

Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes



Date: Wednesday 6 March 2019
Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Venue: Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Greensborough
Chair: Cr Jane Ashton
Minute taker: Lisa Pittle

1. Welcome

Present: Cr Jane Ashton, John Huf, Stephen Hadley, Areej Hahsmi-Weyman, Tom Fisher, Narelle Campbell, Ian Culbard, Kirsten Reedy, Stacey Warmuth, Hjalmar Philipp

Apologies: Alan Thatcher, David Turner

2. Conflict of interest

Conflict of interest provisions are contained in section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the Councillor's Governance Code, the Employee Code of Conduct and the Volunteer Handbook.

3. Confirmation of minutes

Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 November 2018

4. Recycling industry update (10 min)

Lisa provided an update on:

- the SKM recycling facility closures – Coolaroo, Laverton and Geelong and impact on Nillumbik's kerbside recycling
- Processed Engineered Fuel (PEF) developed from materials collected by the hard waste contractor

Committee members raised the issues of dumped rubbish, particularly on rural roads

5. Feedback on ESAC priorities (40 min)

Council staff and sub-committee members to provide updates on progress:

a. Green Wedge Management Plan – Narelle Campbell, Tom Fisher, John Huf and Alan Thatcher

- Update on process and timeframes was provided
- Tom raised the importance of Indigenous involvement in the Green Wedge Management Plan particularly indigenous / traditional burning. Suggested developing test sites both on public and private land which need to be ongoing rather than a one year trial.

- Christmas Hills landcare undertook a traditional cool burn in 2018, Nillumbik has sites planned for Indigenous burns in 2019.
- There is a need to do more work with Wurrundjeri more broadly – environment, social/cultural. Council currently engaging with Wurrundjeri Narrap team for Indigenous burns.
- There was discussion on the pros and cons of Indigenous or cool burning and it's application in the Victorian landscape, particularly considering anthropomorphic climate change, different weather conditions, closer settlement, potential for burns to get out of control
- There was discussion on Council's role in conducting research, rather should focus on aligning with state policy and strategy and partnering with current researchers. This includes the Latrobe University Centre for Future Landscapes
- ***ESAC recommend to Council to maintain a focus on future landscapes, particularly on mechanisms and tools to adapt to a changing climate***
- Community Climate Change Adaptation grant DELWP – does the group have any ideas? Bushfire mitigation - refer Climate Change Action plan for the North (NAGA). Kirsten to circulate, committee to provide ideas for application

b. Energy/Climate Change - David Turner and Tom Fisher

- Different aims for energy projects. Eg, Moreland Energy Foundation Limited (MEFL) has a project for Moreland residents investing in solar for renters and low income. Feasibility study for community group in Hurstbridge – how can the Nillumbik community invest in large scale solar.
- Nillumbik's feasibility study for large scale solar generation on former landfills is continuing. Consultants are working on geotech, Ausnet approval, feasibility in relation to cost/benefit, business/funding models. Nillumbik is part of a group of 39 Victorian councils developing a business case and procurement model for bulk purchase of renewable energy led by Darebin. Council will then have the opportunity to evaluate the best alternative.
- Nillumbik is also undertaking feasibility studies for rooftop solar at Eltham Leisure Centre and Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre.
- Pakistan using micro generation for street lighting - this can be required for new subdivisions.
- Solar as alternative power source particularly during loss of power in bushfire

c. Biodiversity – Stephen Hadley and Alan Thatcher

Kirsten provided an update on Council's current biodiversity projects including:

- Grant opportunity - \$60k to work with community groups on Caring for our local environment initiative. Begins June 2019 with 12 months to roll out. Env't team to work with Community Development
- Biodiversity Response Planning Sugarloaf grant – Kinglake National Park/Sugarloaf Dam/Yarra corridor – weed control, fox and deer control on public and private land. Information will be on website next week. Letters will be sent to all landholders in the project area to encourage participation.
- Communities Environment Program – the Federal Government is providing \$150,000 for each federal electorate

d. Sustainable Water Management – Areej Hahsmi-Weyman

Living Rivers Grant – grant to fund WSUD officer across strategy, drainage infrastructure and capturing environmental impact of domestic wastewater and to provide alignment on current DELWP and Melbourne Water plan and strategy development – Yarra Strategic Plan, Yarra Catchment Action Plan

6. Environmental education and engagement priorities (30 min)

Discussion on preliminary internal review of Council's environmental education and engagement activities for ESAC input.

The large range of topics that may be included in an environmental education program was presented. The discussion included: what have we missed, what does our community need, where should we direct a limited resource?

Feedback included:

- Provide a mix of topics; take out things that people can't control for example include education about what you can put in your bin but not broad strategic issues where people don't have control; work in smaller batches, go all out on focussed topics,
- Recognise that people may be time poor. Provide a range of mediums catering to people who are time poor as well as those who have time to do whole courses. Eg for a hobby farmer with limited resources, wholistic property management is an interest;.
- Rank topics in relation to climate change, multiple benefits of woody weed control, bushfire mitigation
- Check demographics and marketing, have an understanding of community dynamics, ask people what they want and how they would like to receive (eg online)
- Language is important – keep it non judgmental and inclusive
- Link with existing venues and programs - Living and Learning centres, U3A, kids are learning about ECB at schools, Edendale Farm
- Council has limited resources and should prioritise what is provided

Feedback was also sought on timing and content for the proposed mini land management expo:

- When the grass has stopped growing late autumn and winter
- Sunday afternoon
- District 14 officer Rowan Thornton
- Good coffee cart

7. Practically Green Festival review (10 min)

Update on review of Practically Green festival – a review of the festival is being undertaken and will be reported to Council in May

8. Opportunity to share information about community environment and sustainability initiatives (10 min) – start with at next meeting

9. Other business (10 min)

- NEL EES – <https://northeastlink.vic.gov.au/environment/environment-effects-statement-ees>
- Yan Yean Road Stage 2 EES – <https://your.roadprojects.vic.gov.au/yan-yeen-road-stage-2>. Note significant tree removal – 2 Red Gums at cnr of Bridge Inn to be removed.

