



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

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David Waddell
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Nigel Hobden on 6393 8241.

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**14 JULY 2022****AGENDA****EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

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PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**14 JULY 2022**

1 INTRODUCTION**MEMBERS**

Cr M McDonell (Chairperson), Cr D Mallard, Mr Brendan Stuart, Mr William Tuck, Ms Sarah Keir, Mr Reg Kidd, Mr Malcolm Stacey, Mr Neil Jones, Mr Gavin Kidd, Ms Amanda Lockwood, Ms Sharyn Pussell, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Manager City Presentation, Water Treatment Manager, Parks Supervisor

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, the people of the Wiradjuri Nation. I pay my respects to Elders past and present, and extend those respects to Aboriginal Peoples of Orange and surrounds, and Aboriginal people here with us today.

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

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Committee Members now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee at this meeting.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES**RECOMMENDATION**

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) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate records of the proceedings of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting held on 18 May 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee held on 18 May 2022 .

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 18 MAY 2022

COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr M McDonell (Chairperson), Cr D Mallard (zoom, until 6.25pm), Cr Jason Hamling (zoom), Cr G Floyd (Guest), Mr Brendan Stuart (left at 6.30pm), Mr William Tuck, Ms Sarah Keir (left at 5.45pm), Mr Reg Kidd (zoom, until 6.25pm), Mr Malcolm Stacey, Mr Neil Jones, Mr Gavin Kidd, Ms Amanda Lockwood (zoom, until 6.25pm), Ms Sharyn Pussell, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Manager City Presentation

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson 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

Ms S Keir/Mr N Jones

That the Committee acknowledge that there were no minutes from the 22 September 2021 meeting as a quorum was not met and the meeting did not proceed.

MINUTES OF PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 18 MAY 2022**3 COMMITTEE MINUTES****3.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD 21 OCTOBER 2020**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/868

RESOLVED**Mr G Kidd/Ms S Keir**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee held on 21 October 2020 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate records of the proceedings of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting held on 21 October 2020.

4 PRESENTATIONS**4.1 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/822

RECOMMENDATION**Ms A Lockwood/Mr B Stuart**

That the Urban Forest Strategy be included in the Committee Action Plan and that the Landscape Master Plans and Conservation Management Plans be made available to Committee members.

4.2 CITY PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/830

RECOMMENDATION**Mr G Kidd/Mr M Stacey**

That the verbal report on the City Presentation overview presented by the Manager City Presentation be acknowledged.

5 GENERAL REPORTS**5.1 DRAFT COMMITTEE CHARTER - PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/750

RECOMMENDATION**Mr N Jones/Cr M McDonell**

That the Charter for the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee be adopted by the Committee Members with the following amendments:

- Quorum – At least four community members and one Councillor.
- Meeting Frequency – A minimum of 4 meetings per year to be held on a Thursday with specific meeting dates and time to be determined by the Committee.

MINUTES OF PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 18 MAY 2022**5.2 CODE OF CONDUCT 2022 - PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/752

RECOMMENDATION**Ms S Pussell/Mr W Tuck**

That the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee acknowledge the requirements set by the Code of Conduct, and members commit to act in accordance with the Code of Conduct at all times while on Committee/Council business.

5.3 PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/770

RECOMMENDATION**Cr M McDonell/Mr B Stuart**

That the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan be reviewed and updated at a separate workshop to be held on 16 June 2022.

5.4 DRAFT COOK PARK CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/771

RECOMMENDATION**Mr G Kidd/Cr D Mallard**

That the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee acknowledge that the draft Cook Park Conservation Management Plan be included in the Parks, Trees and Waterways Action Plan.

5.5 PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING DATES AND TIMES

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/862

RECOMMENDATION**Mr N Jones/Ms A Lockwood**

That the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meet at least 4 times per year on a Thursday at 5.00pm with specific dates to be determined by the Committee.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.40PM.

