

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THE 24 SEPTEMBER 2003.**

Received Comments – Draft Tree Guidelines

D. Cluning asked the committee members if they had taken the opportunity to read the Draft Tree Guidelines circulated last meeting (September). K. Clarke said she had and would forward written comments in the near the future.

M. Norman asked about the status of trees on private property in terms of protection and or listing of important trees. The committee discussed the possibility of listing significant trees on private property it was decided that Council was not in the position to effectively protect or list significant trees on private property.

K. Clarke said it was very important that Council plant trees indigenous to the Joondalup area, when planting parks and Council verges the planting of such trees will produce corridors and linkages for fauna.

Committee members asked if Council could furnish them with the list of species of trees currently being planted on verges and medians by Council staff. K. Armstrong said he would make this list available for committee members.

Cr. Hart suggested Council should promote the use of indigenous trees in the City and suggested a local tree could be featured in newspaper articles.

4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

West Australian Environmental Awards

Keith Armstrong said that two submissions from the City of Joondalup were in the finals of the Western Australian Environmental Awards. One in the Coastal and Marine Category and one in the Corporate Business Leading by Example; category M. Zakrevsky wished the City's entrance the best for the forthcoming award evening.

Cr Hollywood entered meeting at 7.45 pm.

5. **OTHER MATTERS**

5.1 Drainage Proposal Iluka Foreshore

The committee discussed the proposal by Beaumaris Landsales Pty Ltd to drain water from Burns Beach Road into the native vegetation in the Iluka Foreshore Reserve. A number of speakers said they were disappointed that Council only chose to note the motion from the August CAC meeting that, drainage water should not be allowed to enter natural area reserves.

The committee felt that Council should take a more proactive stance in protecting native vegetation from development proposals that will damage native vegetation growing in Council managed reserves.

The following motion was proposed by M. Zakrevsky.

That the motion passed at the August meeting of Conservation Advisory Committee opposing the allowing drainage water from developments into natural area reserves be enclosed as an attachment to the subdivision application on referral to all parties prior to planning approval.

Moved: M. Zakrevsky Seconded: M. Norman CARRIED

- 5.2 St Marks Anglican School Coastal Rehabilitation Project
Cr Hollywood spoke about the dunal rehabilitation project that has been undertaken by St. Mark's he said that he had presented awards to the children for their participation and would like Council to become involved in many more similar projects.
- 5.3 Minutes of Meeting
K. Clarke asked if members of the CAC could be given the minutes of the Sustainability Advisory Committee and visa versa. Keith Armstrong said he would arrange for this to happen.
- 5.4 North Western Catchment
K. Clarke gave an overview of recent meetings to discuss the appointment of a Catchment Co-ordinator for the Joondalup/Wanneroo catchment zone. Cr. Hart asked if K. Clarke could keep the committee updated on progress on this issue.
- 5.5 Sprinkler Encroachment Into Bushland Areas
M. Norman said he was concerned about reticulation sprinklers throwing water into areas of natural bushland. He went on to say that additional water damages the integrity bushland areas. He asked that Council staff inspect Robin Park, Warwick Open Space and Korella Park to see if adjustments can be made to the system.
- 5.6 Porteous Park Sorrento
M. Norman said he was concerned about veldt grass in the lawn section of Porteous Park. Discussion followed on the best way to control the problem. K. Armstrong suggested spot spraying the grass weeds next year with glyphosate.
- 5.7 Operations Manager Committee Membership
D. Cluning said that this was his last committee meeting as with the restructure of the Conservation Officer position. Peter Pikor, Manager Infrastructure Management Services and Keith Armstrong will be representing Council Staff on the Committee. K. Clarke thanked D. Cluning on behalf of the committee for his years of valuable service as a committee member.

5.8 Local Bio-diversity Strategy

D. Milan asked K. Armstrong to update the committee on progress relating to the Local Bio-diversity Strategy. K. Armstrong said a draft brief had been prepared and draft templates for on ground field work had been received from the staff at the Perth Bio-diversity Project.

Cr. Hart closed the meeting at 7.45 pm and thanked members for attending.

Action Notes

1. Table last financial years natural areas budget expenditure.
2. Update bio-diversity strategy progress.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 26 November 2003, Committee Room 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of minutes for the City of Joondalup, Conservation Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 22 October 2003, at 5.30 pm in Conference Room 1, Civic Chambers.

