



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

6 SEPTEMBER 2022

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Tuesday, 6 September 2022**.

David Waddell
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Administration on 6393 8106.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The provisions of Chapter 14 of the Local Government Act, 1993 (the Act) regulate the way in which Councillors and designated staff of Council conduct themselves to ensure that there is no conflict between their private interests and their public role.

The Act prescribes that where a member of Council (or a Committee of Council) has a direct or indirect financial (pecuniary) interest in a matter to be considered at a meeting of the Council (or Committee), that interest must be disclosed as soon as practicable after the start of the meeting and the reasons given for declaring such interest.

As members are aware, the provisions of the Local Government Act restrict any member who has declared a pecuniary interest in any matter from participating in the discussion or voting on that matter, and requires that member to vacate the Chamber.

Council's Code of Conduct provides that if members have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict must be disclosed. The Code of Conduct also provides for a number of ways in which a member may manage non pecuniary conflicts of interest.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Committee Members now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at this meeting.

2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

2.1 MINUTES OF THE PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 JULY 2022

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/1474

AUTHOR: Nigel Hobden, Manager City Presentation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee met on 14 July 2022 and the recommendation from that meeting are provided to the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee for adoption.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “8.1. Plan for growth and development that balances liveability with valuing the local environment”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee at its meeting held on 14 July 2022.
- 2 That Council determine recommendation 3.1 from the minutes of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting of 14 July 2022.
3.1 That the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan be reviewed, priorities determined and actions updated.
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee at its meeting held on 14 July 2022 be adopted.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Consideration has been given to the recommendation’s impact on Council’s service delivery; image and reputation; political; environmental; health and safety; employees; stakeholders and project management; and no further implications or risks have been identified.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 PTWW - 14 July 2022 Minutes
- 2 PTWCC - 14 July 2022 Agenda, D22/44433 [↓](#)

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCILLOR'S WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 14 JULY 2022

COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr M McDonell (Chairperson), Cr D Mallard, Mr William Tuck, Ms Sarah Keir (joined at 5.10pm via Teams), Mr Reg Kidd, Mr Malcolm Stacey, Mr Neil Jones (via Teams), Ms Amanda Lockwood, Ms Sharyn Pussell, Mr Cyril Smith, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Manager City Presentation

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RESOLVED	Cr M McDonell/Mr R Kidd
That the apologies be accepted from Mr Brendan Stuart, Mr Gavin Kidd and Mr Andrew Kennedy for the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting on 14 July 2022.	

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

Cr Melanie McDonell conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

1.3 Declaration of pecuniary interests, significant non-pecuniary interests and less than significant non-pecuniary interests

Nil

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED	Mr W Tuck/Cr D Mallard
That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee held on 18 May 2022 (copies of which were circulated to all members) are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting held on 18 May 2022.	

3 GENERAL REPORTS

3.1 PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1208

RECOMMENDATION

Mr M Stacey/Ms S Pussell

That the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan be reviewed, priorities determined and actions updated.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.31PM.



PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

14 JULY 2022

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCILLOR'S WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE on Thursday, 14 July 2022** commencing at **5.00PM**.

David Waddell

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Nigel Hobden on 6393 8241.

**2.2 MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD 8 JULY 2022**

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/1709

AUTHOR: Lindsay Hall, Sustainability Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the Sustainability Community Committee held on 8 July 2022 are provided to the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee for adoption.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee at its meeting held on 8 July 2022.**
- 2 That the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee at its meeting held on 8 July 2022 be adopted.**

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Consideration has been given to the recommendation’s impact on Council’s service delivery; image and reputation; political; environmental; health and safety; employees; stakeholders and project management; and no further implications or risks have been identified.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 ESCC - 8 July 2022 Minutes
- 2 ESCC - 8 July 2022 Agenda, D22/52863 [↓](#)

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 8 JULY 2022

COMMENCING AT 8.03AM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Cr M McDonell, Dr Vikas Mittal, Mr Robert Alford, Mr Andrew Kennedy, Mr Stephen Nugent, Mr Granton Smith, Mr Ronald Finch, Ms Bev Williams, Mr Reg Kidd, Mr Malcolm Stacey, Ms Shahreen Alford, Mr Michael Brown, Ms Jennifer Lacey, Mr Cyrill Smith, Director Development Services, Manager Waste Services and Technical Support, Water Management Officer

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RESOLVED

Mr R Alford/Ms B Williams

That the apologies be accepted from Mr Nick King, Ms Katherine Tollner, Ms Jennifer Wickham & Ms Amanda Lockwood for the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting on 8 July 2022.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

An Acknowledgement of Country was conducted by the Chairperson.

