



Ferguson Valley Advisory Group Meeting

Ferguson Hall, Dardanup

Wednesday, 5 October 2022

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Attendance

Advisory Group Elected Representatives & Community Members

Cr. Tyrrell Gardiner	Elected Member - Chairperson
Mr. Stuart Brandreth	Community
Mr. Graeme Mitchell	Community
Mr Phil Smith	Community
Ms Miranda Smith	Community

Community Members

Mr. Ian Bridge	Community
Ms. Brigitte Milligan	Community
Ms Robyn Jones	Community
Mr Steve Miller	Community
Mr Ian Bridge	Community
Mr Dale Stewart	Community
Mr Michael Telini	Community

Ms Kate Duzevich	Project Officer - Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
Ms Ange Pusey	Executive Officer- Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
Ms Donna Stewart	Communications Officer Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.

Staff

Mr. Andre Schönfeldt	Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Susan Oosthuizen	Director Sustainable Development
Mr. Theo Naude	Director Infrastructure
Ms. Cassandra Budge	Manager Place and Community Engagement
Mr. James Reilly	Project Development Engineer
Mrs Donna Bailye	PA – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Apologies

Cr Ellen Lilly	Elected Member
Cr. Mick Bennett	Shire President -
Cr. Peter Robinson	Elected Member
Ms. Wendy Perdon	Community

Meeting Opened at 5.16pm

Welcome

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country by Chairperson, Cr. Tyrrell Gardiner

The Shire of Dardanup wishes to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Noongar people. In doing this, we recognise and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging. The Shire of Dardanup also respects and celebrates all cultures of all our residents and visitors to our Shire.

Disclosure of Interest

Cr Tyrrell Gardiner - Chairperson

Cr T Gardiner called for any Disclosure of Interest, made reference to the last meeting and advised that the same declarations would be applicable to this meeting. It was agreed that members would participate in all discussion.

Guest Speaker Presentation – Leschenault Biosecurity Group

Ms Ange Pusey

Executive Officer- Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.

Presentation: [Ferguson Valley Advisory Group LBG Presentation 5 Oct 22](#)

Ms Ange Pusey introduced herself and the other members of the Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc (LBGi) and then provided a video presentation detailing the day to day activities the LBGi undertakes.

Ms Kate Duzevich then spoke to a Powerpoint presentation and discussed the animal and weed control programs the Group undertakes along with their funding structure and the rates payable.

Ms Duzevich detailed the importance of the Calicivirus Program within the Ferguson Valley region together with the benefits of a strategic approach and active engagement with the community and landowners. Further discussion was held on the costings for the program, distribution areas, program processes and availability.

Mr Phil Smith advised that he has been involved in a few campaigns carried out by the LBGi and endorsed their activities.

Cr Tyrrell Gardiner recommended that the Advisory Group members promote the LBGi and their programs to the Community to make them aware of the services provided by the LBGi. Ms Donna Stewart informed the Advisory Group that upcoming programs would be promoted through the Dardanup Times and the Preston Press.

Note: Following the presentation the members of the LBGi left the meeting.

Council Plan Presentation

Mr André Schönfeldt – Chief Executive Officer

Mr André Schönfeldt presented the Shires new 2022-23 Council Plan to the Advisory Group through discussion and a Powerpoint presentation. Hard copies of the plan were also provided to the Advisory Group.

Mr Schönfeldt explained to the Advisory Group the legislative requirements for the implementation of the Shires Strategic Community Plan and Council Plan.

An overview of the consultation process, community input and subsequent strategies and projects coming from the Council Plan were discussed with the Advisory Group. Mr Schönfeldt also discussed the continued consultation with the Community through the current Advisory Groups and it was suggested that there may be a once a year Town Hall meeting where all the community can attend. This matter would be taken to Council for further discussion.

Mr Schönfeldt introduced the Advisory Group to the new Traces program implemented by the Shire. He advised that Council would be conducting another Satisfaction Survey in 2023 and encouraged members to participate. The survey would be mailed out in February/March 2023 and taken to Council in April 2023.

Cr Tyrrell Gardiner supported Mr Schönfeldt comments and recommended that the members take a copy of the Council Plan as it was a great document and process to obtain feedback from the community.

Note: Mr André Schönfeldt left the meeting at 5.57pm

Ferguson Valley Community Facilities Plan – Projects Update -

Mr James Reily – Project Development Engineer

Presentation [Ferguson Valley Advisory Group - Combined Slides](#)

Mr James Reilly spoke to the presentation and provided updates on the following Shire projects.

- Pile Road Widening/Reconstruction.
- Ferguson Road Widening.
- Weetman Road Drainage Improvement – Culvert Extension.
- Twomey Road – Culvert Extension.
- Ferguson Hall – Stump Replacement and Drainage.
- Bridge Repairs – Pile Road Bridge.
- Upper Ferguson BFB – New Water Tank.

Place and Community Projects – Projects Update

Ms Cassandra Budge – Manager Place and Community Development

Presentation [Ferguson Valley Advisory Group - Combined Slides](#)

Ms Cassandra Budge spoke to the presentation and provided updates on the following Shire Events and Projects:

- EnLighten event at the Eaton Skate Park – 1 October 2022.
- 2022 Remembrance Day Poppy Project.
- Tronox SpringOut Event – 30 October 2022.
- Healthway Summer in your Park Series.
- Movings by Moonlight – Wells Recreation Oval.
- Summer Sounds – Carramar Park.
- Southern Ports Festive Auslan Choir.
- Current Library services and School Holiday programs.
- Gnomesville Toilet Artwork – Project completed.
- Ferguson Valley Public Art Trail Concept Plan.

Round the table Updates

This session was set aside for members to address any brief updates, advice/information or matters of interest that they wish to share with the group.

The following topics were raised for discussion:

- *Wellington Mill Road Line Marking.* Ms Brigitte Milligan requested an update on the matter of line marking along Wellington Mill Road, as raised in the last meeting. Mr Ian Bridge advised that the road didn't comply to the marking requirements as it was not wide enough. Mr Theo Naude informed the Advisory Group that Main Roads were responsible for the linemarking and the road needs to be of a certain width before works could be undertaken.
- *Creation of a document/prospectus on the Shire/Region.* Mr Phil Smith enquired into the status of the prospectus as discussed previously. Ms Susan Oosthuizen advised that work had commenced and that an update would be provided following further discussions with Mr André Schönfeldt.

Action: . Ms Susan Oosthuizen to provide an update to Mr Phil Smith on the document.

- *Town Planning Scheme.* Mr Ian Bridge enquired about the Landscape Protection Zone in the Wellington Mills area and requested a follow up on the matter. Cr Tyrrell Gardiner advised that the Zone no longer exists.

Ms Susan Oosthuizen provided an update on the New Town Planning Scheme and advised that the scheme would be advertised to the Community for comment in December 2022. Of interest to the group would be the Tourism Zones. It will be advertised on the Shires web site, Civic Centres and appointments can be made for people to come in and talk to the Planners should they have any queries.

- *Verge Spraying.* Mr Ian Bridge requested an update on the verge spraying programs for the area. Mr Theo Naude advised he would make enquires and provide an update.

Action: . Ms Theo Naude to provide updates on verge spraying program in Ferguson Valley.

Meeting Closed - 6.32 pm
