



SHIRE OF KOJONUP

## MINUTES

Natural Resource Management  
Advisory Committee

NRMAC - 05

14 November 2019

**AGENDA FOR THE KOJONUP NRM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

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## AGENDA

### 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GUESTS

The Presiding Member, Cr Ned Radford, declared the meeting open at 1.00pm.

### 2 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

#### **MEMBERS**

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

#### **OBSERVERS**

John Benn	Shire President
Phil Worts	Community Member

#### **APOLOGIES**

Parminder Singh	Councillor
Rick Mitchell-Collins	Chief Executive Officer

### 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 - 15 August 2019.

**COMMITTEE DECISION**

9/19 Moved: Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton      Seconded: Kath Mathwin  
That the minutes of the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting held 15 August 2019 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED 6/0

7 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

**COMMITTEE DECISION**

10/19 Moved: Marina Murray      Seconded: Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton  
That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommend to Council that Phil Worts be accepted as the replacement Community Representative for Mr G Blacklock on the Committee.

CARRIED 6/0

8 **PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

9 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

10 FINANCIAL REPORT

Attachment 10.1 – Financial Report Period ending 31 October 2019

COMMITTEE DECISION

11/19 Moved: Jane Kowald                      Seconded: Paul Retallack

That the Financial Report for the period ending 31 October 2019 cannot be received as there is a discrepancy in the Operating Expenditure for line item 5684 NRM – Publications. Last period there was \$2,303 in the 18/19 YTD Actuals and this period that is now \$0. Jane Kowald is to discuss with Anthony Middleton where the money has gone. Jane Kowald will report back to the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee via email as to the result of the discussion.

CARRIED 6/0

**ATTACHMENT 10.1 FINANCIAL REPORT PERIOD ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2019**

**SHIRE OF KOJONUP  
NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
For the period ending 31 October 2019**

A/c	Description	Type	Resp. Officer	Total Budget	YTD Actuals
<b><u>Operating Expenditure</u></b>					
5612	NRM - Office Expenses	Exp.	CEO	\$300	\$40
5616	NRM - Consultancy Fees	Exp.	CEO	\$22,000	\$7,078
5601	NRM - Vehicle Costs	Exp.	CEO	\$200	\$0
5684	NRM - Publications	Exp.	CEO	\$0	\$0
5614	NRM - SWCC Project	Exp.	CEO	\$0	\$0
5723	NRM - 20m Trees Grant Expenditure	Exp.	CEO	\$7,000	\$0
5722	NRM - State NRM Grant Expenditure	Exp.	CEO	\$18,613	\$0
5686	NRM - Enviromental Reserve M'ment	Exp.	MWS	\$13,180	\$11,455
				<b>\$61,293</b>	<b>\$18,573</b>
<b><u>Operating Revenue</u></b>					
5603	NRM - Grants	Inc.	MCS	\$0	\$0
5613	NRM - Contributions	Inc.	MCS	\$0	\$0
				<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	<i>less amount already transferred this financial year</i>				\$0
	<i>less shortfall from last financial yea's transfer</i>				\$1,018
	(Profit)/loss to be transferred (into)/out of NRM reserve account:			<b>\$61,293</b>	<b>\$19,591</b>

**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.

	Total Budget	YTD Actuals
<b>Natural Resource Management Reserve Account</b>		
- Opening Balance	\$98,226	\$98,226
- Transfer from Reserve	-\$61,293	\$0
- Transfer to Reserve	\$0	\$0
- Interest Earned	\$1,965	\$27
- Closing Balance	<b>\$38,898</b>	<b>\$98,253</b>

## **11 STATUS REPORTS**

### **11.1 NRM/LANDCARE OFFICER REPORT – STATE NRM COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS A16046**

The project is currently on track with a variation to plant 6,000 more native seedlings and 4km fencing approved. The final site inspection has been completed and the final report is being compiled.

### **11.2 REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP (RBG) FORMATION**

Glenice Batchelor and Jason Dearle from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development presented to the Council Briefing Session on Tuesday, 20 August 2019. The response was positive.

### **11.3 LANDFILL CLOSURE PLANS**

A meeting was held on the 26 September 2019 with Rick Mitchell-Collins (CEO), Paul Retallack (Senior Ranger/Building Maintenance Coordinator), Craig McVee (Manager of Works & Services), Michelle Dennis (Development Services Coordinator and Building Surveyor) and Jane Kowald (NRM/Landcare Officer) regarding the Landfill Closure Plans for the Robinson Road Landfill (Reserve No. 24160 & 1006) and the Albany Highway Landfill (Lot 3067).

