

# MAROONDAH ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Minutes

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Meeting Room 4, Council Offices, Braeside Avenue, Ringwood

7:00 - 8:30 pm

1. *Attendance:* Cr Marike Graham (Chair)  
Cr Paul Macdonald  
Cr Samantha Mazzuchelli  
Moya Brown, Community Representative  
Dr Graeme Lorimer, Community Representative  
Ken Whitney, Community Representative  
Fiona Ede, Community Representative  
Liz Sanzaro, Community Representative  
Grant Meyer, Manager Integrated Planning (MCC)  
Dale Bristow, Team Leader Strategic Planning & Sustainability (MCC)

*Guests:* Paula Gill (MCC)  
Antonia Heward (MCC)  
Tony Rocca(MCC)

*Apologies:* Pam Yarra, Community Representative  
Ellen Mitchell, Community Representative

2. *Conflict of Interest:*  
Graeme declared an interest through his contract with Council to prepare a Biodiversity Analysis report which is reported within agenda item 8
3. *Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting*  
Minutes were agreed and no matters arising
4. *Other Business*  
Cr Graham was re-elected as the Chair of the Committee  
Patricia Donati, Community Representative has praised the work of the Committee but has offered her resignation.  
Croydon Conservation Society have installed a community public art 'tree installation' as part of their Love Where You Live Campaign in the Croydon Central Shopping Centre. The installation will be on display at other locations in coming months. Liz thanked the CEO, Directors and Crs for their support and attendance at the launch of the event.  
The journal of the Australian Conservation Foundation has included a positive article on the Maroondah Black Cockatoo sculpture on Long View Road in Croydon South.
5. *Waste and Resource Recovery*  
Antonia provided an overview of the Waste Management Services function, the key strategic drivers for waste planning and management and the scope of and process being undertaken in the development of Councils first Waste Strategy.  
A copy of the presentation is attached with the minutes.

In the discussion that followed topics were raised:

- Thermal Processing being an option for waste management. With his background as an air pollution expert, Graeme offered to provide his services (for free) to Council to assist in any future assessment of options.
- The reduction in landfill being attributed to education campaigns noting how Councils compost revolution has proved to be very successful the annual e-waste collection.
- Recycling tonnages are reducing but so too is contamination. Recycling products in our bins are changing, for example newspapers are no longer common items.
- Public place bin collections is currently out of scope for the strategy but it was acknowledged that there is a problem of litter collecting from public places in creeks and wetlands.
- Examples from other states were cited on how successful they have been in their container deposit refunds.
- Preventing waste at source and Councils sustainable procurement policy. This is currently outside of the scope but is recognised as being an important issue.
- Engagement with Open Space team to seek their procurement of recycled products in assets, similar suggestion made for roads to be constructed from recycled materials.
- Engagement is undertaken through workshops every month with residents. These are well attended and usually fully booked out. Workshops are advertised in Maroondah Focus, on the website, direct mail to interested residents. Workshops hosted across venues of Maroondah. Audits of bin inspections will enable a more tailored targeting campaign of education to poor recyclers.
- Maroondah in Focus will be an online version and as of next year, will be published monthly. The email communications undertaken by Yarra Ranges Council was praised by Graeme who offered to provide an example of their approach.
- The practice of Food Organic and Garden Organics (FOGO) collections.
- The absence of chemical waste collection disposal infrastructure within Maroondah. As part of Council's advocacy on waste matter this issue could also be included.

## 6. Actions for the Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change

Paula introduced herself to the committee, handed out copies of the Councils Climate Change Risk and Adaptation Strategy and provided an overview of the actions being taken by Council in mitigating and adapting to Climate Change.

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## 7. Governance.

The four-year term for the Committee comes to an end with this meeting. The Committee were thanked for their contributions during the four years and provided with an overview of business activity over their term. Feedback was sought on improvements for the future operation of the Committee. Fiona Ede advised that she would not be looking to continue into the next term of the Committee due to a forthcoming move out of the area.

## 8. Information Only item - no discussion

Meeting closed at 9.00pm