



**City of Belmont**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE (ENVIRONMENTAL)**  
**MINUTES**  
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**\*\*\* COUNCILLORS ARE REMINDED TO RETAIN THEIR ATTACHMENTS FOR DISCUSSION  
WITH THE MINUTES \*\*\***

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE (ENVIRONMENTAL) MEETING HELD IN  
THE RIVERVALE ROOM, CITY OF BELMONT CIVIC CENTRE, 215 WRIGHT STREET,  
CLOVERDALE ON MONDAY, 19 MARCH 2018 COMMENCING AT 6.30PM.**

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**MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

Cr S Wolff (Presiding Member)	South Ward
Cr B Ryan (Deputy Presiding Member)	East Ward
Cr P Marks, (Ex Officio)	East Ward
Cr L Cayoun ( <i>arr 6.32pm</i> )	West Ward

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr J Christie	Chief Executive Officer
Mr R Lutey	Director Technical Services
Mr W Stephens	Manager Parks and Environment
Ms N Davey	Coordinator Environment
Ms S D'Agnone	Governance Officer

**OBSERVERS**

Cr R Rossi, JP, Deputy Mayor	West Ward
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**1. OFFICIAL OPENING**

**6.30pm** The Presiding Member welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open.

The Presiding Member read the Acknowledgement of Country.

*It is important that we acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting today the Noongar Whadjuk people and pay respect to Elders both past and present.*

**2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST THAT MIGHT CAUSE A CONFLICT**

**3.1 FINANCIAL INTERESTS**

Nil.

**3.2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST THAT MAY AFFECT IMPARTIALITY**

Nil.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)**

**4.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil.

**4.2 DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION TO ALL MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE BUSINESS PAPERS PRESENTLY BEFORE THE MEETING**

Nil.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**5.1 STANDING COMMITTEE (ENVIRONMENTAL) MEETING HELD 20 NOVEMBER 2017  
(Circulated under separate cover)**

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**MARKS MOVED, ROSSI SECONDED,**

*That the Minutes of the Standing Committee (Environmental) Meeting held 20 November 2017 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

**CARRIED 4 VOTES TO 0**

Note:

Cr Rossi seconded as proxy for Cr Cayoun who was yet to arrive.

6.31pm Cr Rossi departed the meeting.

6.32pm Cr Rossi and Cr Cayoun entered the meeting.

**6. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS ON WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN  
(WITHOUT DISCUSSION)**

Nil.

**7. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY PERSON  
PRESIDING OR BY DECISION**

Nil.

**8. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Nil.

**9. BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING**

Nil.

## 10. INFORMATION ITEMS

### 10.1 PROGRESS OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY AND TRAVELSMART PLAN IMPLEMENTATION: NOVEMBER 2017 - FEBRUARY 2018

#### ATTACHMENT DETAILS

<u>Attachment No</u>	<u>Details</u>
Attachment 1 – Item 10.1 refers	<a href="#"><u>Environment and Sustainability Strategy Progress – Actions Implemented November 2017 to February 2018</u></a>
Attachment 2 – Item 10.1 refers	<a href="#"><u>TravelSmart Report – November 2017 to February 2018</u></a>

The Coordinator Environment provided updates on progress towards the implementation of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy and TravelSmart Plan, outlining activities undertaken since the Standing Committee (Environmental) meeting on 20 November 2017 (refer [Attachment 1](#) and [Attachment 2](#)).

#### Committee Notes

A series of questions were asked and responded to as follows:

- Some Councillors have opted out of receiving paper copies of their meeting documents which has resulted in a 66% reduction in meeting paper usage in 2017 (26,053 sheets versus 77,508). This equates to 103 reams of paper and a cost saving of \$6,586.
- Environmental considerations relating to a new residential development at 2 Ford Street, Ascot included referring the development to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA). The property boundary extends to the high water mark.
- If a service station ceases operations, soil is tested for contamination, however the extent of contamination cannot be ascertained until after the premises have been vacated.
- Inspections of the stormwater network have uncovered a stormwater connection from a premises that is being discharged without approval into a Water Corporation sump.
- A group of chickens found at Tomato Lake were the result of a one off dumping and have now all been captured and removed.
- There are not large numbers of domestic ducks at Tomato Lake.
- The Executive Leadership Team is currently in the process of addressing the many conflicting issues at Hilton Grove Reserve. Councillors will be provided with an update in due course.
- Stable renewal licences are issued with an accompanying letter containing information relating to water quality.

