

MINUTES

KALAMUNDA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**6PM THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2020
OPERATIONS CENTRE BOARDROOM
10 Raymond Rd Walliston**

1.0 OPENING OF MEETING – Presiding Member

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 6:02pm, and noted that it was the 31st meeting of KEAC in its current form.

2.0 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES – Presiding Member

Attendance

Committee Members

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| Kevin Goss | Presiding Member |
| Victoria Laurie | Deputy Chairperson |
| Holly Bradley | Community Representative |
| Peter Forrest | Community Representative |
| Rupert Duckworth | Community Representative |
| Mark Schilling | Community Representative |
| Cara Sheppard | Community Representative |
| Cr Janelle Sewell | Councillor Delegate |
| Cr Kathy Ritchie | Councillor Delegate |

Staff

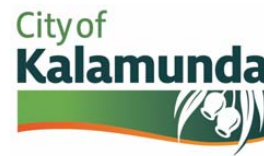
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| Brett Jackson | Director Asset Services |
| Dallas Lynch | Coordinator Natural Areas |
| Rod Strang | Manager Parks & Environmental Services |
| Brett Byfield | KEAC Support Officer |

Apologies

Nil

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Committee Meeting 16 July 2020



That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of KEAC held on the 16 July 2020 as published and circulated, are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Peter Forrest
Seconded: Cr Janelle Sewell
Voted: Unanimous

Special Committee Meeting 16 September 2020

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of KEAC held on the 16 September 2020 as published and circulated, are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Rupert Duckworth
Seconded: Victoria Laurie
Voted: Unanimous

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

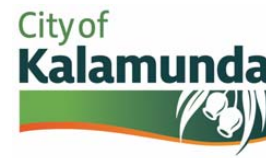
- a) Members and staff must disclose their interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting in respect of which the member or employee has given or will give advice.

Nil

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

6.0 ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION – Presiding Member



6.1 Local Biodiversity Strategy

Background

The draft Local Biodiversity Strategy was presented to KEAC for discussion at the meeting of the 16 September 2020.

KEAC was 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 was deferred to the KEAC meeting in October 2020.

Details

The Coordinator Natural Areas provided a briefing on changes to rankings, and additions relating to the summary.

Discussion

It was noted that the Executive Summary is not yet completed but has been significantly progressed. Additional consultation is occurring currently with Planning Staff, to ensure that there is a good understanding of the document, and it can fit well with planning decision making. The main area being reviewed is nature corridors where they connect through private property.

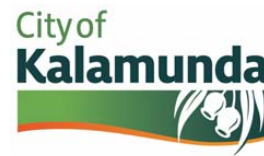
The Local Planning Strategy is currently being developed, which provides an opportunity for linking it significantly with the Local Biodiversity Strategy.

When the Local Biodiversity Strategy goes to the community, KEAC requested that the maps be very clear. Dallas noted that the maps will be very different in the final document, with a far higher degree of clarity. Accessibility in hardcopy, as well as online maps, will be provided.

Councillor Sewell and Councillor Ritchie noted that policies regarding private property are important, to provide clarity to developers and Council. One of the key actions in the document is the development of a number of planning policies. This is a longer-term goal.

There was considered to be a need for clarity on what is implicit in the actions of the Local Biodiversity Study. More detail on the expectations of the goals, what they mean, is required. Overall, KEAC considered the Local Biodiversity Strategy to be an excellent document, with strong rigour, that now requires additional development on its actions.

It was noted that biodiversity is the top priority in the Strategic Risk Register, as well as being a clear area of priority in the community consultation meetings



relating to the Community Strategic Plan. Three of the four tables considered Kalamunda Clean and Green as the number one priority.

It was recommended that KEAC Brief Council on the Strategy at a Public Briefing or OCM night. It was noted KEAC will be able to provide a further submission during the consultation period for the Local Biodiversity Strategy.

