



MINUTES

Wild Dog Management Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 4 November 2020

**MINUTES OF WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
WILD DOG MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WINTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE TRAINING ROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 3.00PM.**

1 COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The Chair, Mr Ben Ogg welcomed everyone present and declared the meeting open at 3.14pm.

2 PRESENT

Ben Ogg (Chair), John Banning (Deputy Chair), Cr Gavin Baskett (Mayor), Cr Cathy White, Cr Anne Seymour, Cr Tina Elliott (Deputy Mayor), Ricki Bruhn (Chief Executive Officer), Geoff Cox (Rural Lands Manager), Shane Axford, Robert Banning, Harry Elliott, Courtney Brown (Biosecurity Officer), Suneil Adhikari (Director of Works), Frank McKerrow, Gary Jaugason, Shane Hume, Errol Entriiken, Ray Foxwell and Elizabeth Thame (Administration Secretary).

3 APOLOGIES

Leah Mitchell, Andrew Richardson, Ben Elliott and Rob Fawkner.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

20.11.01

Moved: Mr Frank McKerrow

Seconded: Cr Cathy White

THAT the minutes of the Wild Dog Management Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 August 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Cracka (Pilot) – Report on issues from the last baiting.
- Letters from Land Owners declining baiting.

6 DIVISION LEADERS REPORTS

Harry Elliott:

- The most recent baiting program went well and the meat was OK.

Rob Banning:

- A fair bit of country was covered that hasn't been baited for a while.

Shane Axford

- The amount and size of the meat needs to be looked at. Thanks to the landowners and Council workers for thawing the frozen meat out, it was a great help.

Frank McKerrow

- Baiting went well, there were issues with the Authority to Sign forms not being received in time. Some dog activity at Jaloonda on both sides of the fence.
- Robert Bray has lost 2 domestic dogs.

Errol Entriken

- Materials for exclusion fencing has arrived and;
- Baiting along the fenceline is effective as it funnels the dogs;
- Mixing the baits in town and taking it out works well.

John Banning

- 2 dogs shot on Franklin boundary and;
- Clearer maps would be helpful, landowners are happy to supply their own, Cracka agrees.

Leah Mitchell

- 6 weaners were killed in August and;
- 6 killed in one night in July and;
- 1 dog trapped in August and;
- 5 pups were killed by 1080 and shooting.

Ben Ogg (Chair)

- Baiting went well with all fresh meat and support from Dagworth and;
- They were unable to bait 3 areas due to Authority to Sign forms not being received.

7 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS*Cr Gavin Baskett (Mayor)*

- Issues have been discussed and actioned regarding Authority to Sign forms and tendering processes;
- Central West Regional Pest Management Group has a meeting due in two weeks, where coordinating baiting between the shires will be raised.

Ricki Bruhn (Chief Executive Officer)

- Authority to sign books distributed to division leaders, hope to receive more forms by the next round so we can update the book;
- Financial report distributed, we are awaiting a few more invoices but its tracking well; and
- 63 scalp forms have been received.

Geoff Cox (Rural Lands Officer)

- Received a further 13 scalp forms this morning;
- There has been dog activity west of the Jundah road; and
- 70 places were baited this round using just under 19 tonnes of meat.

20.11.02

Moved: Shane Axford
Seconded: Harry Elliott

THAT Charles Dyer and Courtney Brown provide a presentation on the ESRI dog tracking software at the next meeting of the Committee to be held in February 2021.

CARRIED

20.11.03

Moved: Ben Ogg
Seconded: Shane Axford

THAT the Winton Shire Council supply meat substrate to Bladensburg National Park, if required.

CARRIED

20.11.04

Moved: Ben Ogg
Seconded: Cr Cathy White

1. THAT Council release tenders for meat and aircraft suppliers three months in advance for future baiting rounds.
2. THAT a representative from the Wild Dog Management Advisory Committee participate in future tendering processes.
3. THAT a timeline be presented at the next meeting with deadlines for future tendering processes.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

Ben Ogg (Chair)

- Tentative next baiting round date set for Monday 19th April 2021.

Cr Cathy White

- Terms of reference to include:
 - The appointment of Chairman has Mayor twice, remove one.
 - To add the role of Biosecurity Officer.
 - Authority to sign forms to go under the role of the Biosecurity Officer rather than the Secretary.

Shane Axford

- Terms of Reference changes:
 - Take the following out of the Chairman's role;
 - Organising those landholders who wish to ground bait (to be moved to Division leaders' roles);
 - Organising the purchase of meat baits (this falls under the meat Coordinator role).
- Biosecurity officer to send a copy of all baiting invoices to the chairman.

Leah Mitchell

- Poster distributed providing information and contact details on wild dog baiting.

9 ACTION LIST

Action	Responsible	Update
Authority to Sign forms go directly to the Biosecurity Officer	RLO	
Landowners to supply maps for the next baiting program	Division Leaders	
Flight paths to be presented to the committee	RLO	

10 MOTIONS

MOTION NUMBER	MOTION	COUNCIL RESPONSE
20.11.02	THAT Charles Dyer and Courtney Brown provide a presentation on the ESRI dog tracking software at the next meeting of the Committee to be held in February 2021.	
20.11.03	THAT the Winton Shire Council supply meat substrate to Bladensburg National Park, if required.	
20.11.04	THAT Council release tenders for meat and aircraft suppliers three months in advance for future baiting rounds. THAT a representative from the Wild Dog Management Advisory Committee participate in future tendering processes. THAT a timeline be presented at the next meeting with deadlines for future tendering processes.	

5 CLOSURE AND NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting to be held 10 February 2021 at 3.00pm in the Neighbourhood Centre Training Room.

The Meeting closed at 4:45pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Wild Dog Management Advisory Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2021.

.....
CHAIRPERSON

WILD DOG DESTRUCTION COMMITTEE**Financial report as at 30 October 2020**

	Actual 20/21	Budget 20/21
Meat Purchases	15,075.00	
Plane and Avgas	-	
Trapper	-	
Vehicle/Plant Hire	-	
Freezers	-	
Miscellaneous	878.98	
Scalps (63)	6,322.37	
Subtotal - Wild Dog Committee	22,276.35	260,000.00
Employee Costs	9,104.18	20,000.00
Total Expenditure	31,380.53	280,000.00
Council Funding	280,000.00	280,000.00
Donation	-	
Meat Sales	-	
Total Income	280,000.00	280,000.00
Remaining Funds Subtotal	248,619.47	
Committed		
Aircraft (full year)	122,417.00	
Bags for 1080 baiting (with label)	2,703.00	
Meat purchases (various suppliers)	42,612.00	
Total Committed	167,732.00	
Remaining Funds Total	80,887.47	

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 30 October 2020****Details****Meat Purchases**

Carlin Ellis	15,075.00
	<u>15,075.00</u>

Plane

South West Air Services P/L	-
Avgas	-
	<u>-</u>

Vehicle/plant hire

-

Trapper

-

Freezers

-

Miscellaneous

Advertising	246.68
Digital scales	493.36
Gloves	138.94
	<u>878.98</u>

Scalps (65 paid)

6,322.37

Subtotal

22,276.35

Employee Costs

9,104.18

Total

31,380.53