

CITY OF JOONDALUP

**MEETING OF URBAN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM 3 JOONDALUP CIVIC COMPLEX 18 NOVEMBER
2003, COMMENCING AT 3.30 PM**

ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Present

Cr Allison Walker	Chair Person
Cr Mike O'Brien	
Mr Dennis Cluning	Manager Operations Services
Mr Paul Hrovatin	Senior Ranger
Mr Carmelo Gumina	Environmental Health Services Officer

Apologies

Cr Michael Caiacob
Mr Peter Pikor

Allison Walker declared the meeting open at 3.45pm and requested confirmation of minutes from previous meeting.

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Dennis Cluning advised that there was a spelling mistake on page 4 in the minutes of the spelling of "Warringah". Allison Walker **MOVED** that the minutes be adopted with the adjustment Paul Hrovatin **SECONDED**.

2 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

2.1 Provision of dog excreta bags and supply options.

Cr Walker advised that she had undertaken research of the supply of dog excreta bags. Two suppliers have shown an interest in supplying the excreta bags. Cr Walker advised one potential supplier, City Farmers was very keen to supply. Dennis Cluning advised that he was awaiting confirmation and Mono Pak would print information of packs. The other potential supplier, Porta Packs supply excreta bags to other councils. Dennis Cluning to come back to committee in new year with report and hopefully with 2 sponsors.

Cr Walker sought information on the break down page of dog licence fees. Whilst the information was not readily available Paul Hrovatin did give an estimation, which also included concessions such as sterilisation and pensioner concessions.

Cr Walker requested that Paul Hrovatin supply details of revenue and expenditure relating to the dog licence fees.

Cr O'Brien suggested that the committee liaise with canine groups for education progress. Paul Hrovatin advised the City has built up a strong partnership with canine groups such as the German Shepherd Association. Cr O'Brien mentioned that there are no dog groups north of the river and suggested that the City, like the City of Gosnells, supply parks free of charge. Cr O'Brien suggested that the committee visit and look at the Jack Russell Working Group. Paul Hrovatin advised canine groups are able to use the City's facilities and suggested an education program through veterinarians such as Vet West.

Paul Hrovatin asked if there were any restrictions in obtaining sponsorship. Dennis Cluning advised that the City would seek expressions of interest for sponsorship for a variety of options regarding animals.

Cr Walker showed the sample of the excreta bags and stated that the following would be printed on the front:

City Logo.

Header: Dog Excreta Bag

Health Hazard – so people do not use for storage of food products.

Dennis Cluning suggested that sponsors have the whole back of the bag to print their information. Cr Walker suggested that sponsor pay part of costs for bags.

ACTION: Expression of interest sought from sponsors in relation to provision of excreta bags. ACTION OFFICER: D. Cluning

2.2 Prohibited dog areas

Paul Hrovatin advised that the Committee needs to know what the City wants to do in the way of prohibited dog areas. Paul Hrovatin showed the committee the maps which the Rangers have produced and advised that posters will be shown in libraries and schools. Dennis Cluning advised that we would have some sort of community education and community consultation in regards to finding out what the community wants. This item is to be progressed with the appropriate council officers.

ACTION: Identify reserves within the City that will need to be reclassified as dog prohibited areas. An education strategy to be developed in relation to dog prohibited reserves and dog laws. ACTION OFFICER: P. Hrovatin.

2.3 Renewal of animal action plans for dogs & cats.

Paul Hrovatin advised that the cat curfews previously established in the animal action plans for dog & cats did not progress, however, due to the animal action plan partnerships were cemented. Paul Hrovatin asked the committee to look at and agree on task allocation of the animal action plans for dogs and cats and assign due dates. Dennis Cluning suggested that Paul Hrovatin update the action plan. The committee agreed.

ACTION: That the Dog and Cat Action Plan be updated. ACTION OFFICER: P.Hrovatin.

2.4 Mapping of animal exercise areas.

Paul Hrovatin again showed the map produced by the rangers highlighting dog exercise areas which would be shown in libraries and schools. Cr Walker suggested that maybe the City could have a double sided spread with the dog map on one side and on the back have information on responsible dog ownership and healthy animal information. The committee agreed and Cr Walker suggested that the committee could get sponsorship from places like VetWest and other pet suppliers. Dennis Cluning stated that the committee needs to get some preliminary costs and details of the map. Cr Walker suggested that Tuesday's paper was the best as it covered the whole of Joondalup and suggested Justin Bechini from the Community Times be approached.

ACTION: That further investigation be made in relation to responsible dog ownership and mapping of animal exercise areas. Costing of mapping to be collected and tabled at next committee meeting. ACTION OFFICER: P.Hrovatin.

2.5 General Business

Dennis Cluning advised that CALM have approached the City to stop people from feeding the birds at Neil Hawkins Park. We advised that the City would not be able to do that, as parks such as Neil Hawkins would be less attractive to the community. The City did agree to no bread or sunflower seeds. Calm is in the process of removing all exotic birds such as feral pigeons in and around the park.

ACTION: Paul Hrovatin to notify ranger and City Watch Service in relation to the program. ACTION OFFICER: P.Hrovatin.

3 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17 February 2004

4 MEETING CLOSURE

Cr Walker closed meeting at 4.30 pm