KEAC noted the significance of the work completed on the Local Biodiversity Strategy but noted the importance of a strong executive summary to make it accessible.

Recommendation

KEAC recommends that:

The draft Local Biodiversity Strategy is submitted to Council for approval for community consultation.

In making this recommendation, KEAC notes:

- This strategy has been prepared with best practice methodology and done rigorously.
- It will serve the City's planning and management needs down to a Local Natural Area level.
- The City community has high expectations that biodiversity will be retained and protected, notably in recent community consultation on the City's Community Strategic Plan and in earlier consultation on the Local Environment Strategy.
- The review of the 2008 Local Biodiversity Strategy revealed concerning inaction on its actions, and the City cannot afford for this to be repeated.

Moved: Holly Bradley

Seconded: Peter Forrest

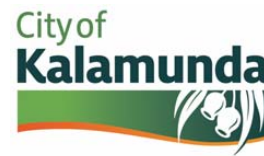
Voted: Unanimous

6.2 Draft Non-Potable Action Plan

Background

The Council considered the draft plan at its 23 June 2020 Ordinary Meeting, and resolved to:

- note the Draft Non-Potable Water Action Plan (Plan);
- refer the Draft Non-Potable Water Action Plan to the Kalamunda Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAC) for comment;
- refer any material recommendations to the Plan made by KEAC to Council before proceeding further; and



- undertake community consultation on the Plan, subject to no material changes recommended by KEAC to the Plan.

Discussion

The main issue facing the City of Kalamunda is that playing fields shouldn't be irrigated with drinking water, and currently Ray Owen and Kostera Oval are both irrigated in this method. To resolve this issue, a recommendation of the Non-Potable Action Plan was to bring water from the MAR in Hartfield Park up to at least Ray Owen, and potentially Kostera Oval. Piping through national park, would be over ground not trenched. It was noted that MAR in Forrestfield was a leading water project in WA.

With growing communities, and especially growth areas in the foothills, there is a need for quality community open spaces. Playing fields will be part of that.

There is the potential to use Yule Brook's excess water in another MAR project. The advantage of injecting water into the subterranean water basin is that it minimises evaporation loss. Minimising loss in irrigation, make it as efficient as possible. The concern from KEAC members was to ensure that Yule Brook would have sufficient capacity for the project, while also flushing the stream during winter. There would need to be ongoing analysis of effects downstream.

Urban Forest Strategy relates to Non-Potable Strategy, both in tree species recommended for not requiring irrigation, and for heat island effect and cooling of the landscape.

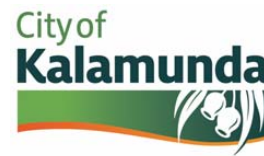
Recommendation

KEAC resolves to support the submission of the Non-Potable Strategy to Council for advertising. Care is needed to avoid effect on water dependant ecosystems. Monitoring of effect is required, to ensure downstream vegetation is not affected.

Moved: Mark Schilling
Seconded: Holly Bradley
Voted: Unanimous

6.3 Waste Plan

Background



At the Council Meeting of the 23 June 2020, the Waste Management Plan was presented. The resolution that was carried unanimously by Council was:

That Council:

1. ADOPT the City of Kalamunda Waste Plan (Attachment 2) and forward to Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for approval.
2. ADOPT a three-bin residential waste service subject to acceptable FOGO processing costs.
3. RECEIVE a subsequent report confirming the costs of the FOGO waste management process once these are known.
4. DETERMINE that the default City of Kalamunda residential waste service be:
 - a) fortnightly 240L Yellow Lidded Recycling Bin;
 - b) weekly 240L Lime Green Lidded FOGO Bin;
 - c) fortnightly 140L Red Lidded General Waste Bin;
 - d) opt-in availability at no extra cost to the resident of a 360L Recycling Bin; and
 - e) specific circumstances where the default system for residents is problematic to be treated on a case by case basis.
5. SUBMIT a funding application for further funding under the Better Bins Plus scheme to support the implementation of the three bin system.
6. PREPARE and IMPLEMENT a Community Based Communications package funded from the Waste Management Reserve.

