

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 MAY 2000**

Meeting opened at 5.35pm.

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present: Cr J Hollywood (Chairperson)
Mr D Cluning
Mr K Armstrong
Ms J Smith (City of Wanneroo)
Ms R McElroy
Mr D Pike
Ms P Robertson
Ms M Zakrevsky
Ms A Stubber
Ms B Haigh
Mr M Norman
Mr R Henderson

Apologies: Cr S Magyar
Cr J Hughes (City of Wanneroo)
Cr L McNamara (City of Wanneroo)
Mr D Lenferna (City of Wanneroo)
Mr P Holmes (City of Wanneroo)
Mr J Wood
Mr R Dixon

In the absence of Cr Magyar, Cr J Hollywood chaired the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting dated 4 April 2000 were accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: P Robertson Seconded: M Zakrevsky

3. BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Rabbit Control

K Armstrong spoke about the rabbit control measures being undertaken within the City of Joondalup, particularly Warwick Open Space. R McElroy stated that she had noticed a decline in the rabbit population in Warwick Open Space.

P Robertson advised that rabbits were still active in the Koondoola Public Open Space and Cr Hollywood stated that the rabbit population appeared to be in decline at Burns Beach. K Armstrong suggested this may be due to the calici virus within the rabbit population.

3.2 Bushland Management

M Norman raised a concern that the method used to evaluate bushland condition in the recent survey undertaken by Council was not accurate. D Cluning explained that the method used was one of many, and other systems may have produced different results.

M Zakrevsky stated that many of the priorities listed in the Conservation Advisory Committee Bushland Management Priorities summary were very similar. K Armstrong advised that the general methods of bushland management were similar in nature and the priorities in the summary would often refer to stages of development listed in a classic bushland management plan.

M Norman said that with the split of the former City of Wanneroo he hoped more funds would be available for bushland rehabilitation. D Cluning advised that funding for the Craigie Open Space bushland had been placed in this year's draft capital works budget and had been given a high priority.

Cr Hollywood queried why the Conservation Advisory Committee couldn't examine the installation of reticulation on dry parks. D Cluning stated that reticulation in parks (other than designated conservation areas) would not fall within the mandate of the Conservation Advisory Committee.

The issue of management of remnant bushland areas within the City of Joondalup was discussed and J Smith advised that within the City of Wanneroo the retention and care of natural areas were covered by the City of Wanneroo Strategic Plan. M Norman added that in his view smaller remnant bushland areas should be cared for.

Cr Hollywood stated that he believed that areas of bushland smaller than two acres are difficult to preserve. He also added that the committee should continue to review the listing of bushland remnants completed by City of Joondalup staff. He also requested K Armstrong to ensure that this item is placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

3.3 Cat Control

K Armstrong provided background information regarding the City of Stirling Cat Control Local Law. He advised that Stirling is undertaking a public education program regarding cat control prior to actively enforcing the new cat control law. D Cluning suggested that the Conservation Advisory Committee should closely monitor the progress of the new law.

Cr Hollywood left the meeting at 6.20pm. D Cluning assumed the role of chairperson.

P Robertson proposed that both the City of Joondalup and the City of Wanneroo review dog and cat control measures.

**Moved: P Robertson Seconded: D Pike
CARRIED**

R Henderson stated it would be worthwhile to gauge public opinion on the subject of cat and dog control to ascertain whether stricter control would be welcomed by the public.

4. OTHER MATTERS

4.1 Friends of Koondoola Public Open Space Herbarium

J Smith advised that the City of Swan had offered a building to the Friends of Koondoola to set up a herbarium. The building is in Malaga.

4.2 Bushland Rating

A Stubber advised that she has information on a number of systems to assess bushland condition and that if areas of bush were reviewed by committee members, she would co-ordinate the responses.

- 4.3 M Zakrevsky enquired about the City of Wanneroo Local Conservation Strategy document. J Smith provided some background as to the formulation of the document and explained to the strategic implications of the document to the committee.

Next Meeting: 6 June 2000

Meeting Closed: 6.45pm