

**Ordinary meeting of the GOULBURN BROKEN GREENHOUSE ALLIANCE
on WEDNESDAY 21st AUGUST 2019, 10.45 am - 3 pm
Wangaratta GOTAFE, 218 Tone Wangaratta
(preceded by Annual General Meeting 10am)**

Minutes

The minutes are distributed via email.

Minutes are also available on members section of GBGA website. (password Climateaction#7)

Attachments on website - Business Plan 2019/20 - Report for quarter 1 of 2019/20
GBGA Project Update for 2019/20
Around The Grounds reports
Powerpoint presentation for project reports

Attendees (Councillor and officer representatives)

Cr Marg Attley (Chair GBGA), Mayor Cr Scott Upston, Larissa Montgomery, Cr Leigh Wilson, Allison McCallum, James Steinfort, Helen Jones, Cr David Atkinson, Heather Bradbury, Amanda Priest, Greg McKenzie, Dannielle Murdoch, Carole Hammond, Cr Dave Fuller, Robyn Nicholas, Bec Caldwell, Lachlan Campbell, Nathalie Cooke, Andrew O'Connell, Kristy Roche, James Bramwell, Bronwyn Chapman

Apologies: Damien Gerrans, Brian Holmes, Cr. Diane Shephard, Cr Sophie Price, Mike McIntosh, Cr Marie Martin (deputy Chair GBGA), Kate Bell, Cr Rebecca Bowles, Cr Fern Summers, Sharon Terry, Elyse Kelly, Cr Debra Bower, Darren Ritchie, Scott Draper, Evelina Dudzinski, Cr Kat Bennett, Mark Verbaken, Helen Wilson, Kate Brunt, Chelsea Cherry, Cr Sarah Nicholas, Cr Peter Tolsher, Cr Aaron Scales, Rachael Gadd, Cydoni Edwards, Emma Woolaston

1. Welcome by Chairperson, GBGA, Cr Marg Attley

2. Apologies

3. Conflict of Interest Declaration

No conflict of interest was declared. The meeting discussed what circumstances could provide a conflict of interest as a GBGA representative.

4. Endorsement of minutes from previous meeting (Thursday 23 May 2019)

The minutes were distributed via email.

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MOTION: That the Minutes for the Goulburn Broken Greenhouse Alliance Ordinary meeting of 23 May 2019, as distributed, be confirmed.

That the Chairperson of the ordinary meeting of 21 August 2019 sign the minutes and certify that they have been confirmed.

Larissa Montgomery/Carole Hammond

CARRIED

5. Business Arising

Refer to EO report on page 6

6. Additional agenda items – there were no additional items

7. Business Plan 2019-20 Quarterly Report

Report for quarter 1 of 2019/20

(See attached)

8. Advocacy

The Executive Officer outlined recent advocacy work in partnership with Renew (which focusses on sustainable houses and development) and the Environment Victoria 'One Million Homes' program to improve sustainability of rental and low income households. Partners in this advocacy include other Alliances, VCOSS, Energy Efficiency Council, Yarra Energy Foundation.

Through these connections, the GBGA has participated in several advocacy processes, including comment on the scope of the revision of the National Construction Code. Council have limited opportunity to influence sustainability at individual house level, as single dwellings do not need planning permission and often use external building surveyors.

This work is also complementary to the work by Wodonga council and other council partners, to develop and test best practice ESD principles for subdivision planning. Also CASBE (Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment, hosted by MAV) has developed a planning framework for better design for apartments and town houses.

Renew, Environment Victoria and partner groups have substantial advocacy experience and knowledge about sustainable housing and related social issues. They are Melbourne metro based and GBGA has a regional perspective to contribute which the groups welcome. This gives an opportunity to join in advocacy that GBGA alone does not have resources to prepare.

Discussion during the meeting highlighted knowledge in the alliance including : the need and means to test compliance of sustainability features in buildings (Carole Hammond); a proposal for registration of trades (which would reduce owner builders) and a future development in regulations for random audits and regulation to drive compliance (Leigh Wilson)

It is important that rural/regional input does not get lost among metro and large council issues.

