

Environmental Advisory Committee

2 February 2022

Commencing at 4.00pm

(In person)

AGENDA

The next Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting will be held at the Council Chambers at the Shire of Toodyay, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay on the abovementioned date and time.

Members are requested to familiarise themselves with the Agenda and prepare notes to help address key issues for the debate during the Meeting.

Members are requested to email questions via email at ceo@toodyay.wa.gov.au at the earliest opportunity so that Officers can respond to those questions prior to the Meeting.

Suzie Haslehurst
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Chairperson will open the meeting.

- 1.1 Announcement of Visitors**
- 1.2 Record of Attendance and Apologies**
- 1.3 Disclosure of Interest**

2. MINUTES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 December 2021 be confirmed.

2.2 Review of Status Report

Refer to the Agenda Attachments.

2.3 Inward/Outward Correspondence

2.3.1 Lot 107 Nockdomine Road Dumbarton Presentation

Date of Report:	1 December 2021
File Reference:	Environmental Advisory Committee (COC14)
Author:	M Rebane – Executive Assistant
Responsible Officer:	H de Vos – Acting Manager Development and Regulatory Services
Attachments:	Nil

PURPOSE

To be present for a presentation from a landowner.

BACKGROUND

Justin Von Perger has been in communication with Officers in relation to Lot 107 Nockdomine Road, Dumbarton.

Mr Von Perger would like to present his vision and ideas for the property to the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting.

A formal Development Application will be submitted in February 2022, but the presentation will allow him to talk about his innovative land management processes intended for the property. Mr Von Perger is seeking feedback from the EAC.

OFFICER COMMENT

Mr Von Perger was absent from the December EAC Meeting due to illness. At that time, Officers indicated that a presentation will be brought to a Council Forum after the Agenda Briefing in February 2022.

Officers consider this is something that ought to be showcased and the general discussion going forward is that the owner might be introducing processes which should become good practice for the wider community. Whilst this initial discussion will be for one property, the intent is to raise awareness at a wider community level. Below are the areas relevant to the terms of reference for the EAC in this instance.

- Native vegetation and landscape;
- Biodiversity protection and enhancement;
- Environmental sustainability;
- Climate change impact adaptation and mitigation.

3. BUSINESS LEFT OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (if adjourned)

Nil.

4. OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 Update on Draft Local Biodiversity Strategy

Date of Report:	27 January 2022
Applicant or Proponent:	Environmental Advisory Committee
File Reference:	COC14
Author:	H de Vos – Acting Manager Development & Regulation.
Author's Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil

PURPOSE

To provide an update on the Draft Local Biodiversity Strategy.

BACKGROUND

The Shire of Toodyay continues to work with the Environment Advisory Committee to prepare a Local Biodiversity Strategy.

This is a key outcome of the Shire's Environmental Strategy and to date, its progress has been delayed due to other operational priorities and a lack of resourcing.

However, the Shire has recently reengaged with the environmental consultants – JBS&G Strategen to get the project back on track.

CONSULTATION

Community consultation is a vital part of the development process; however, no consultation will take place until the Council has adopted a draft local biodiversity strategy for advertising.

There is no statutory basis outlining a set consultation manner and duration and therefore guidance has been taken from the Shire of Toodyay Council Policy - M.2 Public Consultation – Formal Matters which states that a Level F – District approach should be applied.

Consultation mechanisms available for Level F include but are not limited to:

- (i) Newspaper advertising;
- (ii) Letter drops or Council notices;
- (iii) Signage and displays in relevant locations;
- (iv) Media releases – press, radio, television (subject to availability);
- (v) Notice to be displayed on Council's website;
- (vi) Formation of community or advisory committees under *Local Government Act 1995*;
- (vii) Formation of working groups;
- (viii) Workshops, forums or briefing/information sessions;
- (ix) Public meetings; or
- (x) Other procedures as required.

Ultimately the Administration will determine which is the most appropriate form for this consultation to occur moving forward.

OFFICER COMMENT

Timeframes

The following steps outline how the Local Biodiversity Strategy will progress from here:

1. The Draft Local Biodiversity Strategy is distributed to EAC members for review.
2. A workshop is held to discuss any issues raised and to draft revisions and modifications.

3. Forward the draft back to JBS&G Strategen to incorporate changes and modifications.
4. Present final draft to EAC at its meeting with a view that the EAC resolve to recommend to Council that the draft Strategy is adopted for community consultation.

