



Natural Resource  
Management  
Advisory Committee

NRMAC - 06

# MINUTES

4 June 2020

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**M I N U T E S**

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

The Presiding Member, Cr Ned Radford, declared the meeting open at 1:00 pm.

**2     ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES**

**MEMBERS**

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Ned Radford                 | Councillor – Presiding Member                  |
| Rick Mitchell-Collins       | Chief Executive Officer                        |
| Kath Mathwin                | Community Representative                       |
| Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton | Community Representative (attending via Zoom)  |
| Marina Murray               | Supervisor Horticulture Tradesperson           |
| Jane Kowald                 | Landcare/NRM Officer (attending via Zoom)      |
| Paul Retallack              | Senior Ranger/Building Maintenance Coordinator |

**OBSERVERS**

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Frank Pritchard | Community Member |
|-----------------|------------------|

**APOLOGIES**

|                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Parminder Singh | Councillor               |
| Phil Worts      | 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 - 14 NOVEMBER 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**07/20 Moved Kath Mathwin, seconded Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton**

**That the minutes of the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting held 5 March 2020 be confirmed as a true record.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

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

Recommendations to Council from the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting held 5 March 2020 were adopted:

***OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION***

***36/20 Moved Cr Fleay, seconded Cr Radford***

***“That Council:***

- 1. Receive the Natural Resource Management Committee unconfirmed minutes for the meeting held 5 March 2020;***
- 2. Endorse the following dates for NRMAC meetings:***  
***Thursday, 4 June 2020***  
***Thursday, 13 August 2020***  
***Thursday, 5 November 2020; and***
- 3. Endorse the Natural Resource Management Committee decision 06/20 that a Weedy Wattles information pamphlet be sent to all residents in the Shire of Kojonup, with a budget provision of \$2504.00 being made from account 5684 within the 2020/2021 budget.”***

***CARRIED 8/0***

***49/20 Moved Wieringa, seconded Cr Radford***

***“That Council:***

- 1. Request the Minister for Lands/Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage amalgamate Reserves 21460, 24161, 22994, 21026 and 1006 to create a new reserve for the purposes of Conservation and Recreation with the Management Order in favour of the Shire of Kojonup.***
- 2. Include Reserves 22994, 24160 and 21026 as Recreation Local Scheme Reserves in the new draft local planning scheme”.***

***CARRIED 8/0***

**8     PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**9     DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**10     FINANCIAL REPORT**

Attachment 10.1 – Financial Report Period ending 31 January 2020.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**08/20   Moved: Jane Kowald, seconded Kath Mathwin**

**That the Financial Report for the period ending 31 March 2020 be received and noted.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

**Attachment 10.1 Financial Report Period ending 31 March 2020**

**SHIRE OF KOJONUP  
NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
For the period ending 31 March 2020**

| A/c                          | Description  | Type | Resp. Officer | Total Budget    | YTD Actuals     |
|------------------------------|--|------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Operating Expenditure</b> |  |      |               |                 |                 |
| 5612                         | NRM - Office Expenses  | Exp. | CEO           | \$300           | \$59            |
| 5616                         | NRM - Consultancy Fees   | Exp. | CEO           | \$22,000        | \$15,262        |
| 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        | \$15,072        |
| 5686                         | NRM - Environmental Reserve M'tment                                | Exp. | MWS           | \$13,180        | \$11,613        |
|                              |  |      |               | <b>\$61,293</b> | <b>\$42,006</b> |
| <b>Operating Revenue</b>     |  |      |               |                 |                 |
| 5603                         | NRM - Grants   | Inc. | MCS           | \$0             | -\$2,799        |
| 5613                         | NRM - Contributions  | Inc. | MCS           | \$0             | \$0             |
|                              |  |      |               | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>-\$2,799</b> |
|                              | <i>less amount already transferred this financial year</i>         |      |               |                 | -\$20,000       |
|                              | <i>less shortfall from last financial year's transfer</i>          |      |               |                 | \$1,018         |
|                              | (Profit)/loss to be transferred (into)/out of NRM reserve account: |      |               | <b>\$61,293</b> | <b>\$20,225</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       | -\$20,000       |
| - Transfer to Reserve                              | \$0             | \$0             |
| - Interest Earned                                  | \$1,965         | \$394           |
| - Closing Balance                                  | <b>\$38,898</b> | <b>\$78,620</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   REVEGETATING ALONG THE OLD RUBBISH TIP ROAD**

Council endorsed the budget provision of \$3,930 for the 2020/21 financial year to revegetate approximately 1 Ha along the Old Rubbish Tip road.

