

Special Future Nillumbik Committee

to be held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Wednesday 11 September 2019 commencing at 7:00pm.

Agenda

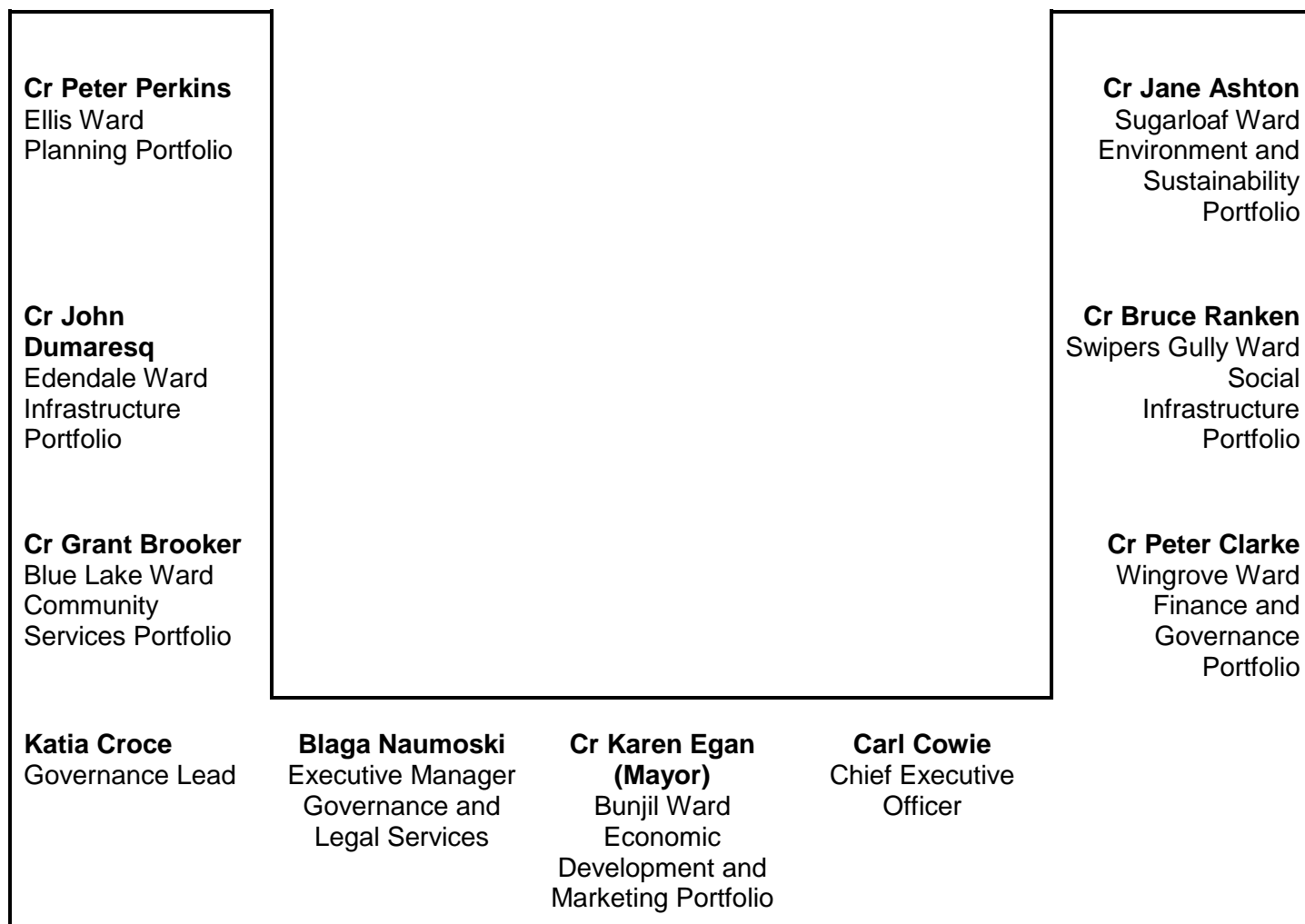
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Special Future Nillumbik Committee seating plan



Visitors in the gallery at Committee meetings are:

- Welcome to copies of the various reports which will be considered by this Committee at the meeting. These are on the table in the foyer.
- Welcome to tea, coffee and water. These are on the table in the foyer near the Council Chamber entry.
- Requested to observe deliberations quietly in order for Committee meetings to run smoothly.
- Advised that the meeting will be recorded and an audio recording of the meeting will be made publicly available on Council's website.

