

Shire of Kojonup

Kojonup



Natural Resource Management
Advisory Committee

NRMAC - 09

MINUTES

17 June 2021

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GUESTS

The Presiding Member, Cr Ned Radford, declared the meeting open at 2.15 pm.

2 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

Ned Radford	Councillor – Presiding Member
Jennifer Warburton	Community Representative
Phil Worts	Community Representative
Kath Mathwin	Community Representative
Adele Scarfone	Landcare/NRM Officer
Paul Retallack	Senior Ranger/Building Maintenance Coordinator

OBSERVERS

John Benn	Councillor
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APOLOGIES

Marina Murray	Supervisor Horticulture
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 – 24
September 2020

COMMITTEE DECISION

1/21 Moved: Phil Worts, seconded Jen Warburton
That the minutes of the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee
meeting held 24 September 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED
6/0

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Recommendations to Council from the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting held 24 September 2020 were adopted.

8 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

10 FINANCIAL REPORT

Attachment 10.1 – Financial Report Period ending 30 May 2021.

Action: Adele to follow up with Manager Corporate & Community Services regarding a question from Kath Mathwin in relation to the NRM status of accounts - \$100k of reserve funds that was to be used for projects.

Adele's understanding is that Rates include an NRM contribution with additional funding from grants for projects.

Action: Adele to look into option to include some of these funds to go towards control of Bridal Creeper.

COMMITTEE DECISION

2/21 Moved: Kath Mathwin, seconded Phil Worts
That the Financial Report for the period ending 30 May 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED
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Attachment 10.1 Financial Report Period ending 31 May 2021

Protection Of Environment

5619	Southern Dirt Contribution	Exp.	MWS	CEO	\$15,200	\$12,660	\$15,200	100%
5612	NRM - Office Expenses	Exp.	MWS	CEO	\$300	\$240	\$48	16%
5616	NRM - Consultancy Fees	Exp.	MWS	CEO	\$22,000	\$18,320	\$17,236	78%
5601	NRM - Vehicle Costs	Exp.	MWS	CEO	\$200	\$160	\$0	0%
5723	NRM - 20m Trees Grant Expenditure	Exp.	MWS	CEO	\$2,000	\$1,660	\$0	0%
5614	NRM - Grant Expenditure	Exp.	MWS	CEO	\$85,365	\$71,100	\$0	0%
5684	NRM - Landcare Publications	Exp.	MWS	CEO	\$2,504	\$2,080	\$141	6%
5722	NRM - State NRM Grant Expenditure	Exp.	MWS	CEO	\$18,000	\$14,990	\$31,324	174%
5686	NRM - Environmental Reserve M'ment	Exp.	MWS	SH	\$16,804	\$13,980	\$12,771	76%
5681	Noxious Weeds	Exp.	MWS	SH	\$2,200	\$1,820	\$690	31%
5687	Class A Reserve	Exp.	MWS	CEO	\$7,000	\$5,830	\$1,000	14%
5742	Admin Non Cash Realloc (Env)	Exp.	MWS	MCCS	\$2,009	\$1,670	\$1,854	92%
5752	Admin Cash Realloc (Env)	Exp.	MWS	MCCS	\$26,867	\$22,380	\$21,647	81%
					\$200,450	\$166,890	\$101,910	51%
5603	NRM - Grants	Inc.	MWS	CEO	-\$57,659	-\$48,020	-\$54,407	94%
					-\$57,659	-\$48,020	-\$54,407	

