

Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes



Date: Wednesday 16 October 2019
Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Venue: Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Greensborough
Chair: Cr Jane Ashton and Kirsten Reedy
Minute taker: Lisa Pittle

1. Welcome

Cr Jane Ashton provided a welcome to the meeting

Present: Narelle Campbell, Lauren Poulton, David Turner, Zachary Lombardo, Alan Thatcher, Elley Thomas, Elizabeth Parsons, Areej Hashmi-Weyman, John Huf, Sali Bache, Carol Jadraque, Aidan Somers, Andrew Robinson

Officers: Ian Culbard, Kirsten Reedy, Lisa Pittle, Kate Shannon

Apologies: John Brennan

Absent: None

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.

Narelle Campbell declared a potential conflict of interest as a Victorian Government employee (Department of Health and Human Services) which interacts with local government. Lauren Poulton declared a potential conflict as a local government employee (Shire of Yarra Ranges).

3. Confirmation of minutes

Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of the former committee which was held on Wednesday 23 August 2019 (already confirmed)

4. Introduction to Council, ESAC Terms of Reference, policy context

Kirsten Reedy provided the attached introduction to Council and the committee process

- Overview of Council
- Review of Terms of Reference
- Overview of Council's environmental plans and strategies. A copy of key documents was provided on a USB and they are also available via the Council website.

5. Committee member introductions - and exploring key areas of interest for the committee to help set future meeting agendas

Officers and committee members introduced themselves responding to:

- What motivated you to nominate for the committee
- What skills and interests do you bring to the committee
- What's one thing you would like to see the committee achieve

Key desired objectives raised included:

- Assist and guide policy development – bring a diversity of skills and perspectives to this process and have robust and collaborative conversations on issues of major importance.
- Assist and guide policy implementation – including the Green Wedge Management Plan
- Help to bridge the gap between environment, industry and community perspectives and interests
- Application of global innovation, evidence based data and equity considerations to local/regional environment and sustainability issues
- Help to determine what Nillumbik's environment and sustainability priorities are, where Council budget could be directed, and how to tap into other funding opportunities.

Key desired outcomes raised included:

- Meaningful land management action, particularly around weed control, pest animal control and improving soil quality
- A healthy environment
- Urban tree canopy
- Right to rebuild after fire
- Increase in renewable energy use across the Shire
- Better connections between our communities and nature

6. Volunteer Induction and Agreed Way of Working (10 min)

Lisa Pittle provided Better Impact volunteer induction.

- All committee members were provided with a hard copy of the Nillumbik Volunteer Handbook and Code of Conduct.
- Discussion around agreed way of working. A copy of the previous committee's agreed way of working was distributed and briefly discussed.
Action 1 – *Committee members to consider for discussion at next meeting.*
Action 2 – *Working group organisation to commence.*

7. Other business

8. Next meeting date: Wednesday 11 December 2019, commencing at 7pm.

Arts Advisory Committee

Minutes

Date: Monday 16 December 2019
Time: 7pm to 8.35pm
Venue: Nillumbik Shire Council, Civic Drive, Greensborough, Manna Gum 1 & 2
Chair: Mayor, Cr Karen Egan, Chair Arts Advisory Committee
Minute taker: Melanie Holt, Manager Community Partnerships

Order of business

1. Welcome

Attendance: Mayor Cr Karen Egan, Cr Jane Ashton, Matt Blackwood, Ute Leiner, Brian Gilkes, Gillian Essex, Eugene Howard

Officers: Corrienne Nichols (Executive Manager Community Services), Melanie Holt (Manager Community Partnerships), Simon Doyle (Coordinator Arts & Cultural Development), Clare Leoparti (Public & Participatory Arts Officer)

Apologies: Blaise van Hecke, Dennis Coard

Conflict of interest and Assembly of Councillor Form

None reported. Assembly of Councillor Form lodged.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2019 are confirmed as a true and Accurate record:

Moved: Matt Blackwood

Seconded: Brian Gilkes

Business items	Details	Action
4. Matters Arising	<p>Simon confirmed the acquisition of <i>Candy Crush 1</i> by Nusra Qureshi, into the Nillumbik Visual Art Collection. He advised that <i>We Come in Peace III</i> by Vipoo Srivilasa is currently on exhibition in South Korea and on return will be acquired into the collection.</p> <p>Simon confirmed the gift artworks by Margo Knox, Hilary Jackman, Alan Sartori and Ona Henderson have be acquired into the Nillumbik Visual Art Collection.</p> <p>Simon confirmed that the Glass Art Maker Space Out of Darkness was acquired into the Nillumbik Civic Collection.</p>	
5. Introduction New Community Services staff	<p>Councillors, Officers and Members of the Committee took this opportunity to introduce themselves and their backgrounds.</p>	
6. Regional Gallery Feasibility Study Report	<p>At the October 29 Ordinary Meeting Council endorsed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continuation of a business case and masterplan for a regional or municipal gallery at: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 895 Main Street, Eltham. b) Another council owned facility/site. 2. Investigation of options of public/private partnerships (not specific to any particular site). <p>The Feasibility study concluded that a Regional Art Gallery is feasible.</p> <p>The study confirmed a shortfall in the provision of professional quality exhibition and cultural venue facilities.</p> <p>The Study indicated that a Regional Gallery in Nillumbik Shire would be well attended.</p>	
7. Update on Eltham Library Community Gallery	<p>The 2020 ELCG Program has been designed and printed and will be in the gallery soon. A digital version is available on our website.</p> <p>The exhibition '<i>Looking Back, Looking Forward</i>' was a collaboration between local historical societies, U3A Painting & Drawing Group and Yarra Plenty</p>	

Regional Library explored the theme of Summer Fun in Yarra Plenty. The opening attracted an audience of over 100 people.

The next exhibition is '*The Hush Exhibition*' by Yarra Plenty Regional Library.

8. Acquisitions: Purchases and Gifts

The Digital Agora compilation video was shown to the group. The event attracted over 10,000 attendees over the course of the program.

The Committee praised the Digital Agora project and were hopeful to see the program occur again into the future.

The Committee voted to acquire Yandell Walton's '*Transient Entanglement*' into the Visual Art Collection.

Recommended for Visual Art Collection

9. Completion of Term for Committee Members

Eugene, Brian, Blaise, Matt and Ute completed their terms on Committee. Simon acknowledged members for their contributions.

Simon will notify all previous members when applications open for the 2020 -2022 Committee.

Council will advertise positions in early 2020.

The Arts Advisory Committee will move to quarterly meetings in 2020.

Cr. Ashton commented on gap in performing arts space.

Mayor Cr Egan and Cr Ashton thanked the completing Committee members for all of their contributions over their term.

10. Sites for Activation

Matt raised the prospect of activating underutilised sites across Nillumbik Shire.

Gillian discussed the 'story seats' projects located in Tasmania.

Matt discussed Melbourne being a City of literature and the opportunities for Nillumbik to lean into that message.

Cr. Egan and Cr. Ashton discussed the important of including local indigenous history.

11. Other Business

Gillian queried if the busking fee removed. A discussion around busking fees will be added to the agenda for the next Committee meeting.

Busking Permit fee for discussion at next Arts Committee meeting.

Karen mentioned that Nillumbik Youth Productions had received a Lyrebird award. The Committee commended the group and expressed an interest in viewing the short documentary video of the project

Simon to provide link to video to the Committee

Karen mentioned that Council would be going into caretaker mode from September 2020 for local elections with no Committee meetings taking place over this period

Next Meeting

TBD

Close: 8.36