

# Shire of Kojonup

# Kojonup



## Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee

NRMAC - 12

## AGENDA

*6 December 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, 6 December 2018 at 1:00pm.**

Your attendance is respectfully requested.



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

4 December 2018

**AGENDA FOR THE KOJONUP NRM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON 6 December 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
Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton	Community Representative
Graham Blacklock	Community Representative
Marina Murray	Supervisor Horticulture Tradesperson
Jane Kowald	Landcare/NRM Officer
Paul Retallack	Senior Ranger/Building Maintenance Coordinator

#### **OBSERVERS**

#### **APOLOGIES**

Rick Mitchell-Collins                      Chief Executive Officer

### **3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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

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

Ms Kowald will be on leave from 14 December 2018 to 4 February 2019.

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

KOJONUP NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 24 MAY 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION**

**22/18    Moved:                    Seconded:  
          That the minutes of the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory  
          Committee meeting held 24 May 2018 be confirmed as a true record.**

**CARRIED/LOST**

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

**8 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**10 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Attachment 10.1 – Financial Report Period 1 August - 31 October 2018**

**RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION**

**23/18    Moved:                    Seconded:  
          That the Financial Report for the period ending 31 October 2018 be received  
          and noted.**

**CARRIED/LOST**

**11 STATUS REPORTS**

**11.1 ROADSIDE WEED MAPPING**

**Attachment 11.1 – 20180523 Roadside weed mapping quote Astron**  
**Attachment 11.2 – 20180920 Roadside weed mapping quote Natural Area**

At the previous Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting it was decided to discuss the following recommendation at this meeting

**RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION**

**24/18      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**

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

No further development from last meeting.  
Fences will be inspected early 2019 and final project reporting is due June 2019.

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

Greening Australia visited the Old Gravel Pit site on the 7<sup>th</sup> November to do a ‘species survival count’. The majority of the tube stock have been damaged by stock, presumably sheep, which should not occur again as the fence has been renewed. The major species present from the direct seeding are acacias. Greening Australia will be back next year to infill plant with more tube stock.



The Old Speedway site will require infill planting, which has been provided for in the budget. The species that appears to be thriving is the *Hakea lissocarpha*.

#### 11.4 KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY LITTER GRANT ‘BACK TO THE TAP’ – CLG2018-14

##### [Attachment 11.3 – Meet PAT brochure](#)

The Shire of Kojonup has received \$4950.00 from to install a ‘Meet PAT’ water bottle refill station at the Apex Park, with the intention to reduce waste by reusing water bottles. This will help educate the local and transient communities and significantly reduce the amount of rubbish removed from the park. It will be located on the path from the parking area to the ablution block.

Currently the Shire’s Townscape Committee is deciding what will be featured on the Meet PAT. Contractually required to use the ‘Reduce, Reuse, Recycle’ message there will be room for pictorial direction signs to the townsite and Kodja Place.

The Townscape Committee have requested that the Meet PAT purchased includes a dog bowl. The Meet PAT funded is only the basic model and so there is some cost gap that will need to be sorted before purchasing of the unit can proceed.

#### 11.5 REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP (RBG) FORMATION

##### [Attachment 11.4 – Recognised Biosecurity Groups FAQ](#)

The Gillamii Centre CEO, Karina Bateman, has approached the Shire of Kojonup to seek interest in forming a RBG with the Shire of Cranbrook, and possible encompassing the Shires of Kent and Katanning.

The Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee has been advised on the function of an RBG as early as 26 June 2016 meeting.

This would be an opportunity to acquire funds to combat declared pest/s under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* (BAM Act), for on-ground activities, personnel and administration support.

If the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee thinks this is a worthy cause, some interested members may like to consider being included in a group that will be part of the RBG going forward.

#### 11.6 WEEDING WATTLES BUSY BEES

Held on the first Wednesday of each month, these continue to be well supported by a few core volunteers and the Garden Crew from the Shire of Kojonup. Since beginning in March 2018, 20.58 Ha of bushland has been cleared of the weedy wattles.

#### 11.7 FORWARD PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

To assist with planning activities/events that have opportunities to engage with the community, Ms Kowald has developed a calendar and would appreciate feedback from Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee members for any omissions, and any that should be noted of high importance.

