



Brighton Council

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT, ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD IN THE

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL OFFICES, OLD BEACH

AT 5.05 P.M. ON TUESDAY,

12 APRIL 2022

PRESENT: Cr Curran (Chairperson); Cr De La Torre; Cr Garlick; Cr Gray and Cr Owen.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J Dryburgh (General Manager); Mr G Davoren (Deputy General Manager); Mr D Allingham (Manager Development Services); Mr C Pearce-Rasmussen (Manager Asset Services) and Mrs J Banks (Governance Manager)

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Apologies

Cr Owen moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that Councillors Geard, Jeffries, Murtagh and Whelan be granted leave of absence.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour

Against

Cr Curran
Cr De La Torre
Cr Garlick
Cr Gray
Cr Owen

3. Public Question Time and Deputations

- 3.1 Dr Josie Kelman from the Derwent Catchment Project (DCP) presented on the work being undertaken on behalf of Council.

4. Declaration of Interest

In accordance with Part 5, Section 48 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Chairman of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have an interest in any item on the agenda; and

Part 2 Regulation 8 (7) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the Chairman of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda.

Accordingly, Councillors are requested to advise of any interest they may have in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which the Council has resolved to deal with, in accordance with Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Business

5.1 Brighton Council Draft Weed Management Strategy

Author: Manager Asset Services (C Pearce-Rasmussen)
Climate Resilience Officer (A Johnson)

Background

Brighton Council has engaged the Derwent Catchment Project (DCP) to assist to better manage council owned land and assist members of the community to do their part for environmental issues such as weed management.

The DCP was set up to assist landholders to restore and maintain natural and agricultural landscapes, to ensure a prosperous and sustainable future for the Derwent River Catchment.

The DCP is a not-for-profit group and provides Natural Resource Management (NRM) services to the Derwent Valley Council, Central Highlands Council, and now Brighton Council.

The Draft Brighton Council Weed Management Strategy has been developed by the DCP and provides a clear strategy and overarching work program for weed management in the Brighton municipality.

The Draft Weed Management Strategy covers:

- Legislative responsibilities.
- The changing context of weeds.
- A base survey of the location and an inventory of weeds.
- Regional priorities - protecting high value areas.
- Causes of weed spread and actions to prevent further spread.
- List of stakeholders and costings for various actions.

Consultation

The General Manager, Manager Assets Services and Manager Development Services have been involved with NRM projects development.

It is proposed that further community consultation occur by promoting the Draft Weed Strategy and inviting comment, with a report back to Brighton Council before end of financial year 2022.

Risk Implications

Undertaking and finalising a weed strategy is low risk as it leads to improved planning and natural resource management. A clear and coordinated weed management approach reduces the risks of weeds spreading and reputational damage from community complaints.

Financial Implications

The total cost of the Draft Weed Strategy development and for on the ground weed management (10 days of control and 4 days coordination, mapping and data management) is \$20,080. Most of these costs are covered by the existing weed removal and maintenance budget.

Strategic Plan

The recommendations further the following strategies from Council's strategic plan:

S1.1: Understand/Improve Health and Wellbeing

S1.5: Build a resilient community and environmentally sustainable future

S4.1: Ensure Financial & Risk Sustainability

S4.2: Be well-governed

S4.4: Long-term thinking & evidence-based

Social Implications

The community looks to Brighton Council for leadership on issues such as climate change action and caring for the environment, and it emerged as a core priority for the community in the 2050 Vision consultation. There is a key role for local government to actively work with the range of organisations that care for the land, such as the State Government, the Derwent Estuary Program, DCP and Landcare Tasmania.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Caring for the natural environment are actions under the *Brighton Council Climate Change Resilience Strategy 2019*:

- 65 - Develop and implement a Brighton Biodiversity & Natural Values Strategy.
- 67 - Work collaboratively with regional landscape management agencies to effectively manage Brighton's natural assets in a changing climate (e.g. Crown, NRM South, DPIPWE, Tas Water).

Economic Implications

There is an expectation from the community that Brighton Council will take action to enhance and restore the natural environment, this includes an active and coordinated weed management program.

Other Issues

None

Assessment

The Draft Weed Management Strategy will provide a well-considered strategic approach to weed management in the Brighton municipality for the first time. Weed management will provide a range of environmental, social and economic benefits to the community.