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- Solar panels were installed at the Belmont Sports and Recreation Club (BSRC) in July 2017. As the Club receive their accounts directly, the City is not aware of the savings following the installation of the panels.
- The Coordinator Environment undertook to confirm with the City's Building Operations Department that the solar panels at BSRC are fully operational.
- Current flood modelling indicates that a 1:100 year flooding event would inundate some of the low lying land in Ascot Waters and roads would be covered with water, however the houses would be above the water level.
- The Surrey Road Bike Boulevard is in its early stages of construction and assessments of bike use prior to completion have been carried out through the Super Tuesday Bike Count.
- The City has signed the EMRC Participants Agreement for Waste Supply. The Town of Bassendean and the City of Bayswater have withdrawn from the agreement, however this will not have an impact on the City of Belmont. The tenderer is now required to obtain a financial close, which can be expected to take up to one year.
- As the Town of Bassendean and the City of Bayswater have withdrawn from the agreement they will not be permitted to use the Resource Recovery Facility.
- Traffic counts do not include bicycles. Bicycles require a visual count. Until the Bike Boulevard is fully completed, including signage, it is not possible to ascertain the effect on bicycle numbers.
- It is proposed that vertical posts with reflectors will be installed in islands along the entire Bike Boulevard to ensure night time visibility in slow points.
- The Bike Boulevard is currently completed from Great Eastern Highway to Francisco Street. The City is working with MRWA to finalise design and line marking that satisfies the requirements for both authorities. MRWA are reluctant to erect 30kph speed signs at this time, however it is hoped that when the Bike Boulevard is complete, all appropriate signage will be erected and the road safety will increase for all users.
- Mercury Street at the Orrong Road end is included in the 2018 winter tree planting program.

## 10.2 FORESHORE UPDATE

### ATTACHMENT DETAILS

<u>Attachment No</u>	<u>Details</u>
<b>Tabled Attachment 1 – Item 10.2 refers</b>	<a href="#"><u>Foreshore Update Presentation</u></a>

The Coordinator Environment provided an update on future foreshore stabilisation and enhancement projects and priorities for foreshore management.

### Committee Notes

The Foreshore Upgrade Presentation included the following:

- Environmental Observance Dates
- Foreshore Management
- 2017/2018 Completed Stabilisation
- Erosion Assessment: Urgent, High Priority Stabilisation Sites
- Longer Term Foreshore Enhancement Projects
- Section 2
- Garvey Park Section 2 – Progress Update
- Other Considerations – Garvey Park/Ashfield River Use

(Refer [Tabled Attachment 1](#) for further information).

A series of questions were asked and responded to as follows:

- The proposal to amend vesting at Ascot Waters encompasses properties up to the channel and a portion of lots on the eastern side of the channel.
- Approximately 30% of the foreshore adjacent Ascot Racecourse has been stabilised. Not all the remaining foreshore requires stabilisation.
- The City's website has a section for works completed this year, however it does not include photos.
- Stabilisation using rock structures can often accelerate erosion on either side of the structure.
- The owners adjacent to 85A and 87A Fauntleroy Avenue have engaged the services of a Coastal Engineer. Tree roots are currently holding the bank together at this location however this is likely to eventually collapse.
- The proposed Garvey Park jetty would be floating with supporting pilings, similar to the Ascot Waters Marina jetties.
- The existing jetty would be removed if a new jetty was constructed.
- Other areas for the jetty were considered, however the proposed jetty site is considered the optimum location. This is due to water depth restrictions.
- The short jetty option would not allow boats to moor, however the moderate and long jetty options would allow for this.

