

AGENDA

Conservation Advisory Committee

MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO BE HELD ON

MEETING DATE



WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2007

commencing at 6 pm

in Conference Room 2
JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE,
BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP



GARRY HUNT
Chief Executive Officer
22 June 2007

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Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will be held in Conference Room 2, Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup on **WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE 2007** commencing at **6 pm**.

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AGENDA

Committee Members

Cr Steve Magyar	Presiding Person
Cr Michele John	
Cr Sue Hart	
Cr Marie Macdonald	
Cr Brian Corr	
Mrs Marilyn Zakrevsky	Friends of Korella, Deputy Presiding Person
Mr Ralph Henderson	Friends of Hepburn Heights
Mr Barry Fitzsimmons	Friends of Periwinkle
Ms Phyllis Robertson	Joondalup Coast Care Forum
Dr Marjorie Apthorpe	Friends of Iluka Foreshore
Mr John Chester	Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park
Mrs Wendy Herbert	
Ms Alice Stubber	
Vacant	

Terms of Reference

- To make recommendations to Council for the conservation of the City of Joondalup's natural biodiversity.
- To provide strategic input and when requested technical advice on issues relating to the conservation and management of the City's natural biodiversity.
- To promote partnerships between Council and the community to protect the City of Joondalup's natural biodiversity as contained within its various natural areas (bushland, wetlands and coastal environment).

DECLARATION OF OPENING

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD 30 MAY 2007

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on 30 May 2007 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

IDENTIFICATION OF MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY SIT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

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MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

CLOSURE

ITEM 1 CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE PLANNING WORKSHOP

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE Dave Djulbic
DIRECTOR: Infrastructure Services

PURPOSE/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report enables the Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) to review notes taken at a strategic planning workshop held in December 2006. The workshop was held to review the current CAC Strategic Plan which was compiled in 2005.

BACKGROUND

The Conservation Advisory Committee is a Council Committee that advises Council on subjects relating to biodiversity and the management of natural areas within the City of Joondalup. The CAC meets on a monthly basis.

The Committee membership comprises of five Councillors, a representative from each of the City's Bushland Friends Groups and community members with specialist knowledge of biodiversity issues.

At the May 2007 meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee, a report was requested which would detail the notes and outcomes of a CAC Strategic Planning Workshop held in December 2006. The workshop was organised to allow the Committee Members to review the existing CAC Strategic Plan which was compiled in 2005, and to outline the future direction for the Committee's activities. Committee Members, City of Joondalup staff and a facilitator attended the Workshop.

DETAILS

At the 2007 Workshop participants considered a range of issues in relation to the future of the CAC including vision, principles and values, challenges and future opportunities.

The notes and outcomes from the workshop form attachment 1 of the report.

Issues and options considered:

The Conservation Advisory Committee produced a Strategic Plan in 2005. This Plan lapses in 2008. Some of the strategies and actions associated with the plan included the following:

- Support the completion of assessment of Joondalup's natural areas and prioritisation process.
- Recommend establishment of a natural area's management team.

- Recommend natural areas statutory protection that has been prioritised for protection.

The above recommended strategies and actions have been completed by the City or are in the process of completion. For example, thirty four bushland remnants are being protected under Schedule 5 of the District Planning Scheme.

The CAC expressed a desire at the Planning Workshop in looking at other aspects of the City's rich natural biodiversity including landscape master planning, community education, the use of native signature trees in the urban landscape and the expansion of eco-tourism.

Link to Strategic Plan:

Key Focus Area

Caring for the environment.

Outcomes

The City is environmentally responsible in its activities.

Objectives

To plan and manage the City's natural resources to ensure environmental sustainability.

Strategies

- 2.1.1 Maintain and protect natural assets to retain biodiversity.
- 2.1.2 Further develop environmentally effective and energy-efficient programs.
- 2.1.3 Develop a coordinated environmental framework, including community education.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

The Local Government Act 1995 allows a council to establish committees to assist a council to exercise the powers and discharge duties that can be delegated to a committee.

Risk Management considerations:

Not Applicable

Financial/Budget Implications:

Not Applicable

Policy implications:

Not Applicable

Regional Significance:

Not Applicable

Sustainability implications:Environmental

Conservation Advisory Committee objective - “To make recommendations to Council for the Conservation of the City’s natural biodiversity”.

Social

To promote partnerships between Council and the Community to protect the City’s natural biodiversity as contained within its various natural areas (bushland, wetlands and the coastal environment).

Consultation:

The Conservation Advisory Committee provides a forum for community consultation and engagement on natural areas.

