

CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2005

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Committee members

Ms S Bailey	Community Representative	
Ms K Clarke	Community Representative/Deputy Chairman	
Mr Barry Fitzsimmons	Community Representative	
Mr R Henderson	Community Representative	from 1755 hrs
Mr D Mallan	Community Representative	
Mr S Magyar	Community Representative	
Ms R McElroy	Community Representative	
Mr M Norman	Chairman	from 1758 hrs
Mr D Pike	Community Representative	
Mrs C Wood (Deputy)	Community Representative	
Mrs M Zakrevsky	Community Representative	

Officers

Manager Infrastructure Management & Ranger Services	P Pikor
Team Leader, Civil Project Services	M Ralph
Conservation Coordinator	K Armstrong
Administration Officer	J Schelfhout

Apologies

Mr J Wood	Community Representative
Commissioner M Anderson	Guest

Deputy Chairperson K Clarke opened the meeting at 1740 hours.

DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST/INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

None

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED M Zakrevsky SECONDED S Magyar that the minutes of the meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on 26 October 2005 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The Motion was put and

CARRIED

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Item 1 Conservation Advisory Committee Draft Strategic Plan.

Committee Members reviewed the Conservation Advisory Committee Draft Strategic Plan. It was noted that many of the action plans for the first year in relation to the City's management of natural areas had been completed or partially completed. The Committee will consider a number of new actions for 2006/07.

RECOMMENDATION

MOVED M Norman SECONDED D Mallan that the Conservation Advisory Committee ENDORSES the Strategic Plan as outlined in Attachment 1 of the Agenda.

The Motion was put and

CARRIED

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Handbook for Bushland Friends Groups

The Committee reviewed the Draft Handbook for bushland Friends Groups. Various amendments that were suggested were adopted and changes made in the revised document. It was agreed that the handbook will be trialled for 12 months and made available on-line through the COJ Website.

RECOMMENDATION

MOVED B Fitzsimmons SECONDED K Clarke that a vote of thanks be put forward for staff at the City of Joondalup who developed the manual and the community members who have provided input.

The Motion was put and

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

It was reported that the Conservation Advisory Committee minutes of 26 October 2005 were accepted at the 22 November 2005 Council Meeting. The endorsement of Nicole Mattingley was accepted as the Deputy CAC representative for the Friends of Periwinkle Bushland.

P Pikor announced that the City had received a written resignation from Karen Clarke and Robyn McElroy from the CAC. They had worked collectively for 18 years with the Warwick Friends Groups and as CAC Members. They were thanked for their input over those years and a presentation was made to Karen and Robyn on behalf of the City.

RECOMMENDATION

MOVED S Magyar SECONDED D Pike

- 1. That the Conservation Advisory Committee regretfully ACCEPTS the resignation of Karen Clarke and Robyn McElroy;**
- 2. That the Conservation Advisory Committee THANKS Karen Clarke and Robyn McElroy for their contribution on both the CAC and their dedicated work on the Friends of Warwick Conservation Area and Friends of Warwick Senior High School Bushland groups.**

The Motion was put and

CARRIED

Committee Members reported on the following:

- The possible purchase of a purpose built trailer to be used by friends for bush regeneration activities. Officers suggested that it might be possible for friends groups to utilise equipment purchased by the City for the City's Bushland Maintenance team when this team is operational.
- Emergency vehicle access to Craigie Bushland was discussed; members reported that this access has been restricted due to the activities associated with the works occurring within Craigie Leisure Centre.
- Concern was raised by the Committee about the recent plant deaths adjacent to the coastal dual use pathway at Burns Beach. It was advised that plant samples had been collected and were being tested for herbicide residues.
- There was discussion on methods that can be used to monitor the output of bush regeneration contractors undertaking hand weeding in the City's natural areas.
- It was reported that Western Power now had an alternative site other than Hepburn Heights Bushland for its power substation.
- Concern was raised by committee members about the quantity of ground water being used in the City's parks, in the light of the rapidly depleting ground water reserves available in Perth.
- The Friends of Lilburne Reserve reported that the Duncraig Adventure Scouts would be assisting the Friends on a regular basis within the reserve.
- Discussion ensued on the negative effect reticulation is having on the bushland within the City's Parks. Members suggested that a budget should be allocated in 2006/07 to redirect sprinklers away from bushland.
- The Committee thanked Peter Pikor, Manager, Infrastructure Management and Ranger Services for his services to the CAC for the last two years and wished him the best in his new role.
- The role of schools in assisting the City in its bushland management role was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION

MOVED S Magyar SECONDED R McElroy that:

The Conservation Advisory Committee refer the article on page 15 of Tuesday December 6 West Australian Newspaper entitled 'Water Mound Overuse' to the City's Sustainability Committee for its consideration and action (Attachment 2).

The Motion was put and

CARRIED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) will be held in Conference Room 2, Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup on Wednesday 23 February 2006 at 5.30 pm.

CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 2027 hours.



Conservation Advisory Committee

**Strategic Plan
2005 - 2008**

Executive Summary

OUR VISION

Ensuring that the natural environment is recognised
and preserved for future generations, enhancing
Joondalup's sense of place and community.

OUR PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

Community Focused

We value community involvement and will work with community in achieving our vision together.

Advisory

We will add value to Council's decisions by working in partnership with the City to achieve aligned goals.

Partnerships

We will communicate and work in partnerships with the community and the City.

2005 - 2006 PRIORITY ACTIONS (IN DESCENDING ORDER OF PRIORITY)

Objectives	Strategies
A1 To have more of the City of Joondalup's highest biodiversity value natural areas managed and protected for the long term	<p>Recommend completion of the assessment and prioritisation of the City of Joondalup's natural areas.</p> <p>Provide advice to Council on the development of priority management actions required to manage highest biodiversity value natural areas, through the development of an implementation plan.</p> <p>Recommend that those natural areas having high biodiversity value be added to Schedule 5 (Clause 5.3.1) of the City of Joondalup's District Planning Scheme No 2.</p>
A2 To ensure that City of Joondalup natural areas management meets worlds best practice.	<p>Obtain, or provide input to produce, documentation defining worlds best practice for management of natural areas, with particular reference to the City of Joondalup.</p> <p>Recommend continued cooperation between the City and NRM groups to develop and implement Key Performance Indicators for natural areas management.</p>
A2 To encourage and support the City of Joondalup in building their capacity to manage natural areas	<p>Recommend the establishment of a natural areas management team within the City of Joondalup, supplemented by skilled contractors, working towards best practice.</p> <p>Recommend the establishment of a natural areas protection and management department within the City of Joondalup.</p>
B2 Encourage and increase community awareness and education regarding Joondalup's natural environment	<p>Provide input and advice on the development of a conservation web site.</p>
C1 Develop a sense of community ownership and pride in the City of Joondalup's natural areas.	<p>Encourage the formation and utilisation of Friends Groups and local community groups.</p> <p>Promote Neighbourhood Watch style approach to protecting natural areas (ie Fire Watch, Dumping Watch etc)</p> <p>Consider the development of environmental excellence awards for business and community achievements.</p>
B3 Raise environmental awareness and level of expertise within the community to manage natural areas.	<p>Encourage the City of Joondalup to develop natural areas management plans through, or in partnership with, education institutions.</p> <p>Encourage the City of Joondalup to support, and work with, relevant environmental education streams eg. ECU and TAFE, to ensure that graduates receive the necessary skills and expertise.</p> <p>Encourage the City of Joondalup to consider mentoring programmes for students in relevant environmental education streams.</p>
C3 To encourage the use of ecotourism to showcase the City of Joondalup's natural areas.	<p>Provide input and advice on the implementation of City of Joondalup's Tourism Development Plan in order to advance ecotourism opportunities.</p>

