



City of Nedlands

Agenda

Sustainable Nedlands Committee Meeting

13 June 2016

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.

Pollyanne Fisher
Policy & Projects Officer
7 June 2016

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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, 13 June 2016 at 5.00 pm.

Sustainable Nedlands Committee Agenda

Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member will declare the meeting open at 5.00 pm and will draw attention to the disclaimer below.

(NOTE: Council at its meeting on 24 August 2004 resolved that should the meeting time reach 11.00 p.m. the meeting is to consider an adjournment motion to reconvene the next day).

Present and Apologies and Leave Of Absence (Previously Approved)

Councillors	His Worship the Mayor, R M Hipkins Councillor N Shaw (Presiding Member) Councillor R Binks
Committee Members	Ms B Channon Ms B Tyson Mr R Griffiths Ms G Stubber Mr M Yap Mr G Davies Ms Diana Rees Mr Ed O'Loughlin Mr A Mangano
Staff	Ms P Fisher Policy and Projects Officer
Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)	None
Apologies	Nil

Disclaimer

Members of the public who attend Council meetings should not act immediately on anything they hear at the meetings, without first seeking clarification of Council's position. For example by reference to the confirmed Minutes of Council meeting. Members of the public are also advised to wait for written advice from the Council prior to taking action on any matter that they may have before Council.

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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. Addresses By Members of the Public (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 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 and Staff of the requirements of Council's Code of Conduct in accordance with Section 5.103 of the *Local Government Act*.

Councillors 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 4 April 2016

The minutes of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held 4 April 2016 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 Outstanding Actions Log

The Outstanding Actions Log is provided in Attachment 1.

7.2 Nedlands Volunteer Program

The City's Volunteer Services Officer Matthew Kohler will speak to the Community Members on the Committee about registering with the Nedlands Volunteer Program.

7.3 Waterwise Verge Best Practice Guidelines and Incentive Scheme

The City is endorsed by the Water Corporation and the Department of Water as a 'Waterwise Council'.

The City received correspondence from the Water Corporation on 31 May 2016 regarding waterwise verge best practice guidelines for Councils and an incentive scheme that the City is eligible for funding for. See Attachment 2.

The City's 'Nature Strip Development Policy' and guidelines are currently undergoing review. The new guidelines provided by the Water Corporation will be used to inform these documents as they are updated.

The City does not currently offer any rebates to residents for nature strip (verge) developments.

7.4 Heritage Community Vegetable Garden at Gallop House

Ms B Channon will speak to the Committee regarding a proposed partnership between the National Trust of WA's and the City of Nedlands Sustainable Nedlands Committee to create a Heritage Community Vegetable Garden at Gallop House.

Ms B Channon proposes that the Committee invite a member of the National Trust to the next meeting to talk further about the idea.

7.5 Informal Sustainable Nedlands Meetings

Mr E O'Loughlin will speak to the Committee regarding the format of the information Sustainable Nedlands Meetings and other related matters.

7.6 Sustainability at Swanbourne Beach Oval

Mr E O'Loughlin will speak to the Committee regarding sustainability, including car traffic and parking, in the precinct of Swanbourne Beach Oval.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Monday 1 August commencing at 5.00 pm.

Declaration of Closure

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pollyanne Fisher', with a stylized, flowing script.

Pollyanne Fisher
Policy & Projects Officer
7 June 2016

SNC OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Date of Meeting	Item Discussed	Action	Assigned To	Comments/Completed
10 March 2014	Potential Recycled Water Project	Members to collate ideas regarding promotion of project within community	All members	Administration and WESROC actively progressing this.
10 March 2014	Demonstration Energy-Efficient House	Members to bring ideas for possible energy efficient house project	All members	
5 May 2014	Greenwaste Bins	Discuss with full Council the provision of greenwaste bin services to churches	Mayor & Councillor Shaw	Director Technical Services to advise
7 July 2014	Heat Island Effect	Ask Gail Stubber to email to SNC members any relevant information gathered at the Heat Island Effect workshop that she attended	Councillor Shaw	Complete
7 July 2014	Innovation Award	\$2000 sponsorship for Innovation Award (and cease sponsorship of the Waterwise Garden award in 2015)	Gordon Davies	'My Great Idea' Award (innovation) – Complete 'Waterwise Garden Competition' – closed with awards to be made on 27 October 2015
1 September 2014	"Towards More Sustainable Street Lighting" practise note	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	Not assigned	Meeting held with Western Power who have a model now for LED lighting. Synergy are developing tariffs.