10. Next meeting dates

ESAC meeting dates for 2019 – every 8 weeks with extra meeting for Green Wedge Management Plan when the draft is released for community consultation

Wednesday 1 May 2019 7.00 – 9.00pm Candlebark Rooms

Wednesday 26 June 2019 7.00 – 9.00pm Council Chamber

Wednesday 10 July 2019 7.00 – 9.00pm Council Chamber – additional meeting to consider the GWMP currently scheduled to be released as a draft for consultation at the end of June 2019

Wednesday 21 August 2019 7.00 – 9.00pm Council Chamber

Wednesday 16 October 2019 7.00 – 9.00pm Council Chamber

Wednesday 11 December 2019 7.00 – 9.00pm Council Chamber

Arts Advisory Committee Minutes



Date: Monday 18 March 2019
Time: 7pm to 8.30pm
Venue: Nillumbik Shire Council, Civic Drive, Greensborough
Chair: Cr Jane Ashton
Minute taker: Michelle Zemancheff (Coordinator Arts and Cultural Development)

Order of business

1. Welcome

Attendance: Cr Jane Ashton, Brian Gilkes, Blaise van Hecke, Gillian Essex,

Officer: Michelle Zemancheff (Coordinator Arts and Cultural Development)

Apologies: Cr Karen Egan, Dennis Coard, Eugene Howard, Matt Blackwood, Kylie Lethbridge (Manager Business Tourism & Marketing)

2. Conflict of interest

None reported.

3. Minutes from previous meeting

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2019 are confirmed as a true and accurate record:

Moved: Gillian Essex

Seconded: Blaise Van Hecke

Business items

Details

Action

4. Matters arising

The story of resilience through the St Andrews Community's Victorian Bushfires 10th Anniversary commemorative book funded through the Arts and Culture stream of the Nillumbik Community Fund, was reported to have profoundly moved a new member of the local community and is regarded as an important reference to assist in recovery from personal trauma.

Officers to St Andrews Community report the positive impact of the publication on the wider community.

5. Arts & Cultural Plan implementation update

5.1. The Arts and Culture stream of the Nillumbik Community Fund will open on 1 April 2019 with three streams for community arts, performing arts and literary arts.

5.2. Eltham Library Community Gallery introduced performing arts (music) to its program, to augment the visual art exhibitions, as a action under the Arts & Cultural Plan. A strong

Committee members to promote Arts and Cultural grants and call for proposals for Nillumbik Digital Agora and Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Art through their own networks.

community response has been received, and the inaugural performance very well attended. The Committee is invited to the launch of the Creative Minds on 4 April 2019 together with a performance by musicians, Invention in Time.

5.3 Nillumbik Digital Agora artist forum was well attended and masterclass fully subscribed and highly successful. Expressions of interest for the September installation program is now open.

5.4. Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Art received a very strong response from community and beyond, with the call for proposals now open.

6. Annual review and evaluation

The Committee workshopped an evaluation of the implementation of the Arts & Cultural Plan over the 2018 calendar year.

Officers to send online survey for all committee members to complete.

7. Performing arts development

The Committee workshopped opportunities for performing arts to contribute to the development of a performing arts program.

Officers to undertake audit of performing arts resources and facilities.

4. Other Business

No other business reported.

5. Close: 8.30pm

Recreation Trails Advisory Committee Minutes



Date: Thursday 23 May 2019
Time 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Venue: Manna Gum 1 & 2, Civic Centre – Greensborough
Chair: Cr John Dumaresq
Minute taker: Nathan Roberts

Acronyms:

AT – Aqueduct Trail
DCT – Diamond Creek Trail
GWT – Green Wedge Trail
HSAT – Heidelberg School Artists Trail
MW – Melbourne Water
NRT – Northern Regional Trails
PGMTB - Plenty Gorge Mountain Bike Club
PHBRS - Pantom Hill Bushland Reserve System
PMP – Pick My Project
PV – Parks Victoria
RTAC – Recreation Trails Advisory Committee
VCAT – Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal

Order of business

1. Welcome

Attendance – Cr John Dumaresq (chair), Cr Jane Ashton, Andrew Bakos, Stephen Hadley, Rex Niven, Louise Barry, Jamie Sharp, Bob Muxlow, Cath Giles, Finn Westerman, Nadine Wooldridge, Nathan Roberts and Alison Hickey

Apologies – Cr Bruce Ranken, Vince Bagauskas, Jan Davies, Kay Cruse and Nicky Forster

2. Conflict of interest and Assembly of Councillor form

Completed following meeting by Nathan Roberts

3. Minutes of previous meeting

These minutes were presented at the March Council meeting for ratification. All Committee meeting minutes need to be ratified at Ordinary Council meeting before they are circulated to the Committee.

Moved: Rex Niven

Seconded: Andrew Bakos

4. Business arising

Introductions

Committee members and officers introduced each other and their involvement with RTAC.

