



Natural Resource Management
Advisory Committee

NRMAC - 05

MINUTES

5 March 2020

AGENDA FOR THE KOJONUP NRM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GUESTS

The Presiding Member, Cr Ned Radford, declared the meeting open at 1:15pm.

2 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

Ned Radford	Councillor – Presiding Member
Parminder Singh	Councillor
Paul Retallack (entered 1:25pm)	Senior Ranger/Building Maintenance Coordinator
Jane Kowald	Landcare/NRM Officer
Kath Mathwin	Community Representative
Phil Worts	Community Representative (left at 3:03pm)

OBSERVERS

APOLOGIES

Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton	Community Representative
Marina Murray	Supervisor Horticulture Tradesperson
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 - 14 November 2019.

COMMITTEE DECISION

- 01/20 Moved Ned Radford, seconded Phil Worts that the minutes of the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting held 14 November 2019 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED 5/0

COMMITTEE DECISION

- 02/20 Moved Jane Kowald, seconded Parminder Singh, that the below dates for the Natural Resource Management Committee meetings be considered by Council for adoption, subject to change if found unsuitable for the majority of Natural Resource Management Committee members:
1. Thursday, 4 June 2020
 2. Thursday, 13 August 2020
 3. Thursday, 5 November 2020

CARRIED 5/0

PAUL RETALLACK ENTERED MEETING 1:25PM

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Recommendations to Council from the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting held 14 November 2019 were adopted:

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

166/19 Moved Cr Fleay, seconded Cr Radford

"That Council:

- 1. Receive the Natural Resource Management Committee unconfirmed minutes for the meeting held 14 November 2019.**
- 2. That Council accepts Phil Worts as a Community Representative of the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee.**
- 3. Endorse the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee decision 12/19 that 1 Ha along the northern side of the Old Rubbish Tip road be revegetated with native species in 2020/2021 with a Budget provision of \$3,930.**
- 4. Endorse the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee decision 13/19 to make provision of \$10,000 within the 2020/2021 budget to progress the removal of Kojonup Town Site weeds."**

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

8 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

10 FINANCIAL REPORT

Attachment 10.1 – Financial Report Period ending 31 January 2020.

The discrepancy in the Operating Expenditure for line item 5684 NRM – Publications was due to the change in financial year and no money being allocated to this line item.

COMMITTEE DECISION

03/20 Moved Jane Kowald, seconded Kath Mathwin, that the Financial Report for the period ending 31 January 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0

Attachment 10.1 Financial Report Period ending 31 January 2020

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

A/c	Description	Type	Resp. Officer	Total Budget	YTD Actuals
Operating Expenditure					
5612	NRM - Office Expenses	Exp.	CEO	\$300	\$57
5616	NRM - Consultancy Fees	Exp.	CEO	\$22,000	\$11,368
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	\$11,558
5686	NRM - Environmental Reserve M'tment	Exp.	MWS	\$13,180	\$11,613
				\$61,293	\$34,595
Operating Revenue					
5603	NRM - Grants	Inc.	MCS	\$0	-\$2,799
5613	NRM - Contributions	Inc.	MCS	\$0	\$0
				\$0	-\$2,799
	<i>less amount already transferred this financial year</i>				-\$20,000
	<i>less shortfall from last financial year's transfer</i>				\$1,018
	<i>(Profit)/loss to be transferred (into)/out of NRM reserve account:</i>			\$61,293	\$12,815

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
Natural Resource Management Reserve Account		
- Opening Balance	\$98,226	\$98,226
- Transfer from Reserve	-\$61,293	-\$20,000
- Transfer to Reserve	\$0	\$0
- Interest Earned	\$1,965	\$392
- Closing Balance	\$38,898	\$78,618

