

Future Nillumbik Committee

to be held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 16 April 2019 commencing at 7:30pm.

Agenda

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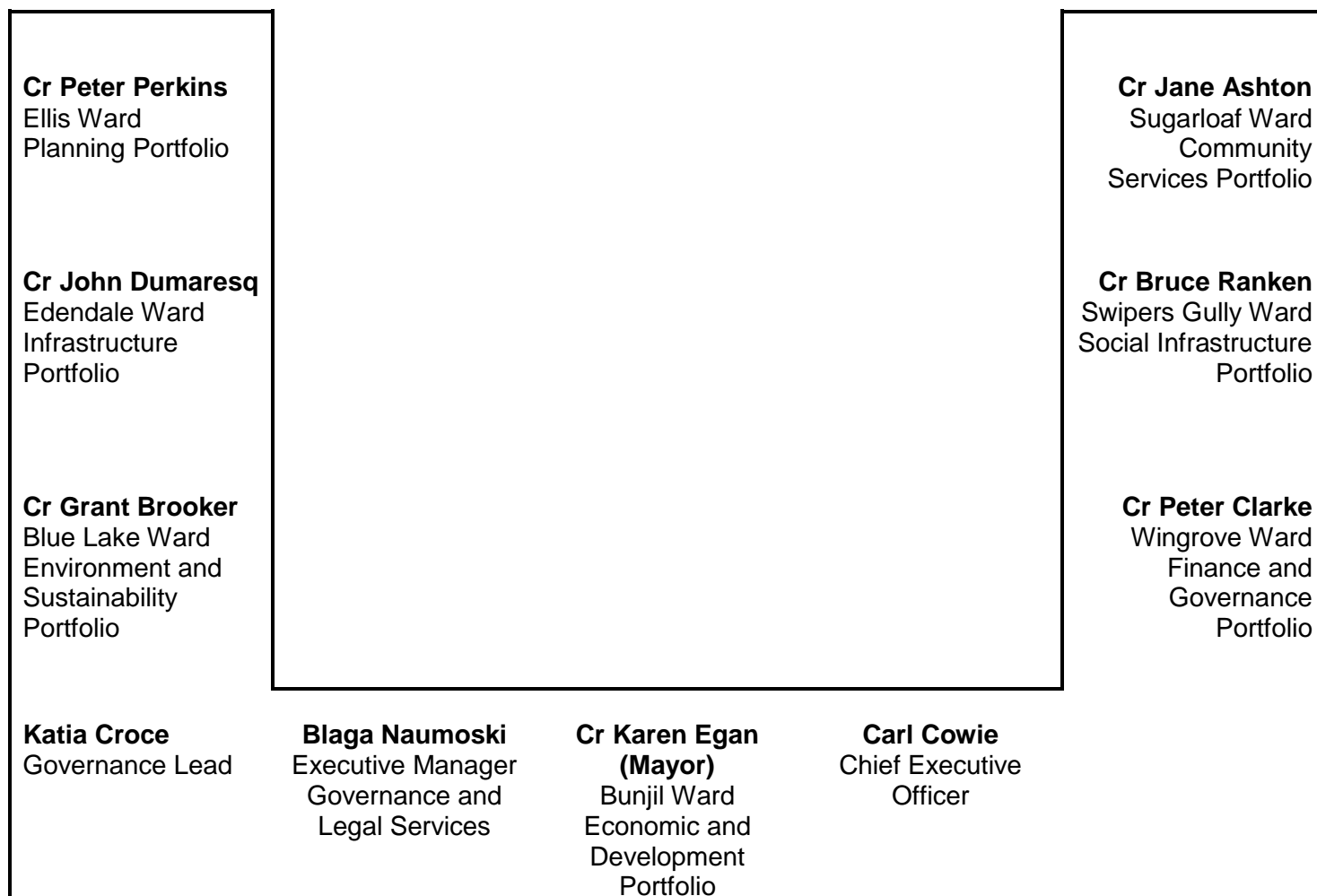
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Future Nillumbik Committee seating plan



Visitors in the gallery at Committee meetings are:

- Welcome to copies of the various reports which will be considered by this Committee at the meeting. These are on the table in the foyer.
- Welcome to tea, coffee and water. These are on the table in the foyer near the Council Chamber entry.
- Requested to observe deliberations quietly in order for Committee meetings to run smoothly.
- Advised that the meeting will be recorded and an audio recording of the meeting will be made publicly available on Council's website.

Nillumbik Shire Council

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Agenda of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting to be held Tuesday 16 April 2019 commencing at 7:30pm.

1. Welcome by the Chair

Members of the public are advised the meeting will be recorded and an audio recording of the meeting will be made publicly available on Council's website.