Volunteer induction

Nillumbik Shire Council volunteer handbook was circulated for all members to refer to. Full induction not required for Advisory Committee members.

Meeting update and new format

An update on trail project and strategic work (attachment 1) was provided ahead of the meeting to improve flow of meetings. Positive feedback from the committee was received regarding this change and this will be implemented going forward.

5. Trail Strategy Addendum workshop

The Trail Strategy Addendum will capture current priorities and reflect other projects happening in Nillumbik and surrounding areas that may influence trail development, it will not replace the Nillumbik Trails Strategy 2011. The document will also help guide future decision making and investment and will act as a key advocacy document for attracting future funding.

The committee took part in a workshop and feedback is summarised as:

Overall format of document

- Consider adding an executive summary
- The addendum needs to reflect and refer more to original strategy
- Include advocacy section in the addendum

- More detail required to introduce each trail and its significance
- Provide more description around what works have already been completed
- Requires reference Green Wedge management plan – strategic alignment and reference to open space and trails

On road cycling

- Consider inclusion of on road cycling and developing cycle lanes due to huge growth in popularity
- Inclusion of growth in cycling, mountain biking and e-bikes
- Removal of barriers on roads and advocating to Vic Roads for dedicated cycling lanes
- Bike network – key commuter connections should be highlighted within our shire on map in document.
- Importance of off road trails to keep people off busy roads and ensure safety

Specific trails / projects / master plans

- Rail duplication projects to leverage connection between Eltham to Greensborough
- Include Link up to Plenty river trail from Diamond Creek trail
- Yarrambat master plan – link from car park back to plenty river park
- Caldwell road – consider extension of Aqueduct trail through Park Victoria reserve and easement
- Include sections of Green Wedge Trail that have not been completed
- Consideration of the accessibility of Diamond Creek trail including toilets and accessible bike shed
- Capture information around walk to school program in relation to election commitment

Parks Vic land

- Plenty Gorge master plan – inclusion of access for horse rides in Parks Vic land
- Parks Victoria land on Long Gully Road and Long Gully loop (Linear reserve) - Nillumbik Shire Council to consider agreement with Parks Victoria to acknowledge that trails run through section and either take over management or install signage
- Connection from Rob Roy to Happy Valley track (through Parks Vic land) and connection further to Rifle Range Rd, up Marshalls Road – Green Wedge Trail. Nillumbik Shire Council to consider follow up Parks Vic regarding foramlising access to these trails which are on Parks Vic land.

All comments will be considered in the refinement of the addendum document. An updated draft will be circulated to the Committee for final comment in the coming weeks. Following this the document will be finalised and prepared for adoption by Council at the end of August.

6. Any other business

Aqueduct trail

Council is preparing to make submission to Melbourne Water regarding the land in Christmas Hills including requirements around alignment of trail along Ridge road by 6th June.

Cherry Tree Road

Officers to investigate request for fence in front of property along Cherry tree road where dogs are an issue to users of the trail.

Slow down signage for traffic

Conflict between traffic, trail users and wildlife was raised and on road side signage discussed to slow vehicles and/or looking into effectiveness of electronic signage to be rotated. It was noted that as part of Green Wedge Management plan large flashing electronic signage was not supported.

Diamond Creek Trail to Hurstbridge trail extension

Council will take ownership of the private land related to the trail extension on 24 May which is a major milestone for the project. There will be ongoing work with property owners relating to the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986*.

There was a \$4 million dollar election commitment through Kate Thwaites MP and the ALP ahead of the federal election, given the election result this money isn't available to the project.

A \$4 million contribution towards the project has been committed by Vic Roads and Council is awaiting a final funding agreement.

It is expected that some preparatory works such as fencing the new Council reserve will commence in coming weeks.

Cultural Heritage Assessment work will take place onsite 3rd June for 10 days to identify culturally significant material is logged and protected.

DC Trail Blazers meeting with project team Tuesday 28th May.

Meeting commencement time

New start time of 6pm not supported by majority of Committee. Current 6.30pm start time preferred.

Plenty Gorge Mountain biking

Update provided by committee member Jamie Sharp. The group are working with Parks Victoria around 15% fee for PV taking over management of project. Cultural heritage assessment onsite to be scheduled.

8.30pm meeting concluded

7. Next Meeting

6.30pm 22 August 2019 – Manna Gum Rooms, Civic Drive, Greensborough

Recreation Trails Advisory Committee

Update May 2019



WORKS UPDATE

Regional Trails Update

Diamond Creek Trail

Council will take possession of all the land for the trail (except one small parcel) on 20 May 2019.

The detailed Cultural Heritage Assessments will be completed on site starting 3 June 2019.

Work is underway with partner agencies including Melbourne Water, Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria and CFA to work through access and infrastructure requirements.

Environmental Management Plan is currently being developed in line with the requirements of the Diamond Creek Trail Extension Incorporated Document 2016.

Timeframes for construction being developed based on available funding.

Other departments across Council are working on other aspects of the project which will add value to the trail delivery.



Aqueduct Trail

The strategic links associated with this trail will be picked up in Nillumbik Trails Strategy addendum. Once adopted, the addendum document will be used to advocate for the required budget to work through the planning stages of sections of this trail.

Green Wedge Trail

At this stage there is no further planning work being completed for this Trail.

