



MINUTES

Wild Dog Management Committee Meeting

Thursday, 14 May 2020

**MINUTES OF WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
WILD DOG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING ROOM
ON THURSDAY, 14 MAY 2020 AT 3:00 PM**

1 COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The Chair welcomed those present and declared the meeting open at 3:00pm.

2 PRESENT

Cr Gavin Baskett (Mayor), Ricki Bruhn (CEO), Cr Cathy White, Cr Anne Seymour.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Ben Ogg (Chair), Mr Robert Banning, Mr John Banning, Mr Ray Foxwell, Mr Geoff Cox, Miss Adele Pentland, Mr Harry Elliott, Leah Mitchell, Mr Shane Axford, Mr Doug Allpass (Desert Channels Queensland) & Ms Helen Fogarty (Minute Secretary).

3 SIGHTING DIVISION MAPS AND FILLING THEM OUT

The Chair informed committee members to fill out the division maps, which will be collected after the meeting.

4 APOLOGIES

Mr Robert Fawkner, Mr Frank McKerrow, Mr Mike Grinke, Mr Brett Elliott & Mr Geoff Hatwell.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

20.05.01

Moved: Mr Geoff Cox

Seconded: Mr Shane Axford

THAT the minutes of the Wild Dog Management Committee Meeting held on 6 February 2020 be confirmed subject to the following amendments:

- Mr Peter White was not at the 6 February meeting;
- There were misspellings of the following;
 - On page 8, Kalkadoon and Dahlia; and
 - Page 9, Helicopter.

CARRIED

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 Resignation Letter as a Division Leader – Cathy White.
- 6.2 Letter from the Honourable Mark Furner MP, Minister for Agriculture Industry Development and Fisheries.
- 6.3 6.3 Request from a landholder who is an organic producer asking for a letter from the Winton Wild Dog Management Committee regarding the benefits of 1080 baiting. (Rural Lands Officer will liaise with Lynda Alcorn to generate the letter).

7 DIVISIONAL LEADERS REPORTS

Mr S Axford

- Baiting was good with not much activity;
- Pig shooting had gone well; and
- Its been quiet, not much traffic.

Mr R Banning

- There was not many dog tracks before baiting;
- The baiting went well;
- The tables had enough room;
- The organisation was good for baiting, but there was a communication breakdown as previously the pilot would stay at the property, but he was instructed to stay in town because of COVID-19. Please ring ahead for any information as an email is not sufficient; and
- Paperwork needs to be completed from all properties, so all areas are being baited, as some areas missed out because the authorising person didn't sign the paperwork. Rural Lands Officer and Landholder signature need to be on the Authorisation Form for baiting.

Mr J Banning

- Authorisation Forms should not have names on the forms if they are not there when baiting, Rural Lands Officer and pro-active member names should be on the forms to ensure that areas will be baited; and
- Good baiting and a good roll-up of people.

Mr H Elliott

- Signs of dogs moving around;
- After the baiting, there were sightings / 2 dead out of 3 dogs;
- There were killings at Bonnie Downs and Belmont;
- There are still dogs around; and
- Keep baiting going.

Cr C White

- Overall the southern division baiting went well;
- We had good attendance;
- The organising was very good;

- A big thanks to Geoff, Ray and Nicky for the big effort they put in to make the baiting a success. Also, to Frank for picking up the meat and putting it out on the tables;
- The quality and size of the baits were good and the new tables worked very well and much appreciated;
- Thank you to Cr G Baskett, Cr T Elliott and the Mr Ricki Bruhn for attending our baiting station. It was great for them to be able to see first-hand a baiting station in progress. They also got to meet the two pilots;
- It was very disappointing that some areas were not baited due to the authorised persons on the "Authority to Sign Form" weren't at the baiting station. There needs to be the RLO or the division's leader names on the form;
- I was also disappointed that the Bladensburg National Park only baited 2/3 of their boundary; and
- We have seen a lot of dog activity since the baiting. I think the reason for this is due to the decrease in participation in the aerial baiting campaign in the dog breeding area.
- The other issue that concerns me is the coordination of ground baiting with aerial baiting.

