

Agenda **Conservation Advisory Committee**

A MEETING WILL BE HELD IN

**CONFERENCE ROOM 2
JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE
BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP**

ON

WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2009

COMMENCING AT

6.00 pm

Note:

Clause 77 of the City's Standing Orders Local Law 2005 states:

"Unless otherwise provided in this local law, the provisions of this local law shall apply to meetings of committees with the exception of:

- (a) clause 29 (Members seating;) and**
- (b) clause 54 (Limitation on members speaking.)"**

GARRY HUNT
Chief Executive Officer
13 February 2009

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CITY OF JOONDALUP

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will be held in Conference Room 2, Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup on **WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2009** commencing at **6.00 pm**.

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Joondalup
Western Australia

AGENDA

Committee Members (14)

Cr Mike Norman	Presiding Person
Cr Sue Hart	Deputy Presiding Person
Cr Fiona Diaz	
Cr Marie Macdonald	
Mr John Chester	Community Representative
Mrs Marilyn Zakrevsky	Community Representative
Ms Suzi Greenway	Community Representative
Mr Barry Fitzsimmons	Community Representative
Ms Phyllis Robertson	Community Representative
Dr Marjorie Apthorpe	Community Representative
Mr Tim Argus	Community Representative
Mr Steve Magyar	Community Representative
Mr Gary Tate	Community Representative
Ms Dorothy Lullfitz	Community Representative

Quorum for meetings (7)

The quorum for a meeting is to be at least 50% of the number of offices (whether vacant or not) of members of the committee.

Simple majority:

A simple majority is to be more than 50% of those members present at the meeting.

Absolute majority: (8)

An absolute majority is to be more than 50% of the number of offices (whether vacant or not) of the committee.

Casting vote:

In the event that the vote on a motion is tied, the presiding person must cast a second vote.

Terms of Reference

- To make recommendations to Council for the conservation of the City of Joondalup's natural biodiversity.
- To provide strategic input and when requested advice on issues relating to the conservation and management of the City's natural biodiversity.
- To promote partnerships between Council and the community to protect the City of Joondalup's natural biodiversity as contained within its various natural areas (bushland, wetlands and coastal environment).

DECLARATION OF OPENING

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD 29 OCTOBER 2008

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on 29 October 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

IDENTIFICATION OF MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY SIT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

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MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

CLOSURE

ITEM 1 CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) WORK PLAN 2009-2010

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE Mr Martyn Glover
DIRECTOR: Infrastructure Services

PURPOSE

To provide information for the Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) to consider upon compilation of the Committee's Work Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends a number of projects and initiatives for consideration by the CAC. This report will form the basis of the CAC's Work Plan for the 2009-2010 financial year.

The proposed projects and initiatives all form part of the City's biodiversity planning structure and the CAC's input into them would underpin its Terms of Reference.

It is recommended that the Conservation Advisory Committee ENDORSES the proposed Conservation Advisory Committee Work Plan for the 2009-2010 financial year.

BACKGROUND

The CAC is a Council Committee that meets on a bi-monthly basis. The CAC comprises of elected members, representatives from local Bushland Friends Groups and community members with specialist knowledge and local biodiversity.

The CAC's objectives as outlined in its Terms of Reference are as follows:-

- Make recommendations to Council for the conservation of the City's natural biodiversity.
- Provide strategic input and technical advice on issues relating to the conservation and management of the City's natural biodiversity.
- Promote partnerships between Council and the community to protect the City's natural biodiversity as contained within its various natural areas (bushland, wetlands and coastal environment).

The CAC in association with the City produced a CAC Strategic Plan (2005-2008) outlining work and projects for the CAC to achieve (Attachment 1). Many of the goals set within the plan have been completed as follows:

- Natural areas to be protected under the City's District Planning Scheme.
- The formation of a Natural Areas Maintenance Team.
- Undertake an assessment of the City's natural areas and formalise a priority management ranking.
- Work with institutions teaching land care subjects.

- Develop key performance indicators for bushland maintenance.
- Become involved with school walks, talks and bush care projects.

