# AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF
# THE BAROSSA BUSHGARDENS S41 COMMITTEE

**To be held in the Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa**
**on 14 April 2021 commencing at 1.00pm**

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## 1 WELCOME

To Members and Staff present.

The Committee acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which we meet, the Peramangk, Ngadjuri and Kaurna People, and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, and acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Peramangk, Ngadjuri and Kaurna People living today.

## 2 PRESENT

## 3 APOLOGIES

## 4 GUESTS

James Maitland (Friends of Barossa Bushgardens).

## 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

If a Member considers that they have, or might reasonably be perceived to have an interest in the matter before the Committee, they must clearly state the nature of that interest in writing to the Chairperson before the matter is considered.

If a Member considers that they have a personal interest which may be in conflict with their duty to act impartially, they must declare a conflict of interest as above.

If a Member has an interest in a matter, they must not partake in any of the discussions involving the matter. They must leave the room at any time in which the matter is discussed by the Committee or during any vote on the matter. They must not vote on the matter and they must not move or second any motion or participate in any discussion through the consensus process.

Any member that considers that they have an interest must notify the Chairperson and have it recorded in the minutes as to the nature and extent of the interest.

## 6 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Committee**

1. **Receive and note the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.**

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Refer *Attachment 1*.

**Attachment 1**

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
## THE BAROSSA BUSHGARDENS S41 COMMITTEE

held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 10 February 2021 commencing at 1:00pm

### 1. WELCOME

The Deputy Chair welcomed everyone, and opened the meeting at 1:02pm.

### 2. PRESENT

Members:

| | |
|---|---|
| L Mason | Deputy Chairperson |
| Cr K Schilling | Member |
| B Lillecrapp | Member |
| T Waldhuter | Member |
| G Lengyl | Member |
| A Fairney | Member |

Staff:

| | |
|---|---|
| G Mavrinac | Director Development and Environmental Services |
| S Carroll | Manager, Health and Environmental Services |
| D Von Linde | NRC Coordinator |
| P Payne | Nursery Manager |
| C Kruger | Minute Secretary |

### 3. APOLOGIES

Russell Johnstone.
Jan McKenzie.

### 4. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON/DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

L Mason called for nominations.

**Recommendation**

That the Committee:

1. Appoint R Johnstone as Chairperson of the Committee for the period February 2021 to January 2022.
2. Appoint L Mason as Deputy Chairperson of the Committee for the period February 2021 to January 2022.

**Decision**

Moved: T Waldhuter Seconded: A Fairney

That the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 5. GUESTS

James Maitland (Friends of Barossa Bushgardens).

## 6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

Nil.

## 7. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### Recommendation

That the Committee receive and note the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

### Decision

Moved: A Fairney Seconded: T Waldhuter

That the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 8. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 8.1 ACTION LIST

| Meeting Date | Resolution/Action | Status | Actioning Officer |
|---|---|---|---|
| 13 February 2019 | Prepare Brochures and marketing material (hard copy and electronic format) with assistance from Marketing and Communications Team. | Final brochure to be distributed to Committee for approval prior to finalisation mid-February 2021. | NRC Co-ordinator |
| 17 July 2019 | Discussion on marketing and future opportunity for sales at the Bushgardens. | In progress<br><br>ACTION: NRC Coordinator to meet with Council's Communication and Engagement Officers. | Management Committee |

| Meeting Date | Resolution/Action | Status | Actioning Officer |
|---|---|---|---|
| 14 October 2020 | Signage to be designed for placement around the Barossa Bushgardens alerting visitors/volunteers to the possible presence of snakes and other animals. | In progress.<br><br>Final signage to be delivered 11 February 2021. | Nursery Manager |
| 14 October 2020 | Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, Operational Plan and Public Consultation session outcomes. | In progress.<br><br>G Mavrinac to hold discussions with Northern and Yorke Landscape Board to determine level of funding going forward. | Chairperson, NRC Co-ordinator and Nursery Manager |
| 14 October 2020 | Request to consider the establishment of a Dog Sensory Garden at Barossa Bushgardens. | To be reviewed at February 2021 S41 Committee Meeting. | Refer to Agenda Item 14.3. |
| 9 December 2020 | Format for Open Day 16 May 2021. | Sub-Committee to be formed to assist with preparations.<br><br>Co-Ordinator to present a report to next S41 Committee Meeting. | Refer to Agenda Item 14.2 |

**COMPLETED ACTIONS**

| Meeting Date | Resolution/Action | Status | Actioning Officer |
|---|---|---|---|
| 14 October 2020 | Barossa Bushgardens Urban Design Framework – Public consultation. | Complete.<br><br>Adopted by Council at its meeting held 15 December 2020. | Director, Development and Environmental Services. |

**Recommendation**

That the Committee receive and note the progress of decisions from previous meetings.

**Decision**

Moved: B Lillecrapp Seconded: G Lengyl

That the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

## 10. RISK MANAGEMENT

### 10.1 Work Health and Safety

**Recommendation**

That the Committee receive and note the report.

**Decision**

Moved: K Schilling Seconded: A Fairney

That the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 11. CONSENSUS AGENDA

## 12. ADOPTION OF CONSENSUS AGENDA

**Seeding Natives**

A Fairney advised the Committee that he is seeking to engage a Marketing person to assist and would be happy to receive nominations.

**Visitation**

**ACTION:** Management Committee to investigate potential to trial QR Code monitoring for visitation to the Bushgardens.

**Eco-Vineyard Project**

**ACTION:** Nursery Manager to request that the project leader prepare a report to Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee meeting to be held 14 April 2021.

**Recommendation**

That the Committee receive and note the information items contained in the Consensus Agenda and that any recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**Decision**

Moved: B Lillecrapp Seconded: G Lengyl

That the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 13. FOCUS AGENDA

Nil.

