

CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON WEDNESDAY, 27 JULY 2005

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Committee members

Mr M Norman	Chairperson/Community Representative <i>Entered room at 1815 hours</i>
Ms D Lullfitz	Community Representative
Ms K Clarke	Deputy Chairperson/Community Representative
Mr S Magyar	Community Representative
Mr D Pike	Community Representative
Mr J Wood	Community Representative
Mrs M Zakrevsky	Community Representative

City of Joondalup officers

Manager Infrastructure Management & Ranger Services	P Pikor
Conservation Coordinator	K Armstrong
Minute Taker	J Schelfhout

Guests

Mr Ryan Taylor	Acting Manager Perth Biodiversity Project
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APOLOGIES:

Mr Barry Fitzsimmons	Community Representative
Mr R Henderson	Community Representative
Ms R McElroy	Community Representative
Mr D Mallan	Community Representative
Commissioner M Anderson	Guest

The Acting Chairperson, Ms Clarke, declared the meeting open at 1735 hrs.

DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST/INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

None

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 29 JUNE 2005

MOVED K Clark SECONDED D Pike that the minutes of the meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on 29 June 2005 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The Motion was put and

CARRIED

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Item 1 **Biodiversity Strategy**

Mr Ryan Taylor, Acting Manager Perth Biodiversity Project, gave a presentation on local biodiversity planning. He advised that copies of the Local Government Biodiversity Planning Guidelines are available on the WALGA website and mentioned that these guidelines advise local government on how to develop local biodiversity strategies.

It was noted that the Department of Agriculture's maps on the vegetated natural areas were produced in 2001, and that statistical data based on the maps was not completely accurate. Mr Taylor advised committee members on the steps to take if they wished to complete a local biodiversity at the City of Joondalup and added that the City of Joondalup had successfully completed a number of milestones in the process, including the following:

- An assessment and management priority rating for all the reserves containing bushland.
- The preparation and adoption of the Joondalup Coastal Foreshore Natural Areas Management Plan
- It had also initiated communication with other regional management agencies (eg Water Corp) that are responsible for natural areas occurring within the City of Joondalup.

Mr Taylor suggested that previous initiatives pertaining to the management of the City's natural areas be consolidated into one Local Biodiversity Strategy.

M Norman assumed the chair at 1841 hours.

Mr Taylor will provide a copy of his presentation for members' perusal before the next CAC meeting. Committee members asked that a biodiversity strategy item be placed on the Agenda for the August CAC meeting.

Item 2 **Friends of Maritana Bushland (Maritana Park, Kallaroo) - Committee Representative**

Members discussed the recent formation of the Friends of Maritana Park Group. Sue Bailey, the group's coordinator, requested if she and a deputy could become members of the CAC. Committee members fully supported this request.

RECOMMENDATION

MOVED M Zagrevsky SECONDED K Clark that the Conservation Advisory Committee recommends Council to:

- 1. ACCEPT the membership of the Friends of Maritana Bushland representative Ms Sue Bailey, and a deputy, on the Conservation Advisory Committee.**

The Motion was put and

CARRIED

Discussion ensued on promoting community interest in joining or creating 'Friends' groups. The following suggestions were made by committee members:

- Bush Links model was discussed and promoting a couple of reserves per year with Open Days including walks and information display
- Monthly walks through bushland

- Half day workshop on biodiversity
- Idea of CD with information (going out with Rates)
- Friends group manual (eg model City of Wanneroo)
- Accurate virtual herbarium (on line)

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Conservation Advisory Committee Strategic Plan

The draft Plan was discussed in detail and it was agreed that further comments be included in the revised document aligned to the City's Strategic Plan.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Committee members reported on the following:

- Recent discussions within the City of Joondalup with regard to regional biodiversity linkages and the potential use of endemic local plant species in landscaping projects within the City.
- A fungi workshop was held in Warwick Bushland on Saturday 23 July. 120 species of fungi have now been found to occur in the bushland.
- Another fungi workshop was recently held at Periwinkle Park Mullaloo at which Friends group members gained valuable knowledge.
- Concern was raised that Norfolk Island Pines being planted in the City are at risk of dying with the lowering of the ground water table on the coastal plain.
- To seek clarification in regard to funding, allocation and approval of a natural areas bush regeneration team in the 2005/06 budget.
- It was advised that grant funding was available from the Federal Government for water conservation projects. A proposed Water Wise garden at Tom Simpson Park Mullaloo could be partially funded from this grant. Applications for these funds would require involvement of community groups, eg 'Friends', 'Coast Care group' or 'Wildflower Society'. The closing date for grant applications is October 2005.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee will be held in Conference Room 2, Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup on Wednesday 24 August 2005.

CLOSURE

Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 2015 hours.

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Definitions

“Council” refers to the council of the City of Joondalup.

2. Membership

The committee shall consist of the following members -

- Community representatives with specialised knowledge of the natural environment.
- A representative from each community group concerned with natural area protection and management in the City of Joondalup or their deputy.

The Manager of Infrastructure Management Services, the City’s Conservation Officer, and other officers as required will attend committee meetings but are not committee members.

3. Objectives

To make recommendations to Council for the conservation of the City of Joondalup’s natural biodiversity.

To provide strategic input and when requested technical advice on issues relating to the conservation and management of the City’s natural biodiversity.

To promote partnerships between Council and the community to protect the City of Joondalup’s natural biodiversity as contained within its various natural areas [bushland, wetlands and coastal environment].

4. Management

4.1 Terms of Appointment

All appointments to the Advisory Committee shall be by recommendation by the Committee to the Council.

4.2 Chairperson

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall be elected by the Advisory Committee. In the absence of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, the meeting shall appoint an Acting Chairperson for that particular meeting.

4.3. Meetings

Meetings shall be arranged at regular intervals (monthly), as determined by the Advisory Committee, at an appropriate time and place.

4.4. Deputations

The Advisory Committee may invite any person or organisation to attend any meeting, but such persons are not entitled to vote on any decision arising at such meetings. Non committee members may attend the meeting as observers. Prior notice should be given if observers wish to attend. Observers may speak, if acknowledged by the Chairperson.

4.5. Quorum

A quorum shall be 50% of members.

4.6. Minutes

Minutes shall be made of all meetings. A copy of confirmed minutes shall be forwarded to the Sustainability Advisory Committee. Minutes of Conservation Advisory Committee meetings shall be available to the public and Committee Members five days after the meeting and an agenda shall be forwarded to all members at least three days prior to the following meeting.

4.7. Working Groups

The Advisory Committee may appoint a number of its members to work together on a specific issue. A working group will undertake only those duties specified by the committee.

4.8. Vacancies

If a casual vacancy is created the Advisory Committee can recommend the appointment of a person for the remainder of the term of office.

4.9. Powers of the Council

Nothing herein shall restrict the powers of the Council.