



## MINUTES

### KALAMUNDA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6PM THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

#### OPERATIONS CENTRE BOARDROOM 10 Raymond Road Walliston

**1.0 OPENING OF MEETING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS –**  
Deputy Chairperson

In the absence of the Presiding Member, Mark Schilling – Deputy Chairperson opened the meeting at 6:01 pm and welcomed Committee Members and Staff. The Deputy also acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, the Whadjuk Noongar people.

**2.0 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES – Presiding Member**

**Committee Members**

Mark Schilling	Deputy Chairperson
Cr Kathy Ritchie	Councillor Delegate
Mick Davis	Community Representative
Peter Forrest	Community Representative
Holly Bradley	Community Representative

**Staff**

Brett Jackson	Director Asset Services
Rod Strang	Manager Parks & Environmental Services
Chris Lodge	Manager Strategic Planning (left 7pm)
Dallas Lynch	Coordinator Natural Areas
Carli O'Brien	Environmental Planner (left 7pm)
Janine Morton	KEAC Support Officer

**Apologies**

Victoria Laurie	Presiding Member
Cr Janelle Sewell	Councillor Delegate
Cara Sheppard	Community Representative
Rupert Duckworth	Community Representative



### 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Committee Meeting 22 July 2021

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Committee Meeting of KEAC held on the 22 July 2021 as published and circulated, are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Mick Davis  
 Seconded: Holly Bradley  
 Voted: Carried Unanimously

### 4.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

#### 4.1 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

#### 4.2 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

### 5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Deputy Chairperson read through correspondence received via KEAC on Containers for Change from a student, Lily Gould (Helena College) who wishes to have a deposit site in the City of Kalamunda.

Brett Jackson advised that the City had received this enquiry. It involves the use of a trailer as a deposit point in Kalamunda, Lily Gould will be utilising this as a fundraiser for her school, Helena College. Mandy Skeates (Manager Economic & Cultural Services) has agreed in principle to this request and is writing up an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) accordingly. As part of this MOU, Lily Gould needs to provide an ID number to be a registered donation point with WA Return Recycle Renew Ltd.

#### Resolution

KEAC acknowledge the actions and interest of Miss Gould in local environmental sustainability activities.

Moved: Mark Schilling  
 Seconded: Holly Bradley  
 Voted: Carried Unanimously



**6.0 ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION – Deputy Chairperson**

**6.1 Draft Local Planning Policy 33 - Trees Retention - Adoption for the Purposes of Public Advertising**

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 September 2021, the Draft Local Planning Policy 33 for Advertising was endorsed by Council. Chris Lodge, Manager Strategic Planning attended the KEAC to answer any questions that need further clarification on the Draft policy.

Question 1

- The Deputy Chairperson asked to be provided with some background to the two trees replacement per removal of one tree-of-value versus another number as per the debate at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 September.

Response

- Chris Lodge introduced Carli O'Brien who is the City's new Environmental Planner and briefly explained her role.
- Chris Lodge explained how the two for one ratio was arrived at referencing the tree valuation methodology used by City of Melbourne along with consideration to State and Commonwealth offsets.

Question 2

- Post LPP-33 coming into effect, if a member of the public sees a tree being removed, how would they be able to check to see if it is an approved removal?

Response

- Chris Lodge explained that any complaints need to be notified to the City in writing and will be processed through the compliance department. General advice would be given initially and then at the conclusion of the investigation due to confidentiality.

Further Questions Raised:

- Mick Davis - How much to grow as to how much removed. Refer to data available, i.e. City of Melbourne. Can the two for one be revised in the future, dependent upon success?
  - Chris Lodge responded to say that there is no relevant data available as yet - mentioned the UFS. Advised that policies are reviewed every two years.
- Cr Kathy Ritchie reiterated that KEAC recommended to Council back in 2019 that tree retention should be a scheme amendment and not a policy.
  - Mark Schilling responded that the KEAC recommendation to Council was the wording in ELUPS for the protection of trees be a 'policy or a scheme amendment' but Council approved 'policy' only to protect vegetation on private land therefore the current situation does not allow an option.



- Mark Schilling asked where do the trees as per the Tree Requirements Table 1.1 go?
  - Chris Lodge advised that this would be managed through the conditions of planning approval or subdivision to which broad conditions apply. Replanting of trees would be 90L (~2-3m high dependent upon species). These are to be maintained for two years. If no space available in the development, then a monetary payment of \$600/tree would be considered for the City to plant the tree (on council managed land) and maintained for two years.
- Peter Forrest – brought up the cost.
  - Brett Jackson clarified the \$ value and reiterated how this works as follows: “Where it can be demonstrated there are insufficient suitable locations for retention or planting on site to achieve the requirements of this Policy, the City may consider a \$600 payment per tree worthy of retention (required to be planted), to go to a reserve fund for planting an offset tree either on the immediately adjacent verge or within the locality of the development.”
- Deputy Chairperson raised the question of who is ultimately responsible for the replacement tree?
  - Chris Lodge responded that the owner of the property takes responsibility in the first instance, i.e. clear felling of the land. Once developer sold the property then the new owner would inherit the responsibility of the replanting and maintenance.
- Mick Davis expressed the opportunity to consider purchase of trees and treat as a valuable asset instead of a liability. For future thought.