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**14 JULY 2022**

3 GENERAL REPORTS**3.1 PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/1208

AUTHOR: Nigel Hobden, Manager City Presentation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached for the information of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee is the Action Plan from the meeting of 18 May 2022.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "7.1 Preserve - 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

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

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 Park, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan, D18/37145

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

14 JULY 2022

Attachment 1 Park, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan

D18/37145

**Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee
Action Plan**

Action	Who	Delivery/Operational Plan reference	Cost implications	Resourcing implications	Start	End	Update/Completed
Investigate the possible use of permeable pavement around street trees and report back to the Committee.	Horticultural Services Supervisor & Manager City Presentation	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment. 9.4 Develop a vibrant civic and commercial precinct as a centre for the community	Nil – Investigation only.		August 2018		Investigations continuing into suitable permeable pavements and the effectiveness of this treatment COMPLETED
Undertake a review of the Street Tree Master Plan	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment. 9.4 Develop a vibrant civic and commercial precinct as a centre for the community	Nil - review only.		Mid 2020	December 2019	Presentation to be provided at the Parks, Trees and Waterways Committee meeting in November 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General overview of the document • How Council staff apply the STMP COMPLETED

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

14 JULY 2022

Attachment 1 Park, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan

Action	Who	Delivery/Operational Plan reference	Cost implications	Resourcing implications	Start	End	Update/Completed
Identify small neighbourhood parks that could benefit from tree planting to increase their environmental value	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.	Nil – investigation only. Cost to undertake planting to be		July 2018		Committee to be provided with a list of neighbourhood parks that can be considered for additional tree planting. Desk top review available PTW members to be undertaken 5.30pm Wednesday 19 June 2019 Reinitiate a drive/site visits. Send out a map and feedback on locations. Scheduled for 18 November 2020. COMPLETED
Undertake a review of Cook Park Masterplan	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.	Nil – review only			June 2020	Committee to take a walk around Cook Park early 2020. Budget bid for steel edging for paths. Estimate of cost to undertake. COMPLETED

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

14 JULY 2022

Attachment 1 Park, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan

Action	Who	Delivery/Operational Plan reference	Cost implications	Resourcing implications	Start	End	Update/Completed
Geographical name board – naming of unidentified parks eg Stirling Ave.	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.					To be covered in POM by consultants.
Urban Forest Strategy – Link to Landscape Master Plans and Conservation Management Plans to be distributed to committee members via email. Hard copy of Master Plans to be available at library for committee members to have access to.	Director Community Recreation and Cultural Services Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.					Director Community Recreation and Cultural Services has arranged for hard copies of master plans to be printed.
Cook Park – Conservation Management Plan. Feedback to be provided at the June Action Plan workshop.	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.					Action Plan workshop to be held on Thursday, 16 June 2022
Adaptive design for Cook Park Master Plan.	James Nicholson – dedicate an hour – non committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.					
Plan Of Management review.	Manager City Presentation	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and					

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

14 JULY 2022

Attachment 1 Park, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan

Action	Who	Delivery/Operational Plan reference	Cost implications	Resourcing implications	Start	End	Update/Completed
		development that value the local environment.					
Overarching natural resources management plan – Title to be determined. Covering – Riparian zones, wetlands and roadside remnant vegetation	Manager City Presentation	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment. Flood strategy, other Councils NRM strategy.			Next PTWCC meeting	Dec 2022	
Arboretums – Tablelands ECO system park.	Manager City Presentation	Concept Plan					
Sporting Precinct Landscape Master Plan	Manager City Presentation	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.					

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.



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

8 JULY 2022

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David Waddell
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Lindsay Hall on 6393 8208.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

8 JULY 2022

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**8 JULY 2022**

1 INTRODUCTION**MEMBERS**

Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Cr M McDonell, Dr Vikas Mittal, Mr Peter West, Mr Robert Alford, Mr Nick King, Mr Anthony Doyle, Mr Andrew Kennedy, Mr Stephen Nugent, Mr Granton Smith, Mr Ronald Finch, Ms Bev Williams, Mr George Bate, Ms Katherine Tollner, Mr Reg Kidd, Mr Malcolm Stacey, Ms Shahreen Alford, Ms Jennifer Wickham, Ms Amanda Lockwood, Mr Michael Brown, Ms Jennifer Lacey, Mr Cyril Smith, Director Development Services, Manager Building and Environment, Water Treatment Manager, Manager City Presentation, Manager Waste Services and Technical Support, Water and Sewerage Strategic Manager, Museum and Heritage Coordinator, Parks Supervisor, Project and Research Officer, Water Management Officer

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, the people of the Wiradjuri Nation. I pay my respects to Elders past and present, and extend those respects to Aboriginal Peoples of Orange and surrounds, and Aboriginal people here with us today.

