

# Shire of Kojonup

# Kojonup



## Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee

NRMAC - 05

### AGENDA

*24 May 2018*

**TO: COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee will be held in the **CWA Building**, Albany Highway, Kojonup on **Thursday, 24 May 2018 at 1:00pm**.

Your attendance is respectfully requested.



**RICK MITCHELL-COLLINS**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

18 May 2018

**AGENDA FOR THE KOJONUP NRM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON 24 MAY 2018**

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## A G E N D A

### **1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GUESTS**

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

### **2 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES**

#### **MEMBERS**

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

#### **OBSERVERS**

Heidi Tyler	Community Development Officer
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#### **APOLOGIES**

Rick Mitchell-Collins	Chief Executive Officer
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### **3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

### **4 SUMMARY OF RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

KOJONUP NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 22 FEBRUARY 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION**

**1/18      Moved:                  Seconded:  
                 That the minutes of the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory  
                 Committee meeting held 22 February 2018 be confirmed as a true record.**

**CARRIED/LOST**

**7 ANNOUNCEMENTS by the Presiding Member without discussion**

**Attachment 7.1 – Declaration By Advisory Committee Member**

All Council Advisory Members must complete and sign a declaration as per Shire of Kojonup's Policies 3.12 *Council Advisory Committees* and 2.24 *Code of Conduct*.

Farm Water Rebate Scheme run by the Department of Water and Environment Protection will no longer be available. No new applications will be accepted as per 2018 State Government budget.

**8 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**10 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Attachment 10.1 – Financial Report April 2018**

**RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION**

**2/18      Moved:                  Seconded:  
                 That the Financial Report for the period ending 30 April 2018 be received and  
                 noted.**

**CARRIED/LOST**

**SHIRE OF KOJONUP**  
**NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
 For the period ending 30 April 2018

A/c	Description	Type	Resp. Officer	17/18 Total Budget	17/18 YTD Actuals
<b><u>Operating Expenditure</u></b>					
5612	NRM - Office Expenses	Exp.	CEO	\$1,000	\$42
5616	NRM - Consultancy Fees	Exp.	CEO	\$25,000	\$15,374
5601	NRM - Vehicle Costs	Exp.	CEO	\$500	\$0
5614	NRM - SWCC Project	Exp.	CEO	\$10,000	\$7,937
5712	NRM - Lottery/West Grant Expenditure	Exp.	CEO	\$20,000	\$36,829
5722	NRM - State NRM Grant Expenditure	Exp.	CEO	\$20,000	\$0
5686	NRM - Environmental Reserve M'ment	Exp.	MWS	\$11,300	\$5,622
				<b>\$87,800</b>	<b>\$65,803</b>
<b><u>Operating Revenue</u></b>					
5603	NRM - Grants	Inc.	MCS	\$0	-\$15,000
5613	NRM - Contributions	Inc.	MCS	\$0	-\$26,908
				<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$41,908</b>
<i>less amount transferred in excess in 2016/2017</i>					<b>-\$5,301</b>
<i>less amount already transferred this financial year</i>					<b>-\$15,000</b>
<b>(Profit)/loss to be transferred (into)/out of NRM reserve account:</b>				<b>\$87,800</b>	<b>\$3,995</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.

	17/18 Total Budget	17/18 YTD Actuals
<b>Natural Resource Management Reserve Account</b>		
- Opening Balance	\$171,030	\$171,030
- Transfer from Reserve	-\$87,800	-\$15,000
- Transfer to Reserve	\$0	\$0
- Interest Earned	\$3,898	\$259
- Closing Balance	<b>\$87,128</b>	<b>\$156,289</b>

## 11 STATUS REPORTS

### 11.1 NRM/LANDCARE OFFICER REPORT – SOUTH WEST CATCHMENTS COUNCIL (SWCC) PROJECT GW.GWS13.SK

#### 11.1.1 Weeding Wattles Busy Bee's

The Busy Bees continue to be supported by low numbers of volunteers, but progress has been made and the area weeded of *Acacia pycnantha* (Golden wattle), *Acacia decurrens* (Black wattle), *Acacia iteaphylla* (Flinders Range wattle) and *Cytisus proliferus* (Tagastaste or Tree Lucerne) continues to grow.

