

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday 15th February 2010 – 12.00PM – 2.00PM

Infrastructure Services meeting room

ATTENDANCE: Lisa Kermode, Helen Paulsen,
Cr. Cameron, Cr. Steindl, Cr. May
Bruce Milles, Joan Fitzsimmons
Frank Perna

APOLOGIES: Margaret Lane, Stuart Holley, Saskia von Fahland, Cr.
Christensen
Lyn Stevens (resigned)

1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held 01/12/09 were accepted as a true and correct record.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Review of the Natural Environment Plan

Report received on the progress of this project.

Action: Reef Catchments to present the first unit (Coastal Management) and a plan for the delivery of the other units of the report to the April 2010 meeting.

2. Sandfly Creek Environmental Reserve Management Plan

Report received on the progress of this project.

3. Land for Wildlife

Report received on the progress of this project.

Action: Lisa to liaise with Joan as to whether PC&L have any historic records of registrations that might not have been included on the database and to write to participants to determine aspirations/requirements for the future of the program.

Action: Lisa to meet with consultant later this week to discuss the project for 2010.

4. Coastal project update

The committee received the report on this item .

Cr. May indicated her willingness to remain involved in this project over the transition period.

5. Land Acquisition

Action: Executive Manager of Administrative Services to provide further information and Lisa to provide information on the endangered vegetation community, erosion prone area and land acquisition policy.

3. STORMWATER PROJECTS UPDATE

A presentation was given by Council's stormwater officers.

The committee wished Robyn well for her pending maternity leave, thanked her for her contribution to the committee and look forward to seeing her return.

4. FINANCIALS

Helen presented the budget spreadsheet.

Action: Lisa and Helen to check with finance as to why the Natural Environment Plan allocation and the allocation for Beaconsfield State School don't appear to have been included and to discuss the Turtle Friendly lighting project account.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Orphanage Swamp/Reliance Creek

Action: Stuart Holley to provide an update to the next meeting on the status of negotiations with state government departments to have this area converted to a conservation park or environmental reserve.

2. Potential purchase of land

Action: Cr. Cameron to investigate this suggestion further and report back to the committee.

3. Council Portfolio review

Cr. May announced that following the review of the councillor portfolio structure, Cr. May and Cr. Christensen have agreed to swap portfolios. Cr. Christensen will take on the Parks, Environment and Sustainability portfolio and Cr May will take on the Community Services and Facilities portfolio, effective from 1st March 2010.

Both councillors will work together over the next few months to ensure a smooth transition process, and will both attend the next committee meeting.

Cr. May thanked the committee for their support.

Meeting closed at 2.00 pm.

Next meeting April 13th 12-2pm Council Chambers