

## SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSPORT ADVISORY GROUP

Thursday 14 March 2024, at 6pm

Venue:  
City of Vincent  
Administration and Civic Centre  
244 Vincent Street Leederville  
**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

### Attendees:

City of Vincent Councillors  
Cr La Fontaine (ALF) - Chair

Community Representatives  
Barbara Pedersen (BP)  
Kathryn Longden (KL)

Chris Cutress (CC)  
Helen Griffiths (HG)

City of Vincent Officers  
Mitchell Hoad (MH) – A/Manager Strategic Planning & Specialist Planner  
Luke McGuirk (LM) Manager Engineering  
David Gerrard (DG) – Coordinator Parks Strategy and Projects  
Aaron Griffiths (AG) - Manager Waste and Recycling  
Jenaya Shepherd (JS) – Senior Strategic Planner  
Tim Elliott (TM) – Coordinator Strategic Planning  
Ruth Markham (RM) – A/Manager City Buildings and Asset Management  
Ciara O’Dwyer (CO) – Specialist Sustainability Advisor

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### 1. Welcome/Declaration of Opening

Cr La Fontaine opened the meeting at 6:00pm and delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

### 2. Apologies

Cr Ashley Wallace (AW)  
Peter Varris (PV) - Executive Director Infrastructure and Environment  
Ian Kininmonth (IK)  
Emma McCallum (EM)

### 3. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2024 were received and confirmed as a true and correct record.

### 4. Business

#### 4.1 Presentation: Sustainability overview and approach – 15 mins

JS gave an overview on Sustainability Frameworks for 2024 outlining Sustainability Delivery/Next-Gen Approach and the Sustainability Review Program for 2024.

#### 4.2 Presentation: Next generation themes and topics – 15 mins

We need to look at what we already have and our current strategy looks at Energy, Transport, Water, Waste, Urban Greening and Biodiversity and Emissions.

We have target that sit in the corporate space and what we are responsible for delivery but we have identified a number of targets to inspire our community to deliver as well. We can advocate our targets and make sure the message is out there. We want to incentivise our community.

JS showed an example of how Melbourne and Sydney are approaching Best Practice Themes and Topics.

Naming and terminology is very important to us for what we are delivering and for our community to understand what we mean.

Other examples of what other Councils are doing in this space were shown. City of Newcastle, City of Paramatta, City of Cockburn, and City of Perth.

#### **4.3 Break**

#### **4.4 Working Session: Next generation themes and topics – 45 mins**

The Workshop tonight is about identifying what the themes and topics are and not about key outcomes and targets associated with them.

JS noted that while doing the session think about what things matter to you; are there any new ones since the existing strategy was adopted. Is there a terminology or naming that you'd rather work with.

JS explained how the exercise will work. The first part will be the Themes and Topics and associated sticky notes. The second part will be 3 dots will be handed out to each person.

Green - highest priority

Blue – middle priority

Orange – least priority

Put the dots on the topics

Facilitators are Tim and Ciara.

**Tim's Group** – Barbara, Chris, Luke and Ruth

**Ciara's Group** – Cr La Fontaine; David, Helen, Kathryn, Aaron



## Group 2 Workshop (Ciara)

3 parts to this exercise

To think about terminology.

Move them around group what you think needs to be grouped. Trying to work out big things for the strategy. E.g. line up all the themes and group the topics under each theme.

Topics and Themes:



All these themes and topics will lead to actions for the Council and we won't be able to do everything at once so we are looking for prioritisation.

CO asked the group if we have missed anything obvious and to keep in mind what the most important thing is for you in sustainability. Most important sustainability themes/ topics for CO group were:

- Resource Recovery
- Climate resilience
- Tree Canopy
- Climate Adaptation

- Climate Resilience and risk management

#### CO Group Summary:

- Debate over topics and terminology (eg. Choosing low carbon living over low carbon city)
- Key thing that came through that every single thing almost intersected and we debated all of them. The terminology is optional and everyone is coming from a different lens.
- Somewhat ended up with similar groups to those that are in the Sustainable Environment Strategy.
- Terminology is difficult (eg. Micromobility, sustainable travel mode share, smart travel)
- LM commented that when first looking at these themes they can be separated but when you talk about it you can group them together.
- Climate resilience and adaptation has come through as a key theme in the STAG.

Jenaya asked if there were differences between the two groups. People view things differently and when we go out to community we'll get a layer from them as well. The themes are sort of similar but they are named differently and use different terminology.

