



Minutes of Environment Strategic Reference Group

held in the Function Room - Petersham Administration Building on 30 March 2017

The meeting commenced at 6.40 pm and was chaired by Justine Langford.

Members Attending: Justine Langford, Angela Michaelis, David Eckstein, Diego Bonetto, Gavin Gilchrist, Jacinta Green, Nicole Boyd, Pablo Berutti, Patrick Medley Scott Wilson, D'Arcy Roche, Kim Santarossa, Jo Blackman, Rick Walters

Other Attendees:

Council Staff – Jan Orton, Group Manager Environment and Sustainability, Kate Napier, Janene Harris, Jon Stibel, Emily Williams, Kate Jackson

LRAC Members – Frank Breen

Apologies:

Members: Emily Prentice, Gordon Weiss, Patrick Medley

- Item 1. Welcome**
- Item 2. Acknowledgement of Country**
- Item 3. Apologies as detailed above**
- Item 4. Introductions**

Items for consideration

- Item 5. Review and adopt the Terms of Reference**

Recommendation: That the draft Terms of Reference be adopted.

Terms of reference were discussed and members spoke to the media clause. A motion was moved to adopt the Terms of Reference (TOR) without further amendment, the chair called for a vote on this issue.

10 votes for, 2 against and 1 abstaining from the adoption of the TOR. Motion was accepted.

- Item 6. Review and adopt the schedule of Meetings and Activities 2017**

Recommendation: That the Meetings and Activities Schedule be adopted (as amended) with the follow meeting dates:

- 11 May 2017 – Additional Workshop - Resource Recovery
- 1 June 2017 – Core Meeting and workshop Water and Ecosystems
- 29 June 2017 – Additional Workshop - Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption
- 3 August 2017 – Core Meeting – Draft CSP Feedback
- 12 October 2017 – Core Meeting - Evaluation



Other Points:

Gavin Gilchrist raised the timeline for community input into the draft budget for 2017-18. Jan Orton advised that all members of the SRG are free to individually comment on the draft budget when it is put on public exhibition.

ACTION: Council facilitators to advise SRG when the draft budget goes on public exhibition.

Jacinta Green commended staff on the Proposed Activities document and the Summarised Motivation and Success factors listed in this document, but noted that as it was summarised not all of content was included and asked if the full list could be circulated.

ACTION: Council facilitators to circulate full list of outcomes from Meeting 1 – Nominated Motivations and success factors

Item 8. Review and note the Group Manager’s Report

Recommendation: Reported Noted

Item 9. Workshop – Vision for a Sustainable Liveable Inner West

The SRG was led through a facilitated workshop. An outcomes report on this workshop will be prepared and circulated to the Group.

ACTION: Council facilitators to prepare and circulate outcomes report from the Visioning Workshop.

Item 10. General Business

- Update on Marrickville Golf Course and Dibble Waterhole (JL)

Kate Napier provided the following update on this item: The Marrickville Golf Course occupies land leased from Council with an old lease agreement that does not detail environmental management conditions. In order to change these conditions a plan of management for this site needs to be developed. This development of this plan of management was originally planned for commencement in 2019 but has now been brought forward to the 2017-18 period. With regards to the Dibble Ave Waterhole and the recent land slippage an internal working group has been established to review the geotechnical and ecological reports.

- Update on the Green Living Centre and funding issue with City of Sydney (JL)

Kate Napier provided the following update on this item. The CEO of the City of Sydney has advised IWC that there is a likelihood that they will not continue to support the Green Living Centre. IWC Administrator has written to the City to request that they continue to fund the GLC as per the current arrangements. The City of Sydney will consider this issue at the 15 May Council Meeting and IWC will update the SRG when possible.

- Central District Plan comments (AM)

Angela Michaelis addressed the group regarding the exhibition of the Central District Plan. Angela has provided detailed comments on the plan on behalf of the Balmain Rozelle Climate Action Group

and encouraged all members of the SRG to provide a comment on the Plan before it closed on 31 March 2017. Angela offered to send members some basic notes on the Central District plan to save time for any individual submission they may wish to make. The Group asked that these notes be circulated so that members who were able to make a submission could do so.

ACTION: Kate Napier to circulate the members email contact details

- Vegetation State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) (JG)

Jacinta Green addressed the group to inform of potential changes in the way native vegetation is legislated via an updated or new SEPP. The details of the SEPP or public exhibition have not been released yet.

- Community Strategic Plan Synthesis (JG)

Jacinta Green informed the SRG that she had reviewed all three former Council's Community Strategic Plan and had synthesised relevant aspects of this group. Jacinta shared her learnings from this activity and was pleased to inform the group that the Guiding Principles from the former Ashfield CSP were relevant to the work the SRG is doing on the new IWC plan and are worth looking at if the members do not have time to review the full documents.

- Online Collaboration (PB)

Pablo Berutti raised the idea of establishing an online collaboration platform for the SRG members to share information and discussions outside of the meetings. Pablo offered to send a quick survey to members to ask what they would like to use this collaboration tool for and then will recommend an appropriate platform to the group.

- Climate in the Pub (GG)

Gavin Gilchrist promoted the Climate in the pub event being organised by Climate Change Balmain Rozelle – Tuesday 11th April 7pm Three Weeds Hotel with Daisy Barham, Campaign Director, NCC.

The meeting concluded at 9.10 pm.

ACTION SUMMARY

Item No.	Action	Responsible	Date Due
6	Council facilitators to advise SRG when the draft budget goes on public exhibition	Council Facilitators	tba
6	Council facilitators to circulate full list of outcomes from Meeting 1 – Nominated Motivations and success factors	Council Facilitators	April 2017
9	Council facilitators to prepare and circulate outcomes report from the Visioning Workshop.	Council Facilitators	30 April
10	Kate Napier to circulate the members email contact details	Council Facilitators	31 March