

MINUTES

KALAMUNDA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING 6PM THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2017 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FUNCTION ROOM

1.0 OPENING OF MEETING – Presiding Member
The Chair opened the meeting at 6pm, and welcomed members to the Workshop.

2.0 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES - Presiding Member

Committee Members

Kevin Goss	Presiding Member
Mark Schilling	Deputy Chairperson
Joy McGilvray	Community Representative
Cr Brooke O'Donnell	Councillor Delegate
Cr Noreen Townsend	Councillor Delegate
Joanne Smith	Manager Parks and Environment
Peter Forrest	Community Representative

Deputy Members

Councillor Sara Lohmeyer	Deputy Community Representative
Rupert Duckworth	Deputy Community Representative

Apologies

Mike Burbridge	Community Representative
Mark Simpson	Deputy Community Representative
Cameron Blackburn	Deputy Community Representative
Cr Sara Lohmeyer	Deputy Councillor Representative

Members of Staff

Brett Byfield	Minutes Secretary
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Consultant

John Scotland	Workshop Facilitator
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3.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

3.1 **Disclosure of Financial and Proximity Interests:**

- a) Members must disclose the nature of their interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting. (Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995*)
- b) Employees must disclose the nature of their interest in reports or advice when giving the report or advice to the meeting. (Section 5.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995*)

Nil

3.2 **Disclosure of Interest Affecting Impartiality**

- a) Members and staff must disclose their interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting in respect of which the member or employee has given or will give advice.

Nil

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

5.0 ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION – Presiding Member

Nil

5.1 Local Environmental Strategy

Background

The City of Kalamunda's Community Strategic Plan, Kalamunda Advancing, was adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting of the 26 June 2017. In it, under Objective 2.1 (To protect and enhance the environmental values of the Shire), one of the success measurements was to "Deliver the Local Environment Strategy".

The Local Environmental Strategy is therefore one of the key measures of success for the Kalamunda Environmental Advisory Committee.

At the KEAC meeting of the 23 March 2017, the following resolution was made by KEAC:

- Thanks the Acting Coordinator Parks & Environment for the work done in completing the inventory of environmental strategies and policies;
- Proposes to complete the framework provided, as a joint process between KEAC and the Shire of Kalamunda;
- Notes that the Acting Coordinator Parks & Environment will continue the review of the current documents on environment held;
- Agrees that the Local Biodiversity Strategy is a vital part of the Local Environment Strategy;
- Agrees in principle to developing a Local Environment Strategy, which provides for an opportunity to rationalise several strategies and policies, using the inventory of strategy documents;
- Agrees this review must be a disciplined process, resulting in fewer strategies, but improving clarity and focus;

- Proposes that when a strategy is agreed, it is important that Shire of Kalamunda assigns staff ownership for implementation, monitoring and reporting; noting that under the framework there is the opportunity to make far clearer targets and reporting on those targets; and
- Requests the support of a facilitator to work with KEAC to develop the vision and goals of the Local Environment Strategy.

Moved: **Peter Forrest**
 Seconded: **Mark Schilling**
 Vote: **Carried Unanimously**

Details

A facilitator is attending the meeting, to facilitate the discussion relating to the Local Environmental Strategy. Attached as Attachment 1, is the listing of documents identified as part of the Local Environmental Strategy, which was presented to KEAC at the March meeting.

A Local Environmental Strategy should map the current situation, set goals for the future and identify the key strategic frameworks to meet those goals. The March meeting of KEAC identified that the Local Environmental Strategy could be a method to spell out a stronger monitoring and reporting arrangement.

Member Comment

The outcomes from the Visioning Workshop for the Local Environment Strategy included:

Why

- Provide leadership
- Collaboration to arrest the environmental degradation in the City of Kalamunda
- Provide context of change and awareness
- Clarity regarding environmental policy
- Community Engagement
- Context of change and awareness
- Environmental sustainability
- Reducing confusion and providing clarity regarding Environmental Policies
- Being on the same page, reading from the same song sheet
- Meeting environmental goals, the City and Community needs to work together
- The Local Environment Strategy must meet the objectives of the Community Strategic Plan
- Advancement of awareness relating to environment.

Aims

- An avenue to follow
- An integrated approach, operating at a higher level so that existing documents are integration with no duplication.
- Living document, that is constantly updated and referred to
- Works on specific issues, such as Pioneer Park and contaminated sites

- The Plan must be robust.
- Must engage the community, include education as a significant part
- Needs a plan to implement
- Build a structure, to help Council to build leadership in the environmental area.
- Make existing strategies operational

Definitions

Policy – City’s statement of position

Strategy – City’s statement of delivery and built into the organisations budgets and plans

Actions – Built into the City’s business KPIs and Budgets

Program and projects resourced and reported on annually

Levels of Planning

Levels are:

Kalamunda Community Plan

Local Planning Strategy

Local Environment Strategy

Local Biodiversity Strategy 2008 – Waste Strategy 2017

Legal and Operational Frameworks

Local Government Act 1995

Environmental Protection Act

Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act

Contaminated Sites Act 2003

Wildlife Conservation Act

Operational mechanisms

Local Laws provide the regulations and controls

What’s in the Local Environment Strategy

4 Objectives from the Strategic Plan:

1. Improving environmental values
2. Achieving environmental sustainability
3. Reduce the amount of waste produced
4. Ensure contaminated sites are safe and managed

Focus on where the City has control – needs to be communicated to the community

Vegetation protection – protection of trees on private property

Social and cultural awareness

Articulate the values of trees to ensure protection

Valuing the landscape/natural environment

Erosion and water sensitive urban design

Need for tangible examples in the Strategy/Plan

Access to environmental areas/tourism, for education and tourism

Managing human activity impacts on bushland.

Education and engagement with younger people in particular

Actions

Tree cover/tree canopy

Biodiversity

Resource Usage

What is unique to the City of Kalamunda. What do we particularly value

Ownership – Public/Private

Engaged Community

Biodiversity/Trees

Protection – Private and Public Land

Education regarding value of vegetation/ecosystems

Preservation – caution for private land sterilisation

Enhancement – managing. Offsetting. Regeneration

Regulatory controls

Discussion paper – statement of position

Local Biodiversity Strategy

Creative Resource Usage - Water

Management of runoff

Capture of water at source management and managing pollution

Improved technology for renewal of infrastructure – drainage

Capture and reuse of water resources

Use of waste as a resource – water, waste recovery

Leadership – Buildings, water, energy use, pollution, efficiencies, re-use

Development incentives

Education

Water erosion and pollution

Engaged community & (ownership) responsibility

Planning decisions for private land

Ownership of private land is diluted by development and lack of responsibility

Creative planning solutions to achieve better environmental outcomes

Friends Groups Key Stakeholders

Articulating objectives through to delivery and community partnerships/engagement

Improve verge management strategy – permissible treatments

Other Stakeholders

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

Australian Early Development Index (ADI)

Financial Policy

Developers

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation – Environmental Protection Act

Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions – Biodiversity

Conservation Act 2016

Elected Members – Committee of Council

Timeframe

Local Environment Strategy developed and approved by the 30 June 2018

Prioritising of Actions is now required, to decide on the most important actions

Resolution

That the documented ideas and notes from this meeting be refined and resolved at the next meeting of the Kalamunda Environmental Advisory Committee.

6.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER

7.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
28 September 2017

8.0 CLOSURE