

Mullewa Town Revitalisation

Since August 2014, consultation with the Mullewa community has occurred regarding proposed projects to be included in a Mullewa 'Town Revitalisation Project'. The projects consulted (which are derived from the Capital Works Priority Listing), have been scored and ranked by the Mullewa community, per the below table. This attachment seeks to provide council with an overview of the qualitative comments that were received during this process, and will be used to help inform the development of these project business cases moving forward.

COMMUNITY RANKING OF PROJECTS

| Project | Description | Rank | % of votes |
|----------------------------|--|------|------------|
| New Youth Centre | A new Youth Centre, to host recreational and diversionary activities for youth in Mullewa. An assessment of the current Youth Centre will determine if it should be renovated or a new facility constructed. | 1 | 28.4 |
| Streetscape Enhancements | Complete the remaining activities from the 2007 Mullewa Townscape Plan – public furniture, murals, asphalt, landscaping and beautification. | 2 | 24.1 |
| Railway Station Buildings | A Conservation Plan was developed in 2010 – complete the work in this plan to preserve these buildings, and further promote the buildings as a tourist attraction | 3 | 19.2 |
| Aboriginal Cultural Centre | Establish a space for the recognition of local Aboriginal culture, and a designated meeting space * | 4 | 15.9 |
| Free Wi-Fi | Establish a free Wi-Fi (wireless internet) service within Mullewa, similar to the Foreshore in Geraldton | 5 | 12.4 |

* Many participants felt that purchasing and/or upgrading the existing Mullewa Women's Indigenous Group art studio in Jose Street would be better serve the community. The City will explore and refine this idea further, and consult again with stakeholders within the community.

Each project is noted below, and accompanied by qualitative comments as provided by the community during consultation sessions.

New Youth Centre

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| Safety, security, fences | External shady areas | Bike repair station |
| Space for dances | Central location | Toilets |
| Roller skating & outdoor sports | Lockable, safe kitchen | Robust materials (walls etc.) |
| Culture expressed | Homework space | Obstacle course |
| Wet areas | Controlled internet | Multipurpose grassed area |
| Air conditioned | TV & DVD | Not just youth |
| Funky, modern | Pool tables | Multipurpose building |
| Secure storage | Office space | |

Streetscape Enhancements

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Upgrade public toilets | Outdoor gallery | Public seating |
| Finish Streetscape project ('07) | Wajarri signage | Tree planting |
| New entry statement | Upgrade murals | Botanic garden |
| Colour coordinated | Close Maitland Rd permanently | Community ownership |

Railway Station Buildings

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| Secure and an alarm | Consider all possible uses | Prioritise the 4 buildings |
| Interpretation of history | Review all signage | Consult groups using buildings |
| Use qualified tradespeople | The platform is the 1 st priority | Express rich rail history |
| Need carpark and pathways | | |

It is noteworthy that the City does not own these buildings, they are PTA owned. Any potential project to conserve these buildings would be investigated towards a partnership with the PTA.

Aboriginal Cultural Centre

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| Involve MWIG in future work | Purchase existing building | Upgrade / renovate building |
| Tourism potential / benefit | Purpose built or integrated | Art studio rather than cult. centre |
| Mullewa culture not Aboriginal | Utilise Men's Shed | Discuss more with indigenous population |

The building presently occupied by the Mullewa Women's Indigenous Group (MWIG) is presently owned by MEEDAC. Should the outcome of further consultation (as noted *) indicate that the community's preference remains to retain the MWIG art studio, this will be investigated with MEEDAC.

Free Wi-Fi

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| Not the whole town | Not 24 hrs, 7 days | Must be policed |
| Inequity & speeds (rural vs. town residents) | Ability to disconnect trouble-makers | CCTV connectivity to Police station |
| Hotspots, not blanketed | Wi-Fi not supported by Police | Only in tourist season (~4 mths) |
| Only at Caravan Park | Visitor use vs. local misuse | |

This project component was poorly supported, further consultation will be required during the business case process, to determine if this project should be excised or pursued.

Throughout this process, suggestions were sought from the community for projects which were not included on the Capital Works Priority Listing, but participants thought should be. The below table notes these new projects which will follow the established process for inclusion on the Capital Works Priority Listing.

NEW PROJECTS SUGGESTED BY THE COMMUNITY

| Project | Potential |
|-------------------------|---|
| Masonic Lodge | External & structural work has been completed on the Masonic Lodge in Mullewa, further work is required to restore the building internally. |
| CCTV (security cameras) | There is already 3 security cameras in the town centre, continue this project by providing more cameras in other areas around town |
| Safe-house | Provide a place for crisis accommodation, in the event of unforeseen incidents |