## 14. DEBATE AGENDA

### 14.1 Finance

**Recommendation**

That the Committee receive and note the report.

**Decision**

Moved: A Fairney Seconded: T Waldhuter

That the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 14.2 Barossa Bushgardens Open Day to be held 16 May 2021

**ACTION:** Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee to decide on the recipient of gold coin donations from the Open Day.

**Recommendation**

That the Committee receive and note the report, and request that a further report be prepared for the April Meeting of the S41 Committee.

**Decision**

Moved: A Fairney Seconded: T Waldhuter

That the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 14.3 Request to consider the establishment of a Dog Sensory Garden at Barossa Bushgardens

**ACTION:** K Schilling to coordinate a meeting with Barossa Veterinary Services, Friends of Nuriootpa Dog Park and Bushgardens staff to

explore the option of the establishment of a Dog Sensory Garden at the Nuriootpa Dog Park.

**Recommendation**

That the Committee, after considering the proposal by Barossa Veterinary Services (BVS) for the establishment of a Dog Sensory Garden at Barossa Bushgardens, decline the offer and notify BVS in writing of the Committee's decision.

**Decision**

Moved: K Schilling Seconded: G Lengyl

That the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 14.4 Review of Nursery Wholesale and Retail Pricing structure, and Miscellaneous Charges

**Recommendation**

That the Committee:

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Approve the pricing structure as detailed for inclusion within Council's Fees and Charges Register for 2021-22, noting the endorsement of Option Two in relation to Not-For-Profit and Community Groups for meetings held within business hours.

**Decision**

Moved: B Lillecrapp Seconded: T Waldhuter

That the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 14.5 Seeds of Hope Proposal

**Recommendation**

That the Committee:

1. Agree to the provision of space for hard copy materials of information about suicide prevention and mental health support on behalf of Seeds of Hope.
2. Defer consideration of the request from Seeds of Hope for a staff presence at the Bushgardens, until such time as options and implications have been fully explored by Council's Collaborative Project Officer, Barossa Bushgardens Staff ad Seeds of Hope representatives.

3. Request that a further updated report be submitted to the April meeting of the S41 Committee.

**Decision**

Moved: K Schilling Seconded: A Fairney

That the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 15. URGENT OTHER BUSINESS

**Offer of Donation – Memorial seating and Woolemi Pine Tree**

D Von Linde advised that an offer for a donation of memorial seating and a Woolemi Pine Tree has been received from the family of the late Mrs Elizabeth Start.

**ACTION:** A further report detailing proposed locations and costings to be presented to 14 April 2021 meeting of the Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee for consideration.

## 16. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 14 April 2021 commencing at 1.00pm.

## 17. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 2:35pm.

Confirmed

Date: ..... Chairman: .....

## 7 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 7.1 ACTION LIST

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Committee receive and note the progress of decisions from previous meetings.**

| Meeting Date | Resolution/Action | Status | Actioning Officer |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17 July 2019 | Discussion on marketing and future opportunity for sales at the Bushgardens. | In progress<br>• The Nursery Manager is in talks with The Visitor Centre about selling BBG plants.<br>• ACTION: NRC Coordinator to meet with Council's Communication and Engagement Officers. | Management Committee. |
| 14 October 2020 | Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, Operational Plan and Public Consultation session outcomes. | In progress.<br><br>G Mavrinac to hold discussions with Northern and Yorke Landscape Board to determine level of funding going forward. | Chairperson, NRC Co-ordinator and Nursery Manager. |
| 9 December 2020 | Format for Open Day 16 May 2021. | Sub-Committee to be formed to assist with preparations.<br><br>Co-Ordinator to present a report to next S41 Committee Meeting. | Refer to Agenda Item 13.3. |
| 10 February 2021 | Visitation Investigations into potential to trial QR Code monitoring for visitation to the Bushgardens | | Management Committee.<br><br>Refer to Agenda Item 13.2. |

| Meeting Date | Resolution/Action | Status | Actioning Officer |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10 February 2021 | Eco-Vineyard Project<br><br>Nursery Manager to request that the project leader prepare a report to the Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee Meeting to be held 14 April 2021. | | Nursery Manager.<br><br>Refer to Agenda Item 10.4.4. |
| 10 February 2021 | Barossa Bushgardens Open Day to be held 16 May 2021.<br><br>Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee to decide on recipient of gold coin donations from the Open Day – a further report to be submitted to 14 April 2021 S41 Committee meeting. | | NRC Coordinator.<br><br>Refer to Agenda Item 13.3. |
| 10 February 2021 | Seeds of Hope Proposal<br><br>Considerations of request from Seeds of Hope for a staff presence at the BBG until such time as options and implications have been fully explored by Council's Collaborative Project Officer, Barossa Bushgardens staff and Seeds of Hope representatives. A further report to be submitted to April meeting of the S41 Committee. | Seeds of Hope will drop off flyers for display at the BBG early April. | NRC Coordinator. |
| 10 February 2021 | Offer of Donation – Memorial seating and Woolemi Pine Tree<br><br>A further report detailing proposed locations and costings to be presented to 14 April 2021 meeting of the Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee for consideration. | | NRC Coordinator.<br><br>Refer to Agenda Item 13.4. |

## 8 CORRESPONDENCE

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Committee receive and note the verbal report – incoming and outgoing correspondence.**

Hard copy of correspondence to be available at the meeting.

## 9 RISK MANAGEMENT/WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Committee receive and note the report.**

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**Purpose**

To inform the Committee of any work health and safety matters.

**Discussion**

Work Health and Safety

Nil incidents to report.

A building inspection has been done by the NRC Coordinator. No major issues were found.