11 STATUS REPORTS

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

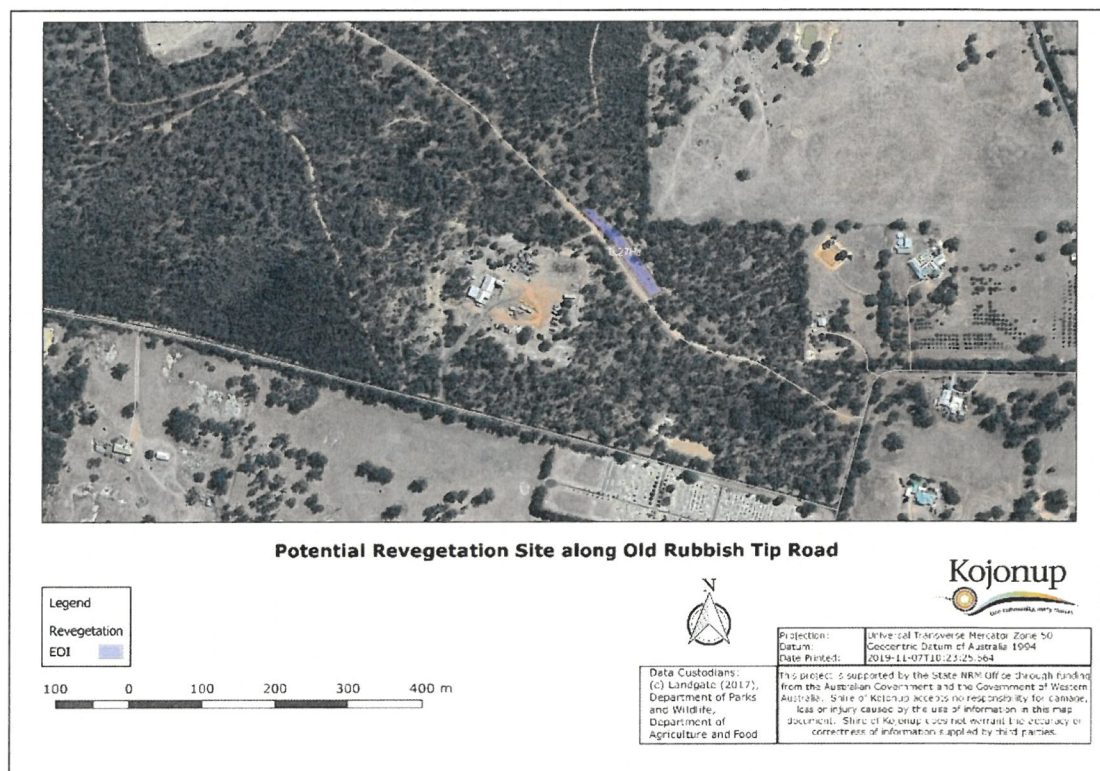
The project is currently on track with a variation to plant 6,000 more native seedlings and 4km fencing approved. The final site inspection has been completed and the final report is being compiled.

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 as in the map below.

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.



Activity	Activity Description	Sub-activity	Units	Total allocated funds (ex GST) or actual spent if activity completed
2020-21				
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

11.3 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.

Progress has commenced, looking at using a matrix to determine 'significant' reserves. Some discussion was had regarding the name of reserves and the level of community/historical sentiment that reserves had and how this could be incorporated to the matrix.

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

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. Photo monitoring of the sites will continue.

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 June 2020.

11.6 HALT THE DECLINE OF CARNABY'S COCKATOO

Attachment 11.6 – Email from Brian Chambers with Project Update.

South West Catchments Council's (SWCC) Dr Brian Chambers, Program Manager – Threatened Species, sent an email updating the progress of this project.

Attachment 11.6 – Email from Brian Chambers with Project Update

27 February 2020

Hi everyone

Apologies for the lack of updates on the progress of the Environmental Restoration Fund Carnaby's Cockatoo project. We have been working hard to develop and finalise the contract, however we have been delayed by several changes to our project budget and negotiations with the other regions involved around the contracting of Birdlife. Based on advice from Birdlife we have also extended the geographic scope of the project to include the Blackwood Basin Group in order to survey for nesting sites across the shires of Boyup Brook and West Arthur.

