

Conservation Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting held: 25 September 2019

Bunjil Place, 7.00pm – 9.00pm

1. Statement of acknowledgement

2. Attendance and apologies

Attendees: Anthony Pietrosanto, Barbara Perkins, Ian Chisholm, Don Jewell, Jobi Petty, Kay Taranto, Linda Moon, Thelma Wakelam, Randini Dissanayake, Robin Dzedins, Michael Jansen (Council officer) and Simon King (Council officer)

Apologies: Hailey Molina and Tony Patti

3. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest

4. Round Table Introductions

Cr Rosario welcomed the Committee the 2019-2021 Term and acknowledged the appointment of four new members. Cr Rosario provided an overview of changes to the structure and format of the Committee, with a focus on providing strategic advice and recommendations to Council. The Committee acknowledging the roles of the Sub-committees in providing a platform for development of ideas and recommendations.

Committee members took turns introducing themselves and highlighting their interests and skills they bring to the Committee.

5. Workshop – Committee Priorities

Council officers conducted a workshop to identify priority and focus areas for each of the Sub-committees. Attachment 1 identifies all the topics of interest raised from the workshop.

Waste and Resource Management

- Recycling issues – Renewing public confidence in the system and improving communications (2)
- Reuse opportunities and Community Centres (2)
- Fix it Café's (1)
- Circular economy (1)
- Sustainability education for Small business (1)

Heritage

- Heritage Centre for Casey (3)
- Avoid demolition by neglect (2)
- Indigenous Heritage (2)
 - Support local protection
 - Improved education and community awareness.
- Education and signage for all heritage buildings in Casey (1)
- Develop a Heritage trail for Casey (1)
- Assistance for heritage property owners (1)

Sustainability

- Maintain Green Wedge areas within Casey (6)
- Environmental Sustainable Development requirements for Council (All) buildings (4)
- Public transport - reduce reliance on vehicles (2)
- Delivery of public transport
- Making use of public transport more attractive (1)
- Continuity of bike paths and maintenance (2)
- Regulations for ESD (1)

Natural Resource Management

- Support the delivery of environmental education for Casey's diverse community (3)
- Advocacy and support to increase tree canopy across the municipality (3)
- Delivery of the Resilient Melbourne: *Living Melbourne* (2)
- Supporting Friends/ Environmental volunteers (1)
- Support existing revegetation grant programs (1)
- Reconnecting habitats (1)
- Tree maintenance – Ensuring *Right Tree Right Place* (1)
- Investigate edible food options in public areas i.e. nature strips (1)
- Water Sensitive Urban Design (1)
- Support educational opportunities on endangered species (1)

6. Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference

Council officer provided the committee with a brief overview of the following policies as they relate to the Committee:

- Conservation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
- Advisory Committee Policy
- Code of Conduct for Volunteers
- Volunteer Participation Policy

Action: Council officers to email the relevant policies to Committee members.

7. Appointment to Sub-committees

Committee members were asked to nominate in order of preference for the following Sub-committees:

- Natural Resource management
- Sustainability
- Heritage
- Waste and Recycling

Following appointment to the Sub-committees it was identified that a number of vacancies remained, and the Committee made nominations to fill those vacancies. The final recommendations for membership to each of the Sub-committees can be found in Attachment 2.

The Committee agreed with the nominations and the following recommendation was made:

That Council endorses the appointment of community members to the four Sub-committees as nominated in Attachment 2.

Moved – Robin Dzedins

Seconded – Don Jewell

Carried

8. Items of Other Business

Deep Creek Education Centre

Ian Chisholm provided the Committee with an overview of the newly develop education center within Cardina Shire. Ian highlighted the Deep Creek Education Center was developed in conjunction with the community and will provide important environmental education opportunities for both Casey and Cardinia schools. Ian highlighted their will be a sift launch in 2019.

Educational opportunities

Council officers provided the Committee with an update on future education opportunities for the committee including:

- Green Living Expo
- 2040 Film – join the Regeneration
- Natural Resource training package

Action: Council officers to distribute information to the Committee for wider promotion

9. List of Actions

Action: Council officers to email the relevant policies to Committee members.

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Meeting close: 9:08pm