

# AGENDA

## Conservation Advisory Committee

### MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO BE HELD ON

MEETING DATE

**WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2008**

commencing at 6 pm

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

**Note:**

**Clause 77 of the City's Standing Orders Local Law 2005 states:**

"Unless otherwise provided in this local law, the provisions of this local law shall apply to meetings of committees with the exception of:

- (a) clause 29 (Members seating;) and
- (b) clause 54 (Limitation on members speaking.)"

**GARRY HUNT**  
Chief Executive Officer  
22 February 2008

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## CITY OF JOONDALUP

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 February 2008** commencing at **6 p.m.**

GARRY HUNT  
Chief Executive Officer  
22 February 2008

Joondalup  
Western Australia

### AGENDA

#### **Committee Members**

Cr Sue Hart	
Cr Mike Norman	
Cr Fiona Diaz	
Cr Marie Macdonald	
Mr Gary Tate	Community Representative
Mr John Chester	Community Representative
Mrs Marilyn Zakrevsky	Community Representative
Ms Suzi Greenway	Community Representative
Mr Barry Fitzsimmons	Community Representative
Ms Phyllis Robertson	Community Representative
Dr Marjorie Apthorpe	Community Representative
Mr Tim Argus	Community Representative
Mr Steve Magyar	Community Representative
Ms Dorothy Lullfitz	Community Representative

#### ***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 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**

**ELECTION OF PRESIDING PERSON**

Section 5.12 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires a committee appointed by a local government, to elect a presiding person as the first item of business at its first meeting. Schedule 2.3 of the Act requires the Chief Executive Officer to preside. Nominations for the position of presiding person are to be given to the Chief Executive Officer in writing, with the vote to be conducted by ballot.

**ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDING PERSON**

It is advisable that the committee elects a deputy presiding person, who would chair the meeting in the absence of the presiding person. The procedure for electing the deputy presiding person is also determined by Schedule 2.3 of the Act.

**APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE****CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD 26 SEPTEMBER 2007

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on 26 September 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****REPORTS**

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**MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN****REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION****CLOSURE**

## **ITEM 1                      CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - PROPOSED 2008 MEETING DATES – [00906]**

**WARD:**                      All

**RESPONSIBLE**            Mr Mike Archer  
**DIRECTOR:**              Acting Director Infrastructure Services

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### **PURPOSE / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for the Conservation Advisory Committee to endorse meeting dates for 2008.

### **BACKGROUND**

On 20 November 2007 Council agreed to:

- “2        (a)        ESTABLISH the Conservation Advisory Committee to:
- To make recommendations to Council for the conservation of the City of Joondalup’s natural biodiversity.
  - To provide strategic input and when requested 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).”

Terms of Reference for the Conservation Advisory Committee can be found in Attachment 1 to this Report.

### **DETAILS**

Conservation Advisory Committee Meetings will generally be held every two months, in accordance with Council’s decision, on a Wednesday evening commencing at 6pm. Meetings will be held in the City of Joondalup Civic Centre Conference Rooms.

Proposed dates are as follows:

- 23 April 2008
- 25 June 2008
- 27 August 2008
- 29 October 2008

**Link to Strategic Plan:**

Outcome: The City of Joondalup is environmentally responsible in its activities.  
Objective: 2.1 To plan and manage our natural resources to ensure environmental sustainability.

Outcome: The City of Joondalup is an interactive community.  
Objective: To ensure the City responds to and communicates with the community.

**Legislation – Statutory Provisions:**

Not Applicable.

**Risk Management considerations:**

Not Applicable.

**Financial/Budget Implications:**

Not Applicable.

**Policy implications:**

Not Applicable.

**Regional Significance:**

Not Applicable.

**Sustainability implications:**

The Conservation Advisory Committee will address and discuss conservation issues at their bi-monthly meetings.

**Consultation:**

Not Applicable.

**COMMENT**

Nil.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 Conservation Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Conservation Advisory Committee SETS the following 2008 meeting dates to be held at 6pm in the Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup:

- 23 April 2008
- 25 June 2008
- 27 August 2008
- 29 October 2008

*Appendix 1 refers*

## **ITEM 2                    CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: OVERVIEW OF NATURAL AND CONSERVATION AREAS MANAGED BY THE CITY**

**WARD:**                    All

**RESPONSIBLE  
DIRECTOR:**            Mr Mike Archer  
                                 Acting Director Infrastructure Services

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### **PURPOSE/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To provide an overview of natural and conservation areas managed by the City to the Conservation Advisory Committee.

