

Shire of Kojonup

Kojonup



**Natural Resource Management
Advisory Committee**

NRMAC - 12

MINUTES

6 December 2018

MINUTES FOR THE KOJONUP NRM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 6 December 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 1:14 pm.

2 **ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES**

MEMBERS

Ned Radford	Councillor – Presiding Member
John Benn	Councillor
Kath Mathwin	Community Representative
Marina Murray	Supervisor Horticulture Tradesperson
Jane Kowald	Landcare/NRM Officer
Paul Retallack	Senior Ranger/Building Maintenance Coordinator

OBSERVERS

APOLOGIES

Rick Mitchell-Collins	Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton	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**

Ms Kowald will be on leave from 14 December 2018 to 4 February 2019. Ms Kowald will be having a knee operation on the 12 February 2019 which will see her on light duties for 6 weeks.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

KOJONUP NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING 24 MAY 2018.

COMMITTEE DECISION

22/18 Moved: Jane Kowald Seconded: Marina Murray
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

The Financials for the period ending 31 October 2018 were not supplied and will need to be reviewed at the next meeting in 2019.

11 STATUS REPORTS

11.1 ROADSIDE WEED MAPPING

[Attachment 11.1 – 20180523 Roadside weed mapping quote Astron](#)
[Attachment 11.2 – 20180920 Roadside weed mapping quote Natural Area](#)

The quotes were assessed by the Committee and discussion was raised regarding the usefulness of the information collected by these surveys. It was decided that a targeted weed mapping approach may be better, based on the Roadside Conservation Values Mapping.

Ms Kowald will provide the Roadside Conservation Value Map for the Shire of Kojonup at the next Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting with a list of High Conservation roads.

Roadside rehabilitation was then discussed, with Mr Retallack outlining his plan for rehabilitation of roadsides within the gazetted townsite. Mr Retallack, Ms Murray and Ms Kowald will assess roads to propose a budgeted rehabilitation plan (including signage) at the next Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting.

11.2 STATE NRM COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS – A16046

No further development from last meeting.
Fences will be inspected early 2019 and final project reporting is due June 2019.

11.3 COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT 20 MILLION TREES PROJECT – 20MTR3-242

Greening Australia visited the Old Gravel Pit site on the 7th November to do a ‘species survival count’. The majority of the tube stock have been damaged by stock, presumably sheep, which should not occur again as the fence has been renewed. The major species present from the direct seeding are acacias. Greening Australia will be back next year to infill plant with more tube stock.



The Old Speedway site will require infill planting, which has been provided for in the budget. The species that appears to be thriving is the *Hakea lissocarpa*.

- 11.4 KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY LITTER GRANT ‘BACK TO THE TAP’ – CLG2018-14

Attachment 11.3 – Meet PAT brochure

The Shire of Kojonup has received \$4950.00 from Keep Australia Beautiful to install a ‘Meet PAT’ water bottle refill station at the Apex Park, with the intention to reduce waste by reusing water bottles. This will help educate the local and transient communities and significantly reduce the amount of rubbish removed from the park. It will be located on the path from the parking area to the ablution block.

Currently the Shire’s Townscape Committee is deciding what will be featured on the Meet PAT. Contractually required to use the ‘Reduce, Reuse, Recycle’ message there will be room for pictorial direction signs to the townsite and Kodja Place.

The Townscape Committee have requested that the Meet PAT purchased includes a dog bowl. The Meet PAT funded is only the basic model and so there is some cost gap that will need to be sorted before purchasing of the unit can proceed.

COMMITTEE DECISION

23/18 Moved: Ned Radford Seconded: John Benn
That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends to the Townscape Committee that the Meet PAT does not include a dog bowl as it encourages dogs to be in the children’s playground, increasing the risk of an attack and comes under the Shires duty of care.

CARRIED

11.5 REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP (RBG) FORMATION

Attachment 11.4 – Recognised Biosecurity Groups FAQ

The Gillamii Centre CEO, Karina Bateman, has approached the Shire of Kojonup to seek interest in forming a RBG with the Shire of Cranbrook, and possible encompassing the Shires of Kent and Katanning.

The Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee has been advised on the function of an RBG as early as 26 June 2016.

This would be an opportunity to acquire funds to combat declared pest/s under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* (BAM Act), for on-ground activities, personnel and administration support.

If the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee thinks this is a worthy cause, some interested members may like to consider being included in a group that will be part of the RBG going forward.

Ms Kowald is to write an Agenda Item for Council to consider this proposal, including how many pests can be targeted by the group. Ms Kowald will arrange for a speaker to address Council about the RBG process and its implications for the Shire.

COMMITTEE DECISION

- 24/18 Moved: Kath Mathwin Seconded: John Benn**
That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council that a Local Law is developed to eradicate the following species from the Shire:
- 1. Pattersons Curse (*Echium plantagineum*);**
 - 2. Black Wattle (*Acacia decurrens*);**
 - 3. Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*); and**
 - 4. Flinders Range Wattle (*Acacia iteaphylla*).**

CARRIED

11.6 WEEDING WATTLES BUSY BEES

Held on the first Wednesday of each month, these continue to be well supported by a few core volunteers and the Garden Crew from the Shire of Kojonup. Since beginning in March 2018, 20.58 Ha of bushland has been cleared of the weedy wattles.