1.3 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 Community Committee at this meeting.

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2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

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 records of the proceedings of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting held on 13 May 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee held on 13 May 2022

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 13 MAY 2022

COMMENCING AT 8.04 AM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Cr M McDonell, Dr Vikas Mittal, Mr Peter West, Mr Robert Alford, Mr Nick King, Mr Anthony Doyle, Mr Andrew Kennedy, Mr Stephen Nugent, Mr Granton Smith, Mr Ronald Finch, Ms Bev Williams, Ms Katherine Tollner, Mr Reg Kidd, Mr Malcolm Stacey, Ms Shahreen Alford, Ms Amanda Lockwood, Ms Jennifer Lacey, Director Development Services, Manager Building and Environment, Water Treatment Manager, Manager City Presentation, Manager Waste Services and Technical Support, Water and Sewerage Strategic Manager, Museum and Heritage Coordinator, Parks Supervisor, Project and Research Officer, Water Management Officer

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RECOMMENDATION

That the apologies be accepted from Ms Jennifer Wickham, Mr George Bate, Mr Michael Brown, Ms Shahreen Alford and Mr Cyril Smith for the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting on 13 May 2022.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson conducted an acknowledgement of Country.

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

Ms Katherine Tollner - Executive Director Community and Justice, at times may need to be removed from certain decisions as they arise, and will declare accordingly.

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 13 MAY 2022**2 PREVIOUS MINUTES****RECOMMENDATION****Mr S Nugent/Cr M McDonell**

That the Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee Meeting note the Minutes of the Meeting of held on 24 September 2021 (copies of which were circulated to all members)

3 GENERAL REPORTS**3.1 INTRODUCTIONS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/772

Members introduced themselves to the committee including areas of interest and what they hope to bring to the committee.

RECOMMENDATION**Cr M McDonell/Mr A Kennedy**

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge the report and member introductions.

3.2 DRAFT CHARTER - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/775

Andrew Kennedy – The original purpose in the charter doesn't quite represent the committees current direction/purpose.

Suggest simplifying the purpose statements potentially:

1. Natural resource management
2. Strategic Planning
3. Community educations/promotions etc

Cr M McDonell - Suggested to not change now but after a strategic planning workshop then the committee can suggest to Council to adopt any changes in the future.

RECOMMENDATION**Mr S Nugent/Mr R Alford**

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee adopt the draft Charter with the maximum number of community committee members being changed from 15 to 20 and consider amending the Charter Purpose Statements at a later meeting.

3.3 CODE OF CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/774

RECOMMENDATION**Cr M McDonell/Mr G Smith**

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge the requirements set by the Code of Conduct, and members commit to act in accordance with the Code of Conduct at all times while on Committee/Council business.

Mr P West left the meeting with the time being 8:44 am

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 13 MAY 2022**3.4 ESCC GOVERNANCE AND LEGACY REPORT**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/760

Comments:

It would be better to not have broad categories like Climate Change and instead focus on energy use/energy requirements.

It is worth having Climate Change as a separate category to energy.

Based on membership there is a broad range of expertise and knowledge, it would be good to structure this committee at a future workshop.

Climate change sub-group was meant to be read as separate from Energy sub-group in the report.

Community resilience is going to be important moving forward. New reporting requirements are coming into effect, particularly the financial impacts of risks.

Exposure to the communities in poor built conditions are at higher risk and there is an impact on social issues that can arise.

Macro targets –

2024 targets of net zero building from demolition to construction*

Net zero emissions by 2050 – State target

The committee need to decide on a strategic planning workshop date . Suggested Monday or Wednesday afternoon/evening. After checking with the Council and Councillors availability. A date will be decided and communicated to the committee

Volunteers for facilitating this process – Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Mr Robert Alford, Mr Andrew Kennedy, Mr Stephen Nugent, Mr Ronald Finch, Ms Bev Williams.

RECOMMENDATION**Mr S Nugent/Mr N King**

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee:

1. Acknowledge each member received a copy of the Community Committee Information pack.
2. Acknowledge this report and its content.

