



Reference: AF12/377 SM

26 August 2015

MEMBERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee will meet in the following Meeting Room on the day, date and time as follows:

Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee
(Conference Room - Level 1):

Tuesday, 1st September 2015 at 7:30 a.m.

An agenda for the meeting is enclosed herewith.

Mark McSHANE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE
Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 1st September 2015 at 7.30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - Project Management - Rain Garden 500 - Ref. AF11/407
2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Project Management - City Development Framework Project - Natural Step Follow Up Session - Ref. AF13/125
3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - Recycling Business Options for Eucalypt Drive - Salvage Yard Expressions of Interest - Ref. AF14/34
4. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee - Reports for Information - Ref. AF12/377

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held in the Conference Room, Operational Services Area, Level One of Civic Centre,
10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier, on Tuesday 1st September 2015 at 7:30 a.m.

AGENDA

PRESENT: Cr P Richardson (Presiding Member)
Crs D Mutton, I Von Stanke and S Mezinec

COUNCIL OFFICERS: Daryl Sexton, Director - Operational Services
Aaron Izzard, Environmental Sustainability Officer
Carmel Ron, Environmental Sustainability Officer
Sarah Moretti, Administration Officer - Operational Services

APOLOGIES: moved the apology received from be accepted.
seconded

COUNCIL MEMBERS
AS OBSERVERS:

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.

MINUTES: moved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday, 4th August 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.
seconded

QUESTIONS: (a) With Notice - nil submitted.
(b) Without Notice -

1. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - Project Management - Rain Garden 500 - Ref. AF11/407

Goal: Environment

Strategic Objective: (i) Systematically build Council as an environmentally sustainable organisation

The Environmental Sustainability Officer reported:

- (a) Rain Garden 500 is part of a South Australian Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Catchment to Coast project, funded through the Australian Government National Landcare Programme. It is a three-year grant program where local governments, community groups, schools, sports clubs and groups of motivated individuals can apply for funding to build a rain garden in the Adelaide region. The purpose of the rain gardens is to improve the quality of stormwater from streets and other hard surfaces, such as car parks, before it travels to waterways and the sea;
- (b) the program is designed to fund the construction of rain gardens incorporating WSUD principles in the Adelaide region (only) for projects between \$3,000 to \$50,000. The program is designed to build an understanding in the community of how the actions we carry out on land impacts the water quality in urban waterways. It also focusses on improving the water quality in urban areas. The program is currently limited to the Adelaide area;

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- (c) given the sensitive and fragile water systems in the South East, the same protection principles apply, as does the need to raise community awareness in protecting our waterways (wether above or below ground). The broader principles apply to all of South Australia and therefore the funding should be available to all;
- (d) it is recommended that Council write to the State Government requesting that this funding program is opened up to the rest of South Australia;
- (e) the City of Mount Gambier have previously demonstrated a commitment to WSUD with numerous projects throughout the city, and would look to implement more projects if further funding opportunities were available.

moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received;
- (b) Council write to Ian Hunter MLC, Minister for Sustainability, Environment & Conservation, and to Troy Bell MP, Member for Mount Gambier - requesting that the Rain Garden 500 program be expanded to include the rest of South Australia, especially the South East.

seconded

2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Project Management - City Development Framework Project - Natural Step Follow Up Session - Ref. AF13/125

Goal: Building Communities

Strategic Objective: (i) Strive for an increase in services and facilities to ensure the community has equitable access and that the identified needs of the community are met

- (a) At the council meeting held on 21 April 2015 Council passed the following resolution:

“Council invite Dr Steb Fisher to a half day workshop for all Council Members and appropriate staff to revisit the Natural Step Framework and provide a general overview of the framework to Council Members and staff.”

- (b) this workshop occurred on the 30th of June 2015, and was well received by those members and staff who attended. Dr Steb Fisher gave a summary of the Natural Step Framework and how it can be applied at the Council level, as well as a thought-provoking summary of some of the major environmental issues facing us today;
- (c) following on from this workshop, Council passed the following resolution at the 21 July 2015 Council meeting:

“Council provide a further seminar with Dr Steb Fisher for a day session on the Natural Step Framework. Council extend an invitation to District Council of Grant to attend.”

The purpose of this follow up session is to explore the Natural Step in greater detail, and workshop concrete ideas on how the City of Mount Gambier can further implement it;

- (d) it is proposed to firstly repeat the 30 June session, for those Members who missed it – then hold the follow up session. Members who attended the 30 June session do not have to attend the ‘catch up’ session. In summary, two 4 hour sessions are proposed – the ‘Catch up’ session, and the ‘Follow up’ session.

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Dr Steb Fisher can be available to deliver the two sessions on the following dates and times.

All dates are for October 2015.

- Monday 26th 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and/or 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.
- Tuesday 27th 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., or any other 4 hour slot after 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 28th 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., or any other 4 hour slot after 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday 29th 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., or any other 4 hour slot to finish by 3:00 p.m. latest.
- Sessions could start at 8:30 a.m. instead if needed.
- The previous week is also possible.