F McKerrow

- Lots of activity at Colston, Happy Valley, Jalloonda and Opalton;
- A dog was shot at Jalloonda;
- Baiting progressed well;
- The meat was well prepared and fresh;
- Happy to receive the tables;
- Landholder was happy to bait, but the Authorisation Form wasn't signed;
- Pleased to have the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and Cr Tina Elliott visit on the day of baiting;
- Has concerns of scalps being brought in from out of the area. Rural Lands Officer responds that the information is not correct; and
- Namarva Station landholder has enquired to fill the position of Southern Divisional Leader which was previously held by Cr C White.

20.05.02

Moved: Mr R Foxwell

Seconded: Mr H Elliott

THAT Andrew Richardson from Namarva is elected as Southern Divisional Leader for Wild Dog Management.

CARRIED

L Mitchell

- Before baiting there were dogs at Balranald;
- Good baiting; and
- There have been dog tracks and attacks after baiting.

G Cox

- 71 places have been bait;
- 12 places at Teragona with 1325kg of dog bait;
- 12 places at Dagworth with 1868kg of dog bait
- 21 places at Wantalanya with 2650kg of dog bait & 450kg of pig bait;
- 19 place at Cork with 3562kg of dog bait and 2350kg of pig bait;

- 7 places at Franklin with 3687 dog bait and 1840kg of pig bait;
- There is 280 kg of meat ready to go;
- There is 2 ton of meat in the freezer and 80kg in the cold room;and
- Meat from Townsville was coming fresh but with change of guidelines it will come in frozen and has to be paid upfront.

D Allpass

- The pig shoot at Dagworth and Wantalanya ran smoothly, thank you to G Cox, R Foxwell and N Greenwood and the landholders.
- Scott Elliott was very professional;and
- Report on the shoot included: 589 pigs, 20 brumbies, 1 dog and 1 cat, were shot.

B Ogg

- Good baiting;
- Fresher meat next time;
- Guidelines have changed regarding buying the meat;
- Thanked G Cox, R Foxwell and N Greenwood & S Axford;
- Tables worked well;
- Meat to be more organised;
- Communication to be better in future;
- Authority to Bait Forms to be renewed for an improved outcome so landholder area baiting is not missed in the future; and
- Data collection – recommends the Biosecurity Officer can collect data to organise and collate data.

8 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Cr Gavin Baskett

- Correspondence went out late regarding the "Dog eat Sheep" proposal, but with Covid -19 this was delayed;
- David Littleproud said the National Parks are a state issue, Council received the first round of funding (exclusion fencing) from the State Government however Council recieved advise stating we were not be eligible to receive funding in the last round;
- Senator Susan Mcdonald is sending a letter of support;
- Lachlan Miller supports the project;
- Cr White invited the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and Cr Elliott to Wantalanya, it was very well received, they also went to Weona to inspect the fence which is well built;
- Attended the Central West Wild Dog and Pest Management meeting;
 - Spoke about wild dog bounty;
 - Data collection for dog and weed pest management;
- LGAQ have a plan for funding the expansion of exclusion fencing;
- Funding was decreased for the Wild Dog Coordinator which is to be reassessed; and
- Suggests the Chief Executive Officer should to write a letter extend the contract of the Biosecurtiy Officer.

Mr R Bruhn

- The financial report was presented to the Committee;
- Letters were sent out in February for voluntary donations of \$500 – suggested a letter of thanks be sent out to those who contributed.

G Cox

- There is still \$20,000 of meat bills to be received;
- 24 dogs haven't been handed in, we have claimed eleven dogs;
- The helicopter is working better than ground baiting and cheaper than trappers;
- Tenders for next lot of baiting;
- Freezer and cold room available and it is cheaper to source meat locally;
- Recommends keep scalps at the price of \$100 per scalp;
- Helicopter pilots are great: and
- There is flexibility in the Wild Dog Budget to reallocate funds to where it is most needed.

9 BUDGET UPDATE

The Budget is needed in the next two weeks – A meeting to organise budgeting is to be held at the Neighbourhood Centre Training Venue, Wednesday 20 May 3:00 pm.

Attendees are Mr B Ogg, Miss L Mitchell, Mr S Axford, Cr C White and Cr A Seymour.

