#### CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2004

#### 1. ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

#### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Committee Members:**

Mr J Wood

Ms R Mc Elroy

Mrs M Zakrevsky

Mr R Henderson

Mr D Pike

Mr B Fitzsimmons

Mr S Magyar – Acting Chairperson

#### **Officers:**

Manager Infrastructure & Ranger Services

Conservation Officer

Co-ordinator Urban Design & Policy

Planning Officer

R DONG

#### APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

#### **Committee Member:**

Mr D Millan Ms K Clarke Mr M Norman

#### Guest

Mr Kieron Beardmore Co-ordinator Bush Forever Office D.P.I.

#### COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

As the Chairperson and Deputy were apologies, nominations were called for an Acting Chairperson. S Magyar was nominated unopposed and assumed the chair

The Acting Chairperson declared the meeting open at 1740 hrs.

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

Nil

#### 3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

# $\underline{\text{MINUTES OF CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD}}$ ON $28^{th}$ JULY 2004

MOVED, M ZAKREVSKY SECONDED S MAGYAR that the Minutes of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 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 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2004

#### **4.1** Fusilade Herbicide Application Within Bushland Reserves

Committee Members discussed recent changes in relation to the application of the Herbicide Fusilade within bushland reserves. Committee Members expressed the view that the City's current management practice of only permitting licensed bush regenerators to apply herbicides in bushland was the correct course of action and is fully endorsed by the Committee.

#### **4.2** Conservation Advisory Committee Planning Workshop

Members discussed the recent Conservation Advisory Planning Workshop and it was agreed that the workshop was a very worthwhile exercise. An executive summary of the workshop was distributed, and members were asked to comment back to the Conservation Officer within two weeks, to enable these comments to be included within the final document.

#### 5. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

#### **5.1** Bush Forever Amendments.

A presentation was made by Mr Kieron Beardmore, Bush Forever Co-ordinator, on imminent changes to the Bush Forever Strategy.

J Wood and R Henderson left the room at 6.15 pm.

#### 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### **6.1** Prevention of Stormwater Discharge Into Natural Bushland Areas Policy 5.4.3

Committee members tabled the policy and requested staff to clarify the need for additional wording. The Manager of Infrastructure and Ranger Services advised

that the Policy would be formally addressed as an agenda item at the next meeting.

D. Pike left the meeting at 7.05 pm. As there was no quorum, the meeting was declared closed.

#### 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 24<sup>th</sup> November 2004 at 5.30pm.

#### 8. CLOSURE

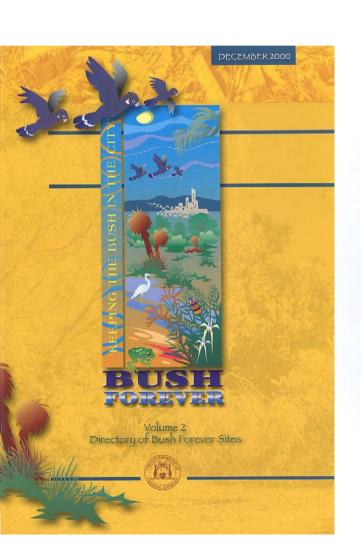
The Acting Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7.05pm.

#### 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
25/02/04	Bush Regeneration Contract	Documents to be completed	Contract awarded.	K Armstrong
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	Workshop completed data being collated.	P Pikor
30/06/04	COJ Bush regeneration team	Prepare budget submission for 2005/06 budget	Business plan being compiled	K Armstrong





# Bush Forever Proposed MRS Amendment and Draft SPP

- •2002 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Public Sector Management
- •Sustainable Environment Category Winner



# **POLICY CONTEXT**

- International Convention on Biodiversity
- National Strategy for the Conservation of Australia Biodiversity
- State Planning Strategy (foundations for sustainability, including environment principles)
- Environment and Natural Resources SPP seeks to protect significant natural areas (including Bush Forever Sites)
- Bush Forever was released as an adopted policy position of Government in 2000. Adopted by WAPC, EPA, WRC and NPNCA
- EPA s16 advice and Guidance Statement No 10 supports BF and recognises NPS and reasonable outcomes unlikely to require assessment
- Government Inter-Agency Review Group
  - Adopted Bush Forever
  - Supports the initiation of an SPP and MRS Amendment as a priority
- Bi-partisan political support



# **Bush Forever Key Facts**

- Perth Metropolitan Region (PMR) portion of Swan Coastal Plain (SCP) (1/3 of SCP). Remainder SCP-BF Mark 2 (Peel and Bunbury)
- 26 vegetation complexes (regional ecosystems) in the PMR and BF aims to protect a target 10% (30%?)
- 28% Bushland remaining on SCP (around 50% in PMR)
- Bush Forever proposes to protect 18% (51,220 ha) of which:
  - 64% is already within the conservation estate;
  - 27% is government some with public infrastructure constraints;
  - 9% is in private ownership (4,600 ha).
- 1,000 ha is zoned non-Rural (320 ha private).
- Over 8,000 ha is zoned Rural (4280 ha private).
- Around 1000 landowners affected in 287 sites.