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Introduction

The physical planning of The University of Western Australia is guided by the Campus Planning Review 2010 (the Plan). The Plan is the key tool to guide decisions on the functional layout and future development of the Crawley Campus. It is reviewed every 10 years.

The Plan builds upon the Campus Planning Review 2000 (2000 Plan), taking into account changes in economic, social, environmental and governance contexts over the past decade. While the focus is on 2010 – 2020 it also sets the foundations for campus development into the future beyond 2020.

The Plan is the document that reports to State Government, through the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC), on the physical development and planning issues that have an impact on the Crawley campus. It is used by the WAPC to assess the University's major new developments. Further it is used by the University to plan for new infrastructure and development as well as building upon the current form and feel of the widely admired campus.

The Plan is based on a set of principles and recommendations to guide development.

It is intended that the Plan will drive the physical elements in support of the University's Strategic and Operational Priorities Plan which focuses on the provision on quality research, teaching and student experience.

Objectives

The objectives of the Plan are to:

- Ensure there is sufficient land and buildings to accommodate teaching, research and other needs over the next 10 years; and
- Place the University to the best advantage to meet external, often unforeseeable situations, over the next 50 years.

Approach

The Vice-Chancellor's Campus Planning Review 2010 Steering Committee (Appendix A) was appointed in November 2009. The role of the Committee was to prepare a planning document for approval by the University's governing body, the Senate. The Plan will be lodged with the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) as the planning guide for the Crawley campus over the next decade and beyond.

The Committee considered:

- Planning and design principles – the cultural, architectural, heritage and landscape values, that have underpinned the quality of the Crawley campus since its establishment;
- The development on the Crawley campus and adjoining landholdings over the last decade, and the physical development since Campus Planning Review 2000;
- Physical planning outcomes needed to support the University's vision, strategic plan and operational priorities into the future;
- Government and other external policies and strategies impacting on the campus plan;
- The requirement to ensure there are sufficient land and buildings to accommodate teaching, research and related needs over the next decade; and
- Placing the University in best physical planning advantage to meet external, often unforeseeable situations over the next 50 years.

The development of the Plan included a consultation process with a public comment period from 4 August 2010 to 17 September 2010 engaging stakeholders such as:

- Local community;
- Local Government;
- State Government;
- Government stakeholders;
- Convocation;
- Colleges;
- Student Guild;
- University staff;
- University governance and management groups.

University Property Portfolio

The Crawley campus is the major landholding of The University of Western Australia. Activities carried out on the Crawley campus are linked with those at the QEII campus, Claremont campus, UWA Sports Park, and Field Station Shenton Park. Similarly, across the metropolitan area the University has a number of facilities and accommodation arrangements with partners such as the teaching hospitals. The University also has regional campuses at Albany and Geraldton and a number of further properties throughout the State supporting education and research. This plan focuses solely on the Crawley campus.

Campus Location

The Crawley campus is 3.5 kilometres southwest of the Perth CBD. The setting on the banks of the Swan River and the adjacent Kings Park offers the Crawley campus a high level of natural amenity.

The location offers the University many opportunities but also limits possible growth of the campus to the east and north-east of campus.

Scope of the Plan

Over the years the University has expanded beyond the original campus, and the 'edges' of the University are no longer distinctly defined. The University has actively purchased property around the campus since the 1960s and University developments on what was traditionally residential land have become common-place. Developments such as the Ken and Julie Michael Building at 7 Fairway are an example of successful campus growth into the community.

The land referred to as "the campus" in this document refers to and is zoned under the Metropolitan Regional Scheme for University Purposes. It also includes adjacent areas that have either high levels of University ownership, or are used for University related purposes, or may determine the planning outcomes within the campus. In summary for the purposes of this plan, the Crawley campus of 53.3 hectares consists of properties listed in Appendix B.

It includes the area between the Crawley campus and Broadway, where more than 40 per cent of the land is owned by The University of Western Australia. The University acknowledges that there are many other landholders in this area. Nevertheless, this area is included in the campus plan to provide an indication of how the land could ultimately be developed. The Plan signals the University's direction for its land holdings within the area and provides information for private landowners, who are respected as neighbours.

The vision for the Crawley campus area is inclusive of all in the community. The wider community is welcome to continue to use and engage with the facilities contained on campus land.