GIBSON STREET, STREETSCAPE UPGRADE

Eighth Street to Thirteenth Street

Project background:

Since 2016, we've been working closely with the Bowden community to develop a plan that delivers streetscape improvements across the historic streets between Hawker Street/Drayton Street/Park Terrace and the new Bowden development.

Significant progress has been made, and more work is planned for the coming years, including the upgrade of Gibson Street. To learn more about past projects and decisions, please visit the Charles Sturt Your Say page here: www.yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/GibsonStreetupgrade.

What we have previously heard from you:

Thanks to the keen interest and participation from the local community, we've identified the following elements as the most important and should be addressed as part of the streetscape design:



We still need your help:

A concept plan has been developed and endorsed by Council that responds to earlier feedback, but we still need your help on a few remaining details.

To help us finalise the design for Gibson Street, we are seeking feedback on the street tree options that align with our Tree Canopy Strategy.

We also welcome any additional thoughts on the streetscape upgrade.

We have two options for street trees in Gibson Street which we would like the community to consider and provide feedback on.

Option 1:

Keep the existing bottlebrush trees and plant more of them to increase the tree canopy in the street.

What does this mean for the street?

This option would retain all 36 existing bottlebrush trees and add an additional 16 bottlebrush trees to ensure the trees in the street are all consistent and the tree canopy is not impacted by the project.

- → This option will increase tree canopy coverage from the current 10.35% to 13.6% when the trees reach maturity
- → The canopy when mature will be equal to 891 square metres

Option 2:

Replace the Bottlebrush trees with Crepe Myrtles to match the completed upgraded streets either side of Gibson Street within the historic Bowden precinct.

What does this mean for the street?

This option would mean that all the bottle brush trees are removed and replaced with Crepe Myrtles trees.

- → Tree canopy coverage will initially be reduced to 0.77% when the young trees are planted but will reach 13.6% when mature
- → Canopy when mature will be equal to 891 square metres



The table below provides some further information regarding the context of trees and their nativity with respect to tree canopy cover

Tree	Bottlebrush Only	Crepe Myrtle Only
Native species	Yes	No
Canopy cover	Low	Low

You can find out more information about both species online below:

Bottlebrush infill - Callistemon 'Harkness'
https://plantselector.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/Plants/Details/3080

Crepe Myrtle Infill - Lagerstroemia indica
https://plantselector.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/Plants/Details/3149

How to provide your feedback:

To provide your feedback on these options you can:

→ Complete the online feedback form at www.yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/gibsonstreetupgrade or download a hard copy feedback form

→ Request a hard copy form be sent to you by calling us

→ Call us to take your feedback over the phone

Additional project information is also available at www.yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/gibsonstreetupgrade

Consultation closes 19 September.

For further information or queries about the consultation, please contact:

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