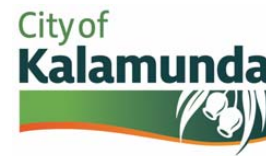
Detail

Reducing Waste is a key theme of the Local Environment Strategy, with strategies and actions to improve waste avoidance and resource recovery and to assist the community to reduce waste and litter. The Waste Plan presented to Council includes waste statistics over recent years and observes how the City is tracking to the Statewide Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy.

Discussion

A presentation on the Waste Management Plan was provided by the Director of Asset Services. The presentation showed both positive and negative trends in waste in the City of Kalamunda and its residents.

It was noted that in September 2020 DWER gave approval to the Kalamunda Waste Plan, which was significantly earlier than the deadline.



The Waste Management Plan actions and KPI's were reported back against the Local Environment Strategy. It was noted that it will be reported on throughout, with strategies and targets for managing and reducing waste

The Timetable for 3 bins is reliant on having the facilities to deal appropriately with the separated waste, which means that there cannot be 100% certainty on when 3 bins will be introduced.

In March 2021 the Waste Management Strategy will be submitted for endorsement.

KEAC noted the presentation on the Waste Management Plan

6.4 Discussion Paper on Summarising environmental strategies

Background

At the Special Meeting of 16 September 2020, KEAC observed 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 integrate and the resourcing required as an overall picture .

Discussion

KEAC members recommended that it be included in the foreword of each strategy released by the City of Kalamunda, to show how the strategy fits within the greater picture. An example raised was that it would provide context for the Industrial Strategy, to display the number of environmental strategies that surround it, so that developers have an awareness of the bigger picture.

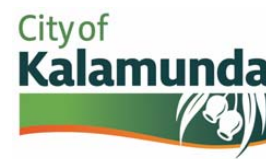
KEAC noted the discussion paper.

7.0 RESIGNATION OF THE CHAIR

Kevin Goss' resignation has been submitted to the CEO and has been reluctantly accepted.

8.0 ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

The election of the Chairperson was undertaken by the Director of Asset Services.



There were two nominations for the Chairperson role of the Kalamunda Environment Advisory Committee, Being Victoria Laurie and Mark Schilling.

A secret vote was undertaken with all members by the Director of Asset Services. Victoria Laurie was elected to the role of Chairperson.

As the Deputy Chairperson role was made vacant by Victoria Laurie being elected as Chairperson, the role required nominations.

Mark Schilling was nominated from the floor for the role of Deputy Chairperson.

Mark Schilling was elected unopposed to the role of Deputy Chairperson.

Victoria Laurie thanked Kevin Goss, the outgoing Chairperson, for his significant work, highlighting his great environmental knowledge and understanding of Council. Brett Jackson congratulated Kevin Goss on behalf of the CEO, and noted the smooth running of the Committee

Kevin Goss noted that the Committee is an independent thinking Committee that works with the Council. He has enjoyed his time on the Committee.

9.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER

9.1 Climate Emergency Declaration

The three-part report requested of KEAC has not been completed, due to interruptions caused by COVID-19. This item will be brought to the next meeting of KEAC.

9.2 Solar Farm Feasibility Study

The aims of the solar farm proposed project are to reduce costs for electricity, and reduce the City of Kalamunda's carbon footprint. The area identified as the most suitable location for a solar farm is at Pioneer Park (the section that used to be sporting grounds, not the high conservation value area), as it is owned by the City. The recommendation from the feasibility study was for a 800kw plant, starting small with the ability to expand. The main advantage is that it can connect to the Western Power network without significant infrastructure upgrades at that level of power generation.

The Committee recommended community consultation on the use at Pioneer Park. The City of Kalamunda will be requesting expressions of interest for a partner for the project.

**10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
21 January 2021**



11.0 CLOSURE