

Future Nillumbik Committee

to be held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 11 June 2019 commencing at 7:30pm.

Agenda

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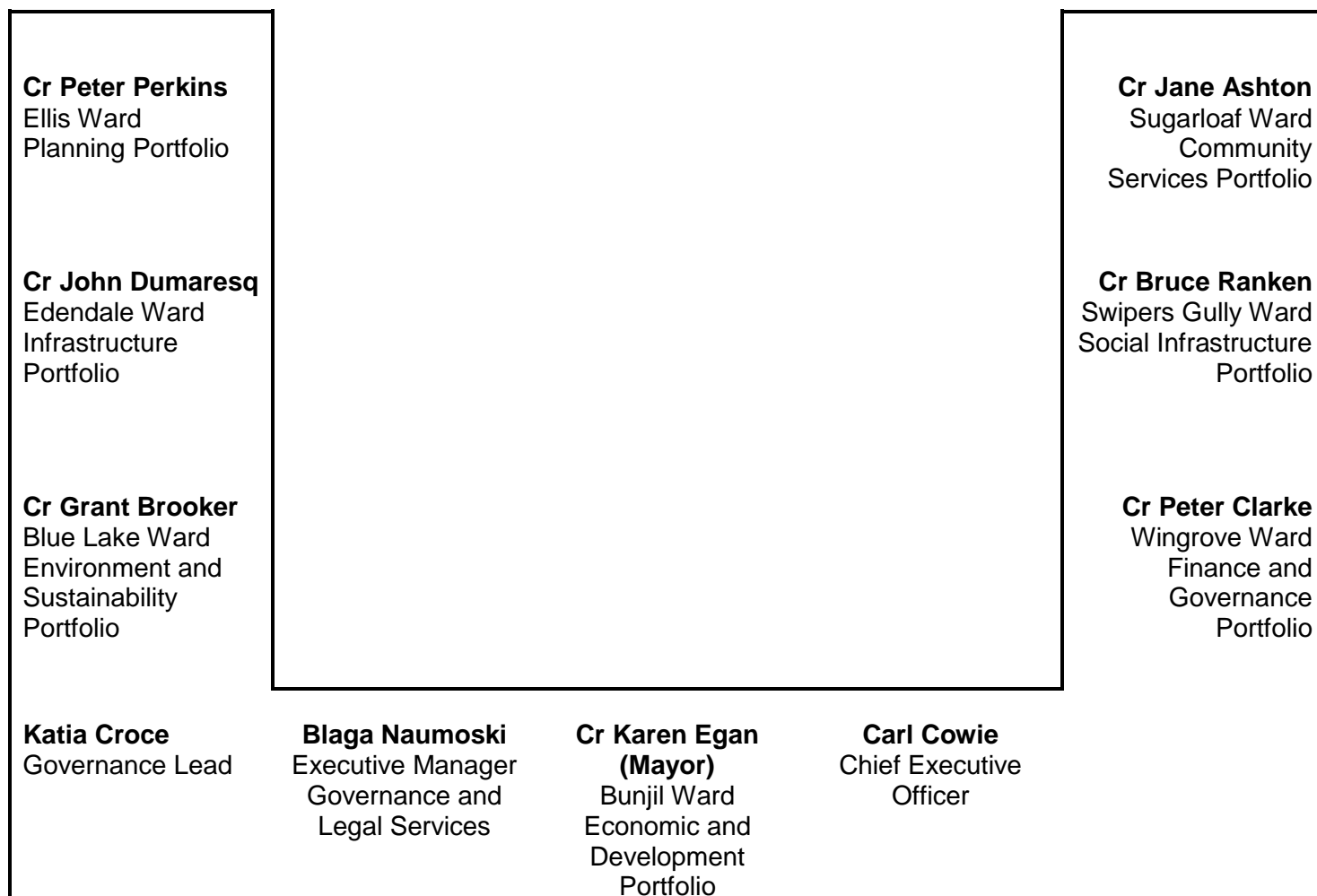
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Future Nillumbik Committee seating plan



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- 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.

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**Agenda of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting to be held
Tuesday 11 June 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 noted.

4. Confirmation of minutes

Confirmation of minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 May 2019.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 May 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.

6. Officers' reports**FN.012/19 Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2019 - submissions and feedback****Portfolio: Planning****Distribution: Public****Manager: Jeremy Livingston, Acting Director Community and Planning****Author: Leah Farrell, Coordinator Environmental Health Services****Jonathan McNally, Manager Community Safety and Amenity****Summary**

Council endorsed the draft Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2019 (DWMP) for public consultation at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 March 2019. The four week public consultation period ended on 28 April 2019, and Council received 5 submissions. An overview of the feedback received in the submissions and an officer response to the feedback is attached to this report.