Rodger Road Sealing

The trail works are nearing completion to resolve issue with the steepness of the ramp to the new access trail. After discussions with our Environmental Planner:

- the ramp will be redesigned on a different angle to achieve a flatter grade.
- this option is likely to have least impact on surrounding area
- the redesign will be completed shortly planning will then review to determine if amendment to planning permit is required.



Trail maintenance and improvement program

Works through the trail safety and maintenance budget have been completed:

- Barak Bushland: Rectify potentially dangerous culvert near trail and widen trail to 3.0m asphalt
- Wingrove area: Various repairs and re-surfacing

Heidelberg School Artists Trail (HSAT) signs

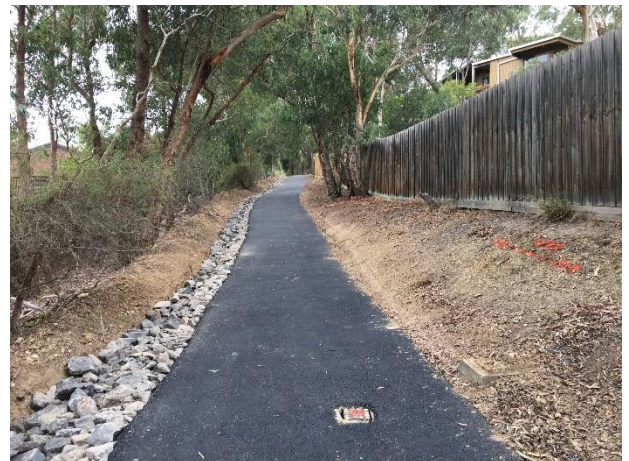
Council Arts and Cultural team will be managing this project including documenting the existing signs and developing a program for replacement or restoration. A recent signage audit was undertaken of the Heidelberg School Artists Trail within Nillumbik. Next steps from this audit are currently being developed including sourcing a budget for the required works.



Local Links

Works to seal section of the Eltham Copper Butterfly trail between Beard and Bainbridge have been completed. These works have improved drainage and accessibility in this section.

Planning is commencing for the local links trail project in 2019/20. A review of the next priorities as nominated by RTAC members will be done to best understand project readiness, scope, likely costs and strategic alignment.



Pick my project

Plenty Gorge MTB trails

The PG trails project is progressing, current summary:

- PGMTB & PV waiting for funding agreement sign off (This is now an agreement between DPC and PV, not PMP and PGMTB)
- Once funding agreement signed by DPC & PV project can officially start
- PGMTB working with PV to review and award Environment, Cultural Heritage and Trail contracts
- PGMTB developing RACI and final project plan/timing based on the above
- PV are investigating the grading of Goldsworthy Lane



Widening Diamond Creek Trail

Approximately 500m of path widening to 3m is to be complete by first week of June along the Diamond Creek Trail from Allendale Road north towards Marngrook oval.

Northern Regional Trails Strategy update

No update – group have not met since November 2018

Yarra Ranges Mountain biking forum

Officers recently came together recently with other local land managers to initiate discussions relating to mountain biking within the region and the possibility of developing a region wide strategic plan. There was lots of interesting discussion, which was focused on the increasingly growing sport of mountain biking and linkage to health/ wellbeing of communities as well as driving local economies as people continue in numbers to travel to a specific destination to ride new trails, such as the small town of Derby in Tassie. This video was shared at the session and provides a good summary of the Warburton MTB trail which Yarra Ranges are undertaking <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tky7KzRWq9s>



Warburton: The Most Exciting Thing Happening in Australian Mountain Biking



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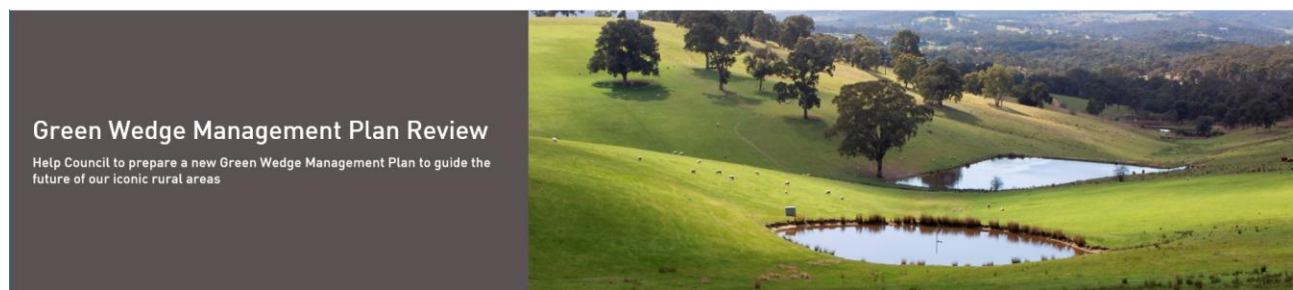
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Panton Hill Bushland Reserve User update

The Panton Hill Bushland Reserve System User Group Committee lapsed in December 2018 and a report will be going to Council on 28 May providing recommendations to renew the group.

Green Wedge Management Plan



One of the key projects in the term of this Council is the review of the Green Wedge Management Plan (GWMP). Since its formulation as the Shire of Nillumbik in 1994, the values of the rural landscape – our green wedge – as a place to live, work or visit have grown in importance for the identity of the Shire and its diverse communities. The Plan’s review seeks to provide direction of the management the Nillumbik green wedge to enhance environmental, social and economic outcomes.