Prior to Council formally endorsing the Draft Weed Management Strategy it is considered appropriate to invite comment from the community.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. Endorse the Draft Weed Management Strategy without community consultation.
 3. Do not endorse the Draft Weed Management Strategy
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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the Draft Weed Management Strategy for community consultation.

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr Gray seconded that the recommendation be adopted subject to editing and reformatting of the Strategy prior to the community consultation.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD**In favour****Against**

Cr Curran
Cr De La Torre
Cr Garlick
Cr Gray
Cr Owen

5.2 Landcare Tasmania Program Update

Authors: Manager Asset Services (C Pearce-Rasmussen)
Climate Resilience Officer (A Johnson)

Background

Landcare Tasmania approached Brighton Council to start a community Landcare group in 2021. At the time Brighton Council had no dedicated Natural Resource Management (NRM) role and the Landcare Tasmania not-for-profit organisation offered insurance, equipment and existing connections with MONA and community groups.

Brighton Council partnered with Landcare Tasmania to establish the 300th Landcare Tasmania group in the Eddington Road area. Launched as part of National Tree Day in August 2021 it was the first Landcare group in Brighton to be in operation for some time.

Late 2021, the Old Beach Neighbourhood Watch Group received \$800 from Brighton Council to extend their Landcare activities in the Old Beach area. Currently there is interest from members of the Brighton community to form a Jordan River group.

Landcare also helped facilitate the "Grow Your Own Native Plants" workshop at the Botanical Institute on 20th March 2022 and Bridgewater Clean-Up Australia Day on 6 March 2022.

Landcare Tasmania have received community development funding from Brighton Council to support the following projects:

Description	Cost	Due for completion/completed
School Event Preparation	\$500	Term 2, 2022 – citizen science session with the East Derwent Primary School
School Event Coordination	\$500	Term 2, 2022 – citizen science session with the East Derwent Primary School
Community Event Preparation	\$1,200	Bridgewater citizen science day -end of FY
Community Event Coordination	\$800	Bridgewater citizen science day - end of FY
Community Event Specialist	\$600	Seed propagation workshop
Post Events Coordination (working bees, monitoring, and capacity building)	\$3,600	Clean Up Australia Day March 2022, Seed propagation workshop March 2022. Bridgewater working bee April 2022. Ongoing, expected monthly until end of FY.
Total incl. GST	\$7,920	All milestones by end of 2021-22 FY

Landcare Tasmania work proactively with Brighton Council's NRM program via the Derwent Catchment Project and has strategic ties with the following Brighton Council programs:

- Derwent Estuary Program participation.
- Climate change resilience program and the *Brighton Council Climate Change Resilience Strategy 2019*.
- Street tree program and the *Greening Brighton Strategy 2016-2021*.
- Regional Urban Tree Managers group (Kingborough Council, City of Hobart, Clarence City Council and Glenorchy City Council).
- The National Environment and Sustainability Program via a partnership with the University of Tasmania to work on nature-based solutions.
- The MONA Institute Botanica, Material Institute and Bond Place.
- Sustainability education program working with local schools.

Consultation

The General Manager and Manager Assets Services have been involved with Landcare Tasmania project development.

Risk Implications

Being part of Landcare Tasmania is a low-risk approach to starting an NRM program, as Landcare Tasmania take on all the insurance risk and worksite health and safety requirements. Landcare Tasmania have significant networks and expertise, reducing reputational risk by providing specialists. The partnership with Brighton Council is based on a trial basis and will be reviewed at the end of the 2021-22 financial year.

Financial Implications

The total cost of trialling a Landcare Tasmania partnership for 6 months is \$7,920. All costs are from the General Manager's community development budget.

Strategic Plan

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Social Implications

The community looks to Brighton Council for leadership on issues such as climate change action and caring for the environment, and it emerged as a core priority for the community in the 2050 Vision consultation. There is a key role for local government to actively work with the range of organisations that care for the land, such as the State Government, the Derwent Estuary Program, Derwent Catchment Project, and Landcare Tasmania.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

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Economic Implications

There is an expectation from the community that Brighton Council will take action to enhance and restore the natural environment. Providing natural places for the community to enjoy increases resilience and assists people and the environment to be more resilient to climate impacts.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. That the report not be received.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the Landcare Tasmania Program update report.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Garlick seconded that the report be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour

Against

Cr Curran
Cr De La Torre
Cr Garlick
Cr Gray
Cr Owen

The meeting closed 5.45pm

Confirmed:

(Mayor)

Date:

20th April, 2022