## 10 CONSENSUS AGENDA

### 10.1 CONSENSUS AGENDA – CHAIRPERSON REPORT

**Purpose**

To provide the Committee on key activities of the Chairperson.

**Discussion**

A Verbal report to be provided.

## 10.2 CONSENSUS AGENDA – STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

### Purpose

To provide progress on the implementation of the Bushgardens Strategic Plan.

### Discussion

Strategic Plan

Progress on actions within the Barossa Bushgardens Strategic Plan are provided in **Attachment 1**. The status/progress comments are provided to the 31 March 2021 inclusive.

### Attachment or Other Supporting References

Attachment 1 – Strategic Plan Progress Report

| Action | By when | By whom | Priority | Status/Progress |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Key Result Area 1**<br>**TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE THAT MEETS THE GROWING NEEDS OF THE REGION** | | | | |
| **Strategy 1 Maintain and improve the Seed Bank** | | | | |
| 1.1.1 Undertake collection, storage, production and propagation of seed and plant stock | Ongoing | Nursery Manager | **Y** | Summer production of tubing up/potting up has nearly finished for the season. Autumn seed propagation has commenced. |
| **Strategy 2 Adopt and implement sound assets management principles** | | | | |
| 1.2.1 Manage and maintain facilities in line with sound assets management principles | Ongoing | NRC Coordinator<br>Nursery Manager | **Y** | A building inspection has been undertaken and no major issues have been recorded. |
| 1.2.2 Improve accessibility of the site, including requirements under Council's *Disability Access and Inclusion Plan* | Ongoing | NRC Coordinator | **Y** | Path upgrades will be undertaken as soon as wet weather season starts.<br>Weeds and debris is being removed – ongoing. |
| 1.2.3 Improve plant signage/ information within the Nursery | Ongoing | Nursery Manager | **Y** | As part of the Open Spaces Grant new plants signs have been placed in some of the gardens. |
| 1.2.4 Deliver on the Barossa Drought Recovery Project (nursery water reuse) as part of the Federal Government Drought Communities Programme (DCP) | June 2021 | Nursery Manager | | The Tender working group has engaged a contractor in accordance with Council's Policies and Procedures. Council has approved the increase of funds due to the cost being higher than anticipated. Expected start of works is 3 May and completion date is |

| Action | By when | By whom | Priority | Status/Progress |
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| | | | | 31 May 2021. Final Acquittal of the Grant is due by 30 June 2021. |
| 1.2.5 Develop full design and construction costs of the community car park as identified in the Urban Design Framework and source appropriate funding for construction. | June 2022 | Manager HES | | No progress to report this period. |
| **Key Result Area 2**<br>**TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF OUR COMMUNITY TO BE BETTER NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGERS AND CHAMPIONS** | | | | |
| **Strategy 1 Increase involvement of the education sector** | | | | |
| 2.1.1 Administer/conduct the NRC Program in line with the outcomes within the Service Agreement with NR AMLR, including:<br>• Nature Plan events<br>• External events<br>• Education programs/events | Ongoing | NRC Coordinator | **Y** | 4 February 2021 - Traditional Uses Trail Tour Kapunda Early Learning Centre (9 visitors),<br>22 February 2021 Northern and Yorke Landscape Board visit and garden tour (9 visitors),<br>23 February 2021 TAFE garden tour and native plant garden design discussions (14 participants),<br>24 February 2021 Southern Barossa Scouts Traditional Uses Plant presentation (11 participants),9 March 2021 Bush Playgroup – Greenock (12 participants), |

| Action | By when | By whom | Priority | Status/Progress |
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| | | | | 9 March 2021 PD Session (12 participants),<br>10 March 2021 Native Bee Hotel workshop (24 participants),<br>11 March 2021 Bush Playgroup (56 participants),<br>12 March 2021 Bird ID Workshop for the Vision Impaired (2 participants),<br>23 March 2021 Probus Knitting Group morning tea and tour (22 participants),<br>25 March 2021 Bush Playgroup (68 attendees),<br>30 March 2021 The Barossa Council new staff tour (6 visitors). |
| 2.1.2 Promote opportunity for universities and students to undertake Research and Development programs | Ongoing | NRC Coordinator | **Y** | NRC Coordinator met with TAFE lecturer and they are keen to help out with skill recognition training for future programs. |
| **Strategy 2 Facilitate health and wellbeing programs** | | | | |
| 2.2.1 Manage and facilitate the Bushgardens Disability Support program | Ongoing | NRC Coordinator<br>Nursery Manager | **Y** | Dementia Group: 1 February, 8 February, 15 February, 22 February 2021,<br>1 March, 15 March and 22 March 2021 (38 participants total). |
| 2.2.2 Maintain and promote the benefits of the Labyrinth | Ongoing | Labyrinth Group | **Y** | Labyrinth Group is looking for volunteers to help with the care of the |

| Action | By when | By whom | Priority | Status/Progress |
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| | | | | vegetation around the Labyrinth. |
| 2.2.3 Maintain and promote the benefits of the Dementia Friendly Gardens | Ongoing | Dementia Group | **Y** | The Mondays Dementia group uses this space for their morning tea and regular bases when the weather is fine. |
| **Strategy 3 Create and deliver community oriented training opportunities** | | | | |
| 3.3.1 Develop a program of seasonal workshops | Ongoing | Nursery Manager | **Y** | Developing a program with Cadell Training Centre. This will increase our production within the nursery. |
| **Strategy 4 Engage with Aboriginal people** | | | | |
| 3.4.1 Host an annual Reconciliation Week event | May 2020 | Reconciliation Committee | | Reconciliation Day will be celebrated on Saturday, 29 May. Planning in progress. NRC Coordinator has organised an Aboriginal Weaving workshop for the day. A garden will be developed along the outside of the nursery, this will include traditional uses plants. |
| **Key Result Area 3**<br>**TO RECRUIT, TRAIN AND RETAIN PRODUCTIVE VOLUNTEERS** | | | | |
| **Strategy 1 Achieve stable and sustainable volunteer group** | | | | |
| 3.1.1 Assist Council's Volunteering Services with development and implementation of an internal volunteer management system including policies and processes | Ongoing | NRC Coordinator<br>Nursery Manager | | Volunteer Supervisor meeting at the Bushgardens (23 March 2021) – the new log in terminals are still being set up by ICT, Volunteer Week celebrations and giving out of certificates of service on 21 May 2021. |
| 3.1.2 Identify training programs that meet | Ongoing | NRC Coordinator | | Developing a questionnaire with the help of the Volunteer |