Workshop outcomes

1. The first workshop was held on 19 January 2022 and about 40% of the document was reviewed.
2. Given the importance of the document it was agreed by committee members that the process should not be rushed and that further workshops be conducted to ensure that the EAC was satisfied with the document moving forward.
3. Additionally, the EAC has formed a MS Teams Group to allow members to edit and contribute to the development of the document and to share ideas and information in a centralized location – without requiring a meeting every time.
4. Next workshop date is Wednesday 16 February 2022.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Environmental Advisory Committee advises to Council the following:

That Council notes that work on the Local Biodiversity Strategy is progressing and that further updates will be provided when the document is ready to be considered for community consultation.

4.2 Native Vegetation Offset for proposed clearing for roadworks.

Date of Report:	27 January 2022
Applicant or Proponent:	Environmental Advisory Committee
File Reference:	COC14
Author:	H de Vos – Acting Manager Development & Regulation.
Author’s Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Map - Lot 108 on Plan P013653 Vol. 1606 Fol. 67 – No. 21 Hibbertia Place, Toodyay 2. Bindi-Bindi Toodyay Road Widening Project.

PURPOSE

To provide guidance to the Council on a proposal to create a conservation covenant on Lot 108 on Plan P013653 Vol. 1606 Fol. 67 – No. 21 Hibbertia Place, Toodyay for the purpose of being able to set aside environmental offsets associated with Shire of Toodyay works projects (refer to **Attachment 1**).

BACKGROUND

The Shire of Toodyay Department of Assets and Infrastructure is currently engaged in the planning phase of several road projects. One of these road projects involves the widening of a section of Bindi-Bindi – Toodyay Road from Bindoon Dewars Pool Road in Coondle to One Man Road in Bejoording – approximately 11.3km (refer to **Attachment 2**).

This project requires vegetation to be cleared along the route to enable the widening of the road. Roadside vegetation along this stretch is scattered in pockets. To facilitate this process, the Shire of Toodyay has had to apply for a Native Vegetation Clearing Permit with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) – Clearing Permit Application CPS 9376/1.

Purpose of clearing

Bindi-Bindi/Telegraph Road connects the Town of Toodyay with the populated subdivision areas of Coondle (east), Woodland Heights, Dewars Pool and Bejoording.

Between these subdivisions lay extensive farming areas ranging in size and land use from horticultural operations to broad acre agricultural enterprises.

This Road continues beyond the northern Toodyay boundary into the Shire of Victoria Plains through the towns of Calingiri and Piawaning connecting to the road network of the Mid-West.

Bindi-Bindi Road is a conduit that funnels increasing volumes of traffic including heavy haulage vehicles especially during harvest season.

A growth of tourist/caravan traffic has occurred as travellers tour north from Toodyay to mid-west destinations particularly noticeable during the wildflower season.

Toodyay is a significant tourist town and promotes itself as a destination and has experienced an upsurge in tourist/visitor numbers of late.

Tragically, three fatal traffic crashes have occurred in the past five years along the section of Bindi-Bindi Road covered by the application.

Main Road crash data shows these fatalities occurred on the 29/1/16, 7/11/17 and 14/3/20.

The Toodyay Shire was granted Black Spot Funding to allow for safety improvements to be carried out.

Subsequently, engineering design work was completed with every effort was applied to minimise the clearing of native vegetation.

It was determined that to achieve the road widening and shoulder treatments necessary to gain the safety improvements that any reduction in the proposed clearing would severely compromise the benefits and indeed increase the hazardous nature of the road.

The installation of crash barriers and/or other mitigation treatments has not been incorporated into this current design plan.

The Shire of Toodyay is cognisant of the need to minimise environmental impacts related to this application because of the environmental, heritage and scenic values associated with this part of the road.

Potential actions considered

Potential actions to address / mitigate the potential impacts of the proposed clearing (loss of native vegetation in an area that has been extensively cleared).

The following could be considered:

1. Onsite mitigation: This could be done by an onsite revegetation to 'replace' the native vegetation lost to the clearing. In this case the Shire could plant native trees on the same Road Reserve with a minimum of 1 to 1 ratio (e.g., the number of trees cleared to the number of trees planted)
2. (if option 1 is not viable or adequate) Offsite environmental offset. This could be done by rehabilitating, revegetating, or conserving an area outside of the application area to counterbalance the impacts. This usually requires larger area of rehabilitation, revegetation or conservation, a minimum of 2 to 1 ratio could be expected.