2. Reconciliation statement

The reconciliation statement to be read by the Chairperson

Nillumbik Shire Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians present.

3. Apologies

Recommendation

That the apologies be accepted.

4. Confirmation of minutes

Confirmation of minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12 March 2019.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12 March 2019 be confirmed.

5. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Committee members should note that any conflicts of interest should also be disclosed immediately before the relevant item.

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6. Officers' reports**FN.008/19 Motions to the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting**

Portfolio: Finance and Governance**Distribution: Public****Manager: Blaga Naumoski, Executive Manager Governance and Legal Services****Author: Katia Croce, Governance Lead****Summary**

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meets to consider matters of state-wide significance. The next meeting is being held on 17 May 2019.

The deadline for motions to be submitted for consideration at the May State Council meeting is 23 April 2019. Draft motions have been prepared for Council's consideration and endorsement.

Motions must have state-wide significance or relevance across the Victorian Local Government Sector and be related to issues and initiatives that affect the livelihood and wellbeing of the Nillumbik community.

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Resolves to adopt the following three motions to the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council Meeting to be held on 17 May 2019:
 - i. *'That the Municipal Association of Victoria write to the Prime Minister and the Federal Ministers for Communications and the Arts to take action to develop and support the stability of the domestic recycling industry so that an uninterrupted service is provided.'*
 - ii. *'That the Municipal Association of Victoria:*
 - a. *Endorses a Notice of Motion from the Nillumbik Shire Council to the 2019 National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association requesting the Commonwealth Government to secure further Mobile Black Spot funding to increase the safety, well-being and liveability of regional and rural communities.*
 - b. *Seek State Government support and advocacy for this Motion.'*
 - iii. *'That the Municipal Association of Victoria:*
 - a) *Endorses a Notice of Motion from the Nillumbik Shire Council to the 2019 National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association requesting the Commonwealth Government to provide direct funding to assist local government to address the risks of climate change through the development of renewable energy facilities and support related community actions.*
 - b) *Seek State Government support and advocacy for this Motion.'*
2. Resolves to lodge motions and rationale (**Attachment 1**) to the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council Meeting to be held on 17 May 2019.

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Attachments

1. Motions to the MAV State Council Meeting

Background

1. The MAV State Council Meeting provides the opportunity for councils to submit motions on matters of state-wide significance to the Local Government sector. MAV State Council Meetings are convened twice a year, in May and October. The resolutions of the MAV State Council Meeting enable issues of significance and strategic importance for the local government sector to be acted upon through a peak organisation. Endorsement at the State Council indicates an issue has state-wide support and strengthens the profile of these issues, which facilitates stronger advocacy with other levels of government.
2. Council has until 23 April 2019 to submit motions to the MAV. The draft MAV Strategic Plan 2019-2021 also highlights a number of key priorities. It is encouraged that motions relate to the following priorities:
 - Financial sustainability
 - Waste & resource recovery
 - Government relations
 - Transport, freight & infrastructure
 - Societal & social policy changes
 - Sustainable land use
 - Business/digital transformation
 - Climate change & environment
 - Population growth/decline
3. Nillumbik Shire Council has identified the three critical areas local government needs to consider now and into the future. Each of which have state-wide significance to the sector that will influence the future direction of many Councils and their communities. It is appropriate that the motions be moved on behalf of Council for the following reasons:

Mobile Blackspot

- Poor mobile phone coverage in regional and rural areas potentially put people's lives at risk during the devastating bushfires.
- Communication should be a necessity, particularly for those living, working and travelling in regional and remote Australia.

Waste Management

- Without support Councils will need to pay more to recycle and will pass these costs onto residents in the community who will feel the impact.

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- Local governments, particularly those that are resource constrained, require significant levels of external funding to address the market failure.

Renewable Energy

- In recent years, there has been very little Australian Government funding available to local government to implement mitigation actions.
- For many resource-constrained Councils finding funds to reduce their own fossil fuel based energy profile, through the implementation of building, lighting and fleet upgrades is extremely difficult, with many competing community needs.

Policy context

4. This report directly supports the achievement of Council Plan 2017-2021 strategy:
 - Maintain good governance and effective leadership.

