



## Environment Advisory Committee

24 August 2023

Inner West Council Service Centre, 2-14 Fisher Street, Petersham

### Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and concluded at 8pm

#### 1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Francis Breen (Chair)	Jon Stiebel, Urban Sustainability Manager	Nil
Patrick Medley	Aaron Callaghan, Parks Planning and Policy Manager	
Robert Helstroom		
Dan Lunney		
Megan Shooter		
Kathryn Michie		
Rachel Rothwell		
Golda Dela Cruz (online)		
Anna Harvey (online)		



**2. Chairperson:**

Francis Breen

**3. Acknowledgment of Country**

Francis Breen welcomed members to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

**4. Apologies:**

Clare Donovan, Tom Morton, Jo Blackman, Terry Lennis, James Higgins, Bridget Cleaver,

James Higgins has resigned from the committee due to other commitments and sent his thanks to committee members and staff

**5. Disclosures of Interest:**

There were no conflicts of interest

**6. Quorum:**

A quorum was achieved

**7. Endorse previous meeting minutes:**

Minutes for the 1 May meeting were endorsed. No actions were outstanding

**8. Report on previous meeting actions (if required):**

Staff provided an update on the FOGO project. FOGO communications ready for commencement of the new service 9 October 2023. Staff thanked the committee for sharing the FOGO community champions EOI with their networks. The FOGO champions have been appointed and include:



- Cornersmith – social media and workshops.
- Meiklejohn – train the trainer with local residents (early 2024)
- Adventure Kids entertainment – visiting all primary schools (term 4), council childcare and libraries (Feb–Mar 2024).

### Discussion items

Agenda Item	Discussion summary	Proposed action (if required)	Action owner*	Date for action to be finalised
Draft Neighbourhood Parks – Plan of Management	<p>Aaron Callaghan, Parks Planning &amp; Ecology Manager presented Draft Neighbourhood Parks – Plan of Management. A Plan of Management (PoM) is a strategic document providing a planning and management framework for future use, development and maintenance.</p> <p>The workshop discussion focussed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the Plan of Management adequately address environmental sustainability?</li> <li>• Does the Draft Neighbourhood Parks Plan of Management help support a network of green habitat for plants, microforests, trees and animals?</li> <li>• Have we missed anything? Are there other opportunities and actions that should be included?</li> </ul>	Workshop discussion notes to be provided to Parks Planning & Ecology Manager for feedback on the Draft Neighbourhood Parks – Plan of Management and circulated to the committee.	Urban Sustainability Manager	19 September 2023

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Climate Change Risk Assessment	<p>Inner West Council has invited quotes to undertake an Inner West Climate Risk Assessment Report. The Climate Risk Assessment Report will form the basis of a Climate Adaptation Strategy to be prepared by Inner West Council in 2023/24.</p> <p>The report will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and assess the risks from climate change to Inner West Council services, operations, assets and facilities, and staff.</li> <li>• Identify and assess material risks from climate change to the broader Inner West community</li> <li>• Prioritise climate risks requiring action</li> <li>• Identify, recommend, and prioritise risk treatments</li> <li>• Include recommendations and processes to integrate with council systems, processes, and plans</li> </ul> <p>The Climate Risk Assessment project commences in September and will run for approximately 6 months</p>	Engage the Environment Advisory Committee on the Inner West Climate Risk Assessment as a key stakeholder at an upcoming Environment Advisory Committee meeting (November)	Urban Sustainability Manager	Before 30 November 2023
General business	Nil			

\*Person who is responsible for the action