



Environment Advisory Committee Meeting

29 November 2023

Commencing at 4.00pm

AGENDA

The next Environment Advisory Committee Meeting will be held at the Shire of Toodyay Council Chambers, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay WA 6566 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

1.1 Election of a Chairperson

Date of Report:	24 November 2023
File Reference:	COC14
Author:	M Rebane – Executive Assistant
Responsible Officer:	H de Vos – Executive Manager Development and Regulation
Attachments:	Nil

PURPOSE

To elect the position of Presiding Member of the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC).

BACKGROUND

At an Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 November 2023, Council resolved to appoint membership to the committee (Resolution No. OCM282/10/23) as follows:

That Council:

1. Appoints the following Members to the Environmental Advisory Committee:
 - (a) Cr Madacsi
 - (b) Cr McCormick
2. Appoints the following Deputy Elected Members to the Environmental Advisory Committee:
 - (a) Cr Dival
 - (b) Cr Prater
3. Appoints the following Community Member to the Environmental Advisory Committee:
 - (a) Justin Von Perger
4. Requests the CEO update the Committee Book accordingly.

At the same meeting Council endorsed a Committee Book for the Shire of Toodyay.

Legal and Statutory Information

s.5.12 of the Local Government Act 1995.

COMMENTS AND DETAILS

The CEO or her representative will preside over the meeting until the election of the Presiding Member has been completed.

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

Section 5.12(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* states that members of a committee **may** elect a deputy presiding member from amongst themselves but any such election is to be in accordance with the Act.

A deputy chair has not been officially appointed before for the EAC therefore, it is not recommended at this stage, unless the committee decides otherwise.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION 1: DECLARATION – EAC PRESIDING MEMBER

That the Environment Advisory Committee elects Cr _____ as Presiding Member.

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**

Minutes of Meeting held on 2 August 2023

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting held on 2 August 2023 be confirmed.

2.2 REVIEW OF STATUS REPORT**2.2.1 Status Report and Minutes of previous meeting**

Attachments:	1. Extract of EAC Meeting Minutes from 2 August 2023; ↓
	2. EAC Status Report; and ↓
	3. Committee Member Reporting Form. ↓

The **extract** of the EAC Minutes from 2 August 2023 are provided for confirmation purposes.

The EAC Status report is provided for review.

The Committee Member Reporting Form is provided with this agenda, and separately via email for members to complete upon receipt of the Agenda for the committee meeting, and email completed forms to execsec@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Please note that once the meeting is held, the title of this report will change to say update of the Status Report, in the minutes of the meeting.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

Cr P Hart, Chairperson, declared the meeting open at 4.02pm.

1.1 ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

B Woodworth welcomed to the meeting.

1.2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIESMembers

Cr P Hart	Councillor (Chair)
Cr R Madacsi	Shire President
Cr S McCormick	Councillor
Cr D Wrench	Councillor (via zoom)
Mrs J Hart	Community Member
Mr J Von Perger	Community Member

Staff

Mr H de Vos	Executive Manager Development and Regulation
Mrs M Rebane	Executive Assistant
Mr G Warburton	Reserves Management Officer (<i>arrived at 4.11pm</i>).

Visitors

B Woodworth

Apologies

Mrs E Hall	Community Member
Mr B Foley	Community Member

1.3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The Chairperson advised that no disclosures of interest in the form of a written notice had been received prior to the commencement of the meeting.

2 MINUTES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**2.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Meeting held on 3 May 2023

OFFICER'S	RECOMMENDATION/EAC	RESOLUTION	NO.
EAC006/08/23			
MOVED	Cr R Madacsi		
That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 May 2023 be confirmed.			
MOTION CARRIED 6/0			

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2.2 REVIEW OF STATUS REPORT

2.2.1 Update of Status Report

Attachments:	1. Update of Status Report
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The Status Report was reviewed and updated.

2.3 INWARD/OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

2.3.1 Regenerative Agriculture and its opportunities/possibilities/policy challenges in Toodyay

Date of Report:	28 July 2023
Applicant or Proponent:	J Von Perger
File Reference:	COC14
Author:	M Rebane – Executive Assistant
Responsible Officer:	H de Vos – Acting CEO / Executive Manager Development and Regulation
Attachments:	Nil

Mr Justin Von Perger has teamed up with a recent Regenerative Agricultural Graduate, Bronwyn Woodworth, to present to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Mr G Warburton entered Council Chambers at 4.11pm.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/EAC RESOLUTION NO.EAC007/08/23

MOVED Cr R Madacsi

SECONDED Mrs J Hart

That the Environment Advisory Committee receives the presentation and notes there may be further opportunities to research this concept in terms of what we do as a Shire for the community.

Voted For: Crs P Hart, R Madacsi, S McCormick, J Hart and J Von Perger

Voted Against: Nil

Note: Cr Wrench was not on-line when the vote was taken.

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

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Attachments

- 1 Regenerative Agricultural Presentation

3 BUSINESS LEFT OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (IF ADJOURNED)

Nil.

4 OFFICER REPORTS**4.1 Status of Draft Local Biodiversity Strategy**

Date of Report:	28 July 2023
Applicant or Proponent:	Shire of Toodyay
File Reference:	COC14
Author:	H de Vos – Acting CEO / Executive Manager Development and Regulation
Responsible Officer:	H de Vos – Acting CEO / Executive Manager Development and Regulation
Previously Before Council:	3 August 2022
Author's Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Council's Role in the matter:	Review
Attachments:	Nil

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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.