Budget implications

5. There are no budget implications associated with submitting motions to the MAV.

Consultation/communication

6. The attached motions have been discussed with Councillors and the relevant officers.

Conclusion

7. The message from material recycling facilities following the impact of China's National Sword Policy is that they are no longer profitable at new commodity prices and existing gate fees. It is imperative that the state and federal governments play a key role in increasing the stability of the domestic recycling industry so that an uninterrupted service is provided to ratepayers at a price that is more competitive than landfilling.
8. State Government can assist by advocating to Federal Government to secure seed funding to support business cases and shovel ready projects. It remains critical that vulnerable sectors of the community receive assistance to ensure they are protected from the predicted impacts.
9. The lack of mobile phone coverage severely impacts business, industry, health services, education and other government services and requires serious consideration and commitment to close the inequity in communication services between metropolitan and rural communities. It is critical that the federal government provide further funding. Council encourages the MAV to support and advocate for this motion.
10. Local government in partnership with the various greenhouse action alliances are in a position to support the community directly in reducing emissions and transitioning to cost effective renewable energy solutions that best fit local community need. A balance between funding mitigation actions and adaptation actions must be found. We must continue to address greenhouse emissions to achieve significant reductions that will allow communities to prosper. We cannot continue to adapt indefinitely.

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MOTIONS TO THE MAV STATE COUNCIL MEETING

Motion:

That the Municipal Association of Victoria write to the Prime Minister and the Federal Ministers for Communications and the Arts to take action to develop and support the stability of the domestic recycling industry so that an uninterrupted service is provided.

Rationale:

The message from material recycling facilities following the impact of China's National Sword Policy is that they are no longer profitable at new commodity prices and existing gate fees. Councils will need to pay more to recycle and will pass these costs onto residents in the community who will feel the impact. Local governments, particularly those that are resource constrained, require significant levels of external funding to address the market failure. There are a number of ways that the State government support can help address the current market failure:

- By providing information on the supply and demand profile of waste material over its lifecycle. This will help to identify opportunities and provide an information based to make investment decisions.
- Catalysing the development of domestic material reprocessing capacity and/or advanced waste and resource recovery technologies.
- Develop and support policy, which increase domestic demand for recyclables, especially glass and plastic. For example, minimum recycled content legislation and/or standards.

Motion:

That the Municipal Association of Victoria:

- a. Endorses a Notice of Motion from the Nillumbik Shire Council to the 2019 National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association requesting the Commonwealth Government to secure further Mobile Black Spot funding to increase the safety, well-being and liveability of regional and rural communities.
- b. Seek State Government support and advocacy for this Motion.

Rationale:

More than 10,000 sites were nominated under the Mobile Black Spot Programme as having inadequate mobile phone coverage. In 2019, communication should be a basic necessity, particularly for those living, working and travelling in regional and remote Australia.

This lack of mobile phone coverage severely impacts business, industry, health services, education and other government services and requires serious consideration and commitment to close the inequity in communication services between metropolitan and rural communities. It also poses a significant danger for communities living in regional and rural areas within a bushfire prone landscape. In Victoria, communities saw first-hand the issues created by the combination of mobile phone blackspots, power outages and bushfires. Poor mobile phone coverage in regional and rural areas potentially put people's lives at risk during the devastating bushfires.

The Mobile Black Spot Program is well over halfway complete and despite the funding committed, only 867 new base stations from more than 10,000 nominated sites have been deployed across the country. Furthermore, not all base stations funded under the first three rounds of the program are all operational.

Council is seeking a commitment to the continuation and strengthening of the Mobile Black Spot Funding to support regional and rural communities. Previous funding rounds have been insufficient to address local blackspot issues, and address this significant infrastructure issue.

Motion:

That the Municipal Association of Victoria:

- a. Endorses a Notice of Motion from the Nillumbik Shire Council to the 2019 National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association requesting the Commonwealth Government to provide direct funding to assist local government to address the risks of climate change through the development of renewable energy facilities and support related community actions.
- b. Seek State Government support and advocacy for this Motion.

Rationale:

The economic, social and environmental prosperity of Australia is dependent on stable, competitively priced, supply of low emission energy. In recent years, there has been very little Australian Government funding available to local government to implement mitigation actions. For many resource-constrained Councils finding funds to reduce their own fossil fuel based energy profile, through the implementation of building, lighting and fleet upgrades is extremely difficult, with many competing community needs. Significant action is required now, not in the future when the change is irreversible.

Local government in partnership with the various greenhouse action alliances are in a position to support the community directly in reducing emissions and transitioning to cost effective renewable energy solutions that best fit local community need. Seed funding to support business cases and shovel ready projects are essential. It remains critical that vulnerable sectors of the community receive assistance to ensure they are protected from the predicted impacts. Improved technologies in the energy area are increasing productivity and efficiency, and this is critical to delivering an effective service through community facilities. Such technologies are often out of the financial reach of lower economic groups in the community and support for programs that facilitate their uptake will have the multiple benefits of reducing greenhouse gases and energy costs with the latter reducing the stress on low income households.

A balance between funding mitigation actions and adaptation actions must be found. We must continue to address greenhouse emissions to achieve significant reductions that will allow communities to prosper. We cannot continue to adapt indefinitely.

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