



Environment Advisory Committee

Thursday 27 May 2021

Inner West Council Petersham Service Centre

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and concluded 8.40pm

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Clare Donovan	Jon Stiebel, Urban Sustainability Manager	Clr Marghanita Da Cruz
Golda Dela Cruz	Sue Pritchard, Coordinator Urban Ecology Volunteers and Projects	
Nicole Boyd	Sarah Brill, Coordinator Resource Recovery, Campaigns and Projects	
Robert Helstroom		
Janet Sparrow		
Diego Bonetto		
Chrissie McIntyre		
Jo Blackman		
Justine Langford		
Jo Blackman		
Mary Stewart		

2. Chairperson: Clare Donovan (CD)

3. Acknowledgment of Country

CD welcomed members to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

4. Apologies

Liz Locksley, Patrick Medley, Sarah Mandelson

5. Disclosures of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.



6. Quorum (minimum 5 members)

A quorum was achieved.

7. Confirmation of Minutes and Actions

All actions from 18 March meeting are complete

Discussion items

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions	Council's response
<p>Item 1 New Apartment Food Recycling Service</p>	<p>New service has rolled out to apartments across Inner West. Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bin audits September • Face to face engagement with residents and CALD community. • Request for Tender closing 23 June for new type of bag. <p>Committee raised considerations and opportunities for future contracts, waste as a resource</p>	<p>Information item only</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Item 2 Urban Ecology Ecological Restoration and Monitoring</p>	<p>Update on Council's efforts to restore flora and fauna in the Inner West</p>	<p>Information item. Maintenance at a couple of locations raised - to be addressed by operational staff. Bird strike issue raised – birds flying into building windows and whether addressed in planning</p>	<p>Staff to follow up on how to address bird strike issue in planning controls or other, for example window treatments.</p>
<p>Item 3 YourSay Inner West</p>	<p>Current projects on YourSay Inner West website</p>	<p>Zero Waste Strategy on exhibition - Chair encouraged</p>	<p>Staff will continue to notify committee when environment projects are on</p>

		<p>committee members to provide feedback. Committee asked how feedback on YourSay Inner West is used.</p>	<p>YourSay Inner West. See YourSay website for examples of engagement outcome reports. These are used as an evidence base demonstrating support for a project or as basis for amendments to draft strategies and policies on exhibition.</p>
<p>Our Committee what is working well? What could work better</p>	<p>Chair facilitated a discussion on the committee - what is working well and what could work better.</p>	<p>Start of the discussion. Include as an Agenda item at the next committee meeting.</p> <p>Committee want to understand how Environment Advisory Committee project submissions are used by Council, how are they considered, what weight do they have in relation to final decisions.</p> <p>Committee term has been extended until June 2022 so that committee can provide input on next Community Strategic Plan (current Our Inner West 2036), and the four-year Delivery Plan for the new term of Council.</p>	<p>Staff to include as Agenda item at next committee meeting. Chair emailed summary of discussion to committee members.</p> <p>Staff to send committee members copy of last year's committee review report and copy of Terms of Reference.</p> <p>Staff note committee found it helpful when background information and engagement questions have been sent out prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Staff to provide feedback at next meeting on how Advisory Committee project submissions and recommendations are provided and considered.</p>