

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Dear Committee Member

A meeting of the Sustainability Committee of the Town of Bassendean will be held in the Council Chamber, 48 Old Perth Road, Bassendean, on Wednesday 12 June 2019, commencing at 5.30pm.

Peta Mabbs
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

7 June 2019

A G E N D A

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Town of Bassendean acknowledges the past and present traditional owners of the land on which we gather to conduct this meeting, and pays its respects to their Elders, both past and present.

2.0 ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies

Cr Quinton – Leave of Absence
Cr Mykytiuk, Deputy Member

3.0 DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 2 October 2018

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 4.1

That the minutes of the Sustainability Committee meeting held 2 October 2018, be confirmed as a true record.

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

7.0 BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

8.0 REPORTS

8.1 Sustainability Initiatives updates (REF ENVM/PLANNG/1 – Jeremy Walker, Senior Environmental Officer)

APPLICATION

The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the Sustainability Community Grants & Projects and the Town of Bassendean Emission Reduction Plan and the One Planet Council model.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1:

- a) Town of Bassendean Home Composting flyer;
- b) City of Cockburn Sustainability Grants brochure;
- c) City Of Vincent Environmental Grants Community Application Form;
- d) City Of Vincent Environmental Grants Guidelines & Criteria for Environmental Grants;
- e) Town of Bassendean Draft Environmental Grants Guidelines & Criteria;
- f) Town Of Bassendean Draft Environmental & Sustainability Community Grant Application Form;

- g) EMRC Climate Action Town of Bassendean Discussion paper;
- h) EMRC addendum to Climate Action discussion paper- Net zero emissions;
- i) Bioregional Australia Goals & Guidance for Cities & Regions; and
- j) One Planet Program and Goals and Guidelines.

Mr Jeremy Walker, Senior Environmental Officer, will provide a verbal report on the Net Zero Emissions discussion paper and the One Planet Council model.

BACKGROUND

Sustainability Community Grants & Projects

At the October 2018 Sustainability Committee meeting (SC – 2/10/18), the Committee recommended and Council resolved (OCM - 15/10/18) in part the following:

- “1. Receives the information provided on Community Grant options provided from other Local Government Authorities;*
- 2. Allocates \$5,000 from the current 2018/2019 Budget to provide a subsidy to residents for either composting, Bokashi or worm farm subject to attendance at a Town of Bassendean workshop and being a resident of the Town;*
- 3. Allocates \$5,000 from the current 2018/2019 Budget to provide community grant funding to Town of Bassendean residents, which requires the Sustainability Committee to:*
 - i. prepare a draft application form and grant funding selection criteria for Council consideration that will demonstrate the applicant’s ability to deliver the intended outcome, including evidence of financial management and demonstrated capabilities; and*
 - ii. Assess the Community grant applications received against the approved selection criteria and to make recommendations to Council as to how the grant funding shall be distributed or expended.*

Town of Bassendean Emission Reduction Plan

In March 2018, the draft of the ACER Emission Reduction Plan was presented to the Sustainability Committee. The Committee resolved to receive the first draft ACER Emission Reduction Plan (SC-6/03/18), and (in part) requested that members of the Committee review the draft ACER Emission Reduction Plan and provide feedback to officers by COB Friday 14 April 2018, to enable officers to review feedback and provide an update at the next meeting on 29 May 2018.

As the requested feedback on the proposed target or actions was not provided to Officers by the Committee by 14 April 2018, a follow up request was forwarded. One Committee member provided the following feedback:

“I've had a read and think it looks really good! One comment I would make is that maybe we don't need to tie our emissions reductions target to Australia's Paris Commitment. The first round of country commitments aren't anywhere near enough to keep the world below 2 degrees, let alone 1.5 degrees warming. It's expected that countries will continue to ramp up their efforts at the five-yearly review of Paris Targets. So given this, maybe Bassendean can aim higher than that. I also wonder whether it would be worth Bassendean considering joining in on an the emissions reduction pledge or framework?”

“For example the Climate Council runs the Cities Power Partnership, which launched mid last year and already has 10 WA Local Governments participating. It sounds like a pretty good program as participants get access to resources, publicity for actions taken, and are 'buddied up' to other Local Governments. There are other ones too, like One Planet Councils and the Compact of Mayors”

Officers incorporated the feedback received and as a result, the Town joined the cities for Power Partnership on 2 October 2018.

At the December 2018 OCM, Officers presented a report to Council with the following recommendation:

“That:

- 1. Council receives the Draft Emission Reduction Plan attached to the Ordinary Council Agenda of 18 December 2018;*

2. *The draft Emission Reduction Plan be advertised for a period of 6 weeks in January 2019 via the Town’s Facebook page, “Your Say Bassendean” website and the Eastern Reporter inviting community feedback;*
3. *Estimated costs be obtained for each of the projects and list funds in the draft 2018/2019 Budget, along with the estimated percentage reduction in carbon reduction; and*
4. *The community feedback provided will be reviewed and presented to Council for consideration.”*

Council (OCM 8/12/18) moved an alternative motion, resolving that Council:

- “1. *Defers consideration of the ‘Draft Emissions Reduction Plan’ to allow for the development of a more aspirational target; and*
2. *Investigates the ‘One Planet Councils’ model as a possible option for the Town of Bassendean”.*

COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT

The Waste recycling workshop was promoted through the Town’s website, Facebook page, and noticeboards.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Natural Environment:

Objectives <i>What we need to achieve</i>	Strategies <i>How we’re going to do it</i>	Measures of Success <i>How we will be judged</i>
2.1 To display leadership in environmental sustainability	2.1.1 Strengthen environmental sustainability practices and climate change mitigation	Waste reduction ratio to population
	2.1.2 Reduce waste through sustainable waste management practices	Carbon emissions (“Planet Footprint”)
	2.1.3 Initiate and drive innovative Renewable Energy practices	

COMMENT

Sustainability Community Grants & Projects

Officers organised a free home composting workshop for residents on Tuesday 19 February 2019. The workshop was facilitated by John Yaxley from Greengates Horticultural Services.

