

Community Advisory Group Meeting

Shire of Dardanup Council Chambers
Wednesday, 18 August 2021 | 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Meeting Notes

Attendance

Cr Michael Bennett	-	Elected Member (Chairperson)
Cr Tyrrell Gardiner	-	Elected Member
Stacey Giblett	-	Eaton Family Centre
Anne Jones	-	Eaton Family Centre
Jill Cross	-	Bull & Barrel Festival
Paul Williams	-	WA Police
Bill Adams	-	Eaton Senior Citizens

Observers

Susan Oosthuizen	-	Director Sustainable Development
Lucy Owen-Conway	-	Manager Place and Community Engagement
Neil Nicholson	-	Principal Environmental Health Officer
Kathleen Hoult	-	Acting Personal Assistant, Sustainable Development

Apologies

Phillip Anastasakis	-	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Gail Allen	-	Eaton Community College
Rebecca Ward	-	St John of God Hospital
Patricia Sherwood	-	Resident

Welcome

Chairperson Cr Michael Bennett opened the meeting at 5:01pm and welcomed those in attendance and referred to the Acknowledgement of Country:

Acknowledgement of Country

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.

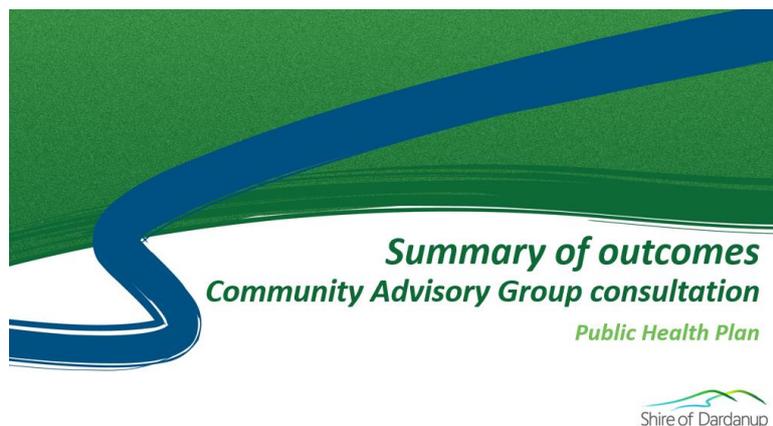
A roll call was also conducted to confirm attendance at the meeting.

Health Plan Presentation – (Slides 1-26)

Neil Nicholson, Principal Environmental Health Officer

Neil provided the group with an update on the public health plan which is due to be endorsed by council at its next meeting on the 25 August 2021. Once the Public Health Plan is endorsed it will go out for Public Comment which will be open for a period of 21 days.

Neil covered the items that the advisory group workshopped from the previous meeting ([Meeting-Notes-Community-Advisory-Group-21-April.pdf.](#)) Further information can be found in the presentation by [clicking the image below:](#)



There was questions raised about the COVID-19 situation and whether this should be included in the health plan. Neil confirmed that the Shire is highly involved with the community to ensuring compliance with State Government requirements pertaining to COVID-19 and the enforcement of compliance. COVID-19 is constantly changing and therefore the Public Health Plan is designed to be reviewed every 12 months. There will be consideration for the addition of COVID-19 and other pandemics in future reviews.

Recommendations were put forward for the changing of the colour of the footpaths within the community to reduce the urban heat signature. Increase in street canopy would also be beneficial, and these elements can be reviewed when an Urban Greening Policy is established.

A question was raised about the statistics for the Shire in the health plan. These statistics come from a variety of sources including Australian Health Tracker Atlas, Dept of Health (WA Country Health Services) ABS etc. Date ranges of the data are from 2015-2018. This is the most current data to date, and the next update of the data will be August 2022.

Neil left the room at 5:30pm

Upcoming Supported Events – (Slide 27)

Ms Lucy Owen-Conway – Manager Place and Community Engagement

Lucy presented the upcoming supported events that are happening within the shire with a focus on one of the largest events coming up – *Lost & Found Festival*. Lucy outlined some of the great highlights of the event and further information can be found on the website: [Lost & Found – Events in the Ferguson Valley \(lostandfoundfestival.com.au\)](http://lostandfoundfestival.com.au)

Lucy went through other events that the shire is running and these can be seen in the presentation by clicking the image below:



Lucy sought feedback from the group for further suggestions around types of events that the community would like to see. The following have been suggested for future consideration:

- The group support a *Dinner at Dusk* or other Food Truck event to be held at Eaton Foreshore.
- Creation of a multi-cultural festival with a variety of food trucks, art, culture, presentations etc. from all types of nationalities.
- Promotion of the Heritage Forum – heritage type events in Dardanup

Further suggestions are always welcome and if members of the group or their community groups would like to see other types of events established within the Shire they are encouraged to contact events@dardanup.wa.gov.au.