The CAC Strategic Plan 2005-2008 was intended by the CAC to be a work plan for the CAC.

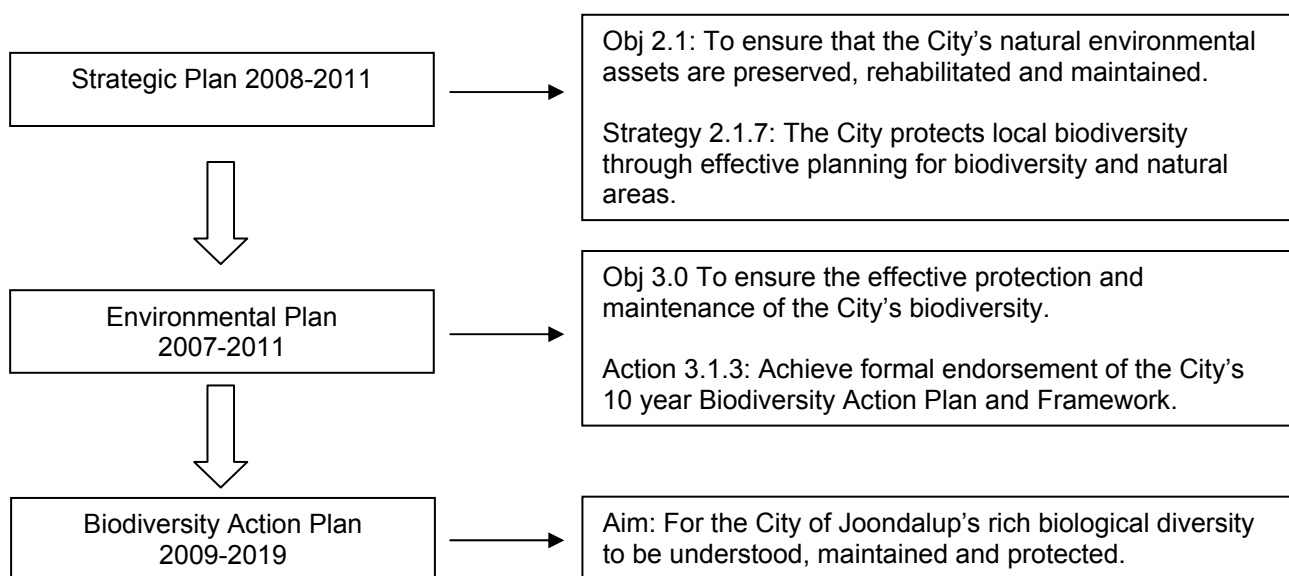
At the Council meeting held on 19 July 2005 the following resolution was carried (Report CJ146-07/05 refers):

“That Council NOTES:

- 3 that the Conservation Advisory Committee Structure Plan attached to the minutes is for the Committee purposes only at this stage.”

This report aims to explore existing initiatives and projects for input from the CAC for the 2009/2010 financial year. Examples of these initiatives can be found in the City’s Strategic Plans, such as the Environmental Plan 2007-2011 and the Biodiversity Action Plan 2009-2019 (copies available under separate cover). In addition, initiatives that were not completed from the CAC Strategic plan 2005-2008 will also be considered.

The following chart illustrates the City’s Strategic Framework for Biodiversity Action Planning:



DETAILS

The City’s biodiversity Action Plan 2009-2019 and Environmental Plan 2007-2011 have been developed to provide direction for the City’s biodiversity management activities for the next ten years. In developing this plan, the City has identified six key focus areas for biodiversity management, as follows:

- Planning and Development
- Catchment Management
- Reserve Management
- Corridors and Connectivity
- Community Education and Awareness; and
- Community Engagement and partnerships

The Biodiversity Action Plan 2009-2019, in tandem with the City's Environmental Plan 2007-2011, will act as a road map for the City's biodiversity planning, management and operational activities. It is considered appropriate that planning for the CAC's future activities will also be based on the Biodiversity Action Plan and Environmental Plan, as well as initiatives from the CAC Strategic Plan 2005-2008.

