

Reference: AF12/377 SM

29 June 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, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7:30 a.m.

An agenda for the meeting is enclosed herewith.

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# ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.30 a.m.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. <u>PROPERTY MANAGEMENT</u> Arrangements Temporary Closure of Valley Lake to Powered Water Craft 2015 Carpathon Event Ref. AF14/113
- 2. <u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u> Project Management City Development Framework Project Natural Step Session Debrief Ref. AF13/125
- 3. <u>ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT</u> 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 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7:30 a.m.

#### <u>AGENDA</u>

<u>PRESENT</u>: Cr P Richardson (Presiding Member)

Crs 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 Cr D Mutton 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

seconded

QUESTIONS: (a) With Notice - nil submitted.

(b) Without Notice -

1. <u>PROPERTY MANAGEMENT</u> - Arrangements - Temporary Closure of Valley Lake to Powered Water Craft - 2015 Carpathon Event - Ref. AF14/113

Goal: Building Communities

Strategic Objective: (i) Recognise and support our volunteers, community organisations

and their sustainability as they continue to be the foundation of the

community

The Environmental Sustainability Officer reported:

(a) Council are again partnering with the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) for Water Week 2015. One of the activities involves running the Carpathon at the Valley Lake on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015. DEWNR have requested to have the Valley Lake closed to powered water craft during the period of the Carpathon event from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received;
- (b) Council approve the closure of the Valley Lake to powered water craft on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

seconded

#### Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee Agenda for 7th July 2015 Cont'd...

## 2. <u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u> - Project Management - City Development Framework Project - Natural Step Session Debrief - 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

The Environmental Sustainability Officer reported:

- (a) At the Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 Council resolved to invite Dr Steb Fisher to run 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;
- (b) this workshop was held on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2015. The purpose of this item is for members to discuss how the workshop went, and where to from here generally speaking and in the context of the review of the Strategic Plan.

moved it be recommended:

(a) The report be received;

seconded

3. <u>ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT</u> - 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.

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### **Environmental Sustainability Program 2015 – Project Progress**

Updated: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Project	Summary	Progress Notes
Salvage Yard	Investigate opportunities for re-establishing a salvage yard in Eucalypt Drive.	Staff are working on an updated EOI with a view to re-releasing it.
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 will now be contacted to let them know the results of the audit and to find a way forward to reduce contamination. The results will also be discussed with SELGA.
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. It has generated 3,337 kWh of electricity since being switched on at the end of May 2015. That's enough electricity to power the average home for over 130 days. An official 'opening' event and related media are now being organised.
Blue Lake Solar Lighting	Involves the installation of solar lights around the footpath around the Blue Lake.	Installation of the lights is now complete. An official 'opening' event and related media are now being organised.
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.	Loggers have been placed in a new set of houses for 2014-2015. They will be collected in July 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.	Follow up investigations are currently being undertaken.
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 – Carmel Ron.
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	Reporting will commence when final 2014-2015 utility bills are received in

	2014-2015 financial year. Assess if Council triggers any carbon and/or climate change legislation.	August.
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.
Smaller Projects	Smart Living profiles.     Talks at schools and community groups on environment and sustainability topics.	<ul> <li>Five Smart Living profiles have been completed.</li> <li>Talks undertaken on an ongoing basis upon request. Two radio interviews were undertaken regarding the Mount Gambier: Edible City project.</li> </ul>
Environmental Events	<ul><li>Clean Up Australia Day</li><li>Earth Hour</li><li>Ride to Work Day</li><li>Walk to Work Day</li></ul>	<ul><li>Completed.</li><li>Completed.</li><li>Wednesday 14th October.</li><li>Friday 8 November.</li></ul>