

NOTES

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING

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

THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2017

**Notes of the Natural Environment Strategic Reference Group Meeting
held on Thursday 15 June 2017
in the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why
Commencing at 5.08pm**

ATTENDANCE:

To Committee Members

Alex McTaggart (Chair)	Implementation Advisory Group
Roberta Conroy	Bayview Church Point Residents Association (<i>via conference call</i>)
Jacqueline French	Manly Community Forum
Paul Hackney	Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward
Tom Hazell	Resident – Curl Curl Ward
Edwina Laginestra	WIRES Northern Beaches
Whitney-May Lever	Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward
Marita Macrae	Pittwater Natural Heritage Association
Jacqueline Marlow	Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment
Yvonne Pflieger	Resident – Curl Curl Ward
Merinda Rose	Palm Beach & Whale Beach Association

Council Officer Contacts

Todd Dickinson	Executive Manager Natural Environment & Climate Change
Jacqui Grove	Manager Environment Systems & Climate Change
Ximena Von Oven	Administration Officer Governance

Quorum

Majority of members (excluding vacant positions)

1.0 APOLOGIES

DECISION

That apologies for non-attendance be received from Jacqueline French

2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 MINUTES OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP HELD 6 APRIL 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That the Notes of the Natural Environment Strategic Reference Group held 6 April 2017, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

The minutes were adopted unanimously.

4.0 AGENDA ITEMS

NOTE: The order of business was changed so that Item 4.2 be discussed before Item 4.1

4.2 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN - UPDATE ON STAGE TWO

DISCUSSION

T Dickinson briefed the group in relation to this Item. The Draft Vision Statement has been reviewed and community members provided feedback highlighting the need to strengthen goals and strategies in order to become more aspirational and future-focused. Particularly, with regards to the goals and strategies for the protection of the environment, environmental sustainability, and places for people.

The key priority issues that participants were most engaged with included: transport and congestion, population growth and development, protecting the natural environment, environmental sustainability and housing affordability.

In general, community members were satisfied with the overall Community Strategic Plan (CSP) framework.

T Dickinson thanked the group for their participation and involvement in the preparation of the CSP highlighting that the Draft Community Strategic Plan will be presented at the 27 June Council Meeting.

NOTE: *Ben Taylor joined the meeting at 5:12pm*

DECISION

The Natural Environment Strategic Reference Group noted the update on the development of the

Community Strategic Plan.

4.1 SRG DIRECTIONS PAPER ON THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT - WORKSHOP

DISCUSSION

SRG members were requested to provide their feedback and input towards the completion of the directions paper.

T Dickinson and J Grove conducted a workshop, the outcomes will be compiled and circulated to the Group for final review by 30 June.

NOTE: The meeting was extended until 7:40pm

DECISION

That members provide final feedback on the draft paper by email once circulated by staff.

4.3 ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUPS

DISCUSSION

T Dickinson thanked the Natural Environment SRG members for their contribution, valuable suggestions, enthusiasm, passion & comments provided.

He highlighted that the Directions Paper is extensive and will be an invaluable guide to both staff and the incoming Council in September.

DECISION

The Natural Environment Strategic Reference Group members:

- A. Noted the acknowledgement of their valuable contribution and commitment.
- B. Would be invited to provide survey feedback to Council on their experience as an Strategic Reference Group member.

5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Nil

The meeting concluded at 7:40pm

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 4 pages numbered 1 to 4 of the Natural Environment Strategic Reference Group meeting held on Thursday 15 June 2017 and confirmed on