| Action | By when | By whom | Priority | Status/Progress |
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| the needs of volunteers | | Nursery Manager | | Supervisor to identify areas of improvement and training needs for volunteers. |
| **Key Result Area 4**<br>**TO IMPROVE GOVERNANCE** | | | | |
| **Strategy 1 Develop and execute a new governance model** | | | | |
| 4.1.1 Prepare a discussion paper on the various governance models, and subsequently present the Council for consideration and adoption | June 2021 | Director DES | **Y** | No progress to report this period. |
| 4.1.2 Ensure that the governance structure continues to meet the changing needs of the Barossa Bushgardens | Annually | Committee | | Ongoing. |
| 4.1.3 Provide a quarterly progress report on the delivery of the Barossa Bushgardens Strategic Plan and Service Plan actions | Quarterly | NRC Coordinator<br>Nursery Manager | | Magiq reporting for third quarter complete. |
| **Strategy 2 Maintain a strong financial framework** | | | | |
| 4.2.1 Prepare a Sponsorship and Donations statement | March 2021 | NRC Coordinator | **Y** | Complete |
| **Strategy 3 Maintain effective internal controls to reduce risk** | | | | |
| 4.3.1 Identify and prepare a Risk Profile for the operations of the Barossa Bushgardens | April 2021 | NRC Coordinator<br>Nursery Manager<br>Risk Advisor | | Ongoing |
| 4.3.2 Ensure that identified Internal Controls are effectively monitored and maintained | Ongoing | NRC Coordinator<br>Nursery Manager<br>Coordinator Internal Control | **Y** | Ongoing |

| Action | By when | By whom | Priority | Status/Progress |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4.3.3 Identify and document processes to reduce threat of disease, animals, weeds and pests to nursery and gardens | March 2021 | Nursery Manager<br>NRC Coordinator | **Y** | Caltrop is being controlled manually by volunteers, started marking Skeleton Weed for chemical control. With the help from Phil Barron (Barron Environmental), Noisy Minors have been identified as main problem why wrens and other small birds will not establish in the gardens – control methods are being researched (e.g. having a bird bath for small birds and another one for bigger birds).<br><br>Ground weeds within the nursery is limited to the community nursery and shade house until the nursery upgrades have finished. |
| **Strategy 4 Maintain and explore new funding opportunities** | | | | |
| 4.4.1 Seek to maintain funding from NR AMLR in support for the Natural Resource Centre | Annually | NRC Coordinator | | NRC/EC Alliance has applied for a Landscape Priority Fund grant of $315,000 to support the operating cost of 8 NRC's/EC's for the 2021/2022 financial year. |
| 4.4.2 Identify new funding opportunities to assist in delivery of projects and programs | Annually | NRC Coordinator | **Y** | Landscape Priority Fund grant application includes funds for a consultant to help with future business planning/other funding opportunities. |

## 10.3 CONSENSUS AGENDA – VISITATION

**Purpose**

To inform the Committee on progress tours and visitors attendance

**Discussion**

A Verbal report to be presented.

## 10.4 CONSENSUS AGENDA - PARTNER PROJECTS

**Purpose**

To inform the Committee on progress of projects being undertaken by other community groups.

**10.4.1 Barossa Community Labyrinth**

(Verbal report)

**10.4.2 Dementia Friendly Communities Group**

(Verbal report)

**10.4.3 Seeding Natives**

(Verbal report)

## 10.4 CONSENSUS AGENDA – PARTNER PROJECTS

### 10.4.4 Eco-Vineyard Project

**Purpose**

To inform the Committee on progress of the Eco-Vineyard Project.

**Discussion**

**National Landcare Funded Smart Farms Small Grants: EcoVineyards program**

https://www.wgcsa.com.au/ecovineyards.html

The program has been running since July 2019 and will conclude in July 2021 unless we secure additional funding. We have just received news that we have received a National Landcare Funded Round 4 Smart Farms Small Grants, so we will continue to extend the EcoVineyards program in SA over the next two years in participating regions.

Research by Dr Mary Retallack found that native insectary plants can increase the presence of predatory arthropods (good bugs), and thereby enhance biological control of vineyard pests. This gives growers the confidence to incorporate selected native insectary plants in association with vineyards which contribute to the biocontrol of insect pests in production systems. This means growers can work smarter rather than harder, intervene less with chemical inputs (insecticide and herbicide), save time and resources while supporting the environment and boosting ecosystem services.

Existing vegetation structures such as windbreaks, vegetation corridors, mid-row, under-vine, and headland areas can be enhanced to provide resources for insect predators, microbats, endangered and predatory bird species. This will enrich the experience of tourists that visit these regions. This is an excellent way to showcase our unique Australian flora and stand out in a crowded international marketplace.

The response to the program has been overwhelming with more than 50 partnerships created between government, industry and community who are directly involved throughout South Australia including 25 EcoGrowers (three in the Barossa) who have established demonstration sites showcasing the use of native supplementary flora (insectary plants). An additional 9 EcoVineyards sites are in development across the Hills and Fleurieu and Limestone Coast regions during March to June 2021.

