



Department of **Planning,
Lands and Heritage**



Meeting Minutes

Pickering Brook and Surrounds Sustainability and Tourism Strategy Working Group – Implementation

Date/Time:	10am, 4 th February 2026	Location:	DPLH Head Office, 140 William Street, PERTH
Attendees:	Position		
Chris Bebich (CB)	Planning Manager, Land Use Planning, DPLH (Chair)		
Jason Bouwhuis (JB)	Senior Planner, Land Use Planning, DPLH		
Dale Bastin (DB)	Senior Planner, Land Use Planning, DPLH		
Chris Lodge (CL)	Manager, Strategic Planning, City of Kalamunda		
Cody Gates (CG)	Strategic Planner, City of Kalamunda		
Vanessa McNair (VM)	Coordinator, Economic Development, City of Kalamunda		
Paul Rosser (PR)	Head of Strategic Planning, Place and Development, City of Armadale		
Luis Puig (LP)	Manager, Economic Development & Advocacy, City of Armadale		
Benson Todd (BT)	Regional Manager, Swan Region, Parks and Wildlife Service, DBCA		
Des Able (DA) (MS Teams)	Director, Land Use Planning, Rural Fire Division, DFES		
Anya Lam (AL)	Director, Agriculture Resource Management & Assessment, Soil & Land Conservation, DPIRD		
Jackie Crooks (JK)	Director, Tourism Experience Development, Tourism WA		
Vivien Claughton (VC)	A/Senior Scientific Officer, Water Source Protection Planning, DWER		

Apologies

Anjali Parmar	Coordinator, Strategic Planning, City of Kalamunda
Freya Ayliffe	A/Manager, Place and Community Experience, City of Kalamunda

Items		Assignee	Due date
1	Agenda item		
1.1	Introductions and Apologies Acknowledgement of Country. The two apologies were noted and all attending members introduced themselves.		
1.2	Strategy Background CB outlined a summary of the background to the Strategy including the main reasons the State Government Taskforce for the Strategy project was established and need for the Strategy, historical planning for Pickering Brook townsite expansion by the City of Kalamunda, relationship to the State Government's Perth and Peel @ 3.5million planning strategy, previous studies undertaken by the Strategy Working Group (WG), and key outcomes of the Strategy (Parts 1 &2). CB confirmed that implementation of the Strategy does not have a dedicated funding budget and that any funding for implementation of recommendations is expected to be negotiated between the responsible lead organisations.		
1.3	Working Group Objectives and Purpose CB summarised the main objectives and purpose of the WG including the following: • To facilitate a process that provides an overall strategic planning context for the dedicated processes and any project groups relating to the implementation of specific recommendations. • To ensure the Strategy recommendations are considered and actioned within a reasonable timeframe by the organisations listed as the responsible agencies. • To provide a forum for reporting and monitoring any progress of implementation, to discuss and coordinate implementation of recommendations, including any related issues that may arise. WG meetings will be scheduled approximately every 3 months, to be held at the DPLH Head Office, for an initial period of about 2 years. It is intended that the Taskforce Chair, the Minister for Planning, will be briefed on the status of the Strategy's implementation after that time.		
1.4	Implementation of Strategy Recommendations – Updates by Organisation WG members provided verbal updates on any progress to date regarding implementation of Strategy recommendations that their organisations are identified as being a responsible lead agency.		

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CB requested members provide the implementation updates in writing to DPLH, preferably within 2 weeks after the WG meeting. CL suggested that the Strategy recommendations could potentially be grouped into three main themes being tourism (e.g. marketing, business support), land use planning framework (e.g. planning strategies and schemes), and bushfire resilience.	All	18/2/2026
JC confirmed that Tourism WA will liaise with Destination WA regarding Strategy recommendations identified as being its responsibility to implement.	Tourism WA	Ongoing
The City of Armadale and City of Kalamunda members generally agreed to take responsibility for reporting to the Perth Hills Tourism Alliance regarding the Strategy recommendations it is identified as being the lead organisation to implement.	CoA, CoK	Ongoing
CB advised that DPLH will contact the State Government agencies not represented on the WG to discuss the implementation of Strategy recommendations they are identified as being a responsible lead agency (i.e. Main Roads WA, Department of Transport, and Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (formerly DLGSC).	DPLH	
VC suggested it may be beneficial to include Water Corporation (Water Source Protection) on the Working Group given a significant portion of the Strategy Area is within Drinking Water Catchments. LP and BT indicated their support. CB advised DPLH will contact Water Corporation to discuss their potential inclusion on the Working Group.	DPLH	
DA referred to the current SAT appeal for the proposed North Stoneville Urban Structure Plan and expected 20 March 2026 preliminary judgement date. DA noted that bushfire evacuation for vehicular traffic is a major issue that may have relevance for future developments in the Strategy area.		
CB confirmed that DPLH is preparing a draft scope for an analysis of the road network in the Strategy Area (Part 2 – Recommendation 3ii) and that related consultation with DFES and Cities of Kalamunda and Armadale will occur in due course.	DPLH	
AL advised DPIRD is yet to finalise its investigations regarding identification of high-quality agricultural land (HQAL) and priority agricultural land (PAL). DPIRD requires confirmation regarding the level of interest from key stakeholders such as the local Governments to determine the value of undertaking further work. AL will provide the Working Group with website links to related	DPIRD	

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	agricultural work undertaken by DPIRD that has relevance to the Strategy Area.		
2	General/Other Business		
2.1	There was no other business		
3	Post meeting action items		
3.1	All Working Group members to provide a summary of the Strategy implementation updates in writing to DPLH.	All	18/2/2026
3.2	Tourism WA to liaise with Destination WA regarding Strategy recommendations identified as being its responsibility to implement.	Tourism WA	Ongoing
3.3	Reporting to the Perth Hills Tourism Alliance regarding the Strategy recommendations it is identified as being the lead organisation to implement.	CoA, CoK	Ongoing
3.4	Contact Water Corporation to discuss their potential inclusion on the Working Group.	DPLH	
3.5	Contact the State Government agencies not represented on the WG to discuss the implementation of Strategy recommendations they are identified as being a responsible lead agency (i.e. Main Roads WA, Department of Transport, and Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (formerly DLGSC).	DPLH	
3.6	Consult with DFES, City of Kalamunda and City of Armadale regarding a project scope for an analysis of the road network in the Strategy Area (Part 2 – Recommendation 3ii).	DPLH	
3.7	Provide the Working Group with website links to information for agricultural work undertaken by DPIRD that has relevance to the Strategy Area.	DPIRD	

Meeting closed: 11:30am

Next meeting: Late May 2026 (TBC)