



## Our Values

- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Integrity
- Innovation

## ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Date: 22 August 2018  
Time: 3.30pm – 4.30pm  
Meeting Room: Council Chambers

### 1. MEETING OPENED

The Chair opened the meeting and acknowledged and paid respect to the Ngarluma people both past and present, traditional custodians of this land.

### 2. ATTENDEES

Ryan Hall	Director Development Services	City of Karratha (Chair)
Simon Kot	Director SP & Infrastructure	City of Karratha
Jerom Hurley	Manager Planning Services	City of Karratha
Craig Watts	Manager Regulatory Services	City of Karratha
Cr Peter Long	Mayor	City of Karratha
Cr Grant Cucel	Deputy Mayor	City of Karratha
Vicki Long	Community Member	
Geraldine Burgess	Community Member	

### 3. APOLOGIES

Brian Wall	Manager Infrastructure Services	City of Karratha
Morne Hattingh	Manager City Services	City of Karratha
Dr Ty Hibberd	Community Member	
Laurinda Timmins	Community Member	
Dr Ken Mulvaney	Community Member	
Amanda Berry	Community Member	

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- The objectives of the Group's adopted Terms of Reference should be used as the basis for commencing review of the City of Karratha Environmental Strategy (2013).
- The review should be undertaken 'in-house' with attention to stakeholder engagement as part of the process.
- The City's draft Biodiversity Strategy should be considered as part of the review.
- The Bushfire Risk Management Plan will be presented at next meeting.
- There is a need to manage weeds along the Yaburara Heritage Trail. Erosion control and weed management to be discussed with the Mountain Bike Club.

#### Points to note since last meeting:

- The Section 91 *Land Administration Act 1997* licence the City entered for the Yaburara Heritage Trail to occupy Crown land for remedial and protective works along sections of the trail was only for 6 months from 13 April 2015 until 13 October 2015.
- Vicki and Jerom attended the West Pilbara Trails Forum on 12 June 2018. The Forum was attended by many members of the Burrup Mountain Bike Club. The

- need to contain mountain bike trails and to manage the impact of mountain bike trails on the environment was raised.
  - Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation has been requested to provide the City a quote to undertake Aboriginal Heritage Survey over Karratha Hills area to allow for formal Crown land management arrangements to be put in place.
  - **ESAG supportive of Council becoming a member of the Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership Program.**
- Points to note since last meeting:
- Consideration being given to resourcing of environment and sustainability initiatives like this before committing to any further work in this space.

## 5. AGENDA ITEMS

### 5.1 Review of Adopted Environmental Strategy (2013)

*Presentation by Jerom Hurley, Manager Planning Services, City of Karratha – Environmental Strategy Review.*

Further comments on the Strategy were:

- Renewable Energy Generation should be added as objective.
- Waste Management should be addressed more specifically by Council's Waste Advisory Group.
- Conservation Reserves and priority conservation areas should be clearly identified
- The Tidal Flats out the back of Karratha is an area of high biodiversity conservation value.
- The City is exploring opportunities to develop wetlands along major urban drains (ie. Nickol and Baynton).
- Need to make provision for rehabilitation and improvement of open spaces in addition to maintenance.
- Need to manage vehicle access in areas of conservation value and across urban drainage reserves. Community education, regulation and enforcement should form part of an access management strategy.
- No community consultation required at scoping stage. Consultation will occur once Draft Strategy has been adopted by Council for public advertising.

**The Environment and Sustainability Advisory Group resolved to:**

1. **Advise Council that a project scope for review of the City of Karratha Environmental Strategy (2013) is being prepared.**
2. **Request a copy of the Environmental Strategy Review Project Scope Presentation and Project List be forwarded to members.**

### 5.2 Bushfire Risk Management Plan (BRMP)

*Update from Craig Watts, Manager Regulatory Services, City of Karratha*

Since the last ESAG meeting, comments on the draft BRMP have been sought from experts in managing the conservation impacts of bushfire management planning.

Craig provided an update on the BRMP and advised awaiting feedback on draft from environmental experts at Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and Curtin University.

**The Environment and Sustainability Advisory Group resolved to note that the Group's concerns regarding risks to conservation values are being considered as part of finalising the Bushfire Risk Management Plan.**

### 5.3 Cleaverville Foreshore Management Plan

*Update from Craig Watts, Manager Regulatory Services, City of Karratha*

The contractor has advised that Draft FMP is expected to be submitted to the City by the end of August. Groups and organisations which provided input into the draft will be consulted again, before the plan is presented to Council for advertising.

### 5.4 Monthly Tracker

*Update on projects from Simon Kot, Director Strategic Projects & Infrastructure, City of Karratha.*

Simon provided update on the following projects.

- Effluent Reuse Scheme (ERS) – CBD expected to be connected over next month
- Wickham recycled water scheme reducing potable water use for parks and gardens
- Water efficiency auditing – irrigation system efficiencies and optimum fertilizer application
- Production bore - 7 Mile
- Signing off on connection of solar panels for Operations Centre – expecting 50% reduction in reliance on grid power
- Solar car park lighting
- Water efficiency training for Parks & Gardens staff
- Verge treatment review – gravel is maintenance problem and affects durability of road pavement

Update on all strategies will be provided at next meeting.

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

The initiative of a “No single use plastic” policy was raised which is being considered by the Waste Advisory

Consideration be given to further marketing and promotion of Environment and Sustainability initiatives.

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

- Meeting Dates      21 November 2018

Close of meeting:      4.30 pm