Environment SRG CHARTER

Established: November 2017

Term:

Councillors: Appointment for 2 Years or until the election care taker period commences.

Community and Stakeholder Representatives: Appointment for 4 years including one year following council election

Function: This Reference Group will consider goals and strategies contained within the Protection of the Environment (1-3) and Environment Sustainability (4-6) pillar of the Community Strategic Plan see below. Items presented to the group during the term may include Biodiversity Planning, Environment Strategies, Environmental Education, Environmental Hazards, Corporate Sustainability, Waste Management etc The Group's clear focus will be on assisting strategic decision-making by Council.

Quorum and Voting

- The quorum for each meeting will be one half plus Chair or one of the elected Councillors.
- If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes within the commencement time of the meeting, the meeting shall become an informal meeting with no recommendations or decisions made.
- Strategic Reference Group meetings should have the intention of reaching consensus when endorsing items and recommendations.

Meetings:

- The Strategic Reference Groups are to meet quarterly (four (4) times) throughout the year with the possibility of two (2) extraordinary meetings which may be called by the Chair with a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice.
- The schedule of meeting dates and venues will be provided to the members in an agenda at least 7 days prior to the meeting

Reporting Procedures:

Minutes of meetings to be reported to Council

Ex Officio Advisors: Officers of Government and Statutory Corporations or other advisors as required.

Lead Council Officer: Executive Manager Environment and Climate Change.

Business Unit: Environment and Climate Change.

Composition/Membership

The Chair is the Mayor or his nominated delegate. The following Council members will be appointed:

Mayor and up to 3 Councillors

The group will consist of up to twelve (12) members of the following Northern Beaches organisations, individuals and community groups:

- 7 representatives of organisations or individuals with expertise and experience in one or more of the following areas:
 - Bushland and biodiversity management
 - Waterways and catchment management
 - Coastal management
 - Climate change
 - Environmental sustainability
 - Recreational use of the local environment
 - Urban Planning
- 5 Community members or group representatives interested in representing a broad range of strategic views in this topic across the Northern Beaches including one youth representative (under 24) or delegate from Councils Youth Advisory Group (* Ideally one member per ward).

Notes:

- All other Councillors are invited to attend and observe however the meeting is not open to the public.
- The group should include a balance of location, gender and area of expertise.

Community Strategic Plan: Environment Goals and Strategies

ENVIRONMENT: Protection of the environment

Goal 1 - Our bushland, coast and waterways are protected to ensure safe and sustainable use for present and future generations.

Strategies

- 1a. Protect and restore local biodiversity and bushland
- Protect and improve ecological conditions in catchments, creeks and lagoons
- 1c. Protect and manage the condition and safe access to the coast, lagoons, Middle Harbour, and Pittwater
- 1d. Provide sustainable access to the natural environment, while recognising and protecting its cultural and heritage value.

Goal 2 - Our environment and community are resilient to natural hazards and climate change.

Strategies:

2a. Minimise the risk to life and property from storm events, floods,

Environmental Sustainability

Goal 4 - Our Council is recognised as a community leader in environmental sustainability

Strategies:

- 4a. Develop a culture of commitment to environmental sustainability and lead by example
- 4b. Enhance financial and strategic capacity to deliver on environmental outcomes
- 4c. Explore and invest in technologies and processes such as renewable energy and waste management that deliver long-term environmental benefits.

Goal 5 - Our built environment is developed in line with best practice sustainability principles

Strategies:

5a. Ensure integrated land use planning balances the environmental

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erosion, landslides, bushfires and impacts of climate change	social and economic needs of present and future generations
2b. Increase the resilience of the environment to the effects of natural	5b. Create green and resilient urban environments by improving tree
hazards and climate change	cover, native vegetation, landscaping, and water management
2c. Maintain productive partnerships with government agencies and	systems
the community to effectively manage and respond to natural	5c. Promote the benefits and savings of ecologically sustainable
hazards.	development
	5d. Continually improve environmental standards and compliance in new
	and existing developments.
Goal 3 - Our community is well-supported in protecting the	Goal 6 - Our community will continue to work towards sustainable use of
environment.	resources
Strategies:	Strategies:
3a. Encourage the community to protect the environment	6a. Promote and support opportunities for more sustainable living
3b. Invite community participation in restoring the natural	6b. Provide incentives and programs to encourage our community to
environment through volunteering programs and education.	enhance, preserve and protect our natural ecosystems
	6c. Reduce waste and improve reuse and recycling.