



MINUTES

Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting
8 May 2019
3.00PM Hartley Meeting Room

Item	Agenda
1	Welcome/present/ apologies
2	Confirmation of Minutes
3	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes
4	Landcare Activities
5	Air Quality Monitoring Project for the Blue Mountains and Lithgow Areas
6	Environmental Flow Upper Coxs River
7	General Business
8	Next Meeting

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: S Graves, C Hunter, J Favell, E Mahony, Councillor C Coleman & Councillor S Lesslie.

APOLOGIES: D Roebuck, T Kidd & Councillor S Ring

OFFICERS: A Muir – Director Economic Environment & Development, D Cupitt – Team Leader Environment, R Stephens – Landcare Coordinator & J Houlison (Minutes).

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Nil.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman **SECONDED:** J Favell

CARRIED

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were endorsed by Council on the 25th February 2019.

9.6. ECDEV - 25/02/19 - Environmental Advisory Committee - 6 February 2019

19-47 RESOLVED

THAT

1. Council note the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee held on 6 February 2019.
2. The Environmental Advisory Committee be advised that the potential reinvestment of savings from solar projects into further solar projects/programs will be a future consideration.
3. Council note the Environmental Advisory Committee's intention to form a sub-committee for the formulation of a Street Tree Plan.
4. The Environmental Advisory Committee be advised that the budget bid for the position of Bushland Management Officer in the 2019/2020 financial year will be considered as part of the draft Operational Plan/Budget process.
5. The Environmental Advisory Committee be advised that continuation of the position of Landcare Coordinator beyond the end of the financial year will be dependent on external funding.

ACTION

THAT the Committee noted the information.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman **SECONDED:** S Graves

CARRIED

ITEM: 3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Council noted at the meeting of the 25th February 2019 the intention to create a sub-committee for the formulation of a street tree plan. (STP)

The members of the committee who wish to form a sub-committee of the EAC should engage the Operations Committee through the development of the STP and report back to the EAC with their recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT S Graves & E Mahony form the sub-committee, and an invitation be extended to D Roebuck.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman **SECONDED:** S Graves

CARRIED

ITEM: 4 LANDCARE ACTIVITIES

Update on current Landcare activities within the LGA.

COMMENTARY

R Stephens Councils Landcare Coordinator gave an informative update in the current and future Landcare activities around the LGA.

THAT the Committee noted the information with thanks.

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

CARRIED

ITEM: 5 AIR QUALITY MONITORING PROJECT FOR THE BLUE MOUNTAINS AND LITHGOW AREAS.

LCC have been invited to participate in an Air Quality Monitoring project for the Blue Mountains and Lithgow areas.

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has engaged the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to undertake twelve months of ambient air quality monitoring in the Blue Mountains, to gather baseline data on local air quality in the Blue Mountains and Lithgow with the project due to commence in March/April 2019. The project was initiated by local community groups.

Refer to attachment one.

THAT the Committee noted the information.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman **SECONDED:** S Graves

ITEM: 6 ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW UPPER COXS RIVER

Discuss the need for environmental flow that meets the same background level of the headwaters of upper Coxs River above Lake Wallace after Springvale Water Transfer line is operational end of June 2019.

ACTION

THAT a letter be sent to Energy Australia and Springvale Coal requesting an adequate environmental flow for the Upper Cox's River be maintained specifically between the lag period between the cessation of the current discharge from Springvale Colliery and the construction of the pipeline from Clarence Colliery.

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

CARRIED

ITEM: 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1. Update 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. - **The budget bid was not supported by EMT for next financial year.**
- 2. Motion of thanks –**
To the Team Leader Environment & Council Staff for their hard work on Farmers Creek Masterplan project.
Thanks be given to Infrastructure services for the transport and bicycle plan public meetings the process was very inclusive.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT

1. Whilst the Committee views the Bushland Management Officer as an important position, the information on budget bid be noted.

2. The Council staff be thanked for their hard work on the implementation of the Farmers Creek Master Plan Project and thanks also be extended for the public engagement process on the Transport and Bicycle Plan.

MOVED: E Mahony **SECONDED:** S Graves

ITEM 8: NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee is Wednesday 7th August 2019 at 4pm Hartley Meeting Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.10pm