

## **CITY OF JOONDALUP**

### **MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2004**

#### **1. ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES**

##### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Committee Members**

Mr N Norman [Chair]  
Ms C Clarke  
Mrs C Wood  
Ms R Mc Elroy  
Mrs M Zakrevsky  
Mr D Pike  
Mr B Fitzsimmons  
Mr S Magyar

##### **Officers:**

Manager Infrastructure & Ranger Services  
Conservation Officer

P PIKOR  
K ARMSTRONG

##### **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

##### **Committee Member**

Mr J Wood

#### **COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 5.35 pm.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST THAT MAY AFFECT IMPARTIALITY**

Nil

#### **3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### MINUTES OF CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2004

MOVED, B Fitzsimmons SECONDED M Zakrevsky that the Minutes of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2004 is confirmed as a true and correct record.

**The Motion was Put and**

**CARRIED**

**4. ITEMS OUTSTANDING FROM THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2004**

**4.1** Conservation Advisory Committee Strategic Planning Workshop. The Way Forward.

Committee Members discussed the CAC Strategic Planning Workshop that was held in September 2004. It was agreed to hold a follow up workshop in February 2005 subject to the availability of the facilitator, to finalise the outcomes.

**5. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**5.1** City of Joondalup's Bio-diversity Strategy. Review of Bushland Study

City officers tabled a list of bushland reserves that eventuated from a study undertaken by Mr David Pike on behalf of the City. The intention of the list is to place reserves containing bushland into a management priority ranking.

Members discussed the list content and it was agreed that some amendments be made to the list. It was decided that the reserves be listed using only the primary priority and viability method, and that Council officers furnish committee members with a revised list of twenty reserves including coastal reserves. Reserves that are funded through existing maintenance funds will be listed separately. It was considered that the policy should be expanded to reflect that natural areas also included coastal reserves, wetlands, waterways and bushlands.

**5.2** Prevention of Stormwater Discharge Into Natural Bushland Areas Policy 5.4.3  
Comment by CAC.

Policy 5.4.3

Committee members discussed Policy 5.4.3 and resolved that a number of minor amendments are made to the Policy.

Additions are indicated in italics and deletions are indicated with a strike through.

MOVED, M NORMAN SECONDED B FITZSIMMONS that the Policy 5.4.3 Prevention of Stormwater Discharge Into Natural Bushland Areas be amended as The following:

## **POLICY 5.4.3 PREVENTION OF STORMWATER DISCHARGE INTO NATURAL BUSHLAND AREAS**

### **OBJECTIVE**

To ensure that natural ~~bushland~~ areas are protected from the effects of discharging storm water

### **STATEMENT**

Council opposes as a matter of policy the discharging of piped or artificially channeled storm water drainage into natural ~~bushland~~ areas, and no new stormwater outfalls are to be discharged into natural ~~bushland~~ areas that are managed or owned by the City of Joondalup.

The disposal of storm water into natural areas ~~bushland~~ is considered to be detrimental to the biodiversity of the bushland *natural area* and is not viewed as a sustainable practice. In natural ~~bushland~~ areas where historically this practice has occurred the ~~bushland~~ *natural area* has major weed and disease problems with raised nutrient levels and gross pollutants that have found their way into the ~~bushland~~ *natural area* via drainage pipes. Grass weeds that proliferate around these drainage outfalls may pose a fire hazard when the grass dries out in the summer months.

The protection of the City's natural areas is implicit to the City's sustainability strategies, and the reduction of storm water inflow into natural ~~bushland~~ areas is seen as an integral component of ongoing biodiversity protection and preservation strategies.

*This policy applies to all planning processes and engineering works applications, which adjoin any natural areas within the City of Joondalup.*

*For the purpose of this policy natural areas include bushland, coastal reserves, wetlands and local waterways*

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*Previous Policy No:*

*Amendments:*

*CJ214-09/04*

*Issued:*

*Related Documentation:*

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**CARRIED**

## **6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Burns Beach Subdivision Development**

Committee members said they were concerned that the Christmas trees on the south Western corner of the development may not be retained as per the original intent. It was advised that that protection of the Christmas trees would be conditional by the City on the subdivision plans when submitted.

## **6.2 Other Matters**

Members informed the Committee of the following:

1. The Water Corporation have released a management plan for the bushland at the Beenyup Waste water Treatment Plant.
2. The environmental weed black flag has been found in Star Swamp Reserve Stirling, Committee Members suggested COJ staff be aware of the plants potential to cause problems in bushland managed by the City.
3. It was suggested that the new CEO should be invited to a future CAC meeting when that person is appointed.
4. Members congratulated the City on its recent win in the WA Environmental Awards.
5. It was suggested that the may City consider appointing a heritage officer to administer heritage and aboriginal cultural issues.

## **7. 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 23rd February 2005at 5.30pm.

## **8. CLOSURE**

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

## CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### ACTION PLAN

MEETING DATE	ITEM	ACTION REQUIRED	STATUS	ACTION OFFICER/ MEMBERS
25/02/04	Biodiversity strategy	Bi-monthly Project update K.Armstrong D.Pike	Awaiting replies from private landholders for permission to survey their land.	K Armstrong D Pike
24/03/04	Christmas trees Burns Beach subdivision	Comment to be made on structure plan by CAC	Recent structure plan from developers indicates retention of trees.	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	Programmed for February 2005 subject to the availability of a facilitator	P Pikor
30/06/04	COJ Bush regeneration team	Prepare budget submission for 2005/06 budget	Business plan being compiled	K Armstrong

## **City of Joondalup Bio-diversity Strategy**

### **Bushland Reserves currently funded 2004-2005 Budget**

**Hepburn Heights Bushland  
Trigonometric Park  
Lilburne Park**

**Craigie Bushland  
Cadogan Park  
Kallaroo Park**

**Shepherds Bush Park  
Warwick Bushland  
Chichester Park**

### **Reserves to be funded as part of the 2004-2005 \$150,000 Natural Areas Budget**

**Lakeside Park  
Treetop Park  
Clermont Park  
Bonnie Doon Park  
Litorina Park  
Lake Valley Park**

**Neil Hawkins Park  
Porteous Park  
Periwinkle Park  
Sir James McCusker Park  
Sandalwood Park  
Mc Naughton Park**

**Burns Beach Park  
Fairway Park  
St Michaels Park  
Maritana Park  
Quarry Park  
Nanika Park**

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