Members are encouraged to indicate to Aaron Izzard, Environmental Sustainability Officer which of these days and times suit them;

- (e) all members are strongly encouraged to attend. The Natural Step Framework is Council's adopted framework to guide its approach to environmental sustainability. Environment is one of the four pillars of the City Development Framework – "Valuing Our Climate, Natural Resources and Heritage".

moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received.

seconded

3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - Recycling Business Options for Eucalypt Drive - Salvage Yard Expressions of Interest - Ref. AF14/34

Goal: Building Communities

Strategic Objective: (i) Strive for an increase in services and facilities to ensure the community has equitable access and that the identified needs of the community are met

The Environmental Sustainability Officer reported:

- (a) After much background work, at the 18 March Council meeting the following resolution was passed:

"An Expression of Interest for operation of a Salvage Yard at 3 Eucalypt Drive be released.";

- (b) the EOI was publicly released on Friday the 21st of August. The closing date is Friday 2 October 2015;
- (c) a further report and recommendations will be presented to Council for consideration.

moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received.

seconded

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4. **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee - Reports for Information - Ref. AF12/377**

The Environmental Sustainability Officer reported:

(a) Environmental Sustainability Program 2015 - Project Progress

The current table outlining projects for 2015 is attached to the agenda for Members information.

moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received;
- (b) item (a) as above be received and noted for information.

seconded

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

The meeting closed at _____ a.m.

25 August 2015
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Environmental Sustainability Program 2015 – Project Progress

Updated: 1st September 2015

Project	Summary	Progress Notes
Salvage Yard	Investigate opportunities for re-establishing a salvage yard in Eucalypt Drive.	EOI was released on Friday 21 August 2015. It closes on Friday 2 October 2015.
Caroline Landfill Audit	Audit the trucks depositing waste to the landfill to identify opportunities to reduce the amount of recyclables and organics that are being deposited.	Contractors have been contacted to let them know the results of the audit and to find a way forward to reduce contamination.
Organics Next Steps	Investigate opportunities for reducing the amount of organic waste being put in Council's kerbside rubbish bins.	At the March 2015 Council meeting Council approved the release of 2,000 kitchen caddies with bio-bags to organics bin subscribers in the 2015-2016 financial year. Bulk buy opportunities for compost bins and worm farms are also being investigated.
Library Solar Power System	Installation of a 57kW solar system on the roof of the Library, to supply 25-30% of the Library's electricity needs.	The system is now switched on and fully functional. The display inside the library will be switched on in the near future.
Blue Lake Solar Lighting	Involves the installation of solar lights around the footpath around the Blue Lake.	Installation of the lights is now complete. Batteries on two lights seem low and are being investigated.
Park & Stride Mount Gambier	The aim of this 12 month project is to encourage community members who come to central Mount Gambier to shop, to park in an off-street car park and walk to shop, rather than drive from shop to shop.	The program has been launched. So far there have been over 500 Facebook page likes, 150 Surveys completed, over 150 people make the public commitment, and thousands of Facebook 'Post Reach'. A variety of prizes have been given including shop vouchers and P&S eftpos cards.
Bin Tagging	This involves checking the contents of waste and recycling bins from 150 properties, and give specific feedback about what goes in which bins.	All four runs completed. Recycling bin contamination reduced 41%, and waste bins by 47%. The program will be undertaken again in Spring 2015.
Efficient Homes Project	This project involves installing temperature loggers in houses constructed of a variety of materials – rammed earth, modern eclectic, modern brick veneer and limestone – and leaving them in situ for 12 months.	Final report has been prepared and is being placed on Council's website.
Aquatic Centre Energy Audit	An audit of the electricity use of the Mount Gambier Aquatic Centre. It is anticipated that the auditors will make recommendations for improving the efficiency of the facility, leading to long term reductions in electricity costs.	Follow up investigations are currently being undertaken.
2015 KESAB Awards	Nominate City of Mount Gambier for numerous categories within the KESAB awards.	2015 submission has been submitted. Judging will take place later in the year.
Resource Efficiency Review	Review of Council operations to identify what level of resources are currently being used, and identify opportunities for increased efficiency.	Some initial data received from Finance and suppliers. Analysis of data will commence in the near future as the ESO work program allows.
Fruit Tree EOI	Involved working with residents to put a small number of fruit trees in their local reserve.	In conjunction with local residents 6 fruit trees were planted in the Limestone Court reserve on Thursday 2 July 2015.
Carbon Reporting	Measure and report on Council's carbon emissions for the 2014-2015 financial year. Assess if Council triggers any	Reporting will commence when final 2014-2015 utility bills are received in August.

	carbon and/or climate change legislation.	
Mount Gambier: Edible City	Run a series of workshops on home food production, from beginner to more advanced topics.	Program was launched on Sunday 21 June 2015 at John Powell Reserve. Webpage is live. Workshops are being organised. First workshop took place at the Mount Gambier Farmers Market on Saturday 15 th of August. Next workshops will be held over the weekend of 18-20 September.
Smaller Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Smart Living profiles. - Talks at schools and community groups on environment and sustainability topics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Five Smart Living profiles have been completed. - Talks undertaken on an ongoing basis upon request. Two radio interviews were undertaken regarding the Mount Gambier: Edible City project. A talk was delivered at Mulga St primary later today on the topic of groundwater.
Environmental Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clean Up Australia Day - Earth Hour - Ride to Work Day - Walk to Work Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed. - Completed. - Wednesday 14th October. - Friday 8 November.