



City of Nedlands

# ***Agenda***

## ***Sustainable Nedlands Committee Meeting***

***1 September 2014***

### **ATTENTION**

This Agenda has yet to be dealt with by the Committee.

The Administration Recommendations, shown at the beginning of each item, have yet to be considered by the Committee and are not to be interpreted as being the position of either the Committee or Council.

The Minutes of the meeting held to discuss this Agenda should be read to ascertain the decision of the Committee.

Before acting on any recommendation of the Committee a check must also be made in the Ordinary Council Minutes following the Committee Meeting to ensure that Council did not make a decision at variance to the Committee Recommendation.

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## City of Nedlands

**Notice of a meeting of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee to be held in the Council Chambers, 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands on Monday, 1 September 2014 at 6.00 pm.**

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Dear Committee Member

The next meeting of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee will be held on Monday, 1 September 2014 in the Council Chambers at 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands at 6.00 pm. It is expected that the meeting will conclude at approximately 7.30pm.

Andrew Melville  
Manager Health & Compliance  
25 August 2014

### **Sustainable Nedlands Committee Agenda**

#### **Election of Presiding Member**

In accordance with Section 5.12 and Schedule 2.3, Division 2 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the election of Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding member is to be the first matter dealt with by the Committee.

#### **Declaration of Opening**

The Presiding Member will declare the meeting open at 6.00 pm and will draw attention to the disclaimer below.

#### **Present and Apologies and Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)**

##### **Councillors**

His Worship the Mayor, R M Hipkins  
Councillor N Shaw  
Councillor R Binks

##### **Committee Members**

Mr G Davies  
Ms B Channon  
Ms B Tyson  
Mr R Griffiths  
Ms K White  
Ms A Pallagi  
Ms G Stubber  
Ms P Kay

##### **Staff**

Mr A Melville                      Manager Health & Compliance

**Leave of Absence**                      None  
**(Previously Approved)**

**Apologies**                              None as at distribution of this agenda.

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**1. Public Question Time**

A member of the public wishing to ask a question should register that interest by notification in writing to the CEO in advance, setting out the text or substance of the question. Questions tabled at the meeting may be unable to be answered due to the requirement for technical research and will therefore be answered direct afterwards.

Questions must relate to a matter contained within the agenda of this meeting.

**2. Public Address Session (only for items listed on the agenda)**

Addresses by members of the public who have completed Public Address Session Forms will be invited to be made at this point.

**3. Disclosures of Financial Interest**

The Presiding Member to remind Councillors, Committee Members and Staff of the requirements of Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act to disclose any interest during the meeting when the matter is discussed.

*A declaration under this section requires that the nature of the interest must be disclosed. Consequently a member who has made a declaration must not preside, participate in, or be present during any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the matter the subject of the declaration.*

*However, other members may allow participation of the declarant if the member further discloses the extent of the interest. Any such declarant who wishes to participate in the meeting on the matter, shall leave the meeting, after making their declaration and request to participate, while other members consider and decide upon whether the interest is trivial or insignificant or is common to a significant number of electors or ratepayers.*

**4. Disclosures of Interests Affecting Impartiality**

The Presiding Member to remind Councillors, Committee Members and Staff of the requirements of Council's Code of Conduct in accordance with Section 5.103 of the Local Government Act.

Committee members and staff are required, in addition to declaring any financial interests to declare any interest that may affect their impartiality in considering a matter. This declaration does not restrict any right to participate in or be present during the decision-making procedure.

The following pro forma declaration is provided to assist in making the disclosure.

“With regard to ..... the matter in item x..... I disclose that I have an association with the applicant (or person seeking a decision). As a consequence, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly.”

The member or employee is encouraged to disclose the nature of the association.

## **5. Declarations by Members That They Have Not Given Due Consideration to Papers**

Members who have not read the business papers to make declarations at this point.

## **6. Confirmation of Minutes**

### **6.1 Sustainable Nedlands Committee Meeting – 5 May 2014**

The Minutes of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held on 5 May 2014 are to be confirmed.

## **7. Items for Discussion**

NOTE: Regulation 11(da) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 requires written reasons for each decision made at the meeting that is significantly different from the relevant written recommendation of a committee or an employee as defined in section 5.70 (but not a decision to only note the matter or to return the recommendation for further consideration).

### **7.1 Waterwise Garden Competition**

- Discussion surrounding 2014 competition
- Draft Council Policy for discussion

### **7.2 Mayo Community Garden Update**

Ms G Stubber will provide the Committee with an update on the Community Garden.

### **7.3 ISO Standard, Sustainable Development of Communities – Indicators for city services and quality of life**

Mayor Hipkins will discuss the ISO Standard for local government which was presented at the Sustainable Cities conference in Singapore in June.

### **7.4 Recycling in Public Places**

At its July meeting the Committee requested that administration provide some costings around recycling in public places.

**7.5 Plastic Bags**

The Committee wish to discuss plastic bags as a wider issue in the Western Suburbs community.

