



MINUTES

KALAMUNDA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6PM THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2018 OPERATIONS CENTRE, 10 RAYMOND ROAD, WALLISTON

1.0	<p>OPENING OF MEETING – Presiding Member</p> <p>The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 6:04pm</p>																								
2.0	<p>ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES - Presiding Member</p> <p>Attendance <u>Committee Members</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Kevin Goss</td> <td>Presiding Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Schilling</td> <td>Deputy Presiding Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alison McGilvray</td> <td>Community Representative</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor Cameron Blair</td> <td>Councillor Delegate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Forrest</td> <td>Community Representative</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Victoria Laurie</td> <td>Community Representative</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rupert Duckworth</td> <td>Community Representative</td> </tr> </table> <p>Staff</p> <table> <tr> <td>Dallas Lynch</td> <td>Coordinator Natural Areas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joanne Smith</td> <td>Manager Parks & Environmental Services</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brett Byfield</td> <td>KEAC Support Officer</td> </tr> </table> <p>Apologies</p> <table> <tr> <td>Councillor Brooke O'Donnell</td> <td>Councillor Delegate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor Sara Lohmeyer</td> <td>Councillor Delegate</td> </tr> </table>	Kevin Goss	Presiding Member	Mark Schilling	Deputy Presiding Member	Alison McGilvray	Community Representative	Councillor Cameron Blair	Councillor Delegate	Peter Forrest	Community Representative	Victoria Laurie	Community Representative	Rupert Duckworth	Community Representative	Dallas Lynch	Coordinator Natural Areas	Joanne Smith	Manager Parks & Environmental Services	Brett Byfield	KEAC Support Officer	Councillor Brooke O'Donnell	Councillor Delegate	Councillor Sara Lohmeyer	Councillor Delegate
Kevin Goss	Presiding Member																								
Mark Schilling	Deputy Presiding Member																								
Alison McGilvray	Community Representative																								
Councillor Cameron Blair	Councillor Delegate																								
Peter Forrest	Community Representative																								
Victoria Laurie	Community Representative																								
Rupert Duckworth	Community Representative																								
Dallas Lynch	Coordinator Natural Areas																								
Joanne Smith	Manager Parks & Environmental Services																								
Brett Byfield	KEAC Support Officer																								
Councillor Brooke O'Donnell	Councillor Delegate																								
Councillor Sara Lohmeyer	Councillor Delegate																								
3.0	<p>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES <u>Committee Meeting 2 August 2018</u></p> <p>That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of KEAC held on the 2 August 2018, as published and circulated, are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p> <p>Moved: Alison Laurie Seconded: Cr Cameron Blair Voted: Unanimous</p>																								

	<p><u>Special KEAC Meeting 6 September 2018</u></p> <p>That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the 6 September 2018 be approved, with the amendment of the attendance to include Victoria Laurie as an attendee.</p> <p>Moved: Cr Cameron Blair Seconded: Victoria Laurie Voted: Unanimous</p> <p><u>Special KEAC Meeting 4 October 2018</u></p> <p>That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the 4 October 2018 be approved, with the amendment of the attendance to include Victoria Laurie as an attendee.</p> <p>Moved: Alison McGilvray Seconded: Mark Schilling Voted: Unanimous</p>
4.0	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS
4.1	<p>Disclosure of Financial and Proximity Interests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Members must disclose the nature of their interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting. (Section 5.65 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>) 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 <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>) <p>Nil</p>
4.2	<p>Disclosure of Interest Affecting Impartiality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Nil</p>
5.0	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Nil</p>
6.0	<p>ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION – Presiding Member</p> <p>Nil</p>
6.1	<p>LOCAL ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY</p> <p><u>Background</u> At the KEAC special meeting of 4 October, members considered the draft document without graphics, to be presented to Council at the Strategic Briefing Session of 13th November for release for public comment.</p> <p><u>Detail</u> During the comment period officers of the City will further detail the action planning and progress reporting through 2 workshops. Feedback from community, officers</p>

and KEAC members will be reviewed for the final document to be considered for adoption by Council. Key stakeholders to be engaged during the public comment period, include schools and state agencies. Therefore, it is anticipated that the strategy will be forwarded to Council from the following KEAC meeting in February 2019.

