



Our Corporate Values

- Community Focus
- Can-do Attitude
- Continual Improvement
- Excellence
- Team Work
- Accountability
- Active Communication

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Date: 12 Oct 2017
Time: 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Meeting Room: Council Chambers

1. MEETING OPENED

2. ATTENDEES

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| Jerom Hurley | Manager Planning Services | City of Karratha (Chair) |
| Cr Grant Cucel | Councillor | City of Karratha |
| Brian Wall | Manager Infrastructure Services | City of Karratha |
| Susan Babao | Minute Secretary | City of Karratha |
| Shannon DeMelo | Student Intern | City of Karratha |
| Vicki Long | Community member | |
| Laurinda Timmins | Community member | |
| Camille Barton | Community member | |

3. APOLOGIES

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| Ryan Hall | Director Development Services | City of Karratha |
| Cr Peter Long | Mayor | City of Karratha |
| Cr Geoff Harris | Councillor | City of Karratha |
| Cr Bart Parsons | Councillor | City of Karratha |
| Clive Young | Community member | |
| Amy Hughes | Community member | |
| Amanda Berry | Community member | |

4. ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Brian/Mike to consult with the IBN Group regarding the possibility of the City working with the IBN Group to source plants for the City's endemic planting programs and to report back to the ESAG.

Brian advised that the IBN Group can supply plant and tree species to the City. Brian indicated to the IBN Group that the City is likely to be interested in securing in the order of 2000 trees per year. The IBN Group has indicated that based on this level of supply, the IBN Group would look to establish a nursery in Karratha. The matter of funding for longer-term plant supplies is something that will need to be presented to Council in the future.

- Parks and Gardens to source all plant stock that is required to plant the Red Earth Arts Precinct creekline. Parks and Gardens to undertake a weed eradication program. ESAG to be kept involved in the roll out of the program. The opportunity for a community planting day to be incorporated into the program.

Brian consulted IBN on the plants required for this particular project. Out of the 32 species identified, IBN is able to supply tube stock for 22 species immediately.

- Jerom to circulate latest plan for City Centre Park to ESAG members.
This was provided as a drop box link in the email sent out on 24/08/2017.
- Report to Council to be prepared on ESAG recommended priority projects.
An information only report (item 14.7) went to the 18 September 2017 OCM.
- Current ESAG members to contact their networks to canvass opportunity to join ESAG.
The ESAG Terms of Reference requires membership to be reviewed following Council elections. Laurinda requested information on what would be required from people interested in joining the ESAG. Jerom advised this information will be provided following the elections.

Action: Jerom to provide information to ESAG members to be distributed to any people interested in joining the ESAG so they are clear on what the group does and what they need to do to nominate. This will be done following Council elections.

- ESAG membership to be reviewed and results of review incorporated into report to Council.

Action: Review ESAG membership and report this to Council after the Council election.

- Jerom to include online environmental community survey in report to Council as one of the ideas that ESAG would like to pursue.
See Presentations below.
- Jerom to prepare a report to Council on ESAG goals and priorities moving forward.
An information only report (item 14.7) went to the 18 September 2017 OCM.
- Jerom to report on the draft Energy Efficiency Action Plan in the report to Council.
Draft plan going to Council 16 October 2017.
- Amanda to circulate information about the Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership Program to ESAG members.
This was emailed out on 24/08/2017.
- Amanda to provide an update on progress with phasing out plastic bags. Jerom to include this topic in the report to Council.
An information only report was presented to the 18 September 2017 OCM (item 14.7).

5. Agenda Items

- Report to September Council meeting updating on ESAG activities
It was noted that a report had been presented to the September OCM outlining matters that the ESAG has been considering. It was also noted that actions have been taken by the City on some of the main things that had been raised and discussed by the ESAG. The Minutes from the ESAG will be included as an Information Item in future Council Agendas.
- Presentations
Shannon gave a presentation on the Management Plan she has prepared for the City on revegetating the City Centre creekline. Shannon noted the importance of managing volunteers/families (especially children) in undertaking any weed management to ensure valuable native grasses are not pulled out as part of the weeding program.

Stage 1 of the Drainage Corridor Management Plan includes Bayview Road to Karratha Terrace. Looking to commence planting this stage first initially as the area is predominantly bare and won't require a weeding program prior to planting.

Stage 2 of the Drainage Corridor Management Plan is from Karratha Terrace to Dampier Road. This stage will need significant weeding prior to planting. Vicki advised the best approach would be to remove the larger problem weeds first, then follow with a regular monitoring and spraying program. Suggested that a "creekline walk" be organised to allow observation of species planted (with name tags). Sea couch would be a good native grass to use as a cover to minimise the invasion of exotic grasses.

Shannon has also prepared a draft Community Survey on Environment and Sustainability issues. Laurinda suggested the need to take care not to duplicate questions contained within the community survey undertaken recently for the Biodiversity Strategy. Also important to word the questions in a general way and encourage people to consider what they do and think important rather than raising expectations about things people think the City should do. Jerom stated this survey will be reported to a future Council meeting and noted that the release of the survey is not urgent. The City will wait until an appropriate time to release the survey so it does not conflict with the City's annual community survey (which occurs early in February).

- **ESAG position on Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership Program**

The City's Draft Energy Efficient Action Plan aligns well with the program's goals. Important to commit to actively participate in the program before deciding to commit to it. The implications of signing up to the partnership need to be fully considered – if Council signs up, then there are obligations that need to be met. If the City is not prepared to meet the obligations, then Council should not sign up. Amy Hughes indicated support via email prior to meeting. Some members indicated that they needed more time to review information on the Program and to consider their position.

Action: Jerom to email ESAG members requesting review of Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership Program documentation and ESAG members to provide their opinion via return email to support or not support joining the partnership.

6. General Business

Horizon Power has stated they will be planting trees along Dampier Road in place of the old above ground power poles they have recently removed. Initially they wanted to plant something colourful and wanted Cherry Blossoms (determined by Brian as unsuitable due to the climate here). Brian has been in discussion with them on the appropriate species to select and has indicated native species would be a good choice. The Bat Wing tree and Bauhinia cunninghamii (jigal tree) have been indicated as good options. Brian will discuss further with Horizon Power and update the ESAG at the next meeting.

Street beautification works in Wickham and part of the streetscape enhancement plan. Rio Tinto has contributed funding towards this project. Split in community support for exotic trees and a mix of exotics and natives. ESAG members indicated support for use of mix of exotic and native species. Matter being considered at November OCM.

The meeting closed at 3:20pm.

Next Meeting TBC (early December)