



# **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE**

## **AGENDA**

**5 SEPTEMBER 2023**

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, 5 September 2023.**

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 27 JULY 2023**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2023/1326

AUTHOR: Nigel Hobden, Manager City Presentation

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee met on 27 July 2023 and the recommendation from that meeting 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 “1.1. Develop and maintain parks and open spaces within the city, that meet the needs of the community”.

#### **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 27 July 2023.**
- 2 That the minutes of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee from its meeting held on 27 July 2023 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 PTWCC 27 July 2023 Minutes
- 2 PTWCC 27 July 2023 Agenda, D23/50510 [↓](#)

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# ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE

## PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 27 JULY 2023

COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### ATTENDANCE

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Cr M McDonell (Chairperson), Cr D Mallard, Mr Brendan Stuart, Mr Reg Kidd (*5.09pm Teams*), Mr Gavin Kidd, Ms Sharyn Pussell, Mr Andrew Kennedy, Mr Cyril Smith, Ms Vanessa Westcott, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Manager City Presentation, City Presentation Support Officer.

#### 1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

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##### RESOLVED

**Mr A Kennedy/Mr C Smith**

That the apologies be accepted from Ms Sarah Keir and Mr Neil Jones for the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting on 27 July 2023.

#### 1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

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The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

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Nil.

### 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

##### RESOLVED

**Mr C Smith/Mr A Kennedy**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee held on 1 June 2023 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting held on 1 June 2023.

*\*Mr R Kidd joined the meeting via teams with the time being 5.09pm\**

**MATTER ARISING**

The Manager Engineering Services to provide a flow chart (mud map) of how the Subdivision Code, Development Control Plan, Local Environmental Plan and statutory documents relate to each other.

**MATTER ARISING**

Mr Cyril Smith to organise a sub-group to discuss with Manager Engineering Services the design of the stormwater retention basin servicing the Parklands subdivision in North Orange.

**MATTER ARISING**

That the Draft minutes to be circulated to committee members within 2 weeks after each meeting.

### **3 GENERAL REPORTS**

#### **3.1 PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

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TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/1136

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Mr B Stuart/Mr G Kidd**

1. That the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan be reviewed and updated.
2. That each of the Matters Arising from this meeting be included in the Action List.

**MATTER ARISING**

Council's Communications Team to investigate the use and promotion of the "NeatStreets" app and/or the "Snap, Send, Solve" app for the community to report safety matters, as well as matters relating to parks, trees and waterways.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.27PM.**



## **PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

# **AGENDA**

**27 JULY 2023**

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David Waddell

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****27 JULY 2023**

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**1 INTRODUCTION****MEMBERS**

Cr M McDonell (Chairperson), Cr D Mallard, Mr Brendan Stuart, Ms Sarah Keir, Mr Reg Kidd, Mr Malcolm Stacey, Mr Neil Jones, Mr Gavin Kidd, Ms Amanda Lockwood, Ms Sharyn Pussell, Mr Andrew Kennedy, Mr Cyril Smith, Ms Vanessa Westcott, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Manager City Presentation, Water Treatment Manager, Horticultural Services 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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**PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****27 JULY 2023**

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**2 PREVIOUS MINUTES****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee held on 1 June 2023 (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 1 June 2023.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee held on 1 June 2023

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## ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE

## PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 1 JUNE 2023

COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### ATTENDANCE

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Cr M McDonell (Chairperson), Cr D Mallard, Mr Reg Kidd (*5.45pm via teams*), Mr Neil Jones, Ms Sharyn Pussell, Mr Andrew Kennedy, Mr Cyril Smith, Manager Engineering Services, Horticultural Services Supervisor

Guest: Sarah Nunn

Observer: Vanessa Westcott

### 1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

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#### RESOLVED

Mr N Jones/Cr McDonell

That the apologies be accepted from Ms Sarah Keir, Mr Gavin Kidd and Mr Malcolm Stacey for the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting on 1 June 2023.

### 1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

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The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

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Nil.

## 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### RESOLVED

Mr N Jones/Mr A Kennedy

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee held on 9 March 2023 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting held on 9 March 2023.

Cyril Smith requested to be recorded as against previous minutes.

**MINUTES OF PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 1 JUNE 2023**

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**3 PRESENTATIONS****3.1 URBAN FOREST STRATEGY**

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TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/741

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

1. That the Urban Forest Strategy consultation undertaken by Sarah Nunn from Active Green Services be acknowledged.
2. That the consultation be undertaken jointly with the Parks, Trees and Waterways and the Environmental Sustainability Community Committees.

*\*Mr R Kidd joined the meeting via teams with the time being 5.45\****3.2 NEW SUBDIVISION CODE**

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TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/751

**RECOMMENDATION****Mr N Jones/Mr C Smith**

That the update provided by Manager Engineering Services on the new Subdivision Code be acknowledged.

**4 GENERAL REPORTS****4.1 PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

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TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/740

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

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

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.32PM.**

**PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****27 JULY 2023**

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

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RECORD NUMBER: 2023/1136

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 1 June 2023.