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**Agenda of the Special Future Nillumbik Committee meeting to be held
Wednesday 11 September 2019 commencing at 7:00pm.**

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and Council's Meeting Procedure Local Law 2017, a Special Future Nillumbik Committee meeting has been called to enable the large number of submitters wishing to speak to the draft Green Wedge Management Plan.

1. Welcome by the Chair

Members of the public are advised the meeting will be recorded and an audio recording of the meeting will be made publicly available on Council's website.

2. Reconciliation statement

The reconciliation statement to be read by the Chairperson

Nillumbik Shire Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians present.

3. Apologies

Recommendation

That the apologies be noted.

4. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Committee members should note that any conflicts of interest should also be disclosed immediately before the relevant item.

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5. Officers' reports**FN.022/19 Draft Green Wedge Management Plan 2019 summary of community feedback****Portfolio: Planning****Distribution: Public****Manager: Rosa Zouzoulas, Executive Manager Planning and Community Safety****Author: Nichole Johnson, Coordinator Strategic Projects****Geoff Lawler, Strategic Advisor****Summary**

The Green Wedge Management Plan 2019 (GWMP) will provide direction over the next decade and will include a vision, principles, goals, objectives and key actions for the management of the Green Wedge.

The GWMP is proposed to replace the existing Nillumbik Green Wedge Management Plan 2010-2025 and has resulted from inputs by various sources. This includes Council's response to the recommendations of the Community Panel majority report, Victorian Government guidelines, the extensive community engagement program and relevant Council policies and strategies, including the Bushfire Mitigation Strategy 2019-2023. Consideration has also been given to a minority report from five members of the Community Panel.

Preparation of the Draft GWMP has been informed by extensive community engagement. The draft GWMP underwent final community consultation over the six week period of 1 July 2019 to 11 August 2019.

This report summarises the feedback on the 746 written submission received on the Draft GWMP received up until Sunday 11 August 2019. Submissions received have been read thoroughly and a number of key themes have been identified. All submitters were advised that they could present their feedback to this Committee.

A report providing a response to the submissions, highlighting suggested changes and recommending the Draft GWMP be adopted, is scheduled for the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 November.

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges the submissions and presentations to Council on the draft Green Wedge Management Plan 2019.
2. Notes that a report proposing adoption of a final Green Wedge Management Plan, including changes in response to community feedback, will be presented to the 26 November 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Attachments

1. Draft Green Wedge Management Plan 2019 Submission Summary

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2. Verbatim Submissions Responses - Due to volume of this attachment it will only be available electronically in five volumes at <https://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Council/Minutes-and-agendas>

Background

1. The Victorian State Government expects each of metropolitan Melbourne's green wedge councils to prepare a GWMP and review it on a regular basis.
2. In its Council Plan, Council committed to review the existing Nillumbik GWMP 2010-2025. In March 2018, Council endorsed the program, process and key milestones guiding the review.
3. The centrepieces of the review were an extensive community engagement and the establishment of a Community Panel (Panel) to make recommendations to Council on "what is the best way for us to manage Nillumbik's green wedge, now and into the future". The Panel was made up of randomly selected members from the community. The Panel sat for six days to hear about and consider the many issues impacting the management of the green wedge.
4. The Panel's recommendations were formally presented in a majority report to Council on 27 November 2018.
5. In December 2018, Council determined its response to the recommendations and requested officers commence writing the Draft GWMP for its consideration and release for further community engagement.
6. In April 2019, Council also received and accepted a revised minority report from five members of the Panel and referred it to officers to take into account when writing the Draft GWMP.
7. At an Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25 June 2019, Council endorsed the Draft GWMP for public consultation for six weeks, from 1 July to 11 August 2019.

