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2016 Round Up

Hi everyone

As we prepare for the close of 2016 we thought it was timely to do a round-up of our activities this year and to thank everyone who has supported us achieve better planning and development in West End this year.

It's been an eventful year. We said goodbye to our long-term Councillor Helen Abrahams and welcomed our new Councillor Jonathan Sri. We have been very fortunate to have such hard working and progressive local representatives in this ward.



Council election

We started the year interviewing the local and mayoral candidates for the Council election and held a candidates forum at Souths to give the community an opportunity to question the candidates about their policies.

Green Space Strategy

This year we have worked closely with local landscape architects to promote and enhance the award winning 'West End Green Space Strategy'. We hosted a community workshop about the strategy at the Kurilpa Hall in May and followed that up with local activities including:



- Working with Sussex St residents including Tangara and the Uniting Church to promote the use of parklets to increase green open space in the street. We took over car spaces for parking day and for a Xmas market to demonstrate what the street would be like if we used some road space for open park.
- Commencing discussions with the West End State School about a collaborative verge planting project outside the school involving the children, parents and the local community. We expect implementation in autumn 2017.
- Joining with the Dauphin Terrace Greening group to include green corridors and water sensitive design in the Green Space Strategy.

Development Applications

- West Village Pillage: KF wrote a submission to Jackie Trad on the Ministerial call-in of the West 'Pillage' development raising several issues we had with the proposed project. While the Minister addressed some of our concerns in the subsequent decision, the crucial issue of reducing density and keeping building heights to a maximum of eight stories was not supported by the State Government.

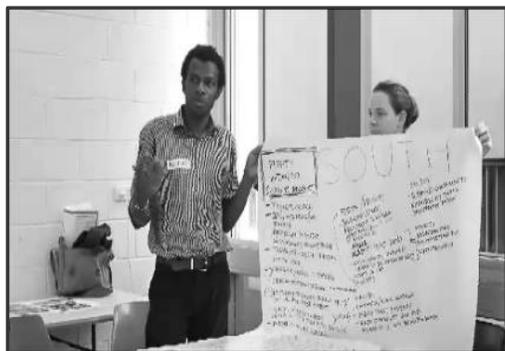
South Bank Strategic Plan

We hosted a meeting with the Chair and a board member of the South Bank Corporation and residents to discuss the proposed strategic framework for the South Bank precinct. We raised a number of issues and opportunities around future planning for South Bank

and its connection with West End. We developed these ideas further in a subsequent KF meeting and submitted them to the South Bank Corporation. This feedback is posted on the Kurilpa Futures website. We are hoping there will be further opportunities for resident involvement in the development of the strategic framework in early 2017.

Submission to the SEQ Regional Planning (SEQRP) process

Members participated in some SEQRP, "Thought Leadership" consultation sessions, which turned out to be largely "feel good" occasions for discussing urban design initiatives overseas. KF made a detailed submission arguing that explicit goals for conservation, liveability, economic viability, personal access and community life should drive the plan. We emphasised the importance of designating transport corridors linking transit orientated development (TOD) centres and the need for sub-regional inventories of cultural and environmental assets and population targets. We also stressed the importance of Local Area Growth Management Strategies to safeguard the Urban Footprint and create a Regional Open Space System compatible with natural topography.



Regional rules should bind local governments to require community spaces of 10% of total areas in planned medium and high-density development, and should not be converted, as they can be at present, to cash contributions to general revenue. While the Department listened politely and arranged high-level dialogues, KF considers that the new plan fails to meet these basic tests.

Conclusions

Thank you for your contribution to our community this year. We wish you, your family, neighbours and friends a happy holiday season and we look forward to working with you in the neighbourhood in 2017.

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