3.5 OTHER BUSINESS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/815

Presentation from committee member Robert Alford

Vegetation on the summit of Mount Canobolas – Robert presented photos of plant life on the summit of the mountain from 1960's compared to now

Photos for reference in CM9 – document numbers:

D22/28620

D22/28619

D22/28618

D22/28617

D22/28616

Images also provided to committee members in One drive

Notes provided by Robert:

Robert suggested that the environment has changed over a period of time (say 50 years).

More so in the last 20 to 25 years. Robert posed the question is this a sign of climate change? Mount Canobolas is outside the Orange LGA however impacts what happens in

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Orange so we should understand what is happening. This could be a great research program for the committee and others. Can this be considered? Is this a wake up for the community of Orange and region?

What has happened is real and people that say they know all about Mt Canobolas may have missed this? It is a great project for all the community of Orange – Great for the schools to be part of the future that the young people have to manage now and in the future.

Discussion:

This lack of growth is not because of fires in the last 50 years. (Robert) has been part of fire operations for Mt Canobolas.

Reg Kidd – has early images of the mountain if members would like to view.

The whole top of the mountain was bulldozed for the radio towers constructions and to prevent fires and interference. Trees were cut back to maintain the view from the mountain. It was not cut back as a policy from the Canobolas Park committee.

The committee should find out if there is any research being done on Mount Canobolas and if anything is being done in this space.

Extensive research has been conducted over 40 years by local researchers. There is a need to keep in contact with those researchers.

Outcome: Defer the report from Robert to the strategy workshop later in the year.

RECOMMENDATION**Mr R Alford/Mr N King**

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge the discussion.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.19AM

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3 GENERAL REPORTS**3.1 ESCC - STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP**

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/1261

AUTHOR: Cr David Mallard

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to review and discuss the outcomes of the ESCC strategic planning workshop and provide feedback on the draft strategic planning document (attached).

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "7.1 Preserve - 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

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.

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 ESCC Strategic Plan - DRAFT V1, D22/39241



Activity 1

Instructions:
In groups, discuss and write down the 'Wins' of previous ESCC, what you think worked. And separately the challenges presented.

Wins

Climate Change Strategy & Management Plan

Ability to work together and respect each other

Single use plastic Policy

ESCC Legacy Report and learnings

Confidence of previous ESCC Members to propose projects and provide updates/suggestions

Process:
- working groups
- Strategic plan exercise

Biodiversity mapping exercise

Challenges

Climate change strategy and management plan - enhancing and upgrading

Budget

Deciding what to focus on

Sub-groups - varying success & attendance rates

Bringing Councillors along with us

Time - only 2 hrs every 2 months

Prioritizing items/issues which comes up on agenda
- Time, importance, relevance to ESCC

Water

Urban forest

Activity 2

Instructions:
In groups, discuss what the purpose of ESCC is. If you were to be asked down the street what would you say?

ESCC Purpose

Urban planning & climate change.
To contribute to Councils strategic work on environmental sustainability and community leadership in sustainability issues.

A voice for the priority and importance of Environmental issue in Council

A 2 way information sharing and problem solving conversation between the community and staff, facilitated by Councillors

Advising OCC on alternative idea & approaches to help get Orange to Net- Zero

In house groups of Communities "friendlies" can inform/be informed of Oranges Environmental issues

Create and Orange which is sustainable and leading in energy, waste, water etc

Drive community transition to environmental leadership and liveability

Protection and enhancement of our natural resources and assets. Incl Indigenous heritage and culture

