

SHIRE OF KOJONUP



Kojonup Natural Resource Management (NRM)
Advisory Committee

NRMAC - 11

MINUTES

14 November 2024

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MINUTES

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GUESTS

The meeting was declared open at 5.00pm.

2 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

Roger Bilney	Shire President
Alan Egerton-Warburton	Councillor
Kath Mathwin	Community Representative
Adele Scarfone	Community Representative

STAFF (OBSERVERS)

Grant Thompson	Chief Executive Officer
Dwayne Lottering	Property Services and Natural Resource Management
Eloise Brown	Property Services Team Leader
Tonya Pearce	Governance and Rates Officer

APOLOGIES

Prue Batchelor	Community Representative
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3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

KOJONUP NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – 30 AUGUST 2024. [Attachment 3.1](#)

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION

NRM2/24 Moved K Mathwin Seconded A Scarfone

That the minutes of the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting held 30 August 2024 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED 4/0

For: Cr Bilney, Cr Egerton-Warburton, K Mathwin, A Scarfone

4 GENERAL BUSINESS

Item	Response/Action	
Strategic Discussion	<p>Reflect on Previous Strategic Discussion</p> <p>Form and finalise Strategic Initiatives and Priorities for the NRM committee in 2025</p>	<p>CEO to facilitate planning session for NRM strategy and plans.</p> <p>At this meeting the CEO reflected on the previous strategic discussion, presented the mission and purpose based on the Committees input.</p> <p>Strategic issues verified.</p> <p>Initiatives workshopped at this meeting with the Committee.</p> <p>An action plan will be developed from this meeting to be presented to the Committee.</p> <p>Refer to notes for detail – attachment 4.1.</p>

5 OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR FUTHER RESEARCH

Great Southern Climate Alliance Update – Shire of Kent, Woodanilling, Katanning, Broomehill-Tambellup, Jerramungup, Gnowangerup, Katanning and Kojonup have come together as the Great Southern Climate Alliance.

Myrtle Benn Reserve – risk assessment for bushland, Shire of Kojonup has many assets, deemed extreme risk identified in the Bushfire Risk Mitigation Plan. The Shire of Kojonup is an overall extreme risk from a bushfire perspective. Mitigation has not been undertaken within the Shire over multiple years.

Fuel load and no mitigation could mean a hot, out of control burn putting the town at risk. Council confirmed the need to act on mitigation.

Discussed with DFES and came up with a plan to mitigate the risk. Local fire brigades were involved in the decisions and mitigation. Discussed with Wagyl Kaip.

Discussion has been had to try to stop vehicles from going in there, put gates in place and only allowing walking tracks is the best control. Needs further discussion.

A suggestion to support Clean Up Australia Day, place information in the Koji News.

Invite Southern Dirt to have a meeting with the Committee to collaborate ideas and assist the NRM Committee.

Invite Shane Harris to the next meeting, to discuss the ongoing works at Myrtle Benn Reserve and any future works to be done at Farrar Reserve and at the Show Grounds.

6 FINANCIAL REPORT

Reserves Update – No changes to reserve funding.

7 STATUS REPORTS

To be created from initiatives planning

8 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

9 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee is to be held 20 February 2025 at 5.00pm.

10 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6.37pm.

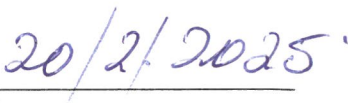
11 ATTACHMENTS (SEPARATE)

- 3.1 Unconfirmed Kojonup NRM Advisory Committee Meeting – 30 August 2024
- 4.1 NRM Purpose Planning Session November 2024

Confirmed on 20 February 2025 as a true record –



Presiding Member



Date

NRM Committee Meeting Notes 30 August 2024

Who is the primary beneficiary of NRM in the Shire of Kojonup?

The Committee agrees that The Community is the key beneficiary from the efforts of Natural Resource Management.

What does the community want from NRM?

- Scope – flora, fauna, soils, bio environments, climate, social license.

The Community Wants:

- To retain natural resources, vegetation and wildlife
- Protect water courses, geographically.
- Create connection and create awareness
- Encouragement to be involved
- Sustainable systems
- To manage natural resources for future generations
- The Shire to operate with a social license
- Effective water storage and management
- To control and eradicate pests, feral vermin and noxious weeds

When does the community measure NRM performance?

The community measures our performance:

- When problems like noxious weeds and vermin are visible
- Every day
- When the landscape is not aesthetically appealing
- At Events e.g. Bloom festival etc

Why do the community want it?

The Community Wants:

- Resilience and sustainability of its natural resources
- To be a part of the solution
- To make a difference
- To be the custodians of the land
- To differentiate Kojonup through asset management
- To educate everyone on why Kojonup is special enough to save

How does the community measure NRM performance?

The Community measures:

- Effective weed and pest control management
- Species count and variability – bird counts, endangered species
- Improving Aesthetics of the land and town scapes.

Purpose –

Mission

- Educate
- Protect
- Create resilience

- Improve Sustainability using Community (citizen) science.

Vision

- Highly aware and wants to look after it
- Caring
- Unified
- Sustainability
- Natural regeneration
- Accountable
- External acknowledgment.

Service

- Aware community - advertise
- Promote connectivity
- Grow the baseline improve the nature based
- Sustainable agriculture systems
- Reduction in weeds and pests
- Connections of the reserves, mapping reserves
- Interdependencies, protected corridors.

NRM is here to create value for the community by protecting and growing resilience in our interconnected Bio and Agricultural Systems

... this is why we exist.....

C-ROC – Community return on capital. How do we measure the tangible and non-tangible?

Measurements – Education programs (survey before and after)

Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) –

Strengths

- Biodiverse reserves
- Goodwill of community
- Government support
- Human resources, new team and new committee
- Financial reserve
- Geography and location
- Access to water.

Weaknesses

- Lack of funding
- Natural fertility of soils is low
- Underrepresented of Keneang Noongar
- Ownership may change, less control of Shire
- Disconnection of private vs public assets
- Lack of systems approach, management different
- Priorities of people different
- Expertise – knowledge
- Knowledge of reserves and mapping district

- Time: resources.

Opportunities –

- Government support (grants)
- Growing momentum
- Keneang representation, ranger program
- Expertise
- Mapping. Open source
- Save the black cockatoos
- No weeds
- Establish Kojonup as a biodiversity hot spot
- Pest control, cat, rabbits
- Water catchments
- Recycling 3R's
- Ecotourism
- Education, of environment
- Volunteer programs.

Threats

- Ownership of assets may change
- Lack of knowledge/resources
- Climate cycles
- Misunderstanding of ownership and stewardship
- Lack of resources
- Apathy – can't do anything about it
- Population decline
- Government policy
- Natural disasters impact.

NRM Key strategic issues (Strategic elephants)

1. Pest control. Weeds (noxious) bridal creeper, sour sob, tagasaste, Wattyl are competing and wiping out native vegetation.
2. Funding – lack of resources
3. Perception of NRM is 'green and tree hugging' and a threat to farming.
4. Climate change / cycles / extreme weather. Is it reality or perception? Because it will have a detrimental and disruptive impact on the economy and amenity.
5. Loss of biodiversity in corridors and road reserves that reduces fauna and increases noxious weeds.
6. Sovereign risk – change in legislation impacting the expectation on landowners and ability to farm. (chemicals, animals, right to farm, customers)

Update on southern dirt – full-time executive officer, who is on maternity leave. Sheridan Kowald. Part time project officer. Grant applications very specific to farming. Chair Wade Robertson.

Note – updates for the Kojonup news. Shire to do more for the promotion of NRM.