

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 OCTOBER 1999

Meeting opened at 5.35pm.

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present: Cmr Morgan (Chairman)
 Mr D Cluning
 Mr K Armstrong
 Mr D Lenferna
 Mr R Henderson
 Ms P Robertson
 Ms M Zakrevsky
 Ms A Stubber
 Mr M Norman
 Mr D Pike

Apologies: Mr R Dixon
 Ms R McElroy
 Ms J Smith
 Mr S Magyar

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 A Stubber requested the minutes of the previous meeting dated 3 August 1999 be amended to include the following omissions:-

“That the use of signage to control dogs at Koondoola Regional Bushland be investigated by the City of Wanneroo”.

“That the City of Wanneroo consider allowing the Friends of Koondoola Regional Bushland to use space in one of the City’s building facilities as a herbarium”.

D Pike proposed that the amendments to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 August 1999 be adopted.

Moved: D Pike Seconded: A Stubber

2.2 M Zakrevsky asked that Item 5.3 of the previous minutes acknowledge that R McElroy raised the issue of mowers colliding with Acacia bushes.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Koondoola Regional Bushland - D Lenferna reported that over 300 plants had recently been planted in the reserve and the gate numbering system, as discussed at the last meeting, was under way. A Stubber reported that the friends’ group planted over 200 plants in Koondoola Regional Bushland.

- 3.2 Rabbit Control Koondoola Regional Bushland - Commissioner Morgan asked about rabbit control within Koondoola Regional Bushland. A Stubber provided an update and advised rabbit populations are being closely monitored.

M Norman advised that rabbits can have a devastating effect on new plantings by eating new shoots, thus killing the plant.

M Zakrevsky entered the room at 5.40pm.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 4.1 Craigie Open Space - K Armstrong reported that the management plan for Craigie Open Space was almost complete and that a Friends of Craigie Open Space group had recently been formed and had contributed greatly in the formulation of the management plan. Commissioner Morgan asked when the management plan will be tabled for Council approval and was advised by K Armstrong that it would be completed by November 1999.
- 4.2 Volunteer Insurance - K Armstrong tabled a copy of the AON Personal Risk Insurance Policy. He explained that this was the cover that the City of Joondalup applies for its volunteer workers. Discussion ensued on the practical aspects of recording attendance at community-based land care events. It was decided that organisers within the friends' groups will be responsible for recording attendance. K Armstrong will investigate the format for attendance forms.

5. OTHER MATTERS

- 5.1 A Stubber tabled the Interim Flora List for Koondoola Regional Bushland.
- 5.2 M Zakrevsky passed on thanks to K Armstrong from the Friends of Korella Park group for his efforts over the past year.
- 5.3 M Zakrevsky asked whether City of Joondalup committee members had further information on the proposal for the structure plant in the reserve at Whitfords Nodes South to accommodate the new Fisheries building and car park. Commissioner Morgan advised that he did not know of any further developments on this issue. D Cluning added that the issue was not within the parameters of the Conservation Advisory Committee's field of interest.
- 5.4 R Henderson advised that a group had been collecting seeds within Hepburn Heights and asked if this action had been sanctioned by Council. K Armstrong replied that this group had not been given permission from the City to undertake this activity.

5.5 R Henderson asked whether Council had given thought to placing bins in the Hepburn Heights bushland, as recommended in the management plan. D Cluning advised that in the past bins had been placed at the entrance to bushland reserves and they had constantly been burnt or vandalised. Therefore Council does not consider the placement of bins in this type of location as effective.

5.6 R Henderson tabled a standard CALM specification for a gate to allow access for kangaroos to travel between bushland locations. K Armstrong advised he will make approaches to both the management of Pinnaroo Cemetery and the Water Authority to discuss the possibility of a fauna corridor linking Hepburn Heights bushland with the Beenyp sewerage treatment plant.

R Henderson then tabled a copy of The Urban Bushland Council's Draft Fire Management Plan for the committee's information. Discussion then followed on the group's experiences with fire management issues in bushland reserves.

5.7 A Stubber enquired if the City of Wanneroo would invite members of the Friends of Koondoola Regional Bushland to be involved in the planning stages of herbicides being undertaken in Koondoola Regional Bushland.

5.8 P Robertson thanked D Lenferna for his quick response in removing piles of weeds that had been removed from Koondoola Regional Bushland. She also asked about the effectiveness of the City of Wanneroo weed reduction program in Koondoola Regional Bushland. General discussion ensued on the subject of herbicide effectiveness, timing and application.

5.9 M Norman asked whether Council had given further consideration to employing a Bush Regenerator. D Cluning replied that this method of weed control may not prove cost effective, considering the large area of Council's bushland reserves.

There being no other business, Cmr Morgan thanked members for attending.

Next Meeting: To be advised.

Meeting Closed: 7.10pm

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