### **Online Discussion (Mitch)**

#### Themes

- Urban Forrest and Greening (UFG) at forefront. Good to push the importance of trees/canopy/shade given current PSHB issues. People don't consider this from a private property issue when removing trees but care about public realm (i.e reaction to Hyde Park).
- Urban Ecosystems (UE) not well understood in community. Important for more education about this. Could be grouped with UFG.
- Urban Water Management (UWM) is out of sight and out of mind. Example of a sump park. People notice park but don't understand the importance of the sump function.
- Waste and bin sizes is most common issue in community. People don't understand why FOGO and why small general bin, thinking waste goes to same space. More education needed about sizes where it goes. Waste avoidance could be a topic.
- Adaptive and Liveable City (ALC) is not well understood. Should address ageing in place, opportunity for people to live in one place for every life stage, strong community, accessible amenities. Requires individual and broader behaviour management.
- Gap in something which is transport related. Address safety and accessibility. Could potentially be under an existing theme or standalone. Alternative transport applies across all demographics and LGs. Critical for all socio-economic areas. Need people to make better/different decisions about getting around.
- All themes are important for different reasons.
- People would be defensive about Low Carbon Living (LCL) and Responsible Consumption (RC). Requires behavior change and people don't want to be seen as doing wrong thing. Affordability of implementing ESD initiatives is a barrier.

#### Topics

- All carbon-related topics could be grouped with LCL. Important to note that LCL and Low Carbon City (LCC) themes have a broad relationship but would be distinct with LCL relevant to the community and LCC relevant to the CoV.
- Tree Canopy, Habitat Enhancement, Green Resilience can all group with UFG.
- Urban Heat Management (UHM) is not well understood as to why its important. I.e Charles Street air quality and heat puts off people from walking/catching public transport. Could also group with UFG.
- Contamination and Pollution, Stormwater Management, Water Reuse can be grouped under UWM or Resource Conservation.
- Smart Travel could include public transport. Could sit under Urban Resilience or LCL.
- Community has a love/hate relationship with Smart Travel, Micro Mobility and Electrification.
- Consider fleet transition as part of transport theme.
- The list of topics covers lots of areas. The challenge is to make people care.
- Some topics will have responsibilities that are specific to CoV and others to community.
- Least achievable topics would be Decarbonisation and UHM.
- Shift towards public transport could be a topic. Car ownership is a cultural/status symbol. Recent acceptance of a shift to small cars. More car use leads to parking issues, which leads to more parking which further encourages car use and increase traffic. Car reliance is in part because of a lack of safety for walking/cycling. Traffic management required around schools.

#### **4.5 Working Session: Community engagement – 30 mins**

JS noted that Community Engagement is going to be launched this weekend.

When we get responses back from the Community we will look at them all together and what we are hoping to do for our next session is revisit what we have done tonight and what came out of the Community Engagement and to look at Objectives, Goals and Targets. That will be our next step.

Not sure who said this “is there something that can be typed up from tonight’s workshop, so that we don’t forget by the time the next meeting comes around regarding the scoring of the themes in a format of tables”

Last part of tonight is to look at questionnaire that we are launching this weekend. There is a question in there that relates to the exercise that the group did tonight.

What we’re asking is the communities understanding of climate change and what is impacting them now. Trying to gauge what understanding of climate change is out there in our community and what areas of climate change is impacting them now and Vincent in the future.

There is an option in the survey that people can add anything else that they’ve thought of. The survey will be on our Imagine Vincent website.

Someone was speaking but it was not clear.

Ciara - Do you want age in the demographics?

Not sure who was speaking – “is the only platform for the survey going to be on the website”?

Jenaya – it will get marketed through our social media. In addition to that Jenaya and Ciara will be going to events to promote the survey. Kyilla Farmers Market; The Provedore Easter Market (Pisconeri) and RTRFM’s Neon Picnic. This survey will be open for six weeks.

(Barbara I think) Is there a question in there that differentiates between a resident and a visitor?

JS - Yes, that is in the first question and we will add an age bracket.

Kathryn I think - biodiversity and risk to the environment – can this be included?

Ciara – is there room in the survey to add resilience and adaptation? It could be a yes/no question.

Barbara – question to read “do you need help to improve your sustainable practice tips on improving your resilience”?

JS noted that she will keep sea level rise in to the first question.

We will add in Waste Management and biodiversity and do a sweep on how things were ordered in the workshop tonight and will add an age question to the survey.

Not sure who asked this “Can Food security be added”.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held mind June.

#### **7. Closure**

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
**Councillor (Chairperson)**

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_