



MINUTES

Wild Dog Management Public Meeting Thursday, 6 August 2020

**MINUTES OF WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
WILD DOG MANAGEMENT PUBLIC MEETING
HELD AT THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL SUPPER ROOM
ON THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST 2020 AT 9AM**

1 COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting commenced at 9am and Chairman Ben Ogg invited guests to the meeting.

2 PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Andrew Richardson (Happy Valley), Gavin Smith, Rob Banning (Jarvisfield), Morgan Gronold (RAPAD), Leia Mitchell (Colane), Sandra Smith (Cotswold Hills), Jimmy Smith (Cotswold Hills), Frank McKerrow (Weona), Ben Ogg (Ayrshire Downs), Peter White (Athelstane), Linda Alcorn (WSC), Charles Dyer (WSC), Suneil Abrikari (Director of Works), Geoff Cox (Rural Lands Manager), Bourtney Brown (Biosecurity Officer), Adele Pentland (Eskdale), Harry Elliott (Eskdale), Michael Kaminski (OBT Spacial), Rob Fawknwer (Bonny Downs).

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Gavin Baskett

Mayor Gavin Baskett welcomed all for attending the Wild Dog Management Public Meeting and introduced new Councillors Anne Seymour and Cathy White as well as new Director of Works Suneil Adhikari and new Biosecurity Officer Miss Courtney Brown.

- Winton Shire Council has budgetted \$285 000 towards wild dog control in the shire;
- There are currently 3 cluster fencing in the shire;
- The State Government is now offering \$5m towards exclusion fencing.

Bladensburg National Park Update:

- Dog Eat Dog presentation and letter requesting support has been sent to Ministers and organisations;
- The Neighbours of the Bladensburg National Park has been established;
- Have attended meetings in Brisbane with Senior Policy Advisor, Angus Sutherland and Deputy Director General of Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and Partnerships, Ben Klaassen regarding fencing the National Park;
- Invited Minister Leeanne Enoch and Ben Klaassen to Winton.

Wild Dog 1080

- Have attended a QDog Meeting regarding 1080 poison supply;
- Interesting to note that dingo's are only protected on Frazer Island;
- Discussed the scalp bounty.

5 RURAL LAND MANAGER REPORT

Geoff Cox

- Scalp bounty is working well in the shire and is less expensive than having a Trapper;
- Meat tender advertisement will be advertised next week;
- Plane tender is now being advertised.

6 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Ben Ogg

- The scalp bounty has been working effectively and is less expensive than the Wild Dog Trapper and this keeps the money in town;
- Thank you to the Winton Shire Council and stagg for the ongoing support;
- Thank you to the Wild Dog Committee;
- Introduced John Banning as the new Vice Charman of the Wild Dog Advisory Committee.
- Formation of the Bladensbury National Park Group. The presentation has been a great talking point.
- The Wild Dog Advisory Committee asked landholders for financial support and have received \$10 500. Thank you very much to those who contributed.
- 71 properties are involved in baiting;
- The price of meat has increased;
- Desert Channels Queensland funded a shooting and big bait program resulting in 589 pigs, 20 brumbies and 1 dog being destroyed.

6 RAPAD PRESENTATION

Morgan Gronold

- Invited everyone to have a look at the Not Just a Fence website. Which has some fantastic statistics;
- QFPI Cluster Fence Program Round 3 is open. QFPI funding is \$2700/km and has a minimum requirement of 2 people;

Jimmy Smith

I am currently in the process of erecting electric fences, why does this funding not cover it?

Morgan Gronold

Unfortunately, the State Government sets the specifications.

Cr Anne Seymour

Noted that maintenance is a huge factor.

Morgan Gronold

Added, QFPI applicants must form a legal contract, maintenance is included.

Peter White

Asked if you can legally laminate a fence with a neighbour without their consent?

Morgan Gronold

Responded stating that neighbours must comply with the *Neighbourhood Disputes (Dividing Fences and Trees) Act 2011*.

Frank McKerrow

Asked how do you decide who is successful for funding?

Morgan Gronold

Responded stating that the independent assessor will make recommendation to the RAPAD board factoring in Financial and environmental impact and social aspect.

Ben Ogg (Chairman)

Thanked Morgan for attending the meeting.

Currently each division has 2 leaders. Anyone is welcome to join in or if anyone would like to ask any questions please give him a call.

Peter White

Noted, there are still landholder that do not bait.

Gavin Smith

Added, in some Shires they have a levy that every landholder must pay and if you contribute to baiting you get it refunded.

Ben Ogg

Thanked all for attending and welcomed everyone to stay for morning tea.

7 CLOSURE AND NEXT MEETING DATE

The Meeting closed at 10.25am.

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

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CHAIRPERSON