The current plan for the implementation of the project is as follows (please note this has not been signed off by the AG as yet):

- Mar-Jun 2019 - Undertake a community survey to determine where black cockatoos are currently nesting (i.e. the breeding season just gone), or have nested in the past. We will use the Maptionnaire online survey system where landowners can map their properties and where they have sighted black cockatoos, so initially the role of the groups will be to promote this survey to their communities and encourage as many people as possible to complete the survey. After this initial phase we would then like the groups to attempt to directly contact landowners who have not completed a survey to try to 'fill in the gaps'. This can either be through mapping properties as having no recent sighting of cockatoos, or unknown areas where properties owners are absentee, or are not willing to share information. This is particularly important as the current survey database appears to be biased in its survey effort, but it is not certain if this is the case, or if there are large areas where cockatoos do not nest.
- Jul-Nov 2019 – Ongoing collection of community survey data and on-ground surveys of reported nesting sites to determine the number of pairs present,

availability of hollows and any issues with hollows in disrepair, competitors (feral birds, bees etc.). Training in monitoring techniques will be provided by Birdlife early in the breeding season.

- Nov-Dec 2019 – Assessment of all breeding sites to determine the number of pairs that each site can support based on available foraging habitat within 12km of the site, water sources within 2km and number of hollows. Based on this assessment the requirements for each site to increase its capacity to support breeding pairs will be determined to allow selection of on-ground investment sites.
- Jan 2020-Jun 2023 – On-ground works to improve resource availability for nesting sites. Including fencing of remnants, weed control, revegetation, pest control, hollow repair and/or installation of artificial hollows. Ongoing annual surveys of nesting sites to determine occupancy and fledging success at a subset of sites (Birdlife to undertake fledging success surveys).

We are hopeful of having the issues around the Birdlife contract finalised within the next week or 2 and then we should be able to have our project plan approved and we can get to work. To try and streamline this process as much as possible Derani Sullivan will be sending out draft contracts for the first phase of the project for you to review.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Regards
Brian

Dr Brian Chambers
Program Manager - Threatened Species
(Monday to Thursday)



11.7 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).

All project agreements and documents have been signed. NRM/Landcare Officer has made site visits and ordered seedlings.

11.8 WATTLES ON MAIN ROADS AND TOWN WEED MAPPING

Attachment 11.8 – Letter to Main Roads

Main Roads have removed Eastern States Wattles and Tagasaste along the Kojonup-Katanning road. A letter was sent to thank them for their support (Attachment 11.8).

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.

Attachment 11.8 – Letter to Main Roads

Main Roads WA
Brad Lenton
PO Box 503
ALBANY WA 6330

18 February 2020

Dear Mr Lenton,

REMOVAL OF WEEDY WATTLES ALONG KOJONUP-KATANNING ROAD

The Shire of Kojonup Natural Resource Management Committee would like to thank Main Roads for the removal of Tagasaste and Eastern States Wattles (*Acacia decurrens*, *Acacia iteaphylla* and *Acacia pycnantha*) from the Kojonup-Katanning Road.

As you are aware, the Shire has been making considerable effort to reduce the numbers of these species in recent years and are appreciative of your departments efforts in supporting us.

We look forward to working together in future to reduce the amount of weed species along our roadsides.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9831 2400 or email council@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Kowald
NRM/Landcare Officer

11.9 FRIENDS OF MYRTLE BENN

Attachment 11.9 – Event Summary Report FOMB Morning Tea

The Friends of Group formed in July 2016 as part of a South West Catchments Council funded project. A meeting was held following a walk through the reserve where a brainstorming session of short term, medium term and long term goals were set.

The Friends have been meeting monthly to carry out weeding busy bees and have assisted in many projects including design and installation of walk trail, entrance and interpretation signs at the Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary, weed mapping, rubbish removal, leading tours for school children and birdwatching tours.

The intent of the morning tea was to have a look at what the group has achieved to date and to review the goals set by the group at its inception.

Outstanding goals from our inception meeting include:

1. Check the tenure of the land adjacent to the Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary and suggest to Council it be joined to Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary.
2. Remove Freesia's from the Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary walk trail area, map occurrences, spray or dig to remove them.
3. Grade the vehicle access north of the Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary reserve for a walk trail.

These items will be discussed below:

1. The Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee Decision at its 1 December 2016 meeting is as follows:

12/16 Moved Cr Sexton, seconded Kath Mathwin that the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee make a formal request to Council to amalgamate multiple land reserves being R24160, R24161, R22994 and

R21026 and include them in the Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary with the Land Use designated as reserve/recreation.