Discussion was had regarding the recent planting at the Robinson Road Landfill and if the Landfill Closure Plan, 2014, (Attachment 11.3) is still valid with the Department of Water and Environment Regulation (DWER). It was decided that the CEO will follow up with DWER before any more revegetation works are undertaken at this site.

Planting may be done along the Old Rubbish Tip road, where on the direct seeding site on the northern side (figure below).

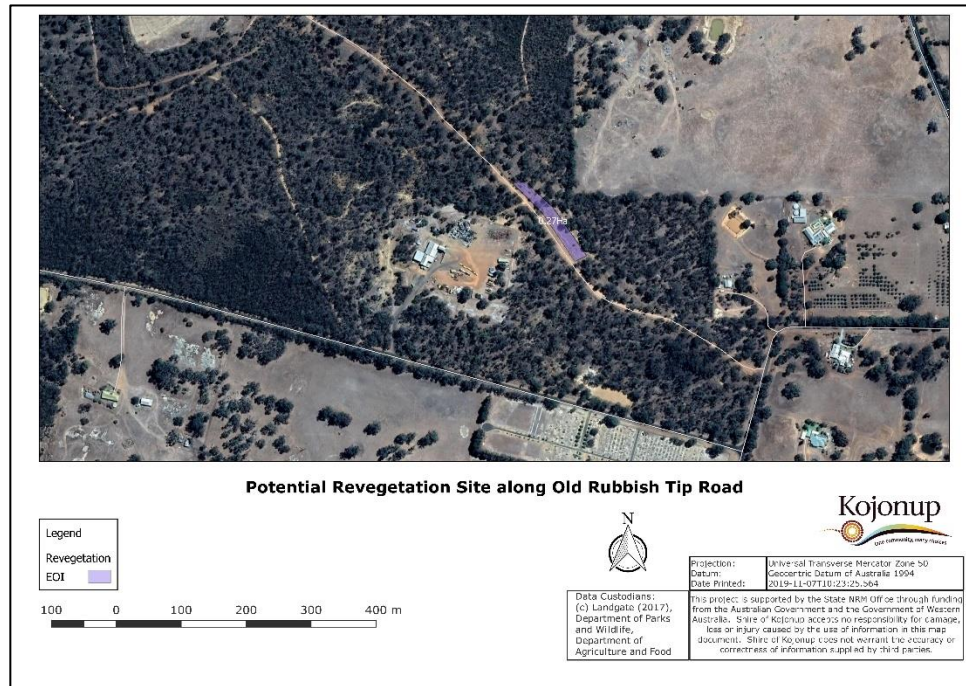
A budget estimate of \$3,930 is required for the 2020/21 financial year.

The Committee noted the importance of involving school students in this activity, not only to introduce them to Landcare and to begin the journey of nurturing the environment, but to re-visit sites planted to see their progress to build a sense of achievement.

#### **COMMITTEE DECISION**

**12/19 Moved: Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton      Seconded: Kath Mathwin**  
That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council the revegetation of approximately 1Ha along the northern side of the Old Rubbish Tip road be undertaken in 2020 with a Budget provision of \$3,930.

**CARRIED 6/0**



Activity	Activity Description	Sub-activity	Units	Total allocated funds (ex GST) or actual spent if activity completed
<b>2020-21</b>				
Spray 1Ha	Pre planting	Winter		750
Seedlings 1 Ha	1200/Ha native species @ \$0.75/stem	Winter	900	900
Transport seedlings	\$1/km from Katanning 100km round trip		1	100
Tree planting 1.84 Ha	Planting with pottiputkis, 2 hours per hectare @ \$75/hr		2	150
Ripping (if required)	Approximately 1 hour per hectare, including tractor, ripper and labour per hour x \$250/hr on open cleared area. Double time allowance for creek lines and vegetation, or difficult sites	250/Ha	1	250
Spray	Post planting spot	Spring		750
Vermin control	Vehicle and personnel	Up to 10 Hrs		700
	Phosphine Tablets	1.2kg		130
	Notification of neighbours and general public	postage and letter		200
Subtotal - 2020-21				\$3,930



#### **11.4 RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLANS**

The Corporate Strategic Plan, reference 1.2.6 (page 12) says that Works and Services will develop environmental management plans for significant Shire reserves, which should be completed in 2020/2021.