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “1.1 Develop and maintain parks and open spaces within the city, that meet the needs of the community”.

**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, D23/43968

**PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****27 JULY 2023**

## 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
Urban Forest Strategy Inclusive of a natural resources management plan – Title to be determined.	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.		Consultant	May 2022	September 2023	Covering – Riparian zones, wetlands and roadside remnant vegetation
Cook Park – Conservation Management Plan.	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.			January 2021	September 2022	Presentation by Adaptive Architecture and Mark D McCrone 8 September 2022
Plan Of Management review.	Manager City Presentation	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.		Consultant engaged	January 2021	December 2022	

**PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****27 JULY 2023**

## 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.
Arboretums – Tablelands ECO system park.	Manager City Presentation	Concept Plan		Consultant concept design	Sept 21		Concept design distributed July 2022
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.					Concept design distributed July 2022
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. <b>COMPLETED</b>
Identify small neighbourhood parks that	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to	Nil – investigation		July 2018		Committee to be provided with a list



## PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

27 JULY 2023

## Attachment 1 Park, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan

Action	Who	Delivery/Operational Plan reference	Cost implications	Resourcing implications	Start	End	Update/Completed
could benefit from tree planting to increase their environmental value		develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.	only. Cost to undertake planting to be				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.  <b>COMPLETED</b>  Further opportunities will be developed through the Urban Forest Strategy.
Undertake a review of the Street Tree Master Plan	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that	Nil - review only.		Mid 2020	December 2019	Presentation to be provided at the Parks, Trees and Waterways Committee

**PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****27 JULY 2023**

## Attachment 1 Park, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan

Action	Who	Delivery/Operational Plan reference	Cost implications	Resourcing implications	Start	End	Update/Completed
		value the local environment. 9.4 Develop a vibrant civic and commercial precinct as a centre for the community					meeting in November 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General overview of the document</li> <li>How Council staff apply the STMP</li> </ul> <b>COMPLETED</b>
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  <b>COMPLETED</b>
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	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.	Not budgeted for	Consultant	May 2022	June 2023	Covering – Riparian zones, wetlands and roadside remnant vegetation

**PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****27 JULY 2023**

## Attachment 1 Park, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan

Action	Who	Delivery/Operational Plan reference	Cost implications	Resourcing implications	Start	End	Update/Completed
available at library for committee members to have access to.  Inclusive of a natural resources management plan – Title to be determined.							
Urban Forest Strategy – Two workshops to be held on 1 and 15 December 2022.  Links for Greener Public Spaces, Greener Public Design Guide and examples of other Council's Urban Forest strategies to be emailed out to committee members for review.	Committee/ Manager City Presentation	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.	Not budgeted for		Nov 2022	Completed	Links emailed to committee members on 24 November 2022.



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**2.2 MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 4 AUGUST 2023**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2023/1419

AUTHOR: Eli Todman, Sustainability Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee held on 4 August 2023 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 “9.2. Develop and promote initiatives to reduce water, energy and waste in consultation with the community”.

**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 4 August 2023.**
- 2 That the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee from its meeting held on 4 August 2023 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 ESCC 4 August 2023 Minutes
- 2 ESCC 4 August 2023 Agenda, D23/50215 [↓](#)

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# ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 4 AUGUST 2023

COMMENCING AT 8:02 AM

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### ATTENDANCE

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Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Cr M McDonell, Mr Peter West, Mr Robert Alford, Mr Andrew Kennedy, Mr Stephen Nugent, Mr Granton Smith, Mr Ronald Finch, Ms Bev Williams, Mr Malcolm Stacey, 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

#### 1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

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##### RESOLVED

Mr S Nugent/Mr C Smith

That the apologies be accepted from Mr Nick King for the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting on 4 August 2023.

#### 1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

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The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

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Nil.

### 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

##### RESOLVED

Mr M Stacey/Mr R Alford

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee held on 7 July 2023 (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 7 July 2023.

**MATTER ARISING****Cr M McDonell**

Cr McDonell requested a formalised written report on the Urban Forest Strategy be provided at the next meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee.

**3 GENERAL REPORTS****3.1 ESCC 2017-2021 LEGACY REPORT REVIEW**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/1159

Convenors and staff mentors for each Priority Project Group as per below:

<b>Priority Project Group</b>	<b>Convenor</b>	<b>Staff Mentor</b>
Climate Action Policy	Cr Mallard	Sustainability Officer
Sustainable Urban Design	Cr McDonell	Director Development Services
Water Management	Mr Cyril Smith	Manager Water & Sewer
Biodiversity	Mr Peter West	Senior Planner

**RECOMMENDATION****Mr A Kennedy/Mr S Nugent**

That the Committee:

- Based on the Review of Recommended Action at Attachment 1, implement the following enhancements to its operations:
  - Add a Chair's Report as a standing item at the start of the agenda for future Committee meetings, which would include feedback on Council's adoption of Committee recommendations
  - Establish a coordinating group consisting of the Chair, Committee Clerk and the Priority Project Team convenors, to advise on meeting agenda including the order of items and the time to be allocated to them, as well as generally support the operation of the Committee
  - Confirm the timetable for future Committee meetings through to August 2024
  - Confirm the template to be used for any papers that community members wish to put to the Committee
  - Confirm that this template must be used for any items that are not matters arising from the Priority Project Teams
  - Confirm the convenors and staff mentors for each Priority Project Teams and include these in the minutes of this meeting.
- Request Council to review the operation of the current community committees in the context of the Legacy Report and this Review, with the aim of identifying any enhancements to the community committee process under the next Council.