Provide community leadership

Activity 3

Stop

- Too broad focus
- Duplication of efforts

Keep

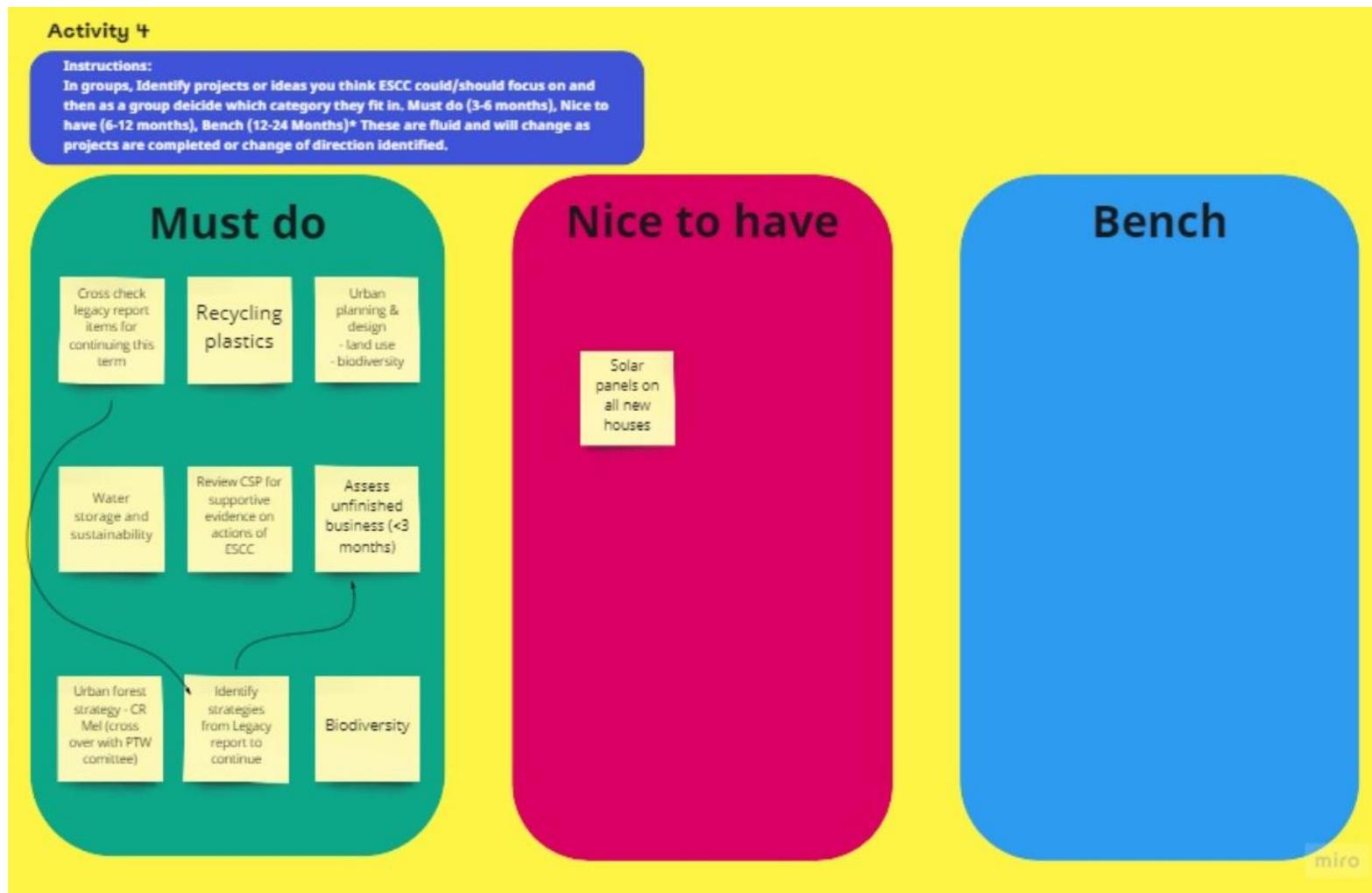
- Focus on our role as a committee
- Process and working groups

Adapt

More goal oriented	Communication; -among members -with Councils -enviro community	Be bolder, braver, smarter
Ask: -is it relevant -is it within ESCC 'mandate' -can it be dealt with and addressed externally to ESCC	Relationship with Parks, Trees & Waterways, and other relevant committees	Feedback loop
Avoid distractions and handle them efficiently and respectfully. Stay on task, adapt as needed	Briefing on OCC process each meeting. - Understanding process -Actions	Identify priority projects which have high impact
Classify meetings and built Environment and Natural Environment	Find Fit/Alignment with CSP	

Instructions:
In groups, discuss what behaviors and attributes should be stopped, kept or adapted to progress the committee.