Given Option 1 is not feasible due to the nature of the project and limitations associated with the width of the road reserve – Option 2 is now being explored by the Shire of Toodyay to support the clearing permit application.

PROPOSAL

Lot 108 on Plan P013653 (No. 21 Hibbertia Place) in Toodyay is a 123.28 hectare irregular shaped, heavily vegetated parcel of land adjacent to the Majestic Heights and Lozanda Heights subdivision areas. Its rugged terrain and natural vegetation mean that the parcel is limited in development potential in the future. It is freehold land owned by the Shire of Toodyay.

Given the abundance of natural vegetation onsite and lack of development potential, it is considered an ideal site to be considered for this offset which has been calculated at approximately two (2) hectares - and for future environmental offsets for other projects. This would be a banked offset.

Depending on the tenure of the proposed offset land, the Shire would either:

1. Secure (in perpetuity) a conservation covenant to the offset area; or
2. Change the tenure and / or the purpose of the land (to conservation – in perpetuity), the land could either be managed by DBCA or the Shire.

In this case it is recommended that Option 1 be undertaken and that the Shire of Toodyay arrange for a conservation covenant to be placed on the property.

CONSULTATION

There is no requirement for this matter to undergo community consultation.

COVENANTS TO PROTECT NATIVE VEGETATION IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Landowners who wish to protect and manage native vegetation on their property may enter into an agreement (covenant) with the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation under s30 of the *Soil and Land Conservation Act 1945*.

Covenants are voluntary written agreements with the Commissioner to manage a specified area of vegetation to retain and promote its growth. Covenants are positive, rather than restrictive, and may be in perpetuity.

Covenants explained

A covenant is a voluntary agreement between a landowner and the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation (Commissioner) that aims to conserve an area of land (or part of it) in as near to its natural state as possible.

Covenants may be registered as a memorial on the Certificate of Title for the land and can bind any future owners of the land.

Conservation Covenants and Agreements to Reserve are positive – rather than restrictive – covenants, where the landowner agrees to manage the vegetation on their property to retain and promote its growth.

The covenant does not usually contain management prescriptions beyond limiting clearing and grazing of the native vegetation and may allow uses such as removal

of selected timber and seed collection. Fencing may be required to ensure livestock do not intrude into the covenanted area.

The Soil and Land Conservation Act provides for 2 types of covenants:

- Conservation Covenant, which is irrevocable. The term of these covenants is usually specified for perpetuity or a period of time. Once finalised, the Commissioner does not have statutory authority to vary or discharge these covenants.
- Agreement to Reserve (ATR), which is not expressed as irrevocable. These covenants may be in perpetuity or for a specified time and may be varied or discharged by the Commissioner.

From time to time, landowners may ask the Commissioner to discharge the ATR by applying to the Commissioner in writing, stating the reasons they would like to vary or discharge the ATR. If the Commissioner refuses to discharge the ATR, the landowner can appeal the decision by applying to the State Administrative Tribunal of Western Australia.

Conservation Covenants and ATRs bind each person who has consented in writing to the covenant. They may be registered as a 'memorial' over the property's Certificate of Title, binding successive landowners.

Landowners wishing to enter into a covenant will initially need to provide an aerial photograph or a good quality plan that outlines the vegetation to be protected, with a list of any conditions required.

Process to arrange a covenant

There are a number of steps to arrange a covenant. Once the Commissioner has agreed in principle to a Conservation Covenant or ATR, the landowner will be advised of the following steps:

- If only a part of the lot is to be covenanted, the landowner must engage a licensed surveyor to draw up an Interests Only Deposited Plan (IODP) that identifies the area to be protected by a covenant. Some IODPs can be completed by the surveyor as 'desktop' work, rather than a detailed survey of the site. The surveyor will then lodge the IODP with Landgate.
- The IODP can be skipped if an entire lot (as described on the Certificate of Title) is to be covenanted.
- When the Commissioner has received advice that the IODP has been lodged and received an electronic copy, documents are prepared for the landowner's review and signing when all details are confirmed correct.
- Where covenants are required as a condition of a statutory process, such as a subdivision approval or an environmental impact assessment, the Commissioner charges a fee for preparing the documents based on the time taken to complete the task.

- If a Conservation Covenant is proposed, a statement of undertaking will be included in the documents confirming that the owners understand they are signing an irrevocable covenant.
- Signed covenants are lodged with Landgate for registration of the memorial on the Certificate of Title.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Environmental Advisory Committee recommends to Council the following:

That Council supports the placement of a conservation covenant over Lot 108 on Plan P013653 (No. 21 Hibbertia Place) in Toodyay for the purposes of creating a banked offset to address / mitigate the potential impacts of future Shire of Toodyay projects which involve proposed clearing (loss of native vegetation in an area that has been extensively cleared).

5. OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

6. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

The 2022 Schedule for Environmental Advisory Committee Meetings is as follows:

- 2 February 2022
- 4 May 2022
- 3 August 2022
- 2 November 2022

All these meetings are held on a Wednesday and will commence at 4.00pm.

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairperson will close the meeting.

Attachments to Agenda

Environmental Advisory Committee

2 February 2022

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BUSINESS LEFT OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (if adjourned)

Nil

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OTHER BUSINESS

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

Hugo de Vos declared the meeting open at 4.09pm.

1.1 Election of a Chairperson

Date of Report:	17 November 2021
File Reference:	Environmental Advisory Committee (COC14)
Author:	M Rebane – Executive Assistant
Responsible Officer:	H de Vos – Acting Manager Development and Regulatory Services
Attachments:	Nil

PURPOSE

To elect the position of Presiding Member of the Committee and if the Committee so chooses, a Deputy Presiding Member.

BACKGROUND

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 November 2021 Council resolved the appointment of delegates to the Environmental Advisory Committee (Resolution No 245/11/21) as follows:

That Council appoints, in accordance with s.5.10 of the Local Government Act 1995, the following representatives onto the Environmental Advisory Committee:

1. *Four elected members (two primary and two deputy)*

Primary: Cr Madacsi, Cr Hart and Cr Wrench

Deputy: Cr McCormick

2. *The following community members:*

- Josephine Hart*
- Elaine Hall*
- Brian Foley*

3. *The Manager Planning and Development as the CEO's Representative in accordance with section 5.10(5) of the Local Government Act 1995.*

4. *The Reserves Management Officer.*

At the same meeting Council endorsed a Committee Book for the Shire of Toodyay which is on the Shire website at this link:

https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Profiles/toodyay/Assets/ClientData/Documents/Committees/Committee_Book_for_Shire_2021.pdf.

OFFICER COMMENT

The Acting Manager Development and Regulatory Services (aka Planning and Development) as the CEO's Representative in accordance with section 5.10(5) of

the *Local Government Act 1995* will act as the Presiding Member in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and preside over the meeting until the election of the Presiding Member has been completed.

If there is more than one nomination for either position, members are to vote on the matter by secret ballot as if they were electors voting at an election.

DECLARATION 1 – ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESIDING MEMBER

The EAC Elects as Presiding Member.

DECLARATION 2 – ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER

The EAC:

1. Elects as Deputy Presiding Member; OR
2. Elected to nominate a Deputy Presiding Member when the Presiding Member is not available.

J Hart nominated Cr P Hart as the Chairperson.

Cr P Hart accepted the nomination.

There being no further nomination Cr P Hart was declared the Presiding Member at 4.11pm, and assumed the Chair.

DECLARATION 1 – ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESIDING MEMBER

The EAC Elects Cr Hart as Presiding Member.

J Hart nominated B Foley as Deputy Presiding Member.

B Foley accepted the nomination.

There being no further nomination B Foley was declared the Deputy Presiding Member.

DECLARATION 2 – ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER

The EAC elects B Foley as Deputy Presiding Member.

1.2 Announcement of Visitors

1.2.1 Lot 107 Nockdomine Road Dumbarton Presentation	
Date of Report:	1 December 2021
File Reference:	Environmental Advisory Committee (COC14)
Author:	M Rebane – Executive Assistant
Responsible Officer:	H de Vos – Acting Manager Development and Regulatory Services
Attachments:	Nil

PURPOSE

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- Native vegetation and landscape;
- Biodiversity protection and enhancement;
- Environmental sustainability;
- Climate change impact adaptation and mitigation.

DECLARATION

H de Vos advised that Mr Von Perger was absent today due to illness however a presentation will be brought to a Council Forum after the Agenda Briefing in February 2022.

1.3 Record of Attendance and Apologies

Members

Cr P Hart	Elected Chair / Council Member
Cr R Madacsi	Council Member
Mrs J Hart	Community Member
Mr B Foley	Community Member

Staff

Mr H de Vos	A/Manager Development & Regulatory Services
Mr G Warburton	Reserves Management Officer
Mrs M Rebane	Executive Assistant

Apologies

Cr D Wrench	Council Member
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DECLARATION

Mrs E Hall is marked as an apology to this meeting, due to her invitation to attend not having been sent to her email.

