



northern  
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# AGENDA

## **ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Environment Strategic Reference Group will be held in the Flannel Flower Room, Dee Why on

**THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2020**

Beginning at 6:00pm for the purpose of considering matters included in this agenda.

## **Committee Members**

Cr Natalie Warren (Chair)

Cr Alex McTaggart

Cr Pat Daley

Cr Stuart Sprott

Sophie Scott

Roberta Conroy                      Bayview Church Point Residents Association

Alan Jones

Tom Hazell

David Tribe

Anthony Petrolo

Nigel Howard

Viktorija McDonnell                      Curl Curl Lagoon Committee

Marita Macrae                      Pittwater Natural Heritage Association

Jacqueline Marlow                      Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

Billy Bragg

Scott Markich

## **Council Officer Contacts**

Todd Dickinson                      Director Environment and Sustainability

Yianni Mentis                      Executive Manager Environment and Climate Change

Ximena Von Oven                      Governance Officer

## **Quorum**

A majority of members including the Chair or one of the elected Councillors.

**Agenda for Environment  
Strategic Reference Group Meeting  
to be held on Thursday 20 February 2020  
in the Flannel Flower Room, Dee Why  
Commencing at 6:00pm**

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**NEXT MEETING Thursday 21 May 2020**

## 1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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As a sign of respect, Northern Beaches Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and pays respect to Elders past and present.

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## 2.0 APOLOGIES

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All members are expected to attend the meetings or otherwise tender their apologies to the Chair and Governance at [councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au).

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## 3.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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Members should disclose any "**pecuniary**" or "**non-pecuniary**" interests in matters included in the agenda. The [Northern Beaches Council Code of Conduct](#) (the Code) provides guidance on managing conflicts of interests.

A **pecuniary interest** is defined in Section 4 of the Code as:

*A pecuniary interest is an interest that you have in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to you or a person referred to in clause 4.3.*

A **non-pecuniary conflict of interest** is defined in Section 5 of the Code as:

*A non-pecuniary conflict of interest exists where a reasonable and informed person would perceive that you could be influenced by a private interest when carrying out your official functions in relation to a matter.*

If you required further information or guidance about disclosing an interest please contact Governance at [councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au).

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## 4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### 4.1 MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 7 NOVEMBER 2019

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#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Environment Strategic Reference Group meeting held 7 November 2019, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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**4.2 MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP  
HELD 28 NOVEMBER 2019**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Environment Strategic Reference Group held 28 November 2019, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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## 5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

<b>ITEM 5.1</b>	<b>ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>GOVERNANCE OFFICER</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2020/084135</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

### SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Updates on the actions from the last meeting are provided in the below table. There are no other outstanding actions item from any previous meetings.

### SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
6.2	Council staff to organise a visit to Kimbriki facilities for the Environment SRG members.	Y Mentis	Future visit in 2020
6.2	N Schultz to provide information to M McRae about wrapping disposal.	N Schultz	ASAP
6.3	That Council staff provide a presentation on the Frenchs Forest Precinct Plan and Ingleside topic at the February 2020 SRG meeting.	A Pigott	20 February 2020
	J Marlow and M Macrae to provide a presentation on Connectivity and Biodiversity on the Northern Beaches at the February 2020 SRG Meeting	J Marlow and M Macrae	20 February 2020
	A Petrolo to investigate about block chain technology and report back at the next SRG meeting.	A Petrolo	Future Meeting

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the Summary of Actions from the previous meeting.

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## 6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

<b>ITEM 6.1</b>	<b>PRESENTATION TO ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2020/091230</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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#### PURPOSE

Environment Strategic Reference Group (SRG) member S Markich put forward a suggestion that Prof Ross Jeffree be invited to present to the SRG on observations regarding Environmental Impact Assessment processes.

#### REPORT

Prof. Jeffree has been a professional environmental scientist for more than 40 years, previously as Head of the UN Marine Radioecology Laboratory, Monaco. He has held diplomatic science positions at the Australian High Commission, London and within the IAEA, Monaco. Prof. Jeffree was a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize Certificate which was awarded to the UN's IAEA Secretariat, 2005.

Based on his environmental research publications, Prof. Jeffree was elected as a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Biology, EcoEthics International Union, Royal Geographical Society and Zoological Society of London. Recently Prof. Jeffree has been Adjunct Professor & Visiting Fellow, Science Faculty, University of Technology, Sydney and is currently a Member of the IUCN's Commission on Ecological Management, the Orangutan Project and the National Parks Association's Leader for International Projects in Biodiversity Conservation.

Prof Jeffree will be provide a short presentation on observations regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment processes across the globe.