### **3.2 PROJECT GROUPS - UPDATE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/1161

The Chair provided a verbal briefing on the Climate Action Policy Priority Project Group:

- Requested an increase in participation from community members
- Council is a member of Cities Power Partnership
- Focus for the Group will be the development of education and behaviour-change programs to support local residents and businesses to tackle climate change

Mr Robert Alford discussed the importance of recording and tracking climate change locally. Highlighted the issues we will face in transitioning away from gas to electricity.

Cr McDonnell provided a verbal update on the Sustainable Urban Design Priority Project Group:

- Input into the new DCP will be primary focus:
  - Very complex process
  - Draft plan due towards end of year

The Director of Development Services provided an overview of Council's Redmond Place affordable housing project which will have a focus on sustainability.

Mr Cyril Smith provided a verbal update on the Water Management Priority Project Group:

- Meeting of subgroup and formal review of legacy report is required and will bring recommendations to next ESCC meeting
- Water Management Group to meet to discuss water and urban design matters to include in the new DCP

Mr Peter West provided a verbal briefing on the Biodiversity Priority Project Group:

- Previous work completed on a biodiversity assessment, identifying biodiversity across the LGA but also highlights gaps and further work required to make information of value and of use. Investigate how to take data and better utilise in LEP and DCP.
- Urban Forest Strategy presents as an opportunity for the Group to provide recommendations
- Community education and engagement will be a key theme, with several opportunities identified.
- Removal of concrete spoon drain in Rifle Range Creek, between James Sheahan and Gardiner Road, along with the rehabilitation of the area has the potential to demonstrate water sensitive design.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Mr A Kennedy/Mr G Smith**

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge the verbal reports provided by the four Priority Project groups.

#### **MATTER ARISING**

**Mr S Nugent**

Mr Stephen Nugent requested an update on the Climate Change Management Plan and Climate Action Policy.



**MATTER ARISING**

**Mr S Nugent**

Mr Stephen Nugent requested a status update on the new DCP and its links to the Sustainable Urban Design Priority Project Group.

**MATTER ARISING**

**Mr M Stacey**

Mr Malcolm Stacey highlighted September is National Biodiversity Month.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.29AM.**



## **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

# **AGENDA**

**4 AUGUST 2023**

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David Waddell

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****4 AUGUST 2023**

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**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, Ms Jennifer Lacey, Mr Cyrill 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

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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 7 July 2023 (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 7 July 2023.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee held on 7 July 2023

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## ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 7 JULY 2023

COMMENCING AT 8:00 AM

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### ATTENDANCE

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Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Cr M McDonell, Mr Peter West (*MS Teams*), Mr Robert Alford, Mr Anthony Doyle, Mr Andrew Kennedy, Mr Stephen Nugent, Ms Bev Williams, Mr Reg Kidd (*MS Teams*), Mr Malcolm Stacey, Ms Shahreen Alford, Ms Jennifer Wickham, Ms Amanda Lockwood, Ms Jennifer Lacey, Mr Cyrill Smith, Director Development Services (*MS Teams*), Manager Building and Environment, Manager City Presentation, Manager Waste Services and Technical Support, Water and Sewerage Strategic Manager, Senior Strategic Planner

#### 1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

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RECOMMENDATION	Cr M McDonell/Mr S Nugent
That the apologies be accepted from Mr Nick King, Mr Granton Smith and Mr Ronald Finch for the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting on 7 July 2023.	

#### 1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

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The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

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Nil

## 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION	Mr S Nugent/Mr Cyrill Smith
That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee held on 5 May 2023 (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 5 May 2023.	

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

7 JULY 2023

3    GENERAL REPORTS

3.1    WASTE SERVICES OVERVIEW

TRIM REFERENCE:    2023/1005

An overview on key waste issues was presented to the Committee, including:

- FOGO is a voluntary service for the commercial sector in Orange. 50 businesses are known to be participating under Council’s contract
- Council recently renewed and prepared the NetWaste Regional Waste Strategy, which aligns with EPAs Waste and Resource Management Strategy
- New NetWaste Environmental Learning Advisor commenced role in September
- Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) to be banned in 2025, along with a lot of other problem plastics
- EnviroCom, Council’s waste education partner, have several initiatives in place to educate the community and encourage waste diversion
- Residential bin inspections revealed 20% of the red lid general waste bin are recyclable materials, with a further 40-50% being FOGO
- Low rates of contamination displayed in both FOGO (1%) and recycling (10%) residential streams
- Solar panels are collected with mattresses and recycled by MolyCop 360
- Return and Earn has resulted in a reduction of 30-40% of the eligible product
- Euchareena Road Resource Recovery Centre – cell 3 of the landfill is nearing capacity, with cell 4 excavation expected to commence in January 2024, to become operational by July 2024. The landfill site has a life expectancy of 40 years, with Council on track to meet this target.

