

Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

to be held at the Council Chamber, 32 Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 14 May 2024 commencing at 7:00pm.

Minutes

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Nillumbik Shire Council

**Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held
Tuesday 14 May 2024. The meeting commenced at 7:00pm.**

Councillors present:

Cr Ben Ramcharan	Sugarloaf Ward (Mayor)
Cr Richard Stockman	Blue Lake Ward
Cr Natalie Duffy	Edendale Ward (Chairperson Consultation Matters)
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward (Chairperson Planning Matters)
Cr Frances Eyre	Swipers Gully Ward
Cr Geoff Paine	Wingrove Ward

Officers in attendance:

Carl Cowie	Chief Executive Officer
Melika Sukunda	Acting Chief Operating Officer
Blaga Naumoski	Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety
Corrienne Nichols	Director Communities
Renae Ahern	Acting Director Planning, Environment and Strategy
Jeremy Livingston	Director Culture and Performance
Leigh Northwood	Manager Strategic Planning and Environment
Kirsten Reedy	Coordinator Environment & Sustainability
Warren Tomlinson	Senior Environment Project Officer
Tracey Varley	Manager Communications and Engagement
Daniel Tarquinio	Manager Information Technology
Katia Croce	Manager Governance and Property

1. Welcome by the Chair

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chairperson Consultation Matters
Cr Natalie Duffy.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Cr Karen Egan for this meeting.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Frances Eyre

SECONDED: Cr Peter Perkins

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) notes the apology from
Cr Karen Egan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Confirmation of Minutes

COM.001/24 Confirmation of Minutes Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held Tuesday 16 April 2024

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16 April 2024.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Ben Ramcharan

SECONDED: Cr Geoff Paine

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16 April 2024 (**Attachment 1**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Declarations of conflict of interest

Nil

6. Officers' reports

PCC.007/24 Draft Biodiversity Strategy - Stage 2 consultation findings and verbal submissions

Item: Consultation Matter

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Manager: Renae Ahern, Acting Director Planning, Environment and Strategy

Author: Leigh Northwood, Manager Strategic Planning and Environment

Summary

The draft Biodiversity Strategy 2024-2034 (**Attachment 1**) was on public exhibition from 1 February to 3 March 2024.

Community members are invited to provide verbal submissions on the draft Strategy at this Planning and Consultation (PCC) meeting.

This report provides an overview of the Stage 2 community feedback that has already been received from 112 participants. It is generally very positive, with suggestions also provided on aspects that people would like strengthened.

A consultation findings summary report is provided in **Attachment 2** and copies of verbatim feedback are provided in **Attachments 3 and 4 (redacted)** and **Attachments 5 and 6 (un-redacted-confidential)**.

The written and verbal community feedback will inform the refinement of the draft Biodiversity Strategy. The revised draft is scheduled to be presented at the July Council meeting for consideration for endorsement.

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

1. *Don Vincent*
2. *Don Vincent (Committee Member and Treasurer) and behalf of - Friends of Nillumbik*
3. *Doug Evans*
4. *Joy Hick*
5. *Evan Gellert*
6. *Barrie Taylor*
7. *Marie Hearn*
8. *Wayne Kinrade – on behalf of Friends of the Eltham Copper Butterfly*
9. *Deb Colville*
10. *Sue Rosenhain*
11. *Elizabeth Doig*
12. *Vicky Shukuroglou on behalf of Steve Mullins*
13. *Vicky Shukuroglou on behalf of Nillumbio*
14. *Hank Tyler*
15. *Michael Smith*
16. *Ehsan Gharaie*

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.007/24 Draft Biodiversity Strategy - Stage 2 consultation findings and verbal submissions

17. Mitzi Tuke

18. Ben Wrigley

Suspension of Standing Orders – 8:25pm

MOVED: Cr Ben Ramcharan

SECONDED: Cr Frances Eyre

That standing orders be suspended to allow two submitters make a submission.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19. Ryan Reynolds

20. Tim Isaacson

Resumption of Standing Orders – 8:33pm

MOVED: Cr Ben Ramcharan

SECONDED: Cr Geoff Paine

That standing orders be resumed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Ben Ramcharan

SECONDED: Cr Geoff Paine

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and consider the matters contained in the oral and written submissions during finalisation of the Draft Biodiversity Strategy 2024-2034 (**Attachment 1**).
2. Makes the 2024 Nillumbik Biodiversity Strategy 2024-2034 - Consultation Findings Report (**Attachment 2**) available to the public on Council's website.
3. Requests a further report to be presented at the July 2024 Council Meeting to consider adoption of the final version of the Biodiversity Strategy 2024-2034.
4. Resolves that the confidential un-redacted copies of written submissions and survey responses to the exhibition of the public engagement for the Draft Biodiversity Strategy Phase 2 consultation (at **Attachments 5 and 6**) remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(g)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
5. Thanks all submitters for providing Council with feedback on this important document.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Supplementary and urgent business

Nil.

8. Confidential reports

Nil.

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.46pm.

Confirmed: _____

Cr Peter Perkins Chairperson Planning Matters