

Shire of Kojonup

Kojonup



Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee

NRMAC - 06

AGENDA

4 June 2020

TO: COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee will be held in the **Shire of Kojonup Reception Lounge**, Albany Highway, Kojonup on **Thursday, 4 June 2020 at 1:00pm.**

Due to COVID-19 social distancing and sanitizing will be required in accordance with the Shires COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Your attendance is respectfully requested.

RICK MITCHELL-COLLINS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AGENDA FOR THE KOJONUP NRM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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AGENDA

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
Parminder Singh	Councillor
Rick Mitchell-Collins	Chief Executive Officer
Kath Mathwin	Community Representative
Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton	Community Representative
Phil Worts	Community Representative
Marina Murray	Supervisor Horticulture Tradesperson
Jane Kowald	Landcare/NRM Officer
Paul Retallack	Senior Ranger/Building Maintenance Coordinator

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 - 14 November 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

/20 Moved: Seconded:
That the minutes of the Kojonup Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting held 5 March 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED/LOST

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Recommendations to Council from the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting held 5 March 2020 were adopted:

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

36/20 Moved Cr Fleay, seconded Cr Radford

“That Council:

- 1. Receive the Natural Resource Management Committee unconfirmed minutes for the meeting held 5 March 2020;*
- 2. Endorse the following dates for NRMAC meetings:
Thursday, 4 June 2020
Thursday, 13 August 2020
Thursday, 5 November 2020; and*
- 3. Endorse the Natural Resource Management Committee decision 06/20 that a Weedy Wattles information pamphlet be sent to all residents in the Shire of Kojonup, with a budget provision of \$2504.00 being made from account 5684 within the 2020/2021 budget.”*

CARRIED 8/0

49/20 Moved Wieringa, seconded Cr Radford

“That Council:

- 1. Request the Minister for Lands/Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage amalgamate Reserves 21460, 24161, 22994, 21026 and 1006 to create a new reserve for the purposes of Conservation and Recreation with the Management Order in favour of the Shire of Kojonup.*
- 2. Include Reserves 22994, 24160 and 21026 as Recreation Local Scheme Reserves in the new draft local planning scheme”.*

CARRIED 8/0

8 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

10 FINANCIAL REPORT

[Attachment 10.1 – Financial Report Period ending 31 March 2020.](#)

RECOMMENDATION

/20 Moved: Seconded:
 That the Financial Report for the period ending 31 March 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED/LOST

Attachment 10.1 Financial Report Period ending 31 March 2020

**SHIRE OF KOJONUP
NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
For the period ending 31 March 2020**

A/c	Description	Type	Resp. Officer	Total Budget	YTD Actuals
Operating Expenditure					
5612	NRM - Office Expenses	Exp.	CEO	\$300	\$59
5616	NRM - Consultancy Fees	Exp.	CEO	\$22,000	\$15,262
5601	NRM - Vehicle Costs	Exp.	CEO	\$200	\$0
5684	NRM - Publications	Exp.	CEO	\$0	\$0
5614	NRM - SWCC Project	Exp.	CEO	\$0	\$0
5723	NRM - 20m Trees Grant Expenditure	Exp.	CEO	\$7,000	\$0
5722	NRM - State NRM Grant Expenditure	Exp.	CEO	\$18,613	\$15,072
5686	NRM - Environmental Reserve M'tment	Exp.	MWS	\$13,180	\$11,613
				\$61,293	\$42,006
Operating Revenue					
5603	NRM - Grants	Inc.	MCS	\$0	-\$2,799
5613	NRM - Contributions	Inc.	MCS	\$0	\$0
				\$0	-\$2,799
<i>less amount already transferred this financial year</i>					<i>-\$20,000</i>
<i>less shortfall from last financial year's transfer</i>					<i>\$1,018</i>
<i>(Profit)/loss to be transferred (into)/out of NRM reserve account:</i>					<i>\$20,225</i>
				\$61,293	\$20,225

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.

	Total Budget	YTD Actuals
Natural Resource Management Reserve Account		
- Opening Balance	\$98,226	\$98,226
- Transfer from Reserve	-\$61,293	-\$20,000
- Transfer to Reserve	\$0	\$0
- Interest Earned	\$1,965	\$394
- Closing Balance	\$38,898	\$78,620

11 STATUS REPORTS

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

The project is currently on track with a variation to plant 6,000 more native seedlings and 4km fencing approved. The final site inspection has been completed and the final report is being compiled.

11.2 REVEGETATING ALONG THE OLD RUBBISH TIP ROAD

Council endorsed the budget provision of \$3,930 for the 2020/21 financial year to revegetate approximately 1 Ha along the Old Rubbish Tip road as in the map below.

Seedlings have been ordered and Marina Murray and her team will be ready to prepare the ground for revegetation before planting.

The NRM/Landcare Officer will contact the local schools for participation in planting.

11.3 RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLANS

The Corporate Strategic Plan, reference 1.2.6 (page 12) states that Works and Services will develop environmental management plans for significant Shire reserves, which should be completed in 2020/2021.

Progress has commenced with a DRAFT to be ready by July 2020.

