



# **MINUTES**

## **Wild Dog Management Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, 6 February 2020**

**MINUTES OF WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL  
WILD DOG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL BOARD ROOM  
ON THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2020**

**1 COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

The meeting commenced at 3.02pm.

**2 PRESENT**

Cr Gavin Baskett (Mayor), Cr Tina Elliott, Cr Travis Harbour, Cr Ricki Bruhn (CEO).

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr B Ogg (Chair), Mr J Banning, Mrs C White, Mr P White, Mr R Banning, Mr E Entrinkin, Mr R Foxwell (WSC), Mr G Cox (WSC), G Jorgensen (QPWS), Mr R Aspinall (CW Dog Coordinator), Miss A Pentland, Mr H Elliott, Miss Shannon Van Bael (Minute Secretary).

**3 APOLOGIES**

Mr Shane Axford, Mr F McKerrow, Mr M Grinke (QPWS), Mr B Elliott.

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**20.01**

Moved: Mrs C White  
Seconded: Mr B Ogg

THAT the minutes of the Wild Dog Management Committee Meeting held on 24 October 2019 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

**20.02**

Moved: Cr Gavin Baskett  
Seconded: Mrs C White

THAT the minutes of the Special Wild Dog Management Committee Meeting held on 29 November 2019 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

## 5 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

NIL

## 6 CORRESPONDENCE

Email received from Frank McKerrow with apologies for missing the meeting and a report for part of the Southern Division.

## 7 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

NIL

## 8 SIGHTING DIVISION MAPS

Distributed and sightings marked. Geoff Cox to record information.

## 9 DIVISION LEADER REPORTS

### *J Banning*

Pretty quiet. 2 pups sighted.

### *C White*

A lot of tracks.

### *R Banning*

2 dogs at Kalkadoon, 1 at Cork. No sighting since the recent rain.

### *A Pentland*

1 dog at Belmont/Dalia

### *B Ogg*

Quiet, 1 dog at Tiviot in late 2019.

### *F McKerrow*

A lot of activity throughout December. Lot of tracks on Goomeeda and Happy Valley. Calf and numerous kangaroos found mauled on a dam at Fermoy. One dog (of two) shot at Jalloonda on 8 December. Numerous sightings on the Opalton Road in Weona, Jalloonda and Warnambool.

## 10 COUNCIL REPORTS

### *Cr Gavin Baskett*

Notified the Committee of the outcomes from the Neighbours of the Bladensburg National Park Committee Meeting and the signed MOU.

*Mr R Bruhn*

Has drafted a cover letter to accompany the MOU and 'Dog Eat Sheep' PowerPoint. This will be sent to politicians and relevant parties.

The 1080 submission has been sent out. Still waiting for further correspondence regarding 1080 laws.

The Wild Dog Management Plan went to Council and some changes were made. If the Committee is now happy with these changes it will be returned to Council for endorsement at the next Council meeting on 20 February 2020.

### **20.03**

Moved: H Elliott

Seconded: A Pentland

THAT the Wild Dog Management Plan be returned to Council for endorsement.

**CARRIED**

### **20.04**

Moved: B Ogg

Seconded: J Banning

THAT the letter to all rural landowners requesting a voluntary donation of \$500 towards wild dog baiting expenses, be distributed.

**CARRIED**

*Mr G Cox*

2 dogs at Warnambool, lots of movement at Cotswald.

400kg meat gone out in the last month with 7000kg in the freezer

1080 Course in Longreach next month.

Currently working on new meat tenders. With new restrictions such as meat only to be held in the coldroom for no longer than 7 days.

New coldroom will arrive in 3 weeks

100 new signs should arrive prior to baiting.

\$170,000 over 2 years has been sourced through Desert Channels Queensland. A special gun licence will be required to enable a shooter to shoot out of a helicopter.

## **11 BAITING DATES**

Mr B Ogg suggested the following dates.

27 April to the 1 May

12 – 16 October

## **12 TRAPPING**

Rural Lands Officer to develop a form and guidelines to enable local trappers.

**20.05**

Moved: B Ogg  
 Seconded: H Elliott

THAT the bounty for wild dog scalps increases to \$100 until the budget runs out and the Rural Lands Officer is to develop guidelines for local licenced macropod shooters or property owners/managers to trap dogs.

**CARRIED****13 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- Time to consider budget considerations. A letter is required to go to Council;
- Agforce surveys can be returned to Ray Aspinall;
- Will the Biosecurity Officer's position be filled?

*R Bruhn*

The Biosecurity Officers position and grant allowances will be investigated.

*G Cox*

Asked if a dog is caught or sighted with an ear mark or has been desexed please let the RLO know.

*C White*

Would like more communication prior to baiting regarding frozen meat at each station.

**14 MOTIONS LIST**

Date	Motion Number	Motion	Resolution from Council
6/2/2020	20.03	That the Wild Dog Management Plan be forwarded to Council for endorsement	
6/2/2020	20.04	That a letter be sent to all rural land owners in the Shire requesting a donation to go towards baiting of wild dogs	
6/2/2020	20.05	That wild dog scalp bounty increases to \$100 and that the RLO develop guidelines for local licenced macropod shooters or property owner/manager to trap dogs	

**15 CLOSURE AND NEXT MEETING DATE**

Ordinary Meeting will be held on 6 May 2020 at 3pm.

**The Meeting closed at 4.11pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Wild Dog Management Committee held on .**

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**CHAIRPERSON**