

# Cedar Grove Environmental Centre

## Community Reference Group Minutes

### Meeting details

Date: Wednesday 1 July 2020

Time: 6.00pm – 7.15pm

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

### Attendees

**Interim Chairperson (Acting):** Tony Goodhew (Water Infrastructure Manager – Council)

**Community Reference Group members:** Rachel Hughes, Janet Tovell, Anthony Ormsby, Debbie Brezac, Guy Di Mattina

**Logan City Council Officers:** Mark Vaughan (Alliance Manager)

**Logan Water Infrastructure Alliance (LoganWIA) Officers:** Gus Trabolssi (Project Manager), Tania Keelan (Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer/Minute taker)

**External:**

**Apologies** Craig Bridges (CRG Member), Tracey Hanna (CRG member), Murray Swales (Principal Natural Areas – SLR Consulting)

### Agenda

No.	Item
1	<p>Discussion of last meeting's minutes (close out any open action items).</p> <p><b>Outstanding action items from previous meeting:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Cedar Grove Landcare (CGLC) are yet to have discussions with Healthy Land and Water (HEW) regarding the koala habitat project. CGLC is looking at getting updated koala mapping for the area. CGLC</li><li>2. Provide a summary of all budget costs associated with the non-functional scope (i.e walking track, shelters, Landcare facility etc). LoganWIA</li><li>3. Look at options for sizing and pricing for the Cedar Grove Environmental Centre sign and report back to the CRG. LoganWIA</li></ol>
2	Project / program status update / 3-week look ahead
3	General business

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No.	Details	Action	Due
<b>1</b>	<b>Previous meeting's minutes</b>		
	Previous minutes from 27 May 2020 were accepted.		
	<b>Actions items carried over from the meeting – see agenda above</b>		
1	Cedar Grove Landcare has not yet discussed the koala habitat project with Healthy Land and Water. CGLC needs to find the right grant funding for the project and the right location for a koala habitat. This is a work in progress for CGLC and will remain on the agenda.	CGLC	5 August 2020
2	The budget summary of all costs associated with the non-functional scope will be provided by the next CRG meeting as it is not yet finalised. A discussion was held regarding funds for cultural heritage items (see item 3.1 below for details).	LoganWIA	5 August 2020
3	The design of the Cedar Grove Environmental Centre entrance sign was shown on screen to the CRG. The cost for the sign was approximately \$6,000. The sign was 2.4 metres wide and 1.1 metres high. The CRG endorsed the sign design and size.	Closed	
<b>2</b>	<b>Project / program status</b>		
2.1	The Cedar Grove wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) is in the commissioning phase. Wastewater from the Flagstone PDA has been sent to the plant for processing for the past two weeks. The WWTP has been discharging highly treated water from the wetlands for one week.	Note	
2.2	A CRG member (and neighbour to the Cedar Grove Environmental Centre) commented that they could not hear noise from the WWTP at night and could no longer see any lights at night. It was confirmed that the light seen previously was on a sensor and this had now been turned off.	Note	
2.3	Plumbing to the community facilities will occur next week. Over the coming weeks there will be water bubblers, garbage bins and shelters installed along the walking track. The final tables and shelters will be installed within the next five weeks. Sandstone for additional seating will be delivered next week.	Note	
2.4	The 2km walking track is nearing completion.	Note	
2.5	Internal fencing has been installed in some additional areas, including around the Landcare facility.	Note	
2.6	Landscaping is underway including planting of screening vegetation near the car park. Trees will be planted between the WWTP and the community facilities.	Note	
<b>3</b>	<b>General Business</b>		
3.1	<p>Council officers advised the CRG that \$20,000 was going to be put forward from the project for use on cultural heritage items. This would likely be broken down into the following categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A permanent visual reminder of the artefacts found on the site during the cultural heritage survey. This would take the form of a sign or display of the artefacts and history of the site from a Indigenous perspective.</li> <li>2. A burial ceremony to return some found artefacts to the site.</li> </ol>	LCC	5 August 2020

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	<p>3. A smoking ceremony / welcome to country on the community open day.</p> <p>A CRG member requested a copy of the breakdown of all costs associated with the cultural heritage component of the budget.</p>		
3.2	A CRG member asked about the vegetation growth along the walking track and how it will be maintained. Council advised that the area had been recently cleared. In future, however, the maintenance of the site would need further discussion between relevant Council branches. This meeting would likely involve stakeholders from Corporate Property, Water Operations, Parks, and Health, Environment and Waste to discuss who will manage the upkeep and maintenance of the environmental centre going forward. Logan Water has an ongoing obligation to ensure adequate maintenance of the site and therefore there may be a request for an Expression of Interest to undertake future management / maintenance of the site.	Note	
3.3	Cedar Grove Landcare has expressed interest in opportunities to maintain the site. Council officers acknowledged this and advised they would need to look at long term economical and community benefits when determining the ongoing maintenance plan for the site.	Note	
3.4	<p>A question was raised by a CRG member as to whether dogs were allowed in the community areas and walking tracks on the site. Further exploration with stakeholders such as the local Councillor, Seqwater and internal Council branches will need to be undertaken by Council officers to ensure any By-laws are considered or other factors associated with dogs at an environmental centre / future koala habitat.</p> <p>Council officers suggested that dogs on leashes may potentially be allowed and dog owners would be responsible for removing any waste left by their dogs. If this is confirmed, dog waste bags and bins would be supplied along the walking trail to enable easy disposal of waste.</p>	LCC	5 August 2020
3.5	There is currently no firm date for the community open day at the Cedar Grove Environmental Centre although Saturday 18 September 2020 has been raised as an option. Tours will be offered in the near future for local and State elected members. CRG members will also be invited to attend these tours.	Note	
3.6	A CRG member asked Council officers if they thought the CRG has made a difference to the project and the development of the site. Council officers agreed wholeheartedly that the CRG has been instrumental in adding value to the project. Their assistance has helped facilitate the community facilities and non-functional scope items on the site.	Note	
3.9	A question was raised by a CRG member about whether staff working on the site at the WWTP experienced odour during the day. The Project Manager informed the CRG that the only time they noticed the odour on site was when the lid of the inlet works was removed. If the lids are not open there is no odour as everything is enclosed (under vacuum) and air is scrubbed before being released.	Note	

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<b>Date for next meeting</b>			
4.0	The next meeting is planned for Wednesday 5 August at 6.00pm.	Note	

### Actions

1.	CGLC to advise when ready to discuss the koala habitat	CGLC
2.	Budget costs for non-functional scope to be provided to the CRG	LoganWIA
3.	Budget breakdown for cultural heritage to be provided to the CRG	LoganWIA
4.	Confirmation from Council regarding dogs being allowed in community areas	LCC