Visitors

Nil

1.4 Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

2. MINUTES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/EAC RES. NO. 11/12/21

MOVED Cr R Madacsi

SECONDED J Hart

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 September 2021 be confirmed.

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

2.2 Review of Status Report

It was noted that the status report had nothing on it however through discussion it was updated.

2.3 Inward/Outward Correspondence

Nil

3. BUSINESS LEFT OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (if adjourned)

Nil.

4. OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 Lot 3 (No. 34) Stirling Terrace, Toodyay – Proposed removal of mature trees.

Date of Report:	30 November 2021
File Reference:	Environmental Advisory Committee (COC14)
Author:	H de Vos – Acting Manager Development and Regulatory Services
Responsible Officer:	H de Vos – Acting Manager Development and Regulatory Services
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Map – Lot 3 (No. 34) Stirling Terrace, Toodyay 2. Arborist Report

PURPOSE

To review a request from Cheryl Jean for permission to remove four (4) mature trees from her property at Lot 3 (No. 34) Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

BACKGROUND

Cheryl Jean has recently taken ownership of Lot 3 (No. 34) Stirling Terrace in Toodyay. This property was recently subdivided and the heritage building on the land is known as ‘The Ship’.

The property is also within the Roman Catholic Church Group which has been included in the State Register of Heritage Places (Place No. 4125) since 2019.

Ms Jean has approached the Shire of Toodyay seeking advice and possible permission to remove up to four (4) mature trees from the property.

The details of the trees are as follows:

Number	Species	Common Name	Location
1	<i>Corymbia citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented gum	Dwelling
2	<i>Corymbia citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented gum	Dwelling

Number	Species	Common Name	Location
3	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	River red gum	Dwelling / Driveway
4	<i>Eucalyptus sideroxylon</i>	Mugga ironbark	Tennis Court

For more details of the tree location, please refer to Attachment 1 – Map.

Ms Jean’s primary justification for the request is regarding safety and risk associated with the trees or branches falling – particularly the potential damage to the significant heritage structure.

The proposal was briefly discussed (informally) at the previous meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee in September 2021 where it was suggested that further advice be sought from the Heritage Council and that the Ms Jean engages an arborist to provide a report regarding the status of the trees.

CONSULTATION

Heritage Council of Western Australia

Advice was sought from the Heritage Council of Western Australia (HCWA) regarding the proposed tree removal in relation to the heritage significance of the place. The HCWA provided:

“The heritage buildings at the site are set in an open landscape setting with informal plantings and mature trees, of which the subject trees form part of. The trees fronting Stirling Street also screen the building, allowing only glimpses to the buildings behind.

The trees form an established setting for the heritage buildings, and we therefore would encourage the owner to retain and prune the trees if possible.”

Refer to the Report from Arborist.

OFFICER COMMENT

The principal consideration is any impact to the streetscape and character of the precinct and townsite in general - that may arise from the removal of one or more of these trees. Given their maturity and prominent location, any decision to remove should be backed up by demonstrated evidence that there is no other alternative solution.

Legal framework

This proposal is considered development in accordance with the definition provided under s. 4(c)(i) of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*:

development means the development or use of any land, including —

(c) in the case of a place to which a protection order made under the *Heritage Act 2018 Part 4 Division 1* applies, any act or thing that —

- i. is likely to change the character of that place or the external appearance of any building.

Therefore, a formal application will be required by Ms Jean, and Council will be guided inter alia, by advice given on the proposal from the Environmental Advisory Committee.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The EAC recommends to Council the following:

That Council:

1. Approves the application for the removal of the River Red Gum (Tree 3) as indicated in the attached plans.
2. Does not approve the removal of the Lemon-Scented Gums (Tree 1 & 2) and the Mugga ironbark.
3. Supports the remedial measures such as branch removal for Trees 1, 2 & 4 as indicated in the report from the arborist attached to this report.

Clarification was sought.

Typographical error noted between Points 1 and 3 of the recommendation in that Tree 4 (Mugga ironbark) should be the one that was removed and not Tree 3 (River red gum).

Cr Madacsi moved a motion as follows:

The EAC recommends to Council the following:

That Council:

1. **Approves the application for the removal of the Mugga ironbark (Tree 4) as indicated in the attached plans.**
2. **Does not approve the removal of the Lemon-Scented Gums (Tree 1 & 2) nor the removal of the River Red Gum (Tree 3).**
3. **Supports the remedial measures such as branch removal for Trees 1, 2 & 3 as indicated in the report from the arborist attached to this report.**

Further clarification was sought.