The project is now in stage four after Council responded to the Community Panel in December 2018. The question Council asked the Panel to consider over six full-day sessions and countless more hours of reading and discussion was this: “What is the best way for Council to manage the Green Wedge now and into the future?” The panel process has been an enormous collective effort and for Council, an unprecedented and innovative approach to community engagement and consultation.

Preparation of the draft Plan is now well progressed and will be presented to the 25 June Council meeting for Council’s consideration ahead of community consultation from 1 July until 11 August. Engagement will run for six weeks, allowing all members of the community the opportunity to provide feedback before it returns to Council for final consideration. It is anticipated that the GWMP will be finalised by October 2019. As part of the development of the draft GWMP, Council will also formulate an action plan for the implementation phase. Look out for more information on how you can participate in consultation on the draft Plan via Participate Nillumbik <https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp> . Participate Nillumbik is the one-stop-shop for the Green Wedge Management Plan review. You can access information and register to keep up to date with the project. If you would like more information on this matter, please contact Coordinator Strategic Projects Nichole Johnson on 9433 3134 or email gwmp@nillumbik.vic.gov.au .

Equine Industry and Activities Plan

Background

The 2018-2019 Annual Plan highlighted the development of the Equine Industry and Activity Strategy as a key priority for this financial year, under priority action 38 – Undertake a feasibility study / review of rural activity / industry (including equine) in the Shire to identify opportunities for further growth. AECOM was engaged in July 2018 to undertake an assessment of equine investment opportunities within the Shire, to take advantage of growth in events, education and recreational activities associated within the sector.

Current Status

AECOM have gathered data from the equine community through a consultation workshop held 8th May 2019 and a survey which closed 15th May 2019.

Next Stages

AECOM will continue to collate data by conducting 1:1 consultations with key stakeholders in the equine community. Once the Equine Industry and Activity draft plan has been prepared, the wider community will then be consulted.



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Chair: Cr Jane Ashton
Minute taker: Lisa Pittle

1. Welcome

Present: Alan Thatcher, John Brenan, David Turner, Stephen Hadley, Narelle Campbell, Tom Fisher, Yasmin Green Geoff Lawler, Areej Hashmi-Weyman, Nichole Johnson, Cr Jane Ashton, Ian Culbard, Cr Grant Brooker (late arrival)

Apologies: John Huf

2. Welcome to co-opted ESAC Committee member John Brenan

John provided background on Clean Energy Nillumbik – microgrid projects, partnership with Valley Finance (Bendigo Bank) re solar farm (aligned with Council solar feasibility project)

3. Conflict of interest

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4. Confirmation of minutes

Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6 March 2019

Moved – Cr Ashton

Seconded – Areej Hashmi-Weyman

5. Catering for ESAC meetings

More substantial catering to be supplied for future meetings

6. Green Wedge Management Plan (50 minutes)

Geoff Lawler and Nichole Johnson presented on the draft Green Wedge Management Plan

- Draft plan for public consultation on 25 June 2019
- Submissions can be made on the template as well as submissions in any form as an attachment. All related documents are available on the Participate Nillumbik website <https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp>
- The consultation period closes 6 August 2019.

- Council will then consider submissions at a Future Nillumbik meeting prior to adoption at an OCM.

The Committee members raised a number of issues, asked questions and provided comment on the following:

- The differences with the previous plan
 - The Plan has a simplified structure; reporting incorporated into Council's annual plan and annual budget process and also into the 4 year Council Plan cycle.
 - Recognises benefits from developments since the original plan – eg Invasive Species Action Plan. GWMP actions refer to other plans – either existing (Invasive Species Action Plan) or in progress (Bushfire Mitigation Plan).
 - Has a 'whole of Shire' approach and references other plans where appropriate
 - Reflects the structure of the current Council Plan and tries to be even handed across economy, environment, society, culture, governance
 - The approach is managerial rather than relying on regulation
 - 5 key moves are a key feature – these are 5 key ways that the Council may reshape its relationship with the community
 - Adopted 5 additional principles to original and then linked those together where they overlapped
- Revised GWMP was supposed to underpin small lot review and review of the planning scheme. The draft plan doesn't appear to have any position on small lots or planning scheme. Some planning scheme changes are discussed:
 - Agricultural land in the Rural Conservation Zone. The State Government is undertaking a review of Strategic Agricultural Land. If the state adjust state controls 'right to farm' then this will flow into NSC PS, otherwise NSC can propose PS change at local level – support local hobby farm arrangement, paddock to plate, associated tourism
 - Look at variation to land uses along edge of UGB to minimise impacts of rural urban interface.
 - One of the key moves is to examine the information and data underpinning the ESO and for agriculture in Nillumbik and create a stronger knowledge base for what exists in the Green Wedge.
- The Plan would benefit from a ready reckoner of how actions relate to other Council plans
- Discussion on the ways that the previous plan not as well balanced, ie what needed to be rebalanced?
 - It was important to recognise people, the previous Plan was more about place. This Plan tries to put people more in the picture. People and place are what makes the Green Wedge work.

