

8.3. New Applications for Reference Group Membership

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ATTACHMENTS: Nil

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of two applications received for Reference Group (Environment) citizen membership from Mr Timo Schmechel and Ms Wendy Pryor.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Mr Timo Schmechel has applied to be a member of the Environment Reference Group as he is an active member of the Kurraba Point community garden.

Ms Wendy Pryor has applied to be a member of the Environment Reference Group as she would like to get more involved in community activities.

It is recommended that the applications be accepted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

1.THAT the applications from Mr Timo Schmechel and Ms Wendy Pryor for citizen membership of the Environment Reference Group be accepted.

2.THAT Council note that a review of the Reference Group Charters is proposed to be undertaken in 2022-2023.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

5. Our Civic Leadership

5.2 Strong civic leadership and customer focused services

5.3 Community is engaged in what Council does

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held 14 October 2013 (Min. No. 635) Council resolved to remove the limit as to the number of citizen member positions available per Reference and Working Group.

The Environment Reference Group Charter provides that the following eligibility requirements:

a) individuals - North Sydney residents; and

b) representatives from community organisations/groups working with the community in North Sydney, with a maximum of two representatives from any one group.

The Reference Group Charters have not been reviewed for some time and a review is proposed in 2022-2023.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement is not required.

DETAIL

Mr Timo Schmechel has applied to be a member of the Environment Reference Group as he is an active member of the Kurraba Point community garden and has frequently taken part in the Green Events offered by Council. He wants to learn more about how these events and programs are organised to play a more active role in them.

Ms Wendy Pryor is a keen bushwalker, kayaker, and permaculture enthusiast. She is concerned about the climate crisis and would like to do what she can, personally, locally and politically, to mitigate and adapt.

The applications from Mr Schmechel and Ms Pryor are referred to Council for determination. It is recommended that they be accepted.