10 ACTION LIST

Suggest that each landholder be sent a letter and map outlining the areas they would like baited. This letter is then sent back to the Council. Any time landholder wants to change anything; it's their responsibility to call the allocated division leader.	
RLO to enquire with other shires to investigate what their processes are in the area.	
Data from the division maps and scalps collected is to be collated and stored by the Council, a representative of the council needs to be nominated (possible the new biosecurity officer as part of the role).	
Cr White to liaise with the Asset Manager to create a map which has the ground and aerial baiting.	
Authority Forms to be renewed and layout changed so that RLO and Division Leaders are able to sign forms if landholders aren't able to. Forms to be either filled or blank if landholders would prefer.	
Divisional maps need to be sent back to the Committee.	

20.05.03

Moved: Mr S Axford
Seconded: Mr H Elliott

That the restructured Authority Forms, with maps, are to have the Rural Lands Officer and Division Leaders signature on the bottom of the form.

CARRIED

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

G Cox

RLO to liaise with the Biosecurity Officer to organise the Authority to Sign Forms;
To advertise the dates of baiting;
RLO can organise the ground baiting dates;
RLO is liaising with the Biosecurity Officer for grants to help with the eradication of weeds, exclusion fencing and baiting - this needs to be submitted by 29 May;
Would like to acquire 4 more baiting tables by next year;
Would like an article to be advertised in the paper for baiting, the maps and Authority Letter;
Queried if exclusion fencing can be put on landholders rates; and

R Foxwell

Empty Pods need to be returned so they can be refilled.

B Ogg

Welcomed Cr White and Cr Seymour to the committee and apologised for not mentioning this at the start of the meeting.

Cr A Seymour

When you are a landholder, you are responsible for the eradication for pest and weeds, very hard when you are next door to absentee landholders; and
Congratulate the committee for a job well done.

Cr C White

Would like to continue the role of supporting the Wild Dog Committee; and
A highlight was the visit from the Mayor, CEO and Cr Elliott while baiting.

S Axford

Congratulated the Council on their efforts;
Chair announced that the Deputy Chair role is for two years;
First Year was S Axford;
B Ogg nominated J Banning for Deputy Chairman, and he accepted.

20.05.04

Moved: B Ogg
Seconded: L Mitchell)

THAT Mr John Banning is nominated as Deputy Chairman for the Wild Dog Management Committee.

CARRIED

12 CLOSURE AND NEXT MEETING DATE

A Public Meeting will be held at the Supper Room on the 5 August at 9 am subject to restrictions due to the COVID – 19.

Ordinary Meeting will be held on 5th August at 3 pm at the Winton Neighbourhood Centre Training Venue.

The Meeting closed at 4.47 pm.

The minutes of this Meeting was confirmed at the Wild Dog Management Committee held on.

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CHAIRPERSON

Mrs. C. White
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17th April 2020

The Chairman
Mr Ben Ogg
Winton Wild Dog Management Committee
WINTON QLD 4735

Dear Ben,

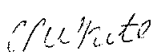
Due to my recent election as a councillor for the Winton Shire I hereby tender my resignation as a divisional leader from the Winton Wild Dog Management Committee.

At our Statutory Council meeting yesterday I was appointed as a councillor to attend your advisory committee meetings.

As the April baiting date is only a week or so away I'm happy to continue to support Frank with our current plans to ensure a successfully round of baiting for our division.

I would like to wish the Winton Wild Dog Committee all the very best in the future. It is a very important group to our shire and I appreciate all the hard work that the committee members put into controlling wild dogs in our shire.

Best wishes


Cathy White



The Hon Mark Furner MP
Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries

Our ref: CTS 04709/20

17 April 2020

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Dear Mayor Baskett

I write to thank you for hosting the Regional Community Forum in Winton on 24 February 2020 and also to address the matters raised during our subsequent discussions and in your letter to me of 27 February 2020 regarding a collaborative approach to fully fence the Bladensburg National Park with pest exclusion fencing.

QANTAS Anniversary Board Meeting

I have referred the matter of QANTAS and its anticipated 100th anniversary board meeting to the Honourable Kate Jones MP, Minister for Innovation and Tourism Industry Development (see enclosed letter). Minister Jones will consider the appropriate support measures and will respond directly to you regarding this initiative.

