

Shire of Kojonup

Kojonup



Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee

NRMAC - 08

MINUTES

23 August 2018

AGENDA FOR THE KOJONUP NRM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 23 AUGUST 2018

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MINUTES

1 **DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GUESTS**

The Presiding Member, Cr Ned Radford, declared the meeting open at 1:12pm.

2 **ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES**

MEMBERS

Ned Radford	Councillor – Presiding Member
Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton	Community Representative
Marina Murray	Supervisor Horticulture Tradesperson
Jane Kowald	Landcare/NRM Officer
Paul Retallack	Senior Ranger/Building Maintenance Coordinator

OBSERVERS

APOLOGIES

John Benn	Councillor
Rick Mitchell-Collins	Chief Executive Officer
Kath Mathwin	Community Representative
Graham Blacklock	Community Representative

3 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

4 **SUMMARY OF RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil

5 **APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

KOJONUP NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING 24 MAY 2018.

RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION

**18/18 Moved: Marina Murray, Seconded: Ned Radford
That the minutes of the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory
Committee meeting held 24 May 2018 be confirmed as a true record.**

CARRIED

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS by the Presiding Member without discussion

Nil

8 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

10 FINANCIAL REPORT

Attachment 10.1 – Financial Report Period Ending 16 August 2018

RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION

**19/18 Moved: Jane Kowald, Seconded: Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton
That the Financial Report for the period ending 16 August 2018 be received
and noted.**

CARRIED

**SHIRE OF KOJONUP
NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
For the period ending 16 August 2018**

A/c	Description	Type	Resp. Officer	18/19 Total Budget	18/19 YTD Actuals
Operating Expenditure					
5612	NRM - Office Expenses	Exp.	CEO	\$1,500	\$0
5616	NRM - Consultancy Fees	Exp.	CEO	\$22,000	\$2,405
5601	NRM - Vehicle Costs	Exp.	CEO	\$500	\$0
5614	NRM - SWCC Project	Exp.	CEO	\$0	\$4,057
5723	NRM - 20m Trees Grant Expenditure	Exp.	CEO	\$16,000	\$7,045
5722	NRM - State NRM Grant Expenditure	Exp.	CEO	\$48,866	\$0
5686	NRM - Environmental Reserve M'ment	Exp.	MWS	\$11,000	\$623
				\$99,866	\$14,131
Operating Revenue					
5603	NRM - Grants	Inc.	MCS	-\$3,936	\$0
5613	NRM - Contributions	Inc.	MCS	\$0	\$0
				-\$3,936	\$0
<i>less amount already transferred this financial year</i>					\$0
(Profit)/loss to be transferred (into)/out of NRM reserve account:				\$95,930	\$14,131

Reserve Account

Definition (money may be used for):

For the Shire of Kojonup to progress the following projects:-

1. Bridal Creeper and tagasaste Eradication program.
2. Managing water resources including water harvesting and re-use opportunities in the Shire for the use in Kojonup parks and reserves during summer.
3. Undertake weed management and planting of native trees and shrubs in conjunction with Schools, Kojonup Aboriginal Corporation and community groups within identified Reserves such as:
 - a) Myrtle Benn, Farrar and Quin Quin;
 - b) Showground's area; and
 - c) Blackwood Road arboretum.

to improve bio diversity, fauna habitat and natural resource management outcomes.

	17/18 Total Budget	17/18 YTD Actuals
Natural Resource Management Reserve Account		
- Opening Balance	\$167,506	\$167,506
- Transfer from Reserve	-\$95,930	\$0
- Transfer to Reserve	\$0	\$0
- Interest Earned	\$3,350	\$73
- Closing Balance	\$90,926	\$167,579

11 STATUS REPORTS

11.1 NRM/LANDCARE OFFICER REPORT – SOUTH WEST CATCHMENTS COUNCIL (SWCC) PROJECT GW.GWS13.SK

Attachment 11.1 – GWS013 Closure Report 2018 KOJv2

This project ended in June 2018. The final report is attached for your information. The Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee suggested that copies (with a different, more appealing front page) be placed at the Shire front counter, Kodja place, local coffee shops and schools to advertise the work that has been done in the Landcare space.

