



Mansfield Shire Environment Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday 10 February 2020 Chairperson: Cr Marg Attley File No. E4634

Time: 4.00pm - 5:30pm Location: Council Chamber, Mansfield Shire Council Office.

Invitees: Cr Marg Attley (Chair) Councillor, Ben McKay Manager Development Services, Damien Gerrans Environment Officer, Kerstie Lee Up2Us Landcare Alliance

Coordinator, Don Howie Victorian Farmers Federation Mansfield Branch, Louise Perrin Mt Buller & Mt Stirling Alpine Resort Managements Environmental Services Manager, Carolyn Suggate Community Representative, Andrew Setchell Community Representative, Andrew Webb Community Representative, Rebecca Kirley

Waste Management Officer, Cecelia Walker Student Representative, Meg Boag Student Representative.

Apologies: Cr Attley, Rebecca Kirley, Lou Perrin

ITEM	SUBJECT	BUSINESS	RESP. OFFICER
1.	GENERAL BUSINESS:		
1.1	Opening of Meeting	4:00pm	Ben
1.2	Attendance	Ben McKay, Damien Gerrans, Kerstie Lee, Don Howie, Andrew Setchell, Andrew Webb, Cecelia Walker, Meg Boag.	Ben
1.3	Apologies	Cr Attley, Rebecca Kirley, Lou Perrin, Carolyn Suggate.	Ben
1.4	Declaration of Interest	None to declare.	Ben
1.5	Minutes of Previous Meeting	EAC last held on 26 November 2019. Minutes sent on 5 December 2019 Don asked about the follow up to road shoulder spraying. No direction from Council has been made to depot staff to cease road shoulder spraying. Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting are adopted. Moved: Andrew Setchell Second: Don Howie	
1.6	Business Arising from Previous Meeting	EAC motion to Council to increase staff resources to implement actions in Mansfield Shire Council Environment Strategy.	Damien

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		Council report presented to Council on 21 January 2020 and was noted at the meeting.	
		Andrew Setchell asked about the use of waste contractor's resources to deliver waste education programs for Mansfield Shire Council.	
		Ben said that this is being considered.	
		Damien to resend the list of actions from the Environment Strategy to EAC members.	
		List of actions sent with meeting agenda documents.	
		Add Environment Strategy Actions to next EAC meeting agenda to look at 'Council will' and 'Community can' actions.	
		Environment Strategy Actions listed below in New Business.	
		Updates to be provided by e-mail and attached to meeting minutes.	
		No updates provided prior to the meeting. Upcoming events from Round table include:	
1.7	Round table	Don: Local fodder has been sent to Corryong to support farmers affected by bushfires. 7 truck loads of hay in one convoy.	All
1.7	Nourid table	Haymaker and Jam fundraiser for fire affected communities 22 February. Flyer attached to the minutes.	7 tii
		Meg and Cecelia: Secondary College will look at opportunities to reduce waste from canteen products and therefore litter in the school grounds. A meeting is being sought with students, canteen staff, Council's Environmental Health Officer and the Principal to action this.	

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2	NEW BIICINESS.	A litter clean-up will be held for Clean Up Australia Day. The litter will be sorted and weighed to bench mark waste programs at the start of the year. Andrew Webb: Indigo Power will launch a retail power offer and investment opportunity on 23 March 2020. Location and time to be confirmed. Renewable Energy Mansfield meeting this Thursday 13 February. Kerstie: River Ramble on Delatite River 28 February. Clean-Up Australia Day event to be held at Secondary College and in town. Indigenous Garden Day on 2 March. Primary School Buddy Day Climate Change Workshop at end of March. See https://www.up2us.org.au/events-1-1 Andy Setchell: Flag Iris still an issue at the Mullum Wetlands. Damien reported that Council will be cleaning out sediment from the inlet channels and main pond of the wetland. This will also address some of the issues with flag iris.	
2.	New Business:		
2.1	Other business	Environment Strategy Actions Review of actions to 2020 'Council will' and 'Community can'. What will be the focus of community action this year? A number of community led actions will be supported by Landcare. These include:	Damien

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		Waste: Clean-up Australia day events and messages focused on what can and cannot be recycled.	
		Water: Water quality program and monitoring continuing. EAC interested in feedback on Goulburn Valley Water offsets program. Cultural events to be held in May and later in the year.	
		Land: Carbon farming workshops to be held on farms around the greater Gouburn-Broken region. Up2Us working on landscape scale biodiversity corridors plans. Regenerative Agriculture workshops running in Yarck this year.	
		Sustainable Development: Indigo Power community retailer launch event on 23 March 2020 supported by REM.	
		See other upcoming events in the Round Table reports above.	
		Clean Up Australia Day 2020	
		What activities are planned?	Damien
		Up2Us running community event. Secondary College running school based clean up.	
3.	NEXT MEETING:		
		Upcomin meeting dates	
3.1	Next Meeting	4.00pm-5.30pm Thursday 16 April 2020 Monday 15 June 2020	

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		 Thursday 13 August 2020 Monday 12 October 2020 Thursday 10 December 2020 	
3.2	Meeting Close	5.15pm	