



Reference: AF12/377 SW

2 April 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, 7th April 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, 7th April 2015 at 7.30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - Programme Management - Clean Up Australia Day 2013 - Ref. AF11/404
2. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - Programme Management - Participation in Earth Hour 2015 - Ref. AF11/407
3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - Biogas Basics Seminar - Ref. AF11/368
4. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - Programme Management - Waste Disposal - E-waste - Ref. AF11/2530
5. 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 7th April 2015 at 7:30 a.m.

AGENDA

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

COUNCIL OFFICERS: Daryl Sexton, Director - Operational Services
Aaron Izzard, 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, 24th February 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.
seconded

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

1. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - Programme Management - Clean Up Australia Day 2013 - Ref. AF11/404

Goal: Environment
Strategic Objective: (i) *Systematically build Council as an environmentally sustainable organisation.*
(ii) *Use every opportunity to increase the level of community understanding and awareness of the necessity of environmental sustainability.*

The Environmental Sustainability Officer reported:

- (a) At the Council meeting held on 15th April 2014 Council resolved:
 - "Council continue to support this national environmental conservation event in future years (in the same capacity as 2014)";*
- (b) as such, Council staff again coordinated participation in Clean Up Australia Day (CUAD) 2015. The City of Mount Gambier provided:
 - Promotion (mail out, community posters, civic centre foyer display, media release, radio interviews, flat screen advertising in the Library, Council and Main Corner plus emailing of networks)

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- Co-ordination of kits and groups
 - Extra bins at nominated sites
 - Marshalling area and co-ordination of volunteer registrations on the Sunday
 - Rubbish removal from nominated sites
 - Free sausage sizzle for participants, which was a fundraiser for Rotary Lakes.
- (c) Clean Up Australia 2015 consisted of clean ups held on two (2) days. The Schools Clean Up Day (SCUD) on Friday, 27th February and the Community Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday, 1st March;
- (d) the Schools Clean Up Day consisted of ten (10) schools participating, cleaning up their schools grounds and surrounds areas. Schools included; Acacia Kindergarten, Akuna Kindergarten, Grant High School, St Martin's Lutheran College, Tenison Woods College, Mil Lel Primary School, Mulga Street Primary School, Melaleuca Park Primary, Suttontown Primary and McDonald Park School;
- (e) the Community Clean Up Australia Day event involved approximately 133 volunteers and 7 registered community sites. During the community clean up volunteers collected approximately 19 bags of rubbish and 17 bags of recyclables, a total of 36 bags. Significantly less rubbish than previous years was collected is encouraging to see, however feedback from participants indicated rubbish left in car parks in the CBD areas is still high;
- (f) community sites cleaned up in 2015 were Valley Lakes, Potters Point/Sealy Reserve, Olympic Park and surrounding streets, McDonalds Restaurant, Frew Park and surrounding streets, Bunnings to 5SE Radio tower on Millicent road, Hawkins Road/Jubilee Highway East, the Cave Gardens and CBD area. Community areas cleaned on Schools Clean Up Day included Railway Lands by Mil Lel Primary School, Lady Nelson/Frew Park and streets to St Martin's Lutheran College and Hasting Cunningham Reserve, Shepherdson Road, Marist Park and White Avenue to Commercial Street West by Tension Woods College;
- (g) it is recommended Council continues to support this national environmental conservation event in the same capacity as 2015.

moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received;
- (b) Council continue to support this national environmental conservation event in 2016, in the same capacity as 2015.

seconded

2. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - Programme Management - Participation in Earth Hour 2015 - Ref. AF11/407

Goal: Environment

Strategic Objective:

- (i) *Systematically build Council as an environmentally sustainable organisation.*
- (ii) *Use every opportunity to increase the level of community understanding and awareness of the necessity of environmental sustainability.*

The Environmental Sustainability Officer reported:

- (a) At the Council meeting held on 17th March 2015 Council resolved:

“Council participate in Earth Hour 2015 by switching off the external lights at Main Corner, City Hall, Vansittart Park, the Library, the Centenary Tower, and the Lady Nelson Brig between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, 28th of March 2015”;

- (b) as such, Council staff again coordinated participation in Earth Hour 2015. The City of Mount Gambier provided promotion (community posters, civic centre foyer display, media release, radio interviews, flat screen advertising in the Library, Council and Main Corner plus emailing of networks);
- (c) Council participated through taking part in ‘Lights Out’. Lights were turned off from 8.30-9.30pm on the Saturday at the Main Corner, City Hall, Library, Vansittart Park, Lady Nelson Brig and the Centenary Tower. Hosting screenings of the Earth Hour documentary “Where Does My Food Come From?” at the Dress Circle, Main Corner in the weeks either side of Earth Hour. Running an Earth Hour theme at the Library during their story time sessions on Tuesday and Friday in the week leading up to the event.

moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received;
- (b) Council continue to support this global sustainability event in 2016, in the same capacity as 2015.

seconded

3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - Biogas Basics Seminar - Ref. AF11/368

Goal: Diversity

Strategic Objective: (i) Develop the capacity of Council to effectively communicate and engage with our communities, other agencies and service providers

