



# SPECIAL COUNCIL

## MINUTES

(Open to the public)

**Monday 16 December 2019**

Council Chamber, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell.

**Commencement** 8.51pm

**Attendance** Councillor Cynthia Watson (Mayor)  
Councillor Phillip Healey  
Councillor Lisa Hollingsworth  
Councillor Steve Hurd  
Councillor Jim Parke  
Councillor Coral Ross  
Councillor Felicity Sinfield  
Councillor Garry Thompson  
Councillor Jack Wegman

**Apologies** Councillor Jane Addis (Leave of Absence)

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| <b><u>Officers</u></b> | Phillip Storer        | Chief Executive Officer                          |
|                        | Daniel Freer          | Director Environment and Infrastructure          |
|                        | Carolyn Terry         | Executive Manager People Culture and Development |
|                        | Jeanine Nieuwenhuizen | Chief Customer Officer                           |
|                        | Jennifer Reid         | Business Process Optimisation Lead               |
|                        | Mans Bassi            | Program Director                                 |
|                        | Eren Cakmakkaya       | Media and Advocacy Specialist                    |
|                        | David Thompson        | Manager Governance                               |
|                        | Helen Pavlidis        | Acting Coordinator Governance                    |

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## **1. Apologies**

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## **2. Declaration of conflict of interest of any councillor or council officer**

Nil

## **3. Notices of Motion**

### **3.1 Notice of Motion Number 49 - Climate Change**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Councillor Watson**

**Seconded Councillor Thompson**

**That Council resolve:**

- 1. To note the wide range of policies, strategies, action plans and initiatives either being undertaken or planned in response to Council's commitment to the environment and combatting the impacts of climate change as set out below.**
- 2. Noting the Our Low Carbon Future Strategy 2009 - 2020 which has been a key driver of Council's response to climate change is due to expire in 2020, Council officers are directed to bring forward a Climate Action Plan to replace the current strategy prior to finalisation of the 2020-2021 budget enabling consideration of new initiatives for the following financial year and beyond.**
- 3. That the Climate Action Plan be drafted as an umbrella document focused on initiatives within Boroondara to bring together the wide range of existing and proposed commitments included below for Council's consideration.**
- 4. That the community be consulted in relation to the Climate Action Plan prior to its final adoption by council.**

#### **Key Environmental Strategies and Plans**

- Boroondara Community Plan**
- Our Low Carbon Future Strategy 2009-20 and Action Plan**
- Integrated Water Management Strategy 2014-2024 and Action Plan**
- Waste Minimisation and Recycling Strategy 2017 and Action Plan**
- Urban Biodiversity Strategy 2013-2023 and Action Plan**
- Urban Agriculture Discussion Paper**
- Shade Policy 2017-2027 and Action Plan**
- Living For Our Future Program**
- Boroondara Tree Strategy 2017-2027 and Action Plan**
- Sustainable Council Buildings Policy 2016-2021 and Action Plan**

- **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy 2008**
- **Integrated Transport Strategy 2006**
- **Car Share Policy and Care Share Procedures 2013**
- **Creating an Age Friendly Boroondara**

#### **Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects**

- **Energy Performance Contract - \$2.5 M in upgrades, better than ten year simple payback on energy and maintenance savings, 1700 tonnes per annum emissions savings**
- **Solar Photovoltaics -16 Systems on Council buildings with 7-10 additional systems proposed during the current financial year**
- **Power Purchase Agreement**
- **Ongoing improvements through renewals and replacements**
- **720 participants at solar themed workshops**
- **Sustainable Council Buildings Policy**
- **Preparation of new Bicycle Strategy**

#### **Biodiversity**

- **Increasing active management for biodiversity benefits**
- **Backyard Biodiversity Project**
- **Habitat enhancement through Wildlife Not Weeds project delivery**
- **Support for Friends Groups**
- **Expanded interpretive signage**
- **Billabong watering trial**

#### **Water Harvesting, Efficiency and Pollution Reduction**

- **Grace Park Raingarden, Gordon Barnard Reserve Raingarden**
- **Rainwater and greywater harvesting and reuse - infrastructure program**
- **Drain Litter screen trial - Stop Ocean Pollution**
- **Collaboration on regional water forums - Yarra Strategic Plan, Integrated Water Management Yarra Forum, Melbourne Water Healthy Waterways Strategy**
- **Sustainable Council Building Policy - water efficiency and harvesting**

#### **Waste**

- **FOGO implementation**
- **Developing Waste Management Plan Guidelines**
- **Recycling Campaign**
- **Multi unit development audit of existing services**
- **Review booked hard waste and bundled garden waste**
- **Review of street sweeping schedule**
- **Participation in Emission Reduction Fund**