A/c	Description	Type	Resp. Manager	Resp. Officer	2020/2021 Total Budget	2020/2021 YTD Budget	2020/2021 YTD Actuals	% of Annual Budget 83%
Other Recreation And Sport								
017D	Depreciation (Sch 11)	Exp.	MCCS	SFO	\$300,589	\$250,490	\$249,166	83%
6342	Salaries	Exp.	MCCS	MCCS	\$36,000	\$29,980	\$42,659	118%
6343	Superannuation	Exp.	MCCS	MCCS	\$3,500	\$2,910	\$4,987	142%
6446	Conferences and Training	Exp.	MCCS	SRO	\$1,500	\$1,240	\$990	66%
6436	Consultants	Exp.	MCCS	SRO	\$10,000	\$8,330	\$5,000	50%
6426	Subscriptions	Exp.	MCCS	SRO	\$1,000	\$830	\$0	0%
6362	The Spring - Conveniences	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$17,430	\$14,480	\$24,017	138%
6364	The Spring - Ground Maint	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$10,000	\$8,310	\$12,137	121%
6372	Kojonup Park Conveniences - Operating	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$38,350	\$31,920	\$50,346	131%
6373	Kojonup Park Conveniences - Building Maint	Exp.	MCCS	BMC	\$1,800	\$1,480	\$40	2%
6374	Kojonup Park - Grounds Maint	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$41,050	\$34,170	\$38,004	93%
6382	Railway Reserve - Conveniences	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$3,690	\$3,050	\$2,300	62%
6394	Railway Reserve - Grounds Maint	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$14,300	\$11,900	\$16,752	117%
6502	Grant Development	Exp.	MCCS	MCCS	\$20,000	\$16,660	\$4,091	20%
6402	Sports Complex - Netball Conveniences	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$4,520	\$3,740	\$5,849	129%
6403	Sports Complex - Netball Area Maint.	Exp.	MCCS	MWS	\$1,000	\$820	\$315	31%
6554	Sports Complex - Building Maint	Exp.	MCCS	BMC	\$13,180	\$10,960	\$5,969	45%
6404	Sports Complex - Grounds Maint	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$108,000	\$89,970	\$89,491	83%
6552	Sports Complex - Cleaning	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$8,700	\$7,230	\$8,926	103%
6477	Sports Complex - Utilities	Exp.	MCCS	MCD&T	\$16,700	\$16,697	\$19,609	117%
6408	Sports Complex - Conveniences	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$6,300	\$5,230	\$12,157	193%
6414	Sports Complex - Reticulation	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$10,000	\$8,320	\$4,363	44%
6415	Sports Complex - Oval Lighting	Exp.	MCCS	BMC	\$5,500	\$4,580	\$757	14%
6592	Skate Park	Exp.	MCCS	SRO	\$3,000	\$2,490	\$2,997	100%
7107	Polocrosse Works Requested	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$0	\$0	\$594	
6434	Water - Turkey Nest Dam Maintenance	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$13,000	\$10,800	\$11,046	85%
6435	Water - Showgrounds Dam Maintenance	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$400	\$320	\$59	15%
6412	Hillman Park - Grounds Maintenance	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$7,600	\$6,310	\$4,658	61%
6392	Newstead Park- Grounds Maint	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$11,800	\$9,800	\$12,770	108%
6422	Kojonup Bk (Piesse Park) - Grounds Maint	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$10,000	\$8,310	\$14,763	148%
6444	Muradup Townsite Grounds	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$16,000	\$13,310	\$19,108	119%
6452	Playground Safety & Minor Upgrades	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$6,000	\$4,980	\$7,988	133%
6454	Kojonup Town Entrances	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$2,800	\$2,320	\$3,248	116%
6474	Industrial Area Slashing & Spraying	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$1,500	\$1,240	\$1,859	124%
6492	Myrtle Benn Reserve	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$3,500	\$2,900	\$0	0%
6494	Sundry Reserves	Exp.	MCCS	SH	\$21,000	\$17,460	\$13,051	62%
6558	Loan Guarantee Fee	Exp.	MCCS	MCCS	\$1,250	\$1,040	\$1,169	94%
6559	Interest on Loans (134 & 136)	Exp.	MCCS	MCCS	\$13,812	\$11,500	\$7,024	51%
6792	Admin Cash Reallocated (Other Rec)	Exp.	MCCS	MCCS	\$26,196	\$21,820	\$21,106	81%
					\$810,967	\$677,897	\$719,365	89%

11 STATUS REPORTS

11.1 REVEGETATING ALONG THE OLD RUBBISH TIP ROAD

Klopper Earthmoving were engaged in late May 21 to carry out levelling of dumped material along the roadside to allow for weed control and future restoration.

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.

No further action at this time – will make priority during 2021-2022

Committee agree to focus on reserves that have already had treatments prior to commencing other reserves including the below:

- Orchid Valley and Qualeup Reserves - continue weed management that has previously had treatment.
- Boscabel Reserve – old town hall/tennis courts have weedy wattles which are being progressively removed by John Benn.

Action: Look at whole of shire reserves and connectivity and how these can be improved.

Previously South Coast NRM/ SWCC completed surveys of the reserves through the land for wildlife project – this is no longer funded.

Action: Adele to inspect reserves with Paul to look at the works undertaken to date and prepare a plan for future works and prioritisation.

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

Final reporting for this is almost complete and awaiting data from landholders to be submitted by EOFY.

