

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE

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

### MINUTES

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

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

APOLOGIES: Cr Mutton moved the apology received from Cr S Meznic be accepted.  
Cr Von Stanke seconded Carried

COUNCIL MEMBERS  
AS OBSERVERS: Nil

**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: Cr Von Stanke moved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.  
Cr Mutton seconded Carried

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

#### **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 Presiding Member 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.

**Cr Mutton 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.**

**Cr Von Stanke seconded**

**Carried**

**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*

The Presiding Member reported:

- (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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and/or 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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".

**Cr Mutton moved it be recommended:**

- (a) **The report be received.**

**Cr Von Stanke seconded**

**Carried**

**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 Presiding Member 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.

**Cr Von Stanke moved it be recommended:**

- (a) **The report be received.**

**Cr Mutton seconded**

**Carried**

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

The Presiding Member reported:

(a) Environmental Sustainability Program 2015 - Project Progress

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

**Cr Richardson moved it be recommended:**

(a) **The report be received;**

(b) **item (a) as above be received and noted for information.**

**Cr Von Stanke seconded**

**Carried**

**MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE - Nil**

The meeting closed at 7:53 a.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

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PRESIDING MEMBER

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