COMMITTEE DECISION

04/20 *Moved Parminder Singh, seconded Paul Retallack, the NRM/Landcare Officer ask for Community input to find names for local reserves through the Kojonup News and Shire E-News. If names are not found then look at asking the school community to make up names.*

CARRIED 6/0

An article calling for names of reserves was in the Shire E-News, edition 178, 1 May 2020. To date there has been no response. The NRM/Landcare Officer is consulting with Phil Shephard, Town Planner, about the Shire of Kojonup's Naming Guidelines and finding more information from the Geographic Names Committee and their associated Policy and Standards for Geographic Naming in Western Australia.

CEO comment:

WALGA is also involved in the use of Aboriginal language and place names to assist with promoting broader community awareness of Aboriginal history and culture, and the significant role Local Government can play in this area. Assigning Aboriginal place names is an important

way to progress reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in Western Australia.

11.4 USING LOW RATES OF CHEMICAL IN RESERVES FOR WEED MANAGEMENT

Jane Kowald and Marina Murray have reviewed the sites and will re-spray next year when weeds start to appear. An inspection of the site will occur on the 3 June 2020 after the next Friends of Myrtle Benn Busy Bee.

11.5 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

This collaborative project is funded by the Australian Government through the 'Communities Combating Pest and Weed Impacts during Drought Program – Biosecurity Management of Pests and Weeds. Shire of Kent NRM Officer, Paul Leoni, is leading the project which includes the Shire's of Lake Grace, Kent, Jerramungup, Gnowangerup, Plantagenet, Cranbrook, Broomehill-Tambellup, Kojonup, Katanning, Woodanilling and Wagin.

The project target of 120,000Ha to be baited for fox control has been reached which is over 100 properties taking part in the project, 18 of which are in the Shire of Kojonup.

4,860 baits have been distributed to landholders in the Shire of Kojonup. Landholders are required to keep records of bait uptake and replacement as well as lambing/marketing percentages.

More baits will be delivered in August 2020. There is room for more farmers to be involved and an article is in this month's Shire E-News calling for more interest.

11.6 HALT THE DECLINE OF CARNABY'S COCKATOO

Attachment 11.7 – Part C Schedules

South West Catchments Council have sent the contract documents, including the service agreement schedule (attached). An agenda item has been prepared for approval by the Council.

11.7 WATTLES ON MAIN ROADS AND TOWN WEED MAPPING

Council has endorsed making a provision of \$10,000 in the 20/21 Budget to commence the removal of Eastern States Wattles (see Section 7). Jane Kowald and Marina Murray will meet further discuss the implementation of the removal.

Jane Kowald has not made any more progress on the townsite weed mapping.

11.8 PEST PLANTS LOCAL LAW

In regards to committee decision:

24/18 Moved: Kath Mathwin Seconded: John Benn

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).*

CARRIED

An agenda item has been developed and can be presented at the next Council meeting.

11.9 WEEDY WATTLES PAMPHLET

Council has endorsed the Natural Resource Management Committee decision 06/20 that a Weedy Wattles information pamphlet be sent to all residents in the Shire of Kojonup, with a budget provision of \$2504.00 being made from account 5684 within the 2020/2021 budget, decision 36/20.

This item will proceed next financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

/20 Moved: Seconded:
That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee accepts the NRM/Landcare Officers Status Reports and that the Committee recommends to Council to participate in the 'Halt the Decline of Carnaby's Cockatoo' project, managed by South West Catchments Council.

CARRIED/LOST

12 ITEMS

12.1 WEBSITE SHOWCASING LOCAL NATIVE FLORA AND FAUNA

From the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting held 14 November 2019 the following Committee Decision was made:

15/19 Moved: Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton Seconded: Kath Mathwin

That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee approved of the idea and Phil Worts will get more information on the costs involved to present at the next meeting. Jennifer Edgerton-Warburton will investigate the name of an online group some ladies were using in the Jingalup area to record plants.

CARRIED 6/0

Two WA Local Government Authority preferred suppliers have been contacted to provide quotes for developing a website or BlogSpot. The NRM/Landcare Officer is waiting for the quotes.

12.2 NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FIELD TRIP FOR WITH A VIEW TO INVESTMENT

From the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting dated 14 November 2019 the following Committee Decision was made:

16/19 Moved: Paul Retallack Seconded: Marina Murray

That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council that:

- 1. Two busy bees be organised in April 2020 at Qualeup Hall and Orchid Valley Old School to remove weeds, community members will be notified and invited to attend;*
- 2. Jane Kowald to write to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to cap and seal the old rubbish tip at Muradup to dissuade further dumping of rubbish; and*
- 3. Jane Kowald to prepare a budget for the removal of weeds at the other sites in Attachment 12.2 for consideration at the next NRM meeting.*

CARRIED 6/0

The points will be discussed below:

1. Marina Murray and Jane Kowald discussed possible dates for the busy bees, encouraging members of the Friends of Myrtle Benn Group (FOMB) to be involved. Key contacts will be notified to rally some local support. It has been suggested that John Binns be the contact for Qualeup Hall and Will Harvey for the Orchid Valley Hall. Dates would be advertised well in advance in the Shire E-News and the Kojonup Newspaper for maximum participation. This has been delayed due to COVID-19. **At the March Busy Bee, the FOMB group indicated they would like to participate in the Qualeup Hall busy bee on**

Wednesday 5 August 2020, COVID-19 had post-phoned busy bees and this date will need to be re-confirmed by the Friends of Myrtle Benn Group at their busy bee on 3 June 2020.

