

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL BUSHCARE REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

**Meeting Date:** Monday, 4 September 2017  
**Location:** Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra  
**Time:** 4.06 pm

The following members were present:

Clr Patricia White - Chairperson  
Clr Amanda Findley  
Clr John Levett  
Mr Bill Pigott  
Ms Frances Bray  
Mr Mike Clear  
Mr Tony Jennings  
Mr Jason Carson  
Mr Bryan Lenne

Others Present:

Kelie Clarke – Environmental Services Manager  
Alasdair Stratton – Acting Natural Resources and Floodplain Manager

### Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Clr Gartner. Phil Costello

### Confirmation of the Minutes

**RESOLVED** (Mike Clear / Frances Bray)

That the Minutes of the Council Bushcare Representative Group held on Friday 09 December 2016 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Business arising from previous minutes:

- Frances Bray – BR16.3 - point 8 – Would like an update as to where it is at?
  - Alasdair Statton advised that – the first 4 parts of the recommendation have been completed. We held a workshop in February 2017 and passed around the summary of the workshop findings. Parts of items 5 and 6 haven't been undertaken as training

as there has been some staffing movements. Have met with Margaret Simoes – Aboriginal Community Development Officer in relation to consultation with Aboriginal organisations and Bushcare Plans.

- Clr White – how many people attended the workshop?
  - Alasdair Statton advised – 12 attendees which included, 2 staff members and 3 Clrs.
- Frances Bray – question relating to crown land zoning and management
  - Kelie Clarke advised that - deciding if it is a natural area or park land, it will be referring to the strategic planning section for identification of the classification of the land
  - Kelie will send out a copy of the plan to all members

### Declarations of Interest

Mike Clear – BR17.2 - Three Bushcare Group Action Plans - Cudmirrah-Berrara , William Mulligan Reserve, Sussex Inlet & Dyball Reserve, Swan Haven - New and Review – less than significant non pecuniary interest declaration – he is a member of the Berrara – Cudmirrah Bushcare Group – will remain in the room and will take part in discussion and vote.

## REPORTS

<b>BR17.1</b>	<b>Resignation - Annie Boutland - Council Bushcare Representative Group</b>	<b>HPERM Ref: D17/279211</b>
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The Committee acknowledged the contribution from Annie to the Committee and the wider community.

### Recommendation

That

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2. Council acknowledges the great contribution that Annie has made to the CBRG and her local area
3. Council call for nominations from Local Bushcare Groups

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2. Acknowledges the great contribution that Annie has made to the CBRG and her local area
3. Call for nominations from Local Bushcare Groups

CARRIED

<b>BR17.2</b>	<b>Three Bushcare Group Action Plans - Cudmirrah-Berrara , William Mulligan Reserve, Sussex Inlet &amp; Dyball Reserve, Swan Haven - New and Review</b>	<b>HPERM Ref: D17/264124</b>
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Note: Alasdair Stratton provided 3 presentations in relation to each plan.

**Action – Alasdair Stratton** - Note: Frances suggested that the actions need to reflect the objectives in the plan, relating to public awareness raising and education.

**Action – Alasdair Stratton** – Note: Rebecca Rudd to be acknowledged as part of the plan as Sam Dunnett mentor

### **Recommendation**

That Council adopt the following two (2) new Bushcare Group Action Plans and the one (1) reviewed Bushcare Action Group Plan:

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CARRIED

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **BR17.3 Additional Item - Expiring Buschare Grant Funding**

#### **Recommendation** (By consent)

That the Council Bushcare Representative Group:

1. Wishes to alert Council to the ending of the grant funding for the two positions of Bush Regenerator Ganger and skilled labourers will cease from 22 December 2017 and the group advocates for council to consider further funding.
2. Recognises the superior contribution that Ronald Carberry and Edward Farrell have brought to the Bushcare movement by imparting their indigenous cultural heritage their work ethic and their technical bush regeneration skills over an 8 year period
3. Calls for a further report back to council on the future resources for maintaining these two positions within Council.

CARRIED

### **BR17.4 Additional Item - Bushcare Awards**

The Committee was advised that the NSW Landcare awards are open for nominations, and that many of the Shoalhaven Bushcare Groups would be worthy of a nomination for an award.

On hearing the excellence of the work of Sam Dunnett and the Cudmirrah-Berrara Bushcare Group, we are aware that groups can nominate for awards.

**Recommendation** (By consent)

That Council consider nominating Bushcare Group achievements for appropriate awards including Samuel Dunnett and the Cudmirrah-Berrara Bushcare Group for the 2017 NSW Landcare Awards.

CARRIED

**BR17.5 Additional Item - Inclusion of Biodiversity Overlay in the LEP**

In the Berry corridor there are three very active bushcare groups, there is a request to council from the project to have the corridor recognised in the LEP.

**Recommendation** (By consent)

That the Council Bushcare Representative Group support the inclusion in biodiversity overlay for work completed, as part of the Berry Corridor in the LEP.

CARRIED

**BR17.6 Additional Item - Current Grants**

Jason Carson – Local Land Services, Senior Lands Officer, advised that Mountain to the Sea grants are open for application, with the closing date being 5.00pm Friday 22 September 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5.43pm.

Clr Patricia White  
CHAIRPERSON