Seedlings have been ordered and Marina Murray and her team will be ready to prepare the ground for revegetation before planting.

The NRM/Landcare Officer will contact the local schools for participation in planting.

**11.3   RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLANS**

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

Progress has commenced with a DRAFT Plan to be ready by July 2020.

**COMMITTEE DECISION**

**04/20     *Moved Parminder Singh, seconded Paul Retallack, the NRM/Landcare Officer ask for Community input to find names for local reserves through the Kojonup News and Shire E-News. If names are not found then look at asking the school community to make up names.***

***CARRIED 6/0***

An article calling for names of reserves was in the Shire E-News, edition 178, 1 May 2020. To date there has been no response. The NRM/Landcare Officer is consulting with Phil Shephard, Town Planner, about the Shire of Kojonup's Naming Guidelines and finding more information from the Geographic Names Committee and their associated Policy and Standards for Geographic Naming in Western Australia.

WALGA has a Geographic Names Project, Aboriginal Language is being used more. They want to see that naming/dual naming is spread across reserves. NRM/Landcare Officer will send out the document to the group.

**11.4   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. The mister will be used next month to trial the spraying again.



**11.5 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 Shire's of Lake Grace, Kent, Jerramungup, Gnowangerup, Plantagenet, Cranbrook, Broomehill-Tambellup, Kojonup, Katanning, Woodanilling and Wagin.

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

4,860 baits have been distributed to landholders in the Shire of Kojonup. Landholders are required to keep records of bait uptake and replacement as well as lambing/marketing percentages.

More baits will be delivered in August 2020. There is room for more farmers to be involved and an article is in this month's Shire E-News calling for more interest.

**11.6 HALT THE DECLINE OF CARNABY'S COCKATOO**

**Attachment 11.7 – Part C Schedules**

South West Catchments Council have sent the contract documents, including the service agreement schedule (attached). An agenda item has been prepared for approval by the Council.

The Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee suggests that the CEO signs off on the project now and asks for endorsement at the June council meeting.

**11.7 TOWN WEED MAPPING**

Council has endorsed making a provision of \$10,000 in the 20/21 Budget to commence the removal of Eastern States Wattles (see Section 7). Jane Kowald and Marina Murray will meet further discuss the implementation of the removal. Jane Kowald has not made any more progress on the townsite weed mapping.

#### **11.8 PEST PLANTS LOCAL LAW**

In regards to 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**

An agenda item has been developed and can be presented at the next Council meeting. Since the Gazetting of a Local Law costs \$10,000, the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee agreed to wait until other Local Laws, currently being prepared, can be Gazetted all at once to reduce costs.

#### **11.9 WEEDY WATTLES PAMPHLET**

Council has endorsed the Natural Resource Management Committee decision 06/20 that a Weedy Wattles information pamphlet be sent to all residents in the Shire of Kojonup, with a budget provision of \$2504.00 being made from account 5684 within the 2020/2021 budget, decision 36/20. This item will proceed next financial year.

Acacia Pycnantha (Golden wattle) is coming up along Shire roadsides, particularly Muradup road. The NRM/Landcare Officer needs to look for a funding opportunity to employ a contractor to remove roadside weeds. Roadside weed mapping can be done by volunteers if provided with a map, as we all travel on different roads in the shire. The NRM/Landcare Officer will send blank maps out to members of the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee, Friends of Myrtle Benn and other interested community members to mark occurrences of Eastern States Wattles, Tagasaste and Bridal Creeper.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**09/20 Moved: Marina Murray, seconded Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton**

**That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee accepts the NRM/Landcare Officers Status Reports and that the Committee recommends to Council to participate in the 'Halt the Decline of Carnaby's Cockatoo' project, managed by South West Catchments Council.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

## **12 ITEMS**

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

From the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting held 14 November 2019 the following Committee Decision was made:

**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**

Two WA Local Government Authority preferred suppliers have been contacted to provide quotes for developing a website or BlogSpot. The NRM/Landcare Officer is waiting for the quotes. These will be incorporated into a State NRM Community Stewardship Grant application to be announced at the end of 2020.

