



## SUSTAINABILITY TASKFORCE

### MINUTES

Tuesday 8 September 2020

6.30pm – 8.30pm meeting

1.	<p><b>Settle with tech, welcome and outline of how we will conduct the meeting.</b>  <b>Present:</b> Graham McCusker, Julie Law, Frances Evans, Lelsey Kubalsky, Monyq San Tropez, Arjumand Khan, Helen Franks, John Blight, David Hitzler, Yvonne Ching, Michelle Savona, Belinda Barrie,          Cr Jodi Jackson, Cr Drew Jessop, Bernadette Thomas, Liz Turner.  <b>Apologies and Leave of Absences:</b> Ian Taylor, Navjeet Kaur, Denise Dogan</p>	<p><b>Zoom meeting invite sent via email.</b> 6.25pm – log in slightly early to help us all get settled on time.</p>
2.	<p><b>Meeting open</b>          Protocols group agreement</p>	<p><b>Cr Jodi Jackson, Chair</b>          6.30pm – 6.40pm</p>
3.	<p><b>Acknowledgement of country</b></p>	<p><b>Cr Jackson</b></p>
4.	<p><b>Conflict of Interest Statement</b>          Members are required to disclose any conflict of interest immediately before consideration or discussion of the relevant item. Members are then required to leave the meeting during discussion and not vote on the item.</p>	<p><b>Cr Jackson</b></p>
5.	<p><b>Confirmation of previous minutes, 28 July</b>          (as circulated)          Motion raised by Graham McCusker to accept the minutes as written.          Seconded by Helen Franks          Passed unanimously</p>	<p><b>6.35pm – 6.40pm</b>          40 minutes</p>
6.	<p><b>Carole Wilkinson and David Spratt joined the meeting</b>  <b>Carole Wilkinson, Yarra Climate Action Now (YCAN)</b>          How have they achieved what they have achieved to date?</p>	<p><b>6.40 – 6.50pm</b></p>
7.	<p><b>David Spratt, Breakthrough National Centre for Climate Restoration</b>          How governments can be better prepared for emergencies such as covid 19 and climatic events. How emergencies effect vulnerable community members.           Questions attached in zoom chat file.</p>	<p><b>6.50 – 7.10pm presentation</b>  <b>7.10 – 7.40pm Discussion</b></p>

8.	<p><b>draft Sustainability Report update</b> Email to Michelle</p>	7.40 pm – 7.45pm
9.	<p><b>Expressions of Interest for 2020-2021</b> Members required to submit new Expression of Interest form for membership 2021 – 2022 have been emailed the form. Please return to Liz by 21 September.</p>	7.45 – 7.50pm
10.	<p><b>Terms of Reference</b> Discussion re ensuring that local advocacy groups are directly asked to pass on nomination forms to members, and that the Terms of Reference acknowledge the important role of local advocacy groups.</p> <p>Discussion of strengthening wording to ensuring the Taskforce is explicitly inclusive of people with differing abilities and that Council will provide reasonable accommodations to support participation.</p> <p>Discussion of s3F stating “members remain on the Taskforce at the discretion of Council”. Should this wording remain or be removed? What is the rationale?</p>	<p>7.50pm – 8:00pm</p> <p>Liz T to circulate updated draft via email with comments reflecting Taskforce feedback.</p>
11.	<p><b>Other Business:</b></p> <p><b>1. Environmental Protection Act (Amendment) being postponed from 1 July 2020 to 1 July 2021 and impact on waste</b> Recommendation proposed by Helen Franks and passed:</p> <p>The Sustainability Taskforce requests that Council advocates for the immediate implementation of the Environmental Protection Amendment Act by writing to the Victorian Minister for Environment and Climate Change as well as all members of the Victorian Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council.</p> <p>Implementation of the Victorian Environmental Protection Amendment Act 2018 provides greater protection for residents in relation to toxic plumes, hazardous fires and protection of our waterways.</p> <p>To delay the implementation of the updated Act only provides protection for industries and businesses in breach of licences and regulations.</p> <p><b>2. Fire recovery meeting, Friday 11 September</b></p> <p><b>3. Local ESD Policy and Sustainable Subdivisions</b></p> <p><b>4. Water food security</b> (see attached report)</p>	<p>8.00 -8.25 pm</p> <p>Due to the requirement that Councillors do not make new decisions during Caretaker Period prior to the election, this recommendation will be scheduled for a Council meeting as soon as practicable after the election, following the induction of new Councillors.</p>

		Members please pass on photos of the environment after the MRI fire to Liz Turner who will ask Martha Martin if they can be shown in the meeting
12.	<p>Cr Jackson and Bernadette Thomas acknowledged the hard work and high functioning efforts of the Taskforce.</p> <p>In the event that this is Cr Jackson and/or Cr Jessop's last meeting (with the upcoming election), both Councillors gave great thanks to members and staff.</p> <p>Helen Franks indicated that she would not be seeking re-nomination for the Taskforce and Cr Jackson, Cr Jessop, Bernadette Thomas and Taskforce members thanked Helen for her positive and long term contribution to the Hume community.</p>	
13.	<b>Next meeting date 24 November</b>	<b>8.45pm Meeting closes</b>