

Willunga Main Street Reference Group

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What's going to happen about our street trees?

Discussion with Wax Consulting and the Project Team from Council has been constructive beyond our expectations. As your representatives, we are happy to report that we seem to have achieved a breakthrough!

While there will be a loss of some existing trees, we will be gaining about 50 new trees along the stretch of the project area. Because your reference group did its homework and is blessed with some pretty savvy and skilled people in this area, in summary we have reached the following conclusions after discussion of every single existing street tree:

- *The arborist's report will be available on the Onkaparinga website some time this week.*
- *The consultants looked at each tree in relation to its health, its life expectancy and its contribution to the character of the street, relationship to historic buildings etc. Quirky tree growth is welcome in Willunga!*
- *Iconic trees, such as the paperbarks and the redgums (one of which was housing a koala on our walkabout!) will be retained and, where they are stressed, remedial measures will be undertaken*



Ephemeral street art reflecting Willunga

such as removing paving abutting trunks, pruning etc. (Some of this work will be commencing in the coming weeks).

- Up to 20 trees out of 77 will be removed and 50 new, mature trees (of up to 4 metres in height) planted.
- All parties are aware of the concerns to retain mature trees, and all have wrestled with the knowledge that the desert ash in particular is a 'declared' tree (i.e. it has become a pest plant). In addition, those under power lines have been so damaged by SA Power Networks, that their attractiveness and usefulness to the streetscape is in question. New plantings will therefore avoid this problem by placing trees away from power lines.
- As far as practicable, all tree removals and replacements will be staged to avoid the impact of large tree loss in any single area.
- The street will also be landscaped with smaller shrubs and native grasses.
- There will be ongoing discussion within the group and with tree experts about the varieties of trees to be planted.



A much loved tree

*This duck lives in Willunga
Do you know where?*

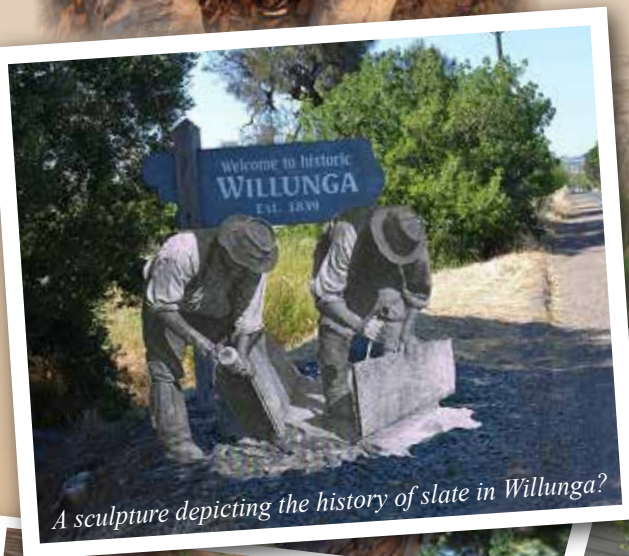
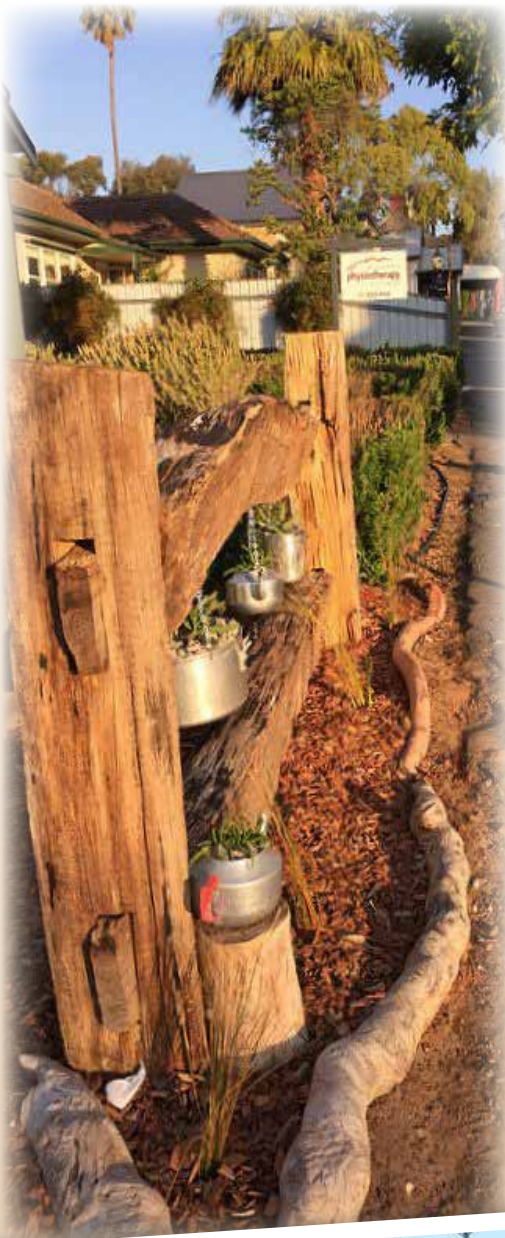


What's all the talk about art?

- ★ *The survey form is now out and available on the Onkaparinga website; and hard copies are available in the library.*
- ★ *We have asked for an extension of the present closing date of 13th March.*
- ★ *The Council Art Team is not looking for specific suggestions necessarily, but for ideas and concepts. For example your reference group supports the use of such materials as slate, stone, wood, iron to be used to camouflage ugly buildings, replace ugly fencing, to tell the story of the history of Willunga from pre and post-colonial settlement. Tell a story along the full length of the project areas with surprising and inspirational subtlety Just use your creative imagination!*
- ★ *Assume that the closing date is 13th March!!! Hurry!!*

Now to refresh your memory . . .

- *The project has a budget of \$3M for the design, documentation and construction of the Willunga Main Street Project.*
- *Funds have been allocated in 2015/16 for the detailed design phase and all remaining funds have been identified for construction in the 2016/17 financial year, subject to Council approval through the budget process.*
- *It is envisaged that construction of the Willunga Main Street project will be completed in the 2016/17 financial year and any unallocated funds will be returned to the Major Projects Fund. Council's budget is approved annually so any extension to this timeframe would require Council approval through the budget process.*
- *There will not be a roundabout at the five-ways intersection, but improvements will be made to ensure safety.*
- *A detailed plan will be available for discussion with the Reference Group and made available at the library for your perusal.*
- *Copies of all our newsletters and document contributions are available from our website.*
- *All suggestions and comments are welcome via a click through to the Reference Group Site and the Pinterest through the following link: www.willungaresidentsandfriendsassociation.com or send us emails through that website with anything that concerns you.*
- *<https://www.pinterest.com/willungar/> is the direct Pinterest link.*



A sculpture depicting the history of slate in Willunga?



A copse on the corner of Moore Street?



More random slate on footpaths?



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