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**KALAMUNDA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Special Meeting 6PM WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2020
OPERATIONS CENTRE, 10 RAYMOND ROAD, WALLISTON**

<p>1.0</p>	<p>OPENING OF MEETING at 6pm – Presiding Member Welcome and purpose: This Special Meeting’s purpose is for the discussion and review of the Local Biodiversity Strategy and the Urban Forest Strategy.</p>																																
<p>2.0</p>	<p>ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES - Presiding Member</p> <p><u>Committee Members</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Kevin Goss</td> <td>Presiding Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Victoria Laurie</td> <td>Deputy Presiding Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rupert Duckworth</td> <td>Community Representative</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Schilling</td> <td>Community Representative (Arrived at 6:22)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Forrest</td> <td>Community Representative</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Holly Bradley</td> <td>Community Representative</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cara Sheppard</td> <td>Community Representative (via Teams)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cr Janelle Sewell</td> <td>Council Delegate (Departed at 6:52)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cr Kathy Ritchie</td> <td>Council Delegate</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Guests</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Renata Zelinova</td> <td>Consultant for Local Biodiversity Study</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Staff</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Brett Jackson</td> <td>Director Asset Services (Departed at 6:22pm)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dallas Lynch</td> <td>Coordinator Natural Areas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rod Strang</td> <td>Manager Parks & Environmental Services</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brett Byfield</td> <td>KEAC Support Officer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stephanie Brokenshire</td> <td>Strategic Planning Officer</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Apologies</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Cr Brooke O’Donnell</td> <td>Council Delegate</td> </tr> </table>	Kevin Goss	Presiding Member	Victoria Laurie	Deputy Presiding Member	Rupert Duckworth	Community Representative	Mark Schilling	Community Representative (Arrived at 6:22)	Peter Forrest	Community Representative	Holly Bradley	Community Representative	Cara Sheppard	Community Representative (via Teams)	Cr Janelle Sewell	Council Delegate (Departed at 6:52)	Cr Kathy Ritchie	Council Delegate	Renata Zelinova	Consultant for Local Biodiversity Study	Brett Jackson	Director Asset Services (Departed at 6:22pm)	Dallas Lynch	Coordinator Natural Areas	Rod Strang	Manager Parks & Environmental Services	Brett Byfield	KEAC Support Officer	Stephanie Brokenshire	Strategic Planning Officer	Cr Brooke O’Donnell	Council Delegate
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<p>4.1</p>	<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>
<p>4.2</p>	<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>
<p>5.0</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION – Presiding Member</p>
<p>6.1</p>	<p>URBAN FOREST STRATEGY</p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>At the Ordinary Meeting of KEAC on the 16th July 2020, KEAC considered an initial version of the Draft Urban Forest Strategy with the following recommendation: <i>KEAC recommends the Draft Urban Forest Strategy is submitted to Council for consideration in August subject to the changes discussed at tonight's Ordinary Meeting and subject to the final draft being to the satisfaction of the working group including the two KEAC representatives.</i></p> <p><u>Details</u></p> <p>The Urban Forest Strategy Working Group, members being Victoria Laurie and Mark Schilling, reviewed the document in detail, with targets being of particular interest. The Coordinator Natural Areas noted that a significant amount of text was provided by Working Group members, and there were some changes to strategies and actions due to feedback provided.</p> <p>Stephanie Brokenshire was introduced to help with planning process queries relating to the Urban Forest Strategy and the Biodiversity Strategy.</p> <p>Staff noted that they were pleased with the work provided by the consultant, and with the support of KEAC</p>



The Urban Forest Strategy will be submitted to Council for approval to be put out for comment in the coming months. The final recommendation from KEAC will be submitted to Council with the document.

Members discussed the Urban Forest Strategy, with the most significant area of concern being the requirement for more definite and ambitious timelines. Images in the current draft will not necessarily be in the final draft. The Local Environment Strategy (LES) was adopted by Council for advertising on its text, with the understanding that formatting and images were still being finalised. The Urban Forest Strategy will be adopted in a similar manner. A detailed analysis of each Section was undertaken by KEAC members. A number of areas for rewording were recommended.

There was significant discussion on actions, KPIs, resources, and how they can be brought together, rather than kept in separate documents, so that there is an overall picture of requirements for resourcing to meet goals. It was recommended that with goals, it should always state the year to be completed, rather than having a statement of complete within two years etc, to ensure that there is context as the document ages.

The Manager Parks & Environment noted that from the LES, Local Biodiversity Strategy, and Urban Forest Strategy, a number of Masterplans would be created, including a Street Tree Masterplan. These would increase the detail and add additional actions.

Resolutions

Resolution one

That KEAC recommends the Urban Forest Strategy be presented to Council for advertising to the community, subject to further editorial changes and with the "Implementation Implications" column being removed from the Action Plan.

Resolution two

That KEAC observes that there are now several environmental strategies adopted or being developed for adoption, that together add to complexity and resourcing demands for the City and its residents. KEAC recommends that this is best addressed with an overarching explanatory statement of how the strategies work together, and an investigation into their resourcing demands to be fully implemented.

Moved: Mark Schilling
 Seconded: Victoria Laurie

Carried Unanimously



<p>6.2</p>	<p>LOCAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY (LBS)</p> <p><u>Background</u> KEAC received and discussed a presentation on elements of the Local Biodiversity Strategy, including updated mapping, at its Ordinary Meeting on 16th July 2020.</p> <p><u>Details</u> The draft Local Biodiversity Strategy was presented to KEAC for discussion. The consultant that had developed the Local Biodiversity Strategy with staff, Renata Zelinova, provided the presentation.</p> <p>The Coordinator Natural Environment noted that the Local Biodiversity Strategy is a data driven, and very comprehensive document, that is envisioned to be used heavily by staff in both planning and operational decisions on reserves. Members congratulated Renata on the work done on the Biodiversity Strategy. It was noted that it is a very dense document, that will require an executive summary that points to the most important aspects.</p> <p>It was noted that the document has a set of very strong targets, and that it also reviews how not all actions from the original Local Biodiversity Strategy were achieved. The review was considered by members to be a useful call to action, to show the loss of vegetation since 2008.</p> <p>Members were concerned that the Maps are too small scale in the document, however it was noted that there is mapping capabilities available online. There are some issues with ranking of reserves, where reserves in Forrestfield had significantly higher rankings due to being in built up areas without reaching other criteria.</p> <p><u>Summary</u> KEAC is prepared to recommend in principle that the Local Biodiversity strategy be submitted to Council, once it has been reviewed and discussed by staff. The final recommendation is deferred to the KEAC meeting in October 2020.</p>
<p>7.0</p>	<p>URGENT BUSINESS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER</p>
<p>8.0</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING 15 October 2020: Ordinary Meeting</p>
<p>9.0</p>	<p>CLOSURE 9:25pm</p>