

Shire of Kojonup

Kojonup



Kojonup Natural Resource Management(NRM)
Advisory Committee

NRMAC

AGENDA

17 February 2022

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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 2.00pm.

2 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

Ned Radford

Shire President

Roger Bilney

Councillor

Felicity Webb

Councillor

Grant Thompson

Chief Executive Officer

Marina Murray

Horticulture Supervisor

Jennifer Egerton-Warburton

Community Representative

Kath Mathwin

Community Representative

Adele Scarfone

Natural Resource Management/Landcare Officer

OBSERVERS

APOLOGIES

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 – 17 JUNE 2021

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting held 17 June 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

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 ending January 2022.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Financial Report for the period ending 31 January 2022 be received and noted.

Attachment 10.1 Financial Report Period ending 31 January 2022

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.

Outcome: to resolve the zoning of the reserves of which many have multiple lots within the same area with different zoning.

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 – has been advertised as an informal event which landholders can 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.

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.

11.4 PEST PLANTS LOCAL LAW

In regards to the following 2018 committee decision:

That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends 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).*

In 2018 Kojonup resolved not to pursue a Pest Plants local law, it was removed at an agenda settlement session.

11.5 FRIENDS OF MYRTLE BENN UPDATE

- Activities in 2021 included:
 - Tagasaste removal and cut and wipe as well as other woody weeds
 - Students from St Bernard’s Primary School and Kojonup District High School (KDHS) completed planting during July and August 2021 in and around the cemetery car-park and burned area as well as along the Robinson road entry
 - Annual weed management is an issue in these highly infested areas and 2022 will see no planting take place but a focus on weed control.
- Contractor conducted a number of applications of targeted herbicide to spray grasses/freesia and other weeds in Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary and commenced spraying in the burnt area across the cemetery.

- 2022 will see the KDHS farm students participate once a month to carry our weeding, monitoring, seed collection and Clean up Australia Day activities with Landcare officer.

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

Two trial sites have been selected and landholders will be commencing site preparation works in March 2022 with funding to July 2023.

11.7 OLD RUBBISH TIP SITES – ENVIRONMENTAL REVEGETATION AND REHABILITATION FUND FUNDING APPLICATION - NEW

A Department of Water and Environmental Regulation grant funding application that was submitted in July 2021 was not successful. Future funding sources to revegetate the Robinson Road tip to be applied for in 2022 State NRM round or other appropriate funding opportunities.

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

11.8 STATE NRM FUNDING 2021-2024 - SUCCESSFUL

Application for a large grant covering three properties was successful and includes fencing and revegetation to salt affected areas and creek lines to Simpson, Leach and Coleman properties west of Kojonup: Total project value \$448,628 with \$168,266 grant funding plus \$280,362 contribution from landholders. Site visits and plant orders are underway for the project.

11.9 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In 2021 the NRM Landcare officer worked with KDHS farm students and St Bernard’s Primary School with planting days during August at the Kojonup airstrip and Myrtle Benn Reserve.

The schools would like to see these activities continued in 2022 with monthly involvement planned including:

March – Clean up Australia Day, Monitoring of bushland (KDHS)

April – Festival of the Trees Activity

May/June – aquatic invertebrates in Kojonup stream (rain dependent) and bird walk in bushland

July – National Tree Day activity

August – Bushland weeding

September/October- Plant propagation

Throughout term - Seed Collection by KDHS

Festival of the Trees being organised by Marina Murray for April 2022.

11.10 CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN –ACTIONS RELATING TO NRM

Marina noted that we have commenced looking at Reserve management plans; however, the below need to be addressed:

- Do we have ideas 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

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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

12 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

13 NEXT MEETING

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

14 CLOSURE

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

15 ATTACHMENTS (SEPARATE)

11.1 – Reserve Management Plans – example