Jane Kowald and Marina Murray are working to progress this with the idea of producing an overarching document briefly describing all reserves in the Shire. High value reserves will be identified as part of this process and it will be recommended that these reserves have an individual environmental management plan written for them by an appropriate consultant.

No further progress has been made to date.

#### **11.5 USING LOW RATES OF CHEMICAL IN RESERVES FOR WEED MANAGEMENT**

Jane Kowald and Marina Murray have reviewed the sites and will re-spray next year when weeds start to appear. Photo monitoring of the sites will continue.

Marina Murry used the misting technique at the Kojonup-Katanning Road Standpipe Reserve. She observed that the grasses around the edge have been killed, but the spray has not affected grasses or native species inside the vegetation.

The technique would not be useful on roadsides as the risk of spray drift would be too great. As the grasses further into the Standpipe Reserve were unaffected the value of its usefulness in this situation is under question, weather conditions playing a huge part in successful application.

The Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee has suggested another trial along the western edge of Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary and to redo the Standpipe Reserve to evaluate its effectiveness in 2020.

#### **11.6 GEOGRAPHICALLY STRATEGIC FOX BAITING INTERVENTIONS COLLABORATED ACROSS THE GREAT SOUTHERN DISTRICT AREA OF WA TO REDUCE POTENTIAL INJURY OR DEATH TO OUR INDUSTRY-VITAL FARM SHEEP POPULATIONS**

This collaborative project is funded by the Australian Government through the Communities Combating Pest and Weed Impacts During Drought Program – Biosecurity Management of Pests and Weeds. Shire of Kent NRM Officer, Paul Leoni, is leading the project which includes the Shires of Lake Grace, Kent, Jerramungup, Gnowangerup, Plantagenet, Cranbrook, Broomehill-Tambellup, Kojonup, Katanning, Woodanilling and Wagin (see map below, note Dumbleyung has pulled out).

The project target of 120,000Ha to be baited for fox control has been reached which represents over 100 properties taking part in the project, 18 of which are in the Shire of Kojonup.

All property owners/managers have participated in a 1080 accreditation course and the first round of fox baiting will take place in early 2020.

Jane Kowald has had a number of enquiries to source rabbit calicivirus to provide to landowners. Jane will look into the cost of the vials and put a notice in the next E-News and Kojonup Newspaper to see if any other landholders are interested in getting some.

The release of the virus needs to be a coordinated and landscape scale release to have maximum effectiveness and produce greater results opposed to a patchy, individual landholder release. Each vial costs \$120 and postage for each order is \$50.

In an attempt to avoid multiple postage charges and a coordinated release, the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee suggests the NRM/Landcare Officer coordinates orders for the Shire of Kojonup. Landholders are to pay for the cost of the vial (\$120 each). Landholders that want to order a vial must have completed the RHDV1-K5 Authorisation Training online training, which is available from DAFWA's Client Online Training website. The NRM/Landcare Officers time would be required to order and distribute the virus vials once delivered.

### **11.7 HALT THE DECLINE OF CARNABY'S COCKATOO**

South West Catchments Council's (SWCC) Dr Brian Chambers, Program Manager – Threatened Species, met with NRM/Landcare representatives from Shire of Kojonup, Katanning, Wagin-Woodanilling, Kent and Dumbleyung on 29 October 2019 to discuss a new project through the Australian Government for work on improving nesting habitat for Carnaby's cockatoos.

This is part of a larger project working across the species range involving 5 regional NRM groups and Birdlife Australia. The funding is from the Environment Restoration Fund and will be delivered through a work order under SWCCs service agreement for the Regional Land Partnerships.

SWCC have secured funding up to \$400k over four years, with \$50,000 to be spent in the first year (20/21). Project activities include:

1. Community and stakeholder engagement activities such as communication, training and workshops, one-on-one interactions;
2. Infill planting of nesting habitat sites on private tenure;
3. Controlling feral predators of black cockatoos;
4. Protecting habitat on private tenure by controlling access (fencing);
5. Controlling weeds to protect the native vegetation at nesting and food resource sites on private tenure (e.g. weeding to reduce fire risk);
6. Erecting artificial nesting structures or repairing hollows on private tenure; and
7. Citizen science and expert input to survey and collect data on previously unmapped and existing nesting sites (fauna surveys).

