

Green Wedge Management Plan Review

Project scope - summary

March 2018

Remit

What is the best way for us to manage Nillumbik's Green Wedge, now and in the future?

Scope

- The best ways for managing the Green Wedge
- Vision
- Objectives
- Key Actions

Out of Scope: Discussion on the management of urban areas

Key stages

- Stage 1 Designing the broader community engagement plan
 April to May 2018
- Stage 2 Implementing the broader Community Engagement Plan
 May to July 2018
- Stage 3 Community Panel
 August to October 2018
- Stage 4 Preparing the new Green Wedge Management Plan
 October to April 2019

Stage 1 Designing the broader community engagement plan

April to May 2018

Nillumbik Council is committed to designing an engagement process that acknowledges the passion, commitment, skills and knowledge of the people who live, work and play in Nillumbik.

This will be achieved by working in partnership with a diverse range of people to gain their ideas and suggestions for the 'wider engagement' Community Engagement Plan.

Council will work with identified stakeholders to ensure that participant's ideas are directly reflected in the development of the Community Engagement Plan. If any ideas need to be changed, Council will inform you as to why they have been changed.

The design of the community engagement process will seek to identify:

- Who do we want to participate in the wider engagement
- How to get people in the commonly interested and involved with the wider engagement
- What questions will give us the best understanding of what's important to people in the community and why it's important

The community engagement process must meet:

- The core principles of inclusiveness, openness and fairness
- Budget and timeframes not to be exceeded

Stage 2 Implementing the broader Community Engagement Plan

May to July 2018

Council will listen to and acknowledge the concerns and aspirations from all sections of the Nillumbik community. Council will make public 'what we heard' report and provide this report to the 'Community Panel' for consideration in the deliberations.

Council will conduct the wider engagement process.

Stage 3 Community Panel

August to October 2018

Recruitment

The Panel will consist of 40 residents/ratepayers. The process to recruit the Panel, implemented by a third party independent of Council and Consultants MosaicLab, is:

1. Invitations to 10,000 randomly selected from database asking for expressions of interest
2. EOI's received by recruiter
 - Ideal response rate = 150
3. Recruiter checks address of EOI to match invitations
4. Stratify to filters
 - Urban/Rural 50/50
 - Gender 50/50
 - Age – Diversity
 - Young people
5. Panel Selected
 - Names not provided to Council or facilitators until meet and greet

Note: 45 people will be recruited allowing for drop off through the course of the Panel sitting days

MosaicLab will facilitate the Panel sessions which will be held for a minimum of four and a maximum of five days from mid-August to mid-October.

Through this deeper engagement, the wider community engagement report will be presented to the Panel.

The Panel will direct which experts they want to hear from. Early community engagement work along with input from Council will also help to identify possible experts/speakers early on.

At the conclusion of the Panel, the Panel will present to Councillors recommendations relating to their vision, objectives and key actions for managing the green wedge.

Council will carefully consider all the recommendations of the Community Panel. Council will provide a response to all the recommendations and where any recommendations are only partly adopted or not adopted, Council will provide their reasoning for this.

Stage 4 Preparing the new Green Wedge Management Plan

October to April 2019

At the October Ordinary Council Meeting, the Panel report detailing the vision, objectives and key actions will be presented to and accepted by Council.

A month later at the November Ordinary Council Meeting, Council will consider and respond to the Panel recommendations, and consider the draft Green Wedge Management Plan for final community consultation.

Community consultation will take place over a 3 month period from December 2018 until late February 2019.

Council will consider submissions from the community at the March 2019 Future Nillumbik Committee meeting. The Green Wedge Management Plan will then be finalised and presented to Council for consideration and adoption by April 2019.