

# Edinburgh Gardens Working Group

## TERMS OF REFERENCE



<b>Type</b>	Project Reference Group
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>To advise and inform Council on future management of the Gardens in peak periods over summer and public holidays, including comments on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• any types of activities suggested as not considered appropriate to be held at the Gardens and reasons for same;</li><li>• any special conditions considered applicable to particular uses/activities at the Gardens;</li><li>• the review of the Consumption of Liquor in a Public Place Local Law;</li><li>• any considerations which would come under the Council's General Local Law; and</li><li>• the Council Order under the Domestic Animals Act 1994.</li></ul>
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>The Working Group will seek to achieve an arrangement at Edinburgh Gardens which will establish an environment for all community to have respectful and safe access to visit the Gardens for recreation and / or leisure purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• without the need for Council to introduce additional alcohol bans;</li><li>• in a manner which will see all users respect the rights and desires of other users to enjoy the Gardens peacefully; and</li><li>• in a manner which will respect the Gardens and local environment including adjacent residents, their properties and the surrounding public laneways and to properly use the Gardens and provided facilities.</li></ul> <p>The Working Group will strive for an arrangement that ensures respect for the human rights and maximises the safety for all users and visitors to the Gardens.</p>
<b>Membership</b>	<p>The Committee will comprise twelve members as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) <b>four</b> local resident members;</li><li>(b) <b>one</b> representative drawn from Fitzroy North Primary School;</li><li>(c) <b>two</b> members drawn from the Edinburgh Gardens sporting community which comprises:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Fitzroy Tennis Club</li><li>(ii) Fitzroy Football Club</li><li>(iii) Fitzroy Junior Cricket Club</li><li>(iv) Edinburgh Cricket Club</li></ul></li><li>(d) <b>two</b> casual Park users, and</li><li>(e) <b>three</b> Councillors.</li></ul>
<b>Chairperson</b>	The Chairperson shall be the appointed Councillors on a rotating basis.

<p><b>Selection Criteria</b></p>	<p>Officers shall determine the membership to ensure the working group represents the diverse users of the gardens, residents and key stakeholders.</p> <p>In making selections, officers shall have regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ensuring the committee reflects the diverse demographics of the Yarra community, with particular regard to age, ethnicity and gender, and in particular, ensure that at least three members of the committee are under the age of 35;</li> <li>• including people with initially different viewpoints and approaches to the management of the Gardens; and</li> <li>• involving persons who have been involved in recent representations to Council regarding the management of the Gardens.</li> </ul> <p>Before making the final appointments to the Working Group, officers shall consult with the appointed Councillors.</p>
<p><b>Meeting arrangements</b></p>	<p>The Project Reference Group will meet once in each of July, August, September and October.</p> <p>Meetings will be held at the Edinburgh Gardens Community Room, Fitzroy North.</p>
<p><b>Sunset</b></p>	<p>The Committee will sunset on 19 October 2021.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the sunset, committee members may be invited to reconvene informally on a one-off basis to assess the impacts of their advice following the 2021/2022 summer period.</p>

## Extract from the Council Committee Policy

### **Behaviour**

Committee Members are expected to support the objectives of the Committee, and participate in meetings in a positive and constructive manner. Committee Members have been brought together to share diverse views, actively listen to contrary arguments and be open to different interpretations and suggestions.

### **Attendance**

An appointed member absent for three or more consecutive meetings without leave or reasonable explanation may be requested to explain their absence. In the event that absenteeism of a member is ongoing, the Committee Secretariat may request the Chief Executive Officer (in consultation with Councillors) to declare the position vacant.

### **Public statements**

Committee members, with the exception of the Chair, must not make statements to the media or on social media about Council business or items discussed by the Council Committee in a way that purports to represent the views of the Council or Council Committee or discloses or reveals confidential information provided to them in the course of committee business.

### **Dissent**

Committee members are not expected to agree with all advice of the Committee and are free to respectfully express their dissenting view during meetings of Council Committees.

Committee Members who are repeatedly unable to agree with or support the advice of the Council Committee are advised to consider their ongoing membership of the Council Committee.