The program is underpinned by peer reviewed research which clearly demonstrates the value of native insectary plants and their capacity to boost the functional biodiversity and buffering capacity of vineyards. These benefits have been highlighted in a range of journal articles and fact sheets. For example, it is possible to increase the functional diversity of predatory arthropods by more than 3x when either Christmas bush, *Bursaria spinosa* or prickly tea-tree, *Leptospermum continentale* is present versus grapevines only, and increase the net number of predator morphospecies by around 27% when wallaby grasses, Rytidosperma ssp. are planted in combination with grapevines.

We are also supporting local businesses who supply native tube stock (local nurseries including the Barossa Bushgardens), grass and forb seed (Native Seeds, Seeding Natives, Blackwood Seeds), tree guards and stakes (Arborgreen landscape products), microbat boxes (Seaford Rotary), custom made predator perches and photo-points (Ocloc), promotional signage (Onkaparinga Council) etc. We are repurposing old vine guards and core flute guards where possible rather than creating a new waste stream.

We run a series of workshops or field days each spring and autumn across the state and average more than 150 participants.

Plant species lists are collated from pre-European plant community lists and are region specific. We have showcased three plant communities in the Barossa along with links to local native plant nurseries and seed suppliers and useful links - https://www.wgcsa.com.au/uploads/1/1/5/5/115509859/ecovineyardsbarossapreeuropeanplantspecieslist.pdf

The EcoVineyards program was recently recognised by Gourmet Traveller WINE as a part of the Len Evans Award for Leadership of which I was the recipient in part recognition of the EcoVineyards project http://gourmettravellerwine.com/winemaker-of-the-year-2020/dr-mary-retallack.html and the Winnovation Awards https://www.winnovation.com.au/award-winners/dr-mary-retallack in 2020.

The program has also been showcased at a range of international conferences including, 21st GiESCO International Meeting (Group of international Experts for Cooperation on Vitivinicultural Systems) in Thessaloniki Greece; the 42nd Congress of Vine and Wine, International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV) in Geneva, Switzerland; and the 17th Australian Wine Industry Technical Conference in Adelaide, South Australia.

We regularly post social media updates here:

- Facebook https://www.facebook.com/ecovineyards
- Instagram https://www.instagram.com/ecovineyards/

Additional program partners are welcomed to share local initiatives that are occurring and to provide cash and in-kind support to help produce fact

sheets and support the running extension events (workshops, field days, online updates etc.).

We have multiple additional linkages and related spin off projects including those with the Onkaparinga Council (spray free signage, free the tree, removal of woody weeds and replanting with native insectary plants etc).

**Barossa Bushgardens**

We would be delighted to work collaboratively Barossa Bushgardens to promote this local service and showcase native insectary plants that growers can incorporate on their properties (this is not limited to vineyards but extends to all production systems and land rehabilitation areas post fire etc).

## 11 ADOPTION OF CONSENSUS AGENDA

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Committee**

1. **Receive and note the information items contained in the Consensus Agenda and that any recommendations contained therein be adopted.**

## 12 FOCUS AGENDA

Nil.

## 13 DEBATE AGENDA

### 13.1 DEBATE AGENDA - FINANCE

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Committee receive and note the report.**

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**Purpose**

To provide progress on budget income and expenditure.

**Discussion**

Please refer to the attached Budget Income and Expenditure Report.

Both the Open Space, Places for People Grant and AMLR NRM 2019-20 Community Environment Grants have been fully acquitted.

Work is scheduled to commence shortly on the Nursery Drainage and Water Recycling Project, and a site meeting with the contractors has been arranged for 21 April 2021.

**Attachments or Supporting References**

Attachment 1 – Budget Income and Expenditure Report

**Council / Bushgardens Strategic Plans**

Council Strategic/Corporate Plan

6.3 Align operational strategy to strategic objectives and measure organisational performance to demonstrate progress towards achieving our goals.

