



## Minutes

### DERG Meeting

Conference Room, 350 High Street, Preston

Wednesday 8 August 2018, 7.03pm – 8:52pm

	Discussion	Action
<b>1. Welcome &amp; introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendees: Kat Lavers, Carl Muller, Meg Montague, Dru Marsh, Michele Burton, Nadine Richings, Rhys Dale, Slobodanka Stojkovic, Wendy Miller.</li> <li>Apologies: Cr Kim Le Cerf, Cr Trent McCarthy, Sally Moxham, Julie O'Brien, Cameron Schmelitschek,</li> <li>Councillors: None</li> <li>Staff: Gavin Mountjoy, Natalie Jamieson and Sue Phillips</li> </ul>	
<b>2. Assembly of Councillors</b>	No Councillors present	
<b>3. Matters arising from minutes (June 2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No matters arising from previous minutes</li> <li>Steffan Howe has resigned from DERG</li> </ul>	A summary of Steffan's feedback provided at the end of this minutes document
<b>4. Recycle Right Campaign</b>	Natalie Jamieson gave a presentation on How Council will engage with the community on Recycling Right Campaign. Sue Phillips and Natalie answered questions and sought feedback from committee on aspects of the campaign.	
<b>5. Climate emergency conference</b>	<p>Gavin gave an update on the Conference Program, registrations and the overall objective of the Conference.</p> <p>Good feedback was provided on the lack of clarity from the program that the second day had a series of concurrent presentations. The Program has been amended to incorporate the feedback.</p>	<p>Link to the website to be forwarded <a href="http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/en/Darebin-Living/Caring-for-the-environment/EnergyClimate">http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/en/Darebin-Living/Caring-for-the-environment/EnergyClimate</a></p> <p>e-copy of the Program and the postcard to be attached to minutes.</p>

		Ensure invitations sent to: DELWP, EPA, SV, ACF, EJA, local MP's
<b>6. Climate emergency research</b>	<p>Gavin provided an update on the project, including an overview of the approach by Common Cause (using values and frames to motivate climate action. Following the workshops Common Cause came back to us with key story themes as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We should live in <b>harmony</b> with nature</li> <li>• We are a <b>progressive community</b> acting on climate change</li> <li>• Taking action on climate change can be easy/convenient</li> <li>• Climate change requires an <b>emergency</b> response</li> <li>• We need to break/escape the harmful cycle of over-consumption/<b>consumerism</b></li> </ul> <p>Work on developing 5 scripts (to be dial tested) has been put on hold to develop greater clarity/consensus around climate emergency messaging.</p>	A pdf of the Common Cause slides was distributed after the meeting, including information on the Anat Shenker-Orsorio presentation.
<b>7. General issues</b>		
<b>7.1 Council Minutes Table of Contents</b>	No discussion.	
<b>7.2 Project Updates</b>	<p>If and when Urban Food Production Strategy is reviewed, consideration be given to combining with the Food Security policy. There will be no Spring Backyard Harvest events in 2018 however there will be around 10 Autumn Backyard Harvest events in 2019, some in conjunction with Home Made Food and Wine Festival.</p> <p>Nadine mentioned her concern about proposed sale of State Government land in Reservoir for redevelopment (not sure of exact location) which contains valuable grassland species and habitat.</p>	<p>Request that DERG be given an update on the Urban food production/sustainable food programs at a future meeting.</p> <p>Nadine to keep DERG informed, where relevant.</p>
<b>8. Date of next meeting (see below for 2018 meeting dates)</b>	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	

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Steffan's feedback on his experience as a DERG member:

Overall:

- DERG members are committed and passionate; a 'great bunch'
- Council's work in the climate change space and the adoption of the resolution to eliminate single-use plastics is progressive and should be commended

Opportunities:

- Make better use of the expertise held by DERG members – provide opportunities for genuine input to/shaping of strategies/strategic direction etc – and provide greater explanation of/transparency around how DERG advice is used (or not) and explanations of decisions made in relation to this
- Revise role of advisory committees so that best use of committee expertise is achieved (beyond DERG)
- There are significant opportunities to enhance biodiversity outcomes (for example, creation of biodiversity corridors).