The next busy bee will be held in April 2019. Ms Kowald and Ms Murray will meet to assess the old railway line walk trail to remove the Eastern States Wattles.

11.7 FORWARD PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

To assist with planning activities/events that have opportunities to engage with the community, Ms Kowald has developed a calendar and would appreciate feedback from Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee members for any omissions, and any that should be noted of high importance.

2019		
Term 1	26 February*	Business Clean Up Australia Day
	1 March*	Schools Clean Up Australia Day
	3 March*	Community Clean Up Australia Day (possibly along Frankland Road near Farrar Reserve)
	22 March	World Water Day
	23 March	World Meteorological Day
	30 March*	Earth Hour
	30 March	World Frog Day
Term 2	17-28 April	Nature Play Week
	15 May	International Day of Families
	22 May	UN International Day for Biological Diversity (themed)
	5 June	World Environment Day
	16 July	World Shark Day
	26 July*	Planet Arc Schools Tree Planting Day
	28 July	National Tree Day
Term 3	4 October	World Animal Day
	2 October	World Farm Animals Day
	21-27 October	Eco Week
	21-27 October*	Aussie Backyard Bird Count (could incorporate lizards and reptiles)
	10 August	World Biodiesel Day
	14 August	World Lizard Day
	16 September	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
	29 September – 4 October	National Wildflower Conference Albany
Term 4	11-17 November	Planet Arc National Recycling Week
	21 November*	National Agriculture Day (work in with Southern DiRT)

The Committee discussed dates and those above asterisked are of greater importance. Cr Radford advised for the tree planting days that kids were taken back to the sites where they had previously worked for gratification purposes.

11.8 RABBIT CALICIVIRUS RELEASE

From the Shire of Kojonup Meeting Minutes 21 August 2018:

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorise the CEO to:

1. Seek community feedback on the nature, type and number of rabbit related problems in the town site;
2. Ascertain from community members the number of pet rabbits kept within the town site.
3. Liaise with farmers to ascertain/monitor the number of fox related lambing type incidents in the Shire which may be a direct result of a decreased rabbit population.

Or alternatively;

That Council approves:

1. To use funds from the Natural Resource Management Reserve account to purchase a vial of the RHDV1 K5 virus to be released in the town during summer 2018/19, if the vials cannot be sourced earlier at no cost.

COUNCIL DECISION

96/18 Moved Cr Mathwin, seconded Cr I Pedler that Council authorise the CEO to:

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- 2. Ascertain from community members the number of pet rabbits kept within the town site.**
- 3. Liaise with farmers to ascertain/monitor the number of fox related lambing type incidents in the Shire which may be a direct result of a decreased rabbit population.**
- 4. Raise the issue of foxes and the threat to livestock/native fauna at the WALGA Great Southern Zone meeting.**

CARRIED 8/0

REASON

Councillors suggested the issue of increased fox numbers outweighed the issue of the increased rabbit population as foxes posed a greater threat to native fauna and livestock, which in turn, is an added cost to farming.

Ms Kowald has since picked up the free vial of Calicivirus from Ms Garratt.

11.9 FUNDING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AND OUTCOMES

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 - unsuccessful
 - 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’ – successful
3. SUEZ Community Grant – ‘Weed a month perpetual calendar’ – unsuccessful
4. State Natural Resource Management 2018 Stewardship Grants – still being assessed, announcements should be made end November.
 - 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 supplied on request.

12 ITEMS

12.1 MISTING ROADSIDE WEEDS

On 11 September 2018, Parks & Reserve Team Members - Mark and James sprayed the weeds along Tunney Rd with Glyphosate only.

They sprayed the edge/verge of Tunney Rd, from the Cemetery to Mather Rd turnoff. This has given quite good weed control, including some Bridal creeper and has left the native undergrowth untouched.

Mark will be spraying for the few summer weeds which have germinated, in the next week. We plan to spray again next year to keep the area weed free and then plant with native understory shrubs and groundcovers.

Some plants growing there, other than the trees, (Casuarinas, Eucalypts & Santalum acuminatum) are Billardia heterophylla (was Sollya), Grass trees, Dianella and Kennedia prostrata.

We will also spray down Mather Rd verge next year from Tunney Rd corner to Treasure Rd and repeat for 2020 and plant along there.



Tunney Road before spraying 9 October 2018



Tunney Road after spraying 4 December 2018

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 Lewis has informed Ms Kowald that the majority of collected samples are found in more than one place in the Shire of Kojonup. However, the records from the herbarium are in hard copy form only and it would be useful to have them in a digital form. There are about 700 records, all of which have a location (either road name or GPS).

Ms Kowald will meet with Ms Lewis to work out a plan to scan the records, enter the information into an excel spreadsheet and enter points into RAMM (Shire's asset management system) with all the information required to ensure the longevity of the collection.

