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Joondalup

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**Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE will be held in CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP on Thursday 21 November 2002 commencing at 17:45 hrs.**

Denis Smith  
Chief Executive Officer  
14 November 2002

Joondalup  
Western Australia

***Committee Members***

<i>Cr J Hollywood</i>	Councillor, Committee Chairperson
<i>Cr A Nixon</i>	Councillor, (Deputy, Cr O'Brien)
<i>Mr S Hawkins</i>	Community Representative, Deputy Chairperson
<i>Mr J Goldsmith</i>	Sustainable Development Officer
<i>Mr D Cluning</i>	Manager Operations Services
<i>Mr D Wake</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr R Kurup</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr S Magyar</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr V Cusack</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr W Carstairs</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr G Hartnett</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr G Down</i>	Community Representative

Apologies

Guests

Mr Kevin Robinson	Acting Manager Strategic and Corporate Planning
Mr Peter Pikor	Manager Infrastructure Management and Ranger Services.

**Terms of Reference of the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee**

“to recommend to the City of Joondalup Council on appropriate courses of action on matters that affect the environment and sustainability issues within the region.”

## **Committee Aims and Objectives**

- *To recommend to the City of Joondalup Council on appropriate courses of action which promote and encourage ecologically sustainable development.*
- *Develop, implement and monitor a sustainability action plan for the City.*
- *To promote and encourage sustainable development based on the principles of Local Agenda 21 (integrated environmental, social and economic sustainability).*
- *To provide recommendations to the City of Joondalup Council in relation to sustainable development pilot projects, programs and activities which facilitate sustainable development within the City of Joondalup.*
- *To provide a co-ordinated communication link between Council and the City of Joondalup community, groups and organisations, in relation to sustainable development issues.*

Attachment 1 contains the 2002 Committee workplan.

## **AGENDA**

- 1. ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST**
- 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
  - 3.1 Minutes of the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee held on 26 September 2002.**

Committee minutes are available on the City of Joondalup web site. The direct link is;

[http://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au/BUcouncilsupport/agenmin/council\\_minutes\\_committees.asp](http://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au/BUcouncilsupport/agenmin/council_minutes_committees.asp)

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the minutes of the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 September 2002 be accepted as a true and accurate record.**

#### **4. BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Cr J Hollywood)**

Committee members to update the committee regarding action items and outstanding business arising from the 26 September 2002 Committee meeting.

Committee members are to report to the committee regarding all committee workplan action items which are scheduled for completion by November 2002.

Refer to the committee work plan, attachment 1

#### **5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

##### **5.1 Best Practice in Local Government Awards 2002 (Cr Hollywood).**

The City of Joondalup has won a Best Practice in Local Government award at this year's WALGA awards. The City's winning entry was for the achievement of best practice in innovation, with its submission entitled:

**“The City of Joondalup’s Approach Towards a Sustainable Future by Council Leadership, Education and Participation”.**

The nomination highlighted the City's approach towards developing a sustainable future, including several innovative sustainability initiatives which are building the community's capacity to address sustainability issues. The City's submission highlighted the key goal of sustainable development which is to achieve outcomes that are economically viable, environmentally responsible and socially sound. The City's sustainability initiatives include:

- Submission to the WA State Sustainability Strategy
- Environmental, Social and Economic Sustainability Policy
- Community Funding; Environmental and Sustainable Development Fund
- Adoption of corporate and community greenhouse gas emission reduction targets
- Sustainability Education and Promotions
- 2002 Environmental Challenge School Programme
- World Environment Day Celebrations
- “Envirocare” information brochures
- Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee
- Sustainability Web Site
- Earth Charter and the Strategic Planning Process
- Cities for Climate Protection Program
- Sustainability Publications

The innovation category was particularly competitive, with 67 nominations received and several Councils winning best practice awards.

The award was accepted on behalf of the City by the Chairperson of the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee, Cr John Hollywood, and Sustainable Development Officer John Goldsmith. The Best Practice award recognises the overall achievement of the City's approach towards sustainability, based on the innovative sustainability achievements of business units including Strategic and Corporate Planning, Community Development Services, Operations Services, Health and Environmental Services, Information Management, Infrastructure Management Services, and Approvals Planning and Environmental Services.

Mr Goldsmith will present highlights of the City's sustainability initiatives at the Indopacific Ecosystem Health Conference, to be held at Edith Cowan University, Joondalup, 24-27 November. Further information on the conference is available at [http://www.chs.ecu.edu.au/research/ceh/conference\\_2002/](http://www.chs.ecu.edu.au/research/ceh/conference_2002/)

For further information, please visit the City's sustainability web site, via the sustainability quick link at <http://www.living.joondalup.wa.gov.au>

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee congratulates Council for its ongoing support of sustainability and environmental initiatives, which have contributed towards the WALGA Best Practice award.**

### **5.2 City of Joondalup invited to present a Sustainability Case Study for the Earth Charter international Initiative (Mr John Goldsmith).**

The City of Joondalup has been invited to present a sustainability case study, as part of the Earth Charter International Initiative.

In July 2002, WA Local Government Association hosted guest speaker Dr Brendan Mackey in a special "Earth Charter, Global Vision Goes Local" briefing to Local Government.

