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### Draft Future Directions Plan Koolunga Native Reserve

## **Community Engagement Overview**

Decision Statement	To confirm a plan for Koolunga Native Reserve that will retain bushland and open space areas, protect and preserve the flora and fauna and improve water quality both within the Reserve and downstream.
Engagement Objectives	<ul> <li>Understand shared values and priorities</li> <li>Acceptance of alternate view points across the community</li> <li>Achieve consensus on future landscape outcomes</li> <li>Improve community perception and experience of Council's planning and implementation of future community engagement</li> </ul>
Impact level 1-4	Level 2 – High impact in a local area - e.g. playground changes, major road work, changes to car parking
IAP2 Level of Engagement	Involve
Rationale for engagement level	This project has involved multiple phases of engagement with opportunities for the community to share information and confirm if Council has heard them correctly.
What can the community influence?	Actions in the draft Future Directions Plan
What the community can't influence?	<ul> <li>Priorities for the Plan being <ul> <li>Retaining bushland and open space areas</li> <li>Improve the water quality within the reserve</li> </ul> </li> <li>The details in the background documents including: <ul> <li>Koolunga Native Reserve Values Plan</li> <li>Koolunga Native Reserve Stormwater Management Plan</li> <li>Koolunga Native Reserve and Vaughan Reserve Bushland Management Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### **Stakeholders**

While not an exclusive list of people that may be interested in the project, this list outlines those audiences considered in planning for the community engagement

- Residents immediately surrounding the reserve
- Regular and occasional visitors to the reserve
- Friends of Koolunga Native Reserve
- Stewards of Koolunga
- Wider Knox community
- First Nations community of Knox
- Other 'Friends of' and environmental groups

Considering hidden communities that may not access standard communication and participation channels: People who prefer a language other than English

- Have Your Say is available in the top 10 languages spoken in Knox City Council People with limited access to technology

- Hard copies of the draft Plan and survey will be available and promoted
- First Nations community of Knox
  - Targeted communications, utilisation of suitable artwork in communications

#### Communication: how have we promoted the project

- Letters to 1500 homes surrounding the reserve
- Signage on site
- Emails to stakeholder lists
- Social media, eNewsletter, Council website
- Advertisement in Boronia and The Basin Community News
- Hard copy draft Plan promoted to be available on request

#### Activities: opportunities for people to shared their feedback

- Have Your Say online platform, including translations
- 4 face to face drop ins on site
- Hard copy survey

#### **Reporting back**

We will provide updates to the community when the Council meeting agenda is released scheduling the final Future Directions Plan and then following the meeting with the outcome of the Council meeting.

Updates will be provided through Have Your Say, with email updated to subscribers.

Hard copy notifications will be sent to those people that request it.