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Attachment 1 ESCC Strategic Plan - DRAFT V1

Team alignment Map

Review the actions, roles and responsibilities for your team

Instructions
Decide what role each team will play in your team on identified for next 90 days

90 Day period	Team Goals What do we want to achieve together	Team action What needs doing?	Responsibility Who does what?	Resources What resources do we need?	Barriers to success What can prevent us from succeeding?
Project 1	Review legacy report to determine what unfinished business the committee continues or 'dumps'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process for decision making Review and update progress on legacy items Agenda item - Legacy report review then review proposed must do's! 	Cr Mallard council staff - Lindsay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee members copies of legacy report time council staff - Lindsay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting cancelled Lack of time Can't agree on what to do with unfinished business
Project 2	Quarterly report on climate policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> net zero update + implement climate change policy and plan 	Research on what other councils are doing - committee persons Data gathering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robert Alford?* Cr Mel M CR Dav Lindsay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expertise in collecting data Existing policy input from Lindsay and what should be included 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big task Changing environment New state Govt
Project 3	-DCP review Collaboratively <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water sensitive urban design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check with Mark H timelines for DCP Provide input into DCP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development services team Jen W Bev Shah A?* Mel M Cyril S 	Council staff update - quick picture of planning hierarchy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires draft DCP (end of 2022?) Lack of clarity Time
Project 4	Mission statement	Review ESCC mission statement (Charter objectives)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Michael Stephen Vikas Lindsay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee survey Time Meeting place communication (emails or other) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping it simple Lack of response/interest
Other	Agenda item - Presentation by staff on Water management. Pro's/Cons pursuing Water sensitive cities.	Wayne Beatty presentation/update at an ESCC meeting	Wayne Beatty	Waynes' expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayne's time Time/expectations availability

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3.2 ESCC LEGACY REPORT - REVIEW OF UNFINISHED PROJECTS.

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/1265

AUTHOR: Cr David Mallard

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the ESCC strategic planning workshop, one of the outcomes was to review the ESCC Legacy report from the previous ESCC committee, to determine which 'unfinished' projects could or should be continued/re-prioritised by the current committee. The projects will also need to be considered for inclusion in the new ESCC strategic planning document to be actioned.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "7.1 Preserve - 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

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee consider the outstanding projects from the ESCC Legacy Report and decide which projects are to be included in the ESCC strategic planning document

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 ESCC Legacy report final with changes - Nov 2021, D21/69935

ESCC Legacy Report

Purpose

This report records the achievements, unfinished business and continuous improvement suggestions of the current Environmental Sustainability Community Committee 2017 to 2021. It has three main aims, to:

1. inform the next ESCC of the achievements and unfinished business of the current committee as a starting point for their considerations
2. provide the next ESCC with recommendations on how to maximise the effectiveness the committee's operations
3. provide Council with recommendations to enhance the operation of all community committees.

Background

The current ESCC was formed in late 2017 after the Council election of September 2017. One of the early decisions of the committee was to hold a strategic planning session which occurred in mid-2018. The major outcome of that planning session was the formation of five Priority Project Teams – Biodiversity, Energy, Plastics, Water and Community Education. The planning session also identified a number of priority projects for each team. Project teams met over the next three years with varying levels of frequency and success to progress these priority projects.

Outcome Review

The table below summarises the achievements of Council over the past four years to which the Priority Project Team and ESCC have contributed. It also identifies areas of unfinished business as a potential starting point for the next iteration of ESCC. This information has been compiled with input from each team.

Team	Achievements	Unfinished Business
Biodiversity (Attachment A contains further details)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity mapping exercise conducted by the Environmental Factor • Inaugural participation in the Great Southern Bioblitz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and fill gaps in information about biodiversity in Orange LGA • Enhanced participation in Great Southern Bioblitz in future years and involvement in other relevant bioblitz events (e.g. Landcare events)
Energy (Attachment B contains further details)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities Power Partnership (CPP) membership • Renewable energy program • \$1.5M budget allocation for renewable projects • LED swap-out of street lights • White way lighting in main street • Replacement of old and inefficient plant and air conditioning systems • Variable motor speed drives in various locations improving power factor and reducing energy wastage • Contract for recycling of solar panels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for community member involvement in CPP • Where to next for Council in terms of Renewable Energy in an increasingly complex market? • Development of a Council Energy Policy • Energy management conference for home owners, businesses and Council staff • Other community education initiatives related to energy • 100% renewable energy target