CARRIED

The NRM/Landcare Officer did not follow up with an agenda item to Council. The NRM/Landcare Officer will prepare an agenda item for Council by the next meeting.

2. Freesias have not been removed from the Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary.

Our next Busy Bee is on Wednesday, 4 March from 8:30am. We will be walking through the bush opposite the cemetery to hand weed or saw any Eastern States Wattles and Tagasaste that were previously missed. The group will also rake under white gums that may be susceptible to burning as a fuel reduction burn has been proposed. Freesias will appear in May-June and will be tackled then.

3. The CEO suggests that we need a holistic approach to progressing with development of the area. *“An overall precinct management plan of the area needs to be developed, taking into consideration walking trails, mosaic burn areas and fire vehicle access, improved access for buses and lay down area at Myrtle Benn including appropriate signage and interpretation that also includes the old Robinson Road landfill rehabilitation area, Cemetery and sites of Noongar significance. This approach plans not only for the present and future but provides an agreed vision that all stakeholders work towards as a Local Emergency Management Exercise involving emergency services signified this area as an extreme risk similar to the recent Katanning fire and could result in built assets being compromised necessitating evacuation of residents, Springhaven and even the Hospital.”*

With regards to possibly doing a conservation and fuel reduction burn in the reserve opposite the cemetery, Paul Retallack is waiting for advice from WALGA (Western Australian Local Government Authority) for the correct permissions before commencing.

Attachment 11.9 – Event Summary Report FOMB Morning Tea

Friends of Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary Thank You Morning Tea

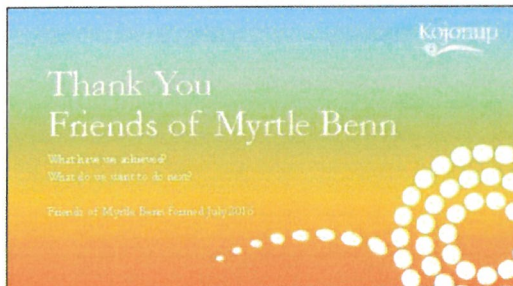
Introduction and objectives of the event:

Name of event	Friends of Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary Thank You Morning Tea
Project code	Nil
Targets addressed	Community consultation and education.
Aim	To thank our volunteers for the work they have done since the group was formed in July 2016 and to review the goals set by the group at its formation.
Background	<p>The Friends of Group formed in July 2016 as part of a South West Catchments Council funded project. A meeting was held following a walk through the reserve where a brainstorming session of short term, medium term and long term goals were set.</p> <p>The Friends have been meeting monthly to carry out weeding busy bees and have assisted in many projects including design and installation of walk trail, entrance and interpretation signs at the Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary, weed mapping, rubbish removal, leading tours for school children and birdwatching tours.</p> <p>The intent of the morning tea was to have a look at what the group has achieved to date and to review the goals set by the group at its inception.</p>
Location	Shire of Kojonup Reception Room
Date	28 November 2019
Project partners (if applicable)	Nil
Facilitator	Jane Kowald and Marina Murray

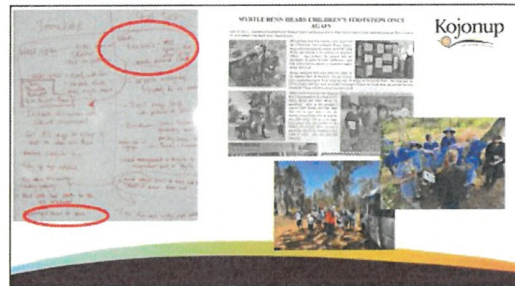
Total numbers of participants	14
Total numbers of evaluations returned	0, no evaluation forms handed out.

Evidence of deliverables and activities: Handouts (insert copies of handouts)

No handouts but a slide show was presented. The slide show has been emailed to the Friends of Myrtle Benn group for reference and a copy of the slides are below.