Cr McDonell: some waste service collection providers are collecting all waste streams in one truck. Is there a process involved in discouraging this behaviour?

*Manager Waste Services and Technical Support: commingled trucks are charged a higher waste disposal fee. Segregated loads incur lower fees, to encourage diversion.*

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>Mr A Kennedy/Ms S Alford</b>
That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge the verbal report provided by Manager Waste Services and Technical Support.	

*\*Mr Reg Kidd joined the meeting with the time being 8:04am\**

**MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 7 JULY 2023****3.2 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN - PROGRESS UPDATE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/1006

Director Development Services explained that the process to develop a completely new comprehensive DCP is both extensive and legally complex. Therefore, the role of ESCC is somewhat limited. However, there is opportunity for the Committee to identify key areas that the DCP may consider for inclusion. As different sections of the DCP are drafted, they will be provided to the Committee for comment. The Director then provided the Urban Heat Island section for feedback from the Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION****Mr A Kennedy/Mr S Nugent**

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee:

1. Acknowledge the verbal report provided by the Director Development Services.
2. Acknowledge the report provided on Urban Heat Island and provide advice to Council staff.
3. Priority Project Groups provide strategic advice on the new Development Control Plan, as instructed by Director Development Services.

**3.3 URBAN FOREST STRATEGY**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/1007

Manager City Presentations presented a report from consultant assisting with the development of the Strategy, and later provided this to the Committee for their information.

**RECOMMENDATION****Mr M Stacey/Mr A Kennedy**

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge the verbal report provide by Manager City Presentations on the Urban Forest Strategy.

**RESOLVED****Mr S Nugent/Cr M McDonell**

1. That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee defer the following items to the next meeting:
  - 3.4 - ESCC 2017-2021 Legacy Report Review; and
  - 3.5 - Project Groups - Update
2. That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee hold an additional meeting on 4 August 2023.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.44AM.**



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

4 AUGUST 2023

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**3 GENERAL REPORTS****3.1 ESCC 2017-2021 LEGACY REPORT REVIEW**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2023/1159

AUTHOR: Eli Todman, Sustainability Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY*****Authors: Andrew Kennedy and Stephen Nugent*****Environmental Sustainability Community Committee (ESCC) 2017-2021**

In mid-2021, a Legacy Report was prepared by the previous ESCC documenting the achievements, unfinished business and continuous improvement suggestions of the previous ESCC. The report had 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.

The Legacy Report was endorsed by the previous ESCC, the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee (a Committee of the full Council), and Council itself during the second half of 2021.

**Environmental Sustainability Community Committee (ESCC) 2022-2024**

The current ESCC was formed in 2022 after the Council election of December 2021 and held a Strategic Planning Workshop on 27 June 2022. A report on the workshop was provided to ESCC at its meeting of 8 July 2022. ESCC also received a copy of the Legacy Report at that meeting.

At its 3 March 2023 meeting, ESCC agreed that a review of the previous ESCC's Legacy Report would be a useful process, to consider progress with the report's recommendations and to check if any 'unfinished business' still needs to be brought forward. As a first step, the authors have undertaken a Review of Recommended Action (Attachment 1) and a Review of Unfinished Business (Attachment 2), and provide them to the ESCC for further consideration.

The Reviews at Attachments 1 and 2 were presented to the ESCC meeting of 5 May 2023, but discussion was deferred due to the absence of Andrew Kennedy and the Committee's agreement to prioritise other items on the agenda for that meeting.

The Reviews were on the agenda of the 7 July 2023 ESCC meeting, but there was insufficient time to deal with them and discussion was deferred again.

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "9.2. Develop and promote initiatives to reduce water, energy and waste in consultation with the community".

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****4 AUGUST 2023****3.1 ESCC 2017-2021 Legacy Report Review**

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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee:

1. Based on the Review of Recommended Action at Attachment 1, implement the following enhancements to its operations:
  - Add a Chair's Report as a standing item at the start of the agenda for future Committee meetings, which would include feedback on Council's adoption of Committee recommendations
  - Establish a coordinating group consisting of the Chair, Committee Clerk and the Priority Project Team convenors, to advise on meeting agenda including the order of items and the time to be allocated to them, as well as generally support the operation of the Committee
  - Confirm the timetable for future Committee meetings through to August 2024
  - Confirm the template to be used for any papers that community members wish to put to the Committee
  - Confirm that this template must be used for any items that are not matters arising from the Priority Project Teams
  - Confirm the convenors and staff mentors for each Priority Project Teams and include these in the minutes of this meeting.
2. Request Council to review the operation of the current community committees in the context of the Legacy Report and this Review, with the aim of identifying any enhancements to the community committee process under the next Council.