Bushgardens Strategic Plan

Strategy 2 Maintain a strong financial framework

| Natural Account | 2020/21 Full Year Actuals | 2020/21 Full Year Budget | 2020/21 Full Year Percentage Spent |
|---|---|---|---|
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| | | | |
| | | | |
| **Barossa Bushgardens** | **52,215** | **127,055** | **55** |
| B145. Nursery Expenditure | 58,982 | 88,996 | 66 |
| 547. Commercial Activities - Seedling Sales | (11,221) | (17,000) | 66 |
| 621. Salaries (Increase in Leave Liabilities) | 0 | 887 | 0 |
| 624. Salaries - Environmental Services | 43,708 | 59,108 | 74 |
| 722. Direct Purchases - Stationery | 39 | 1,200 | 3 |
| 724. Direct Purchases - Irrigation supplies | 1,782 | 1,800 | 99 |
| 725. Direct Purchases - Weed/Pest Chemicals | 0 | 3,200 | 0 |
| 726. Direct Purchases - Fertiliser | 0 | 600 | 0 |
| 727. Direct Purchases - Mulch/Loam | 1,693 | 3,400 | 50 |
| 728. Direct Purchases- Plants/Shrubs | 0 | 500 | 0 |
| 729. Direct Purchases - Protective clothing | 365 | 500 | 73 |
| 732. Direct Purchases - Loose tools | 107 | 180 | 59 |
| 735. Direct Purchases - Other | 2,377 | 5,000 | 48 |
| 738. Office Equipment consumables - Other | 19 | 500 | 4 |
| 790. Depreciation Expense - Bldgs | 11,306 | 17,167 | 66 |
| 791. Depreciation Expense - Infrastructure | 262 | 349 | 75 |
| 792. Depreciation Expense - Equipment | 5,689 | 7,585 | 75 |
| 810. Insurance - Income Protection Insurance | 788 | 788 | 100 |
| 812. Insurance - Workers Comp Premium | 1,382 | 1,382 | 100 |
| 824. Staff Training - Seminar/Conference Fees | 177 | 1,550 | 11 |
| 833. Mobile Phone Expenses | 509 | 300 | 170 |
| B146. Disability Support Program | 3,805 | 376 | 1,012 |
| 562. Contributions - Other | 0 | (7,300) | 0 |
| 621. Salaries (Increase in Leave Liabilities) | 0 | 95 | 0 |
| 624. Salaries - Environmental Services | 3,571 | 6,347 | 56 |
| 735. Direct Purchases - Other | 0 | 1,000 | 0 |
| 810. Insurance - Income Protection Insurance | 85 | 85 | 100 |
| 812. Insurance - Workers Comp Premium | 149 | 149 | 100 |
| B160. Bushgardens Site/NRC Program | 13,421 | 37,683 | 36 |
| 474. Operating Grant - CWM Boards | (51,525) | (48,287) | 107 |
| 562. Contributions - Other | (1,121) | (10,000) | 11 |
| 564. Donations - Other | 0 | (1,500) | 0 |
| 567. Other Income - Misc. | (73) | 0 | 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 600. Wages (Normal Rate - Depot Staff) | 2,840 | 0 | 0 |
| 620. Salaries (Travel allowance) | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| 621. Salaries (Increase in Leave Liabilities) | 0 | 767 | 0 |
| 624. Salaries - Environmental Services | 37,207 | 51,114 | 73 |
| 636. Contractors - Waste Disposal Services | 190 | 200 | 95 |
| 649. Contractors - Plant/Machinery Servicing | 65 | 800 | 8 |
| 654. Contractors - Other Services | 0 | 5,000 | 0 |
| 700. Software - Annual Licence Fees | 210 | 0 | 0 |
| 715. Direct Purchases - Canteen Purchases | 533 | 1,000 | 53 |
| 718. Direct Purchases - Assets < $5,000 | 1,781 | 4,100 | 43 |
| 720. Direct Purchases - Signs | 2,653 | 1,000 | 265 |
| 721. Direct Purchases - Vehicle/Machine Parts | 432 | 0 | 0 |
| 722. Direct Purchases - Stationery | 87 | 300 | 29 |
| 725. Direct Purchases - Weed/Pest Chemicals | 0 | 1,500 | 0 |
| 732. Direct Purchases - Loose tools | 372 | 300 | 124 |
| 735. Direct Purchases - Other | 1,885 | 5,567 | 34 |
| 738. Office Equipment consumables - Other | 210 | 970 | 22 |
| 750. Energy Costs - Electricity | 3,478 | 6,000 | 58 |
| 751. Energy Costs - Gas | 0 | 300 | 0 |
| 752. Energy Costs - Fuel & Lubricants | 601 | 500 | 120 |
| 757. Water Rates | 204 | 308 | 66 |
| 758. Excess Water Rates | 13 | 3,000 | 0 |
| 770. Bank Charges | 114 | 300 | 38 |
| 810. Insurance - Income Protection Insurance | 682 | 682 | 100 |
| 811. Insurance - Bldg & Contents | 650 | 867 | 75 |
| 812. Insurance - Workers Comp Premium | 1,195 | 1,195 | 100 |
| 813. Insurance - Public Liability Insurance | 2,028 | 2,704 | 75 |
| 816. Insurance - Vehicles | 515 | 686 | 75 |
| 820. Advertising | 1,588 | 3,660 | 43 |
| 821. Printing | 391 | 1,000 | 39 |
| 824. Staff Training - Seminar/Conference Fees | 0 | 1,000 | 0 |
| 830. Telephone | 245 | 1,000 | 25 |
| 833. Mobile Phone Expenses | 0 | 300 | 0 |
| 836. Wireless Broadband | 430 | 600 | 72 |
| 840. Vehicle Registration | 91 | 100 | 91 |
| 882. Subscriptions/Memberships | 45 | 150 | 30 |
| 884. Other Misc. Expenses - Sundry | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| 885. Entertainment Expenses | 32 | 300 | 11 |
| 900. Internal Plant Hire Allocations | 1,681 | 0 | 0 |
| 920. Internal Allocation - Wages Overhead | 3,692 | 0 | 0 |
| B168. Bushgardens Open Space Funded Project | 2,727 | 0 | 0 |
| 720. Direct Purchases - Signs | 2,727 | 0 | 0 |
| B169. Bushgardens Barossa Regional Sculpture Prize | (4,545) | 0 | 0 |
| 562. Contributions - Other | (4,545) | 0 | 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| B171. Bushgardens Nursery Stormwater/Irrigation Infrastructure | (25,000) | 0 | 0 |
| 583. Capital Grant - Other | (25,000) | 0 | 0 |
| B172. Bushgardens Volunteering SA & NT Funded Project | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 562. Contributions - Other | (950) | 0 | 0 |
| 718. Direct Purchases - Assets < $5,000 | 567 | 0 | 0 |
| 724. Direct Purchases - Irrigation supplies | 80 | 0 | 0 |
| 735. Direct Purchases - Other | 303 | 0 | 0 |
| B175. Bushgardens Thyne Reid Funded Project | 2,825 | 0 | 0 |
| 735. Direct Purchases - Other | 2,825 | 0 | 0 |

**Capital Expenditure**

No new Capital Expenditure items for this reporting period.

## 13.2 DEBATE AGENDA – VISITATION MONITORING – QR CODES

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Committee:**

1. **Seek further information on the full capabilities and potential for marketing linkages.**
2. **Submit a further report to the S41 Committee Meeting scheduled for June 2021.**

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### Purpose

To inform the Committee of the possibility to use a QR code for visitation purposes.

