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Environment
Strategic Reference Group

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENT

STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

held in the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why on

THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2019

**Minutes of the Environment
Strategic Reference Group
held on Thursday 7 November 2019
in the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why
Commencing at 6:08pm**

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Alex McTaggart (Chair)

Cr Natalie Warren

Cr Stuart Sprott

Sophie Scott

Roberta Conroy Bayview Church Point Residents Association

Alan Jones

Tom Hazell

Anthony Petrolo

David Tribe

Viktorija McDonnell Curl Curl Lagoon Committee

Marita Macrae Pittwater Natural Heritage Association

Jacqueline Marlow Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

Billy Bragg

Scott Markich

Council Officers

Todd Dickinson Director Environment and Sustainability

Peter Davis CEO Kimbriki

Yianni Mentis Executive Manager Environment and Climate Change

Andrew Pigott Executive Manager Strategic and Place Planning

Natasha Schultz Executive Manager Waste Management and Cleansing

Jacqueline Grove Manager Environment Resilience and Climate Change

Kara Taylor Senior Sustainability Officer

Ximena Von Oven Governance Officer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Cr McTaggart acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting gathered, and paid respect to Elders past and present.

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Pat Daley and Nigel Howard

NOTE: T Dickinson, Director Environment and Sustainability introduced the following Northern Beaches Council staff to the group: Y Mentis, Executive Manager Environment and Climate Change, N Schultz Executive Manager Waste, A Pigott, Executive Manager Strategic Planning and K Taylor Senior Sustainability Officer. He also introduced P Davis CEO of Kimbriki.

2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 29 AUGUST 2019

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Environment Strategic Reference Group meeting held 29 August 2019, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Adopted Unanimously

5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

5.1 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

DISCUSSION

Actions from the previous meeting were discussed. The following actions have been completed:

- Draft Climate and Climate Change Strategy was circulated to the SRG members for comment.
- B Bragg provided a presentation to the Environment SRG members on Bulky Goods Pick up

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

NOTE: The order of the Agenda was changed so that Item 6.2 is discussed before Item 6.1

6.2 KIMBRIKI WASTE MANAGEMENT

DISCUSSION

P Davis provided a presentation to the group on Kimbriki Waste Management. The following topics were discussed:

- General information about Kimbriki
- Summary of mixed waste
- Vegetation processing
- Recycle process
- Endorsement of Local Solutions
- Buy Back Centre
- Social Precinct
- Eco House and Garden
- Site Improvements (Environmental Management)

SRG members raised the following points with regards to this topic:

- Where is the asbestos disposed? Buried on site if there are small quantities. Large quantities to prescribed waste facility.
- Are gas tanks currently being accepted for disposal in Kimbriki? No
- Is Kimbriki bringing an organic recycling waste service? A tender was presented regarding this topic, however the tender was rejected.
- How is Council getting involved in schools with regards to the topic of waste management? Council runs educational programs in schools about waste management
- Is there written material in schools about waste management topic?

P Davies highlighted that the wider educational footprint is with Council.

- Is there a permanent officer from the Department of Education employed in Northern Beaches Council to promote and visit schools to teach about waste management? No, however Council does liaise with the Department of Education with regards to this topic.
- SRG member suggested that Northern Beaches Council could implement a charging fee community members for their waste in order to reduce the amount of waste community members dispose of.

NOTES

Cr Spratt left at 6:21pm

Cr Heins left at 6:56pm

ACTION

- Council staff to organise a visit to Kimbriki facilities for the Environment SRG members.

- N Schultz, to provide information to M McRae about wrapping disposal.

6.1 ENVIRONMENT SRG MEETING SCHEDULE 2020

DISCUSSION

Environment SRG members noted the Environment SRG 2020 meeting schedule

6.3 BULKY GOODS PICK UP PRESENTATION

DISCUSSION

B Bragg, provided a presentation on this topic to the group. The following points were highlighted:

- Current Options
- Alternative Options
- Other organisation models
- Common aspects of bulky goods collections

6.4 DRAFT LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT - TOWARDS 2040

DISCUSSION

A Pigott, Executive Manager Strategic Planning provided a presentation about *Towards 2040, Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement* ('LSPS'), noting that this is Council's first strategic planning statement and it will be used to guide land-use planning for the next 20 years. He discussed the development of the LSPS, highlighting the following milestones:

- Engagement: who were consulted and how
- Key community insights that were identified
- How the LSPS related to Council's other strategic plans and frameworks
- Current demographics and estimated future growth
- Key planning challenges: protection of our natural assets, affordable housing, transport limitations, and the disparity between skills and jobs
- Council's structure plan and 20 year vision
- Implementation
- Council has a legislative requirement to finalise the LSPS by March 2020 and it will then be reviewed every 7 years.

At the 22 October 2019 Council Meeting, the LSPS was endorsed for public exhibition and will be open for submissions until 10 November 2019.

The LSPS and all supporting documentation can be viewed on Council's [Your Say](#) page.

ACTION

That Council staff provide a presentation on the Frenchs Forest Precinct Plan and Ingleside topic at the February 2020 SRG meeting.

DECISION

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the draft Northern Beaches Local Strategic Planning Statement – *Towards 2040*, supporting preliminary studies and community engagement reports are on public exhibition until 10 November 2019.

6.5 PROGRESS UPDATE ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY 2040

DISCUSSION

J Grove, Manager Environment Resilience and Climate Change updated the group on this topic. The following points were highlighted:

- Exhibition period closes on 10 November 2019
- Engagement activities
- Feedback received
- Next Steps

An extraordinary meeting will be held to further discuss this topic.

DECISION

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the progress to date of the public exhibition of the draft Environment and Climate Change Strategy 2040.

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FUND SHORTLISTED PROJECTS 2019/2020

DISCUSSION

Y Mentis, Executive Manager Environment and Climate Change briefed the group on this topic particularly on the Project “Developing a Maximum Benefit Framework for Urban Greening” from the Central Coast Council.

Local Government New South Wales (LGNSW) Research and Innovation Fund is supporting new areas of research, policy development and innovation. Councils across NSW were invited to forward their proposals. Fifteen expressions of interest were received being one of them the proposal submitted by Central Coast Council.

With regards to the project submitted by Central Coast Council, the following points were highlighted:

- Council will allocate 10% of staff time for an Environmental Planner and 5% of the Principal Planner to support the project.
- Council will grow, plant and maintain urban trees to be used for the field experimental

aspects of the research

- The project will develop a matrix for selecting the most suitable species for a planting site.
- Project will be resourced through engaging a PHD student for 3 years, supported under a scholarship offered to a student to complete investigation and experimental components of the project.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
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	
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 Mcrae to provide a presentation on Connectivity and Biodiversity on the Northern Beaches at the February 2020 SRG Meeting	J Marlow and M Mcrae	20 February 2020

The meeting concluded at 8:28pm

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