**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**

Early in the life of the previous ESCC (mid-2018), the committee held a strategic planning workshop which identified five Priority Areas – Biodiversity, Energy, Plastics, Water and Community Education. Project teams were formed and met over the next three years with varying levels of frequency and success to progress priority projects identified during the workshop.

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## 3.1 ESCC 2017-2021 Legacy Report Review

In mid-2021, a Legacy Report was prepared with three main aims, to:

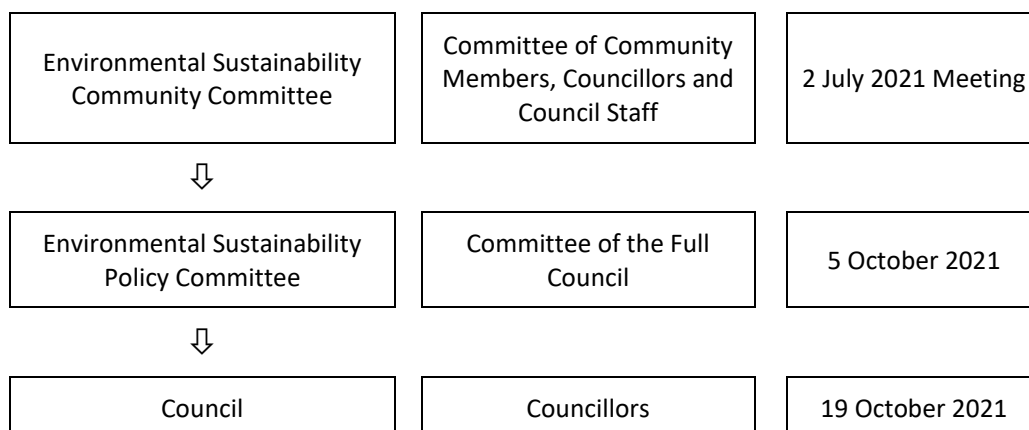
1. Inform the next ESCC of the achievements and unfinished business of the current committee as a starting point for their considerations
2. Provide the next ESCC with recommendations on how to maximise the effectiveness the committee's operations
3. Provide Council with recommendations to enhance the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

In relation to the 1<sup>st</sup> aim, the achievements and unfinished business of each priority project team are summarised and reviewed in Attachment 2. It's useful to note that the committee was also able to make a significant unplanned contribution to Council's *Climate Change Strategic Policy*.

In relation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> aims, key matters identified for improving committee operation and Council collaboration are summarised and reviewed in Attachment 1 and included:

- Membership arrangements, e.g. maximum numbers
- Induction process to skill committee members
- Clarity on charter and role
- Committee process and activity, e.g. leadership group, timely operation
- Collaboration with Council and relationship with other committees.

The Legacy Report was endorsed at various levels of Council as detailed in the figure below.



## ATTACHMENTS

- 1 ESCC Legacy Report - Review of Recommended Action - A Kennedy & S Nugent, D23/26817
- 2 ESCC Legacy Report - Review of Unfinished Business - A Kennedy & S Nugent, D23/26821

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Attachment 1 ESCC Legacy Report - Review of Recommended Action - A Kennedy &amp; S Nugent

## REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The table below lists the Recommended Action from the Legacy Report and provides commentary on the current status of each of those Recommended Actions.

Area	Recommended Action	Current Status
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set a maximum number of community members for each committee.</li> </ul>	This is part of the Charter for each Committee. First meeting of current ESCC increased the maximum number of community members from 15 to 20.
Induction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Conduct specific induction in the early stages of each committee covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>introduction to committee members including other community members and their backgrounds and interests, plus staff and their functional responsibilities</li> <li>membership and attendance criteria, e.g. sending apologies, resigning if no longer interested, consequences of missing three meetings without apologies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Induction processes happened at the start of 2022 for each of the Community Committees under the new Council. Authors unsure if the two-stage process was implemented and how much of the specific induction process was implemented for the ESCC.</p> <p>Acknowledge that there are privacy issues to consider with the sharing of personal information (backgrounds, interests, contact details), but these should be able to be addressed.</p> <p>Given we have a new Committee Clerk and some new working arrangements, is it worth revisiting induction information such as staff membership and responsibilities, and attendance at meetings? This could be done in the context of Committee Charter.</p> <p>While the relevance of induction processes for current Committees has passed, they are still relevant to the skilling of Community Committees under future Councils.</p>

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Attachment 1 ESCC Legacy Report - Review of Recommended Action - A Kennedy &amp; S Nugent