Member Comment

Discussion noted that the Local Environment Strategy is on the Public Briefing Agenda for Tuesday 13 November 2018. A significant amount of feedback has been included in the Local Environment Strategy. It was noted that if the LES is approved at the Ordinary Council Meeting in November, it will then have internal workshops as well as being advertised to the public. The LES would then be returned to KEAC on the 2 February 2019.

There was concern that the graphics are not included in the document; that it will be publicly released as a text document. The meeting agreed that graphics are a significant part of the Local Environment Strategy. Members were concerned that the draft as presented will not communicate adequately to the community and that there will be a loss of impact. Members suggested that release of the document be delayed until graphics have been added to the document.

Resolution

THAT KEAC recommends that:

1. The document should be released in its graphically complete draft form, with those graphics reflecting that it is a community contributed document.
2. KEAC members are ready to participate in the development of the graphical design.
3. The Chair and Deputy Chair will submit this recommendation to the CEO.

Moved: Victoria Laurie
Seconded: Peter Forrest
Vote: Unanimous

6.2

Environmental and Land Use Planning Strategy (ELUPS)

Background

This strategy will be an informing document to the City’s Local Planning Strategy, and the draft was released for public comment at the 25 September 2018 OCM. Officers presented an overview of the strategy to members at the 4 October committee meeting and invited KEAC to prepare a submission.

Details

KEAC formed a working group of three (M Schilling, K Goss, Cr S Lohmeyer), with the support of a City Planning Officer, to prepare a draft submission for the draft ELUPS (Attachment 1). Other members of KEAC were requested to provide their comments to the working group.

A working group paper with suggested recommendations was distributed before the meeting and discussed. However, the meeting felt that more work could be

done to bring together this interim report, a separate paper by Peter Forrest tabled at the meeting, and internal advice from Parks & Environment.

Resolution

KEAC resolves that the KEAC Working Group re-convenes with Planning Staff and the Manager Parks & Environment and Peter Forrest to work through the Working Group's initial report, and Peter Forrest's submission tabled at KEAC, for consideration for the final version of ELUPS.

Moved: Peter Forrest
Seconded: Cr Cameron Blair
Vote: Unanimous

6.3

LOCAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

Background

The City has included the review of the 2008 Local Biodiversity Strategy for completion in the current 2018-2019 year. At the KEAC meeting of 6 September and 4 October, an update was provided to members outlining the progress of data collection and local natural area assessments to support this document review. Across the current management plan review of the City's 400 managed reserves, around 200 include local natural areas and 160 reserves are considered to be in good to excellent environmental condition.

Detail

Officers provided an update on the project's progress and the scope for the next stage consultant engagement to revise and update the Local Biodiversity Strategy Document.

Member Comment

The meeting noted that planning is now underway for the review of the Local Biodiversity Strategy, as described in the project plan distributed beforehand. The Local Natural Areas will be the focus of the review, mostly those managed by the City while acknowledging that natural areas exist on private property and other lands. Mechanisms for protection of biodiversity will be included.

The review of the Local Biodiversity Strategy will bring to the fore an inventory of Local Natural Areas, including a prioritisation of works for protection.

Members noted that the Local Biodiversity Strategy will be heavily scrutinised by the community, as significant input was provided to the document in the past and its updating has been long expected. Targeted workshops could be used to consider the Biodiversity Strategy. It was suggested that a six week consultation period would not be long enough. Workshops are planned in February.

Recommendation

KEAC noted the Local Biodiversity Strategy review project plan; was pleased with the quality of the planning for the next review phase and that this was brought early to KEAC.

6.4

FOX TRAPPINGDetails

Subsequent to the KEAC meeting of 2 August:

- The motion before Council to suspend fox trapping and conduct a review lapsed;
- The fox trapping program resumed as planned and went its full course;
- KEAC's request to form a review working group with City Officers still stands; and
- KEAC has agreed that Mark Schilling and Kevin Goss join this working group.

With the fox trapping program completed for 2018, there is time to do this review before decisions and planning for 2019.

As reported to the 4 October 2018 KEAC meeting:

- At the joint KEAC-Mundaring Environment Advisory Committee discussion on 24 June, it was agreed that KEAC would at least share its gathered information with MEAC, and that the two committees consider a cooperative program in the vicinity of the shared border of the two Councils; and
- Mark Schilling gained relevant information from attending an EMRC Feral Animal Control Workshop on 18 August, with Eddie Juras, an experienced feral animal control contractor, as the speaker.

