

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD, WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2003**

1. ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Present: Cr J Hollywood (Chairperson)
 Cr S Hart
 Mr D Cluning
 Mr K Armstrong
 Ms K Clarke
 Mrs M Zakrevsky
 Ms R McElroy
 Mr D Pike
 Mr J Wood
 Mr S Magyar
 Mr M Norman

Guests: Cr M Caiacob
 Ms M Abthorpe J.C.C.C.F
 Ms J Abbot F.E.S.A.
 Ms R Duthie

Apologies: Mr B Fitzsimmons

Councillor Hollywood declared the meeting open at 5.35 pm.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 27 August were accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: S. Magyar

Seconded: D. Pike CARRIED

2.1 Guest Speaker

Cr Hollywood introduced Ms Jenny Abbott (Environmental Officer F.E.S.A.)

Miss Abbott gave the committee a detailed insight into the way FESA work with the community to develop fire management plans for urban bushland areas. Ms Abbot went on to speak about fire response plans and initiatives to prevent arson in remnant bushland areas. Committee members asked Ms Abbot a number of questions in regard to her role.

Cr Hollywood thanked Ms Abbot for addressing the committee in a very interesting and informative way.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THE 27 AUGUST 2003.**

3.1 Draft Tree Policy

Mr Dennis Cluning tabled a Draft Street Tree Policy that Operation Services had developed. He requested that committee members peruse the document and asked that they comment on it, at the next Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting.

4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

4.1 Local Bio-diversity Strategy

K. Armstrong gave an overview of the benefits Council would gain from developing a comprehensive Local Bio-Diversity Strategy to encompass the remnant bushland areas within the City. He said Council had allocated funds for this purpose and a brief was being developed in consultation with the Strategic and Sustainable Development Business Unit. He went on to say that he was keen that the fieldwork for the study be completed this year.

5. **OTHER MATTERS**

5.1 Weed Control Porteous and Robin Park, Sorrento

M. Norman raised a concern that Porteous Park and Robin Park Sorrento were not going to have bushland regenerators removing weeds this spring. D. Cluning explained that there was a limited budget for this type of work but he will further investigate the need to remove weeds from individual bushland areas. He further added that Council usually responded positively to request by Bushland Friends Groups but there is a limited budget available.

Cr Holly wood left the meeting at 7.20 pm, S. Magyar then chaired the meeting.

M. Norman said that a review should take place of the work undertaken by the company that provides Council herbicide application, as he was not happy with the standard of the work.

Cr Hart asked that at the next meeting the last financial years natural areas budget expenditure be tabled. D. Cluning said this information would be provided.

Cr Hart left the meeting at 7.30 pm.

5.2 Feral Bees in Bushland Reserve

R. Duthie provided information regarding bees taking over native bird Nesting areas in large trees in bushland reserves. The committee asked That any further research on the subject undertaken by Ms Duthie be Forwarded onto the committee members as this was a very important Topic regarding the health of bio-diversity in natural areas.

5.3 Firebreaks Iluka Foreshore

Ms M. Abthorpe spoke about the need to put firebreaks in the foreshore reserve linking Burns Beach and Iluka. D. Cluning explained the status of this project and said, as he was aware the developers of the Iluka Estate will be undertaking this work.

S. Magyar closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

Action Notes

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

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 22 October 2003, Committee Room 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of minutes for the City of Joondalup, Conservation Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 24 September 2003, at 5.30 pm in Conference Room 1, Civic Chambers.

Moved

Seconded

Chairperson: _____

Date: _____