The agreements with the Australian Government have not been signed yet so the funding source for this project will need to be kept confidential.

### **11.8 STATE NRM GRANTS**

The Shire of Kojonup has been successful in securing two new projects through the recent round of State NRM Community Stewardship Grants:

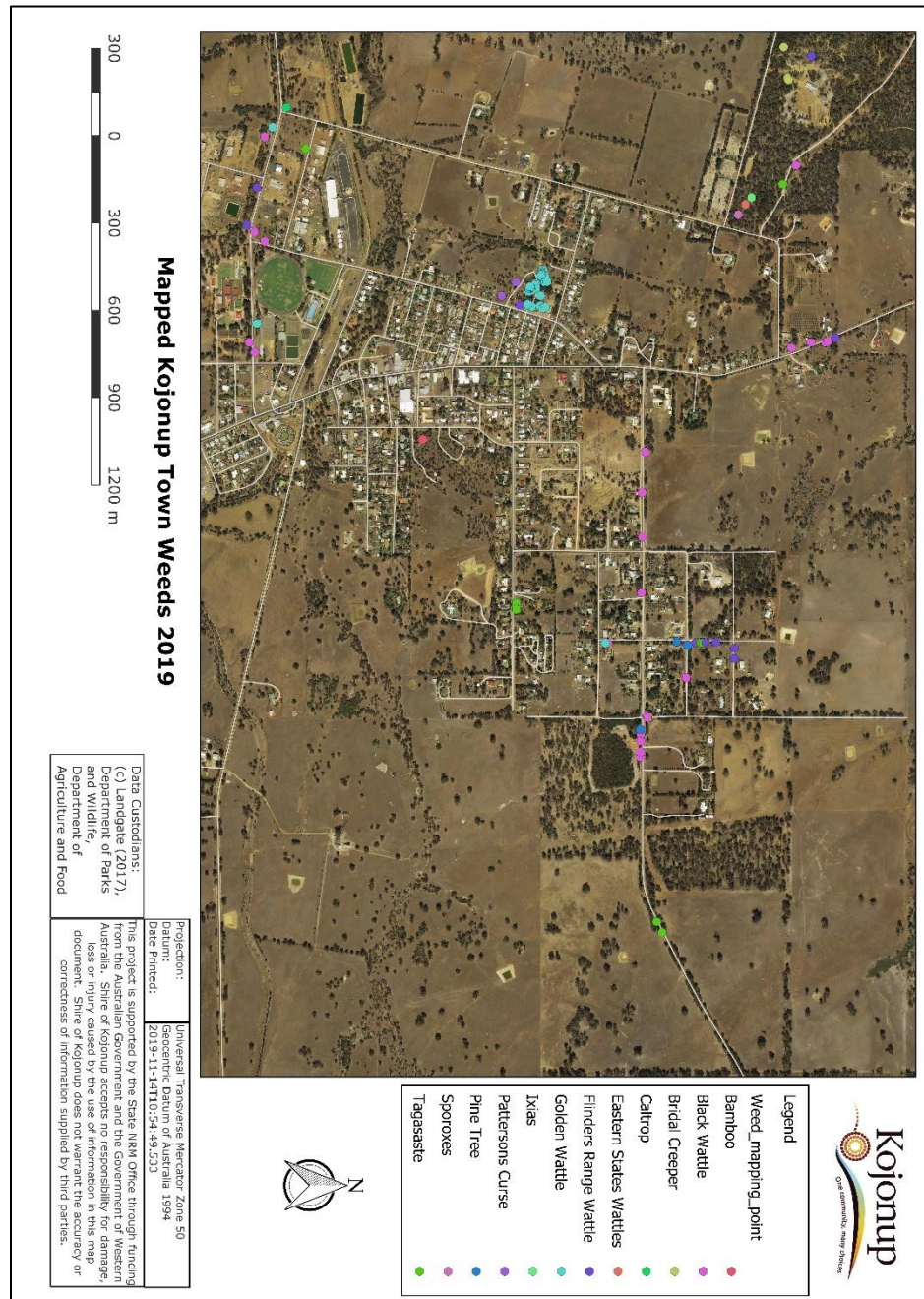
1. Revegetating Tarup Creek (\$26,420) and
2. Carlecatup River Wetland Restoration (\$44,240).