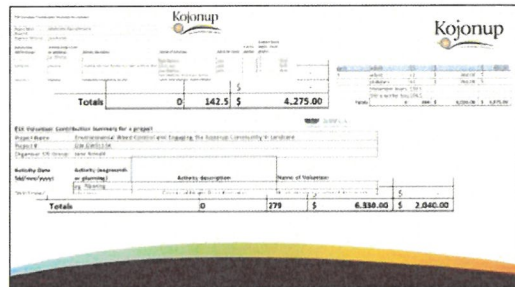
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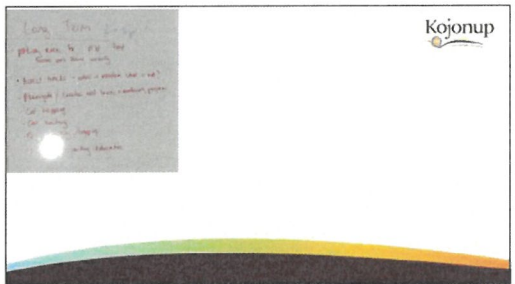
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Evaluation of goals set in 2016

Outstanding goals:

1. Check the tenure of the land adjacent to the Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary and suggest to Council it be joined to Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary.
2. Remove Freesia's from the Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary walk trail area, map occurrences, spray or dig to remove them.
3. Grade the vehicle access north of the Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary reserve for a walk trail.

New goals/challenges

Goals/challenge	Suggestion
Encourage more active members to join	Give school students positive experiences in Landcare activities to encourage them to participate in Landcare later in life.
	Seek involvement from parents with school students when they are doing Landcare activities
	Use the unemployed workforce (MAX employment) if possible.
	Get representation from the Noongar community, share their knowledge and stories
	Encourage children to work alongside volunteers on busy bee days to foster relationships with people and the bush.
Focus back on the Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary where the walk trails are.	Target weeds where the walk trails are, especially Freesias, Veldt grass and Bridal Creeper.
	Seek funding to remove the rest of the Eastern States Wattles from the greater reserve adjoining Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary.
Fire damage prevention	At busy bees start to rake around larger habitat trees.
	After fire, monitor for Eastern States Wattles seedling emergence and remove.
	Communication is key if a protective burn is to be done, give at least 1 week notice by email for the FOMB to take preventative measures for vegetation that is of high value.

11.10 FARMER CALESIVIRUS RHDV1-K5 ORDER

After receiving a number of enquiries from farmers wanting to source rabbit calicivirus, a call out to landowners wanting to order some through the Shire of Kojonup was conducted as per Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting minutes 14 November 2019, page 10. Eighteen landholders have ordered 27 vials of RHDV1-K5 calicivirus to release.

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. Communication with landholders has been by phone, email and messenger where the NRM/Landcare Officer will encourage landholders to share their stories about releasing the virus.

The calicivirus vials have been delivered to landholders with a Pestsmart 'Glovebox Guide for Managing Rabbits' and a Pestsmart fact sheet 'RAB011 Bait delivery of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV1) K5 strain'.

11.11 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 will be presented to Council for consideration at the meeting on 21 April 2020.

COMMITTEE DECISION

05/20 Moved Jane Kowald, seconded Parminder Singh, 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

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

Phil Worts has made enquiries to the cost of setting up the blog and will follow it up for the next meeting.

Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton reported via email that the name of the online group the ladies were using in the Jingalup area was QuestaGame link with Australian Atlas.

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

Attachment 12.2 – Letter to Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

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. **At the March Busy Bee the FOMB group indicated they would like to participate in the Qualeup Hall busy bee on Wednesday 5th August 2020.**

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. **As yet we have not had a response and Jane Kowald will follow up.**
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. **This has been carried over to next meeting.**

Attachment 12.2 – Letter to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

Vasko Nikoloski
vasko.nikoloski@lands.wa.gov.au
State Land Field Officer Contaminated Sites
Department of Lands
Level 7, 1 Adelaide Terrace
East Perth WA 6004

