



# MINUTES

Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting  
6 FEBRUARY 2019  
4.00PM Hartley Meeting Room

Item	Agenda
1	Welcome/present/ apologies
2	Presentation
3	Confirmation of Minutes
4	Standing items
5	General Business
6	Next meeting

**ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor S Ring, C Hunter, P Evans, S Graves, J Favell

**APOLOGIES:** D Roebuck, T Kidd, Councillor C Coleman (Councillor C Coleman emailed an apology following the meeting.)

**OFFICERS:** A Muir – Director Economic Environment & Development, D Cupitt – Team Leader Environment, S Quick – Purchasing Coordinator & J Houlison (Minutes).

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** nil.

**MOVED:** S Graves **SECONDED:** J Favell

**CARRIED**

**ITEM: 2 PRESENTATION**

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**SUMMARY**

Presentation by Sean Quick – Council’s Purchasing Coordinator

- Solar on Council Administration building, Aquatic Centre & Library building
- LED Street Lighting
- Investigation into Water & Wastewater energy efficiencies
- Investment into Energy Efficient Vehicles

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- **Budget approved - NIL**
- **Cost centre - NIL**
- **Expended to date - NIL**
- **Future potential impact - NIL**

**RECOMMENDATION** The Environmental Advisory Committee wishes to congratulate Council on the solar panel project on the Administration Building and the Aquatic Centre. Furthermore the Committee would like recommend that future savings from solar projects be reinvested in further solar projects/programs.

**MOVED:** P Evans **SECONDED:** J Favell

**CARRIED**

**ITEM: 3            CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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The minutes of the previous meeting were endorsed by Council on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

**THAT** the Minutes of the meeting of 5 September 2018 be taken as read and confirmed.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring **SECONDED:** S Graves

**CARRIED**

**ITEM: 4            STANDING ITEMS**

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**SUMMARY**

**1. Formulation of a street tree plan -**

Director Infrastructure Services has advised that due to current staffing and competing projects that no progress has been made on this matter. It appears likely that, subject to budget availability, the preparation of the Plan will have to be outsourced. General Manager has been asked to give comment.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- **Budget approved** - NIL
- **Cost centre** - NIL
- **Expended to date** - NIL
- **Future potential impact** - NIL

**RECOMMENDATION** The environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council support the formation of working committee/ subcommittee be established for the formulation of a Street Tree Plan.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring **SECONDED:** J Favell

**CARRIED**

**SUMMARY**

**2. Illegal Dumping – Relating to BMCC RID Squad**

Blue Mountains City Council begin trials with the RID Squad to combat illegal dumping within their Local Government Area (LGA). Concerns for further pressure within Lithgow LGA.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- **Budget approved - NIL**
- **Cost centre - NIL**
- **Expended to date - NIL**
- **Future potential impact - NIL**

**THAT** the Committee noted the information.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring **SECONDED:** J Favell

**CARRIED**

#### **ITEM: 5      GENERAL BUSINESS**

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1. **African Lovegrass** – Growth and control on Council land, specifically beside the Community Nursery.

**THAT** the Committee noted the information.

**MOVED:** S Graves **SECONDED:** J Favell

**CARRIED**

2. **Lake Wallace Blue Green Algae** – The Quote that was received from Water Cleanse has been forwarded to Energy Australia for their action.

**THAT** the Committee noted the information.

**MOVED:** P Evans **SECONDED:** J Favell

**CARRIED**

3. **European Wasps** – 28 people attended last year's presentation, the feedback received by Council noted the event was highly successful.

**THAT** the Committee noted the information.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring **SECONDED:** S Graves

**CARRIED**

- 4. Ongoing Management of Council Reserves – Team Leader Environment** submitted a budget bid for a Bushland Management Officer for 19/20 financial year; this position would be responsible for activities and improvements to bushland reserves across the LGA.

**RECOMMENDATION** the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council support the budget bid for the position of Bushland Management Officer in the 19/20 financial year.

**MOVED:** P Evans **SECONDED:** J Favell

**CARRIED**

- 5. Landcare Coordinator –** the re-advertised position closed on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The successful candidates will be appointed on a casual basis until the end of the grant project in June 2019.

**RECCOMENDATION** The Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council continue the position of Landcare Coordinator after the end of the financial year.

**MOVED:** P Evans **SECONDED:** J Favell

**CARRIED**

**ITEM 6: NEXT MEETING:**

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**Next Meeting:** The next scheduled meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Hartley Meeting Room

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**There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.50pm**