

## **Future Nillumbik Committee**

to be held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough  
on Tuesday 11 June 2019 commencing at 7.30pm.

## **Minutes**

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**Nillumbik Shire Council**

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**Nillumbik Shire Council**

**Minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held Tuesday 11 June 2019.  
The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.**

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**Councillors present:**

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

**Officers in attendance:**

Carl Cowie	Chief Executive Officer
Jeremy Livingston	Acting Director Community and Planning
Blaga Naumoski	Executive Manager Governance and Legal Services
Mitch Grayson	Executive Manager Communications and Engagement
Katia Croce	Governance Lead
Jonathan McNally	Manager Community Safety and Amenity
Leah Farrell	Coordinator Environmental Health Services

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**1. Welcome by the Chair**

**2. Reconciliation statement**

The reconciliation statement was read by the Chairperson, Cr Karen Egan

**3. Apologies**

Nil

**4. Confirmation of minutes**

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

**Committee Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr Peter Clarke**

**SECONDED: Cr Bruce Ranken**

**That** the minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 May 2019 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

**5. Disclosure of conflicts of interest**

Nil

*Cr Peter Perkins assumed the chair at 7:32pm as the Councillor responsible for the Planning Portfolio.*

**6. Officers' reports**

**FN.012/19 Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2019 - submissions and feedback**

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**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.

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

1. Sally Crook (Yarra Valley Water)

Esther Caspi tabled a submission to the Committee and Cr Grant Brooker.

**Committee Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr Peter Clarke**

**SECONDED: Cr Jane Ashton**

**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.

**CARRIED**

*Mitch Grayson, Executive Manager Communications and Engagement temporarily left the meeting during discussions of the above item at 7:47pm, and returned at 7:50pm.*

*Cr Jane Ashton assumed the chair at 7:51pm as the Councillor responsible for the Environment and Sustainability Portfolio.*

## 6. Officers' Report

### FN.013/19 Bushfire Mitigation Strategy

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**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.

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

1. Narelle Campbell (Narelle disclosed a potential "perceived conflict of interest" advising that she works for the Department of Health and Human Services. Narelle advised that she was not there talking on behalf of the department, but there to talk on behalf of herself and her family on the subject of the submission prepared for the Bushfire Mitigation Strategy).

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2. Carlota Quinlan (President – Eltham Community Action Group)
3. Greg Johnson (Friends of Nillumbik)
4. Max Parsons (Nillumbik ProActive Landowners)
5. Lynlee Tozer (Green Wedge Protection Group)
6. Betty Russell (Nillumbik Greens)
7. Brian Murray (Nillumbik Ratepayers Association)
8. Mary McDonald on behalf of June English

**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.

**Motion**

**MOVED: Cr Karen Egan**

**SECONDED: Cr Peter Perkins**

**That** the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Notes all of the submissions including four additional 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.

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

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**Committee Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr Karen Egan**

**SECONDED: Cr Peter Perkins**

**That** the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Notes all of the submissions including four additional 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.

*Jonathan McNally, Manager Community Safety and Amenity and Leah Farrell, Coordinator Environmental Health Services left the meeting at the commencement of the above item at 7:51pm.*

*Jeremy Livingston, Acting Director Community and Planning left the meeting during discussions of the above item at 9:05pm.*

*The Mayor, Cr Karen Egan assumed the chair at 9:07pm.*

**7. Supplementary and urgent business**

Nil

**8. Confidential reports**

Nil

The meeting closed at 9:07pm.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Cr Karen Egan, Mayor