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Kalamunda Environmental & Sustainability Advisory Committee

6pm Thursday 3 August 2023
 Function Room – City of Kalamunda
 2 Railway Road, Kalamunda

1.	<p>Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners – Presiding Member The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 6:01 pm.</p>																						
2.	<p>Attendance and Apologies – Presiding Member</p> <p>Attendance</p> <p><u>Committee Members</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Victoria Laurie</td> <td>Presiding Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cr Kathy Ritchie</td> <td>Deputy Presiding Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Schilling</td> <td>Community Representative</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mick Davis</td> <td>Community Representative</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Forrest</td> <td>Community Representative</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Staff</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Sinead McGuire</td> <td>Director Asset Services</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Lodge</td> <td>Manager Strategic Planning</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carli O'Brien</td> <td>Environmental Planner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Janine Morton</td> <td>KESAC Support Officer</td> </tr> </table> <p>Apologies</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Rupert Duckworth</td> <td>Community Representative</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bill Bateman</td> <td>Professional Expert Representative</td> </tr> </table>	Victoria Laurie	Presiding Member	Cr Kathy Ritchie	Deputy Presiding Member	Mark Schilling	Community Representative	Mick Davis	Community Representative	Peter Forrest	Community Representative	Sinead McGuire	Director Asset Services	Chris Lodge	Manager Strategic Planning	Carli O'Brien	Environmental Planner	Janine Morton	KESAC Support Officer	Rupert Duckworth	Community Representative	Bill Bateman	Professional Expert Representative
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3.	<p>Confirmation of Minutes</p> <p>Committee Meeting of 6 July 2023</p> <p>That the Minutes of the Ordinary Committee Meeting of KESAC held on the 6 July 2023 as published and circulated, are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p> <p>Moved: Cr Kathy Ritchie Seconded: Peter Forrest Voted: Carried Unanimously</p>																						
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4.1	<p><u>Disclosure of Financial and Proximity Interests</u></p> <p>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>).</p> <p>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>																						



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4.2	<p><u>Disclosure of Interest Affecting Impartiality</u></p> <p>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> <p>Late disclosure during Item 6.1 discussion in that Vicki Laurie, Mick Davis and Peter Forrest declared impartiality as being members of the Nature Reserves Preservation Group Inc. (NRPG).</p>
5.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Nil</p>
6.	<p>Items for Committee Consideration</p>
6.1	<p><u>Local Biodiversity Strategy</u> – Feedback/comments on circulated Draft.</p> <p>The Presiding Member began with the purpose of this meeting stating it was to review the feedback from the members to enable endorsement of the Draft Local Biodiversity Strategy (LBS) for public advertising. The meeting was then opened up to the committee members for their further feedback and comments on the updated draft LBS.</p> <p>The main points out of the discussion noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Map insertions. ▪ Further clarification required on the spatial data provided by the consultant. ▪ Place names of reserves have now been included. ▪ Actions to be aligned with SMART framework and removal of passive verbs where practicable. ▪ Request that some diagrams be inserted to hold the interest of the community within the summary. ▪ Highlight the top five biodiversity conservation areas identified into the summary. <p>Other key points were summarised by the City which were received in advance and the group ran through and acknowledged:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formatting, grammar, typos. ▪ Improve language ▪ Actions need tightening up- specific and measurable. ▪ Clarification/ update of some technical information- e.g. ecoregion, bioregion. ▪ Retain and Protect is the most important goal and should appear first (before Investigate). ▪ Rephrase “Engage” Focus area to “Grow Knowledge and Culture”. ▪ LBS to identify key elements of the LBS to use in 'Live' reporting- what will be measured.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Still excessively ‘academic’ and theoretical, using language that will discourage readership by our local residents. ▪ Suggest- invite the Mayor herself to discuss and write her own message in more engaging language. <p>The Presiding Member complimented Chris Lodge and Carli O’Brien on their professionalism in producing this document.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>That KESAC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the Draft Local Biodiversity Strategy subject to matters raised by the committee and subject to minor changes. 2. Request to receive a copy of the final Draft Local Biodiversity Strategy prior to the finalisation of the Council report for adoption. 3. Appreciates and acknowledges the work of City officers in producing and progressing the draft Local Biodiversity Strategy. <p>Moved: Mick Davis Seconded: Victoria Laurie Voted: Carried Unanimously</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Urgent Business with the Approval of the Deputy Presiding Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Presiding Member thanked the Committee for their work over this term and also the City officers for their efforts. ▪ The Deputy Presiding Member, on behalf of the Council, thanked the Committee and City officers also for their efforts. ▪ As requested by the Presiding Member at the meeting of 6 July, the Director Asset Services advised KESAC that two environmental roles are currently advertised, namely Education & Engagement Officer – Natural Areas and the Bush Care Officer. ▪ Mick Davis – introduced the NRP’s Phascogale (Walli) which will be used as an educational tool by the City. Also noted that Saving Native Species Priority Species Grant Rounds are now available, this would be good for cockatoos in the City’s reserves. The Director Asset Services acknowledged that this has been shared with the City. NRP are celebrating over 30 years of local landcare - an invite to this celebration has been circulated to the City.



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8.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>As this is the final session of KESAC for its current term, the date of the next meeting will be advised by the City of Kalamunda.</p>
9.	<p>Closure</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7:43pm.</p>

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