This report recommends that the Committee, having received the written submissions and heard any verbal submissions, refers a decision regarding the adoption of the draft DWMP to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 25 June 2019.

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Receives and notes the submissions received in respect of the draft Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2019.
2. Presents a report to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 25 June 2019 seeking to adopt the Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2019.
3. Requests that officers thank submitters and provide a written response to their submissions.

Attachments

1. Domestic Wastewater Management Plan - Submissions & Responses
2. DRAFT Domestic Wastewater Management Plan
3. DRAFT Domestic Wastewater Management Plan Background Paper

Background

1. Under State Environment Protection Policy (SEPP) Waters, Council is required to develop and regularly review a Domestic Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP). This plan outlines Council's program for managing septic tank systems across the Shire. The SEPP requires that the DWMP be subject to a consultation process to ensure the needs of all stakeholders are considered prior to Council endorsing the plan.
2. Council endorsed the draft DWMP 2019 for public consultation at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 March 2019. Copies of the updated draft DWMP and Background Paper are also attached for reference (**Attachment 2** and

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Attachment 3). The four week consultation period closed on 28 April 2019 and five submissions have been received. This report presents to the Committee the submissions received to the draft plan over the consultation period.

3. Council's existing DWMP was adopted in 2015, covering the period between 2015 and 2018. Since the adoption of the existing DWMP there have been a number of updates in guidance relating to domestic wastewater management that change the way both treatment and disposal systems are designed, installed and maintained.
4. State Environment Protection Policy (SEPP – Waters) is a State-wide policy designed to ensure the ongoing protection of surface waters across the State and reduce impacts on surface water environments.
5. The newly adopted SEPP – Waters in November 2018 stipulates that DWMPs are to:
 - Identify public health and environmental risks associated with the on-site domestic wastewater management systems; and
 - Set out strategies to minimise those risks.
6. The draft DWMP 2019 incorporates these changes to the State-wide policy and sets out an action plan on how Council could mitigate risks as the responsible authority.
7. Key recommendations of the DWMP 2019 review are divided into five key strategy action areas:
 - Information and Data Collection;
 - Education and Awareness; and
 - Sewer Connection and Community Sewerage Program (CSP) prioritisation.

Policy context

8. This report directly supports the achievement of Council Plan 2017-2021 strategy:
 - Develop policies, strategies, projects and partnerships to enhance the health and wellbeing of the community.

Budget implications

9. The draft Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2019 is not expected to have an impact on the 2019-2020 operating budget.

Consultation/communication

10. Following the March 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting, the draft DWMP 2019 was made available for public consultation for four weeks, closing on 28 April 2019. Five submissions were received. A draft response to all queries and comments from Council's Environmental Health team has been provided (**Attachment 1**).

Issues/options

11. A total of five submissions were received, two via the *Participate Nillumbik* webpage and three via direct email to Council's Environmental Health team.
12. Summarised, the submissions comment on:
 - Connection to sewer, where infrastructure is currently present;

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- Advocacy for legislative reform;
 - Data collection;
 - Impact on water flows;
 - Council's responsibilities;
 - Budget implications;
 - Maintenance advice and requirements;
 - Yarra Valley Water acknowledged opportunities to achieve alignment of legislative interpretation between Council and Yarra Valley Water;
 - Yarra Valley Water acknowledged opportunities to improve engagement and communication between Council and Yarra Valley Water;
 - Provision of additional information for the background paper from Yarra Valley Water; and
 - Typographical errors.
13. The five submissions are included with this report as **Attachment 1**, with officers' draft responses provided before submitters are invited to make verbal submissions to the Future Nillumbik Committee.

Conclusion

14. The draft DWMP 2019 will be revised to reflect the feedback received, as well as incorporating the information provided by Yarra Valley Water and any further changes should submitters speak at the Future Nillumbik Committee.
15. The revised DWMP will be reported to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 25 June 2019.

6. Officers' reports**FN.013/19 Bushfire Mitigation Strategy**

Portfolio: Environment and Sustainability**Distribution:** Public**Manager:** Blaga Naumoski, Executive Manager Governance and Legal Services**Author:** Suzanne Rouvray, Emergency Management Officer**Summary**

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

The Bushfire Mitigation Strategy (**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.

A draft Strategy was prepared in August 2018 and a three-week public consultation period occurred in September 2018, with fifteen submissions received.

