

Attachment 5.4



WARREN BLACKWOOD ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT REFERENCE GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2022

Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes

Time: 9.00am – 12.00pm

Present: Cr Tony Dean (Chair) Adrian Price, Cr Philipe Kaltenrieder, Cr Julia Boyle, Cr Tracy Lansdell, Cr Lisa Glover, Cr Vicki Hansen (Deputy Chair), Cr Kim Skoss, Cr Donelle Buegge, Ann Bentley, Claire Palmer, Mark Batty

Apologies: Cr Massey, Grace Borrello, Alexa Tunmer

- 1. Welcome and Acknowledgement to Country – Deputy Chair**
- 2. Declarations of interest - Nil**
- 3. Terms of Reference - Noted**
- 4. Action Plan Short Term Prioritisation** – A workshop session identified 19 items for recommendation to the WBAC in response to its desire to assess the short-term priority actions and potential funding implications.

In relation to Climate Change Action Plan A1 - Develop and implement a subregional waste strategy, including an assessment for localised industry hubs for priority recycled materials and green waste (GO/FOGO) and the development of a business case for value adding waste streams.

Motion – That the Future Green Solutions and GO organisations be invited to the first 2023 meeting of the WBAC, to discuss the opportunities in regional waste management of green waste / organics, and that the Climate Change Action Plan Implementation Reference Group members be invited to that meeting.

Moved: Cr Skoss

Seconded: Cr Price

Carried



In relation to Action Plan item A 10 – Work with Water Corporation and DWER to evaluate technology options for potable water security for Windy Harbour, Northcliffe and other ‘at risk’ communities.

Action: - The EO to draft a letter from the Chair of the WBAC to the Minister for Water to seek State Government (Water Corporation / DWER) engagement in the development of a Warren Blackwood Sustainable Potable Water Strategy.

In relation to Action Plan items M2 and M3 - Continue to partner with DFES, DBCA and FPC on Bushfire mitigation; and, Ensure Shire bushfire management planning and actions considers future regional climate change impacts.

Action: The EO liaise with Shire of Manjimup Officer on the initial Shire of Manjimup draft submission work being undertaken.

In relation to Action Plan item M4 - Procure a WBAC wide energy audit of local government facilities, to enable targeting of high emission/high cost operations.

Action: The EO to liaise with WALGA on the procurements of a preferred supplier auditor and evaluate funding opportunities, and contestable v non-contestable sites issue (e.g. Regional Climate Alliance funding).

In relation to Action Plan item M5 and M6 – Undertake a regional kerbside waste minimisation strategy, including community education. Consider using the WALGA Bin-tagging program, and Ensure all Community events are Wastewise events.

Action: The EO to evaluate funding opportunities via the Waste Authority and Keep Australia Beautiful, and liaise with relevant Shire officers.

In relation to Action Plan item M8 - Shires join the Water Corporation Waterwise Councils Program.

Action:- That the EO liaise with the Water Corporation and the Shires in hosting a Waterwise Councils forum by the Water Corporation.

In relation to Action Plan item C5 - Consider joining the Climate Council Cities Power Partnership to enable access to contemporary Local Government climate change resources, projects and information.

In relation to Action Plan item C5 - Consider signing the WALGA Climate Change Declaration, already signed by 40 Local Governments representing 65% of the State population (now 46 Shires representing 81% of the population).



Motion – That the WBAC and Shires endorse the draft WBAC Climate Change Declaration.

Moved: Cr Skoss

Seconded: Cr Price

Carried

5. Project Grant Funding – EO

The EO gave an update on known current and future funding opportunities.

6. Cities Power Partnership Event - November 3rd - Busselton

The EO encouraged delegates and officers to attend, as the Cities Power Partnership has been identified in the Action Plan Item C4 - Consider joining the Climate Council Cities Power Partnership to enable access to contemporary Local Government climate change resources, projects and information.

7. General Business

Cr Brugge left the meeting at 11.03am

Budgetary considerations – discussions centred on the resourcing required to undertake grant applications at short notice, noting the WBAC desire to ensure financial rigour and the overall lack of budget for WBAC Climate Change Action Plan implementation.