Below is a summary of projects and initiatives that are contained within the Biodiversity Action Plan, Environment Plan and the CAC Strategic Plan that would form the basis for discussion at the February 2009 CAC Meeting. It is envisaged that the outcome of the meeting will serve to advise Council on the initiatives the Committee can assist with in 2009-2010.

Conservation Advisory Committee Strategic Plan 2005-2008

- **Provide materials that can be used in displays and brochures to promote the natural environment of the City (this would include CAC current Iconic Biodiversity Species DVD)**
- **Showcase the City's environment and natural areas on the City's website.**
- Consider the development of Environmental Excellence Awards for business and community achievements.

Biodiversity Action Plan 2009-2019

- Action No 1.18: Investigate and recommend on how a moratorium to cease the planting of invasive weed species could be introduced.
- **Action 1.21: Investigate methodologies for valuing natural assets and create and maintain a Natural Assets Register that records the value and extent of the City's natural assets.**
- **Action 2.12 Develop a program of planting sumps with nutrient stripping plants to ensure nutrients are removed before they enter the groundwater.**
- Action 3.8 Review the Perth Biodiversity Survey (2004) and list priorities and new biodiversity areas with the intent of adding further to the 32 sites that the City already has listed under schedule 5 of the City's District Planning Scheme 2.
- **Action 3.12 Develop Individual Reserve Management Plans for each natural area, (including fire management strategies, significant tree register etc) and link budgets to management plans.**
- Action 3.17 Control access to natural areas to reduce the level of human-instigated biodiversity destruction (eg: fencing; paths; boardwalks etc).
- **Action 5.1 Install interpretive signs describing and illustrating indigenous plants, animals and habitats in selected City reserves where there is identified community involvement.**
- **Action 5.8 Develop a project to erect education signs along the coastal foreshore reserves to improve the community's understanding of coastal biodiversity.**

- Action 5.16 Conduct frequent community walks within the City of Joondalup to educate residents about local natural areas and to highlight the biodiversity in their local community.

Environment Plan 2007-2011

- Review and evaluate the City's Coastal Foreshore Management Plan in line with State Coastal Planning Policies.

It is considered that the bolded actions (also refer attachment 2) would be an appropriate level of work and achievement to be completed in the 2009-2010 financial year.

Issues and options considered:

Not Applicable.

Link to Strategic Plan:

1.2 Objective: To engage proactively with the community and other relevant organisations in the preservation of the City's natural environmental assets.

5.2 Objective: To facilitate healthy lifestyles within the community.

5.2.1 The City provides high quality recreation facilities and programs.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

Not Applicable.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Not Applicable.

Sustainability implications:

The projects and initiatives listed for the CAC's consideration within this document are all closely linked to the conservation of the City's natural heritage. In turn this will affect the quality of the City's parks and natural open spaces. The City is regionally recognised as having quality beaches and bushland areas which act as a social hub and attract visitors from outside the City. This has a positive economic benefit for small service businesses that operate in the City.

Consultation:

The CAC consists of representatives of Friends' Groups operating in the City. A range of topics relating to the management of the City's natural areas are discussed at this forum. The CAC also acts as an efficient mechanism for the City to consult with the community on environmental and biodiversity issues.

COMMENT

The CAC has been advising Council on issues relating to biodiversity for 12 years. Members have a large breadth of knowledge relating to natural sciences, local government practices, local plant species and horticulture.

The proposed CAC Work Plan 2009-2010 will ensure that appropriate progress is made on the numerous natural area and conservation projects required in the City.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Conservation Advisory Committee Strategic Plan 2005-2008

Attachment 2 Proposed CAC Work Plan 2009-2010

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

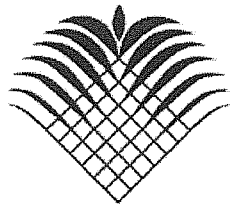
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Conservation Advisory Committee AGREES with the proposed CAC Work Plan for the 2009-2010 financial year forming Attachment 2 to this Report and SEEKS endorsement of the Plan by Council.