5 December 2019

Dear Mr Nikoloski,

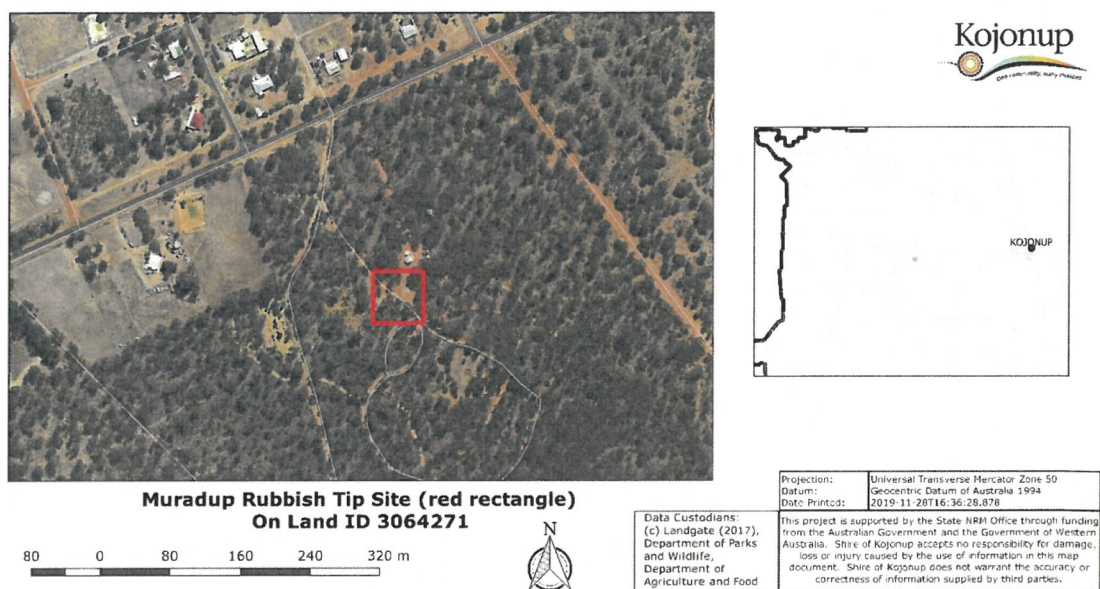
SUBJECT: CAPPING AND CLEAN-UP OF MURADUP, BOSCABEL AND JINGALUP OLD RUBBISH TIP'S

It has come to the attention of the Shire of Kojonup via the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee that two old rubbish tip sites, Muradup and Boscabel, are being used to dump rubbish illegally.

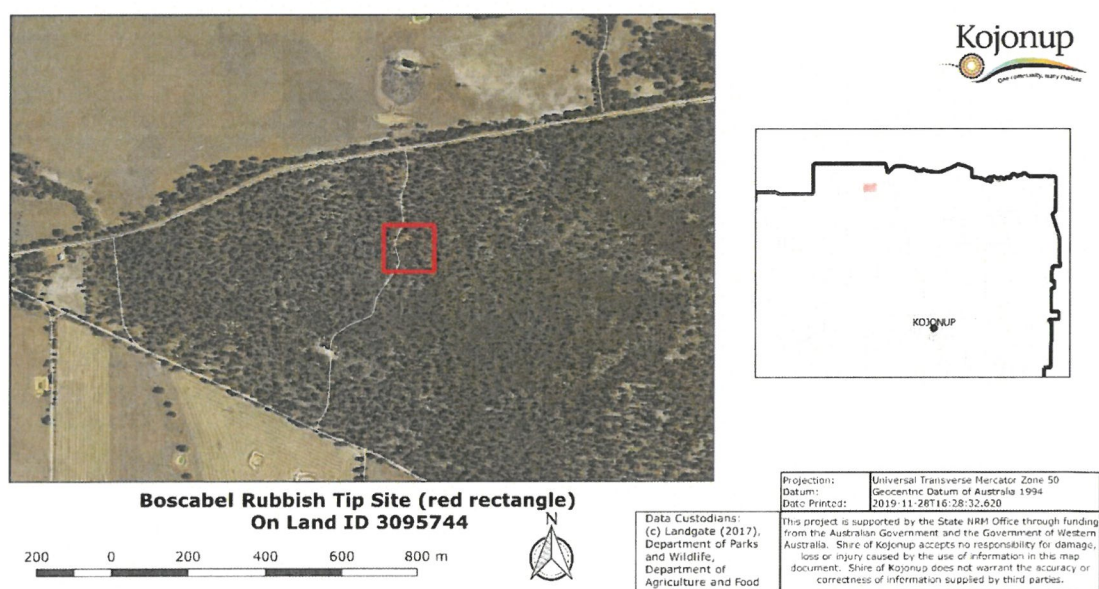
Muradup old rubbish tip (Map 1) is located on Land ID 3064271, Boscabel on Land ID 3095744 (Map 2) and Jingalup on Land ID 3063660 (Map 3).