Motion:

- Endorse advocacy on sustainable housing and development in partnerships with Renew and One Million Homes.
- EO to produce an advocacy paper for the GBGA. **ACTION EO**

Carole Hammond//Cr Leigh Wilson CARRIED

9. Project Presentations see GBGA Project Update handout

The Project Update has been prepared for members to use to promote GBGA project work.

Also see report table pages 6/7. Additional information will be presented for the following items.

9.1 Evaluation and Monitoring

No progress report

9.2 Agriculture Theme

Being reported in Around The Grounds

9.3 Energy Theme

a. Victorian local government power purchasing agreement (Greg McKenzie)

Stage 1 of the project has finished with around 45 Councils joining to purchase renewable energy via a PPA. About 50% of partners have adopted 100% of their load to purchase renewable energy in the PPA. As a result, the total load in the PPA has grown from 145GWhr to an expected 200GWhr. This is the largest PPA of any done by public organisations in Australia and the load is three to four larger than previous public sector PPAs (MREP, SSROC and IWN). Stage 2 of the project will develop and advertise the tender and finalise a contract with the successful companies. The tender development will be assisted by a Tender Development panel with suitably experienced council representatives. There could be different companies providing energy for different parts of council load (large, small, unmetered). Contracts are expected to be finalised in January 2020.

Greg McKenzie is the representative from GBGA councils on the Project Steering Group. He will be attending PSG meetings to represent GBGA partners and report back to these councils and to GBGA.

ACTION Greg McKenzie

LUNCH

9 Project Presentations contd

b. Main Road Lighting Efficiency Business Case – GBGA project (EO)

GBGA project – Participating councils Benalla, Campaspe, Indigo, Mitchell, Moira, Murrindindi, Shepparton, Strathbogie, Wangaratta, Wodonga

The business case has been received from Ironbark Sustainability and a webinar was held by Ironbark Sustainability with the officers meeting on 22 July 2019

There are significant cost and greenhouse savings in upgrades to LED. The outcomes divide into Powercor and Ausnet councils, with longer payback periods in the Powercor area

See powerpoint presentation from meeting

Regional Roads Victoria (RV - VicRoads) has not been funded by the State to provide their capital contribution to the cost shared main road lights in an upgrade project. RRV has proposed that councils fund an upgrade project and RRV would payback the cost from energy savings as part of operational budgeting.

The Victorian Alliances, Councils and Ironbark Sustainability have written to relevant state ministers and lobbied over 3 years for a budget provision for the capital contribution, without success. Direct lobbying to local politicians is another option.

ACTION: That the EO plan a lobbying campaign with a goal of State government budget provision of the RRV cost contribution for shared lights in an upgrade.

ACTION EO

c. Hume Renewable Energy Roadmap and Regional Adaptation Plan Kristy Roche

The Roadmap is complete and has shown some key opportunities:
Distributed solar energy; pumped hydro storage; bioenergy; hydrogen based transport.
To fully realise these opportunities, the region needs upgrades to transmission capacity.

There was wide and considerable consultation and events that helped industry and community to build capacity and understanding.

David Atkinson presented on the renewable energy facility bus tour including bioenergy and solar.

d. Victorian Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Network Business Case (GBGA project) (EO)

Charging the Regions is a collaboration of 43 rural/regional councils and 11 metro councils to investigate the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure to ensure regions keep pace with an acceleration in availability and the uptake of EVs.

NDEVR consulting has been appointed to conduct the business case. NDEVR conducted the GBGA project studying electric vehicles in council fleets.

10 Project and Funding Opportunities

EO is discussing with Rob Law of CVGA and DELWP the possibility of an urban tree planting project related to urban cooling

Elements

- The CVGA conducted a heat mapping project with several council
- This has given guidance for best application of tree planting for urban cooling
- Most councils have annual funds for tree planting and forward planning
- Identify key areas for planting relating to cooling
- Apply for funds (through LGV?) to match operational tree funds

ACTION EO to work with CVGA to scope project by November

ACTION EO

11. Around The GBGA Region - Round table reports from each member

Refer to summary report attachment

12. Governance

12.1 Alliance Committee Report

Larissa Montgomery

The committee has mapped out a timeline of actions and is currently preparing a Risk Assessment of the Alliance, and committee evaluation tools, to be presented to the November Ordinary meeting.