Appendix 1 refers

APPENDICES FOR AGENDA OF CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ITEM	TITLE	APPENDIX	PAGE
Item 1	Conservation Advisory Committee Work Plan 2009-2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attachment 1 – Conservation Advisory Committee Strategic Plan 2005 – 2008Attachment 2 – Proposed CAC Work Plan 2009-2010	1	1



City of
Joondalup

**Conservation
Advisory
Committee**

**Strategic Plan
2005 – 2008**

Executive Summary

OUR VISION

Ensuring that the natural environment is recognised
and preserved for future generations, enhancing
Joondalup's sense of place and community.

OUR PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

Community Focussed

We value community involvement and will work with community in achieving our vision together.

Advisory

We will add value to Council's decisions by working in partnership with the City to achieve aligned goals.

Partnerships

We will communicate and work in partnerships with the community and the City.

FOCUS AREA: NATURAL AREA MANAGEMENT

Goal	Objectives	Item	Strategies	Actions	Tasks
That the City of Joondalup achieve worlds best practice in the protection and management of their natural areas, measured against appropriate benchmarks	To have more of the City of Joondalup's highest biodiversity value natural areas managed and protected for the long term	A1	To ensure that all natural areas controlled by the City of Joondalup are identified and prioritised for protection and management	Recommend that the biodiversity assessment process for the City's natural areas be completed, and that the natural areas identified be prioritised for protection and management using Perth Biodiversity Project templates and guidelines	Administration: Complete the assessment and ranking process. Produce a listing of natural areas prioritised according to the results of assessment
		A2	Ensure that the natural areas identified as having high biodiversity value receive planning/statutory protection.	Recommend that those natural areas having high biodiversity value be added to Schedule 5 (Clause 5.3.1) of the City of Joondalup's District Planning Scheme No 2.	CAC: Recommend the inclusion of a number of these natural areas in Schedule 5 of DPS 2.
	To ensure that City of Joondalup natural areas management meets worlds best practice		Define and document worlds best practice for management of natural areas, with particular relevance to the City of Joondalup.	Obtain, or provide input to the production of, natural areas management best practice document for use in the City of Joondalup	All: Gather relevant information or examples. Liaise with NRM groups and relevant departments to gather information and ideas. Provide input.
			To encourage and support the City of Joondalup in building their capacity to manage natural areas	Recommend establishment of Key Performance Indicators for natural areas management	Administration: Continue cooperation with NRM groups in development of KPIs for use in Swan Region.
				Recommend the establishment of a natural areas management team within the City of Joondalup, supplemented by skilled contractors, working to worlds best practice	CAC: Move that the City investigate the formation of a natural areas team Administration: Produce business case to build up a full time natural areas team.

FOCUS AREA: EDUCATION

Goal	Objectives	Item	Strategies	Actions	Tasks
<p>Raise community awareness and respect for the values of natural areas (Key words: value, respect, treasure, community awareness).</p>	<p>To encourage the development of school education programmes that promote the understanding of Joondalup's natural environment</p>	<p>B1</p>	<p>Develop ways to encourage schools to become involved in the City's conservation projects</p>	<p>Support and assist the City's partnership building with local schools</p> <p>Investigate conservation projects available for adoption by schools.</p> <p>Encourage environmental education as a subject in education system curriculum</p> <p>Develop a calendar of events that the City could give consideration to attending</p>	<p>CAC: Become involved with school walks, talks and bushcare projects.</p> <p>ALL: Suggest long term conservation projects for adoption by schools.</p> <p>CAC: Individual members and Friends Groups to lobby State Government.</p> <p>CAC: Gather and chart information regarding forums and events</p>
	<p>Encourage and increase community awareness and education regarding Joondalup's natural environment.</p>	<p>B2</p>	<p>Encourage the City to support and attend major environmental forums and events</p> <p>Provide material that can be used in displays and brochures to promote the natural environment of the City of Joondalup</p> <p>Source and gather relevant information and materials for displays and brochures</p> <p>Encourage the development of a conservation section on the City of Joondalup's internet site.</p> <p>Investigate environmental awards programmes in other LGAs.</p> <p>Recommend that the City of Joondalup initiate an environmental excellence awards programme based on best of those in other LGAs</p>	<p>Identify opportunities and themes for displays to showcase the City's natural environment and achievements</p> <p>Identify possible display venues. Develop relevant conservation/ environmental themes.</p> <p>CAC: Assist in providing information and materials for use in displays.</p> <p>Administration: Continue to develop conservation web pages.</p> <p>ALL: Gather information on other LGA's awards.</p> <p>CAC: Recommend the inauguration of City of Joondalup environmental excellence awards</p>	<p>CAC: Identify possible display venues. Develop relevant conservation/ environmental themes.</p> <p>CAC: Assist in providing information and materials for use in displays.</p> <p>Administration: Continue to develop conservation web pages.</p> <p>ALL: Gather information on other LGA's awards.</p> <p>CAC: Recommend the inauguration of City of Joondalup environmental excellence awards</p>