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

From the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting dated 14 November 2019 the following Committee Decision was made:

**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**

The points will be discussed below:

1. Marina Murray and Jane Kowald discussed possible dates for the busy bees, encouraging members of the Friends of Myrtle Benn Group to be involved. Key contacts will be notified to rally some local support. It has been suggested that John Binns be the contact for Qualeup Hall and Will Harvey for the Orchid Valley Hall. Dates would be advertised well in advance in the Shire E-News and the Kojonup Newspaper for maximum participation. This has been delayed due to COVID-19. **At the March Busy Bee, the FOMB group indicated they would like to participate in the Qualeup Hall busy bee on Wednesday 5 August 2020, COVID-19 had post-phoned busy bees and this date**

will need to be re-confirmed by the Friends of Myrtle Ben Group at their next busy bee.

Best to have Qualeup busy bee when the Cape Tulip is visible in Sept-Oct 2020. Jane Kowald check with Herbiguide for spray recommendstions. Identify spots with a wooden picket so we know for following years where we have been.

2. A letter was sent to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to cap and seal the old rubbish tip at Muradup, Jinglup and Boscabel on 5 December 2019. **No response has been received.**
3. Jane Kowald has not made any progress on preparing a budget for the removal of weeds at other sites visited on the field trip. No progress to date.

### 12.3 SHARP RUSH COMMUNITY SURVEY

At the last meeting, it was decided that a survey could be sent out via the Kojonup News and the costs associated with the survey would be presented at this meeting.

The cost of in insert with the Kojonup News is \$155.00 (confirming if this is plus or minus printing costs). A free online survey can also be used (SurveyMonkey) and distributed through the Shire E-News and Facebook site. It is estimated that about 2 hours of NRM/Landcare Officer time be required to develop the survey.

Rick Mitchell-Collins will investigate the use of the Fire Service mobile numbers to text a link to the survey page.

#### RECOMMENDATION

10/20 Moved: Jane Kowald, seconded: Kath Mathwin

That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council that an online and paper survey be distributed by social media platforms, Shire of Kojonup E-News and as in insert to the Kojonup News, spending up to \$200.00 from Cost Code 5686 - Environmental Reserve Management.

CARRIED 7/0

### 12.4 2020 STATE NRM COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP GRANTS

Attachment 12.4.1 - Landscape Rehydration Trial and Demonstration in the Great Southern draft project summary

Attachment 12.4.2 - Improve the Biodiversity of the Myrtle Benn Flora & Fauna Sanctuary and Educate the Community about its natural assets.

Community Stewardship Grants are available for community-based projects that help conserve, restore, rehabilitate or enhance a local natural area, conserve WA's biodiversity and maintain or build the capability of NRM community groups across the State.

There are two components:

1. Small Grants
  - Valued between \$1000 - \$35,000
  - Up to 18 months duration
2. Large Grants
  - Intended for more strategic, complex projects
  - Valued between \$35,001 and \$450,000
  - For up to 36 months duration

Interest has been sought from the community for project ideas. The NRM/Landcare Officer will be writing applications for the following projects due on 15 June 2020.

1. Phase 2 of the existing State NRM Community Stewardship Grant to continue the revegetation of Tarup Creek on Nathan and Diana Leitch's property, Muradup.
2. Landscape Rehydration Trail and Demonstration in the Great Southern project run by Wheatbelt Hydrology, Lance Mudgway.
3. Friends of Myrtle Benn Group: Improving the Biodiversity of Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary and Community Education about its assets (this includes provision for the website/BlogSpot for the flora and fauna of Kojonup as discussed in 12.1)