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- Smaller boats often pull up onto the beaches of the river.
- None of the jetty options would be strong enough to moor a large boat, for example a ferry.
- Community consultation indicated some public opposition to mooring of motorised vessels on the jetty and this must be a consideration.
- The Garvey Park café owners are in favour of a new jetty for boats.
- The Coordinator Environment undertook to resend the summary of outcomes of community consultation to Councillors.
- The Ascot Kayak Club would prefer no boat access due to the perception of conflict between boats and kayakers.
- Construction of a jetty would require Department of Transport and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions approval.
- The Coordinator Environment is aware of Councillors' concerns regarding the new jetty project and undertook to ensure an update is provided to Councillors at the next Standing Committee (Environmental) meeting.
- Meetings have been held with the Ascot Kayak Club (AKC) and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) to discuss the slalom course. The City has lodged a permit application to DBCA on behalf of the AKC to undertake geotechnical sampling for the slalom course, and is awaiting their approval. Advice has also been sought from the Whajuk Working Party on approvals required through the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*.
- The clay pits are subject to further detailed design, with the Garvey Park Landscape Masterplan proposing installation of walkways and boardwalks.
- The Garvey Park bitumen carpark currently stops at the garden beds however it is proposed that it will double in size. Parking will be prohibited in areas with vegetation.
- Ron Courtney Island is the only piece of land vested with the Swan River Trust for them to manage.
- The channel was constructed to allow boats to access the southern side of the island.
- Horses are permitted to be exercised in the waterlogged section of the park but not in irrigated areas. They do not cause any real damage and manure is not an issue.
- Trees on the foreshore adjacent Matheson Road subdivision are part of the foreshore reserve and will be retained.

**11 ITEMS REQUIRING RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

**11.1 ANNUAL REVIEW OF CITY OF BELMONT ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY**

**NATURAL BELMONT**

**ATTACHMENT DETAILS**

<b><u>Attachment No</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>
Attachment 3 – Item 11.1 refers	<a href="#">List of proposed changes to Environment and Sustainability Strategy</a>
Attachment 4 – Item 11.1 refers	<a href="#">Proposed changes to Environment and Sustainability Strategy – With Track Changes</a>
Attachment 5 – Item 11.1 refers	<a href="#">Revised Environment and Sustainability Strategy (2018 version)</a>
Attachment 6 – Item 11.1 refers	<a href="#">Revised Environment and Sustainability Policy (Council Policy NB3)</a>
Tabled Attachment 2 – Item 11.1 refers	<a href="#">2018 Minor Annual Review – Environment and Sustainability Strategy Presentation</a>

Voting Requirement : Simple Majority  
Subject Index : 20/003: Environment Plan  
Location/Property Index : N/A  
Application Index : N/A  
Disclosure of any Interest : Nil.  
Previous Items : 26 April 2017 OCM – Item 12.4  
Applicant : N/A  
Owner : N/A  
Responsible Division : Technical Services

**COUNCIL ROLE**

- Advocacy** *When Council advocates on its own behalf or on behalf of its community to another level of government/body/agency.*
- Executive** *The substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council eg adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets.*
- Legislative** *Includes adopting local laws, local planning schemes and policies.*
- Review** *When Council reviews decisions made by Officers.*
- Quasi-Judicial** *When Council determines an application/matter that directly affect a person's right and interests. The judicial character arises from the obligation to abide by the principles of natural justice. Examples of quasi-judicial authority include local planning applications, building licences, applications for other permits/licences (eg under Health Act, Dog Act or Local Laws) and other decisions that may be appealable to the State Administrative Tribunal.*

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To present the revised City of Belmont Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021 (2018 version) and Environment and Sustainability Policy (Council Policy NB3) to Council for endorsement.

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### **SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES**

Recommended changes to the Environment and Sustainability Strategy have been identified, relating to:

- Update to background information
- Deletion of actions from the “New Action” tables that have been completed
- Deletion of ongoing actions that are no longer implemented
- Addition of new actions or rewording of existing actions
- Alteration to timeframes, priority and/ or responsible officer.