Council believe that the removal of the current rubbish and capping the old rubbish tip site would be beneficial to discourage further illegal dumping (Photos 1, 2 and 3).

As the Department of Lands holds the vesting order for these sites, Council asks that the Department take some action to dissuade rubbish dumping and rehabilitate the sites back to conservation principals. The Shire of Kojonup is open to working collaboratively with the Department to allocate some resources for rehabilitation to occur up to an amount of \$5000 in the 2020/21 budget.



Map 1: Muradup Rubbish Tip Site



Map 2: Boscabel Rubbish Tip Site



Map 3 - Jingalup Old Rubbish Tip Site.



Photo 1 - Exposed rubbish at Muradup Old Rubbish Tip.



Photo 2 – Exposed rubbish at Boscabel Old Rubbish Tip.



Photo 3 – Exposed rubbish at Jingalup Old Rubbish Tip.

If you have any queries, or would like a tour of the sites, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9831 2400 or email council@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

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.

At the 14 November 2019 meeting, a decision could not be made due to the absence of funds in line item 5684 – NRM Publications. There is no allocated budget for this financial year for NRM Publications, therefore the Committee may recommend it to Council for consideration in the 20/21 financial year.

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

COMMITTEE DECISION

06/20 Moved Kath Mathwin, seconded Parminder Singh that the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council to make provision within the 2020/21 budget for \$2303.00 to produce a Weedy Wattles pamphlet to distribute to all Shire of Kojonup residents.

CARRIED 6/0

12.4 SHARP RUSH

AUTHOR: Kath Mathwin

DATE: 5 March 2020

SUMMARY:

Create a survey for the community to fill out to raise awareness of the weed, Sharp Rush (*Juncus Acutus*) and to explore the different ways it has been removed.

COMMENT:

Suggested survey questions

Do you have any Sharp/Spiny Rush on your property?

If so, approximately how much?

Have you tried to eradicate it? Have your attempts shown success?

If so, what did action did you take?

How do you feel our district should approach the Sharp/Spiny Rush problem?

- a) Just ignore it?
- b) Employ a professional contractor?
- c) Apply for grant money for a contractor?
- d) Ask affected affected property owners to cover eradication expense?
- e) Somehow share costs? (We all have country which will be affected in time)
- f) Ask for help from voluntary groups (eg LCDC catchment groups, Fire Brigades)
- g) Organise cooperation from surrounding shires, Katanning, Dumbleyung, Woodanilling, Broomehill, Cranbrook, Manjimup, Boyup Brook and aim for a major grant for a major project
- h) Any other ideas?

Notes for consideration:

- Follow up and monitoring will be needed, many seedlings will come up for a year or two
- Voluntary groups would need to be compensated for equipment and other expenses
- Probably only 200 (?) hectares involved in the whole shire. Doubling each year(?)
- Co-opt more members onto the Weed Action Group to organise?
- Many people seem to know Sharp Rush as Spiny Rush, I think they call it that over East
- Sharp/Spiny Rush was probably introduced many years ago as mistakenly cultivated plants sold for land care
- Protect the good varieties of Rushes!
- Weeds are like fire, they spread until they are extinguished!

Something like this on the front of the survey sheet, with good photos on the back

The Committee discussed options for control and agreed that a survey could be sent out via the Kojonup News. Jane Kowald will investigate this further with costs for next meeting. Discussion about having more trials was also had and will be investigated as funding opportunities arise.

PHIL WORTS EXITED THE MEETING AT 3:03PM

13 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the NRM Advisory Committee is to be tentatively set as, Thursday, 4 June 2020, pending on Council approval.

Proposed future meeting dates:

Thursday, 13 August 2020


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 3:10pm.

16 ATTACHMENTS (SEPARATE)

Nil



Presiding Member

4 JUNE 2020
Date