- The idea of the Nillumbik conversations (topics that are important to living in the Green Wedge) is a way of people coming together and working things out, building a sense of ownership of the place.
- The intended audience for the Plan is firstly Council as it is a plan of the Council, then the community as it is an expression of what the community have said is important about the Green Wedge.
- The issue of housing insecurity in the Green Wedge was discussed, particularly the various planning and building controls that apply where people have lost their house in a bushfire.
- Reference to rural living has meaning in a planning context, its use in the Plan is not a reference to a planning control. Rural living and hobby farm are terms that need to be better defined.
- Reference to biodiversity needs to be better defined.
- The imagery used in the Plan is very white, it needs to reflect the diversity of community.
- The rationale of the Green Wedge is that it has importance not just for Nillumbik but for greater Melbourne and this needs emphasis.
- Process for ESAC responding to draft GWMP:
 - Email chain
 - Scope of feedback to include tone, what's included, major concerns
 - ESAC response should be within the remit of its Terms of Reference
 - A shared document will be created with a simplified version of the Participate Nillumbik form
 - Circulate feedback before 3 July
 - Meet on 10 July to bring the responses together

7. Practically Green Festival update (10 minutes)

Update on Council's decision regarding the Practically Green festival. Expressions of Interest will be sought to partner with a provider to deliver the Festival in the future at a reduced cost. The balance of funds to be invested in a range of environmental activities at varying scales.

8. ESAC Committee renewal (10 minutes)

Lisa provided an update on the Committee renewal process

9. Feedback on ESAC priorities (15 min)

Council staff and sub-committee members to provide updates on progress:

a. Green Wedge Management Plan – Narelle Campbell, Tom Fisher, John Huf and Alan Thatcher

b. Energy/Climate Change - David Turner and Tom Fisher

David provided a presentation on Council as a facilitator of investment in renewable energy

Aligns with the focus of the GWMP – Council as facilitator, great subject for Nillumbik conversations

The August ESAC meeting will focus on energy and climate change

c. Biodiversity – Stephen Hadley and Alan Thatcher

Resilient Melbourne and Living Melbourne, our metropolitan urban forest – discussion paper attached.

d. Sustainable Water Management – Areej Hahsmi-Weyman

10. Opportunity to share information about community environment and sustainability initiatives (10 min)

a. Nillumbik Council submission to the Victorian *Parliamentary Inquiry into Recycling and Waste Management* – submission attached.

b. Nillumbik Council submission to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning project *Protecting Melbourne's Strategic Agricultural Land* – submission attached.

11. Other business (10 min)

Request to provide update on Small Lots Review

12. Meeting dates 2019

Wednesday 10 July 2019 – additional meeting to consider ESAC response to the draft Green Wedge Management Plan

Wednesday 21 August 2019 focus on energy

Wednesday 16 October 2019

Wednesday 11 December 2019



MINUTES

Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday 5 July 2019
12.00pm – 2.00pm
Council Offices

Accepted: Rebecca Burton (NSC), Cr Grant Brooker, Katie Camilleri, Sabi Buehler, Ray Carrol, Norm Wearne, Gertraud McDonald, Pam Johnson, Deanna Finn, Gail Clayton, Philip Green, Ingrid Motschall, Karen Coulson, Richard Kottek,

Apologies: Ken Wing Jan, Anne Fitzpatrick, David Nichols

Minute taker: Madelyn Elliot (NSC)

No.	Agenda item	Notes
1	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country Chair	By Cr Grant Brooker
2	Confirmation of previous minutes	<p>Confirmed: Ray Carrol Seconded: Sabi Buehler</p> <p>Amendment to Minutes – change ‘Alice Cottage’ to ‘Ellis Cottage’.</p>
3.	Guest speaker: Nichole Johnston – Update on the Green Wedge Management Plan	<p>Distributed hard copy information.</p> <p>The Draft Green Wedge Management Plan 2019 was formally endorsed for public consultation at Tuesday night’s Ordinary meeting of Council. Community consultation on the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan (GWMP) has now commenced for 6 weeks, ending 11 August 2019.</p> <p>Next steps: 10 September – Future Nillumbik Committee to consider community feedback 29 October – Ordinary Council Meeting to endorse the GWMP.</p>

		<p>A copy of the Bulletin summarising the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan and consultation process is attached with the minutes.</p> <p>For more information and to make an online submission you can visit https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp.</p> <p>If you are interested or have further questions you can get in touch with Nichole Johnson on 9433 3111 or email gwmp@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.</p>
4	<p>Roundtable discussion</p>	<p>Gail Clayton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joined group not to just find out what council can provide but what a U3A spokesperson can provide and is passionate about what U3A can provide the community. • Would like an ad for Nillumbik U3A included in the Ageing Well Newsletter – Katie to follow up • The U3A always welcome assistance from Council in any form. At the moment the priority is a permanent residence for the U3A at the Pavilion in Eltham • Raised the issue of using Living and Learning Eltham. Due to limited parking people often have to park across the road. Older people crossing the street have difficulty crossing this section of the road and it is recommended that a pedestrian crossing be added <p>Norm Wearne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questioned whether the Green wedge management plan is particularly relevant to older people? • Katie highlighted that she is working really hard to encourage all areas within Council to engage with the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee any time they are consulting with community. Consultations such as the GWMP provide the PAAC an opportunity to ensure the voice of older people are heard and considered in any new development, policy or plan • The Green Wedge also has significant amount of older people who live in this area and the draft plan does refer to older people quite a bit so there is absolutely value and relevance to the PAAC providing feedback <p>Philip Green</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors event at Greensborough is moving forward. We have partnered with Greensborough Plaza this year to deliver an event called 'Discover on the Green – Seniors Festival 2019'. From Monday 7 October to

Saturday 12 October, local community groups, businesses and organisations will have the opportunity to showcase their activities and services that support older residents remain healthy, active and connected to their local communities as they age.