2. A letter was sent to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to cap and seal the old rubbish tip at Muradup, Jingleup and Boscabel on 5 December 2019. **No response has been received.**
3. Jane Kowald has not made any progress on preparing a budget for the removal of weeds at other sites visited on the field trip. No progress to date.

12.3 SHARP RUSH COMMUNITY SURVEY

At the last meeting, it was decided that a survey could be sent out via the Kojonup News and the costs associated with the survey would be presented at this meeting.

The cost of an insert with the Kojonup News is \$155.00 (confirming if this is plus or minus printing costs). A free online survey can also be used (Survey Monkey) and distributed through the Shire E-News and Facebook site. It is estimated that about 2 hours of NRM/Landcare Officer time be required to develop the survey.

CEO comment:

NRM Advisory Committee should consider incorporating survey costs in Agenda item 11.9 above when printing the Weedy Wattles Pamphlet by providing a survey insert?

RECOMMENDATION

/20 Moved: Seconded:
That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council that an online and paper survey be distributed by social media platforms, Shire of Kojonup E-News and as an insert to the Kojonup News, spending up to \$200.00 from Cost Code 5686 - Environmental Reserve Management.

CARRIED/LOST

12.4 2020 STATE NRM COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP GRANTS

Attachment 12.4.1 - Landscape Rehydration Trial and Demonstration in the Great Southern draft project summary

- Attachment 12.4.2 - Improve the Biodiversity of the Myrtle Benn Flora & Fauna Sanctuary and Educate the Community about its natural assets.

Community Stewardship Grants are available for community-based projects that help conserve, restore, rehabilitate or enhance a local natural area, conserve WA’s biodiversity and maintain or build the capability of NRM community groups across the State.

There are two components:

1. Small Grants
 - Valued between \$1000 - \$35,000
 - Up to 18 months duration
2. Large Grants
 - Intended for more strategic, complex projects
 - Valued between \$35,001 and \$450,000
 - For up to 36 months duration

Interest has been sought from the community for project ideas. The NRM/Landcare Officer will be writing applications for the following projects due on 15 June 2020.

1. Phase 2 of the existing State NRM Community Stewardship Grant to continue the revegetation of Tarup Creek on Nathan and Diana Leitch’s property, Muradup.
2. Landscape Rehydration Trail and Demonstration in the Great Southern project run by Wheatbelt Hydrology, Lance Mudgway.
3. Friends of Myrtle Benn Group: Improving the Biodiversity of Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary and Community Education about its assets (this includes provision for the website/BlogSpot for the flora and fauna of Kojonup as discussed in 12.1)

RECOMMENDATION

/20 Moved: Seconded:
That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee approves in principal of the projects seeking funding through the State NRM Community Stewardship Grants 2020.

CARRIED/LOST

Attachment 12.4.2 - Improve the Biodiversity of the Myrtle Benn Flora & Fauna Sanctuary and Educate the Community about its natural assets.



12.5 TOWN RABBIT BAITING

[Attachment 12.5.1 - RABBAIT Pindone Oat Material Safety Data Sheet](#)

[Attachment 12.5.2 - RABBAIT Pindone Oat Bait Booklet](#)

Mr Frank Pritchard contacted the NRM/Landcare Officer seeking permission/approval to carry out discrete and targeted rabbit baiting in the town site using RABBAIT Pindone Oat bait.

RABBAIT® Pindone Oat Bait has a greatly reduced risk of secondary poisoning. Unlike 1080 bait, Pindone has an effective antidote (Vitamin K1) if secondary poisoning should occur. It is estimated that a dog would need to eat more than 10 freshly poisoned rabbits to get an acute lethal dose of pindone. Repeated exposures pose a risk but are rare

Mr Pritchard is an experienced user of the RABBAIT and uses covers to prevent secondary poisoning by birds. He has sighted the old railway station as a possible site for rabbit control.

RECOMMENDATION

/20 Moved: Seconded:

That the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee recommends that Council approves the baiting of rabbits in the townsite using RABBAIT by Mr Frank Pritchard.

CARRIED/LOST

13 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the NRM Advisory Committee is to be tentatively set as, Thursday, 13 August 2020, pending on Council approval.

Proposed future meeting dates:

Thursday, 5 November 2020

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)

Attachment 11.7 – Part C Schedules

Attachment 12.4.1 - Landscape Rehydration Trial and Demonstration in the Great Southern draft project summary

Attachment 12.5.1 - RABBAIT Pindone Oat Material Safety Data Sheet

Attachment 12.5.2 - RABBAIT Pindone Oat Bait Booklet

Presiding Member

Date