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Team	Achievements	Unfinished Business
Plastics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced Council participation in Plastic Free July Single Use Plastics Review underway Greater use of outdoor furniture using recycled plastic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress implementation plan for phase-out of single use plastics
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various water saving/water security projects Blackmans Swamp Stormwater Harvesting Stage 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further investigation of Water Sensitive Cities principles for implementation Community education on total water cycle
Community Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for work of the other project teams Commitment to ESCC review, reporting and continuous improvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing consistent support for community education initiatives across all priority areas
All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Change Strategic Policy adopted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual review of Climate Change Strategic Policy Implementation of Climate Change Management Plan Net zero emissions target

Process Review

The table below summarises issues raised by the Priority Project Teams and individual ESCC members about the operations of ESCC, along with suggestions for improvement to committee processes.

Area	Comments / Issues
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum number of members – is there an ideal number? Need to know who is on the committee - community and staff. Role of unknown staff to ESCC. Managing committee membership and attendance. Eligibility criteria for community members.
Induction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify membership and attendance criteria (e.g. miss 3 meetings and ...). Needs to include 'road map' of basic council policy decision process with role of community committee clearly identified. Participation guidelines for community/councillors/staff; i.e. how to contribute, vote etc. Ensure all ESCC members know who is on the committee; councillors, council staff and community including role, interest area, anticipated attendance at meetings etc.
Role of Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council needs to routinely brief ESCC on major/relevant/future development proposals, a 'courtesy heads up'. Keeping ESCC informed of major OCC projects. Does ESCC have any input? What does "consultative" mean? Balancing committee interests vs council?

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Area	Comments / Issues
Role of Committee (Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does ESCC have a city-wide focus or just council business? Maintaining 'public interest' focus. How do other LGAs formalise community consultation?
Committee Processes and Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better agenda structure including reports/recommendations to and from council; standing item. Need to review structure of meetings and agenda, e.g. future structure might include business arising from last meeting, reports from team leaders and follow up on existing projects, guest speaker time, new agenda items, summary of actions to be undertaken, etc. Splitting meetings by interest area. Managing differing member interests and time for each issue at meetings. Getting the most out of limited meetings. Prompt draft minutes and timely community member reports etc. Simpler business paper template. PPT excellent way of focusing committee effort. Mechanism for 'off-line' committee discussion and input? Priority Project teams worked well. Need creative ways to maximise benefit of voluntary community input. Field trips.
Collaboration with Council Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback loop is not working - recommendations up and response down. Communication could be a lot better. Highlight good collaborative outcomes; community and council. Sufficient budget and staff input to be effective.
Relationship with Other Community Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication between relevant committees essential. Maintaining interaction/information flow with other relevant council committees.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating in ESCC has been a positive experience especially in the Covid circumstances.

Recommended Action for Future ESCC and Other Community Committees

Membership

- Set a maximum number of community members for each committee.

Induction

- Implement a two-stage induction process for community committee members – part one to be a community committee forum for anyone nominating for a community committee, and part two to be more specific induction held in early stages of each committee.
- Conduct community committee forum that covers general information relevant to all committees, e.g. purpose of committees, role in Council operations, charter, membership eligibility, commitment, processes, conflicts of interest, roles of different members, e.g. community members, councillors, committee clerk and staff.
- Conduct specific induction in the early stages of each committee covering:
 - same material as community committee forum (although more briefly) - for members who don't get to community committee forum and as a refresher for those who do
 - introduction to committee members including other community members and their backgrounds and interests, plus staff and their functional responsibilities

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- membership and attendance criteria, e.g. sending apologies, resigning if no longer interested, consequences of missing three meetings without apologies
- expectations that community members have about their participation on the committee.

Committee Processes

- Establish committees as soon as possible after election; need to get on with the job!
- Appoint 'leadership group' i.e. Chair, Clerk and Community Member to set agenda, determine visitor participation and inclusion of tricky issues among other things - promotes transparency and committee effectiveness.
- Develop a committee 'database' with name, preferred contact, interests, relevant background and qualifications of each committee member - to facilitate communication and make best use of member expertise.
- Hold a strategic planning session at start of committee term to identify priorities and projects that committee wants to work on.
- Establish project teams or working groups that meet between committee meetings to progress issues.
- Appoint a staff member to each project team to facilitate meetings and keep the team on track.
- Advise community members well in advance of the deadline for items to be submitted for committee meetings.