Cr Hart moved an amendment to the motion as follows:

That a new Point 4 be inserted to read as follows:

4. **Advises the applicant consider the replacement of Tree 4 with native hedging or another native species indigenous to the area.**

Cr Madacsi accepted the amendment to the substantive motion.

Further clarification was sought.

J Hart seconded the motion.

The motion was put.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/EAC RES. NO. 12/12/21

MOVED Cr R Madacsi

SECONDED J Hart

The EAC recommends to Council the following:

That Council:

1. Approves the application for the removal of the Mugga ironbark (Tree 4) as indicated in the attached plans.
2. Does not approve the removal of the Lemon-Scented Gums (Tree 1 & 2) nor the removal of the River Red Gum (Tree 3).
3. Supports the remedial measures such as branch removal for Trees 1, 2 & 3 as indicated in the report from the arborist attached to this report.
4. Advises the Applicant consider replacement of Tree 4 with native hedging or another native species indigenous to the area.

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

The Officer's Recommendation was amended through the amendment motion to fix typographical errors that had been noted.

4.2 Update on Community Verge Flora Survey

Date of Report:	1 December 2021
File Reference:	Environmental Advisory Committee (COC14)
Author:	H de Vos – Acting Manager Development and Regulatory Services
Responsible Officer:	H de Vos – Acting Manager Development and Regulatory Services
Attachments:	Nil

PURPOSE

To update the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) on the progress of the Community Verge Flora Survey.

BACKGROUND

At the June 2021 EAC meeting, the committee resolved:

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION/EAC RES. NO. 07/06/21

The Environmental Advisory Committee recommends to Council the following:

That Council:

1. Approves that the Environmental Advisory Committee will coordinate and run a staged community verge flora identification program by encouraging community participation through a variety of strategies that may include:
 - promotion through social media;
 - use of technology;
 - youth education and citizen science;
2. Endorses the objectives of the exercise and the expected outcomes of:
 - enhancement of verge protection,
 - improving the opportunity for flora-based tourism; and
 - creation of a database resource for the community and the Shire to support future development and protection of the environment.
2. Noting that:
 - (a) stage 1 will commence from August 2021; and
 - (b) updates be provided to Council through Council Forums.

This recommendation was subsequently adopted by the Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting in July 2021.

OFFICER COMMENT

Whilst there is clear enthusiasm and drive within the committee to see this important project carried out, after an initial flurry of activity, there has not been a significant change in the status to date.

Despite having a concerted campaign devised and other tools created to facilitate the progress of the survey, there has only been minimal uptake from the community.

Moving into summer, the peak flora observation period has passed and therefore there will be little opportunity to see any significant reporting until seasonal conditions improve in 2022.

It is recommended that the EAC use this hiatus in the project to do further preparation and refinement of the project and plan in order to resume the survey in autumn 2022.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The EAC recommends to Council the following:

That the EAC uses this hiatus in the Verge Flora project to do further preparation and refinement of the project and plan in order to resume the survey in autumn 2022

Clarification was sought.

Discussion ensued.

Cr Madacsi moved the Officer's Recommendation.

The motion was put.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/EAC RES. NO. 13/12/21

MOVED Cr R Madacsi

The EAC recommends to Council the following:

That the EAC uses this hiatus in the Verge Flora project to do further preparation and refinement of the project and plan in order to resume the survey in autumn 2022.

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

5. OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Feral Pigs initiative – ongoing and appreciation of updates on a regular basis to the Committee from the RMO.

6. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

The 2022 Schedule of meetings, commencing at 4.00pm and held on Wednesdays are below:

- 2 February 2022
- 4 May 2022
- 3 August 2022
- 3 November 2022

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 4.58pm.