- We are calling on expressions of interest from groups who want to participate. Expressions of Interest forms by must be completed online at <https://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/SeniorsFestival> by Sunday 4 August.
- For this event to be possible we need a commitment from a range of community groups, clubs and organisations who can participate throughout the week
- At this point it looks very positive
- Communication will come out on Monday for how groups can be involved. ACTION: Members of the PAAC to push info out to their networks

Karen Coulston

- Also U3A representative. U3A is the best thing about ageing in Nillumbik. Offer something for everyone. 5 new courses coming out this term
- Here is their website for anyone who is interested in finding out more: <http://nillumbiku3a.org.au/>

Deanna Finn

- Social Connection in Nillumbik Working group met last week, looking forward to being part of this.
- We have developed some interview questions to reach out to vulnerable and isolated people in the community and find out enablers and barriers to social connection
- Katie will attach these questions with the meeting minutes for anyone who wants to help collect 'data'

Pam Johnson

- Requested whether someone from this committee can be on the Dog Park Planning group
- Rebecca waiting on response but has followed up
- Katie ensuring that the PAAC is included in any community consultation

Richard Kottek

- Seniors event at Greensborough Plaza - groups such as Men's Shed would like publicity for services they offer but may not want new members.

- Has made contact with the Red Cross Telecross program to get some information we can promote, with the support of Katie.
- Dementia friendly communities can even just be an extended form of customer service, if staff are aware of how to deal with dementia people. Rebecca pointed out that at this stage Council is focused on raising awareness on Dementia within the community but organisations can take their own initiatives to becoming Dementia Friendly by visiting <https://www.dementiafriendly.org.au/become-a-dementia-friendly-organisation>

Sabi Beuhler

- Agrees with Grants comments in email sent out, but to be clear that Councillors will be focused on policy and Officers on operation
- We have an important role not only as older people in community involved with different groups, but in action implementation to support Council in driving actions from the community level.
- Also important to be heard by Council and have contributions considered seriously

Philip raised idea raised for a Community Forum to happen at Council for Council to be able to communicate/listen to feedback from community and community groups.

Gertraud McDonald

- Would like to thank Sabi for starting Nillumbik U3A
- Other issues agenda later in the meeting
- Richard brought up Gertrauds idea for more benches in the community, specifically around townships – would like this to be followed on by the group?

Ingrid Motcshall

- Terry's resignation has made question part in group
- Would like to be used more as Probus spokesperson
- Feels like there is a lot of information just sitting, not making its way to the community enough
- Sessions run by Bolton Clarke are not well enough attended. Doesn't feel like contributing or getting enough of an outcome from the group.
- Katie commended Ingrid on time taken to go to the various information sessions that have been held throughout the year. Each member has an important

		<p>role to play in collecting this information and helping to share this with the community. It is the responsibility of each individual member around how much time they want to give and what action they are willing to take</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the very least, everyone can play an important role in sharing the information they learn at information sessions or guest speakers at Committee members with those who are closest to them – friends, family and neighbours. • For those who want to do more in sharing this information then there have been lots of opportunities presented to the Committee to help do this. For example, participating in events such as the Greensborough Plaza Seniors Expo, Wattle Festival in August, and the Healthy & Active Ageing Expo coming up in March next year. Whatever the committee wants to do, Katie will support – but it is up to each of you to come up with the ideas and help see them through <p>Ray Carroll</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find the roundtable discussion interesting information but would like it to relate to the action plan
5	5 minute break	
6	<p>Diamond Creek Regional Play space consultation Anna Maio & Michelle Wright</p>	<p>Council are creating a new Regional Playspace in Diamond Creek and we want your ideas.</p> <p>The playspace will be situated on the old pony club site - near Marngrook Oval, Diamond Creek Bowls Club and off-lead dog park. It will be easily accessed from the Diamond Creek Trail.</p> <p>This fantastic nature-themed playspace will be for all ages and all abilities. It will work in closely with the natural, parkland environment. There will be play areas for young kids and older kids, lots of hands-on nature play, open spaces for running around and having picnics, and an area for digital play activities. It will also include a refurbished W-class tram that will operate as a community café.</p> <p>For more information about this project and to have your say and share your ideas for this fantastic new playspace you can visit https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/DCRP.</p> <p>Action for each member to provide relevant feedback on behalf of older people in Nillumbik. An example that has come up a lot is having ‘seating’ available, so this is an opportunity to feed this into the consultation during the planning stages before the Playspace is built.</p>