Relationship with Other Community Committees

- Review processes to facilitate better communication between relevant committees.

Collaboration with Council Staff / Community Member Participation

- Approach committee meetings as a three way collaboration between community members, staff and Councillors.
- Identify gaps and the unique contribution that the committee can make, e.g. don't duplicate.
- Put meeting dates in the diary at the start of the year and commit to attending meetings.

Councillor Role

- Brief Councillors on their role on the committee, e.g. listening to community member ideas/concerns and facilitating communication between community members and staff.

Recommendation

That the Committee endorse this report and request Council to:

1. Provide it to the next ESCC or its equivalent as a starting point for their considerations
2. Implement, where appropriate, recommended action in the context of establishing community committees under the next term of Council.

Attachment A

Biodiversity – Additional Detail

Achievements	Unfinished Business
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial biodiversity mapping exercise conducted by the Environmental Factor • Inaugural participation in the great Southern Bioblitz • List of priority actions for enhancing biodiversity conservation in Orange LGA prepared by sub-group over the term of Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and fill gaps in information about biodiversity in Orange LGA • Enhanced participation in Great Southern BioBlitz in future years and involvement in other relevant bioblitz events (e.g. Landcare events) • ESCC members to review the findings of mapping exercise conducted by the Environmental Factor - required before endorsement of the findings by ESCC biodiversity group • Improve content of OCC website and social media sites regarding value and significance of biodiversity in Orange LGA, link other sites, e.g. Government, Landcare, OFNCS special interest groups • Identify and improve protection of large mature Eucalyptus trees (a specific request by the late Cr Mario Previtera) • Identify areas for strategic planting of native vegetation, to connect established habitats (e.g. corridors) • Pest management programs across priority biodiversity areas (particularly myna birds, foxes, rabbits and feral cats) • Collaborate with NSW LLS and NSW BCT regarding pest and weed management to protect biodiversity areas – both organisations work to protect biodiversity in Orange LGA • Support Council to seek external funding for biodiversity conservation projects and programs, and/or pest/weeds threat management • Support Council to seek funding for biodiversity protection, such as programs administered by NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust • Support Council to enhance biodiversity outcomes in Macquarie Pipeline Biodiversity Offset site • Consult Essential Energy to obtain biodiversity data it may potentially share

Attachment B

Energy – Additional Detail on Proposed Future Projects

Subject Area	Steps to Undertake
Usage metering and data for project planning and management, to best match energy production and use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide real time smart metering for both Electricity and Gas Usage. This action will provide daily interval meter / data to best match energy needs and production. • Plan to have all metering for sites converted to interval metering and data download available the next day.
Project Energy Modelling as part of the planning process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model project's energy usage as part of the project planning. • Use this data in the planning and ongoing project management.
Consider Embedded Energy (Life Cycle Carbon Footprint) at the project planning stage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design stage for projects to utilise Life Cycle Carbon Assessment tools.
Project Risk Management for energy supply network stability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration be given to short- and long-term risk to energy networks from new projects.
Future use of Hydrogen (H ₂) as a clean energy source - this may also include bio-mass energy sources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Group to see how Hydrogen (H₂) and other clean energy can be developed in the region / Joint Organization of Councils.
Network Operational Control Management Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the design of a central smart energy and critical system management centre for Orange City Council (and possible expansion for the combined management system for other operators in the Central Region of NSW).
Education programs for Council staff and the community about climate change and carbon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of programs to help staff and the wider community to understand the issues related to carbon in the process to reduce the impact on climate change. • Workshops and a program of speakers to bring people up-to-date information and the way forward. • Provide information links on Orange City Council website.
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise the carbon footprint of the community's high dependence on private vehicles. • Model the carbon effect of encouraging electric vehicle use in the LGA. • Discuss ways to encourage lower private vehicles use in the LGA.

4 PRESENTATIONS

4.1 OTHER BUSINESS

This is an opportunity for ESCC members to raise other items of discussion not on the agenda.