

Sustainable Development Advisory Group

Shire of Dardanup Council Chambers

Wednesday, 19 October 2022 | 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Notes

Members

Cr. M T Bennett	Chairperson
Cr. E P Lilly	Deputy Chairperson
Mr André Schönfeldt	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Theo Naudé	Director Infrastructure
Mr Murray Connell	Executive Manager Development Services
Ms Veronica Martin	Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage
Mr Ken Lowth	Community Member
Ms Ashleigh Brennan	Community Member
Ms Jenna Priddle	Community Member
Ms Julie King	Community Member (5.26pm)
Ms Carol Lamond	Community Member

Guest Presenters

Ms Donna Stewart	Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. – Communications Officer
Ms Shania Willison	Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. – Project Support Officer

Apologies

Cr. P S Robinson	Member
Ms Fiona Moriarty	Community Member

Meeting opened at 5.02 pm

Welcome

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country by chairperson, Cr Mick Bennett.

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.

All attendees introduced themselves prior to the commencement of presentations.

Governance - Call for Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations.

Guest Speaker Presentation by Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.

Ms Donna Stewart and Ms Shania Willison

Ms Donna Stewart introduced herself and Ms Shania Willison and gave a brief overview of the Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. (LBGi) and played a video detailing the day to day activities the LBGi undertakes.

Ms Stewart spoke to a Powerpoint presentation outlining the weed and animal control programs the Group undertakes. It showed the ten declared priority pests that the Group provides support to landowners on and how

they are able to assist. It also overviewed their method in fox and feral pig surveillance and trapping as well as rabbit control, including releasing the Calicivirus in the Summer.

The presentation also provided an overview of the equipment they have to loan out to landowners, including a new 50L Weed Wiper that can easily be attached to vehicles (ATV, car, tractor etc).

Note: Ms Julie King entered the meeting at 5.26 pm

Ms Stewart advised the Group of an upcoming Weed Identification Workshop that was being held on 30 October in Boyanup.

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

Environmental Management Plan

Mr Theo Naudé – Director Infrastructure

Mr Theo Naudé provided an update on the Shire's Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The EMP was developed over a period of time and adopted by Council in June 2021. This plan is a living document that requires constant reviewing and to be frequently updated.

Within the EMP is an Implementation Table that contains a number of activities and actions, some with specific delivery dates and others that are ongoing. Many of these actions are being implemented during every day work, in design and operations.

Mr Naudé explained that the newly appointed Coordinator Environment Waste commenced internal discussions with the Manager Operations and Parks & Environmental Supervisor and would be undertaking a review of the EMP to better align it with the recently adopted Council Plan. This review will also take into consideration Legislation changes, community aspirations and strategic priorities. The intent was to report back to Council toward the end of the financial year.

Capel to Leschenault Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan

Mr Murray Connell – Executive Manager Development Services

Mr Murray Connell presented on the Capel to Leschenault Coastal Hazard Risk Management Adaption Plan (CHRMAP) study currently being undertaken by the Peron Naturaliste Partnership in conjunction with the Shire of Dardanup, City of Bunbury, Shire of Capel and the Shire of Harvey.

The CHRMAP is a strategic plan to meet coastal hazard challenges in:

- Identifying vulnerable public and private assets;
- Preserve community values for current and future generations;
- Informs community and decision makers; and
- Is required under *State Planning Policy 2.6 – Coastal Planning*.

The hazard mapping that is being produced predicts the risk of erosion plus inundation and then factors in predicted sea level rise over a 100 year timeframe. It is important to note that the hazard mapping indicates the zone or risk NOT where the future shoreline will be.

It will provide useful data to assist with decision making regarding future planning of infrastructure etc. in the hazard zone.

The draft document will be presented to Council in December 2022 and then publicly advertised shortly after.

Shire of Dardanup Hydrogen Feasibility

Mr Andre Schönfeldt - Chief Executive Officer

Mr Andre Schönfeldt provided an overview on a recently awarded grant of \$40,000 to the Shire to undertake a feasibility study and business case for the generation and distribution of green hydrogen at our depot on Martin Pelusey Road.

The feasibility study should assist in identifying what the requirements would be in order to meet the following scenarios:

- A small scale plant, storage and distribution to service for the Shire needs only;
- A medium scale plant, storage and distribution to service for surrounding local governments or other government agencies; and
- A large scale plant, storage and distribution to allow commercial application.

A consultant, Integrated Energy have been appointed to undertake the study and there should be a good understanding prior to the end of the calendar year of what the capabilities will be.

It was noted that there is a severe lack of electric car charging stations in the Shire. A location in the Ferguson Valley and Dardanup town centre were suggested.

Round the table Updates (30 mins)

This session has been 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:

Cr Bennett advised that Council were currently reviewing the Advisory Committee's and flagged that this group may not meet in its current form next year. The Topic and Place based groups tend to have an overlap of attendees and subject matter and could be combined, meeting in February and September.

Cr Bennett and Mr Schönfeldt discussed how the Shire is meeting its 2050 aspiration of moving towards more sustainable building materials with the recent construction of timber buildings. Including:

- The first hybrid timber building, the bowling club in Eaton;
- The first full timber building, the Wells change rooms;
- A contract has recently been awarded for a new all timber clubroom/change room building at Pratt Road; and
- The New Shire Administration and Library building will be full timber (with the exception of concrete for the wet areas at the back).

Mr Ken Lowth raised the issue of hard to read recycling symbols on plastic containers and the impact of having those recyclables going into the general waste bins.

Cr Bennett noted it was an issue, however, fell within the State and Federal government. He suggested that education was key and that a campaign could be run on Facebook advising residents to only use products that clearly identified recycling symbols.

Cr Lilly also suggested using Facebook to show what the different recycling symbols mean.

Ms Carol Lamond commended the Shire on its Parks and Garden maintenance.

Meeting Close

Cr Bennett thanked the members for their time and closed the meeting at 6.30 pm.