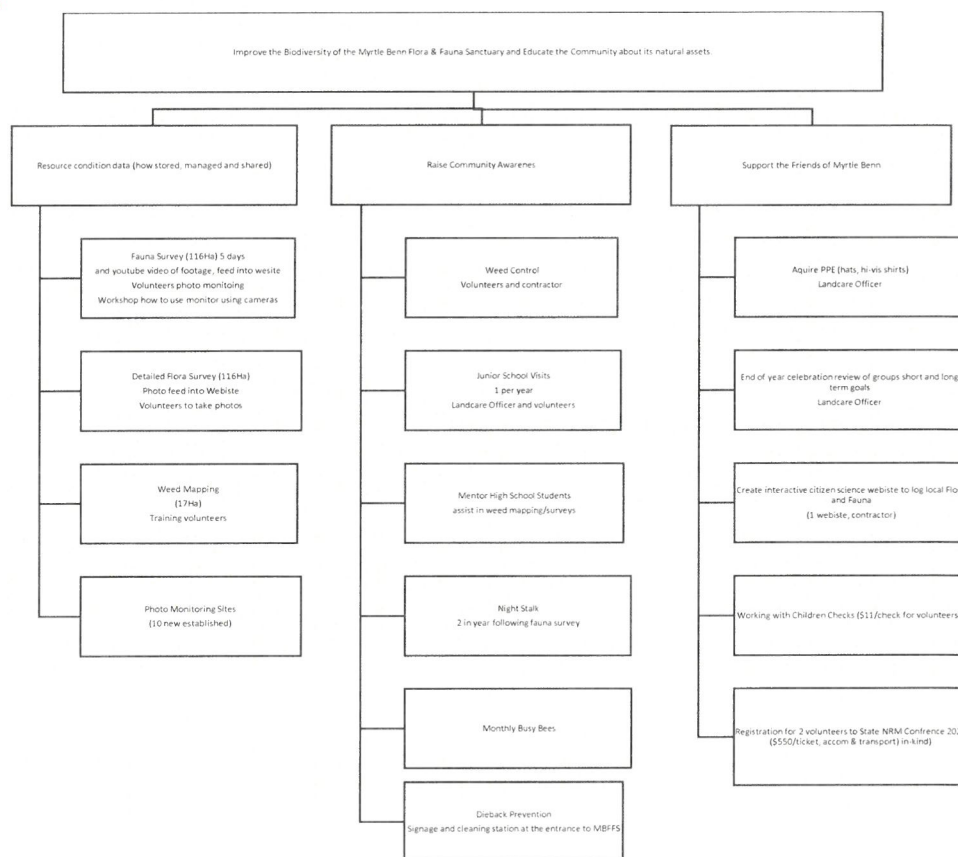
#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**11/20 Moved Marina Murray, seconded Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton**

**That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee approves in principal of the projects seeking funding through the State NRM Community Stewardship Grants 2020.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

**Attachment 12.4.2 - Improve the Biodiversity of the Myrtle Benn Flora & Fauna Sanctuary and Educate the Community about its natural assets.**





## 12.5 TOWN RABBIT BAITING

Attachment 12.5.1 - RABBAIT Pindone Oat Material Safety Data Sheet

Attachment 12.5.2 - RABBAIT Pindone Oat Bait Booklet

Mr Frank Pritchard contacted the NRM/Landcare Officer seeking permission/approval to carry out discrete and targeted rabbit baiting in the town site using RABBAIT Pindone Oat bait.

RABBAIT® Pindone Oat Bait has a greatly reduced risk of secondary poisoning. Unlike 1080 bait, Pindone has an effective antidote (Vitamin K1) if secondary poisoning should occur. It is estimated that a dog would need to eat more than 10 freshly poisoned rabbits to get an acute lethal dose of pindone. Repeated exposures pose a risk but are rare

Mr Pritchard is an experienced user of the RABBAIT and uses covers to prevent secondary poisoning by birds. He has sighted the old railway station as a possible site for rabbit control.

### RECOMMENDATION

**12/20 Moved: Kath Mathwin, seconded Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton**

**That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends that Council approves the baiting of rabbits in the townsite, on Council land, using RABBAIT by Mr Frank Pritchard's discretion. Mr Pritchard will maintain records of areas baited, estimated uptake and time spent and present these at Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meetings.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

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

Nil

**14 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the NRM Advisory Committee is to be Thursday, 13 August 2020.

Proposed future meeting dates:

Thursday, 5 November 2020

**15 CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 2:12pm.

**16 ATTACHMENTS (SEPARATE)**

Attachment 11.7 – Part C Schedules

Attachment 12.4.1 - Landscape Rehydration Trial and Demonstration in the Great Southern draft project summary

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Presiding Member

24 SEPTEMBER 2020  
Date