Amendments to the Environment and Sustainability Policy (Council Policy NB3) are also proposed, to reflect the new requirements of the ISO 14001: 2015 standard to consider a life cycle perspective.

For Council to consider the amendments and endorse the City of Belmont Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021 (2018 version) (refer [Attachment 5](#)) and the Environment and Sustainability Policy (Council Policy NB3) (refer [Attachment 6](#)), to take effect from 1 July 2018.

### **LOCATION**

Not Applicable.

### **CONSULTATION**

Councillors were invited to contribute towards the minor annual review of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy in a Memorandum uploaded on the Councillor Portal on 14 February 2018. A response has been provided to Councillors who provided suggestions.

The EMRC’s Environmental Services team also contributed to the review.

### **STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

In accordance with the Strategic Community Plan Key Result Area: Natural Belmont.

**Objective:** Protect and enhance our natural environment

**Strategy:** Ensure the City has policies and practices that safeguard and enhance the natural environment.

**Corporate Key Action:** 212: Conduct annual review of the City of Belmont’s Environmental and Sustainability Policy and Strategy

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The Environment and Sustainability Policy (Council Policy NB3) states that the City of Belmont will develop, implement and regularly review an organisation-wide Environment and Sustainability Strategy.

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Changes are proposed to the Policy to reflect requirements of the new ISO 14001: 2015 standard to consider life cycle impacts. Specifically, inclusion of:

- A new policy statement that the City is committed to considering lifecycle impacts and minimising single use disposable plastics
- Procurement as one of the aspects for which environmental implications are considered
- Council Policy NB1 Environmental Purchasing as a Reference/ Associated Document.

### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

There are no specific statutory requirements in respect to this matter.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Belmont Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021 was endorsed by Council on 27 July 2016 and provides strategic direction for environmental activities throughout the City.

As per the 'Environment and Sustainability Policy' (Council Policy NB3), the City is committed to the development, implementation and regular review of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy. Annual review of the Strategy is undertaken prior to preparation of the budget each year.

A review of the Environment and Sustainability Policy (Council Policy NB3) has also been undertaken, against the new requirements of the ISO 14001:2015 standard to consider a life cycle perspective.

### **OFFICER COMMENT**

Recommended changes to the Environment and Sustainability Strategy have been identified, relating to:

- Update to background information
- Deletion of actions from the "New Action" tables that have been completed
- Deletion of ongoing actions that are no longer implemented
- Addition of new actions or rewording of existing actions
- Alteration to timeframes, priority and/ or responsible officer.

Councillors were invited to contribute towards minor annual review of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy in a Memorandum uploaded on the Councillor Portal on 14 February 2018. A response has been provided to Councillors who provided suggestions.

The proposed changes, as outlined in [Attachment 3](#) and [Attachment 4](#), are presented to the Standing Committee (Environmental) for comment, prior to referral of the updated Environment and Sustainability Strategy and Environment and Sustainability Policy (NB3) to Council for endorsement.

Comments have been included in [Attachment 4](#) providing an explanation of changes required.

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The key proposed changes include:

- Amendments to Environment and Sustainability Policy (Council Policy NB3) to reflect requirements of the new ISO 14001: 2015 standard to consider life cycle impacts
- Expansion of the definition of the City's significant environmental aspects to include those associated with commitments of the Environment and Sustainability Policy
- Deletion of ongoing action : 'Organise an annual 'Carbon Plus' staff tree planting day, with the number of trees planted to sequester the equivalent amount of carbon generated annually as a result of the City's light vehicle fleet emissions'. Due to unavailability of a planting site suitable to accommodate the required number of trees, this has not occurred since 2015. This action will be replaced with an action to offset the City's light vehicle fleet emissions through purchase of "Gold Standard" carbon offsets certified under the National Carbon Offset Standard
- Modification to existing ongoing actions:
  - Removal of the City of Belmont Environmental Achievers Program for Business and associated recognition event. The City will instead nominate local businesses demonstrating significant environmental achievements for recognition through Switch your thinking's Switched on Business program and the EMRC's Business Exemplar Project
  - Change to the electricity sites for which 25% renewable energy or equivalent in "Gold standard" carbon offsets is purchased, from the top five highest consuming sites to contestable sites
  - Inclusion of the City's light vehicle fleet as an emissions source that will be fully offset through purchase of "Gold Standard" carbon offsets certified under the National Carbon Offset Standard
- Inclusion of following new actions:
  - 1.2 At time of next review of Policy NB1 Environmental Purchasing, investigate additional provisions to support reduction in single use disposable plastics and make reference to consideration of the life cycle impacts of procurement
  - 1.3 Contribute towards review of the City's Local Planning Scheme, particularly the Environmental Strategy Supporting Document and consider relevance of inclusion of the UN Sustainable Development Goals
  - 2.2 Provide information to assist local businesses and residents to adapt following introduction of the Plastic Bag ban, and promote further reduction of single use disposable plastics
  - 2.3 Participate in EMRC's Bush Skills 4 Youth Program
  - 5.6 Consider relevance and benefits of evaluating the City against sustainability frameworks such as the CRC for Water Sensitive Cities Index
  - 5.7 Develop an Environmental Sustainability events checklist to assist City staff when planning and delivering events on behalf of the City
  - 5.8 Implement actions and submit for Gold Standard Waterwise Council recognition
  - 6.3 Consider WALGA's revised Climate Change Policy Statement in annual review of the Council Policy Manual
  - 6.4 Consider WALGA's Discussion Paper on Divestment in Fossil Fuels: Opportunities for Local Governments at time of next review of Policy BEXB 35 Investment of Funds
  - Revision of action 3.9 from the 'New Action' table, to include establishment of a local law to enable financial penalties for removal or damage to street trees, rather than investigation only

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- Modifications to goals for waste reduction to:
  - Reduce the quantity (by weight and volume) of single use disposable plastics in the Civic Centre general waste (landfill).

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The estimated cost of implementing individual new actions is documented in each Chapter of Part II of the Strategy (refer [Attachment 4](#) and [Attachment 5](#)).

The only additional direct financial cost is associated with proposed new action 2.3 'Participate in EMRC's Bush Skills 4 Youth Program'. This involves a cost of \$3,500 in 2018-2019 and \$7,000 (plus CPI) per annum thereafter.

The cost of implementing all remaining actions, both ongoing and new, is included in existing maintenance, capital renewal/upgrade or operating budgets, or is accounted for in the Corporate Business Plan.

A significant but unquantified cost is related to officer time, which involves not only the activities of Environment Section staff, but also those identified as responsible officers.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Continuous improvement through annual review of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy will assist the City's ability to protect and enhance the natural environment.

### **SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Environment and Sustainability Strategy is anticipated to result in a beneficial social impact, particularly via the 'Community Awareness, Engagement and Behaviour Change' theme, which aims to:

*"engage with the wider Belmont residential and business community to promote and encourage involvement in environmental programmes, sustainable behaviour change and minimise risk of pollution incidence".*

### **Committee Notes**

The 2018 Minor Annual Review – Environment and Sustainability Strategy Presentation included the following:

- 2018 Minor Annual Review – Environment and Sustainability Strategy
- Timeline
- Changes – General
- Changes – Environment and Sustainability Policy (NB3)
- Changes Arising from Councillor Suggestions
- Plastic Does Not Go Away
- Modification of Existing Ongoing Actions
- Proposed New Actions
- Sustainable Development Goals

(Refer [Tabled Attachment 2](#) for further information)

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A series of questions were asked and responded to as follows:

- A great deal of environmental education is carried out at a regional level. The City also does a great deal of promotion to local schools and residents of all ages.
- The City supports Clean Up Australia Day by approaching businesses, providing bags and gloves and collecting rubbish after the event.
- The City provides a great deal of support to environmental projects.
- In the past two years, one day's worth of waste at the Civic Centre has been assessed. The waste is manually sorted, classified and weighed.
- Belmont Forum Centre Management are planning to reinstate the recycling station which was removed during renovations. The new Coles provides REDcycle soft plastics recycling collection.
- Due to no suitable planting sites in the City to accommodate the required number of trees, in 2017 offsets were purchased from Carbon Neutral with trees planted at the Yarra Yarra Biodiversity Corridor through generally degraded farm land in the mid-west of Western Australia. These landowners enter into an agreement where trees are maintained for 100 years.
- The Carbon Plus planting requires 4000m<sup>2</sup> of land to be planted annually, which the City cannot provide. This would comprise 2,000 trees and 2,000 understory plants to be maintained for 30 years.
- The vehicle fleet emissions are separate to the City's street tree planting program and will not impact verge tree planting.
- There is no land available in Belmont to plant 4,000 plants per year for offsetting fleet vehicle emissions and Officers have found what they consider to be a reasonable alternative, noting that the positive impact on the environment will be the same wherever the planting is done.
- Should Council disagree with the proposal to offset the City's light vehicle fleet emissions, the relevant action can be amended through modifications to the Strategy to remove references to this activity.
- Bush Skills 4 Youth is a program that works with schools and The Base to organise educational activities for youth, including excursions to natural areas.
- It is anticipated that the City will be able to achieve Gold Standard Waterwise Council recognition within three years.
- Divestment of Fossil Fuels in relation to the City's funds, involves investigating banks and financial institutions to determine whether they invest in fossil fuels.
- The City has the authority to infringe residents for damage to or removal of a tree. The penalty is \$5,000, however the *Local Government Act 1995* states that Councils can only charge a modified penalty of 10% of this amount or \$500. If for example a tree was worth \$20,000, the infringement is not considered a strong deterrent.

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- All City street trees have been recorded and valued. A range of options can be explored and included in a local law and a maximum fee limit of up to \$25,000 (say) or the full valuation of the tree could be set.
- Suppliers offer rebates on various energy efficient, Waterwise and sustainable products. Logistically, it would not be possible for the City to offer a 'top up' of these rebates.
- The City runs gardening and sustainability workshops for residents with tips and information on how to improve biodiversity. It provides residents with information on local plants and what to plant to encourage biodiversity in the garden.
- Bird and fauna attracting workshops are being considered.
- The City's workshops are taken up by a large number of motivated residents and are considered the most effective way to engage as many residents as possible. The Great Gardens Workshops attracts up to 100 participants.
- Signs at key parks will be managed under the Signage Strategy for Public Open Space. In this way there will be a consistent approach to signage across the City.
- Public place recycling trials conducted outside the City have been consistently unsuccessful. People in public places are often not as diligent as they should be and waste is often disposed of in the incorrect bin. Recycled items cannot be washed in public places and often still have food waste on them.
- The City currently facilitates a number of waste education programs.
- Cleanaway charges the City per bin lift, whether it is normal waste or recycling, therefore recycling bins in parks would incur a significant additional cost. Significantly contaminated recycling loads from park bins would go to landfill.
- Providing recycling bins in public places with the expectation that they will become contaminated and then automatically sending them to landfill is a negative message to the public.
- The City provides recycling bins for major events.
- Recycling bins in public places will require double the number of trucks and double the number of lifts, with a potential final result that all waste would end up in landfill.
- The matter of incorporating rainwater harvesting into new Council buildings has been presented to the Standing Committee (Environmental) previously. With Perth's rainfall predominantly in winter and the low cost of scheme water, the cost of rainwater harvesting is considerably high in comparison to the amount of water saved. Greater benefits for the City would be to invest in water saving fittings for its buildings.
- The Urban Forest Strategy will include investigations for retention of trees, and planting incentives.
- Planting fruit trees in public spaces is possible however a policy is required to be formulated to support this initiative. Officers are currently working on verge local laws and supporting guidelines to present to Council.