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ expectations that community members have about their participation on the committee.</li> </ul>	
Committee Processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Establish committees as soon as possible after election; need to get on with the job!</li> <li>● 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.</li> <li>● 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.</li> <li>● Hold a strategic planning session at start of committee term to identify priorities and projects that committee wants to work on.</li> <li>● Establish project teams or working groups that meet between committee meetings to progress issues.</li> <li>● Appoint a staff member to each project team to facilitate meetings and keep the team on track.</li> <li>● Advise community members well in advance of the deadline for items to be submitted for committee meetings.</li> </ul>	<p>Processes implemented in life of current ESCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strategic planning session held in June 2022</li> <li>- Project teams established</li> <li>- Some staff member involvement in project teams</li> <li>- Good notice from Committee Clerk re deadline for items for this meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Processes not implemented or where more might be done:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appointment of leadership group</li> <li>- Development of committee database subject to addressing any privacy concerns</li> <li>- Clarification of role of staff members on project teams</li> <li>- Calendar of meetings for rest of year</li> <li>- Circulation of meeting paper template.</li> </ul>
Relationship with Other Community Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review processes to facilitate better communication between relevant committees.</li> </ul>	<p>This is happening through cross-over membership of Councillors and community members, but could be formalised with standing item on relevant committee agendas.</p>
Collaboration with Council Staff / Community Member Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Approach committee meetings as a three-way collaboration between community members, staff and Councillors.</li> <li>● Identify gaps and the unique contribution that the committee can make, e.g. don't duplicate.</li> <li>● Put meeting dates in the diary at the start of the year and commit to attending meetings.</li> </ul>	<p>Addressing the issues identified under Committee Processes would assist here, as would routine feedback to ESCC on how Council has dealt with our advice / recommendations.</p>
Councillor Role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Brief Councillors on their role on the committee, e.g. listening to community member ideas/concerns and</li> </ul>	<p>This is something for our Councillor members to comment on, but</p>

	facilitating communication between community members and staff.	authors consider Councillors doing this well.
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Attachment 2 ESCC Legacy Report - Review of Unfinished Business - A Kennedy &amp; S Nugent

## REVIEW OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The table below details areas of unfinished business from the Legacy Report as identified by the previous ESCC, along with a brief discussion of how the current ESCC is dealing with it or how we might deal with it in the future.

Team	Unfinished Business	Current / Possible Future Action
<b>Biodiversity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and fill gaps in information about biodiversity in Orange LGA</li> <li>Enhanced participation in Great Southern Bioblitz in future years <b>and</b> involvement in other relevant bioblitz events (e.g. Landcare events)</li> </ul>	Filling gaps in Orange LGA biodiversity information is on work program of Biodiversity Project Team. Bioblitz coordination / involvement is not specifically mentioned, but community education, community engagement and citizen science are.
<b>Energy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunity for community member involvement in Cities Power Partnership (CPP)</li> <li>Where to next for Council in terms of Renewable Energy in an increasingly complex market?</li> <li>Development of a Council Energy Policy</li> <li>Energy management conference for home owners, businesses and Council staff</li> <li>Other community education initiatives related to energy</li> <li>100% renewable energy target</li> </ul>	There is no Energy Project Team under the current ESCC, but Energy is a 'Relevant Activity' on the template work program for each team. Renewable energy, CPP and community forums are all mentioned on current work program of Climate Action Policy Project Team. Recommend CAP reviews these items at its next team meeting.
<b>Plastics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress implementation plan for phase-out of single use plastics</li> </ul>	Not covered by current Project Teams. Recommend a request be made to staff to provide an update at future ESCC meeting.
<b>Water</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further investigation of Water Sensitive Cities principles for implementation</li> <li>Community education on total water cycle</li> </ul>	On work program of Water Management Project Team.
<b>Community Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing consistent support for community education initiatives across all priority areas</li> </ul>	Part of the work program of each Project Team.
<b>All</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual review of Climate Change Strategic Policy</li> <li>Implementation of Climate Change Management Plan</li> <li>Net zero emissions target</li> </ul>	Climate Action Policy Project Team has discussed these issues in context of developing team's work program. Recommend considering further at next team meeting.

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**3.2 PROJECT GROUPS - UPDATE**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2023/1161

AUTHOR: Eli Todman, Sustainability Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Four Priority Project groups to provide a verbal update on current focus areas.

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “9.2. Develop and promote initiatives to reduce water, energy and waste in consultation with the community”.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge the verbal reports provided by the four Priority Project groups.**

**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**

During the ESCC meeting held May 5, 2023, a convenor for each of the project groups was designated to enable more efficient collaboration. This is an opportunity for each of the four project groups to provide a verbal update on current focus areas. Groups are encouraged to update the attached worksheets as required.