### Discussion

The Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee recently raised the question of the collection of accurate data relating to Barossa Bushgardens visitation numbers.

Coordinator, NRC has researched the availability and costings for QR code scanning.

Scanning points could be located at the main entrances, but would rely on visitor's willingness to scan on entry, and the use of smart phone technology (which elderly visitors may not have). It has also been suggested that QR Codes for visitor numbers not be introduced until the current requirement by SA Health for scanning has concluded.

No personal data would be collected as the code only records the date, location, uniqueness of scan on a given day and operating system on the phone. The cost is $60 per annum for basic QR coding, with expanded adaptability and linkage options (website and event notifications) available with the more expensive versions.

Should the S41 Committee wish to pursue further information, an additional Report can be prepared for the June S41 Meeting.

### Attachments or Supporting References

www.qr-code-generator.com

### Council / Bushgardens Strategic Plans

Council Strategic/Corporate Plans

Natural and Built Heritage

1.3 Build on the conservation of the region's natural heritage including eco-systems, grassy woodlands, agricultural landscapes and recreational green spaces.

Community and Culture

5.3 Create vibrant public spaces that provide places for creative development and cultural interaction and social connections.

Bushgardens Strategic Plan

1.2.1 Manage and maintain facilities/site in line with sound assets management principles.

## 13.3 DEBATE AGENDA – BAROSSA BUSHGARDENS OPEN DAY PLANNING UPDATE

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Committee:**

1) **Approve a planting of a 'pod' in the Blue Gum Woodlands to commemorate the Barossa Bushgardens 20th Anniversary**
2) **Approve the format of the Open Day**

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**Purpose**

To provide an update of the progress of planning for the Barossa Bushgardens Open Day to be held 16 May 2021.

**Discussion**

The Open Day will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the Bushgardens, and will also include a Landcare Forum within the Program.

A Sub-Committee has been formed to finalise details, and includes Coordinator NRC, Nursery Manager, Cr Kathryn Schilling and Jan McKenzie.

The Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee previously endorsed the suggestion of a gold coin donation, and cans will be available on the day for voluntary donations.

Proposed Planting Pod

As part of the 20th Birthday celebrations, it is proposed to have a commemorative planting in the Blue Gum Woodlands area (refer map). Both founding members and the general public will be invited to participate, thus re-enacting the very first Planting Day 20 years ago.

It is estimated that the proposed planting pod will be approximately 25m long X 10m wide (or as determined by the Committee), and will include mixed plantings similar what it already exists in the Blue Gum Woodlands area.

Proposed Planting location map:

A generous contribution of $1,000 has been received from the Friends of the Barossa Bushgardens, and Landcare Association of SA has also committed to the provision of $500 towards the Open Day.

The updated draft Program is detailed below:

| What | Time | Where | What | Time | Where | Music Time | Tours | Plantings |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Yoga - meditation | 9am | Garden/ Labyrintha | | | |
| Welcome to Country? | | | | | | | | |
| Bird ID 1.5 hours | 10.30am – 12.00pm | Garden | History - presentations | 10.30am-11.00am | Volunteer - Centre | 10.30am-12pm | | |
| | | | Art – Sketching | 11.00am-12.00pm | Volunteer - Centre | | | |
| Birthday Celebrations 12.00pm-12.30pm | | | | | | | | |
| Presentation Wildlife4Wine /Eco - Vineyards ~ 0.5 hours | 12.30pm | Volunteer - Centre | Labyrintha | 12.30pm-13.15pm | Labyrintha | 12.30pm-15.00pm | | 12.30pm-15.00pm |
| Citizen - Science 45 - minutes - hours | 13.00pm – 13.45pm | Garden | Art – Collage - workshop | 13.30 pm 15.00 pm | Volunteer - Centre | | | |
| Presentation Kim - Thompson ~ - 0.5 hours | 13.45pm – 14.15pm | | | | | | | |
| Bird box - workshop 1 hour | 14.15pm - 15.15pm | Garden | | | | | | |
| Finish - 15.15pm | | | | | | | | |

Garden Tour and Traditional Uses Trail Tour to run alongside Program.
Plantings runs alongside the afternoon Program.
In addition, the following activities have been planned –

<u>Children's activities:</u>

| | Presenter | Cost | Available |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
| Nature Craft | Elisha Brunton | 0 | Yes |
| Story Nook + Craft | Library | 0 | Yes |
| Nature Trail | | 0 | (self-guided) |
| Face painting | Zara | $30/hour – 4 hours - ($120) | Yes |

Stalls:

| Stall | Type | Cost | Available | Power required |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Coffee | Amanda | charge $25 | Yes | May have generator |
| Food | Food truck Joanne Base (Sushi) | charge $25 | Yes | Maybe |
| Food (BBQ) | Max (BBG) | 0 | Yes – organised by FOBB | No |
| Reconciliation Barossa (Information stall) | | 0 | No stall but if Quentin does WTC they are happy to host him | no |
| Seeds of Hope (Information stall) | | $0 | Yes | No |
| Gawler EC (Information stall about Sustainability) | | $0 | Yes | No |
| Butterfly Conservation SA | | $0 | Yes | No |
| Barossa Improved Grazing Group | | | waiting for response | |
| Foote Side Farm | | | Waiting to confirm – | No |
| Farmer Johns | Water tanks, organic sprays, tree guards + stakes | Charge $25 | waiting for response | No |
| Barossa Nursery | | $0 | Yes but not selling plants | No |
| Karry Cleopatra | Eco Teas + Skin Care | Charge $25 | Waiting for response | Maybe |
| N+Y Landscape Board | | | waiting for response | No |
| The Barossa Council – Waste management | Natalie Allan (Recycling) | $0 | Yes | No |
| South Australian Native Plant Society | | | Waiting for response | No |
| Grolife | Organic Fertilizers | Charge $25 | waiting for response | No |
| Animal Rescue | Lyndoch | $0 | yes | No |
| CFS Education | Penny Kazlg | $0 | Yes | No |
| SA Water | | | waiting for response | Maybe |
| Wood stuff | Margaret | Charge $25 | Kathy to call | No |