Agreements have yet to come through from State NRM. Application details and budget can be produced on request from Jane Kowald.

### **11.9 WATTLES ON MAIN ROADS – REPLY TO LETTER FROM AUGUST MEETING**

Marina Murray received a reply from Main Roads regarding the removal of weedy wattle trees and tagasaste along their managed roads. Main Roads will not remove any trees within the town site as it is under the control of the Local Government.

The Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee discussed the need to remove the weeds from the townsite before putting any pressure on landholders to remove them from their properties. With this in view, Jane Kowald mapped some of the town's weeds (Attachment 11.9).



The Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee requested that Jane Kowald complete mapping the town’s weeds so that a budget can be presented to the next Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting for consideration.

**COMMITTEE DECISION**

**13/19 Moved: Ned Radford Seconded: Paul Retallack**  
 That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council to make provision within the 2020/21 budget to progress the removal of town sites weeds as per Attachment 11.9 (Town Weed Map).

CARRIED 6/0

COMMITTEE DECISION

14/19 Moved: Jane Kowald Seconded: Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton  
That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee accepts the NRM/Landcare  
Officers Status Reports.

CARRIED 6/0

12 **ITEMS**

12.1 **WEBSITE SHOWCASING LOCAL NATIVE FLORA AND FAUNA**

AUTHOR: Phil Worts  
DATE: 1 November 2019

The development of a website or blogspot may encourage younger generations to show more interest in our native animals and plants. An example is from Esperance region, <http://esperancewildflowers.blogspot.com/>.

It could be promoted at our schools and to visitors to the area. A small grant would be required to set it up, plus some administrators to check species, and add/swap photos. A childrens section could be included to use their photos.

To get people interested, you could choose a plant group or animal group to focus on each year.

**COMMITTEE DECISION**

15/19 Moved: Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton      Seconded: Kath Mathwin  
That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee approved of the idea and Phil Worts will get more information on the costs involved to present at the next meeting. Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton will investigate the name of an online group some ladies were using in the Jingalup area to record plants.

CARRIED 6/0

## **12.2 NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FIELD TRIP FOR WITH A VIEW TO INVESTMENT**

From the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting dated 15 August 2019, a Field Trip was organised to view possible sites to invest in weed control.

The trip was held on the 5 November 2019 and five sites were visited. A report was compiled to describe the sites and possible weed control and revegetation required at each site (Attachment 12.2).

### **COMMITTEE DECISION**

**16/19 Moved: Paul Retallack**

**Seconded: Marina Murray**

**That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council that:**

- 1. Two busy bees be organised in April 2020 at Qualeup Hall and Orchid Valley Old School to remove weeds, community members will be notified and invited to attend;**
- 2. Jane Kowald to write to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to cap and seal the old rubbish tip at Muradup to dissuade further dumping of rubbish; and**
- 3. Jane Kowald to prepare a budget for the removal of weeds at the other sites in Attachment 12.2 for consideration at the next NRM meeting.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

### 12.3 WEEDY WATTLES PAMPHLET

From the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting dated 15 August 2019, it was suggested that funds from 5684 NRM – Publication’s (budgeted \$2,303) might be used to produce a ‘Weedy Wattle’ pamphlet for distribution to all Shire of Kojonup residents.

The following budget needs to be considered by the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee.

Item	Description	Cost
Graphic design	A3-DL	\$1395.00
Printing	1000 recycled paper	\$909.00
Posting	All Kojonup addresses	\$200.00
	TOTAL	\$2504.00
Budget	5684 - NRM publications	\$2303.00

#### RECOMMENDATION

/19    Moved:                      Seconded:  
That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council that funds from 5684 – NRM Publications be used to produce a Weedy Wattles pamphlet to distribute to all Shire of Kojonup residents.

CARRIED/LOST

#### COMMITTEE DECISION

The Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee cannot make a decision on this Recommendation until the Financial Report, line item 5684 – NRM Publications, has been questioned.



13 **MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil.

14 **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the NRM Advisory Committee is yet to be announced, March 2020.

15 **CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3:10 pm.

16 **ATTACHMENTS (SEPARATE)**

Attachment 11.3 – Landfill Closure Plan

Attachment 12.2 – NRMAC Field Trip Report

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*Presiding Member*

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*Date*