

# agenda

## Conservation Advisory Committee

A MEETING WILL BE HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2  
JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP

**ON** **WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2009**  
**COMMENCING AT** **6.00 pm**

**GARRY HUNT**  
Chief Executive Officer  
**14 August 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, 26 AUGUST 2009** commencing at **6.00 pm**.

GARRY HUNT  
Chief Executive Officer  
14 August 2009

Joondalup  
Western Australia

### AGENDA

#### Committee Members

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
Ms Dorothy Lullfitz	Community Representative
Vacant	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 24 JUNE 2009****RECOMMENDATION**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on 24 June 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

Presentation on the proceedings of the "**ICLEI Urban Nature Forum**" (which was held prior to the ICLEI World Congress) in Edmonton, Canada, of 12 and June 2009 by the Presiding Person, Cr Mike Norman.

This includes brief overview on power point presentations:

- 1 in Brussels – by Dr Machteld Gryseels
- 2 in Cape Town - by Stephen Granger

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST****IDENTIFICATION OF MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY SIT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS****PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS****REPORTS**

**ITEM 1                      CONSERVATION    ADVISORY    COMMITTEE  
WORK PLAN 2009-2010 COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:**      Mr. Martyn Glover  
   Infrastructure Services

**FILE NUMBER:**                    12168

**ATTACHMENTS:**                Nil.

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**PURPOSE**

To provide information to the Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) on the progress of their CAC 2009-2010 Work Plan, and other capital works associated with conservation, being undertaken by the City.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides information for CAC Committee Members in relation to the progress of individual projects contained within the CAC Work Plan and other conservation capital works projects.

*It is recommended that the Conservation Advisory Committee:*

*NOTES the report titled Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) Work Plan 2009-2010 Committee Update.*

**BACKGROUND**

The CAC is a Council Committee that meets on a bi-monthly basis. The CAC comprises of Councillors, representatives from local Bushland Friends Groups and community members with specialist knowledge of 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 City Officers) produced a CAC Work Plan for 2009-2010 earlier this year. This Work Plan was endorsed by Council at its 21 April 2009 meeting. It is intended to provide regular updates to the CAC on the Work Plan and other biodiversity conservation capital works projects.

## DETAILS

The CAC's Work Plan 2009-2010, as endorsed by Council at its 21 April 2009 Meeting, contains the following projects:

<b>Conservation Advisory Committee Work Plan for 2009/2010</b>	
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.
5.	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.
6.	Action 5.1 Install interpretive signs describing and illustrating indigenous plants, animals and habitats in selected City reserves where there is identified community involvement.
7.	Action 5.8 Develop a project to erect education signs along the coastal foreshore reserved to improve the community's understanding of coastal biodiversity.

The work completed so far in relation to the above projects 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)**

The City has contacted a number of companies that provide video production services. Detailed discussions have taken place as to the form the proposed Iconic Biodiversity Species DVD should take (quotes have been provided). In reference to discussions held at previous CAC meetings, the material used in the production of the DVD will also provide the basis for the information utilised both on the City's website and any brochures produced as part of this project.

External grant funding has been sought from Lotterywest; The City has received written confirmation of securing a grant of \$17,000 for the project.

### **2 Showcase the City's environment and natural areas on the City's website**

Information can be found on a range of environmental topics, including waste management and biodiversity under the Sustainability Link on the City's Website. In addition, hundreds of photographs of local plant species, as well as introduced weeds that pose problems for the City's natural areas can also be found.

The City's new Website is in the process of being modified to include friends groups' contacts in addition to descriptors of the City's biodiversity. It is intended that slides and video clips used to produce the Iconic Biodiversity Species DVD can be used in an edited format 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**

City officers are currently undertaking surveys of the City's Natural Areas, to supplement extensive data collected in 2005 as part of the Perth Biodiversity Project. This up to date information will give a current profile of the Joondalup's Natural Assets. Staff will also examine many of the existing methods of valuing natural assets and officers have been kindly furnished with information on this matter.

**4 Action 2.12 Develop a program of planting sumps with nutrient stripping plants to ensure nutrients are removed before they enter the groundwater**

A comprehensive report examining best practice, and the sustainable use of the City's drainage sumps, has been prepared and will be presented to Council at the 18 August Meeting.

**5 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**

Preparatory work to develop Individual Reserve Management Plans has commenced in the form of the biodiversity surveys being carried out in the City's Natural Reserves. At this stage, no new reserve management has been completed.

**6 Action 5.1 Install interpretive signs describing and illustrating indigenous plants, animals and habitats in selected City reserves where there is identified community involvement**

A standard layout and construction model for interpretive signage has been approved by the City. City staff members are working with a number of the City's Bushland Friends' groups, to gather information for the signage that will be unique to the individual reserve. The standard signage design will be presented at the 26 August 2009 CAC Meeting.

**7 Action 5.8 Develop a project to erect education signs along the coastal foreshore reserve to improve the community's understanding of coastal biodiversity**

This project is well advanced. Consultation and input has been received from members of the Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum. Interpretive nodes and individual signage locations have been selected. Wording for the individual signs is complete and the signs are now in the final design stage.

**Other Projects**

The City (in collaboration with the Water Corporation) has recently completed construction in the Craigie Bushland area of two large stairways leading from the top of the escarpment to the bushland pathway below. An 800 metre pathway and extensive fencing has also been completed as part of this project.

**Issues and options considered:**

Not Applicable.

**Legislation/Strategic Plan/Policy Implications**

**Legislation** Not Applicable.

**Strategic Plan**

Key Focus Area:

- 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.

**Risk Management considerations:**

Not Applicable.

**Financial/Budget Implications:**

Not Applicable.

**Regional Significance:**

Not Applicable.

**Sustainability implications:**

The projects and initiatives listed for the CAC's Work Plan are 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.

It is considered beneficial for the City to continue to work closely with the CAC, enabling them to assist with the completion of a range of biodiversity protection initiatives and projects.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Conservation Advisory Committee NOTES the Report titled Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) Work Plan 2009-2010 Committee Update.**

**MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN****NOTICE OF MOTION - CR MIKE NORMAN - NATURAL AREAS FRIENDS GROUP MANUAL**

In accordance with Clause 26 of Standing Orders Local Law 2005, Cr Mike Norman has given notice of his intention to move the following motion at the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting to be held on 26 August 2009:

***“That the Conservation Advisory Committee REQUESTS that Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to order a review and update of the City’s Natural Areas Friends Group’s Manual, and that the updated version be brought back to the Conservation Advisory Committee for comment prior to its release.”***

**Reason for Motion**

For committee members present to debate and vote upon the rationale to update the City’s Natural Areas Friends Group’s Manual.

**Officer’s Comment**

Officers are in full support of a review and update of the City’s Natural Areas Friends Group’s Manual.

**REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**CLOSURE**

**APPENDICES FOR AGENDA OF  
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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