

Shire of Kojonup

Kojonup



Natural Resource Management
Advisory Committee

NRMAC - 09

MINUTES

24 June 2022

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GUESTS

NRM Officer declared the meeting open at 9.45 am.

2 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

Felicity Webb

Councillor

Roger Bilney

Councillor

Jennifer Warburton

Community Representative (via zoom)

Kath Mathwin

Community Representative

Adele Scarfone

Natural Resource Management/Landcare Officer

APOLOGIES

Marina Murray

Senior Horticulturalist

Grant Thompson

Chief Executive Officer

Craig McVee

Manager Works and Services

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 – 17 June 2021

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION

1/21 Moved: Kath Mathwin, seconded Jen Warburton
That the minutes of the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting held 17 June 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED 5/0

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

NIL

8 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

10 FINANCIAL REPORT

Attachment 10.1 – Financial Report Period ending 31 May 2022.

Discussion around the balance of the reserve fund and the proposal to use the funds for NRM projects such as roadside weed control, reserve management and revegetation or activities to engage the community in NRM activities.

Action: Adele to check the question from Kath Mathwin for the requirement to match expenditure of the NRM reserve fund with grant money \$171,711 (May Closing balance).

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION

2/21 Moved: Kath Mathwin, seconded Roger Bilney
That the Financial Report for the period ending 30 May 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED 5/0

Attachment 10.1 Financial Report Period ending 31 May 2022

Protection Of Environment								
5619	Southern Dirt Contribution	Exp.	MWS	CEO	\$15,200	\$13,926	\$15,000	99%
5612	NRM - Office Expenses	Exp.	MWS	NRMO	\$300	\$264	\$87	29%
5616	NRM - Salaries & Wages/Consultancy Fees	Exp.	MWS	NRMO	\$26,000	\$23,837	\$25,693	99%
5689	NRM - Superannuation	Exp.	MWS	NRMO	\$4,000	\$3,663	\$3,831	
5601	NRM - Vehicle Costs	Exp.	MWS	NRMO	\$200	\$176	\$0	0%
5723	NRM - 20m Trees Grant Expenditure	Exp.	MWS	NRMO	\$1,000	\$913	\$0	0%
5614	NRM - Grant Expenditure	Exp.	MWS	NRMO	\$6,000	\$5,489	\$2,287	38%
5722	NRM - State Grant Expenditure	Exp.	MWS	NRMO	\$18,000	\$16,500	\$13,173	
5684	NRM - Landcare Publications	Exp.	MWS	NRMO	\$500	\$451	\$0	0%
5734	NRM - Future Drought Fund Grant Exp.	Exp.	MWS	NRMO	\$86,150	\$78,947	\$0	0%
5686	NRM - Environmental Reserve M'tment	Exp.	MWS	SH	\$9,500	\$8,690	\$6,628	70%
5681	Noxious Weeds	Exp.	MWS	SH	\$2,200	\$2,002	\$2,695	122%
5687	Reserve Clean up	Exp.	MWS	SH	\$7,000	\$6,402	\$878	13%
5742	Admin Non Cash Realloc (Env)	Exp.	MWS	MCCS	\$2,288	\$2,090	\$2,096	92%
5752	Admin Cash Realloc (Env)	Exp.	MWS	MCCS	\$30,903	\$28,314	\$28,364	92%
					\$209,241	\$191,664	\$100,732	48%
5603	NRM - Grants	Inc.	MWS	CEO	-\$49,950	-\$45,760	-\$61,294	123%
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11 STATUS REPORTS

11.1 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 of Kojonup (Shire) reserves, which should be completed in 2020/2021.

Site visits to Muradup, Orchid Valley and Tone Road have been completed in December 2021 and January 2022 to look at reserve condition and general vegetation structure. Comparison against existing species list and those from herbarium collections have been compiled and draft mapping of reserves undertaken.

Compilation of plans has commenced – example for comment provided.

Fire management is to be included within the documents to guide Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) when prescribed burn plans are issued.

NRM Officer – suggested the priority reserves to develop plans for would be Farrah, Boscobel, and Changerup.

Action: Adele to source quotes to engage a consultant to complete the flora and fauna surveys and include recommendations for management that include fire management.

11.2 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 report submitted by Shire of Kent and approved.
No funding for future fox baiting program available.

Feral Cat Working Group has contacted Kojonup Landcare to participate in planning meeting for development of programme for Cat and Fox management in the South West which could result in cross tenure funding for management of feral animals in the region.

Fox Shoot February 2022 – was advertised as an informal event in which landholders could participate when the time suits and then report fox kill numbers to Kojonup Landcare which will be passed onto the REDCARD to have \$5/fox or cat donated to Regional Men's Health Initiative.

There were no reports from the public about participation.

11.3 TOWN WEED MAPPING

Council has endorsed making a provision of \$10,000 in the 2020/21 Budget to commence the removal of Eastern States Wattles (*Adele Scarfone and Marina Murray will meet further discuss the implementation of the removal*):

"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."*

Marina Murray and Adele Scarfone will present a plan for expenditure at the next Kojonup NRM 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.

The above has not been completed.

Jennifer Egerton-Warburton - there was a quote previous NRM Officer sourced for mapping of roadside weeds and control.

Action: Adele to investigate and proposed to use the funding from the reserve to target areas close to bushland or other environmentally sensitive areas.

Do we have ideas on meeting these actions?

- 1.2.16 – Friends of Myrtle Benn Committee – encourage more members –
 - Adele has had a meeting with South Coast NRM to find out about the Enviro-Experiences funding that is in place to engage with visitors to carry out volunteering in the South coast. This format could be extended to Kojonup
 - Engagement with KDHS farm students and St Bernard’s on a regular basis with activities in the bushland
- 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

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION

That the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee accepts the Kojonup Natural Resource Management/Landcare Officer’s Status Reports.

CARRIED 5/0

12 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the NRM Advisory Committee is to be held Thursday, 18 August 2022.

15 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the NRM Officer thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 10.45am.

16 ATTACHMENTS (SEPARATE)

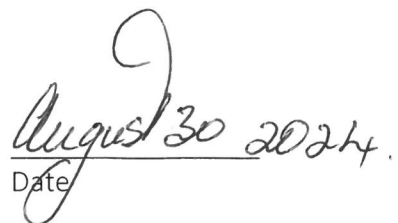
Nil

17 MEETING ACTIONS

1. Action: AS to look into option to include some of these funds to go towards control Weeds
2. Action: Adele to check the question from Kath Mathwin for the requirement to match expenditure of the NRM reserve fund with grant money \$171,711 (May Closing balance).
3. Action: Adele to source quotes to engage a consultant to complete the flora and fauna surveys and include recommendations for management that include fire management.
4. Action: Adele to investigate previous quotes for weed mapping and control and proposed to use the funding from the reserve to target areas close to bushland or other environmentally sensitive areas.
5. Action: Adele to provide pamphlets for weedy weeds to be provided to the front desk at the Admin building for those who may come in looking for information.

Confirmed on 30 August 2024 as a true record –


Presiding Member


Date