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#### RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the presentation.

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<b>ITEM 6.2</b>	<b>PRESENTATION TO ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP - WILDLIFE CONNECTIVITY</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2020/091233</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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#### **PURPOSE**

To receive a presentation from the Environment Strategic Reference Group (SRG) members M Macrae and J Marlow on Wildlife Connectivity.

#### **REPORT**

At the 7 November 2019 meeting, SRG members M Macrae and J Marlow requested an opportunity to discuss their thoughts on Wildlife Connectivity issues on the Northern Beaches. This presentation is in response to that request.

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#### **RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the presentation.

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<b>ITEM 6.3</b>	<b>ZERO WASTE TO OCEAN WORKSHOP</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>MANAGER STORMWATER AND FLOODPLAIN ENGINEERING</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2020/065770</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### PURPOSE

To conduct a workshop with the Environment Strategic Reference Group (SRG) on the proposed Zero Waste to Ocean Charter.

### REPORT

At the December 2019 meeting, Council adopted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Sprott/Walton to regarding the development of a “Zero Waste to Ocean” Charter. This aspiration intends to achieve zero waste entering the ocean from the Northern Beaches Local Government Area during rainfall events.

The City of Ryde Council and Burwood Council each adopted “Zero Litter to River” targets at their August 2019 and September 2019 meetings respectively (links to their targets provided below).

City of Ryde Zero Litter to River Commitment:

<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Council/Media-Centre/News-and-Public-Notices/City-of-Ryde-first-to-commit-to-Zero-Litter-to-River-target>

Burwood Council Zero Litter to River Mayoral Minute:

[https://www.burwood.nsw.gov.au/verve/resources/Mayoral\\_Minute\\_12.19\\_-\\_Zero\\_Litter\\_to\\_River.pdf](https://www.burwood.nsw.gov.au/verve/resources/Mayoral_Minute_12.19_-_Zero_Litter_to_River.pdf)

### SUMMARY/REPORT

To assist in the development of the Zero Waste to Ocean Charter, a workshop will be conducted with the Environment SRG addressing the following:

- Proposed objectives of the Zero Waste to Ocean Charter;
- Proposed principles of the Charter;
- Existing programs Council and other organisations are delivering;
- Discussion of how the Zero Waste to Ocean Charter ties into the existing Council stormwater programs; and
- Discussion of the constraints of Council funding and consideration of alternate sources of funding available.

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group workshops the principles and objectives of a Charter that will be finalised by staff and reported back to Council.

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<b>ITEM 6.4</b>	<b>STAFF UPDATES</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>MANAGER ENVIRONMENT RESILIENCE &amp; CLIMATE CHANGE</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2020/081298</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### PURPOSE

To provide an update to the Environment Strategic Reference Group (SRG) on the Development of the Climate Change Action Plan, Frenchs Forest Precinct and Ingleside Precinct, Council's Solar and Sustainable Business Program

### REPORT

**Development of the Climate Change Action Plan** - Our Environment and Climate Change Strategy 2040 (the Strategy) was adopted by Council in December 2019 and will be supported by a series of action plans that will have a four-year timeframe. The Climate Change Action Plan (the Plan) is the first of these plans.

The Plan is currently under development and will provide a clear pathway for Council to deliver the aspirations and commitments that address climate change. Given the level of interest in this plan, staff will run a special interest meeting with the SRG in March to review the Plan and its actions.

**Frenchs Forest Precinct and Ingleside Precinct** – for the Frenchs Forest Precinct, Council staff continue to liaise with NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (DPIE) staff on outstanding matters requiring resolution prior to exhibition, including the proposed relocation of the Frenchs Forest High School to Aquatic Reserve.

For Ingleside, Council staff also continue to work with DPIE, the NSW Rural Fire Service and other key agencies on the Bushfire Evacuation Modelling. The detailed evacuation study will determine whether any further development could safely exist in the area. In December 2019, DPIE advised that the results of this modelling are expected to be released in the first quarter of 2020.

**Simplifying Solar Program** - Council recently resolved to pursue an ambitious target of 50% of suitable premises fitted with solar panels by 2030. Council is currently developing a "Simplifying Solar" program to address each of the identified barriers to solar uptake. The components include actions for Council to undertake on its own buildings, promotion of solar broadly and provision of advisory and other solar services to the community.

**Sustainable Business Program** - Council has developed a Sustainable Business Program and a plan to expand the Sustainable Business Network. The Sustainable Business Program includes a 3-step process aimed at provide assistance for businesses at all levels of sustainability. The program also includes downloadable guides, a recognition scheme and support to obtain external certification in an industry relevant scheme.

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the Staff Update report.

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