



Reference: AF12/377 SW

20 March 2014

## 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, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 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, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - Programme Management - Clean Up Australia Day 2014 - Ref. AF11/404
2. GOVERNANCE - Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee - Public Edible Plants Expressions of Interest - Ref. AF11/407
3. 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 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7:30 a.m.

### AGENDA

PRESENT: Cr I Von Stanke (Presiding Member)  
Crs D Mutton, A Smith, B Shearing

APOLOGIES: moved the apology received from be  
accepted.

seconded

COUNCIL OFFICERS: Daryl Morgan, Acting Director - Operational Services  
Aaron Izzard, Environmental Sustainability Officer  
Tracy Tzioutziouklaris, Strategic Project Officer  
Team Leader - Administration (Operational Services), Sally Wilson

### 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, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014 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 2014 - 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 Presiding Member reported:

- (a) The 2014 Clean Up Australia Day event involved approximately 150 volunteers and nine (9) registered community sites collecting approximately 58 bags of rubbish and seventeen (17) bags of recyclables. Volunteers ranged from toddlers to grandparents, families, individuals, community groups and school groups.

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(b) the City of Mount Gambier provided:

- promotion (mail out, community posters, library display, media release, radio interviews, flat screen advertising in the Library, Council and Main Corner plus emailing of networks);
- co-ordination of kits and groups;
- extra bins at nominated sites;
- marshalling area and co-ordination of volunteer registrations on the day;
- rubbish removal from nominated sites;
- free sausage sizzle for participants which was a fundraiser for Rotary West;

(c) community sites cleaned up in 2014 were:

- Valley Lakes (Lions Club of Mount Gambier);
- Blue Lake/Hoo Hoo Look out area (Sorooptimists);
- Potters Point/Sealy Reserve (Deb Pashke neighbour group);
- Vansittart Park and surrounding streets (Council led site; Public);
- Olympic Park and surrounding streets (1st Mt Gambier Scout Group);
- McDonalds Restaurant/Frew Park and surrounding streets (McDonalds Restaurant employees);
- Wireless Road East/Kennedy Avenue area (Gambier City Lions);
- CBD (Council led site; Youth Advisory Group and Public);
- Jubilee Highway West/Millicent road (Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West)
- Hawkins Road/Jubilee Highway East (Eve Clarke neighbourhood group)

community areas cleaned on Schools Clean Up Day included:

- Lady Nelson/Frew Park and streets to school (St Martin's Lutheran College)
- Hasting Cunningham Reserve/Shepherdson road, Marist park and surrounding area (Tension Woods College).

(d) Registrations were submitted online with Clean Up Australia Day or with Council. The weather was kind to participants this year and the promoted time (10am - noon) for the event was supported by the strong numbers. A few groups chose a different time/day to Sunday for community spaces which suited them. Feedback from groups has generally indicated minimal rubbish at sites and no reports have been made of any particular problem area for accumulation of rubbish. Rubbish in car parks and along roads was higher than in parks and reserves;

(e) it is recommended Council continues to support this national environmental conservation event in the same capacity as 2014. This event allows an opportunity to build on community awareness and connection with the local built environment and facilitates individuals from all walks of life to work together.

moved it be recommended:

(a) The report be received;

(b) Council continue to support this national environmental conservation event in future years (in the same capacity as 2014).

seconded

**2. GOVERNANCE - Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee - Public Edible Plants Expressions of Interest - Ref. AF11/407**

<i>Goal:</i>	<i>Building Communities</i>
<i>Strategic Objective:</i>	<i>(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</i>
<i>Operational activity:</i>	<i>(ii) Build on the connections of the role and responsibilities of the Community Health Officer, Environmental Health Officer and Environmental Sustainability Officer to determine what is being undertaken to promote and achieve healthy communities objectives</i>

The Environmental Sustainability Officer reported:

- (a) At the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 Council meeting it was resolved to endorse the concept of edible plants in public spaces and release a competitive Expression of Interest (EOI) to the community for the planting of five (5) fruit/nut trees in a Council reserve;
- (b) following on from the EOI process Council, in conjunction with local residents, planted the requested fruit and nut trees in the reserve on the corner of North Terrace and Conroe Drive (eastern end);
- (c) feedback from residents involved in the submission is that the project is worthwhile, and facilitated them meeting their neighbours for the first time. The trees themselves are doing reasonably well, with one tree even producing fruit in this first year;
- (d) given the success of the trial, the City of Mount Gambier could again put out a competitive EOI to the community for fruit and nut tree plantings. It could be expanded to include other edible plants like herbs, if the residents desire. Instead of defining the amount of plants, the EOI could set a limit of \$250 worth of edible plants. This EOI would encourage people in their neighbourhood to get together and agree to maintain the plants, and would apply only to plantings in a reserve (at least 10 metres away from utilities infrastructure and houses);
- (e) the intended outcomes of the project are:
  - promotion of local food production;
  - encourages community interaction and community ownership;
  - gauges community interest for edible plantings in public spaces;
  - contributes to local food security.

moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received;
- (b) Council release a competitive Expression of Interest (EOI) to the community for the planting of \$250 worth of edible plants in a Council reserve, at least 10 metres away from utilities infrastructure and houses, in line with the program as contained in this report.

seconded

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

*Goal:* Environment

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

(a) Environmental Sustainability Program 2014 - Project Progress

The current table outlining projects for 2014 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 2014 - Project Progress

**Updated: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Progress Notes</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
CHAT Roll Out	These tools are to be used to assess all major projects and programs, to ensure they are in line with Beyond 2015, the Natural Step Framework, and represent a good holistic option for Council.	Tool has been rolled out across the organisation. Training will be delivered to councillors on the 31 <sup>st</sup> of March 2014.	95 %
Park & Stride Mount Gambier	The aim of the 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 be "drive-through" shoppers, who drive from shop to shop.	The development of a community education program will commence in the near future.	10 %
Waste Education Strategy	The purpose of the strategy is to provide consistent and clear waste and recycling information to the community in order to improve waste management amongst residents.	Bin lids have been spot checked, approximately 80-90% of bins have a sticker. A final bin run on bicycles is being undertaken.	50 %
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. One interesting finding so far is that in 2012-2013 the organisation used 779,500 sheets of copy paper. That averages out to over 11,600 sheets per office based staff member – almost 50 pages per day each! We all need to do our best to reduce this.	15 %
Salvage Yard Options Investigation	The aim of this project is to investigate options to give the community avenues for disposing their unwanted items for beneficial reuse – rather than going to landfill or being dumped. The project will involve investigating both physical and virtual options.	Feedback on the EOI has been received from FWS and FEO. The EOI will be advertised in the near future.	45 %
Organics Use Options Investigation	This project involves investigating the potential options for diverting organic waste from landfill, as well as researching what that organic waste can be used for.	The tender for the consultancy has been awarded to Blue Environment. The project inception meeting was on Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2014.	50 %
Efficient Homes Project	This project involves installing temperature loggers in houses constructed of a variety of materials – limestone, brick veneer, weatherboard – and leaving them in situ for 12 months. Heating and cooling actions will be recorded by residents, and operating costs of equipment calculated.	The interim report has been put on Council's website. Loggers will be collected in April and the data downloaded for the final report.	45 %

Renewable Energy Options Investigation	This project involves investigating the various options in a holistic sense with a view to making a recommendation to Council. The various options include purchasing green power, Council installing solar power, Council installing wind power, or Council installing bioenergy (from organic materials).	The report and recommendations were being considered at the 18 March 2014 Council meeting.	55 %
Carbon Reporting	Measure and report on Council's carbon emissions for the 2012-2013 financial year. Assess if Council triggers any carbon and/or climate change legislation.	Reporting will commence when final 2013-2014 utility bills are received in August.	0 %
Fruit Tree EOI	The 2013 EOI will be assessed to see if it is recommended to do another planting in 2014.	The 2013 trial is doing well. It is recommended to run another round in 2014.	5 %
2014 KESAB Awards	Nominate City of Mount Gambier for numerous categories within the KESAB awards.	The collation of initiatives to be included in the 2014 City of Mount Gambier nomination has commenced. If you are aware of any relevant projects please forward the details to the Environmental Sustainability Officer.	10 %
Smaller Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Smart Living profiles.</li> <li>- Talks at schools and community groups on environment and sustainability topics.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Four Smart Living profiles have been completed.</li> <li>- As required. A talk about urban water management was given to primary school students in conjunction with the clean out of the large Cave Gardens GPT.</li> </ul>	Ongoing Ongoing
Environmental Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- World Wetlands Day</li> <li>- Clean Up Australia Day</li> <li>- Earth Hour</li> <li>- Environment Month</li> <li>- Ride to Work Day</li> <li>- Walk to Work Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sunday 2 February</li> <li>- Sunday 2 March.</li> <li>- Saturday 29 March.</li> <li>- June.</li> <li>- Wednesday 15th October.</li> <li>- Friday 7 November.</li> </ul>	100% 100 % 50 % 0 % 0 % 0 %