FOCUS AREA: NATURAL AREA MANAGEMENT

Goal	Objectives	Item	Strategies	Actions	Tasks
That the City of Joondalup achieve worlds best practice in the protection and management of their natural areas, measured against appropriate benchmarks	To have more of the City of Joondalup's highest biodiversity value natural areas managed and protected for the long term	A1	To ensure that all natural areas controlled by the City of Joondalup are identified and prioritised for protection and management	Recommend that the bio-diversity assessment process for the City's natural areas be completed, and that the natural areas identified be prioritised for protection and management using Perth Bio-diversity Project templates and guidelines	Administration: Complete the assessment and ranking process. Produce a listing of natural areas prioritised according to the results of assessment
			Ensure that the natural areas identified as having high biodiversity value receive planning /statutory protection.	Recommend that those natural areas having high biodiversity value be added to Schedule 5 (Clause 5.3.1) of the City of Joondalup's District Planning Scheme No 2.	CAC: Recommend the inclusion of a number of these natural areas in Schedule 5 of DPS 2.
	To ensure that City of Joondalup natural areas management meets worlds best practice	A2	Define and document worlds best practice for management of natural areas, with particular relevance to the City of Joondalup.	Obtain, or provide input to the production of, natural areas management best practice document for use in the City of Joondalup	All: Gather relevant information or examples. Liaise with NRM groups and relevant departments to gather information and ideas. Provide input.
				Recommend establishment of Key Performance Indicators for natural areas management	Administration: Continue cooperation with NRM groups in development of KPIs for use in Swan Region.
			To encourage and support the City of Joondalup in building their capacity to manage natural areas	Recommend the establishment of a natural areas management team within the City of Joondalup, supplemented by skilled contractors, working to worlds best practice	CAC: Move that the City investigate the formation of a natural areas team Administration: Produce business case to build up a full time natural areas team.

FOCUS AREA: EDUCATION

Goal	Objectives	Item	Strategies	Actions	Tasks
Raise community awareness and respect for the values of natural areas (Key words: value, respect, treasure, community awareness).	To encourage the development of school education programmes that promote the understanding of Joondalup's natural environment	B1	Develop ways to encourage schools to become involved in the City's conservation projects	Support and assist the City's partnership building with local schools	CAC: Become involved with school walks, talks and bushcare projects.
				Investigate conservation projects available for adoption by schools.	ALL: Suggest long term conservation projects for adoption by schools.
				Encourage environmental education as a subject in education system curriculum	CAC: Individual members and Friends Groups to lobby State Government.
	Encourage and increase community awareness and education regarding Joondalup's natural environment.	B2	Encourage the City to support and attend major environmental forums and events	Develop a calendar of events that the City could give consideration to attending	CAC: Gather and chart information regarding forums and events
			Provide material that can be used in displays and brochures to promote the natural environment of the City of Joondalup	Identify opportunities and themes for displays to showcase the City's natural environment and achievements	CAC: Identify possible display venues. Develop relevant conservation/ environmental themes.
				Source and gather relevant information and materials for displays and brochures	CAC: Assist in providing information and materials for use in displays.
			Showcase the City's environment and natural areas on the City of Joondalup internet site.	Encourage the development of a conservation section on the City of Joondalup's internet site.	Administration: Continue to develop conservation web pages.
			Consider the development of environmental excellence awards for business and community achievements.	Investigate environmental awards programmes in other LGAs.	ALL: Gather information on other LGA's awards.
				Recommend that the City of Joondalup initiate an environmental excellence awards programme based on best of those in other LGAs	CAC: Recommend the inauguration of City of Joondalup environmental excellence awards