SNC OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

		<p>Sustainable Street Lighting” document, and request a response.</p> <p>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.</p>		<p>Administration is currently looking at a proposal trial area to upgrade to LED.</p>
1 September 2014	Promotion of Sustainability at City Events	Discuss with administration an initiative to encourage sustainability at the City’s public events	Pollyanne Fisher	<p>Complete and event promotion completed at 7 events throughout February and March 2016.</p>
1 September 2014	Youth (secondary school student) member	Provide an update to the SNC regarding the recruitment of a youth member	Administration	<p>Complete; Presented to SNC 1 November 2014 meeting</p>
3 November 2014	Household energy usage	Develop a methodology for a concept of providing personal energy use to residents	Susie Wang	<p>Susie Wang now has ethics approval from UWA. Next stage is to finalise the proposal.</p>
10 August 2015	‘My Great Idea’ innovation award	‘My Great Idea’ ideas to be displayed at Administration front counter	Pollyanne Fisher	<p>Complete</p>

SNC OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

10 August 2015	'My Great Idea' innovation award – entry by June Hicks	To be investigated as a Council project through referral to the Arts Committee	Mayor	Mayor Hipkins has referred to Arts Committee meeting 18 April 2016
4 April 2016	Recognition letter for retaining of trees during development works	B Channon to draft letter to be issued in recognition of retaining trees and Cr Shaw to look at fitting this into current DA processes.	B Channon and Cr Shaw	



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25 May 2016

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Cc: Director of Infrastructure
Cc: Waterwise Council Contact

Dear Mr Trevaskis

Re: Waterwise verge best practice guidelines and incentive scheme

At a Local Government Briefing on 29 April 2016, Water Corporation launched a set of Waterwise verge best practice guidelines to assist local governments to provide consistent information to residents about how to create a low water use verge garden across Perth.

The guidelines have been developed in consultation with local government and the landscape industry, following a review of all metropolitan local government verge policies in relation to best practice landscape design principles.

This review found that while most local governments have a verge policy, some lacked information in key areas such as irrigation selection, watering regimes, mulch application and ongoing maintenance. The intent of the guidelines is to provide local government with a benchmark tool to assess how their own policies compare with best practice. A copy of these guidelines is available on our website watercorporation.com.au/waterwiseverges.

At the Briefing Water Corporation also launched a Waterwise Verge Incentive Scheme to further support local government to promote low water use verge gardens in their communities. This scheme will be offered by Water Corporation for a period of 3 years, pending an annual review and funding availability.

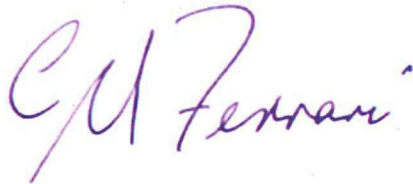
For local governments that offer residents a rebate or incentive to create a waterwise verge garden, we will match the contribution by the local government per verge. Each local government can apply for funding up to a maximum amount of \$10,000 per year. To be eligible you will need to meet the following criteria.

- Be an endorsed Waterwise Council.
- Promote a verge policy that is consistent with good practice or better, as outlined in the Waterwise verge best practice guidelines.
- Offer an existing program to incentivise residents to create a low water use garden verges.

Please refer to the enclosed information sheet for further information about the Scheme. Please note that funding available for the Scheme is limited each year and will be offered to eligible local governments on a first come first serve basis.

To register your interest in the Waterwise Verge Incentive Scheme or to receive feedback on how your local government's verge policy compares to best practice, please contact our Tara Newnham on 9420 2706 or email water.efficiency@watercorporation.com.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Catherine Ferrari". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Catherine Ferrari
General Manager Customer & Community
Water Corporation

Waterwise Verge Incentive Scheme

Information sheet

Overview

This scheme aims to support councils to promote the creation of low water use waterwise verge gardens in their communities.

For councils that offer residents a rebate or incentive to create a waterwise verge garden, we will match the contribution by the council per verge.

To be eligible councils must meet the following criteria:

- Be an endorsed Waterwise Council.
- Promote a verge policy that is consistent with good practice or better, as outlined in the Waterwise verge best practice guidelines.
- Offer a program to incentivise residents to create a low water use garden verges.



Details

Councils can apply for funding to match their contribution per residential verge e.g. if the council offers a \$500 rebate scheme, we would reimburse the council \$250 per verge. Or if the cost to the council to supply mulch, soil amendment and plants for a residential verge was \$400, we would reimburse the council up to \$200 per verge. Each council can apply for funding up to a maximum amount of \$10,000 per year.

To apply for the scheme a council must provide the following.

- Evidence of the verge incentive program promoted by the council.
- A breakdown of how the cost of each verge is calculated.
- Key information about the verge garden including;
 - Residential address
 - Date of installation
 - Before and after photos (to be used for promotional purposes)
 - Permission from the resident to monitor water use and take photos of garden once established.

This scheme will be offered for a period of 3 years, pending an annual review and funding availability.

Key dates

Each council will be eligible to apply for the scheme in two funding rounds in 2016/17

1. For gardens established in Winter 2016 (1st July 2016 – 30th October 2016). Applications for funding for gardens established in this period will open in November 2016.
2. For gardens established Autumn 2017 (1st April 2017 – 30th June 2017). Applications for funding for gardens established in this period will open in June 2017.

Councils are only eligible to apply for the scheme after the verge installation has been completed and we are satisfied the verge garden meets the criteria for the scheme.

Waterwise Verge Incentive Scheme

Information sheet

Register

To register your interest in the Waterwise Verge Incentive Scheme please contact Tara Newnham, Water Efficiency Programs Officer, on 9420 2706 or email water.efficiency@watercorporation.com.au.

Please note that funding available for the Scheme is limited each year and will be offered to eligible councils on a first come first serve basis.