- Planting fruit trees in public places can have drawbacks, for example fruit fly, ongoing maintenance, volunteers to harvest the fruit, volunteers to clean up fallen fruit, as well as people picking rotten fruit and eating it which could be an insurance issue.
- The Manager Parks and Environment undertook to include reference to edible verge gardens in an action within the 'New Actions' table in the Environment and Sustainability Strategy.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**MARKS MOVED, CAYOUN SECONDED.**

***That Council endorse the City of Belmont Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021 (2018 version) ([Attachment 5](#)) and the Environment and Sustainability Policy (Council Policy NB3) ([Attachment 6](#)), to take effect from 1 July 2018.***

**CARRIED 4 VOTES TO 0**

**12 REGISTER UPDATE OF ITEMS**

Officer responses to the *Register Update of Items* from the Environment Committee meeting on 20 November 2018 are listed below.

<b>Date Submitted</b>	<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Item Heading</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Officer Comment</b>
14.11.16	10.1	Progress of Environment and Sustainability Strategy and TravelSmart Plan Implementation	Environmental Officer	The Director Technical Services undertook to arrange an article to be included in the Belmont Bulletin advising residents of the Waterwise demonstration verge at Miles Park. <i>An article on the Miles Park Demonstration Verge (installed several years ago), is considered a lower priority for publication in the Belmont Bulletin in comparison to new or recent activities.</i> <b>Completed.</b>
14.11.16	10.2	City of Stirling-Tree Protection and Retention-Private Land and Verges	Manager Parks and Environment	A draft of the Canopy Plan will be presented to an Information Forum to inform all Councillors.
20.03.2017	11.1	Annual Review of City of Belmont Environment and Sustainability Strategy	Coordinator Environment	Flora Surveys - Officers will investigate the possibility of partnering with universities to undertake these surveys. <i>Position of volunteer botanist advertised in December 2017 and university graduate recruited in February 2018.</i> <b>Completed.</b>

18.09.17	10.4	Environment and Sustainability Strategy Indicators	Coordinator Environment	The Coordinator Environment undertook to investigate how many stencilled 'Let Nature Feed Itself' signs are at Tomato Lake and consider installing more. <i>Memorandum uploaded to Councillor Portal on 21 February 2018.</i> <b>Completed.</b>
20.11.17	10.1		Coordinator Environment	The Coordinator Environment undertook to confirm accuracy of Ibis and nest numbers from a recent count undertaken at Tomato Lake. <i>Memorandum uploaded to Councillor Portal on 1 December 2017.</i> <b>Completed.</b>
20.11.17			Manager Parks and Environment	The Manager Parks and Environment undertook to provide an update on foreshore stabilisation works at the next available Information Forum. <i>As advised in a Memorandum to Councillors uploaded on the Portal 1 December 2017, this will be presented to the Standing Committee (Environmental) rather than an Information Forum. Refer Item 10.2.</i>
20.11.17			TravelSmart Officer	The assessment period ends on 8 December 2017. If the service does not continue in 2018, there will be a notification period, advising users of the service and businesses in the area that the service will cease in 2018. This information will be provided to Council via a memorandum. <i>Memorandum uploaded to Councillor Portal on 22 February 2018.</i> <b>Completed.</b>
20.11.17			Manager Parks and Environment	The Manager Parks and Environment undertook to provide further information on signage and planting in chicanes on the Bike Boulevard, and to investigate if the chicanes will be painted white for visibility. <i>Memorandum uploaded to Councillor Portal on 21 February 2018.</i> <b>Completed.</b>

**13 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Standing Committee (Environmental) will be held on Monday 25 June 2018 commencing at 6.30pm.

**14 CLOSURE**

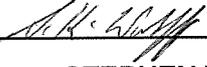
**There being no further business the Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.39pm.**

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**MINUTES CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned certifies that these minutes of the Standing Committee (Environmental) Meeting held on 19 March 2018 were confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Standing Committee (Environmental) Meeting held 25 July 2018:

Signed by the Person Presiding:  \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT name of the Person Presiding: **STEPHEN WOLFF**

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