At Council's Future Nillumbik Committee meeting on 16 October 2018 the Committee supported the engagement of a bushfire management specialist Craig Lapsley to:

- review the current Strategy and submissions;
- define intent and purpose;
- coordinate the future consultation process; and
- report back to Council on the outcome.

The outcome of the engagement resulted in an *Emergency Management Future Directions Plan (Plan)*, prepared with the aim of providing a framework to support Council moving toward a best practice model for emergency management planning and emergency preparedness.

The Plan has informed the revised Strategy, which has been developed to drive change through being more strategically focused and agile. The overall objective is to reduce bushfire risk to the community with an emphasis on building community resilience, participation and shared responsibility.

This report recommends that the Committee having received the written submissions and heard the verbal submissions refers a decision regarding the adoption of the Strategy to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 30 July 2019. This will enable officers to consider all submissions in detail and further develop and progress the Strategy as required.

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Notes all of the submissions received in respect of the draft Bushfire Mitigation Strategy.
2. Requests that officers consider the matters contained in the written and verbal submissions during finalisation of the Bushfire Mitigation Strategy.
3. Requests that officers thank submitters and provide a written response to their submissions.

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Attachments

1. Bushfire Mitigation Strategy submissions

Background

1. The responsibility of bushfire preparation and mitigation is both a public authority responsibility, and a private landowner responsibility.
2. To support Council's commitment to adopt a best practice approach to emergency and bushfire management, Mr Craig Lapsley was engaged to review and provide recommendations to Council. This included a period of extensive community consultation.
3. The outcome of the engagement is an Emergency Management Future Directions Plan (**Plan**). The Plan provides a framework to support Council moving toward a best practice model for emergency management planning and emergency preparedness and acts as a reference document for Council's Bushfire Mitigation Strategy (**Strategy**), which is a priority action of the Council Plan.
4. Through the establishment of four strategic priorities, the revised Strategy addresses how Council will meet its bushfire mitigation responsibilities and help guide its program of bushfire mitigation in accordance with legislative requirements, stakeholder expectations and industry best practice.

Policy context

5. This report directly supports the achievement of Council Plan 2017-2021 strategy:
 - Meet Council's responsibilities for emergency management.
 - 3.2.1 Develop a comprehensive Fire Mitigation Strategy.

Budget implications

6. Actions and programs to be developed in more detail at the next phase will be funded primarily through the operational budgets of Emergency Management, Environment and Connected Communities.

Consultation/communication

7. To help inform the Plan and the revised Strategy, consultation was undertaken with all Councillors, Council's Executive Management Team, officers, as well as community members and agency representatives, that had previous involvement in the draft Strategy or had made previous submissions on the draft Strategy. This has resulted in over 40 individuals providing explanation and interaction regarding the challenges and opportunities for the Council in Emergency Management and in particular, bushfire.

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8. The following is a timeline of consultation that has taken place:

Date	Activity
December 2018 and March 2019	A progress report was tabled at Council's Municipal Emergency Management Committee providing an overview of the issues, all of which have been taken into consideration when redrafting the Strategy.
March 2019	The revised Strategy was tabled at the Fire Management Planning Committee and a working group has been established to prepare an Implementation Plan to determine the actions that will help deliver on the goals identified in the revised Strategy.
1 May 2019 to 28 May 2019	The community was given the opportunity to lodge submissions. Public exhibition was open for 28 days, concluding on 28 May 2019.

9. The draft was viewed by 226 individuals via Council's Participate Nillumbik website and shared with Council's committees and networks, resulting in 38 submissions received. Copies of the submissions are attached (**Attachment 1**).

Issues/options

10. The main objective of the development of this Strategy is to:
 - a) set the foundations of how Council working with the community will mitigate the risk of bushfire; and
 - b) determine a joint strategy and supporting suite of implementation actions based upon a common understanding of bushfire risk across the landscape and determine appropriate management strategies and actions to reduce that risk.
11. Council is committed to working alongside our community and partner agencies to build safer communities more resilient to bushfire risk. We are committed to ensuring that as an organisation we have the adaptive capacity to meet our community's needs when we are impacted by bushfire.
12. Participation in these activities enriches the liveability of our municipality regardless of whether or not bushfires occur.
13. Following the community consultation phase, Council received 38 submissions in response to the Strategy. The submissions were based on a range of themes, copies of which can be seen in **Attachment 1**.

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Conclusion

14. Council will consider the impact and influence of all submissions at the 9 July 2019 Councillor Briefing to help inform the final version of the Bushfire Mitigation Strategy, before it is formally presented to Council at the 30 July 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

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