Supply of Sodium Fluoroacetate

During our discussions you expressed concern about the future supply of sodium fluoroacetate (1080) and Biosecurity Queensland's diminishing 1080 concentrate stockpiles, particularly given the anticipated resurgence of sheep production in Western Queensland. While I am unable to provide any further advice at this time, please be assured that the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) will continue to work cooperatively with the Local Government Association of Queensland, Local Governments themselves, and with industry regarding future supply of 1080 concentrate.

Pest Exclusion Fencing

I note that in your correspondence of 27 February 2020 the reference to pest exclusion fencing to the Director-General, Department of Environment and Science (DES). The construction of exclusion fencing for Bladensburg National Park boundaries is, indeed, a matter for DES in the first instance as Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and Partnerships within DES is the custodian of this land. I will, however, take this opportunity to note the effectiveness of the "Dog eat sheep" presentation accompanying your correspondence.

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Fencing is one method available for controlling wild dogs, and, since 2015, as part of the Queensland Feral Pest Initiative, the Queensland Government has contributed a total of \$14 million in funding for cluster fencing to Local Governments and natural resource management groups.

Notwithstanding this, in terms of wild dog exclusion and cluster fencing generally, DAF believes that, in many cases, effective management necessitates the strategic integration of several different control methods.

Future Management of Katu Thanda – Lake Eyre Basin

Finally, I note your feedback on the consultation processes associated with the Palaszczuk Government's "*Future Management of Katu Thanda – Lake Eyre Basin*" initiative (also referred to as "Pristine Rivers"). I will ensure your feedback is passed on to DES as the lead agency on this matter.

If you require further information on any of the matters above, I encourage you to contact Mr Dan McIntyre in my office on 07 3719 7420.

Yours sincerely



MARK FURNER MP

Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries

WILD DOG DESTRUCTION COMMITTEE**Financial report as at 14 May 2020**

	Actual 19/20	Budget 19/20
Meat Purchases	129,918.46	
Plane and Avgas	62,749.79	
Trapper	38,692.50	
Vehicle/Plant Hire	3,479.63	
Miscellaneous	13,632.22	
Scalps	1,708.50	
Subtotal - Wild Dog Committee	250,181.10	260,000.00
Employee Costs	16,923.19	20,000.00
Total Expenditure	267,104.29	280,000.00
Council Funding	280,000.00	280,000.00
Donation (20 x \$500 & 1 x \$250)	10,250.00	
Meat Sales	-	
Total Income	290,250.00	280,000.00
Remaining Funds Subtotal	23,145.71	
Committed		
Plant for shifting coldroom	291.45	
Meat purchases	20,000.00	
Accommodation/Meals for pilot	1,500.00	
11 scalps	1,105.50	
Remaining Funds Total	248.76	

DRFA - Wild Dog and Feral Pig Control Program

Through the Disaster Recovery Fund Assistance - Wild Dog and Feral Pig Control Program, the Winton Shire Council has received \$50,000 (GST inclusive) for two supplementary baiting programs in April 2020 and September 2020 (each with allocation of \$25,000). A further \$120,000 (GST inclusive) has also been received to undertake 2 aerial shooting programs (April 2020 and September 2020) each with an allocation of \$60,000.

WILD DOG DESTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Financial report as at 14 May 2020

Details**Meat Purchases**

Anthony Britton	18,108.09
NQ Game Meats	77,636.25
Rohan Elliott	3,135.60
Ben Nichols	3,935.18
Dan Nichols	13,169.52
Gavin Smith	13,169.52
Ellgra Contracting	764.30
	<u>129,918.46</u>

Plane

South West Air Services P/L	56,620.46
Avgas	6,129.33
	<u>62,749.79</u>

Vehicle/plant hire**3,479.63****Trapper****38,692.50****Miscellaneous**

Advertising	235.17
Gloves, Tape etc	61.10
Stretcher Tents	287.78
Plastic Bags	636.81
Underground power for deep freezer	7,197.81
Baiting tables	4,633.05
Bait	100.41
Plant (Forklift)	379.62
Stores (safety glasses & gloves)	100.47
	<u>13,632.22</u>

Scalps (17 paid)**1,708.50****Subtotal****250,181.10**