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Meeting Date	Purpose	Resolution / Other Comment	Target date for completion	Actioned by	Completion Date	Meeting Commentary and record of Council Meeting Resolution No.
6/12/2021	<i>Status Report</i>	Acting Manager Development and Regulatory Services to liaise with Consultants engaged with respect to the Biodiversity Strategy.	By next meeting	AMDR	T.B.A.	
6/12/2021	Record of Attendance and Apologies	Mrs E Hall is marked as an apology to this meeting, due to her invitation to attend not having been sent to her email.	ASAP	EA	7/12/2021	Name and Email added to the Group and email sent to E Hall regarding the meeting (with the minutes attached).
6/12/2021	Lot 3 (No. 34) Stirling Terrace, Toodyay – Proposed removal of mature trees.	That Council: 1. Approves the application for the removal of the Mugga ironbark (Tree 4) as indicated in the attached plans. 2. Does not approve the removal of the Lemon-Scented Gums (Tree 1 & 2) nor the removal of the River Red Gum (Tree 3). 3. Supports the remedial measures such as branch removal for Trees 1, 2 & 3 as indicated in the report from the arborist attached to this report. 4. Advises the Applicant consider replacement of Tree 4 with native hedging or another native species indigenous to the area.	ASAP	AMDR	T.B.A.	

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6/12/2021	Update on Community Verge Flora Survey	That the EAC uses this hiatus in the Verge Flora project to do further preparation and refinement of the project and plan in order to resume the survey in autumn 2022.	ASAP	AMDR	T.B.A.	



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- Cadastre
- Main Roads**
 - Main, Sealed
- Minor Roads**
 - Minor, Sealed
 - Minor, Unsealed
- Others**
 - Other



