

# Shire of Kojonup Kojonup



Natural Resource Management  
Advisory Committee

NRMAC – 09

## MINUTES

24 September 2020

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## MINUTES

### 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GUESTS

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

### 2 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

#### MEMBERS

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

#### OBSERVER

John Benn	Councillor – Shire President
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#### APOLOGIES

Rick Mitchell-Collins	Chief Executive Officer
Parminder Singh	Councillor

### 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 – 4 JUNE 2020

RECOMMENDATION

13/20 Moved: Kath Mathwin, seconded Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton,  
That the minutes of the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee  
meeting held 4 June 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 4 June 2020 were adopted:

*OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION*

**84/20 Moved Cr Singh, seconded Cr Gale**

*“That Council:*

- 1. Receive the Natural Resource Management Committee unconfirmed minutes for the meeting held 4 June 2020; and*
- 2. Approve the use of RABBAIT® Pindone Oat Bait by Mr Pritchard as a trial at the Old Railway Station Building with the following conditions:*
  - a) RABBAIT® Pindone Oat Bait will be used only as per label instructions;*
  - b) When not in use, RABBAIT® is to be stored in a locked cabinet;*
  - c) Bait is to be covered all times;*
  - d) Baits are to be collected and disposed of as per label instructions if not taken;*
  - e) Records of when baits are put out and checked to be kept by Mr Pritchard and reported to the NRMAC;*
  - f) Personal Protective Equipment will be worn by Mr Pritchard as per label instructions; and*
  - g) Signage notifying public that baiting trials are being undertaken over a specified period”*

**CARRIED 7/0**

8 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

10 FINANCIAL REPORT

Attachment 10.1 – Financial Report Period ending 30 June 2020.

Attachment 10.2 – Financial Report Period ending 31 July 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

14/20 Moved: Jane Kowald, seconded Marina Murray,

That the Financial Report for the period ending 30 June and 31 July 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0

### Attachment 10.1 Financial Report Period ending 30 June 2020

#### SHIRE OF KOJONUP NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE For the period ending 30 June 2020

A/c	Description	Type	Resp. Officer	Total Budget	YTD Actuals
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>					
5612	NRM - Office Expenses	Exp.	CEO	\$300	\$99
5616	NRM - Consultancy Fees	Exp.	CEO	\$22,000	\$20,548
5601	NRM - Vehicle Costs	Exp.	CEO	\$200	\$0
5684	NRM - Publications	Exp.	CEO	\$0	\$626
5614	NRM - Grant Expenditure	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	\$23,322
5686	NRM - Enviromental Reserve M'ment	Exp.	MW5	\$13,180	\$17,682
				<b>\$61,293</b>	<b>\$62,277</b>
<b>Operating Revenue</b>					
5603	NRM - Grants	Inc.	MC5	\$0	-\$48,971
5613	NRM - Contributions	Inc.	MC5	\$0	\$0
				<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$48,971</b>
	<i>less amount already transferred this financial year</i>				<i>-\$5,503</i>
	<i>less shortfall from last financial yea's transfer</i>				<i>\$1,018</i>
	<i>(Profit)/loss to be transferred (into)/out of NRM reserve account:</i>			<b>\$61,293</b>	<b>\$8,822</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	\$14,497
- Interest Earned	\$1,965	\$856
- Closing Balance	<b>\$38,898</b>	<b>\$93,579</b>

### Attachment 10.1 Financial Report Period ending 30 July 2020

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5612	NRM - Office Expenses	Exp.	CEO	\$300	\$0
5616	NRM - Consultancy Fees	Exp.	CEO	\$22,000	\$0
5601	NRM - Vehicle Costs	Exp.	CEO	\$200	\$0
5684	NRM - Publications	Exp.	CEO	\$2,504	\$0
5614	NRM - Grant Expenditure	Exp.	CEO	\$85,365	\$0
5723	NRM - 20m Trees Grant Expenditure	Exp.	CEO	\$2,000	\$0
5722	NRM - State NRM Grant Expenditure	Exp.	CEO	\$18,000	\$0
5686	NRM - Environmental Reserve M'tment	Exp.	MWS	\$16,804	\$1,412
				<b>\$147,173</b>	<b>\$1,412</b>
<b>Operating Revenue</b>					
5603	NRM - Grants	Inc.	MCS	-\$57,659	\$0
5613	NRM - Contributions	Inc.	MCS	\$0	\$0
				<b>-\$57,659</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	<i>less amount already transferred this financial year</i>				\$0
	<i>less shortfall from last financial year's transfer</i>				\$8,822
	<i>(Profit)/loss to be transferred (into)/out of NRM reserve account:</i>			<b>\$89,514</b>	<b>\$10,233</b>

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	Total Budget	YTD Actuals
<b>Natural Resource Management Reserve Account</b>		
- Opening Balance	\$93,579	\$93,579
- Transfer from Reserve	-\$89,514	\$0
- Transfer to Reserve	\$60,000	\$0
- Interest Earned	\$936	\$4
- Closing Balance	<b>\$65,001</b>	<b>\$93,583</b>



## **11     STATUS REPORTS**

### **11.1   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.

Kojonup District High School Students from Year 6 helped plant the seedlings on Friday, 14 August with help from the Shire of Kojonup's Garden Crew.