John demonstrated to residents how to set up and keep worm farms, Bokashi bins and compost bins. Residents that attended the workshop were offered the opportunity to purchase one of the three methods of composting at a subsidised cost of 50%. 34 residents attended the home composting workshop, 22 purchased Bokashi bins, 8 purchased worm farms and 4 purchased compost bins. The Town's Waste & Recycling Officer is planning to run another workshop in the new financial year. The Town is hosting a plastic free July workshop on Thursday 6 June 2019 at 6:00pm in the Library. The workshop will be presented by Robyn Brown and will focus on examining a week's worth of household rubbish and show ways on how to reduce waste and avoid single use plastics.

Officers have investigated what other Local Governments are offering residents in terms of Sustainability Grants. The following are some examples.

The City of Cockburn provides grants relating to six sustainability themes that small businesses, schools, not for profits and collective households can apply for. The successful applicants can apply for up to \$4,000 towards the project.

The City of Vincent offers one round of grants per financial year with each environmental grant awarded up to a maximum amount of \$2,000. The number of grants available each year is determined by funding allocated in the City's annual budget.

Both of the above Councils have a set criteria for what the funds can be used for and who is eligible to apply. Officers recommend that the Town's grants criteria be aligned with the Town's Corporate Business Plan and funding be made available for projects or initiatives that meet the objectives of strategy 2.1 – To display leadership in Environmental Sustainability or 2.2 – Protect our River, Bushland reserves, and Biodiversity. Officers recommend that we invite applications from community groups, local schools and or non-profit organisations located within the Town's boundary.

The Town has \$5,000 in the budget and if the maximum grant funding per application was set to \$2,000 then the Town could potentially support two larger projects at \$2,000 each and two smaller projects valued at \$500 each.

Officers have prepared a draft Application Form and draft Criteria and Guidelines for the Committee to review and provide feedback (see attachment).

Town of Bassendean Emission Reduction Plan

As part of the ongoing environmental work, in 2014/2015 the Town of Bassendean set a 7.5% Emissions Reduction Target based on the 2011/2012 corporate emissions.

Council allocated funding to implement the required actions to achieve a 10.8% reduction in emissions by 2016/2017, through the implementation of solar photovoltaic (renewable energy) systems, LED lighting, energy efficient products and other initiatives.

During 2017/2018, the Town's Emissions Reduction Plan was reviewed, with the desktop study of the EMRC's Regional Environment Strategy 2016-2020 and taking into consideration the Australian Government's Emissions Reduction Target of reducing emissions by 26-28% on 2005 levels by 2030, which was developed as part of its commitment to the 2015 Paris Agreement global climate change treaty.

It was determined that the Town's new target is to "reduce 2014/2015 corporate emissions by 26-28% by 2029/2030". This will require emission reductions against the Town's current carbon footprint within all organisational units, including buildings and facilities, fleet, parks and gardens, auxiliary lighting and street lighting.

Council has set the task for the Sustainability Committee to develop a more aspirational target than the current 26-28% reduction by 2029/2030. To assist the Committee and Officers, the EMRC has prepared a Climate Action for Town of Bassendean Discussion Paper. The discussion paper collates climate change information relevant to Local Government and will provide relevant background information required when developing our new ambitious target.

Officers have also contacted Bioregional Australia to seek information on the One Planet model.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

In accordance with the Sustainability Committee meeting held in March 2018 and the April 2018, Council resolved (OCM - 25/04/18), that the following funds have been listed in the 2018/2019 Budget:

- \$10,000 to initiate sustainability grants for community sustainability projects; broken down to \$5,000 for Environmental Grants and \$5,000 for composting subsidy; and

- One Planet membership \$2,100.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.1

That the Sustainability Committee:

1. Receives the update on the Free Home Composting workshop;
2. Receives the information provided on Community Grant options provided from other Local Government Authorities;
3. Recommends to Council that the Environmental Grants criteria is aligned with Corporate Business Plan and projects or initiatives fall within one of the following strategies:
 - a) Objective 2.1 To Display leadership in Environmental Sustainability; or
 - b) Objective 2.2 Protect our River, Bushland Reserves, and biodiversity;
4. Recommends to Council that the Environmental Grants be made available to community groups, local schools and non-profit organisations located within the Town's boundary, with a maximum of \$2,000 per project/or initiative;
5. Receives the draft Grant Application Form and Criteria and Guidelines and provides feedback to officers;
6. Receives the Town of Bassendean Climate Change Discussion Paper; and
7. Provides feedback to Officers on a more aspirational emission reduction target.

9.0 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NOTICES OF MOTION FOR THE NEXT MEETING

11.0 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

12.0 CLOSURE

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 11 September 2019 commencing at 5.30pm.