The next busy bee will be held on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June from 8:30am.

**Weeding Wattles Busy Bee Progress total area = 15.04Ha**



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11.1.2      Land for Wildlife registration of Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary

Attachment 11.1      Property Report Myrtle Benn Flora And Fauna  
Sanctuary, Kojonup

Attachment 11.2      Letter Of Acceptance, Land For Wildlife

Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary was successfully registered as a Land for Wildlife property on April 10, 2018.



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April 10, 2018

Jane Kowald  
Shire of Kojonup  
P.O. Box 163, Kojonup W.A. 6395

Dear Jane

**Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary, Tunney Road, Kojonup**

Welcome to the *Land for Wildlife* program. I am very pleased to inform you that your property has been accepted as a full member of the program, and your registration number is 2596.

Enclosed is your report, some information that I trust you will find interesting, and a Land for Wildlife folder. As a member of Land for Wildlife you will receive 'Western Wildlife', a newsletter containing information about wildlife, the management of wildlife habitat and the experiences of other landholders. You will also receive the single-topic 'Wildlife Notes' as they are produced.

You will also be subscribed to the SWCC e-newsletter (i.e. South West Link) but you may opt out at any time.

I wish to personally thank you for the contribution you are making to the conservation of native flora and fauna in Western Australia and wish you satisfaction and success in your endeavours. If you have observations, photos or stories to share about the wildlife on your property I'd be delighted if you would let me know. They are often interesting to the like-minded people following Land for Wildlife's Facebook page or, with your permission, could be included in future editions of the 'Western Wildlife' newsletter. Similarly, if you have photos of unknown creatures, nests or similar, I can seek an identification and share that with you and others.

Should you require advice about the Land for Wildlife program, or any aspect of native flora and fauna management and its integration into landcare, SWCC are here to assist. Stephen Newbey ([Stephen.newbey@swccnrm.org.au](mailto:Stephen.newbey@swccnrm.org.au) or 08 9724 2403) is your primary contact and we encourage you to keep in touch. We often have opportunities for assistance with onground funding and other events that may assist you to implement actions from your property report or broader aims for your property. Alternatively, you could contact Gillian Stack (Land for Wildlife Coordinator at Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions) on 9219 9527 or by email [lfw@dbca.wa.gov.au](mailto:lfw@dbca.wa.gov.au). If we cannot answer your query immediately, we will seek the information and get back to you as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'D B Postma'.

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11.1.3 Sharp Rush Management Field Trip

Attachment 11.3 – T1f Event Summary Report Sharp Rush Management Field Trip

11.1.4 Sharp Rush Management Plan, Shire of Kojonup

Attachment 11.4 – Sharp Rush Management Plan, Shire Of Kojonup

**RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION**

- 2/18 Moved: Seconded:**  
**That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council to spend funds allocated for Sharp Rush removal (\$3,418) from cost code 5614 to:**
- 1. Commence spraying as per Control Procedure (section 11, point 1, attachment 11.4), or**
  - 2. Commence a paddock-scale trial be conducted using a mix of control methods, scalping, Hexazinone herbicide and fire control.**

**Or**

**That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council that Sharp Rush be removed completely from the Shire of Kojonup using funds from the NRM Reserve account.**

**CARRIED/LOST**

11.1.5 Kojonup District High School visit to Bush Heritage Australia's Kojonup Conservation Reserve

Attachment 11.5 – T1f Event Summary Report BHT

11.1.6 Common Roadside Weeds Pamphlet

Attachment 11.6 – Common Roadside Weeds Pamphlet

The pamphlet was posted to all addresses in the Kojonup Shire.