The Shire has been successful in receiving a Corporate Sponsorship from Tronox for the Spring Out Event. This has given the Shire a bigger budget to add to the event including activities including but not limited to:

- Sci-Tech
- Inflatables
- Interactive zone
- Food trucks
- Live Music
- and much, much more.



Healthy way funding is currently been applied for the *Summer in the Park* series. This funding will allow the Shire to engage and have organisations be part of the event e.g. Act, Belong, Commit as this aligns with the purpose of these events.

Community groups, organisations, NFP's are encouraged to get in contact with the Shire if they have any suggestions or know of Shire residents who might be interested in providing pre-show entertainment or activities at the *Summer in the Park Series*.

There are currently 18 active youth members who are part of the Youth Advisory Groups which run in Eaton, Dardanup and Burekup.

Suggestions from the group of activities for Youth to be involved included the following:

- More cadet programs
- Youth Driving Training
- WA Police engagement in Basketball Competition
- Skateboarding/Scooter Competitions at the New Skate Park/Pump Track in Eaton.

Implementation of a new Special event *Enlighten Festival* is scheduled for 18 and 19 March 2022. Incorporation of Digital media, digital projection and animation will be used to light up the new skate park and pump track over a two night period. Artwork will be invited by community members and youth will be involved in workshops and skills development.

Further details are still to be finalised.

The Poppy Project is running again this year with community groups, individuals etc. encouraged to get on board and host poppy making workshops. These can be created in any medium and will be displayed in Eaton, Dardanup and Burekup.

Opportunities for Community Groups/Services to be involved in Shire Events/activations (Slides 28-30) – Ms Lucy Owen-Conway – Manager Place and Community Engagement

Discussion was predominantly around Volunteering and the issues that many clubs, organisations and business are facing. There was an agreeance within the group that there needs to be “rebranding” “new image” of the word “volunteering”.

When promoting a business, service or club where volunteering is required, it was suggested that changing the wording to be along the lines of “How can you be involved in the Community” “Meet your neighbours”, ‘Make New Friends’ is highly recommended. Changing the strategy to at least get people in the door, will then turn them into been actively involved in their community and volunteering their time to be involved.

Community Directory – The Shire is in the process of developing a community Directory this financial year and will be in an online format as well as hard copy. The following suggestions were presented to be included in the directory and would be of benefit to the community.

- List of Community Groups
- Emergency Services and Contacts
- List of Playgrounds, skateparks with their facilities available (e.g. shade. BBQ, toilets etc.)
- Things to do in the Shire
- Support Services (even including surrounding areas e.g. Bunbury, Harvey, Capel etc.)
- Street Maps

- Places to Hire (this includes spaces available at community groups or other organisations and not just facilities like Halls etc.)
- List of Schools.

Public Art (Slide 31) – Ms Lucy Owen-Conway – Manager Place and Community Engagement

The group provided some suggestions on other ways in which Public Art can be displayed in the community and include the following options:

- Installation of screens in front of the fencing of the dwellings along Eaton Drive and have these decorated with art installations, murals etc.
- Painting of roads, pathways in the main street of Dardanup to connect the businesses and housing to the parks and public spaces
- Further light projection projects onto the buildings e.g. Heritage images and stories for that particular building (Dardanup)

General Discussion –

Feedback was sort on the option of the Shire looking at a service called “*Grant Guru*”. This application would allow community groups, organisations, NFP’s etc. to be able to create their own log on, review grants that are available for their group’s purpose and apply for grants as and when they are required.

The group agreed that this would be a valuable tool, however also suggested that some workshops be also available for people to learn about the grant process and how to write a successful application, as this is an area in which a lot of people find difficult and struggle with.

Lucy advised that further investigation into Grant Guru will be carried out.

Next Meeting

The next Community Advisory Group meeting is to be advised.

Meeting closed at 6:28pm.