COMMENTS AND DETAILS

This project has seen a positive development with the Shire submitting a grant funding application for the Local Biodiversity and Native Vegetation Management Project. This is a joint application with the Shire of Victoria Plains.

Specifically, the grant seeks funding for the preparation of a Local Biodiversity Strategy and the application is also to allocate funding for a shared Environmental Officer between the two Shires.

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It is recognised that considerable work was already performed on the draft local biodiversity strategy, however, the Shire has found that the consultants originally engaged no longer seem to want to work on the project.

Therefore, whilst there are additional delays with this new approach, it is seen as a good opportunity to have fresh eyes to look at the work and also an opportunity to align it with the recently adopted Council Plan.

The grant funding will be announced in early August and all work must be completed by November 2024.

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER**Consultative:**

The aim is to have a workable draft to then put out to the community and stakeholders in accordance with the Shire's recently adopted Community Consultation and Engagement Policy.

Strategic:**Shire of Toodyay Council Plan 2023 – 2033**

Planet: Our natural assets and ecosystems are being maintained and protected for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

Outcome 3. Our natural assets and ecosystems are being maintained and protected for future generations.

Shire of Toodyay Environmental Management Strategy 2015

The Local Biodiversity Strategy is a key objective of the EMS in order to:

- Protect, conserve and enhance biodiversity values in Toodyay;
- Actively manage threats to biodiversity values; and
- Recognise the importance of private land conservation.

Policy related:

Community Consultation and Engagement Policy.

Risk Management Policy

Financial:

Funds have been allocated in the budget to be used towards an environmental consultant.

Legal and Statutory:

Local Government Act 1995

Risk related:

The most significant risk the Shire of Toodyay faces by not having sound environmental stewardship of its lands is the uncontained, irreversible impact to the environment particularly with regards to loss of biodiversity which is considered to be a catastrophic impact. Given the issues of climate change, population growth and land clearing as well as a reduction in water resources, the negative impact on the environment is therefore considered likely. Together in accordance with the Shire's Risk Policy, the risk by not acting is extreme.

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Workforce related:

The strategy does take a moderate amount of officer time. With the reduction in staffing including the loss of the Environmental Officer position, this has meant that environmental matters have not been given the attention they truly deserve. The EAC should make a recommendation to Council to consider budget allocations for more staff resources for environmental matters.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

Note:

The Executive Manager Development and Regulation provided an overview in relation to the report at 4.08pm.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/EAC RESOLUTION NO. EAC008/08/23**MOVED** Mr J Von Perger**SECONDED** Mrs J Hart

That the Environment Advisory Committee recommends to Council the following:

That Council:

1. Notes the delays associated with the local Biodiversity Strategy;
2. Notes the significant progress made; and
3. Welcomes the submission made for grants funding to provide necessary resources to complete this important project.

MOTION CARRIED 6/0

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5 OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE**5.1 FERAL PIG MATTERS**

Cr Rosemary Madacsi provided an overview as follows:

- A meeting was called this month for the Toodyay Feral pig working group to present findings from Cairns to look at strategically managing the programme now that is managed by the Shire Rangers.
- Her attendance at the Cairns conference made it clear if we are not taking out 70% of the population we are failing.
- There is ongoing liaison with farmers occurring.

6 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held on 1 November 2023 commencing at 4.00pm.

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 5.24pm.

EAC STATUS REPORT
Environmental Advisory Committee

Supporting Officer
Manager Development & Regulation



Meeting Date	Purpose	Resolution / Other Comment	Target date for completion	Actioned by	Completion Date	Meeting Commentary and record of Council Meeting Resolution No.
02/08/2023	Regenerative Agriculture and its opportunities/possibilities/policy challenges in Toodyay	That the Environment Advisory Committee receives the presentation and notes there may be further opportunities to research this concept in terms of what we do as a Shire for the community.	Completed – Minutes provided to Council in August 2023	EA	Completed – Minutes provided to Council in August 2023	Completed – Minutes provided to Council in August 2023
02/08/2023	Status of Draft Local Biodiversity Strategy	That Council: 1. Notes the delays associated with the local Biodiversity Strategy; 2. Notes the significant progress made; and 3. Welcomes the submission made for grants funding to provide necessary resources to complete this important project.	Completed – Minutes provided to Council in August 2023	EA	Completed – Minutes provided to Council in August 2023	Completed – Minutes provided to Council in August 2023 (CRN: OCM191/08/23)



Committee Member Reporting form

Committee Member Details

Name(s): _____

Organisation representing
(if applicable): _____

Contact Details: Phone: _____ Email: _____

Request Details

☐ I request for the item noted below to be discussed at the next:

Committee Meeting: ☐ Audit & Risk Committee ☐ Bushfire Advisory Committee
(please tick) ☐ Environmental Advisory Committee ☐ Museum Advisory Committee
☐ Local Emergency Management Committee

Date of Committee Meeting: _____

Item Name: _____
(e.g. Subject, title or purpose).

Are you tabling attachments at the meeting? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Copy attached

Background Information OR if you only wish to ask questions please do so
(if not enough room please use reverse side of this page)

Proposed recommendation required? ☐ Yes ☐ No *write some wording below*



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☐ Officer Received

☐ Council approved

Resolution Number: _____

☐ Report minuted

2.3 INWARD/OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

3 BUSINESS LEFT OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (IF ADJOURNED)

Nil.

4 OFFICER REPORTS

Nil.

5 OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE**6 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Environment Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held on commencing at .

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairperson will close the meeting.