11.1.7 Kojonup Weed Action Group

**Attachment 11.7 – Kojonup Weed Action Group Meeting Minutes**

Quotes are being sought for roadside weed mapping in the Shire of Kojonup. A quote should be ready to be tabled at the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION**

**2/18      Moved:                      Seconded:  
That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee advises Council  
to commit \$\_\_\_\_\_ from the Natural Resource Management Reserve  
Account to conduct a weed survey on \_\_\_\_\_ roads of the Kojonup Shire.**

**CARRIED/LOST**

**Kojonup Weed Action Group Meeting  
1 May 2018  
6:30pm NRM/Landcare Office**

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**Attendees**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone number</b>
Sue O'Halloran	<a href="mailto:sueohalloranS7@gmail.com">sueohalloranS7@gmail.com</a>	0429375272
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Kath Mathwin	<a href="mailto:jkmathwin@reachnet.com.au">jkmathwin@reachnet.com.au</a>	98336245

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The Kojonup Weed Strategy was discussed and the following actions raised:

1. Get a quote for a roadside weed survey for the whole of shire to be conducted. A decision about prioritising roadsides to be surveyed will be discussed when the quote is received. A list of weeds to survey was developed by the group and consist of all the weeds in Table 9 of the Weed Strategy excepting the wild oat, afghan melon, paddy melong, *Datura* family, stink wort, double gee, African lovegrass, cotton bush, sharp rush (as this has been done earlier in 2018), prickly lettuce, wild radish, dock and including edible Asparagus and gladiolus.
2. Jane Kowald email participants a copy of the Roadside Conservation Values Plan (2003).
3. Consider having a demonstration site, visual and in-town. Sue O'Halloran follow up on a possible site of sharp rush.

Considerable discussion was had regarding getting the community involved in identifying and removing weeds. Possible development of a weed mapping app?

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

Planning has commenced for the National Tree Day for Schools on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018. This forms part of the contract agreement for this project. Heidi Tyler, Community Development Officer, is working with me to get both local schools involved.

11.3 NRM/LANDCARE OFFICER REPORT – COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT 20 MILLION TREES PROJECT – 20MTR3-242

As part of the Shire of Kojonup’s in-kind contribution to the project, works in the gravel pit to prepare it for rehabilitation, infill planting of seedlings and follow-up spraying of weeds needs to be completed.

Items above have been costed below for your consideration:

Activity	Site	Quantity	Funded \$	In-kind \$
Monitoring and evaluation (Administration)	Both	3	813.00	0.00
	Both	1	500.00	0.00
		<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>1313.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Old Gravel Quarry	Fencing	0.52km	954.00	364.00
	Earthmoving	5h	0.00	5000.00
	Initial Spraying	7Ha	0.00	1400.00
	Direct seeding	7Ha	7511.00	0.00
	Post spraying	7Ha	0.00	1400.00
		<b>TOTAL 2</b>	<b>8465.00</b>	<b>8164.00</b>
Old Race Track	Plant propagation (tube stock/seedlings)	2Ha	2183.35	0.00
	Initial Spraying	2Ha	0.00	1400.00
	Revegetation (labour) for tube/stock plantings	2Ha	1752.65	0.00
	Post spraying	2Ha	0.00	1400.00
		<b>TOTAL 3</b>	<b>3936.00</b>	<b>2800.00</b>
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>13714.00</b>	<b>10964.00</b>

Before signing the contract, the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee and Council need to decide if they are able to contribute the funds for in-kind payments.

**RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION**

**/18 Moved:                      Seconded:**  
**That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee advise Council to use funds from account \_\_\_\_\_ to pay for the In-kind amount of \$10,964.00 for the project 20MTR3-242**

**CARRIED/LOST**

11.4 **RABBITS RHDV1 K5 VIRUS**

Rabbits are increasingly becoming a problem around town and a number of complaints have been made about their numbers. Annabelle Garratt, Recognised Biosecurity Group Project Officer is able to source vials of the variant of rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV1).