MOTION: That the Alliance Committee report be accepted

Larisa Montgomery (Chair) or Greg McKenzie

CARRIED

12.3 Financial Report

Greg made a verbal report, as the financial year has only progressed for 6 weeks. Expenditure is in line with the budget reported to the AGM. In line with previous practice the GBGA made a contribution of \$600 to the Victorian Alliances conference which ran on 19 July. The GBGA had a strong profile at the conference and 10 members sent representatives to this free event.

MOTION: That the Financial Report Year to Date be accepted and the payment of \$600 to the Victorian Alliances conference be endorsed

Greg McKenzie/ Carole Hammond

CARRIED

13 Next meeting

Ordinary Meeting of the GBGA - Thursday 21 November at 10am-3pm

Location Benalla DELWP 89 Sydney Road Benalla

MEETING CLOSED 2.25pm

SCHEDULE OF GBGA MEETING 2019

Officer meeting 12-3 with lunch	Alliance committee Benalla 10.30-12	Ordinary meeting 10-3 with lunch	School holidays
	Tues 15/1	Wed 20/2 Mooroopna	
Mon 25/3 Wangaratta			6/4-22/4
	Tues 2/4	Thurs 23/5 Benalla	
Mon 22/7 Benalla			29/6-14/7
	Tues 30/7	Wed 21/8 Wangaratta	
Mon 14/10 Shepparton			21/9-7/10
	Tues 22/10	Thurs 21/11 Benalla	
All officer representatives	Kate Bell Carole Hammond Greg McKenzie Larissa Montgomery Robyn Nicholas	Councillors + officer representatives	

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT of Action Items from various sources

MTG	ITEM	PROGRESS MAY 2019	PROPOSED ACTION	Who
BUSINESS ARISING FROM ORDINARY GBGA MEETINGS				
Nov 17 2017	Request a CSAD agenda item at the next Regional Partnership (Goulburn) meeting. EO to request presentations at both RP regional when phase 2 is defined.	Meeting dates being organised for RP EO presenting at HRLGN on August 29	In progress	EO
Aug 23 Advocacy	Advocate for VicRoads to pay their share of main road streetlight efficiency upgrades	Ironbark Sustainability and MAV are making a case to Regional Roads for an approach that gives a suitable staged contribution and return to councils	complete	EO
Nov 14, 2018	GBGA to organise a speaker from DHHS to share their experiences with climate change in Public Health and Wellbeing Plan documents	EO has requested update of progress from Daniel Voronoff of DHHS	Complete – confirmed to present at November meeting	EO
Nov 14, 2018	EO to organise a meeting of relevant council representatives in January 2019 to check the actions of the strategy to ensure the strategy achieves this inclusion for smaller councils. This should also be a principle in the detailed Business Plan.	Discussed by the Alliance committee on 15 January 2019 and during business plan development 2019-20	complete	EO
Nov 14, 2018	EO to consider how to report against the Strategic and Business Plans	Discussed EO to Alliance Committee during business plan development	Complete	
Nov 14, 2018	EO to contact WA Royal Auto Club to find out the benefits and finance history (including income) relating to the charge station route south of Perth	Included in state electric vehicle charge station business case project	complete	EO
Feb 20, 2019	Advocacy to VicRoads about streetlight upgrade contribution by VicRoads – EO to contact VicRoads directly to inform of letter	Joint Vic alliances approach to VicRoads through discussions by Ironbark Sustainability	complete	
Feb 20, 2019	EO to form sub-group to identify GBGA role and propose to the Alliance Committee	Sub group formed – waiting outcome of several agriculture projects	In progress	EO
Feb 20, 2019	Electric vehicle charge station project – EO to circulate EOI	Circulated	complete	
Feb 20, 2019	DELWP is investigating how to produce relevant guidelines for local government. EO to report and distribute details of a meeting on Thursday 14th March in Echuca.	Circulated and reported to may meeting	complete	

