

FRENCHMAN BAY HERITAGE

TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
2019



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Who prepared the feasibility study proposing the concept to Council?

The Frenchman Bay Heritage Trail is a project driven by the Frenchman Bay Association (FBA) who have been working on a heritage trail within the area since 2015.

The feasibility study makes recommendations for upgrades to improve and create a loop trail that showcases the spectacular coastline of Whalers Beach. Funding would need to come from a number of grants if the project was to proceed. It has not been determined yet, if any funds would come from the City which would be assessed when external funds became available.

Council considered the concept plan in September 2017, and deferred the item to seek clarification from the FBA on the public consultation process as part of the feasibility study.

The item returned to Council in October 2017, where Council deliberated on

the item and approved the Frenchman Bay Heritage Trail Feasibility Study and Concept Plan for public advertising.

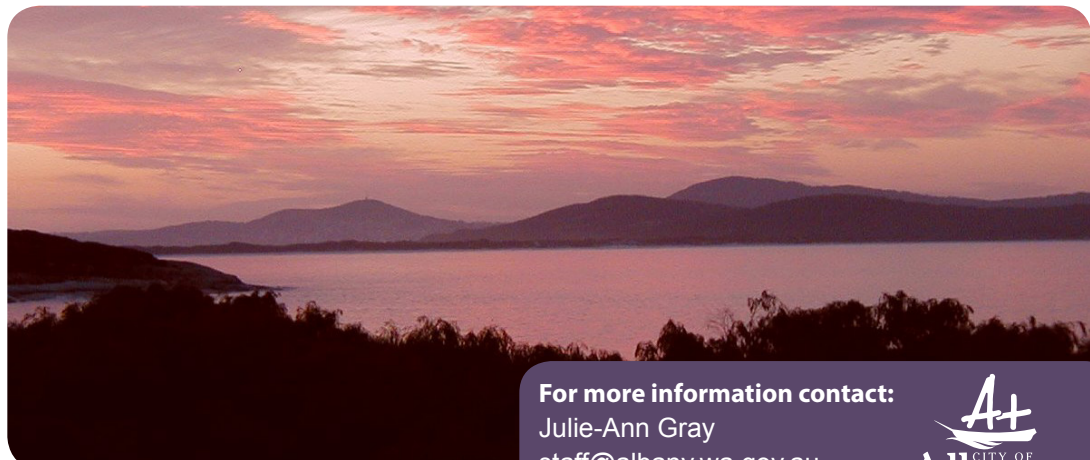
The process was delayed by mutual agreement and now ready for further engagement. The consultation will be undertaken by the FBA, with the support from the City of Albany, with the aim to attract the views on the concept from broader community through a public comment period and information session.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

SUNDAY, 11 AUGUST
1.30 - 2.30pm

South Coast Progress Hall
Bay View Drive Little Grove

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
5 AUGUST - 30 AUGUST 2019



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Who prepared the feasibility study?

A feasibility study has been developed by H+H Architects on behalf of the FBA. This study was developed in close consultation with City Reserves staff and local Noongar Elders.

The objective of the document is to establish a plan for a loop trail and associated interpretative signage that acknowledges the Noongar and European cultural heritage of the area. The plan identifies a total of eleven interpretative nodes along the trail and the background information for these have been researched and included in the plan.

How much will the trail cost?

An indicative cost estimate for the full project is \$380,000. Funding would need to come from a number of grants if the project is to proceed. It has not been determined yet, if any funds would come

from the City of Albany which would be assessed when other funds became available.

Is the trail included into the City of Albany Trails Hub Strategy 2015 – 2025?

The proposed trail is not included in the current City of Albany Trails Hub Strategy, as the timing of the concept was post the development of the City's Trail Strategy, and other priorities had been set. The Frenchman Bay Heritage Trail has been developed as a standalone attraction.

Since this study, it has been identified that the trail could be considered within the broader regional strategy being undertaken by Great Southern Centre of Outdoor Recreation (GSCore),

Council approved the study in October 2017 to be publicly advertised and returned to a future Council meeting. This process was delayed through mutual agreement.

Where would the trail be located?

The trail location is within the City reserve bounded by Vancouver Rd, Frenchman Bay Rd and the beach.

Has the community been consulted about the Trail concept?

Yes, the FBA consulted with a number of stakeholders during the feasibility study to ascertain community views on the type, location and potential impact of the trail.

The organisations consulted include;

Albany Historical Society, Albany Museum, Department of Water, Department of Parks and Wildlife, Discovery Bay, Great Southern Development Commission, South Coast Natural Resource Management, Kinjarling Trail Project Committee and the City of Albany.

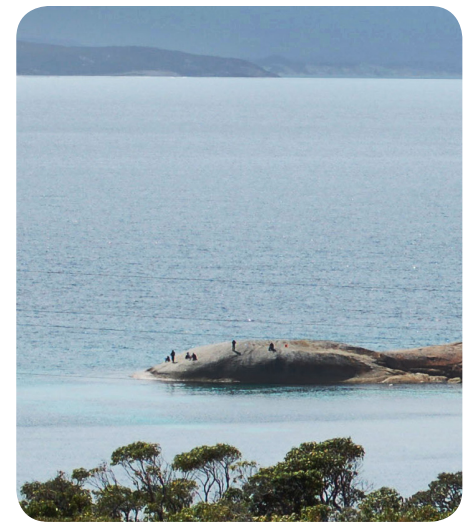
Was the Noongar community consulted?

A site visit and walkover was held with two local Noongar Elders in early 2015 and 2017 to discuss the plan. At these site visits, a number of concerns were raised about the underground water source that feeds the natural spring. As a result of these concerns, the initial plan was amended and a new map showing the works around the spring and dam were altered. A detailed archaeological survey of Noongar heritage has been included as a specific step in the feasibility study.

WHAT'S NEXT:

Once the community consultation and public comment period has closed. The information will be collated and presented to the City of Albany for further consideration.

The Frenchman Bay Association (FBA) will continue to lead the advocacy and seek further funding to implement the trail, subject to approvals.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Frenchman Bay Heritage Trail is a project driven by the Frenchman Bay Association (FBA) which has been working on improving the trail within the area since 2015.

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This proposed trail was not included in the approved City of Albany Trails Hub Strategy 2015 – 2025 as the timing of the Frenchman Bay

Trail Feasibility Study was post the development of the City's Trail Strategy. Council had considered the study in September 2017, and deferred the item to seek clarification from the FBA on the public consultation process as part of the feasibility study.

The item then returned to Council again in October 2017, where Council approved the Frenchman Bay Heritage Trail Feasibility

Study and Concept Plan for public advertising, and that comments or submissions received as part of the public advertising would be considered by Council.