Policy context

8. The review of the GWMP addresses Council Plan actions including:
 - *1.1 – Improve community trust through better community connections and genuine engagement.*
 - *3.1.2 – Review the impacts of the on those living in the landscape*
 - *3.1.3 – Clarify the planning scheme to enhance opportunities for agricultural enterprises and tourism to prosper in appropriate ways in rural areas of Nillumbik.*
 - *4.1 – Encourage investment and development within the Shire to increase economic development and broaden the rate base while at the same time preserving the Green Wedge.*
 - *5.1.1 – Ensure that Council policies and processes support good governance.*
 - *5.2.1 – Advocate on important policy issues that affect the Nillumbik community.*

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Budget implications

9. The project budget is \$265,900, funded by Council in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 operating budgets.

Consultation/communication

10. A four staged engagement process for the review of the GWMP was implemented:

Stage	Review description	Timing
1	Design of the community engagement plan with the community	April – May 2018
2	Implementation of the engagement. More than 1,000 contributions were received during the 6 week long engagement in mid-2018	May – July 2018
3	44 Panel members were recruited to the Panel and 40 Panel members commenced the first Panel day. The Panel sat for 6 days from 18 August 2018 to 17 November 2018.	Six day panel: 18 August – 17 November 2018
4	Wide community engagement on the Draft GWMP to inform the final plan for Council's consideration.	1 July – 11 August 2019

11. Council actively promoted consultation on the draft GWMP via:

- Social media and Council's online engagement portal – Participate Nillumbik
- Direct mail out of the Bulletin no. 5 to 5119 Green Wedge residents
- 81 emails sent to stay informed list , 475 emails sent to GWMP data base and 24 letters sent to 24 government agencies (which included a copy of Bulletin no.5)
- Distribution of Bulletins through emails
- Posters, postcard and bulletins and hard copy submission forms were distributed throughout the Shire
- 4 Information sessions were held in July 2019 to talk through the draft plan and promote opportunities to provide feedback
- Attendance at Council's advisory committee meetings to discuss the project

Issues/options

12. A total of 746 submissions were received in the following forms:

Method submission received	Number of submissions
Participate Nillumbik electronic platform with 30 of these submissions providing an additional attachment/detail to their submission	280
Hard copy versions of the feedback form	11
Emails	232

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Method submission received	Number of submissions
Hardcopies	213
Mail	10
Total	746

13. Submissions were received from:

Group	Number of Submissions
Local Governments	2
Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee of Council	1
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	1
Individuals	717
Other Government Agencies	0
Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	1
Community Groups	15
Groups – other	9
Total	746

14. Key themes of the commentary within submissions related to:

1. Planning and regulation
2. Environment and conservation
3. Detail and structure of the draft
4. Climate change mitigation
5. Process for developing the GWMP
6. Agriculture
7. Economic activity
8. Bushfire mitigation
9. Traditional owners
10. Equine
11. Prioritising people

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15. These themes and the responses to the Participate Nillumbik survey are further described in the Submission Summary attached to this report (**Attachment 1**).
16. A copy of all 746 responses received referred to as 'Verbatim Submissions Responses' is attached to this report (**Attachment 2**).

Conclusion

17. The Green Wedge Management Plan 2019 will provide direction over the next decade and will include a vision, principles, goals, objectives and key actions for the management of the Green Wedge.
18. This report summarises the responses to submissions received into key themes.
19. The submissions received demonstrates Nillumbik's active and connected community.
20. A report proposing adoption of a final Green Wedge Management Plan, including changes in response to community feedback, will be presented to the 26 November 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

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- 6. Supplementary and urgent business**
- 7. Confidential reports**