Goal: Environment

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The Environmental Sustainability Officer reported:

- (a) A specialist seminar for the region on the topic of biogas was held on Friday 6th March 2015 in the Dress Circle of the Main Corner Complex. The seminar was presented by Dr Jayant Keskar of CRC CARE. The Presiding Member of the Environmental Sustainability Committee and the Environmental Sustainability Officer attended on behalf of Council;
- (b) the seminar covered biogas installations at all scales, from small installations to very large. Dr Keskar highlighted the many benefits of bioenergy, including from energy, economic and environmental perspectives. Biogas can provide heat, electricity, transport fuel and fertiliser products;
- (c) bioenergy has a key role to play in producing clean base load energy and reducing waste. The Green Triangle region has a significant potential for bioenergy with the South East alone having up to five (5) million tonnes of accessible biomass waste annually (non-forestry);

- (d) Council's participation in the South East Biomass Group through the Environmental Sustainability Officer is useful for keeping up to date with potential projects for the South East.

moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received.

seconded

4. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - Programme Management - National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme - Ref. AF13/94

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) The City of Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Centre (WTC) has been an official collection site for the National TV and Computer Recycling Scheme (the Scheme) since March 2013. Scheme e-waste items are received at the WTC on behalf of one of the co-regulatory arrangements approved under the scheme. These items are free to dispose of for residents and small business of Mount Gambier;
- (b) up until recently the co-regulatory arrangement was willing to accept all Scheme e-waste received at the site. However, they recently placed a cap on the volume of Scheme e-waste that they will accept (and fund) from the WTC. They have told Council the reason for this is that they have met their collection targets under the Scheme, and are not funded to collect any more than their target. The volume cap they have placed on the site is only 72% of what the site averaged in 2013-2014. The service to Council has been reduced, but we know of other local governments that had their services completely cancelled with very little notice;
- (c) further to this, the co-regulatory arrangement is seeking to have a signed agreement with Council regarding the service. Council staff, including the Governance Officer, have reviewed the proposed agreement but found it to have a number of flaws. Three of the major flaws are:
- The refusal to include South Australia as the state under which the agreement applies.
 - The refusal to include a reference to ICAC.
 - The refusal to acknowledge Council as being self-insured, and refusal to refer to the insurance arrangements of the co-regulatory arrangement;
- (d) to date, the co-regulatory arrangement has refused to negotiate on these three critical items. Since March 2013 items have been collected, removed and paid for by the co-regulatory arrangement - but if Council and the co-regulatory arrangement fail to negotiate an agreement, then the service could be removed at any time;
- (e) Council staff have liaised with a number of other collection sites for the Scheme, some are with the same co-regulatory arrangement as Council, other sites are with other co-regulatory arrangements. From these discussions it is clear that all the co-regulatory arrangements have met their quota under the Scheme and so are proving very difficult to negotiate with;

- (f) the Federal Department of the Environment is currently conducting an Operational Review of the Scheme. Submissions closed on 6th February 2015. Council made a submission highlighting its concerns to the Department. The LGA and SELGA also made submissions advocating for local governments. At this stage it is unclear whether changes to improve the Scheme will be made or not;
- (g) given these issues and uncertainties it is recommend that Council write to the Federal Member for Barker, Mr Tony Pasin MP, to seek assurances of the longevity of the scheme. Clarification should also be sought about why the long term final target of the Scheme is only 80% of the total material, and not 100%. Clarification should also be sought about the rights of collection sites with regards to negotiating agreements with the co-regulatory arrangements.

moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received;
- (b) Council write to Mr Tony Pasin MP, Federal Member for Barker, highlighting its issues and uncertainties regarding the National TV and Computer Recycling Scheme, and seeking assurances from the Federal Government regarding the questions raised in this report.

seconded

5. 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.

Environmental Sustainability Program 2015 - Project Progress

Updated: 2nd April 2015

Project	Summary	Progress Notes
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.	Due for completion by the end of April. Delay has been due to SA Power Networks requirements.
Blue Lake Solar Lighting	Involves the installation of solar lights around the footpath around the Blue Lake.	Installation of the lights has commenced. Due to be complete by the end of May 2015.
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 almost 300 Facebook page likes, 143 Surveys completed, over 100 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. Due to run until November 2015.
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.	First three runs completed, one more to go. Recycling bin contamination has reduced 27% so far.
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.	Loggers have been placed in a new set of houses for 2014-2015. They will be collected in June 2015.
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.	Results of the audit will be remotely presented at the end of April 2015.
2015 KESAB Awards	Nominate City of Mount Gambier for numerous categories within the KESAB awards.	Currently collating information for the 2015 nomination. Please forward any ideas to the Environmental Sustainability Officer.
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.	2015 EOI has been publicly released. Submissions close on 23 rd April 2015.
Carbon Reporting	Measure and report on Council's carbon emissions for the 2014-2015 financial year. Assess if Council triggers any carbon and/or climate change legislation.	Reporting will commence when final 2014-2015 utility bills are received in August.
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.
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.