FOCUS AREA: EDUCATION

Goal	Objectives	Item	Strategies	Actions	Tasks
	<p>Increase the community's capacity to assist with the management of natural areas</p>	<p>B3</p>	<p>Raise environmental awareness and level of expertise within the community</p>	<p>Propose sponsorship for community members to attend APACE Introduction to Bush Regeneration Course.</p> <p>Encourage the City of Joondalup to develop natural areas management plans through, or in partnership with, educational institutions.</p> <p>Encourage the City of Joondalup to support, and work with, relevant environmental education streams eg. ECU and TAFE, to ensure that graduates receive the necessary skills and expertise.</p> <p>Encourage the City of Joondalup to consider mentoring programmes for students in relevant environmental education streams</p>	<p>CAC: Propose sponsorship</p> <p>Administration: Investigate possibility of budget allocation.</p>

FOCUS AREA: COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Goal	Objectives	Item	Strategies	Actions	Tasks
Encourage community interest and participation in protecting the City of Joondalup's natural areas for the enjoyment of future generations.	Develop a sense of community ownership and pride in the City of Joondalup's natural areas.	C1	Engage with the community in partnerships to manage, monitor and interpret natural areas.	Encourage the formation and utilisation of Friends Groups and local community groups. Promote Neighbourhood Watch style approach to protecting natural areas (ie Fire Watch etc)	CAC: Encourage through networking, talks, community bushland activities etc Administration: Investigate formation and promotion of a Bushwatch Scheme.
	Ensure the continued viability of the Conservation Advisory Committee	C2	Encourage active membership of the Conservation Advisory Committee by environmental Friends Groups and experts.	Encourage the formation of new environmental Friends Groups. Promote committee work as an important role within groups.	Administration: Encourage through website, displays etc CAC: Members to progress this through Friends Groups
	Encourage ecotourism use of the City's natural areas	C3	Provide input and advice on the implementation of City of Joondalup's Tourism Development Plan in order to advance ecotourism opportunities.	Identify potential ecotourism opportunities within the City of Joondalup's natural areas.	CAC: Provide input and advice to the City of Joondalup regarding ecotourism opportunities.

2005 - 2006 PRIORITY ACTIONS (IN DESCENDING ORDER OF PRIORITY)