Moved

Seconded

Chairperson: _____

Date: _____

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD, WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2003**

1. ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Present: Cr J Hollywood (Chairperson)
Mr D. Pike
Mr D Cluning
Mr K Armstrong
Mr R Henderson
Mr B Fitzsimmons
Mrs R McElroy
Mrs C Wood
Ms K Clarke
Mrs M Zakrevsky
Mr S Magyar
Mr M Norman
Mr D Milan

Apologies: Cr S. Hart

Councillor Hollywood declared the meeting open at 5.32 pm.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Other Matters

The minutes of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 22 October 2003 were accepted as a true and correct record subject to the following amendments.

In other matters the following was omitted M. Norman asked K. Armstrong about the proposed City's Bushland Regeneration Contract. Keith said he had been working on the draft and hoped to have the contract in place before next winter.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THE 22
OCTOBER 2003.**

3.1 Natural Areas Budget Expenditure

D. Cluning gave an overhead projector presentation on the City's expenditure on natural area capital works and maintenance expenditure in the last three years.

Cr Hollywood asked D. Cluning if the details of the presentation could be available for committee members whom wished to have one, D. Cluning confirmed that they would be distributed with the minutes.

3.2 West Australian Environmental Awards

K. Armstrong informed the committee that the City of Joondalup won an award in the recent 2003 West Australian Environmental Awards. The City took out the Coastal Management Category.

3.3 Appointment of a Natural Bush Areas Supervisor

K. Armstrong informed the committee that interviews had been completed and a successful candidate had been selected for the position. He added the new person would be starting in early January 2004.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Firebreaks/Access Tracks Iluka Foreshore Reserve

M. Norman explained that the Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum were concerned about the lack of firebreaks in the Iluka Foreshore Reserve. He said that a Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum member Dr Marjone Apthorpe had raised the issue at the recent City of Joondalup Electors Meeting. He added that K. Armstrong, Dr Apthorpe and himself had visited the site to appraise the situation.

Committee members discussed the need for firebreak/access paths. Some members felt that the vegetation in this area was too valuable to push firebreaks through it. D. Cluning advised that the developers of the Iluka estate would be prepared to construct the firebreaks as soon as requested by Council. K. Clarke stated that no firebreaks could be constructed without first gaining approval from the Bush Forever Office. After further discussion the following motion was raised.

‘That Council request the developer to construct a firebreak in the Iluka Foreshore Reserve linking Silver Sands Drive and the coastal dual use path in accordance with the subdivision approval.

Moved: D. Pike Seconded: B. Fitzsimmons CARRIED

4.2 Urban Natural Area Management Study

Keith Armstrong gave an overview of a study the City of Joondalup participating in. The aim of the study he said is to develop key performance indicators for bushland management practices. He added that eight metropolitan Councils are participating in the study.

D. Cluning added that the study is being conducted by Integrated Open Space Services Ltd, a company that has produced survey work for the City in the past.

K. Armstrong said he would be happy to e-mail committee members information on the study if they were interested.

5. OTHER MATTERS

5.1 Bio Diversity Study

D. Pike said that any Council decisions on channelling resources to bushland management should be based on the condition of the bushland vegetation he added that the areas of vegetation in the best condition should be maintained by Council.

- 5.2 W.A. Environmental Award
R. McElroy wished to inform the committee that The Weeds Action Network were finalists, in the recently held W.A Environmental Awards.
- 5.3 Lilburne Reserve
D. Milan said that he had been in contact with F.E.S.A. regarding the Proposed fire station in Lilburne Reserve. He advised he did not know when construction would start.
- 5.4 Porteous Park Sorrento
M. Norman advised that even people had participated in a weeding day in Porteous Park. He said that a large number of veldt grass plants had been removed by manual means. He added that he had been disappointed with the success of the recent fusilade herbicide application in the reserve.
- 5.5 Community Bush Care Day
M. Zakrevsky said that the Friends of Korella Park had discussed the Organisation of a bush care day.
- 5.6 Hepburn Heights Re-union
R. Henderson said the Friends of Hepburn Heights were organising a Ten-year re-union of people connected with the reserve. The re-union will be held on Sunday 1st February 2004.
- 5.7 D. Cluning 's Retirement from Committee
Cr Hollywood thanked D. Cluning for his long and outstanding contribution to the Conservation Advisory Committee. S. Magyar also spoke about D. Cluning's contribution to conservation in the City of Joondalup.

Cr Hollywood wished committee member the compliments of the season and closed the meeting at 7pm.

Action Notes

1. Update bio-diversity strategy progress.

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To be advised

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