The appointment of new members including both Elected Members and Community Representatives to this Committee presents an opportunity to provide this overview.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City manages over 500 hectares of natural areas. This includes wetlands, bushland and coastal vegetation, and which are contained in over 100 reserves.

The protection and care of the City's natural areas is enshrined within its Strategic Plan and is reflected in an increase in both capital and maintenance expenditure on natural areas over the previous seven years.

On-ground management in natural areas is undertaken using a combination of City employees, contract bush regeneration teams, offenders serving community work orders and community volunteers.

Community participation in natural area management within the City has been very active in recent years, both in on-ground work through volunteers and in the strategic area with local environment groups actively participating in the compilation of the Joondalup Coastal Foreshore Natural Areas Management Plan. These groups have also contributed to a range of bushland management plans, as well as providing valuable assistance with on-ground work such as planting native species.

There are 11 active bushland friends groups operating within the City as well as the Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum, which is an umbrella group consisting of ratepayer organisations, environmental groups and individual community members with an interest in coastal issues.

The Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) is a Council committee consisting of representatives from the Bushland Friends Groups, Elected Members and members of the community with specialised knowledge of conservation and biodiversity. All reports go via the Chief Executive Officer to the Council on issues related to conservation and biodiversity.

In recent years, the City has been very proactive in the conservation and environmental area and in 2002 was a finalist in the prestigious WA Environmental Awards. The City went on to win in 2003 in the Coastal Management category and in 2004 was successful in winning the Bushland category.

In 2005 the City was also a finalist in the prestigious Banksia and World Environmental Day Awards for leadership in environmental management. The City has also recently achieved Milestone 5 in the Perth Biodiversity Project for the City's achievements in protecting local biodiversity.

The City was also successful in winning the 2005 WA Coastal Awards for excellence in coastal foreshore management work.

Essentially, all these awards recognise the integrated approach involving volunteers groups, participating schools, work for the dole schemes, a long term association with the Justice Department's community offenders program and the Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum.

## **DETAILS**

One of the major challenges for the City continues to be balancing the infrastructure requirements of the newly developed areas with the management and renewal of the older areas, and to strengthen our commitment in the environmental and conservation areas in preserving one of the City's major attractions being its natural areas.

In the past the approach was to utilise volunteers, contractors, work for the dole schemes and corrective services labour to undertake regeneration and maintenance works. The City has now established in-house natural areas work teams in addition to the natural areas supervisor position, which was established in 2004.

Since its inception, the City has come a long way to achieving a strategic focus in relation to conservation and environmental matters. This is evident in the management plans that have been developed as well as the work currently being undertaken in developing an overall local biodiversity management plan.

The way forward would appear to be to consolidate the City's commitment in ensuring sufficient capacity exists to deliver on the strategies. The next paradigm shift is to determine what opportunities exist in the areas of eco-tourism which will promote the significant areas of natural bushland within the City.

### **Issues and options considered:**

Not Applicable.

### **Link to Strategic Plan:**

- Caring for the Environment
- Maintain and protect natural assets to retain biodiversity.



**Legislation – Statutory Provisions:**

The Local Government Act 1995 allows the Council to establish committees to assist it with decision making.

The Conservation Advisory Committee has been established in accordance with the legislation, with clear and concise terms of reference and no delegated powers.

**Risk Management considerations:**

Not Applicable.

**Financial/Budget Implications:**

Not Applicable.

**Policy Implications:**

Not Applicable.

**Regional Significance:**

Not Applicable.

**Sustainability Implications:**

The establishment of the CAC is to assist Council in dealing with strategic input on issues relating to conservation and management of the City's natural biodiversity.

**Consultation:**

Not Applicable.

**COMMENT**

Not Applicable.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1          Reserves that contain bushland managed by the City of Joondalup

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The Conservation Advisory Committee NOTES the report “Overview of Natural and Conservation Areas managed by the City” forming Attachment 1 to this Report.**

*Appendix 2 refers*



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CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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