#### Resolution

It was resolved that KEAC recommends Council:

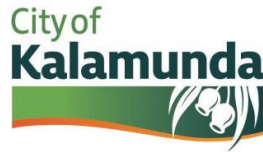
1. Commend the City on progressing this matter as an outcome of Environmental Land Use Planning Strategy (ELUPS).
2. Endorse the Draft Local Planning Policy 33 – Tree Retention – Adoption for the Purposes of Public Advertising.
3. Recommend that the City undertake a review in two years of the survival and growth rates of the tree replacements as part of a review of the tree replacement criteria.

Moved: Mick Davis

Seconded: Holly Bradley

For: Mark Schilling, Cr Kathy Ritchie, Mick Davis, Holly Bradley

Against: Peter Forrest



### **Committee Terms of Reference**

#### Background

Brett Jackson presented the revised Terms of Reference (TOR) for the renamed Kalamunda Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee (KESAC).

The City undertook a full review of all existing Advisory Committees which included reduced membership numbers and specific functions to allow for consistency in all the Advisory Committees.

Brett Jackson referred the Committee to specific items in the TOR for discussion.

#### Discussion

The Committee discussed mainly the revised number of members, suggesting that maybe five community members instead of four, to enable a quorum of three could then be achieved and to spread the work load when working groups are formed to develop discussion papers for presentation to the committee. Cr Kathy Ritchie took this onboard for debate at the 12 October Ordinary Council Meeting when this report will be re-presented to Council for adoption.

### **6.3 Climate Change Action Plan**

The City will be undertaking initial community consultation to identify specific actions that will form part of the City's Climate Change Action Plan.

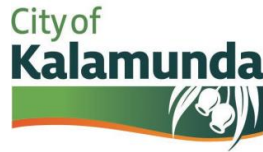
Brett Jackson provided the group with a copy of the Climate Change Action Plan survey, which will seek feedback from the community as to their position on Climate Change and identify actions needed to address the risk to their environment, economy, infrastructure, community health, safety and well-being. This will aid in the development of the Action Plan.

Once the information from the survey is collated, the development of the Action Plan will commence. Findings will then be presented to Council with reference to KESAC.

KEAC noted the update from Brett Jackson and that the survey presented will be opened for community consultation on 1 October 2021.

### **6.4 Local Environment Strategy – Environment in all Policies**

KEAC to provide council with a discussion paper regarding the application of "environment in all policies" approach to policy development.



The Deputy Chairperson presented his own discussion paper to the Committee and suggested that the paper be sent to the next terms committee member's for review prior to the first meeting.

This item will be carried forward to the new Advisory Committee and tabled accordingly in the next Agenda.

#### Discussion

- Mick Davis – agreed that this was a good starting point.
- KR – thanked Mark and asked that this be referred to KESAC for review and progressed.

#### Motion

Cr Kathy Ritchie thanked Mark Schilling for this work and asked that his paper be referred to KESAC for review and progression.

Moved: Cr Kathy Ritchie  
Seconded: Holly Bradley  
Voted: Carried Unanimously

### **6.5 Fox Control**

Mark Schilling contacted Brett Jackson and asked if the City could provide an update on fox control within the City.

#### Update

Dallas Lynch provided the following update:

Current fox trapping strategy is based upon resident reports of fox activity and whether that fox activity occurs within or adjacent to City reserves where trapping can occur. Reports from April 2021-August 2021 came from residents in Lesmurdie (adjacent Mundy Regional Park), Gooseberry Hill (adjacent Gooseberry Hill and Kalamunda National Parks) and Bickley.

The sites are similar to reports of the previous year and correlate with the movement of foxes between the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) managed reserves which are not part of the Western Shield baiting program. It is understood from previous investigation that there will always be a movement of foxes from these areas into the areas where foxes are removed. However, the City will continue to work with DBCA to control foxes in these areas. In the previous years the City has coordinated efforts with DBCA to increase the area where the contractor undertakes control effort. The contractor will monitor and trap on both DBCA land and City managed reserves. The City will liaise with DBCA and value add to any trapping they are undertaking this season.



**7.0 KALAMUNDA CLEAN AND GREEN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY – PROGRESS REPORT**

A status update on actions contained within the Local Environment Strategy was provided to the Committee with the Agenda.

No queries – were raised by the Committee.

**8.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER**

No urgent business.

**9.0 APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION – ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Brett Jackson was due to provide an update on the City's process for seeking applications for community representation on the next Advisory Committee (2021-2023). As the Item for Advisory Committees was deferred at the 28 September Ordinary Council Meeting and this not adopted, the City has not opened up applications for community members to new committees. No further information is available at this time.

**9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

As this is the final session of KEAC for its current term, the date of next meeting will be advised by the City of Kalamunda.

The Deputy Chairperson thanked the Committee and staff members for their efforts. Due to the absence of the Presiding Member, the Deputy read out her President's Report for the term to the Committee.

**10.0 CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at 8:31 pm.