Jen reported that baiting has been successful on her property however it does require some effort to place and retrieve.

11.4 TOWN WEED MAPPING

Council as per Decision 166/19 has endorsed making a provision of \$10,000 in the 20/21 Budget to commence the removal of Eastern States Wattles. 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.

Action: To be progressed by Adele and Marina.

11.5 PEST PLANTS LOCAL LAW

A draft agenda item has been prepared in regards to Committee Decision 24/18 whereby the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommended 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*).

Action: Adele to research if there are any other councils in WA that have a local law associated with this and use as an example.

11.6 FRIENDS OF MYRTLE BENN UPDATE

A busy bee was conducted 2 June 2021 for Tagasaste removal, cut and wipe. A Contractor engaged to spray grasses/freesia and other weeds in Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary and commenced spraying in the burnt area across the cemetery.

Proposed dates and locations for next busy bees to be determined, noting Adele will be away for School holidays in July and attending the National Landcare Conference in early August.

11.7 NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (NRM) DROUGHT RESILIENCE PROGRAM – SUCCESSFUL

Adele reported that previous NRM/Landcare Officer applied for this program in October 2020 and was notified of our success in May 2021. The project includes two trial sites of 10ha with perennial pasture and saltbush. Adele has requested an extension as at the time of application the sites were not determined and this needs to be through an EOI process or through working with Southern Dirt's landholder group. Saltbush plants diversity/availability from nurseries is poor and to have the best impact project outcomes we should have best plan in place especially if we want landholders to uptake the practice.

Action: Adele to advise committee if extension granted for the project.

11.8 OLD RUBBISH TIP SITES – ERFF FUNDING APPLICATION - NEW

Adele is working on an application for restoration of two (2) sites over the two-year funding period which includes green jobs training for seed collection and weed control:

- Site 1 - Robinson Road is 3ha
- Site 2 – Landfill area on Albany highway is 5 ha.

Amalgamation of Myrtle Benn and surrounding lots (old tip site) is underway as part of the changes to the Town Planning Scheme and consolidation of Reserves.

11.9 STATE NRM FUNDING 2021-2024 - NEW

Application for a large grant covering three properties was submitted which includes fencing and revegetation of salt affected areas and creek lines to Simpson, Leach and Coleman properties west of Kojonup. Total project \$448,280 with Grant funding of \$179,266 plus contribution from landholders. Notification due in November 2021

11.10 SHARP RUSH SURVEY

Results are on the system and need to be processed, reviewed and communicated to the community, including future monitoring/programming.

11.11 CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN –ACTIONS RELATING TO NRM

Marina noted we have commenced looking at Reserve Management Plans however do we have idea on meeting these actions?

1.2.16 – Friends of Myrtle Benn Committee– Encourage more members

1.2.17 - Friends of Myrtle Benn Committee – Weed control through the walk trail area seek funding for woody weed control

1.2.18 - Friends of Myrtle Benn Committee – fire management to protect habitat trees

11.12 FUTURE FUNDING/WORKSHOPS

- Committee members proposed that in sourcing future grant opportunities we look at options that are more community related rather than with a focus on individual landholders.
- Workshop on managing bushland adjacent to or on property – especially for weed/fire management be considered.

COMMITTEE DECISION

3/21 Moved: Kath Mathwin, seconded Paul Retallack
That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee accepts the NRM/Landcare
Officers Status Report covering items 11.1 to 11.12.

CARRIED
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12 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

Jen stressed the importance of promoting Natural Resource Management and Landcare through Shire of Kojonup FB/Instagram/Kojonup News to encourage more interest in the environment and the activities that are being undertaken such as:

- Planting activities
- Sharp rush
- Wildflowers
- Great Southern Trails

Kath advised that the Kodja Place is participating in an art trail in September and perhaps some members could contribute to the display to promote the area?

14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the NRM Advisory Committee is to be Thursday, 16 September 2021.

15 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3.50pm.

16 ATTACHMENTS (SEPARATE)

NIL

17 MEETING ACTIONS

1. Action: AS to look into option to include some of these funds to go towards control of Bridal creeper
2. Action: AS to follow up with finance Question from KW – regarding NRM status of accounts - \$100k of reserve funds that was to be used for the projects
3. Action: AS to inspect reserves with PR and look at the works to date and plan future works and prioritisation
4. Action: AS to research if there are any other councils in WA that have a local law associated with this and use as an example



Presiding Member

24 JUNE 2022
Date