



Environment Advisory Committee meeting

6:30pm - 8:30pm Thursday, 1 December 2022

Steel Park, Cooks River Parklands Marrickville

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and concluded 8.30pm

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Clare Donovan	Jon Stiebel, Urban Sustainability Manager	Clr Justine Langford (until 7.30pm)
Bridget Cleaver	Tealia Scott, Coordinator Urban Ecology Volunteers and Projects	
Dan Lunney		
Frank Breen		
Golda Dela Cruz		
Jo Blackman		
Kathryn Michie		
Meg Shooter		
Rachel Rothwell		
Robert Helstroom		
Terry Lennis		
Tom Morton		
Apologies: Anna Harvey, James Higgins, Patrick Medley		

Acknowledgment of Country

Staff welcomed members to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgment of Country

Disclosures of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

Discussion items

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions	Council's response
<p>1. Policy Challenge - How do we support a network of green habitat for plants, microforests, trees and animals when we have limited open space?</p>	<p>A policy challenge for this Local Democracy Group as resolved by Council at its meeting in October 2022 (C1022(1) Item 11) is:</p> <p><i>How do we support a network of green habitat for plants, microforests, trees and animals when we have limited open space?</i></p> <p>To commence addressing the policy question, the Environment Advisory Committee participated in a Walk and Talk of the Cooks River Foreshores led by Terry Lennis and Tealia Scott. The aim was to establish a shared understanding of current practices, challenges, and opportunities across the Local Government Area using the Cooks River parklands as a case study.</p> <p>Terry Lennis is a Darug and Darawal man of the land and river, fellow committee member, and respected horticulturalist, who has led bush tucker programs across Sydney.</p> <p>Tealia Scott is Inner West Council's Coordinator Urban Ecology Volunteers and Projects. Tealia is a Sydney basin plant specialist with 20 years of experience in land conservation management.</p>	<p>Discussion in relation to baseline conditions, current practices and programs, challenges, and opportunities.</p>	<p>Staff to write up and summarise discussion notes from meeting along with emailed conversations and present to back to the committee. Future committee meetings to build on and refine the committee's recommendations relating to the policy question back to Council.</p>