FOCUS AREA: EDUCATION

Goal	Objectives	Item	Strategies	Actions	Tasks
	Increase the community's capacity to assist with the management of natural areas	B3	Raise environmental awareness and level of expertise within the community	<p>Propose sponsorship for community members to attend APACE Introduction to Bush Regeneration Course.</p> <p>Encourage the City of Joondalup to develop natural areas management plans through, or in partnership with, educational institutions.</p> <p>Encourage the City of Joondalup to support, and work with, relevant environmental education streams eg. ECU and TAFE, to ensure that graduates receive the necessary skills and expertise.</p> <p>Encourage the City of Joondalup to consider mentoring programmes for students in relevant environmental education streams</p>	<p>CAC: Propose sponsorship</p> <p>Administration: Investigate possibility of budget allocation.</p>

FOCUS AREA: COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Goal	Objectives	Item	Strategies	Actions	Tasks
Encourage community interest and participation in protecting the City of Joondalup's natural areas for the enjoyment of future generations.	Develop a sense of community ownership and pride in the City of Joondalup's natural areas.	C1	Engage with the community in partnerships to manage, monitor and interpret natural areas.	Encourage the formation and utilisation of Friends Groups and local community groups.	CAC: Encourage through networking, talks, community bushland activities etc
				Promote Neighbourhood Watch style approach to protecting natural areas (ie Fire Watch etc)	Administration: Investigate formation and promotion of a Bushwatch Scheme.
	Ensure the continued viability of the Conservation Advisory Committee	C2	Encourage active membership of the Conservation Advisory Committee by environmental Friends Groups and experts.	Encourage the formation of new environmental Friends Groups.	Administration: Encourage through website, displays etc
				Promote committee work as an important role within groups.	CAC: Members to progress this through Friends Groups
	Encourage ecotourism use of the City's natural areas	C3	Provide input and advice on the implementation of City of Joondalup's Tourism Development Plan in order to advance ecotourism opportunities.	Identify potential ecotourism opportunities within the City of Joondalup's natural areas.	CAC: Provide input and advice to the City of Joondalup regarding ecotourism opportunities.

KRA: Community Wellbeing

City Outcome	City Objective	City Strategy	Conservation Goals and Objectives	
The City of Joondalup provides social opportunities that meet community needs.	To continue to provide services that meet changing needs of a diverse and growing community.	Provide support, information and resources.	Goal	Objective
			Raise community awareness and respect for the values of natural areas (Key words: value, respect, treasure, community awareness).	Encourage and increase community awareness and education regarding Joondalup's natural environment. Increase the community's capacity to assist with the management of natural areas.
			Encourage community interest and participation in protecting the City of Joondalup's natural areas for the enjoyment of future generations.	Develop a sense of community ownership and pride in the City of Joondalup's natural areas. Ensure the continued viability of the Conservation Advisory Committee

KRA: Caring for the Environment

City Outcome	City Objective	City Strategy	Conservation Goals and Objectives	
The City of Joondalup is environmentally responsive in its activities.	To plan and manage our natural resources to ensure environmental sustainability.	Maintain and protect natural assets to retain biodiversity	Goal	Objective
			That the City of Joondalup achieve worlds best practice in the protection and management of their natural areas, measured against appropriate benchmarks	<p>To have more of the City of Joondalup's highest biodiversity value natural areas managed and protected for the long term.</p> <p>To ensure that City of Joondalup natural areas management meets worlds best practice</p>
		Develop a co-ordinated environmental framework, including community education.	Raise community awareness and respect for the values of natural areas (Key words: value, respect, treasure, community awareness).	<p>To encourage the development of school education programmes that promote the understanding of Joondalup's natural environment</p> <p>Encourage and increase community awareness and education regarding Joondalup's natural environment.</p> <p>Increase the community's capacity to assist with the management of natural areas.</p>

<i>KRA: City Development</i>				
City Outcome	City Objective	City Strategy	Conservation Goals and Objectives	
			Goal	Objective
			Encourage community interest and participation in protecting the City of Joondalup's natural areas for the enjoyment of future generations.	Encourage ecotourism use of the City's natural areas
The City of Joondalup is recognised as a great place to visit.	To develop and promote the City of Joondalup as a tourist attraction.	Develop an 'eco-tourism' strategy.		