

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 APRIL 2000**

Meeting opened at 5.35pm.

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present: Cr S Magyar
Cr J Hollywood
Cr J Hughes (Chairperson)
Cr L McNamara
Mr D Cluning
Mr K Armstrong
Mr D Lenferna
Ms R McElroy
Mr D Pike
Ms P Robertson
Ms M Zakrevsky
Ms A Stubber
Mr P Holmes
Mr J Wood

Apologies: Mr R Dixon
Mr R Henderson
Ms J Smith

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting dated 29 February 2000 were accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: D Pike Seconded: Cr J Hughes

3. BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Weed Species Control Priority

K Armstrong tabled a list of weeds considered by the City of Joondalup as priority species to be controlled. Discussion ensued amongst the committee as to other species that may be added to the list. P Robertson presented the committee with examples of common weeds found in both the City of Wanneroo and the City of Joondalup.

Cr Magyar requested committee members to examine weed problems within their local area and report back to the committee with suggested control measures.

R McElroy suggested an integrated weed control approach and tabled a document from the Serpentine-Jarradale Shire on weed control methods. Cr Magyar suggested members of the committee be given copies of the document. K Armstrong stated he would make arrangements for the document to be distributed.

Cr McNamara suggested steam weed eradication. D Cluning advised this had been trialled by the former City of Wanneroo with very limited success.

D Pike tabled a document titled "Management Priorities for Bushland Reserves". S Magyar thanked him for the document.

3.2 Craigie Open Space Update

D Cluning advised that the planning consultant's brief for Craigie Open Space is still being prepared. Cr Magyar stated he has concerns about the slow progress of the preparation of the brief.

3.3 City of Joondalup Survey of Bushland Sites

D Cluning explained the methodology and rationale behind the Bushland Condition document submitted for the committee's consideration. M Zakrevsky advised that M Norman had suggested that Porteous Park and Robin Reserve in Sorrento would warrant having the bushland retained and the rating given to these reserves should be revised.

Cr Magyar stated that committee members may wish to examine bushland remnants of interest to them and comment on the issue.

M Zakrevsky thanked City of Joondalup staff members for their efforts in compiling the survey of bushland sites.

Cr Hollywood requested clarification on the process of selecting land for future reserves and how land selection is negotiated between Council staff and land developers. Discussion ensued between committee members on this subject.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Cr McNamara asked whether representatives from more friends' groups can be invited to attend committee meetings. She suggested that Edward Brown, Jo Darbyshire and Eric Leipoldt be invited to future meetings. D Cluning stated that they can attend as invited guests.

4.2 Cr Magyar asked that, due to time restraints, general business be restricted to two items for future meetings. The committee agreed to this request.

Councillors Hollywood, Hughes Magyar and McNamara left the meeting at 6.30pm.
D Cluning assumed the role of Chairperson of the meeting.

4.3 Rabbit Control (Warwick Open Space)

This item was not discussed by the committee.

4.4 Dog and Cat Control in Bushland

The City of Stirling information titled "Keeping and Control of Cats Local Law 1999" was tabled. D Cluning spoke about cat control. D Pike advised the state government is in the process of drafting laws on the cat control issue.

4.5 D Cluning proposed that, in keeping with the committee's wishes, the item of cat control adjacent to bushland and bushland management priorities be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: 2 May 2000

Meeting Closed: 7.20pm

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