COMMENT

It is considered appropriate for the Conservation Advisory Committee to review the CAC Strategic Plan and make recommendations in relation to this Plan to Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Conservation Advisory Committee Strategic Plan Review
(Workshop Notes)

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

**That the Conservation Advisory Committee RECEIVES the report titled
“Conservation Advisory Committee Planning Workshop”**



**APPENDICES FOR AGENDA OF
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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City of
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Conservation Advisory Committee

Strategic Plan Review

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OUR VISION

Ensuring that the natural environment is recognised, preserved and valued for future generations, enhancing Joondalup's sense of place, community and sustainability.

OUR PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

Community Focused

We value community involvement and will work with community in achieving our vision together.

Advisory

We will add value in Council's decisions by working in partnership with the City to achieve aligned goals.

Partnerships

We will communicate and work in partnerships with community and the City.

STRATEGIC SHIFTS FOR THE FUTURE

- ☞ Increased strategic focus: stewardship, proactive and leadership.
- ☞ Focus on natural area management.
- ☞ Input into landscape master plan (streetscape).
- ☞ Increased community involvement and engagement (raise issues, communication channel).
- ☞ Education.
- ☞ Input into DPS 2 review.
- ☞ Requirement to review milestones and ongoing responsibilities.

CHALLENGES

- Funding.
- Community apathy.
- Community ignorance of natural environment.
- Local Government process.
- Challenge to reach community
 - What 'tools' do we provide?
 - How do we 'translate' story?
- Power of developers.
- Refocus on 'trees' - increase value on natural environment.
- Maintain relationships with all stakeholders
 - Officers and community
 - Community and elected members
 - Community

OPPORTUNITIES

- Tourism eg. eco-tourism.
- Water? (purity)
- Promotion - 'leaders'.
- Landscape planning
 - Advice
 - City Environment Plan (water).
- Funding
 - Levy on rates?
 - Rebate

VISION THEMES

(Butcher Paper)

- Education
 - 1 of 5 mega-diverse regions
 - 1 of 7 major biodiversity hot spots
 - High level of plant and amphibian diversity together with high level of threat
 - 1 of 5 Mediterranean type eco-systems to be globally significant
 - 1 of few global hot spots in a developed country and only 1 in Australia
 - Teach children, parents and tourists eco-tourism - proper training (cultural centre and Edith Cowan University)
- We will have imparted on main threats to biodiversity eg. rabbits, dieback, weeds, overdeveloping, feral bees, developers who fail in their stewardship.
- Every major path linked with animals and insect attracting trees.
- The tuart known as the 'Oak of the West' with aboriginal name and as the City of Joondalup signature tree.
- A tree protection Act.
- Replanting with local prominence.
- Water
 - Recycle all storm water
 - Recycle and recharge the Gnangara Mound with treated sewerage water from Beenyup treatment plant
- Beaches - beaches and dunes will be revegetated with natives, feral animal free, weed free, dog free and no cars.
- Cultural Centre
 - Celebrating of culture and environment with a pageant
 - Written about our City of Joondalup culture, history, plants and animals
- Wharfords Avenue, Ocean Reef Road
 - Not made to dual highway
 - Instead dual use path with electric/hydrogen buses
 - Shade trees
- The wetlands within the City will contain the same level of biodiversity in 20 years time - 122 bird species, 133 invertebrate species.
- Even an improvement in water quality.
- City of Joondalup residents will understand and value the reserves for their biodiversity as well as passive recreational and aesthetic values.
- Achieve (wetlands included)
 - Areas vegetation surveys

- Richest for biodiversity value
 - Should be preserved
 - Community awareness - environmental
 - Retention and improvement of natural areas
 - Security of existing bushland
 - Enhance usable space
 - Walk trails
 - Dog bags
 - Litter
 - Vandalism
 - Created more bushland
 - Education/hands on - community
- Vision
 - Valid
 - Recognise value
 - Enhancing
 - Create, sustain - preserving bushland not stated eg. excised from any management plan (possibly Water Corporation, etc.)
- Impact
 - Biodiversity has a dollar value comparative to built landscape values
 - Education
 - Passion
 - Natural management team increased
 - Effectiveness
 - Recognition
 - Value
 - Beliefs
- Ocean Reef
 - Natural areas regardless of ownership
 - For future should be valued and preserved
- Difference we made
 - Awareness
 - Every individual lifestyle impacts on environment
 - Air
 - Water
 - Health
- Link best practice
- Sustainability
 - Water
 - Appreciation
 - Recycling

□ Vision Theme Picture

