CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2003.

MEETING HELD,

1. ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

ATTENDANCES:

Cr J Hollywood

(Chairperson)

Mr K Armstrong

Ms R McElroy

Mr J Wood

Mr M Norman

Mrs M Zakrevsky

Mr S Magyar

Mr R Henderson

Ms K Clarke

M D Milan

Mr B Fitzsimmons

Mr D Pike

APOLOGIES

Cr A Nixon

Mr D Cluning

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 22 January 2003 were accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: S. Magyar

Seconded: B. Fitzsimmons

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THE 22 JANUARY 2003.

3.1 Bushland Remnant Coach Tour

Cr Hollywood asked the committee to comment on the recent tour of urban remnant bushland areas within the City of Joondalup.

D. Pike said the tour was very worthwhile and gave participants a clearer understanding of the condition of the bushland remnants managed by the City. Mike Norman said he had hoped that Robin Reserve would be on the bushland reserves list. Keith Armstrong said this was an oversight and he will discuss with Dennis Cluning the addition of Robin Reserve Sorrento to the list of bushland reserves.

3.2 Coastal Fencing

Keith Armstrong gave an overview of the current coastal fencing projects currently being undertaken by the City. These projects included the fencing along the Dual Use Path from Beach Road to Marmion Angling Club and the fencing adjacent to the coastal reserve on Ocean Reef Road.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Bushland Strategic Management Plan

K. Clarke said that prior to the commencement of the Joondalup Coastal Foreshore Natural Areas Management Plan, it had been agreed by the Conservation Advisory Committee that a similar type study be undertaken to set a future Management Strategy for the areas of remnant urban bushland managed by the city.

K. Clarke said that without such a study the ever-diminishing areas of bush in Joondalup would either disappear or become unsustainable. K. Clarke added that the Perth Bio-diversity Project (Hosted by W.A.L.G.A.) would be in the position to assist Council in developing a Local Bio-diversity Plan for the City's bushland reserves.

Discussion ensued on the merits of the City developing a Bio-diversity Plan (L.D.P). The committee strongly supported such a proposal. The following motion was proposed.

That Council produce a Local Bio-diversity Plan in accordance with the guidelines produced by the Perth Bio-diversity Project. The aim of the Bio-diversity Plan is to prioritise the protection and the management of the remnant bushland in areas managed by the City of Joondalup.

Proposed: M. Norman Seconded: D. Pike

Carried

5. OTHER MATTERS

5.1 Achievement List

Cr Hollywood asked that future minutes of the Conservation Advisory Committee contain a list of current projects the CAC is involved in. Cr Hollywood said that such a list would ensure projects are finalised. The other committee members endorsed the idea.

5.2 Beenyup Waste Treatment Plant

J. Woods said he had recently met with the managers of the plant. He said he raised his ongoing concerns about the degraded and weedy conditions of the bushland surrounding the site.

5.3 Duncraig High School Bushland

D. Milan said that he is concerned about the condition of the bushland within the Duncraig High School property. K. Armstrong said that Council had no influence over the Ministry of Education in terms of how they manage their properties. Cr Hollywood said he would make some enquiries as to how this issue can be resolved.

5.3 Perth Bio-diversity Bushland Assessment Templates

R. Henderson suggests that a member of the Perth Bio-diversity Project address the committee on the work they have produced on the Bushland Assessment Templates. Keith Armstrong to arrange.

Cr Hollywood closed meeting at 7.30 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 26 March 2003