#### **Sustainable Transport**

- **Explore opportunities and implement actions to enhance lighting on paths and shared paths to increase use and improve safety - New lighting proposed for Gardiners Creek Trail shared path between Patterson Reserve and Burke Road.**
- **Implement lighting upgrades using sustainable and energy efficient solutions wherever possible - light upgrades at new traffic management devices along several local streets, e.g. Severn Street, Elgin Street, Fordham Avenue, Muswell Hill at High Street, Wattle Road, Campbell Road, Almond Street and Reading Avenue.**

- **Implement actions from the Integrated Transport Strategies to improve the integration of travel modes and promote sustainable transport options -Upgrade signage and line marking along the major shared paths, promote sustainable transport through various courses, programs and events.**
- **Facilitate green travel plans with schools to encourage sustainable travel choices including minor infrastructure improvements.**
- **Implementing Boroondara Active and Safe School program, Walk to School program and Bike Education program.**
- **Implement actions from the Bicycle Strategy to improve safety, access and infrastructure for cyclists. - Anniversary Trail at Riversdale Park shared path realignment to improve access and safety for pedestrians and cyclists. New shared path construction in Chaucer Crescent Reserve.**
- **Implement actions from adopted access plans and parking studies to improve safety, access and the effective management of parking. Raised crosswalk treatment proposed at Camberwell Road I Avenue Road I Crescent Road, pedestrian zebra crossing proposed in Victoria Road at Victoria Grove. New footpath construction along Glen Avon Road, Stanley Terrace and Strathwyn Place.**

#### **Other**

- **Development of Willsmere Station Community Garden**
- **Delivery of Living for Our Future community engagement program**
- **Implement shade facilities within existing playgrounds**
- **Member of Resilient Melbourne**
- **Member of Eastern Alliance of Greenhouse Action**
- **Green Office Program delivery**
- **Back Creek East Management Plan**

#### **Future Environmental Projects and Initiatives (2020/2021 Business Plan)**

- **Continue implementation of the actions in the Our Low Carbon Future 2009 - 2020**
- **Implement priority actions from the Shade Policy Implementation Plan to improve the provision of shade at key sites across Boroondara.**
- **Following the success of the Sustainable Schools - Young Leaders Summit, we will continue to engage with local schools so that we motivate and empower our young leaders to deliver improved sustainability outcomes for the local community.**
- **We will support water conservation and quality across our catchments by implementing priority projects including designing and constructing Water Sensitive Urban Design Projects (rain gardens and wetlands).**
- **Implement identified priority works at Council facilities (water harvesting, water recovery and water efficiency) to reduce tap water use and stormwater pollution.**
- **Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from Council's buildings by implementing cost effective energy efficiency upgrades/retrofits and installing solar photovoltaics (PV).**
- **Enhance and maintain urban biodiversity across the municipality by implementing initiatives including the Backyard Biodiversity project, Wildlife not Weeds program and rollout of interpretive signage at biodiversity sites.**

- **We will continue to support and collaborate with our Resilient Melbourne partners to participate in regional programs and initiatives that align with Council's strategic initiatives.**
- **Deliver the Boroondara Sustainable Living Festival so that the community can learn new skills and be inspired to live more sustainably.**
- **Implement priority actions from the Shade Policy Implementation Plan to improve the provision of shade at key sites across Boroondara.**
- **Preparation of new Bicycle Strategy**
- **Development of Public Transport Strategy**
- **Multi unit development audit of existing services**
- **Aligning bin colours to Australian Standards**
- **Continue implementation of relevant Sustainable Transport actions from 2019/2020 including:**
  - **New lighting proposed for Gardiners Creek Trail shared path in Nettleton Park, Winton Road Reserve and Ryburne Avenue Reserve. Proposed lighting in Pridmore Park.**
  - **Upgrade signage and line marking along the major shared paths, promote sustainable transport through various courses, programs and events.**
  - **Facilitate green travel plans with schools to encourage sustainable travel choices including minor infrastructure improvements.**
  - **Implementing Boroondara Active and Safe School program, Walk to School program and Bike Education program.**
  - **Pedestrian access improvements along Kendall Street at the railway overpass and potential new footpath to improve access for pedestrians.**
  - **Install bike repair stands and amenity stops (seats, drinking fountains) at regular intervals on shared paths to improve the attractiveness of these facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.**
  - **Develop a wayfinding strategy that supports and encourages walking along the Principal Pedestrian Network.**
  - **Investigate improvements to safety for pedestrians crossing Fairholm Grove and Station Street on the south side of Prospect Hill Road.**
  - **Improve pedestrian connections and urban environment to the western and northern side of The Well.**

**CARRIED**

**The meeting concluded at 9.10pm**

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** In accordance with the *Local Government Act, 1989* urgent circumstances prevented Council from giving at least 7 days public notice of this meeting. The meeting was scheduled at short notice in recognition of community concerns with respect to the environment and the need for Council to commence the process of drafting a Climate Action Plan prior to the finalisation of the 2020-21 budget.

Public notice of this meeting was given on the Council website and displayed in the foyer of the Camberwell Municipal offices on 13 December 2019.