldiers' Memorial Garden, or any notable trees.

As observed in the 16 November 1940 edition of [The Advertiser](#), the council had approved of the establishment of a Soldiers' Memorial Garden at the precinct on 'the corner of Ashley Street and Taylor's Road' (South Road), Torrensville. Additionally, [Garnaut et al](#) list the Soldiers' Memorial Oval and Recreation Park at Thebarton as a proposed site for a Soldiers' Memorial Garden. However, this did not come to fruition due to a [lack of funding](#).

A [1991 Thebarton Heritage Survey](#) lists both Thebarton Oval's gate and grandstand as items of local significance, but not any of the trees nearby. The trees are absent from WW1 memorial databases including [Avenues of Honour](#) and the [National Trust](#).

The site of Thebarton Oval is currently being investigated by the Adelaide Football Club for a long-term lease over the precinct. As part of this development, an [arborist's report](#) was published detailing the impact of trees on the nearby Kings Reserve. While the report states that 50 of the trees projected to be lost includes 4 regulated trees and 1 significant tree, these [categorisations](#) reflect the size of the trees and not necessarily their historical significance.

Having investigated [Trove](#), the [Australian Heritage Database](#), the [National Archives of Australia](#), [State Records of South Australia](#), [Avenues of Honour](#), the [National Trust](#), [Council records](#), and the [West Torrens Historical Society](#), no further relevant information has been identified.