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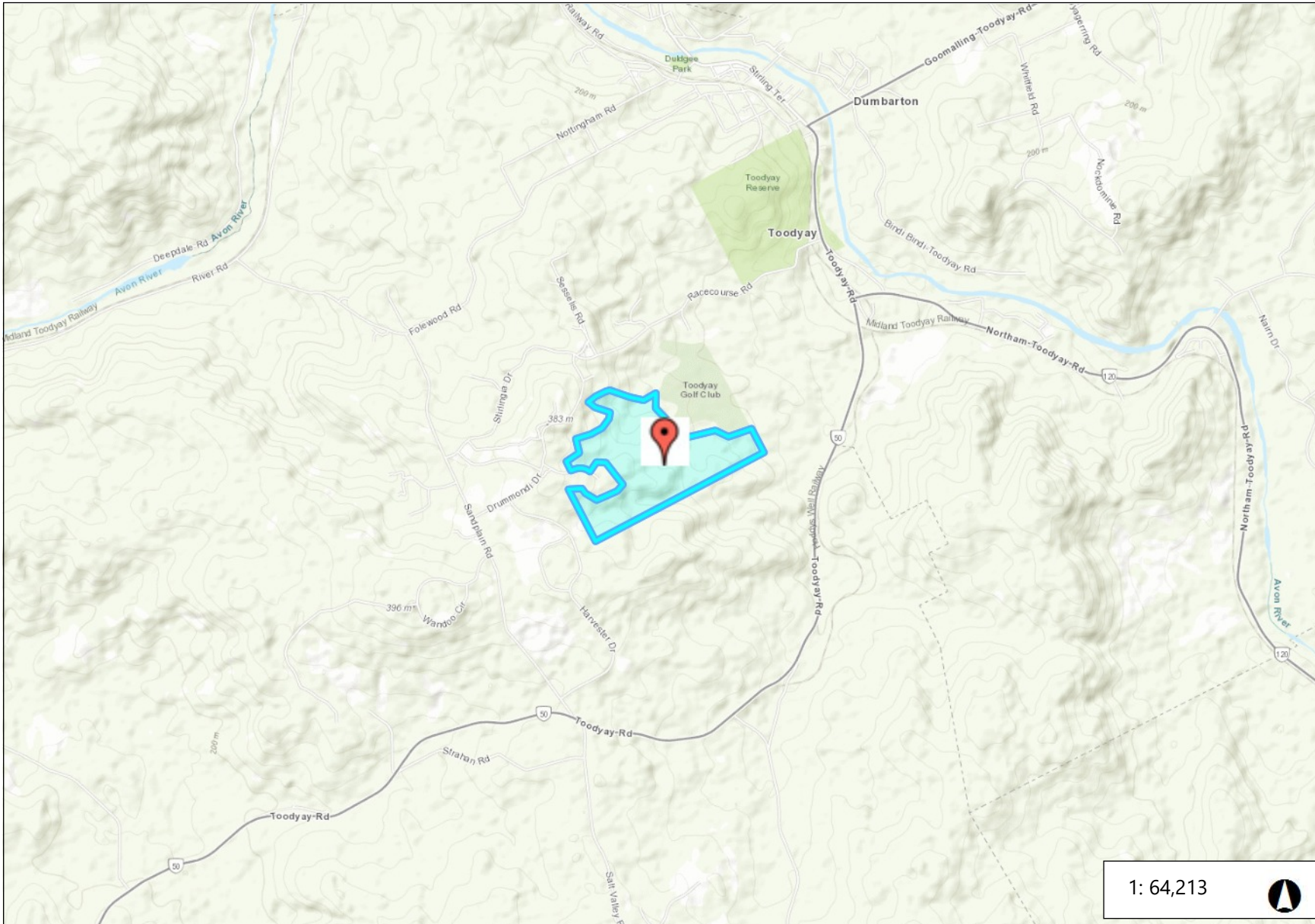
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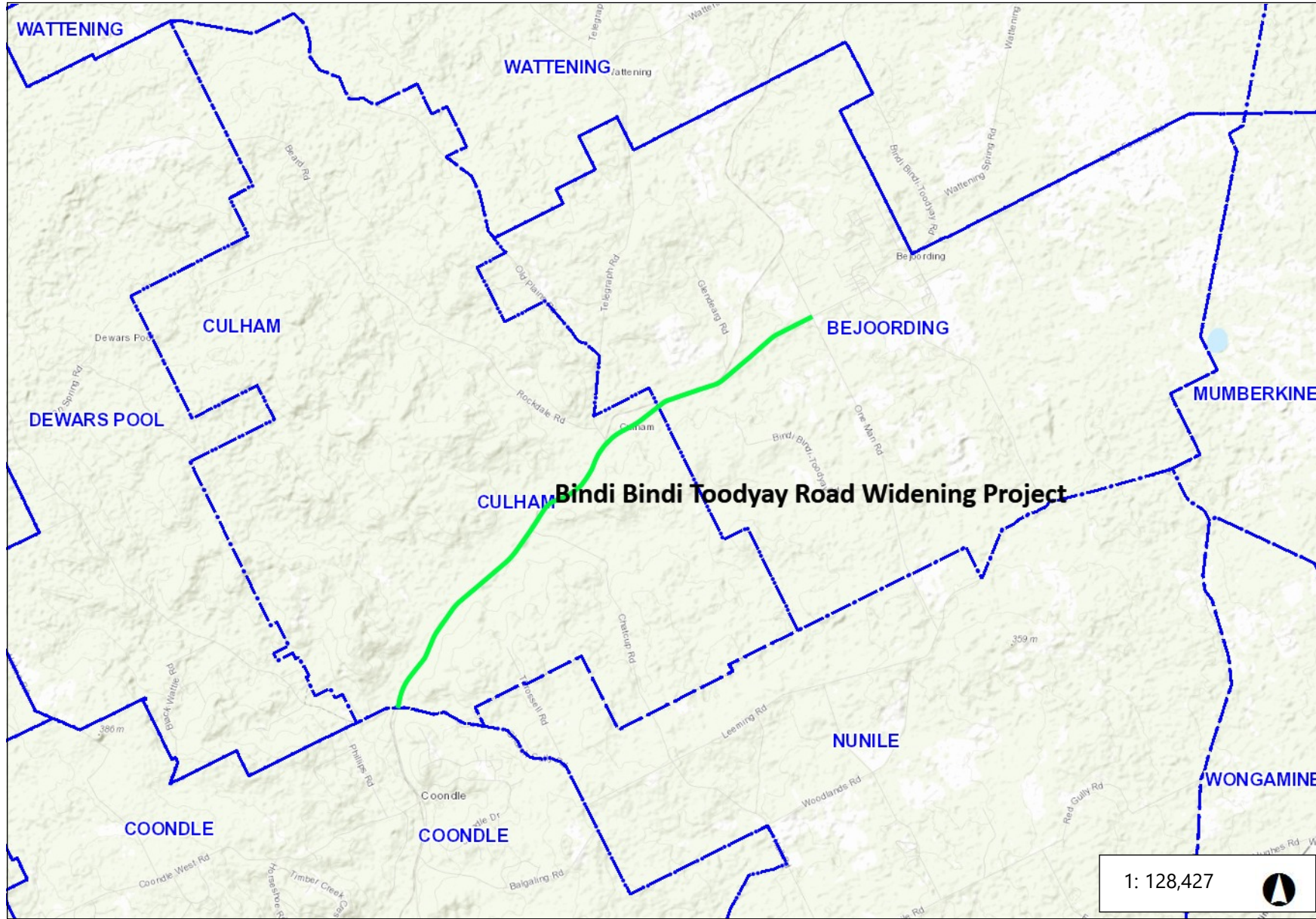
Bindi Bindi Toodyay Road Widening Project

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Main Roads

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