Cost calculations are detailed below:

openday 2021 Estimate expenditure and income

| | | | Estimate Expenditure | | | | | | | | Income | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| activity | business name | estimate costing incl. GST per hour/ item | estimate Total costing incl. GST | cost center | budget item for openday | Council budget 20-21 amount | PO | actual cost | in-kind cost | notes | charge | donations |
| Bird ID | Phil Barron | | $220.00 | B160-735 | no | $3,058.00 | | | | | | |
| art workshop: collage | Janet Pfeiffer | $150 for 1.5 hours | $150.00 | B160-735 | no | $3,058.00 | | | | | | |
| Art workshop: drawing | | $75 per hour | $75.00 | B160-735 | no | | | | | | | |
| paper and pencils for workshop | | | | B160- 722 | yes | $138.00 | | | | | | |
| yoga Meditation | Jamie | | $80.00 | B160-735 | no | $3,058.00 | | | | | | |
| face painting | Zara | $30 per hour x 4 hours | $120.00 | B160-735 | no | $3,058.00 | | | | | | |
| cake | amanda | | $350.00 | B160-735 | FOBBG | | | | | from FOBBG donations | | |
| napkins | | | | B160-735 | no | | | | | applied for CO-OP Grant | | |
| Tea / Coffee, milk | | | | B160-715 | FOBBG | | | | | from FOBBG donations or Co-op grant | | |
| stationery | | | | B160-722 | | $138.00 | | | | | | |
| printing | office national | | $183.99 | B160-821 | yes | $853.00 | | | | | | |
| advertising | The Leader | | | B160-820 | yes | $3,462.00 | | | | | | |
| Music | Claudy Davis | | $300.00 | B160-735 | no | $3,462.00 | | | | | | |
| BBQ food, drinks | | | | | no | | | | | applied for CO-OP Grant or friends | | |
| callicoe bags for VIP guest | | $5 each X 10($50) | | | | | no | $0.00 | $50.00 | paid from previous year budget | | |
| cheese board VIP guest | | $15 each x6 | | | | | no | $0.00 | $90.00 | paid from previous year budget | | |
| plants for planting | | in - kind | | | | | | $0.00 | | | | |
| food for volunteers | | | | B160-735 | no | $3,462.00 | | | | | | |
| welcome to country | Quentin | | $500.00 | | no | $3,462.00 | | | | | | |
| land care birds box workshop | | | | | | | | | $50.00 | per bird box | | |
| wood stuff (stall holder) | jo | | | | | | | | | | $25.00 | |
| sushi food truck | | | | | | | | | | | $25.00 | |
| coffee van | | | | | | | | | | | $25.00 | |
| Donation from FOBBG | | | | | | | | | | | | $1,000.00 |
| donation landcare | | | | | | | | | | | | $500.00 |
| Total estimate estimate expenditure | | | $1,978.99 | | | | | | $190.00 | | $75.00 | $1,500.00 |

## Attachments or Supporting References

Nil.

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Bushgardens Strategic Plan

Strategy 1
Increase involvement with the education sector

Strategy 2
Facilitate health and wellbeing programs

## 13.4 DEBATE AGENDA – OFFER OF DONATION – MEMORIAL SEATING AND WOOLEMI PINE TREE

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Committee select the preferred seating option, and advise the donors of the decision.**

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### Purpose

To provide the Committee with seating options and costings for a Memorial Bench in honour of the late Mrs Elizabeth Start.

### Discussion

Further to a report tabled under Urgent Other Business at the S41 Committee Meeting held 10 February 2021.

The family of the late Mrs Elizabeth Start have expressed a wish to donate memorial seating and a Woolemi Pine tree.

The family are aware of the need to apply to place a Memorial on Community Land and have instigated an application to Council.

*Attachment One* details options available, and various prices. The monetary donation will be in the vicinity of $500.

Should the Committee select a seating option that exceeds the donation, funds would need to be utilised from the existing Bushgardens operational budget.

Bushgardens staff will meet with the family to identify a suitable location for both the tree and the seating. Seating would need to be securely installed, as to deter theft.

### Attachments or Supporting References

Attachment One – Seating options and pricing.

### Council / Bushgardens Strategic Plans

Council Strategic/Corporate Plans

Natural Environment and Built heritage

Bushgardens Strategic Plan

5.3.2 – Ensure that identified Internal Controls are effectively monitored and maintained.

# Seating options

Teak Outdoor Bench Seat

120cmx55cmx90cm

$399.00  incl. GST + delivery

Reclaimed Teak Bench

100cmx45cmx45cm

$675.00 incl. GST + delivery

Seat

150cmx54cmx92cm

$475.00 incl. GST + delivery

Peak above ground bench seat with backrest

180cmx52cmx47cm

$815.00 + GST + delivery

Timber picnic setting

200cmx155mx80cm

$1680.00 + GST + delivery

Kingsgrove Seat

$2009.00 + GST + delivery

Courtyard Seat

$1985.00 + GST + delivery

Chancellor Bench

$978.00 + GST + delivery

## 14 URGENT OTHER BUSINESS

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Committee:**
1. **Receive and note the report.**

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**Purpose**

To raise other urgent business not listed on the agenda.

## 15 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 9 June 2021 commencing at 1.00pm.

## 16 CLOSE