CRC for Water Sensitive Cities Outcomes of Needs & Opportunities Workshop and **Project Development Workshop** John Savell & Greg Ryan Western Regional Advisory Panel 9 December 2015

Outcomes of Perth Needs & Opportunities Workshop: Strengths and challenges

Good foundations

- * Networks
- * Science & research

Long way to go

- * Engaged community
- * Vision & narrative
- * Funding & cost benefit analysis
- * Ops & maintenance
- * Monitoring & evaluation

Making progress

- * Leadership
- Policies & strategies
- * Learning culture & capacity
- Integrated land & water planning
- * Urban & landscape design

Outcomes of Perth Needs & Opportunities Workshop: Enabling structures

- * Coordinated and aligned legislation, regulation and policy for driving water sensitive outcomes (38)
- * Integration and improved collaboration across organisations and sectors (31)
- Effective and sustainable funding mechanisms for water sensitive practices (drainage and whole of water cycle) (28)

Outcomes of Perth Needs & Opportunities Workshop: On ground practices

- Integrated planning across sectors, agencies & water systems (24)
- Framework & evidence to support full life-cycle costbenefit analysis that also consider non-monetary values (22)
- * Coherent understanding of groundwater systems & interactions with surface waters (20)

Outcomes of Perth Needs & Opportunities Workshop: Social capital

- Better translation of scientific knowledge into practice and policy outcomes (31)
- * Improve water literacy beyond water savings to help drive change (21)
- * Build practitioner capacity through knowledge sharing, demonstration and networks (18)

Any questions or feedback on prioritised WA needs?

Partnerships to build capacity and community engagement and water literacy

- * Capacity building & national network
- * Community behaviour change for water sensitive communities build on existing "Switch your thinking" Program

Partnerships with proactive & willing developers

- * White Gum Valley demonstration of water sensitive infill housing
- * Pinjar proposed urban and industrial development
- * Swan Valley Development Area
- Wanju District Structure Plan 1,400 ha greenfield development, Shire of Dardanup
- * Hester Park Revitalisation Project, City of Gosnells
- * East Perth Development (Powerhouse), Swan River
- * Muchea Employment Node
- * City of Canning Town Centre Redesign
- * Batavia Coast Marina Stage 2, Geraldton
- * Wungong Living Stream project
- * Nambeelup Industrial Area

Creating the enabling environment: Embedding water sensitive cities principles into policy, planning, governance and funding

- Input to design policy reviews (R codes , & Urban Design State Planning Policy)
- Strategic Assessment Perth Peel Region at 3.5 million Structure Planning Stage
- * River Protection Strategy Drainage governance
- * Busselton Drainage Reform
- Kwinana rural drain upgrade Vesting change from Water
 Corporation to Town of Kwinana
- * Traditional drainage design vs Living streams Cost benefit analysis

Partnerships to trial innovative technologies and approaches

- * Western Suburbs Aquifer Recharge Project
- * Broome non-potable water supply for public open space
- Water efficiency improvement on the Gnangara Mound alternative water management approaches for peri-urban horticulture
- Monitor and evaluate Urban Waterways Renewal Program WSUD project sites
- * Stormwater harvesting and salinity management, Merredin

Continue and build on Tranche 1 projects:

- Implement A4.2 Plan to Transition Greater Perth to a Water Sensitive City by 2065
- Extend project to better understand interactions between surface water and groundwater; how water moves in the urban landscape, risks to the aquifer and approaches to manage contamination and use water
- * Build on current monitoring and evaluation projects (e.g. North Forrestdale greenfield development)

Any questions or feedback on WA opportunities?

Outcomes of Project Development Workshop, 2 & 3 Dec, Melbourne

Tranche 2 - Combined Needs: Enabling structures

- 1. Strengthening and aligning policy, legislation and regulation in support of water sensitive cities
- 2. Creation of a shared vision and narrative for water sensitive cities that connects with community values , which can then drive decision making
- 3. New financial model and incentives that recognise the values and benefits of water sensitive cities
- 4. Robust and inclusive decision making frameworks
- 5. Governance frameworks that enable coordination and collaboration across agencies and sectors
- 6. Holistic evaluation frameworks to support water sensitive city investments

Outcomes of Project Development Workshop, 2 & 3 Dec, Melbourne

Tranche 2 - Combined Needs: On-ground practices

- 7. Guidance on how to develop context-specific solutions and asset management regimes
- 8. Achieving multiple benefits through integrated planning, and design of water systems and the urban form
- 9. Next generation of flood risk assessment frameworks and tools for a water sensitive cities approach
- 10. Monitoring and evaluation for improved system design and performance
- 11. Efficient and effective operations and maintenance systems to achieve water sensitive city outcomes
- 12. Coherent understanding of groundwater systems and interactions with surface waters

Outcomes of Project Development Workshop, 2 & 3 Dec, Melbourne

Tranche 2 - Combined Needs: Social capital

- 13. Influencing water sensitive city outcomes through leadership, collaboration and networks
- 14. A culture of learning and innovation
- 15. Translation and sharing of water sensitive cities knowledge
- 16. Building community and industry connection and engagement
- 17. Building capacity to deliver a water sensitive cities

Preliminary Research Clusters

Steering Transitions

- Guiding and influencing

Integrated Planning and Implementation

- Coordinated and aligned decision making

Context Specific Solutions

- Green / grey / brownfield (infill)
- Flood / heat / groundwater / climate change ...
- Social and cultural context

Monitoring and Performance Optimisation

- Performance of technical, natural and management systems
- Optimisation and design

Socio-economic evaluation frameworks

- Believable narrative for macro and micro-level audiences



Any questions or feedback on preliminary Tranche 2 research clusters?

Research Synthesis

Case studies that are well suited to Research Synthesis have:

- the potential for innovation at the precinct scale, and may be greenfield or infill/redevelopment contexts,
- industry partners that are committed to delivering the project, are open to collaboration and welcoming of new ideas,
- sufficient scope to incorporate new ideas into options analysis and concept planning,
- specific constraints or opportunities for improved urban water cycle management.

Additionally, projects may present an opportunity to address 1 or more of the 5 research clusters.

What is a tranche 2 project?



Next steps

Selection of WA research synthesis case studies:

- * Capture any additional WA research synthesis opportunities
- Western RAP to help prioritise potential projects feedback needed soon
- * Jamie Ewert will work with project proponents to scope project in more detail (process already underway in Qld, Vic & NSW)

Next steps

Development of Tranche 2 projects - Iterative process between now and March 2016

- CRC Executive to review all Tranche 2 programme scope based on workshop outcomes
- * Identify and engage research clusters caretakers and RAP project Champions (mid Dec)
- * RAPs to provide comments on developing project portfolios
- * Input from other groups, sectors or stakeholders
- * Peer review of emerging research clusters/projects by RAC
- Second Project Development Workshop 15 February 2016
- Presented to Board for noting and Comment (end Feb 2016)
- Develop Specific T2 projects March 2016
- * Joint researcher industry project teams to further develop refine project details
- * Priorities action of T2 projects in each city/ region April/May 2016
- * RAPS and Advisory Committees fully established by April/May 2016
- * Board Review of proposed project portfolios April/May 2016
- * Board Approval June 2016.

Questions and discussion