

Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes		
Date: 14/08/2019	Time: 5.30pm	Location: Mayor's Room, Municipal Offices
Present: Cr David Pettman, Veronica Schilling, , Russell Pearse, Una Allender, Don Rowe		
Apologies: Adam Merrick, Deidre Andrews		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome All committee members were welcomed. 2. Conflicts or pecuniary interests None declared 3. Minutes of previous meeting The previous minutes were distributed to members following the March meeting, 2018 4. Correspondence – inwards LGES Project information, Una's email relating to climate emergency and single-use plastic 5. Correspondence – outwards None. 6. Waste and Sustainability Coordinator (Deidre Andrews) An update on the following projects was provided: Sustainability Victoria Local Gov. Energy Saver Program – contract has been awarded to undertake energy upgrades to Municipal Offices, Ararat Fitness Centre and Ararat library. At this stage, CVGA have not been officially informed of success with <i>Cool it 2</i> in regard to the Community Climate Change Adaptation Grants. 7. Other Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) ARCC Climate Emergency Declaration Action: Discussion regarding engagement and information gathering of this topic occurred: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lack of leadership at a Federal level • presentation to CEO regarding environment issues – Ian Rossiter – VS to discuss with CEO • issues carbon management & regenerative agriculture – weather conditions (rain/heat) • how much land – limited freehold, reserves & roads, other land • chase advice on back of meter/local network for power – Talk to Adam about what he can share. ZNET (Hepburn Shire Council) • what Bulk Buy Schemes exist in the region? • as an aside to meeting discussions ARCC – through CEO Tim Harrison - have signed onto CVGAs Power Purchase Agreement to go 100% renewable electricity from next year, 2020, through the local government renewable energy buyers group. b) Single-use Plastic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Government single-use plastic bag ban to take effect 1 November 2019 • Lake Bolac Boomerang Bag drive for another sewing-bee c) Gardens for Wildlife (G4W) ARCC have joined a committee with DELWP, various Landcare branches, Grampians Australian Plant Society, Friends of Grampians Gariwerd and Project Platypus to enact a program that aims to make gardens a place that supports local native plants and animals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • of interest it was mentioned, Marian College, year 9 students are making nest-boxes 		

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d) **Recycling across the municipality**

Recycling at transfer stations and Ararat continues despite an increase in waste service and cost at transfer stations, a small drop-off within some rural communities. A comparable cost now exists between rural transfer station visit disposal and waste service for Ararat residents.

- spread the message that Ararat municipality is not affected by SKM closure and to encourage community to continue recycling
- CDS – container deposit scheme, what could this look like – WMG says this does look likely at some stage
- circular economy – expect to be out in September 2019, to be looked at: recycling, organics, landfill levy, waste 2 energy and community action

e) **Cat controls**

- review of the DAMP (Domestic Animal Management Policy)
- *Safe cat, Safe Wildlife* joint project between zoos Victoria & RSPCA to be promoted
- build some messaging for community
- promote cat trap availability & desexing

8. **Meeting closed:**

The meeting closed at 7.00pm

9. **Future Meetings**

Meetings will occur at least four times per year, with the option of Extraordinary Meetings to be called by the Chair, if required. Request made to have Wednesday meetings not the first of the month

Next meeting: 5.30pm Wednesday 13 Nov 2019 - Municipal Office Building.