**7.6 Innovation Award Criteria**

Mr R Griffiths to present draft Innovation Award criteria.

**7.7 Street Lighting Audit**

Ms B Channon to present the results of the sub-committee's street lighting audit.

**7.8 Towards More Sustainable Street Lighting**

The Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) in association with the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) have released a practice note titled "Towards More Sustainable Street Lighting". The document supports widespread use of LEDs in street lighting.

The Sustainable Nedlands Committee is asked to consider recommending that a notice of motion be put to Council to support the recommendations contained within the document.

Recommendation

That Council:

Adopt the recommendations contained within the "Towards More Sustainable Street Lighting" and conduct a cost analysis in 2014/15 to develop actions for future work, to be considered in future budgets.

That the Sustainable Nedlands Committee:

1. Prepare a letter to the Honourable Dr Mike Nahan, Minister for Energy, to provide support for the Recommendations for State Governments contained within the "Towards More Sustainable Street Lighting" document, and request a response.
2. Prepare a letter to Mr Paul Italiano, Chief Executive officer of Western Power, to provide support for the Recommendations for Utilities contained within the "Towards More Sustainable Street Lighting" document, and request a response.

**7.9 Promotions of Sustainability at City events**

The Committee will discuss the availability of committee members to attend City events to promote sustainability initiatives. Possible events include Summer Concerts (each Sunday in February), Community Tours (4x yearly), 4Sure Festival (April), Senior's Week NCC Expo (November), Blessing of The River (December).

**7.10 Youth Committee Member**

Andrew Melville will provide an update regarding the recruitment of a youth member for the Sustainable Nedlands Committee.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Monday 3 November 2014 commencing at 6.00 pm.

**Declaration of Closure**

There being no further business, the Presiding Member will declare the meeting closed.

Andrew Melville  
Manager Health and Compliance

## Waterwise Garden Competition

<b>KFA</b>	Natural and Built Environment
<b>Status</b>	Council
<b>Responsible Division</b>	Planning & Development
<b>Objective</b>	To outline the purpose and award process of the City's Waterwise Garden Competition

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### Context

The City of Nedlands is a Waterwise Council endorsed by the Water Corporation and Department of Water. The City is committed to provide leadership to the community in the area of water conservation. The City's Waterwise Garden Competition started in 2011 as a way to encourage residents to convert high water using areas of garden (such as lawn) to waterwise, native gardens.

### Statement

The City's Waterwise Garden Competition is bound by the following principles:

- The competition will run during winter of each year, to encourage residents to plant native plants during the winter which is the optimal time to be planting;
  - The competition will launch in conjunction with the WESROC native plant subsidy scheme to allow residents to purchase subsidised seedlings and reduce the overall cost of the garden;
  - The City will seek sponsorship from local businesses for the competition;
  - The entry form will clearly state the judging criteria;
  - The competition will be judged by an independent judge who has knowledge in the area of water conservation, landscape design and biodiversity principles; and
  - A residential property that has won the overall prize or a finalist prize in a previous year cannot be renominated in a subsequent year.
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### Related documentation

Nil

### Related Local Law / Legislation

Nil

### Related delegation

Nil

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## **Review History**

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## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCILS

1. Undertake total life-cycle cost modelling in order to understand the implications of new street lighting options for your council.
2. Seek improved arrangements with your utility; but if that is unsuccessful and regulation allows, consider taking direct control of lighting to either manage it internally or outsource it to specialist providers.
3. Work with other councils served by the same utility to achieve a stronger negotiating position, to achieve economies of scale and to jointly push for regulatory change with State governments.
4. Develop management-level KPIs and reporting for street lighting (e.g. \$ per light, kWh/km/yr, total energy, greenhouse gas emissions, maintenance performance etc.).
5. Devote resources, particularly as part of a regional grouping, to improving lighting expertise as change is now happening rapidly in street lighting.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATE GOVERNMENTS

6. Reconsider whether electricity distribution utilities are best-placed to manage the growing need for street lighting re-investment and either facilitate a transfer of

the assets to councils or introduce a robust regulatory framework to better align the interests of the utilities with councils and wider community needs.

7. Resolve the current uncertainty about street lighting contestability in many jurisdictions.
8. Write down the valuation of old street lights to reasonable levels reflecting their age and obsolescence, as happened in Victoria with the privatisation of utilities, so that councils can afford to have new lighting technologies widely deployed.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UTILITIES

9. For utilities wishing to remain in the street lighting business, develop management and service approaches that are able to embrace the emerging lighting technologies that councils are seeking.
10. Explore opportunities to add value for street lighting customers and others by providing new services based around street lighting in conjunction with the introduction of smart grid and smart metering technology (e.g., remote monitoring of lighting, adaptive lighting, CCTV, weather monitoring, traffic flow monitoring, parking sensors, WiFi to support other infrastructure and services, and enhancements to mobile telephony).