

A plan to guide Foster for the next 20 years

Council has adopted the Foster Community Infrastructure Plan 2016, which makes best use of existing facilities, increases use of under-utilised facilities and supports the volunteers that maintain community infrastructure and services.

The Foster Community Infrastructure Plan 2016 provides an integrated approach to planning and allows prioritisation and decision making for Council and the community for the next 20 years.

“Over the next two decades Foster's population will gradually increase with the majority of people continuing to be aged 50 years and over,” explained Director Development Services, Bryan Sword.

“Supply of community infrastructure in Foster is considered adequate for the current population but to meet the needs of the community for the next 20 years, forward planning to maximise flexible use of existing facilities and support to volunteers is required.”

Summarising a detailed audit of current and potential use of community infrastructure, the Foster Community Infrastructure Plan 2016 provides eight key recommendations to guide actions for Council, the community and other key stakeholders, including:

- Encouraging committees of management to develop master plans
- Ensuring Council assess applications for funding from community groups against criteria set out in the Blueprint for Social Community Infrastructure
- Investigating the current and future needs of all tenants of the Stockyard Gallery
- Increasing capacity of facilities with multiple meeting rooms
- Providing connection between existing public parks and open space via path and cycle networks
- Undertaking training needs analysis of all volunteers in Foster and provide ongoing support
- Considering shared promotion by the community of resources and facilities
- Investigating the development of a community learning hub by 2030.

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