# **COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP**



## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The objective of the Reference Group is to provide the wider community with an opportunity to identify current needs within the community in relation to Council's Community Strategic Plan.

#### **Objective**

• To provide members of the community the opportunity to have input into a range of topics and issues.

#### **Terms of Reference**

- To identify needs within the community relating to the Community Strategic Plan.
- To provide particular expertise to assist council in its decision making processes.
- To assist with the promotion of initiatives within the community.
- To support council on matters relating to the Community Strategic Plan
- This Group will have no formal delegations to act on behalf of council.
- Authority to recommend to Council. (The recommendations from this Group will have no legal standing unless adopted formally by council).
- Council will advertise the approaching meeting and call for agenda items.

### **Procedures**

- The agenda for the Community Reference Group forums will be prepared by council staff based on input from the community, Councillors and staff.
- Forum meeting notices will be distributed by council at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.
- Minutes of the forums will be recorded by a council staff member.
- The minutes with any recommendations arising from the Group will be presented to the next suitable council meeting with comments from council staff if deemed