1.3 Declaration of pecuniary interests, significant non-pecuniary interests and less than significant non-pecuniary interests

Nil

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

Mr R Kidd/Mr R Alford

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee held on 13 May 2022 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting held on 13 May 2022.

3 GENERAL REPORTS

3.1 ESCC - STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1261

Notes:

The committee were overall happy with the layout and structure of the workshop report using the Miro applications. Some of the activities at the workshop were geared towards the members from previous committees.

Wins vs Challenges:

Include in wins, history of good water management and waste management. The Wins vs Challenges were more geared towards the ESCC committee itself, however definitely still worth a mention.

Add in the initial investigation report into Orange transition to a water sensitive city.

The Wins vs Challenges highlighted the balance between keeping on task and tackling issues outside of scope. A key piece of context is noting that the term for this ESCC is only 2 years.

There is a need for understanding what are we expecting to see from the State and Federal Governments.

There is a need to ensure there is 'cross-pollination' between other council community committees.

Must do, nice to have, bench:

Urban forestry isn't represented in the team alignment map however this is likely covered by the Parks trees and waterways.

Urbans forest definition is lacking/education to community is needed on this.

Once some of the first set of actions are underway then we can sieve through what parts the committee can and can't do of those.

The committee needs to assess and have the confidence to delegate. There are some actions/elements which can be covered by other committees, other groups, other organisations. The committee should focus on the parts falling through the 'gaps' as opposed to duplicating efforts.

For example, an energy conference for Orange is in the legacy report. This could potentially be managed by the economic development committee.

For some items it might be a case of being updated on what other committees, staff etc are doing to make sure the committee is informed and able to make decisions on what projects to continue on with.

Biodiversity is not being pursued in a way that ESCC has been working with Council, aim to keep up the work in this space.

Include something about supporting local community groups which focus on environmental issues. Landcare and rotary are working on projects this year with a focus on the environment.

Include something about safe chemical use and correct disposal, including education to the broader community.

Include something about looking at new technologies (e.g. condensation water capture, portable water treatment facilities).

Something missing is monitoring/investigation into chemicals in ground water from the historical industrial area on Edward Street Orange. There was ground water testing conducted. The EPA are the regulatory authority on this issue and the results and progress are available on the EPA website. This is however moving out of scope for the committee.

Need to include community education interweaved into all ESCC projects.

At each review of ESCC actions, it's important to put a lens over what elements the ESCC could assist with, if nothing than an update might be useful

Next:

At the next meeting aim to include the accepted action items in the 'Team alignment' map form the legacy report.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr S Nugent/Mr A Kennedy

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge this report and provide additional feedback on the outcomes of the workshop to be included in the ESCC strategic planning document.

Cr M McDonell left the meeting with the time being 08:34 am.

3.2 ESCC LEGACY REPORT - REVIEW OF UNFINISHED PROJECTS.

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1265

What is missing in this report?

Transitioning Orange to a water sensitive city.

Next steps in the Biodiversity mapping exercise – how to progress this.

Cities Power Partnership – updates, what is happening in this space. Include in ESCC business.

What could be done with some of the identified actions?

Energy is something that affects everyone, it should/could be included by the economic development committee.

The whole page on energy is now out of scope for ESCC, aside from updates.

Additional:

Cross over of DCP review and water sensitive/urban design/Urban biodiversity strategies.

There are multiple projects being raised however at some point, these will need to be assessed and prioritised to be actioned in a similar fashion as the initial ESCC workshop.

The small group activities are very useful, getting to know who people are.

The IWCM is being updated next year (12-18 months) new changes in the water regulations.

Update the governance actions – group emails, member descriptions.

Request from the committee, members who are interested to work in particular areas.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr C Smith/Mr S Nugent

That the committee consider the outstanding projects from the ESCC Legacy Report and decide which projects are to be included in the ESCC strategic planning document.

4 PRESENTATIONS

4.1 ANDREW KENNEDY - ESCC PURPOSE STATEMENT

TRIM REFERENCE: F158

An outcome of the ESCC Workshop and first ESCC meeting was to amend the strategic objectives of ESCC, in the Charter.

A team of ESCC members (Andrew K, Stephen N, Vikas Mittal, Michael Brown) worked together to re-create the outcomes of the workshop and to restructure objectives.

Suggested to place renewable energy in the third point instead of second point and keep climate change as its own point.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr G Smith/ Mr C Smith

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee accept the new ESCC purpose statement with changes and agree to progress amending the existing committee charter

4.2 OTHER BUSINESS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1266

Robert Alford: Update on Mount Canobolas item from ESCC meeting (13 May 2022).

DPE are going to provide the weather station to go onto the peak of the mountain.

Weather station data will not be fed into BoM system, but will be data sitting separate.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr M Stacey/ Mr C Smith

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge the presentation from committee member R Alford.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.33AM.