11.1.1 Kojonup Weed Action Group

Attachment 11.2 – 20180523 Roadside weed mapping Astron

At the previous Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting it was decided to discuss the following recommendation at this meeting

RECOMMENDATION

That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee advises Council to commit \$_____ from the Natural Resource Management Reserve Account to conduct a weed survey on _____ roads of the Kojonup Shire.

COMMITTEE DECISION

20/18 Moved: Paul Retallack, Seconded: Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton

That the Landcare Officer:

- 1. Seek two more quotes from different suppliers to carry out the weed mapping for comparison;**
- 2. Seek grants that could be used to offset the cost of the weed mapping; and**
- 3. Talk to surrounding Shires to see if they have done weed mapping in their area, if so by whom and how they have used the information.**

CARRIED

REASON FOR CHANGE

Before committing any money towards weed mapping, the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee wants to make sure the quote received is 'value for money' and wants to see what other Shires around Kojonup are/have done about weed mapping.

11.2 NRM/LANDCARE OFFICER REPORT – STATE NRM COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS – A16046

Attachment 11.3 – 20180803 Event Summary Report Planet Arc Schools Tree Planting Day

Students from St Bernard’s Catholic Primary School participated in tree planting as part of Planet Arc’s Schools Tree Planting Day, and was completed as part of the deliverables of this project.

11.3 NRM/LANDCARE OFFICER REPORT – COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT 20 MILLION TREES PROJECT – 20MTR3-242

The old gravel pit has been direct seeded and planted with seedlings. The old speedway site has been planted with seedlings. Marina may need to do a follow up spray for red legged earth mites.

The following article was in the 8 August edition of the E-News.

LANDCARE

OLD SPEEDWAY TREES PLANTED

Funding from the Australian Government’s National Landcare Program’s 20 Million Trees program was used to rehabilitate the old speedway (behind the show grounds) to native vegetation. Seedlings were planted on the 27 July by Bill Riley, Mitch Cox, Jemaine Weasel and Tim Michael, organised by the Kojonup Aboriginal Corporation. They are pictured below battling the very clayey conditions to plant over 2000 seedlings.



The 20 Million Trees Program is part of the national stream of the National Landcare Program, and has four strategic objectives:

- 20 million trees – 20 million trees and associated understorey planted by 2020.
- **Environmental conservation** – support local environmental outcomes by improving the extent, connectivity and condition of native vegetation that supports native species
- **Community engagement** – work cooperatively with the community
- **Carbon reduction** – contribute to Australia reducing its greenhouse gas emissions.

11.4 FUNDING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

A number of funding applications have been submitted by the NRM/Landcare Officer. The following applications are pending:

1. National Landcare Program Small Environmental Grants
 - a. ‘Busting Bridal Creeper in the Carlecatup Creek’
 - b. ‘Carlecatup Wetland Restoration’
 - c. ‘Boscabel Wetland Protection’
2. Keep Australia Beautiful Community Litter Grant – ‘Back to the Tap’

3. SUEZ Community Grant – ‘Weed a month perpetual calendar’
4. State Natural Resource Management 2018 Stewardship Grants
 - a. ‘Let Community Lead the Way in Landcare’
 - b. ‘Headwaters of the Upper Great Southern Wheatbelt NRM/Landcare Collective’ (joint application with the Shire of Kent, project leader, Katanning Landcare, Shire of Dumbleyung, Wagin/Woodanilling Landcare Zone Inc, Shire of Kojonup, The Gilamii Centre and North Stirling’s Pallinup Natural Resources Inc.

Application details may be supplied on request.

12 **ITEMS**

12.1 MISTING ROADSIDE WEEDS

From the Natural Resource Management Committee minutes dated 22 February 2018:

COMMITTEE DECISION

47/17 Moved Kath Mathwin, seconded Marina Murray that the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council that a demonstration of John Moore’s misting technique be considered for Denny Road.