	<p>Wattle Festival – Sunday 25 August</p>	<p>The Wattle Festival is happening on Sunday 25 August and there is a great opportunity for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee to have a table situated at the Hurstbridge Community Hub and promote all things ‘Ageing Well in Nillumbik’.</p> <p>At this stage Katie is needing two things from the Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indication of who is willing to volunteer on the day and preferences for times so Katie can start creating a roster 2. Ideas of what we can promote and how we can use this as an opportunity to engage with the community <p>Katie is happy to support any creative ideas the members have to make our display at the Wattle Festival worthwhile and engaging so please get in touch.</p> <p>Some ideas of what we can promote include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ageing Well in Nillumbik Action plan • 2019 Nillumbik Seniors Festival Program • PAAC Feedback cards • Promote upcoming events / activities • Promote community transport and other services available for older people in Nillumbik • Set up a whiteboard or some other interesting display to collect ideas / feedback
	<p>Ageing Well in Nillumbik Action Plan – Yr 1 in review</p>	<p>Action plan report distributed to group and attached with meeting minutes.</p> <p>Katie presented 6 month review of the year 1 report for the Ageing Well in Nillumbik Action Plan. This report is how Council are keeping track and reporting on what has been actioned/achieved.</p> <p>Katie and Rebecca reported on all actions for 2019 (refer to report attached with minutes). It was noted that a significant amount of work has happened in a short amount of time and there are plenty of opportunities for PAAC members to get involved in the actions that are to be completed for the second half of the year. Please contact Katie if you would like to discuss any of this further.</p>
	<p>Other Updates</p>	<p>Seniors Festival grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These have now closed • Norm Wearne was asked to be on review panel as a representative of the PAAC as he is not associated with any groups that applied.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council received 13 applications for Seniors Festival this year (which was more than double the applicants from last year) • It was a very difficult process to allocate the small amount of funding available (\$3000), but we were delighted to approve 7 projects for funding, with 1 more from YRPL funded through a Quick Response Grant • If you would like to see the projects funded visit https://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/SeniorsFestival • Gertraud met with CO of Montsalvat who agreed to open doors every Monday of October for Seniors Festival • Gertraud requested whether the Council bus could be made available to help residents get to and from the venue. Katie suggested that Montsalvat hire the community bus and make this available for older people in the community on the days they are open. Katie will forward information about a Quick Response Grant that could support them to do this. • Norm commended Katie on grant approval process, very well done and professional with best possible result achieved. Can hopefully build on grant being bigger for next year. <p>Child Safe Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory for all volunteers whether you work with children or not. • Training is on Better Impact for volunteers to complete or can be completed face to face at one of the training sessions • If you are having trouble accessing the training online please don't hesitate to contact Katie who can support <p>Senior of the Year Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still spaces left for people to attend if they are interested • Please let Katie know ASAP
	<p>Reference Directory</p>	<p>Sabi Beuhler - Wants to create a guide/reference directory for older members in the shire. Has example from Knox Council as a starting point. Has begun resourcing/listing relevant groups/committees around the Shire. Using the knowledge from those in the group would create a wealth of helpful resources for older people in the Shire. There is a current guide that needs to be updated and extended.</p> <p>Richard – this is a relatively young committee would possibly be best to have an electronic copy before hard copy.</p>

		<p>There is room for both to be created to assist with those who do not have access to online software/knowledge.</p> <p>Norm suggested that Diamond Valley Community Support has online database currently so there is an opportunity look at them as partner.</p> <p>Council have recently been successful for funding from DHHS under their Senior Participation Grant for \$25k to replicate Whittlesea and Frankston/Mornington Community Connector projects.</p> <p>This project will have two components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Recruiting and training volunteers to be 'Community Connectors'. The idea will be that organisations such as Council, and other health services (e.g., healthAbility) can refer on vulnerable and isolated clients, who will be paired up with a Community Connector. The 'Connector' will support the client to figure out what they enjoy doing and help them connect with relevant information, services and activities locally. The Connector may also attend the first few sessions with the participant to help them feel more comfortable with attending something new.2. This will then be compliments by a Community Directory that will list a range of groups and activities that are available in Nillumbik. The aim is for the Directory to be both online and hard copy. <p>We are in the very early stages as Grant Funding is yet to be announced, but once this has been received we will commence planning and involve all relevant partners including the PAAC, healthAbility, U3A, Rotary Club, Bolton Clarke, Men's Shed and more. Sabi has been invited to participate on behalf of the PAAC given her interest and passion for a community directory. More information to come.</p>
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Next Meeting: Friday 2 August, 12-2pm – Council offices.

Action Summary

Agenda item	Responsibility	Start date	Action required	Progress to date
a) Red Cross telephone service	Katie Camilleri / Richard Kottek	3 May 19	Katie to see if phone call service still exists through Red Cross and get some more information on this	Completed Red Cross no longer accepting new clients within Victoria
b) Guest speakers	Katie Camilleri	3 May 19	Katie to make contact with North East Chinese Community Group and invite along as guest speakers to a future meeting	On hold Will explore for August or September meeting
c) Wattle Festival	ALL	3 May 19	All members to contact Katie with availability and ideas for Wattle Festival	In Progress
d) Footpaths	Katie Camilleri	3 May 19	Recommendation to have the walkway from St Vincent's Aged Care facility to the Eltham Town Centre repaired	In Progress Report from Sabi submitted to Infrastructure for feedback
e) Eltham & Diamond Creek Structure plans	Katie Camilleri	7 June 19	Katie to follow up with Paul and invite to a future meeting for an update.	On hold No further updates at this stage. Next Milestone is release of draft plans for public consultation in October.
f) Ellis Cottage	Norm Wearne	7 June 19	Norm to ask Historical Society President if a future PAAC meeting can be held at the venue	Completed Meeting booked for September
g) Seniors Festival stall at Greensborough Plaza	ALL	7 June 19	Expressions of Interest (EOI) from community groups due Sunday 4 August. All members to forward information to networks and encourage participation.	In progress EOI form live on website Information sent to community groups.

h) Lower Eltham Dog Park Masterplan	Rebecca Burton	7 June 19	Bek to follow up if there is a reference group. Also follow up funding given by State Government re dog parks and provide update at the next meeting.	In Progress Email sent to relevant team – waiting on response.
i) Seating in Nillumbik	Rebecca Burton	7 June 19	Bek to follow up with Infrastructure about how seats are allocated and how the community can have input and suggestions about where these are placed. Provide update at next meeting.	In Progress Email sent to relevant team – waiting on response.