Dr Brendan Mackey is Chair of Earth Charter Australia and Reader in Ecology and Environmental Sciences at the Australian National University, and visited Perth in July to promote the Earth Charter.

The Earth Charter is a highly integrated set of sustainable development principles. It is based on four major themes, namely respect and care for the community of

life, ecological integrity, social and economic justice and democracy, non-violence and peace.

### **The Earth Charter**

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- 1 Respect for the Earth
- 2 Care for life
- 3 Democratic societies
- 4 Secure Earth's bounty and beauty for present and future generations
- 5 Protect and restore ecological systems
- 6 Prevent environment harm and apply the precautionary principle
- 7 Safeguard regenerative capacities of the Earth
- 8 Advance the study of ecological sustainability
- 9 Eradicate poverty
- 10 Ensure economic development is equitable and sustainable
- 11 Affirm gender equality
- 12 Uphold the right of all to a supportive natural and social environment
- 13 Strengthen democratic institutions
- 14 Integrate sustainability into lifelong learning
- 15 Treat all living beings with respect and consideration
- 16 Promote a culture of tolerance, nonviolence and peace

The full version of the Earth Charter is available at [www.earthcharter.org](http://www.earthcharter.org). Copies of the Earth Charter will be provided for committee members.

The City's Sustainable Development Officer, John Goldsmith, gave a presentation at WALGA on how the City is utilising the Earth Charter as part of the Strategic Planning process. The presentation included a comparison between Council policies and the Earth Charter, which demonstrated significant common ground between the two and the value of the Earth Charter as a tool in local government strategic planning.

The City of Joondalup presentation was received very favourably and the City was invited by Dr Mackey and the PLANIT Earth Charter group, to prepare a case study for inclusion on the Earth Charter international web site ([www.earthcharter.org](http://www.earthcharter.org)).

The Earth Charter case study will be supplied at the committee meeting, and has been submitted to the Planit Group and Dr Brendan Mackey.

The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire President, Jan Star, has indicated that the Earth Charter is being used to guide the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale's Council's policies.

The City's sustainability web site has been updated with the Earth Charter case study. Refer to ;  
[http://living.joondalup.wa.gov.au/BUOrgnStrategic/sustainability/revise/living\\_services\\_sustainability\\_earth\\_charter.asp](http://living.joondalup.wa.gov.au/BUOrgnStrategic/sustainability/revise/living_services_sustainability_earth_charter.asp)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee NOTES the Earth Charter case study.**

#### **5.3 Self Evaluation Form “How Sustainable is Your Project” (Mr John Goldsmith)**

The draft self evaluation guide entitled “How Sustainable is Your Project?” has been revised based on comment input from the committee. The self evaluation guide is intended to enable a preliminary assessment of the sustainability of a project or proposal. The self evaluation guide provides a simple approach to assessing the environmental, social and economic sustainability of a proposal.

The revised self evaluation form will be circulated at the meeting and it is proposed that the guide be further developed in a web-based format for application on the City's sustainability web site.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee NOTES the revised sustainability self evaluation guide**

#### **5.4 Drainage Management at Yellagonga Consultatant Report, Connell Wagner,**

Connell Wagner was commissioned by the City of Joondalup to assist with stormwater drainage management planning and impact assessment for existing outfalls into lakes of Yellagonga Regional Park. The emphasis of this presentation is on outfall 21 situated on the western foreshore of Lake Goollelal in the suburb of Kingsley.

Significant reference to previous studies and developments has been essential in appreciating the past, present and future conditions of Yellagonga Regional Park,

thereby enabling informed assessments of appropriate stormwater treatment mechanisms. The aim of this presentation is to highlight the treatments appropriate to Outfall Number 21 in Lake Goollelal.

The recommendations made in this presentation are specific to outfall Number 21 but will also act as a guide for future upgrades to other stormwater outfalls into Yellagonga Regional Park. This presentation represents a Concept Design and as such is only meant for planning purposes.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee endorse in principle the proposed strategy and concept design to upgrade the existing stormwater drainage outfall no 21 in Lake Goollelal.**

#### **5.5 City of Joondalup Submission on the draft State Government Sustainability Strategy “Focus on the Future” Consultation Draft (Mr John Goldsmith).**

The committee is advised that a submission on the State Government’s draft sustainability strategy, “Focus on the Future” has been prepared based on administration review and comment of the draft strategy. The City’s submission will be referred to the 17 December 2002 Council meeting. The public submission period closes on 10 January 2003.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee NOTES the above report.**

#### **5.6 Car Free Day (Cr Hollywood)**

Cr Hollywood to update the committee regarding ongoing investigations for a proposed City of Joondalup Car Free Day.

#### **5.7 Coordination of Cities for Climate Protection Milestone 3- Development of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Action Plan (Mr Geoff Down)**

The committee, at its September meeting, resolved to investigate opportunities for Council to work in conjunction with Edith Cowan University in relation to the Cities for Climate Protection initiatives. Mr Geoff Down and Mr Vincent Cusack to update the committee regarding ideas and opportunities for the Cities for Climate Protection Milestone 3- Development of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Action Plan.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee will be held in Conference Room 2, Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2002 at 5.45 pm.

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

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