CARRIED

The Natural Resource Management Committee resolved to discuss this item at this meeting.

COMMITTEE DECISION

**21/18 Moved: Marina Murray, Seconded: Paul Retallack
That a trial of the misting technique, as per John Moore’s recommendation, using low rates of glyphosate to take out grass weeds, leaving native species unaffected, be tried along Tunney Road up to Luz Road. Marina Murray will be in charge of the trial and will take before and after photos to document the trial.**

CARRIED

REASON FOR CHANGE

The Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recognised that spray drift could be an issue

12.2 **SHIRE OF KOJONUP UNIQUE FLORA AND FAUNA DATASET**

From the Natural Resource Management Committee minutes dated 22 February 2018:

Members of the Natural Resource Management Committee recognise that the Shire of Kojonup has many rare and endangered species of flora and fauna in reserves and along roadsides. The location of these species is not largely known, which makes prioritisation for management works difficult.

Jane Kowald will discuss this matter with local flora enthusiast, Chris Lewis to see if she has any ideas about establishing a Flora and Fauna Asset Dataset. It is not envisaged that this dataset would be widely distributed as the areas identified would be sensitive in nature.

Ms Kowald has indicated to the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee that this has not progressed.

CEO Comment:

Please refer to recent correspondence from the Hon. Minister for Tourism, Paul Papalia regarding clearing of vegetation within roadside verges. Clearing for the sake of clearing is not supported by the Shire of Kojonup and any application is subject to prior approval of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

Council management and staff attended a roadside vegetation workshop presented by Nick Casson from the Department at the Kojonup Sports Complex on 6 June 2018.

The Roadside Conservation Committee is appointed by the Minister for Environment and is seeking to assist Local Governments to “.. promote the conservation and effective management of rail and roadside vegetation...”.

- 1) Roadside values in broad context (RCC);
- 2) Regulation (DWER);
- 3) Management and maintenance (RCC); and
- 4) Threatened Flora and Communities/ESAs (DBCA).

Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee Comment:

The Landcare Officer has recently gained datasets from Nick Casson of the Roadside Conservation mapping and from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions of Declared Rare Flora in the Shire of Kojonup. Ms Kowald will commence discussions with Craig McVee and Stephanie Waldron about how to put them into a usable format and if a Procedure/Policy would be required for roadside works.



**MINISTER FOR TOURISM; RACING AND GAMING; SMALL BUSINESS;
DEFENCE ISSUES; CITIZENSHIP AND MULTICULTURAL INTERESTS**

Our Ref: 70-09143

Mr Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Kojonup

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Dear Mr Mitchell-Collins

It has come to my attention that a number of Local Governments are clearing the State's valuable wildflowers from roadside verges.

Western Australia (WA) has a long-standing reputation as the Wildflower State - home to more than 12,000 species, over 60 per cent of which are found nowhere else in the world. Each year they provide a spectacle of colour, diversity and scent that needs to be experienced to be believed.

The annual wildflower season ranks as one of WA's most fascinating and precious natural treasures, attracting thousands of tourists each year. Many visitors spend time travelling our highways and other roads in search of them.

Wildflowers are also a major drawcard for Japanese visitors and with the McGowan Government currently in discussions with Japanese airlines to secure direct air services between Tokyo and Perth, it is important that we retain this key attraction in its natural habitat along roadsides.

I seek your assistance in ensuring that wildflowers are not destroyed or fragmented in drive corridors to encourage tourism to regional areas and towns within your jurisdiction.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. Papalia', written over a horizontal line.

**HON PAUL PAPALIA CSC MLA
MINISTER FOR TOURISM**

15 AUG 2018

13 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the NRM Advisory Committee is to be held on Thursday, 22 November 2018 at 1:00pm in the CWA Building.

15 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at ____pm.

16 ATTACHMENTS (SEPARATE)

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Presiding Member

Date