16 year 6's, 2 teachers and 3 Shire of Kojonup staff planted about 1000 seedlings.

Marina Murray has organised the dumping of clean waste next to the site for planting next year.

### **11.2   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 an audit of all reserves in the Shire of Kojonup. Reserves vested in the Shire of Kojonup are now being investigated more closely.

Jane Kowald will talk to CESM Kevin Bransby about fire risk assessments for the reserves.

### **11.3   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/markings percentages.

The next round of baits were delivered on Thursday 13 August 2020. All reports from landholders were positive. Phil Worts will be using canid injectors on his property and will give the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee an update at its next meeting.

#### 11.4 HALT THE DECLINE OF CARNABY'S COCKATOO – LED BY SWCC

At a meeting held on 11 August 2020, the next steps to the project were explained. The online survey will be open until February 2021 and more sightings are expected to be entered. Together with Birdlife Australia, South West Catchments Council will be holding two workshops (locations Kojonup and Nyabing) on monitoring nesting sites. The workshops will be open to NRM/Landcare Officers and community members (up to 15 attendees per workshop).

Funding for the project is for the following outcomes:

1. Continue promoting the online survey through:
  - a. 2 x social media posts/month (\$150 per post)
  - b. 1 x E-News or Newspaper article/month (\$250)
2. NRM/Landcare Officer is to attend one of the training days mid-September (\$600.00 per Shire to attend).
3. Survey nesting sites (if appropriate for your area), (\$500.00/day Officer time, \$0.70/km vehicle to a max of \$650.00 total/day). Writing up results of survey \$500.00.

South West Catchments Council's aim is to survey 15 nesting sites this year for Birdlife to prioritise sites for investment next year.

#### 11.5 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. Jane Kowald and Marina Murray will meet further discuss the implementation of the removal.

##### 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***

Marina Murray and Jane Kowald will present a plan for expenditure at the next Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting. It is intended that the 'Weedy Wattles' pamphlet will be delivered at the same time as the removal of trees within the townsite to help raise awareness of the weed.

#### 11.6 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**

A Draft Agenda Item has been prepared. Jane Kowald will work with Paul Retallack to get it finalised.

#### 11.7 20 MILLION TREES – REVEGETATING OLD SPEEDWAY AND COLLIE-CHANGERUP RD GRAVEL PIT

Replanting at the Gravel Pit site occurred on 9 June 2020. Both direct seeding and tube stock were planted. Jane Kowald visited the site on the 4 August 2020 and seeds have started to emerge.

Dissappointingly some tube stock has not been planted correctly and plants are lying on top of the ground (now dead). This has been documented and sent to the lead project officer at the Shire of Kent.

#### 11.8 FRIENDS OF MYRTLE BENN UPDATE

Since the last Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting, 2 busy bees have been held:

- 1 July 2020 targeted Freesia bulbs in the Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary around the car park; and
- 5 August 2020 sprayed grasses in Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary and commenced spraying in the burnt area across the cemetery.

The weeds across the cemetery are extremely thick with bulbs and grasses making the majority of the new growth. Hand spraying 0.35Ha took three volunteers 2 hours each. The area that requires spraying is 6.8Ha. The NRM/Landcare Officer will provide a quote from a contractor to spray the rest of the 6.8Ha so as not to miss this opportunity.

A busy bee was held 2 September 2020 at Orchid Valley and the one after that, 7 October 2020, at Qualeup Hall.

**11.9 OLD RUBBISH TIP SITES – RESPONSE TO LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, LANDS AND HERITAGE (DPLH)**

A response has been received and an officer will be visiting the sites mentioned in the letter, Muradup, Jingalup and Boscabel, in a week or so. Paul Retallack has met with Martin Bennett, Field Officer Property & Risk Management, DPLH, and Mr Bennett will commence the removal of rubbish and rehabilitation of all the sites.

**11.10 SHARP RUSH SURVEY**

Questions are being developed by the NRM/Landcare Officer with guidance from Kath Mathwin. Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee members will be asked to fill out the survey once completed as a test to see if any questions need to be changed or re-worded before being sent out to the public.

The survey will be sent out as an insert with the Kojonup E-News before the next Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

15/20 Moved: Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton, seconded Phil Worts,  
That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee accepts the NRM/Landcare  
Officers Status Reports.

CARRIED 7/0

12 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil


13 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the NRM Advisory Committee is to be Thursday, 5 November 2020.

14 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 2:30pm.

15 ATTACHMENTS (SEPARATE)

  
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Presiding Member

17 JUNE 2021  
Date