Updates from the Priority Project groups were on the agenda of the 7 July 2023 ESCC meeting, but due to insufficient time the item was deferred.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1 ESCC Priority Projects Worksheets - August 2023, D23/49972







	1. Climate Action Policy	2. Sustainable Urban Design	3. Water Management	4. Biodiversity
Priorities				
Actions				
Outputs				
Bench				







PRIORITY PROJECTS	1. Climate Action Policy
PROJECT SCOPE	Monitor and update
ESCC PROJECT TEAM	Cr Mallard; Cr McDonell; Robert Alford; Katherine Tollner; Stephen Nugent  Staff Contact: Sustainability Officer (Eli Todman); Manager Building and Environment (Melissa Maccallum)
RELEVANT ACTIVITY INCLUDING PARTNERS (some examples provided below to start conversation)	
OCC “Operations”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Complete Rooftop Solar Installations</li></ul>
OCC Community Strategic Plan and Key Council Policy Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>“Community Engagement Strategy”</li><li>Climate Action Policy and Management Plan (Implementation)</li><li>Development Control Plan</li></ul>
Other OCC Community Committees esp. “Trees, Parks & Waterways”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposed Urban Forest Strategy (Trees Parks and Waterways Community Committee)</li></ul>
Community Education & Engagement	
Energy (Refer to Legacy Report)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Renewable energy initiatives</li><li>OCC’s 5 pledges to Cities Power Partnership – update contacts</li></ul>
Central Tablelands Local Lands Service	
Others:	
PROJECT FOCUS (aka Wshop) 1. MUST DO 2. NICE TO HAVE 3. BENCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Education:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Group</li><li>Community – short, focused; local experts; TEDX; local schools.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>Forums</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Develop list of speakers/topics</li><li>Climate Change Policy</li><li>Community Batteries, pilot projects for Council (batteries)</li></ol>









PRIORITY PROJECTS	2. Sustainable Urban Design
PROJECT SCOPE	Input and review – including New Development Control Plan
ESCC PROJECT TEAM	Cr McDonell; Jen Wickham; Bev Williams; Shah Alford; Cyril Smith; Jen Lacey; Malcolm Stacey; Granton Smith  Staff Contact: Director Development Services (Mark Hodges)
RELEVANT ACTIVITY INCLUDING PARTNERS (some examples provided below to start conversation)	
OCC “Operations”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2022/23 Development Control Plan Review<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Workshops for ESCC</li></ul></li></ul>
OCC Community Strategic Plan and Key Council Policy Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>“Sustainable Growth and respectful planning”</li></ul>
Other OCC Community Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposed Urban Forest Strategy (Trees Parks and Waterways Community Committee)</li></ul>
Community Education & Engagement	
Energy (Refer to Legacy Report)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Community power system/planning?</li></ul>
Central Tablelands Local Lands Service	
Others:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Affordable housing</li><li>General building design</li><li>Heat island planning<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Deep landscaping</li></ul></li></ul>
PROJECT FOCUS (aka Wshop) 1. MUST DO 2. NICE TO HAVE 3. BENCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Consider an ‘Urban Cooling Policy’ (but not a good word for Orange)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wagga used the urban heat island toolkit – started with ‘Urban Forest Policy’ to ‘Shade Strategy’.</li></ul></li><li>‘Fortis Designs’ – free resilient building designs.</li><li>Federal Government’s ‘Your Home’</li></ul>







PRIORITY PROJECTS	3.    Water Management
PROJECT SCOPE	See Legacy Report
ESCC PROJECT TEAM	Cyril Smith;   Reg Kidd;   Ron Finch  Staff Contact: Water and Sewer Manager (Wayne Beatty);   Town Planner (Anu Vishwakarma); Water Treatment Manager (Jon Francis)
RELEVANT ACTIVITY INCLUDING PARTNERS (some examples provided below to start conversation)	
OCC “Operations”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ESCC Update by Water &amp; Sewer Manager</li></ul>
OCC Community Strategic Plan and Key Council Policy Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan – Update new guideline released by DPE Water December 2022</li><li>Flood Plain Policy – Jason Theakstone (engineering service)</li><li>BASIX (State legislation)</li><li>Local Housing Strategy</li><li>Infrastructure Servicing Plans – Water and sewer, Shiralee water supply, North water supply and sewer</li></ul>
Other OCC Community Committees esp. “Trees, Parks & Waterways”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposed Urban Forest Strategy (Trees Parks and Waterways Community Committee) – Nigel Hobden</li></ul>
Community Education & Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Education on processes that enable low water consumption in Orange</li><li>Fact sheet on stormwater harvesting and its contribution to supply</li><li>Recycling of grey water</li></ul>
Energy (Refer to Legacy Report)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Solar power – at water treatment plant Icely Rd</li><li>Energy/water nexus<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Water loss:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Regional water loss management project</li><li>Regional leakage reduction program – (DPE water funded)</li></ol></li></ul></li></ul>
Central Tablelands Local Lands Service	
Others:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD)</li><li>Mandatory rainwater tanks<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Links to Urban Design Group</li></ul></li></ul>
PROJECT FOCUS (aka Wshop) 1. MUST DO 2. NICE TO HAVE 3. BENCH	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Legacy items:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Water Sensitive City – further investigate transition, training</li><li>Establishing a framework (policy) for installing rainwater tanks to all new buildings</li></ul></li><li>IWCM Plan input</li><li>DCP input – implementing the new BASIX and incorporating aspirations of Design and Place SEPP</li></ol>