Motion: That 1. – Provision be made for a contingency fund of an additional 15 hours per month (\$450 per month plus GST) be made by the WBAC to the Climate Change Action Plan Implementation Reference Group. That 2. - These funds only be activated for costs associated with grant funding applications for those items agreed by the WBAC.

Moved: Cr Kaltenrieder

Seconded: Cr Hansen

Carried

8. Next meeting – 9th December 2022 in the Bridgetown Council Chamber

9. Meeting closed: 11.46am





Climate Change Action Plan

Draft short term list of projects and opportunities to be pursued

Adaptation Actions

A1 Develop and implement a subregional waste strategy, including an assessment for localised industry hubs for priority recycled materials and green waste (GO/FOGO) and the development of a business case for value adding waste streams.

Comment – Investigate Waste Authority and/or SWDC funding for a feasibility study, including options for an expanded BHRC.

A8 Develop and implement a stakeholder engagement process to obtain input from the wider community on climate change adaptation planning.

Comment – Consistency of approach across Shires, interpretation of the science, themes and messaging.

A10 Work with Water Corporation and DWER to evaluate technology options for potable water security for Windy Harbour, Northcliffe and other 'at risk' communities.

Comment – Develop a Warren Blackwood Sustainable Water Strategy to ensure continuity of potable water supply for the Warren Blackwood.

A11 Shires to review eligibility criteria for community grants to include community climate change measures.

Comment – ensures consistency of approach and messaging to the community.

Mitigation Actions

M2 - Continue to partner with DFES, DBCA and FPC on Bushfire mitigation.

M3 - Ensure Shire bushfire management planning and actions considers future regional climate change impacts.



M4 - Procure a WBAC wide energy audit of local government facilities, to enable targeting of high emission/high cost operations.

Comment – Investigate external funding (e.g. Regional Climate Alliance Initiative funding) and procurement through WALGA preferred supplier arrangement.

M5 - Undertake a regional kerbside waste minimisation strategy, including community education. Consider using the WALGA Bin-tagging program.

Comment – Investigate funding through Waste Authority (Waste Sorted grant) and/or Keep Australia Beautiful grant.

M6 - Ensure all Shire community events are Wastewise events.

Comment - Apply for grant funding from the Waste Authority (Waste Sorted grant).

M7 - Undertake a subregional wide assessment of urban stormwater harvesting/WSUD/ hydrozoning and other water efficiency opportunities to reduce potable use and improve overall water security. Join the Water Corporation Waterwise Councils Program.

Comment – Shires to join the Water Corporation Waterwise Councils Program.

Leadership and Advocacy Actions

L2 - Review the WBAC Subregional Growth Plan 2019 in light of the release of the State Climate Policy (2020) and amend actions accordingly.

L6 - Advocate to the State Government and relevant agencies to continue to improve emergency warning systems.

Comment – Telstra/Western Power/DFES/BoM/SWALGA



Communication Actions

C1 - Develop a subregional Climate Change Communication and Engagement Plan. Consider using the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) methodologies.

Comment – utilise and harmonise information, case studies and toolboxes through WALGA and Cities Power Partnership.

C2 - Undertake stakeholder engagement to inform the wider community on climate change adaptation and mitigation action.

Comment – utilise and harmonise community input into Strategic Community Plans and other documents, as appropriate.

C3 - Support and promote environmental education and awareness in the subregion. *

Comment – Update Environmental Strategies, as required.

C4 - Consider joining the Climate Council Cities Power Partnership to enable access to contemporary Local Government climate change resources, projects and information.

Comment – See C1

C5 - Consider signing the WALGA Climate Change Declaration, already signed by 49 Local Governments representing 81% of the State population.

Comment – Either individually by the Shires, or at the representative WBAC level.

C6 - Engage with other Local Governments within the South West region to share learnings and progress regional actions.

Comment – reinvigorate the Environmental Officers network across the SW WALGA zone.

C7 - Engage with WALGA and other organisations to remain informed, and to contribute to, discussions on climate change management at the Local Government level.

Comment – Elected members and relevant staff to participate in the WALGA Climate Collaborators Network.