After that meeting KEAC's Working Group of Mark Schilling, Kevin Goss and Dallas Lynch met and:

- Received background information and in particular the results of the City's community survey and coordinated feedback from the Bickley community concerned with poultry losses; and
- Scoped a process of information gathering, supported by interviews with technical experts and Mundaring Shire representatives.

Member Comment

The working group:

- noted that there is overwhelming support for a fox trapping program with the proviso that humane standards are met;
- agreed that for a larger fox management program to succeed it would need to be linked to fox control on State lands, in the Mundaring Shire and possibly on private land; and
- resolved to consult and work further on what a more strategic program might look like, for KEAC consideration.

The Coordinator Natural Areas provided a presentation on the KEAC Fox Control Working Group.

Resolution

	<p>The KEAC noted progress of the working group on fox trapping, with a recommended fox management program to be brought back to its next meeting.</p>
<p>6.5</p>	<p>VEGETATION DISCUSSION PAPER</p> <p><u>Background</u> At the 4 October KEAC Special meeting, the working group had committed to presenting their draft paper at 8th November for member review and comment.</p> <p><u>Detail</u> Due to other commitments the working group have not finalised the paper in readiness for this meeting, but have arranged for the paper to be completed in the following week. It is proposed that the paper is circulated by email for review and collation in readiness for the following KEAC meeting of 7 February 2019.</p> <p><u>Member comment</u> The meeting agreed that a Planning Officer attend the next KEAC meeting, to hear working group’s comments on protection of trees on private property</p> <p><u>For discussion</u> KEAC noted that the working group will provide a paper for review in the next KEAC meeting.</p>
<p>6.6</p>	<p>KEAC PERFORMANCE</p> <p><u>Member Comment</u> At the mid-term point for the current KEAC, members requested from the KEAC member Councillors how they saw KEAC’s performance with regard to meeting their needs for timely and relevant advice on environmental matters.</p> <p>It was noted that the Public Briefing Meeting allows for improved discussion over the Ordinary Council Meeting. Strategy Sessions of Council could be an opportunity to discuss KEAC’s role, while also advocating for the Local Environment Strategy.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u> That KEAC resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To strengthen its involvement in providing advice to Council, KEAC will seek to brief Council at Public Briefing Sessions on items coming out of KEAC. 2. To have one session in the Council’s Strategy Session to receive feedback on KEAC’s role, and how it can best serve Council’s needs. <p>Moved: Peter Forrest Seconded: Cr Cameron Blair Vote: Unanimous</p>

<p>7.0</p>	<p>URGENT BUSINESS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER</p>
<p>7.1</p>	<p>SCHMITT ROAD</p> <p><u>Member Comment</u> This is a significant piece of bushland, and it is disappointing that there has already been a loss of Sheoaks. Members queried what mechanisms are in place to protect the area.</p> <p>The Manager Parks & Environment noted that there was a public gathering, at the Bibbulmun track terminus with the City’s CEO and the local MP for Kalamunda attending. The sale of the land has currently been stopped. There has been no change to the previous KEAC update at this point.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>THAT KEAC:</p> <p>Following the KEAC 6 September 2018 resolution on Schmitt Road, KEAC notes the strong advocacy of Council, and strongly endorses its actions.</p> <p>Moved: Victoria Laurie Seconded: Alison McGilvrae Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>7.2</p>	<p>Maddington Kenwick Strategic Employment Area (MKSEA)</p> <p><u>Member Comment</u> KEAC was advised of concerns with widespread clearing and hydrological impact of landfill in that part of the MKSEA called the Kalamunda Wedge. At this late stage in the planning process individual members were invited to provide their comment on the Kalamunda Wedge in the advertised Design Guidelines.</p>
<p>7.3</p>	<p>Tourism Strategy Workshops</p> <p><u>Member Comment</u> Members discussed their attendance at the Tourism Strategy Workshops; all members noted enthusiasm from attendees and that a number of worthwhile ideas came from them.</p>
<p>8.0</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>6:00pm Thursday 7 February 2019</p>
<p>9.0</p>	<p>CLOSURE 8:48pm</p>