RHDV is a Schedule 4 restricted chemical product and can only be supplied to persons who are authorised to use the product under the laws of their state or territory.

RHDV is spread by insect vectors, such as bushflies and blowflies. Direct contact between a rabbit and a rabbit carcass with RHDV is also an avenue of spread. Animals that predate on rabbit carcasses such as foxes, dogs and cats may also excrete the virus in their faeces.

As such, the best time for the release of the virus is when flies are at their highest numbers, early summer.

Ms Garratt has indicated that the cost of the vials is \$120 per vial plus \$50 freight ex GST.

**RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION**

**/18      Moved:                      Seconded:  
That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee advise Council to use funds from account \_\_\_\_\_ to purchase a vial of the RHDV1 K5 virus to be released in the town during summer 2018/19.**

**CARRIED/LOST**

11.5 **SOUTH WEST CATCHMENTS COUNCIL COMMUNITY CAPACITY GRANTS**

An application was submitted for these grants for the purchase of three cameras suitable for animal monitoring up to the value of \$1000 ex GST was made in May. The application was accepted and four Browning Dark Ops BTC-6HD-940 cameras have been purchased and have been received.

It is anticipated that a field demonstration, open to community members, will be conducted in the use and set up of the cameras for capturing images of animals. They will be available to be used by members of the Friends of Myrtle Benn.

**RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION**

**/18      Moved:                      Seconded:  
                 That the NRM/Landcare Officer's reports in sections 11.1 to 11.5 be noted.**

**CARRIED/LOST**

**12**    **ITEMS**

12.1    ROADSIDE WEEDS – EASTERN STATES WATTLES

From the Natural Resource Management Committee minutes dated 22 February 2018:

*COMMITTEE DECISION*

6/18    *Moved: Kath Mathwin                      Seconded: Marina Murray*  
*That Jane Kowald will write a letter to Main Roads WA requesting the removal of the trees. If Main Roads are unwilling to remove the trees, Marina Murray will request a quote from an arborist for their removal.*

*CARRIED*

Ms Kowald sent a letter to Main Roads on the 7 March 2018 and has not had a reply.

12.2    ROADSIDE WEEDS – WEED MAPPING

From the Natural Resource Management Committee minutes dated 22 February 2018:

*COMMITTEE DECISION*

8/18    *Moved: Kath Mathwin                      Seconded: John Benn*  
*That Jane Kowald will present a Budget at the next Natural Resource Management Committee meeting to pay for:*  
*1      Mapping of Eastern States Wattles and Tagasaste in the Shire of Kojonup,*  
*2      Removal of mapped infestations of Eastern States Wattles and Tagasaste, and*  
*3      Awareness raising and education of the Shire of Kojonup community.*

*CARRIED*

Ms Kowald has investigated roadside weed mapping (as discussed in section 11.1.7). Cost of the removal of mapped infestations will be able to be estimated when the size and spread of the infestation is known, after the mapping has been completed.

Awareness raising in the form of a perpetual weed calendar and other activities as suggested by the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee have yet to be costed.



12.3 MISTING ROADSIDE WEEDS

From the Natural Resource Management Committee minutes dated 22 February 2018:

*COMMITTEE DECISION*

*47/17 Moved Kath Mathwin, seconded Marina Murray that the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council that a demonstration of John Moore's misting technique be considered for Denny Road.*

*CARRIED*

The Natural Resource Management Committee resolved to discuss this item at this meeting.

12.4 FARRAR RESERVE DAM RESTORATION

From the Natural Resource Management Committee minutes dated 22 February 2018:

*COMMITTEE DECISION*

*9/18 Moved: Graham Blacklock                      Seconded: Marina Murray  
That Jane Kowald will apply for a National Landcare Program – Environment Small Grants to change the nature of the existing Farrar Reserve Dam to closer reflect a natural wetland.*

*CARRIED*

Ms Kowald researched the conditions of the grant and this project did not meet the application criteria. Ms Kowald will apply for funding for this project as funding becomes available.