12.3 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LANDCARE NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

AUTHOR: Kath Mathwin – Community Representative
DATE: Wednesday, 5 December 2018

SUMMARY

The Western Australian National Landcare Network (WANLN) is the representative body for Landcare groups across Australia and works to provide a voice for Landcare at the national level and the Shire of Kojonup should consider joining the group.

BACKGROUND

The WANLN is made up of representatives from the NRM/Landcare sector, who come together to share their successes and support one another in overcoming challenges.

The WANLN was formed to be a representative voice West Australians who freely give their time to care for our lands and waters. It is run by a Board and an advisory council, both of which are made up of volunteers from across the state.

Our Board is responsible for organisational governance and strategy. The Members Council, which consists of skilled and passionate Landcarer's from across the state, is where WANLN members debate the issues facing on-ground volunteers and determine policies and strategic projects for the organisation. The Members Council enables the WANLN to be a direct conduit from grassroots Landcare to policy makers and other national stakeholders.

COMMENT

After attending an event run by the WANLN earlier in November, Ms Mathwin would like the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee to consider becoming a member of the WANLN.

CONSULTATION

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

COMMITTEE DECISION/RESOLVED

That the Shire of Kojonup be encouraged to apply to be a member of the Western Australian National Landcare Network.

12.4 SHARP RUSH

AUTHOR: Kath Mathwin – Community Representative
DATE: Wednesday, 5 December 2018

SUMMARY

Sharp Rush population is increasing each year. Ms Mathwin would like the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee to consider using funds to hire a contractor for 3 years to eradicate it from the Shire.

BACKGROUND

Sharp rush is a weed from Europe, Africa and North America. It is unpalatable to stock, competes with preferred pasture plants, reduces carrying capacity of land, restricts movements of animals and machinery, provides a good environment for foxes and rabbits, and increases the potential for floods due to restricted water flow.

The occurrences of Sharp Rush along roadsides in the Shire of Kojonup has been conducted and control demonstration sites have been established, results of which are documented in several past minutes of the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

COMMITTEE DECISION/RESOLVED

That Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee group via Ms Kowald look for examples in the Eastern States of Australia on how to proceed with this agenda item.

12.5 COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT IN LANDCARE

AUTHOR: Kath Mathwin – Community Representative
DATE: Wednesday, 5 December 2018

SUMMARY

Landcare and the NRMAC needs to be more inclusive, inviting community members to NRMAC meetings and developing an email, or other, network to share NRM/Landcare events and news.

BACKGROUND

Landcare used to have 22 working groups, each with a group coordinator, mostly doing some activity each year, as well as occasional major events.

Of course, we had a full-time coordinator in those days. (still need that full-time position). If our meetings were to be advertised, date, ‘all welcome’ for instance it would be a start. There are interested people about, they need to feel included as important members of Landcare in the district.

COMMENT

An NRM/Landcare network within the Shire would complement the NRMAC and keep community members posted with events and NRM/Landcare news.

It was suggested that a photo collection could be made into a calendar for local businesses to give to their clients.

CONSULTATION

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLVED

That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee group look at ways and means to include and encourage and use as many members of the community as we can, firstly by advertising the dates of the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meetings.

12.6 FRIENDS OF GROUP FOR MURADUP RESERVE

AUTHOR: Jane Kowald – NRM/Landcare Officer
DATE: Wednesday, 5 December 2018

SUMMARY

Pat Terry approached Ms Kowald to see about forming a 'Friends of' group, similar to the Friends of Myrtle Benn group, to conduct weeding days and general busy bees to tidy up the bush area.

BACKGROUND

Ms Terry shares a boundary with the Muradup bush reserve and is increasingly concerned about the occurrences of weeds such as bridal creeper, eastern states wattles and bulbs (ixias, freesias). She believes that forming a 'Friends Of' group with other interested community members and running weeding busy bees would be beneficial to the health of the bushland and maintain its biodiversity.

COMMENT

The bush area Ms Terry refers to bounds south of the river crossing and behind Muradup war memorial, stretching to behind the Muradup Cemetery (see Map below).

The area has a number of titles and will need to be investigated further as to who has the management order over them. A preliminary weed map has been made while Ms Kowald was in the field on 20 September 2018.



Muradup Reserve area of Proposed 'Friends Of' Group



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CONSULTATION
Ms Pat Terry

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLVED

That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee group via the NRM/Landcare Officer seeks interest to form a ‘Friends of’ Group for the Muradup bush land after confirming the management orders for the parcels of land.

13 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the NRM Advisory Committee is to be TBA at 1:00pm in the NRM/Landcare/Southern Dirt Office.

Ms Kowald will propose dates to Council to consider for 2019.

15 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3:41pm.

16 ATTACHMENTS (SEPARATE)

Attachment 10.1 – Financial Report Period 1 August - 31 October 2018

Attachment 11.2 – 20180920 Roadside weed mapping quote Natural Area

Attachment 11.3 – Meet PAT brochure

Attachment 11.4 – Recognised Biosecurity Groups FAQ

Presiding Member

Date