

# Minutes of The Wild Dog Advisory Committee held in the Board Room of the Winton Shire Council on Thursday 24 October 2019

Commencement of Meeting: 3.01pm.

# 1 ATTENDANCE

Cr T Harbour, Cr T Elliott, Mr B Ogg (Chair), Mr G Cox (RLO), Ms L Alcorn (BO), Mr S Axford, Mr R Banning, Mr H Elliott, Mr M Grinke (QPWS), Mr J Banning, Mr B Elliott, Mrs C White, Ms A Pentland, Mr R Foxwell (WSC), Mr F McKerrow, Mr E Entriken, Mr N Robinson, Shannon Van Bael (Minute Secretary).

# 2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED the apologies from Mr G Jorgensen (QOWS), Mr B Elliott, Cr G Baskett, Cr S Mann, Mr R Bruhn (CEO), Mr P Krisanski (DoW), Mr R Fawkner, Ms L Mitchell be received and noted.

# **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### 01.10.19

Moved: L Alcorn Seconded: S Axford

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2019 be confirmed as an accurate record of the business conducted at the meeting subject to the following amendment:

• F McKerrow was an apology.

#### CARRIED

# 4 SIGHTING DIVISION MAPS

Mapping – Location of Wild Dogs Trapped - 2019

No.	Date	Location	Station Trapped	Male / Female
1	27 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	22 46'43" S 143 00'58" E	Athelstane	Male
2	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	22 49'02" S 143 03'47" E	Athelstane	Male
3	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	22 40'43" S 142 55'23" E	Athelstane	Male
4	01 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	22 39'09'' S 142 47'35'' E	Athelstane	Female
5	12 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	22 48'58" S 143 03'29" E	Athelstane	Male
6	17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	22 49'11" S 143 03'44" E	Athelstane	Female
7	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	21 58'10" S 142 44'15" E	Ayrshire	Male
8	26 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	21 36'07" S 142 09'23" E	Belfast	Male
9	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	22 46'23" S 142 44'49" E	Colston	Male
10	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	22 46'38" S 142 44'07" E	Colston	Female
11	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	22 46'23" S 142 44'49" E	Colston	Female
12	18 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	22 44'50" S 142 47'40" E	Colston	Female
13	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2019	22 45'01" S 142 47'27" E	Colston	Female
14	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	22 57'49" S 142 36'30" E	Happy Valley	Female
15	18 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	22 54'48" S 142 36'20" E	Happy Valley	Male
16	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	22 54'06" S 142 45' 56" E	Warnambool	Male
17	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	22 50'57" S 142 38' 47" E	Happy Valley	Male
18	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	22 50'31" S 142 38' 56" E	Happy Valley	Female
19	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	22 50'58" S 142 38' 47" E	Happy Valley	Male
20	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	22 48'53" S 142 41' 03" E	Namarva	Male
21	21 <sup>st</sup> October 2019	22 54'13" S 142 47' 04" E	Warnambool	Female
22	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2019	22 54'06" S 142 45' 59" E	Haven Downs	Male

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# 5 COUNCIL REPRESENTATION REPORT

G Cox (RLO)

- 22 dogs killed by the trapper;
- \$1,533 Avg;
- 6 dogs in the last 17 days;
- Complaint from landowner stating the trapper would drive past him and not acknowledge him;
- Notice that QLD Government will not be supplying 1080 bait in 2020 and Council will have to source it elsewhere;
- Officers need to be re-accredited;
- Council uses approximately 100 litres of poison per year.

# 6 DIVISION LEADERS REPORT

### S Axford

Good baiting hasn't seen any movement of dogs in the last few weeks.

### J Banning

1 dog shot but a good clean bait.

### R Banning

1 dog track at Kalka Doon this week.

#### F McKerrow

Couple of dogs around. Baiting was ok. Need better communication on baiting days. Haven't seen the trapper.

#### C White

Baiting went well, tables were good. Since seen sittings at the National Park, Glenkyree, and Wattelania.

#### L Alcorn

\$20,000 has been put towards mapping software to compile data.

#### E Entriken

Quiet, would like to see baiting start on the other side first so people aren't sitting around for 4-5 hours. Crack might be able to camp the night before to help organise time more efficiently.

# B Ogg

Dagworth had a good baiting and good help. Would like to thank the Winton Shire Council staff for their help. Good deal with the quality and price of the meat. Would like to thank Frank, Cathy and Shane for the help with the frozen meat.

Baiting may have been a bit early for the pups and this is to be considered.

The Central West Dog Committee is organising a calendar for 2020.

A lot of people are having trouble contacting the trapper.

# 8 FEEDBACK FROM COUNCIL ABOUT THE INCREASE IN BOUNTY WITH RAPID SHIRES

# 9 BUDGET

Tabled: Budget Progress 2019/20

Baiting Costs

WSC Financial Reports as at 22 October 2019

- \$120,000 remaining. On costs are not correct in Budget Progress 2019/20 sheet;
- \$3.90 meat suppliers not Inc. GST;
- 4t meat already paid for;
- \$50,000 committed;
- \$20,000 Mapping Software;
- Funds for fridge freezer coldroom.

A large budget strain is employing a trapper and is not feasible. Committee discussed the option of putting a Local Bounty on dogs.

# 02.10.19

Moved: B Ogg Seconded: S Axford

THAT Council terminate the position of the Wild Dog Trapper.

CARRIED

# 03.10.19

Moved: B Ogg Seconded: S Axford

THAT a Local Bounty be developed for a trial period with a bounty of \$200 being set. Trappers must have GPS picture and property owner consent.

The Committee discussed the option of asking producers to put forward \$1,000 towards the Committee.

#### 04.11.19

Moved: B Ogg Seconded: H Elliott

THAT the Committee request a donation of \$500 for meat funding from producers. **CARRIED** 

The Committee discussed putting out an information notice about meat donations. L Alcorn to organise.

# 10 TRAPPER

Items have been discussed previously.

# 11 SURVEY PROGRESS

Still progressing. The Committee needs to engage a company to collate all information into a report. Some options are Andrew Perkins NRA Consultant or Ian McKay.

### 12 COUNCIL FUNDING

Items have been discussed previously.

### 13 GENERAL BUSINESS

B Ogg

Mick Scrag the Central West coordinator has resigned. The Committee would like the new coordinator to attend all Committee meetings.

11 November the National Parks and Wildlife representatives will be holding a meeting in Winton to discuss the National Park and Wild Dogs.

# G Cox

Authority to sign forms are being signed without consent. Please make sure you have consent prior to baiting.

A Chemical Course can be held in Winton. They need 12 to old the course.

#### T Harbour

To have the Work Camp do baiting we must have a Community Authorised person.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 5 February 2020 at 3pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.49pm.

CR B OGG CHAIRPERSON