

Future Nillumbik Committee

held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 16 October 2018 commencing at 7.30pm.

Minutes

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Nillumbik Shire Council

**Minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held Tuesday 16 October 2018.
The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.**

Councillors present:

Cr Peter Clarke	Wingrove Ward (Mayor)
Cr Grant Brooker	Blue Lake Ward
Cr Karen Egan	Bunjil Ward
Cr John Dumaresq	Edendale Ward
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward
Cr Jane Ashton	Sugarloaf Ward
Cr Bruce Ranken	Swipers Gully Ward

Officers in attendance:

Carl Cowie	Chief Executive Officer
Adrian Cully	Director Business and Strategy
Matt Kelleher	Director Services and Planning
Hjalmar Philipp	Director Sustainability and Place
Blaga Naumoski	Executive Manager Governance
Katia Croce	Governance Lead
Suzy Ellingsen	Executive Manager People Culture and Innovation

1. Welcome and apologies

The chairperson, Mayor Peter Clarke welcomed the Korranunda Venturers Group to the gallery, giving special mention to group leaders Doug Sterry and Sarah Egan.

The chairperson, Mayor Peter Clarke welcomed incoming Chief Executive Officer, Carl Cowie to his first Nillumbik Shire Council meeting with many more years to come.

2. Reconciliation Statement

The reconciliation statement was read by the Chairperson, Mayor Peter Clarke.

3. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Nil

4. Confirmation of minutes

Confirmation of minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11 September 2018.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Grant Brooker

SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan

That the minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11 September 2018 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5. Officers' report

FN.034/18 Bushfire Mitigation Strategy

Portfolio: Finance and Governance

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Summary

A priority action of the Council Plan 2017-2021 is to develop a comprehensive Fire Mitigation Strategy.

The strategy is being designed with the overall objective to achieve the most efficient and effective means to reduce bushfire risk to the community with an emphasis on building community resilience, participation and shared responsibility. Greater understanding of fire management planning by Council and the community provides a primary mechanism to protect life and property during fire events.

The draft strategy was developed in consultation with key internal stakeholder and targeted groups including the Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee and brigade Captains.

Council was briefed on the draft strategy on the 21 August 2018. A three week public consultation period followed with fifteen submissions received.

The Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning (DEWLP) is leading a state wide strategic bushfire management planning process to develop a common understanding of bushfire risk, and determine appropriate management strategies and actions to reduce that risk. This critical work will help inform the work of the Bushfire Mitigation Strategy and enable Council in consultation with the community to set targets and devise strategies to achieve them.

This report recommends that the Committee having heard submissions and considered the emerging work lead by state government and how it may impact Council, refers a decision regarding the finalisation of the strategy to a future Ordinary Council Meeting. This will enable officers to further develop and progress the strategy.

Speakers

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

1. Brain Murray on behalf of the Nillumbik Ratepayers Association
2. Mary McDonald
3. Betty Russell on behalf of the Nillumbik Greens
4. Esther Caspi

4. Officers' Report

FN.034/18 Bushfire Mitigation Strategy

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Notes the 15 submissions received in relation to the draft Bushfire Mitigation Strategy.
2. Requests officers to consult further with emergency services, agencies and community representatives to further inform the work of the Bushfire Mitigation Strategy.
3. Following completion of recommendation 2, requests officers to bring a report back to an Ordinary Council Meeting for the adoption of the Bushfire Mitigation Strategy.
4. Requests that officers thank submitters and provide a written response to their submissions.

Motion

MOVED: Cr Jane Ashton

SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan

That Committee (under the delegation of Council):

1. Notes the 15 submissions received in relation to the draft Bushfire Mitigation Strategy and makes them publicly available with personal information redacted.
2. Supports the engagement of a Bushfire Management specialist/s to review the current strategy and submissions, define intent and purpose, coordinate the future consultation process and report back to Council on the outcomes.
3. Following completion of recommendation 2, requests officers to present a report by April 2019, to an Ordinary Council Meeting for the adoption of the Bushfire Mitigation Strategy.
4. Requests officers prioritise prior to the forthcoming bushfire season Council's website information and Council's communication strategy.
5. Requests that officers thank submitters and provide a written response to their submissions.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Supplementary and urgent business

Nil

7. Confidential reports

Nil

The meeting closed at 8.08pm.

Confirmed: _____

Cr Karen Egan, Mayor