

MEETING NAME	Place, Landscape & Environment Strategic Reference Group
ATTENDEES	D Grimson (Manager Parks and Recreation) P Draper (Manager Infrastructure Operations), L Ackerly (Facilities and Recreation Planner), E Pierce (Facilities and Recreation Planner), C Whitten (Team Leader Strategic Planning), N L Norris (Senior Strategic Planner) Councillor Paul Rogers (Chair), Councillor Suzy Brandstater (Deputy Chair) (left at 6pm), Mayor Matt Gould (left at 6pm), Rowan Gregson, Christine Thurn, Keith Edwards, James Hull (online - left at 5pm), William D'Arcy, Mitch Peronis, Mel Johnstone, Joanne Lawrence, James Bell, Colin Salter (WIRES) and a Minute Taker.
APOLOGIES	James Johnson.
DATE	4 March 2026
TIME	4pm

ITEM	NOTES
Declaration of Interests	Nil
Confirmation of Minutes	The chair noted that the minutes from the 12 November 2025 meeting had an error in the Confirmation of minutes section. It was confirmed that James Bell was the seconder of the item. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 November 2025 were confirmed. Mover: Rowan Gregson Seconder: Councillor Rogers
Matters arising from previous minutes	The actions from the previous meeting were discussed as follows: Action 8: M Johnstone provided an update on Wildlife Signage and general wildlife within the Shire. No statistics were provided. Cr Rogers confirmed the action will not be closed to give M Johnstone the opportunity to get statistics for a future meeting.

Victoria Park Masterplan	- The Facilities and Recreation Planners provided a comprehensive update on the Victoria Park Master Plan, detailing the engagement process, community feedback, design changes, and next steps. - A flyer was provided to the group with a QR code to access to the Victoria Park Master Plan on public exhibition.
DCP Review Project	- The Team Leader Strategic Planning provided an update on the Development Control Plan (DCP) Review Project. - The Team Leader Strategic Planning workshopped categories within the DCP to identify the groups key interests. The group identified their key topics for future discussion points: - Environmental Protection (Biodiversity) - Secondary Dwellings - Manufactured Dwellings. <i>ACTION 9: To share a PDF version of the activity with instructions to SRG members who were online or an apology (to enable them to also be able to complete the task).</i>
Wires – Wombats and Wollondilly	- Manager Parks and Recreation introduced Colin Slater from WIRES to the group. - Colin Salter from WIRES presented: - data and strategies regarding wildlife and the road impacts it has in the Wollondilly LGA. - data from the NSW Wildlife Rehabilitation dashboard, SEED Map, and BioNet Atlas, demonstrating a steady increase in wildlife rescues, particularly wombats. - The group discussed mitigation measures including less frequent mowing, fencing, wildlife tunnels and the importance of integrating mitigation into road design and upgrades.
Biobanking and Bushcare	The Environmental Services Team Leader presented a high-level overview to the group of biobanking and informed the group on the Biodiversity Offset Scheme and Biodiversity Credits along with Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements.

	- The Environmental Services Team Leader also advised the groups on Councils key considerations as below: - Funding for assessment - Resources - Size and condition of land - Types of threatened species - Long term maintenance requirements - Land tenure - Sales of credits. - The group were also informed on Bushcare and its benefits and history. The Environmental Services Team Leader shared detail of a current group who volunteer at Stonequarry Creek; Hume Oval.
Engagement News and Updates	Nil
General Business	- Manager Parks and Recreation advised the group of two presentations that will be shared via email to the group on the below topics: - Tahmoor CBD Transport Masterplan - Significant Tree Register. - Cr Rogers mentioned that he would like future meeting agendas to have less agenda items to allow for more time in each topic. - J Lawrence discussed wanting more information in regards to a Waste workshop she attended. - J Bell mentioned the option of being provided pre reading of the presentations to help the items on the agenda flow better. ACTION 10: Tahmoor CBD Transport Masterplan and Significant Tree Register presentations to be shared with the group. ACTION 11: J Lawrence to send Manager Parks and Recreation questions on Waste Strategy with the answers sought to be shared with the group.

MEETING CLOSE: 6.11pm

NEXT MEETING: 27 May 2026

REFERENCE: 15598~6#45