

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD,
WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2003.**

1. ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

ATTENDANCES:

Cr J Hollywood (Chairperson)
Mr K Armstrong
Ms R McElroy
Mr J Wood
Mrs M Zakrevsky
M D Milan
Mr B Fitzsimmons
Mr D Pike

APOLOGIES

Mr D Cluning
Mr R Henderson
Mr M Norman
Mr S Magyar
Ms K Clarke

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 26 February 2003 were accepted as a true and correct record subject to the following amendment that the minutes indicated that Mrs M Zakrevsky was present at the February Meeting, when in fact she was not.

Moved: D. Pike

Seconded: D. Milan

CARRIED

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THE 26
FEBRUARY 2003.**

3.1 Local Bio-diversity Plan

Keith Armstrong spoke on the motion that was passed at the February Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting. He said the Council's report containing the motion (report for 1 April Council Meeting) had been withdrawn pending investigation into funding sources to fund the drafting of a local bio-diversity plan. He said he would look at the possibility of funding through the Natural Heritage Trust or the Perth Bio-diversity Project.

M. Zakrevsky said that timing of grant submissions may not coincide with Council budget process, Committee members reiterated that producing a local bio-diversity plan was extremely important and should not be subject to undue delay.

4 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Australian Conservation Volunteers Proposal

Keith Armstrong said he had received an offer from the Australian Conservation Volunteers to undertake bushland regeneration work with Friends Group Volunteers in Council bushland reserves. Keith said the Australian Conservation Volunteer Teams had been used for over thirteen years by Council with good results. A number of committee members said they would be interested in participating in the scheme.

5 OTHER MATTERS

5.1 Beenyup Wastewater Treatment Plant

J. Wood said he had spoken with Water Corporation managerial staff regarding weed problems associated with the treatment plant site. He said that he had lent them The Craigie Bushland Management Plan to assist them with their site management.

5.2 Removal of Mature Tuart Trees Kingsley Park

The committee expressed a deep concern about the recent removal of five mature Tuart trees from the Kingsley Park as part of the Kingsley Football Club Clubrooms project members expressed a desire to ascertain why the trees were removed.

Cr J Hollywood proposed the following motion.

“That City of Joondalup staff prepare a report for the Conservation Advisory Committee detailing the reasons the five Tuart trees were removed from Kingsley Park.”

Proposed Cr J. Hollywood

**Seconded B. Fitzsimmons
CARRIED**

5.3 City of Joondalup Tree Management Policy

D. Pike said that in the light of the recent removal of trees from Kingsley Park, Council should now consider implementing a tree management policy. Discussion ensued on the issue and the consensus was reached that such a policy should not include tree on private property but verge trees, trees in reserves, road reserves and all Council managed facilities should be included.

The committee felt that Council should have a systematic approach to tree pruning and tree removal along similar lines as those policies adopted by many Council's throughout Australia

Keith Armstrong said he had recently read a tree management policy from the Frankston City Council in Victoria. This policy did not include trees in private gardens and did allow the removal of trees by Council but under strict guidelines.

Cr J Hollywood proposed the following motion

“That the City of Joondalup prepare and adopt a tree management policy that will formalise the management and give protection to trees under the Cities management.”

Proposed: Cr. J Hollywood

Seconded: D Pike

5.4 Toilet block Lloyd Drive Warwick

R. McElroy reported that the toilet block adjacent to the tennis courts had been removed. She asked K. Armstrong if Council Staff could look at removing the sprinklers in the area that irrigate the bushland. K. Armstrong said he would investigate the issue.

5.5 Bush Care Officer

M. Zakrevsky asked K. Armstrong for clarification on the funding available from the Perth Bio-diversity Project to fund the recruitment of a bush care officer at the City. Keith Armstrong said that the Perth Bio-diversity Project had offered \$12,500 for this proposal.

5.6 Picnic Shelter Lilburne Park Duncraig

D. Milan asked K. Armstrong if Council would remove the picnic shelter in Lilburne Park Duncraig because of the area is attracting groups of youths engaged in anti social behaviours. Keith Armstrong said he would investigate issue but generally the removal of the seating may not result in the ending of the anti social behaviour.

Action Notes

1. K. Armstrong to investigate Lilburne Picnic Shelter and sprinkler Warwick Public Open Space.
2. February Conservation Advisory containing proposal for local Bio-diversity Plan to go to Council meeting of the 29 April 2003.

Cr Hollywood closed the meeting 6.40 pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 23 April 2003