12.5 SHIRE OF KOJONUP UNIQUE FLORA AND FAUNA DATASET

From the Natural Resource Management Committee minutes dated 22 February 2018:

Members of the Natural Resource Management Committee recognise that the Shire of Kojonup has many rare and endangered species of flora and fauna in reserves and along roadsides. The location of these species is not largely known, which makes prioritisation for management works difficult.

Jane Kowald will discuss this matter with local flora enthusiast, Chris Evans to see if she has any ideas about establishing a Flora and Fauna Asset Dataset. It is not envisaged that this dataset would be widely distributed as the areas identified would be sensitive in nature.

Ms Kowald has indicated to the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee that this has not progressed.

## 12.6 NRM OFFICER – INCREASING HOURS

AUTHOR: Kath Mathwin

### SUMMARY

There is need to have the position of the NRM Officer increased to at least four days per week, preferably full time. Perhaps shared time could work.

### BACKGROUND

We have an amazing amount of biodiversity still remaining within the Shire. It needs a lot of knowledge and care and hard work to preserve it. It is up to people to understand this to somehow find ways to do it.

### COMMENT

To be a Shire which appreciates the value of their natural heritage will bring benefits to all who live here, not just people living on the farms or in the town, but all the flora and fauna which has so far survived. To be a Shire which is recognised for caring for their natural heritage will bring tourists and new people to live here.

### CEO COMMENT

The above comment does not recognise that the Shire of Kojonup through the re-establishment of the NRMAC is demonstrating its desire to protect our natural resources despite the pressures of industry, changing society values, climate change, invasive pests and weeds. Council is already committed to ensuring sustainable resources are allocated to NRM via rates and charges not merely based on chasing grants which see projects cease when funds cease. The intent of increased officer hours is to add further value to natural resource management. How does the author substantiate a statement that “. . . caring for natural heritage will bring . . . new people to live here?” I concur with the author that the task of engaging with our community to better understand the need for NRM and to find ways of sustainably managing same is essential both now and in the future.

Council in considering the NRMAC recommendation (if approved) needs to determine the following considerations:

1. Is the present NRM Officer in a position to increase hours?
2. What will be the required annual budget allocation to cover the increased hours?
3. Will Council introduce a NRM Levy or include in general rates to ensure sustainable funding of NRM in the Shire of Kojonup?
4. What additional projects, etc., will be achieved from the increased hours?
5. What (if any) duplication is occurring with Southern Dirt?

### CONSULTATION

Members of the Natural Resource Management Committee

### STATUTORY REQUIRMENTS

Nil

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Money will be needed, from grants or Shire, but it will be money will be rewarded for the biodiversity which can be preserved, and lasting value to residents and visitors.

**RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION**

**/18 Moved:                      Seconded:**  
**That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council the NRM Officer position be extended from 2 days per week to 4 days per week or full time.**

**CARRIED/LOST**

**13 LATE ITEMS**

**14 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**15 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the NRM Advisory Committee is to be held on Thursday, 23 August 2018 at 1:00pm in the CWA Building.

**16 CLOSURE**

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

**17 ATTACHMENTS (SEPARATE)**

Attachment 7.1	Declaration By Advisory Committee Member
Attachment 11.1	Property Report Myrtle Benn Flora And Fauna Sanctuary, Kojonup
Attachment 11.3	TIF Event Summary Report Sharp Rush Management Field Trip
Attachment 11.4	Sharp Rush Management Plan, Shire Of Kojonup
Attachment 11.5	TIF Event Summary Report BHT
Attachment 11.6	Common Roadside Weeds Pamphlet

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*Presiding Member*

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*Date*