

CITY OF JOONDALUP

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY MARCH 24TH 2004

1. ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Officers:

Mr Peter Pikor **Manager Infrastructure & Ranger Services**
Mr Keith Armstrong **Conservation Officer**

Committee Members:

Mr M Norman **Chairman**
Mr David Pike **Community Representative**
Ms R McElroy **Community Representative**
Mrs C Wood **Community Representative**
Ms K Clarke **Community Representative**
Mrs M Zakrevsky **Community Representative**
Mr S Magyar **Community Representative**
Mr B Fitzsimmons **Community Representative**

Apologies:

R Henderson **Community Representative**
D Millan **Community Representative**
J Wood **Community Representative**

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 **MOVED** R McElroy, **SECONDED** S Magyar that the Minutes of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 25th February 2004 is a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

3 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25th February 2004**

3.1 Our Bushland Publication

Keith Armstrong advised that he had recent discussions with Alice Stubber regarding the continuance of the Our Bushland newsletter. He said that he had also spoken with the City of Wanneroo and agreement had been reached in principle for both Cities to assist with the publication. The Committee offered a vote of thanks to staff officers for their prompt attention to this issue.

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3.2 Terms of Reference for the Conservation Advisory Committee

Committee members discussed the current terms of reference for the Conservation Advisory Committee and spoke about possible changes that could be made to reflect the current status of the membership and strategic approach. A draft document with suggested Committee Member amendments will be circulated for discussion at the next meeting.

3.3 Adopt a Bushland/Coastline Programme

Keith Armstrong gave an overview on the current status of this programme. He said that Kinross College and pupils from Warwick High school will be assisting the City on dune restoration projects. He also added that number of other schools had also expressed an interest in being involved, and that this programme had so far had over 2000 participants from 14 local schools taking part in a wide range of bushland conservation projects.

4 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Icon Species

David Pike addressed the Committee on the need for the City of Joondalup to promote icon plant species; he gave an example being the Western Australian Christmas Tree. David went on to say by promoting a native local plant, animal, bird or insect species a greater interest in biodiversity could be fostered among local residents. He added that brochures could be produced to promote an awareness of the native flora and fauna occurring in the City.

Mike Norman suggested that David Pike liaise with committee members to draw up a short list of examples of flora and fauna that could be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

4.2 Regional Natural Area Linkages

David Pike tabled a map showing present bushland linkages, he stressed how important these linkages are for the protection of biodiversity. He also added that bushland areas occurring within school sites were an important aspect for the creation of bushland corridors and linkages.

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5 Other Matters

5.1 Council Owned Lots Merrifield Place Mullaloo

Marilyn Zakrevsky asked if the lots owned freehold by Council in Merrifield Place Mullaloo will be assessed as part of the field study of bushland for the Cities Biodiversity Strategy. Keith Armstrong replied that the intention is to assess all remnant bushland within the city occurring both on private and public land holdings.

5.2 Natural Resource Management

Karen Clarke tabled the draft Perth Biodiversity Projects Planning Guidelines and went on to give an insight into the natural resource management structure in Perth and the current changes it is undergoing.

5.3 Burns Beach Subdivision Development

The Committee members requested that City officers liaise with the developers of the housing subdivision on the corner of Burns Beach Road and Marmion Avenue to retain the West Australian Christmas trees that occur at the junction of these two roads. Keith Armstrong said that he had asked that these trees be given protection when the development takes place. Peter Pikor added that comment could be made on this issue when the Western Australian Planning Commission forwards to the City the structure plan for the area.

5.4 Conservation Advisory Committee Facilitated Workshop

Steve Magyar suggested that the Committee should participate in a facilitated workshop, with the goal being to formalize strategic direction the Committee should take for the future. Peter Pikor said he would look at the possibility of organizing such a workshop.

5.5 Natural Area Budget Expenditure

Mike Norman asked that a budget breakdown of natural area expenditure be provided for the next meeting, with both capital and maintenance expenditure. He also requested that the draft capital works budget in relation to natural areas also be tabled at the next meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50p.m. Next meeting 28th April 2004 at 4.30 pm.

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ACTION PLAN

MEETING DATE	ITEM	ACTION REQUIRED	STATUS	ACTION OFFICER/ MEMBERS
25/02/04	Biodiversity strategy	Bi-monthly Project update K.Armstrong D.Pike	Desktop assessments completed, fieldwork commenced	K Armstrong D Pike
25/02/04	CAC Terms of Reference	Document to be reviewed by CAC members	Suggested amendments to be discussed April CAC meeting	Committee members
25/02/04	Bush Regeneration Contract	Documents to be completed	Being prepared	K Armstrong Bill Betts
24/03/04	Christmas trees Burns Beach subdivision	Comment to be made on structure plan by CAC	Waiting for structure plan from Developers	K Armstrong P Pikor
24/03/04	Icon Species	Provide examples of Icon plant species	Liaison with Committee Members	D Pike
24/03/04	Regional Natural Area linkages	Develop maps of natural linkages and Strategic Planting	In progress	D Pike
24/03/04	Strategic Planning Workshop	Arrange workshop and facilitator	Arrange for future meeting	P Pikor