<b>2019</b>		
Term 1	26 February	Business Clean Up Australia Day
	1 March	Schools Clean Up Australia Day
	3 March	Community Clean Up Australia Day
	22 March	World Water Day
	23 March	World Meteorological Day
	30 March	Earth Hour
	30 March	World Frog Day
Term 2	17-28 April	Nature Play Week
	15 May	International Day of Families
	22 May	UN International Day for Biological Diversity (themed)
	5 June	World Environment Day
	16 July	World Shark Day
	26 July	Planet Arc Schools Tree Planting Day
	28 July	National Tree Day
Term 3	4 October	World Animal Day
	2 October	World Farm Animals Day
	21-27 October	Eco Week
	21-27 October	Aussie Backyard Bird Count
	10 August	World Biodiesel Day

	14 August	World Lizard Day
	16 September	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
Term 4	11-17 November	Planet Arc National Recycling Week
	21 November	National Agriculture Day

## 11.8 RABBIT CALICIVIRUS RELEASE

From the Shire of Kojonup Meeting Minutes 21 August 2018:

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council authorise the CEO to:

1. Seek community feedback on the nature, type and number of rabbit related problems in the town site;
2. Ascertain from community members the number of pet rabbits kept within the town site.
3. Liaise with farmers to ascertain/monitor the number of fox related lambing type incidents in the Shire which may be a direct result of a decreased rabbit population.

Or alternatively;

That Council approves:

1. To use funds from the Natural Resource Management Reserve account to purchase a vial of the RHDV1 K5 virus to be released in the town during summer 2018/19, if the vials cannot be sourced earlier at no cost.

### **COUNCIL DECISION**

**96/18 Moved Cr Mathwin, seconded Cr I Pedler that Council authorise the CEO to:**

- 1. Seek community feedback on the nature, type and number of rabbit related problems in the town site.**
- 2. Ascertain from community members the number of pet rabbits kept within the town site.**
- 3. Liaise with farmers to ascertain/monitor the number of fox related lambing type incidents in the Shire which may be a direct result of a decreased rabbit population.**
- 4. Raise the issue of foxes and the threat to livestock/native fauna at the WALGA Great Southern Zone meeting.**

**CARRIED 8/0**

### *REASON*

*Councillors suggested the issue of increased fox numbers outweighed the issue of the increased rabbit population as foxes posed a greater threat to native fauna and livestock, which in turn, is an added cost to farming.*



Ms Kowld has since picked up the free vial of Calicivirus from Ms Garratt.

#### 11.9 FUNDING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AND OUTCOMES

A number of funding applications have been submitted by the NRM/Landcare Officer. The following applications are pending:

1. National Landcare Program Small Environmental Grants - unsuccessful
  - a. 'Busting Bridal Creeper in the Carlecatup Creek'
  - b. 'Carlecatup Wetland Restoration'
  - c. 'Boscabel Wetland Protection'
2. Keep Australia Beautiful Community Litter Grant – 'Back to the Tap' – successful
3. SUEZ Community Grant – 'Weed a month perpetual calendar' – unsuccessful
4. State Natural Resource Management 2018 Stewardship Grants – still being assessed, announcements should be made end November.
  - a. 'Let Community Lead the Way in Landcare'
  - b. 'Headwaters of the Upper Great Southern Wheatbelt NRM/Landcare Collective' (joint application with the Shire of Kent, project leader, Katanning Landcare, Shire of Dumbleyung, Wagin/Woodanilling Landcare Zone Inc, Shire of Kojonup, The Gilamii Centre and North Stirling's Pallinup Natural Resources Inc.

Application details supplied on request.

**12 ITEMS**

**12.1 MISTING ROADSIDE WEEDS**

Marina Murray will provide a verbal report at the meeting.

**12.2 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 Lewis 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 Lewis has informed Ms Kowald that the majority of collected samples are found in more than one place in the Shire of Kojonup. However, the records from the herbarium are in hard copy form only and it would be useful to have them in a digital form. There are about 700 records, all of which have a location (either road name or GPS). Ms Kowald will meet with Ms Lewis to scan the hard copies on the 5 December 2018.

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

**14 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the NRM Advisory Committee is to be TBA at 1:00pm in the NRM/Landcare/Southern Dirt Office.

**15 CLOSURE**

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

**16 ATTACHMENTS (SEPARATE)**

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Attachment 11.2 – 20180920 Roadside weed mapping quote Natural Area

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*Presiding Member*

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