

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 22 JUNE 2000**

APPENDIX 5

Meeting opened at 5.35pm.

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present: Cr S Magyar (Chairperson)
Mr D Cluning
Mr K Armstrong
Cr J Hughes (City of Wanneroo)
Mr D Lenferna (City of Wanneroo)
Ms M Zakrevsky
Ms K Clarke
Ms R Henderson
Ms R McElroy
Ms A Stubber
Mr J Wood
Mr R Dixon

Apologies: Cr J Hollywood
Ms J Smith (City of Wanneroo)
Mr M Norman
Mr D Pike
Ms P Robertson

D Cluning read a letter to the committee, on behalf of Ms J Smith, apologising for her absence.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous meeting held on 6 June 2000 failed to achieve a quorum.
The minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2000 were not ratified.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Discussion regarding the future structure of the Conservation Advisory Committee.

Cr Magyar opened the discussion with background information on the formation of the Conservation Advisory Committee. R Dixon spoke about his involvement with the Conservation Advisory Committee and stated that with his current commitments, he would only be able to attend the occasional meeting.

Discussion ensued on whether the City of Joondalup and the City of Wanneroo should continue to operate a joint committee, or separate and form their own committees.

D Cluning read a letter from J Smith in which she stated that the committee should separate. In the discussion that followed, it was the consensus of all members present that the committee should be split.

Cr J Hughes put the following motion -

“That the Conservation Advisory Committee splits into two groups representing the City of Joondalup and the City of Wanneroo.”

MOVED: Cr J Hughes SECONDED: J Wood

CARRIED

R Dixon suggested that each new committee should have a balance of community members and Council staff.

J Wood suggested that information be shared and joint involvement continue in areas such as weed control. Committee members agreed that this is the way they should proceed.

Cr Magyar spoke about the continuing effort to control weeds and stated that joint monitoring and information exchange should continue between the two councils, in an effort to control weeds such as Caltrop and Johnson River Grass.

3.2 Bushland Condition Rating Systems

M Zakrevsky said that there has been public interest in reticulating many more of the City of Joondalup’s dry parks. She stated that in some cases this could be to the detriment of native bushland remnants within the dry parks.

Cr Magyar advised Council had recently formed a Dry Parks, Medians and Verges Committee which will look at the reticulation issue. He added that there were many competing community values involved in this issue.

D Cluning explained to the group that the bushland condition rating system used by Council would form the basis for future research in this area. K Clarke stated that the system used in the State Government’s Bushplan document to gauge bushland conditions should be used in the final assessment of bushland within the City’s dry parks.

K Armstrong advised that an accepted botanically-based bushland condition mapping system is used to form the basis of the City’s conservation reserve management plans and that such a system would be used in the final analysis and prior to management strategies being finalised. J Wood stated that a bushland condition mapping system should be utilised to assess weed problems.

R Henderson entered the meeting at 6.25pm.

3.3 Winter Planting Program

K Armstrong provided a summary on the recent planting at Sorrento Beach under the auspices of the Joondalup Community Coastcare Forum and organised by M Norman. He added that 2,000 coastal species had been planted and Sacred Heart College will be monitoring the success of the planting, along with other studies of the dunal system.

M Zakrevsky spoke about the recent Korella Park planting in which over 50 people participated.

K Clarke spoke about the forthcoming planting in Warwick Open Space.
R McElroy also provided a summary of a recent planting in the Warwick Senior High School bushland.

D Lenferna spoke about the City of Wanneroo's winter planting program.

- 3.4 D Cluning suggested that the City of Joondalup advertise for new members for the Conservation Advisory Committee.

The City of Joondalup committee agreed to meet on the third Thursday of every month.

Next Meeting: TBA

Meeting Closed: 6.55pm