PRIORITY PROJECTS	4.    Biodiversity (updated 4 July 2023)	
PROJECT SCOPE	See Legacy Report	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
ESCC PROJECT TEAM	Peter West, Shah Alford, Reg Kidd, Nick King, Jen Lacey, Malcom Stacey, Andrew Kennedy, Staff Contacts: Manager City Presentation (Nigel Hobden), and Senior Planner (Craig Mortell).	Notes from group discussions (for our internal discussions)
RELEVANT ACTIVITY INCLUDING PARTNERS (some examples provided below to start conversation)		Possible actions and/or recommendations
OCC “Operations”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Biodiversity Mapping (extent?)</li></ul>	<b>Improve biodiversity mapping/data gathering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What is the status of the TEF document and what role will it play in LEP. Eli Todman to ask Mark.</li><li>What is the standing of TEF report, and red blob map, as it offers a green light as a default.</li><li>ESCC should endorse the need for further assessments to improved biodiversity data, per land parcel.</li><li>Further work is required to assess and provide more detail about biodiversity value/s</li><li>Shah offered to review the Recommendations that TEF offered up for next steps.</li></ul>
OCC Community Strategic Plan and Key Council Policy Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Local Environmental Management Plan – Update to include Biodiversity Mapping (TEF consultancy)</li></ul>	<b>LEP – Ensure biodiversity data is incorporated</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>We need an agreement about how we can support the use of Biodiv data to inform the LEP. Has the recommendations of TEF been included in DCP? Or LEP ? Invite Mark, Chris, Craig to outline how the report informs next DCP process?</li><li>We should recommend a ‘whole of ESCC’ response to DCP from recommendations for four subgroups</li><li>We want on agenda, discussion about the strategic planners come to us to outline what the DCP will do regarding biodiversity and this where we (subgroup) can have some input.</li><li>Set process of all 3 other groups.</li></ul>
Other OCC Community Committees esp. “Trees, Parks & Waterways”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposed “Urban Forest Strategy “(Trees, Parks and Waterways Community Committee)</li><li>ID Biodiversity essentials for Strategy</li></ul>	<b>Urban forest strategy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cross-over with Parks committee (next meeting in late May/early June)</li><li>Andrew and Malcolm on both committees</li><li>Andrew to report back at next ESCC or Biodiv meeting</li><li>Is it being factored into Forest Strategy</li><li>Tree’s committee “Plan” – what plan?</li></ul>
Community Education & Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maintain links with (and promote activities of) Orange Field Naturalists and Conservation Society, Summer Hill Creekgare Group, ECCO group</li><li>Citizen Science Project/s ;eg “Significant trees”, Ground truthing LEP “red blobs”!</li><li>Urban Landcare Group; re-form?</li></ul>	<b>Community education and engagement/citizen science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Possibly align to biodiversity mapping via a BioBlitz event</li><li>Invite Landcare group to be involved in a bioblitz at red blob areas</li><li>Bioblitz upstream of Gardiner road - Concrete removal</li><li>James Sheehan school could be involved in projects around removal of willows and replanting</li><li>Support the new Landcare group to ensure they know there is other work going on in ESCC</li></ul>







		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speak to Reg about the Landcare group again, and learn about their objectives</li><li>• Council website – review biodiversity info and add more info/better info</li><li>• Open to other suggestions/recommendations</li><li>• </li></ul>
Energy (Refer to Legacy Report)		
Central Tablelands Local Lands Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Central Tablelands Landcare Group</i></li><li>• <i>Urban Landcare Group?</i></li><li>• <i>Funding</i></li><li>• <i>LLS “Connecting Woodlands Project”</i></li></ul>	<b>Urban Landcare group</b> Reg reported some progress with a possible new urban Landcare group forming in Orange – via the regional Landcare coordinator, to operate within the Blackmans Swamp creek catchment (upstream from <a href="#">Matthews Park</a> towards the new Shiralee development) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>We should meet with the Landcare group to identify their objectives and timeline</i></li><li>• Discuss biodiversity plantings</li><li>• Discuss corridor planting</li><li>• <i>Clarify if there are opportunities to collaborate</i></li><li>• Central Tablelands Landcare confirmed the Group already exists called Orange Urban Landcare</li></ul>
Others:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Promotion of practical project / restoration activity</i></li><li>• </li></ul>	<b>Promotion a creek restoration project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opportunity to be involved in Summerhill creek revegetation work, or enhancement of the creek at back of James Sheahan (Nelson Park) where a concrete dish could be removed and replant creek line</li><li>• <i>Confirm if this work is going ahead and if so, when?</i></li></ul>
PROJECT FOCUS (aka Wshop) 4. MUST DO 5. NICE TO HAVE 6. BENCH	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Input to the PTW “Urban Forest Strategy” – Early 2023 Input to the DCP Review – March/April 2023 Legacy project; Ensure Biodiversity Mapping project is incorporated in LEP Community Science Project; trees and ground truthing</li><li>2. Practical Project; Community Engagement Officer &amp; Nelson Park? Priorities from Legacy report.</li></ol>	