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MTG or TYPE	ITEM & previous action required	PROGRESS MAY 2019	PROPOSED ACTION	Who
PROJECTS AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT				
Electric Vehicles **	In development - Business case project for a statewide EV Charge station network.	12 members have joined this project. Central Vic Greenhouse Alliance to lead project. Draft RFQ developed. Webinar	EO to continue development with CVGA	EO
Main Roads Streetlights **	Budget consideration by Councils for future upgrade program	Draft business case received and distributed to participants. Questions forwarded to consultant	Continue project management	EO
Environmental Sustainability Reporting	Incorporating data reporting into GBGA Webpage. Data reported relates to Kerbside Waste, Biodiversity and Corporate resource use (Gas, electricity, fuel, water, native veg)	Tool completed and published to website for Council use. Reported at officers meeting. Councils in Carbon Crunching Councils working to use tool	Continue to assist councils to use this tool	EO, Moira
Low Income Energy Efficiency	Council officers are exploring possibilities to enable low income households to access energy efficiencies like draft sealing, insulation, efficient heating, cooling, hot water	Monitoring outcomes of programs after Victorian 2018 election.	Officers to continue scoping and report in 2019	EO, + officers
Municipal Public Health & Wellbeing Plans	Review of PHWPs shows that climate change considerations could be improved in the Plans	DHHS is developing an departmental Adaption Plan which could guide MPHWP	Presentation at Ordinary meeting in August 2019	EO
North East agriculture project **	Embedding Climate Change in Agriculture – North East Victoria. Project to produce mapping and data to show impacts of climate change and risk management.	Draft project and tools reported to user groups and councils in NE region	EO continue providing support to the project. Make information available to GBGA.	EO
CSAD	Stage 2 - Examining the communication of the project outcomes as a planning tool for producer groups	DELWP (Hume) is consulting with producers on preferred channels and form of climate change information. Results from this and NECMA project will inform future approach.	EO to keep involved with DELWP and NECMA projects.	EO
CSAD (mtg 14/11/18)	Stage 2 EO to investigate how similar tools being used in other parts of the state	EO researching	Continue research and report to next officers meeting	EO
ESD in planning scheme	Project including Wodonga, Wangaratta and other regional councils to examine options to improve sustainable subdivision design Presentation of Stage 1 by Bridie Guy at Nov GBGA meeting. See webinar	The project group has applied for additional funding from LGV (Collaborative Councils program) to continue with stage 2 of this project – develop the framework tool to be used for councils to conduct trials and assess subdivisions for ESD elements.	Watching brief	

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Ongoing VIC COUNCILS PPA **	Collaborative purchasing using a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Collaborative purchasing of renewable energy in bulk to drive new renewable development and seek lower electricity price from PPA Stage 1 – Business Case Development - 8 GBGA councils involved	PPA Business Case being considered by participants. There is an option for other councils to join before the tender stage of the project.	EO to facilitate communication between participating Councils EO to report to all GBGA on progress periodically	EO
Governance and Climate Change	Council Governance and Climate DELWP is preparing guidelines for councils to consider their legal roles and responsibilities.	Consultation held in Echuca on 14 March	Watching brief	EO
The Good Energy	Communication project for Hume Renewable Energy Roadmap	GSCC providing media support. GBGA assisting with 'good stories'	Contact members for renewable energy stories	EO

ONGOING ITEMS

MTG/TYPE	ITEM	PROGRESS MAY 2019	FUTURE ACTION (proposed)	Who
ONGOING ITEMS	Items marked ** subject of report to Feb meeting			
Ongoing	EO to be alert to opportunities for GBGA to assist RWRRGs with advocacy regarding waste to energy and recycling of solar energy products	All waste conference	Report to future meeting	EO
Ongoing	Governance items in GBGA Strategy 2018-22	Alliance Committee on 9/4/19 has identified priority items for development, and discussed planning for the next auspice -	Report to future Alliance Committee and Ordinary meetings	EO, Alliance Ctee
Ongoing	Future meeting Suggestions Solar Savers (EAGA) and other solar and efficiency projects eg YEF ? Cities Power Partnership and Global Compact/Covenant of Mayors (Carole Hammond?)	DHHS Daniel Voronoff to explain DHHS project to include climate change in DWMP GBGA august meeting		