Objectives	Strategies
<p>A1 To have more of the City of Joondalup's highest biodiversity value natural areas managed and protected for the long term</p>	<p>Recommend completion of the assessment and prioritisation of the City of Joondalup's natural areas.</p> <p>Provide advice to Council on the development of priority management actions required to manage highest biodiversity value natural areas, through the development of an implementation plan.</p> <p>Recommend that those natural areas having high biodiversity value be added to Schedule 5 (Clause 5.3.1) of the City of Joondalup's District Planning Scheme No 2.</p>
<p>A2 To ensure that City of Joondalup natural areas management meets worlds best practice.</p>	<p>Obtain, or provide input to produce, documentation defining worlds best practice for management of natural areas, with particular reference to the City of Joondalup.</p> <p>Recommend continued cooperation between the City and NRM groups to develop and implement Key Performance Indicators for natural areas management.</p>
<p>A2 To encourage and support the City of Joondalup in building their capacity to manage natural areas</p>	<p>Recommend the establishment of a natural areas management team within the City of Joondalup, supplemented by skilled contractors, working toworlods best practice.</p> <p>Recommend the establishment of a natural areas protection and management department within the City of Joondalup.</p>
<p>B2 Encourage and increase community awareness and education regarding Joondalup's natural environment</p>	<p>Provide input and advice on the development of a conservation web site.</p>
<p>C1 Develop a sense of community ownership and pride in the Cityof Joondalup's natural areas.</p>	<p>Encourage the formation and utilisation of Friends Groups and local community groups.</p> <p>Promote Neighbourhood Watch style approach to protecting natural areas (ie Fire Watch, Dumping Watch etc)</p> <p>Consider the development of environmental excellence awards for business and community achievements.</p>
<p>B3 Raise environmental awareness and level of expertise within the community to manage natural areas.</p>	<p>Encourage the City of Joondalup to develop natural areas management plans through, or in partnership with, education institutions.</p> <p>Encourage the City of Joondalup to support, and work with, relevant environmental education streams eg. ECU and TAFE, to ensure that graduates receive the necessary skills and expertise.</p> <p>Encourage the City of Joondalup to consider mentoring programmes for students in relevant environmental education streams.</p>
<p>C3 To encourage the use of ecotourism to showcase the City of Joondalup's natural areas.</p>	<p>Provide input and advice on the implementation of City of Joondalup's Tourism Development Plan in order to advance ecotourism opportunities.</p>

KRA: Community Wellbeing

City Outcome	City Objective	City Strategy	Conservation Goals and Objectives	
			Goal	Objective
The City of Joondalup provides social opportunities that meet community needs.	To continue to provide services that meet changing needs of a diverse and growing community.	Provide support, information and resources.	Raise community awareness and respect for the values of natural areas (Key words: value, respect, treasure, community awareness).	Encourage and increase community awareness and education regarding Joondalup's natural environment.
				Increase the community's capacity to assist with the management of natural areas.
			Encourage community interest and participation in protecting the City of Joondalup's natural areas for the enjoyment of future generations.	Develop a sense of community ownership and pride in the City of Joondalup's natural areas.
			Ensure the continued viability of the Conservation Advisory Committee	

KRA: Caring for the Environment

City Outcome		City Objective	City Strategy	Conservation Goals and Objectives	
				Goal	Objective
The City of Joondalup is environmentally responsive in its activities.	To plan and manage our natural resources to ensure environmental sustainability.	Maintain and protect natural assets to retain biodiversity	That the City of Joondalup achieve worlds best practice in the protection and management of their natural areas, measured against appropriate benchmarks	To have more of the City of Joondalup's highest biodiversity value natural areas managed and protected for the long term.	To ensure that City of Joondalup natural areas management meets worlds best practice
				Raise community awareness and respect for the values of natural areas (Key words: value, respect, treasure, community awareness).	To encourage the development of school education programmes that promote the understanding of Joondalup's natural environment Encourage and increase community awareness and education regarding Joondalup's natural environment. Increase the community's capacity to assist with the management of natural areas.
			Develop a co-ordinated environmental framework, including community education.		

KRA: City Development

City Outcome	City Objective	City Strategy	Conservation Goals and Objectives	
			Goal	Objective
The City of Joondalup is recognised as a great place to visit.	To develop and promote the City of Joondalup as a tourist attraction.	Develop an 'eco-tourism' strategy.	Encourage community interest and participation in protecting the City of Joondalup's natural areas for the enjoyment of future generations.	Encourage ecotourism use of the City's natural areas

CAC Work Plan 2009/2010

The proposed CAC Work plan for 2009/2010 financial year is as follows:-

1. Provide materials that can be used in displays and brochures to promote the natural environment of the City (this would include CAC current Iconic Biodiversity Species DVD)
2. Showcase the City's environment and natural areas on the City's website.
3. Action 1.21: Investigate methodologies for valuing natural assets and create and maintain a Natural Assets Register that records the value and extent of the City's natural assets.
4. Action 2.12 Develop a program of planting sumps with nutrient stripping plants to ensure nutrients are removed before they enter the groundwater.
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