



MINUTES

Wild Dog Management Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 10 November 2021

**MINUTES OF WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
WILD DOG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WINTON NEIGHBOURHOOD TRAINING ROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 10.25AM**

1 COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The Chair, Mr John Banning welcomed everyone present, thanked them for attending and declared the meeting open at 10.25am.

2 PRESENT

John Banning (Chair), Ben Ogg (Deputy Chair), Cr Gavin Baskett (Mayor), Cr Cathy White, Cr Tina Elliott (Deputy Mayor), Ricki Bruhn (Chief Executive Officer), Leah Mitchell, Rob Banning, Shane Axford, David Baker, Harry Elliott, Adele Pentland, Bret Elliott, Andrew Richardson, Chloe Cain (Minute Secretary), Shannon Van Bael (Minute Secretary).

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ben Klaassen (Deputy Director General of Queensland Parks and Wildlife), Clair Grant (Regional Director of Queensland Parks and Wildlife), Bill O'Grady (Acting Senior Ranger Bladensburg National Park), Shane Hume (Bladensburg National Park), David Woods (Principal Ranger Bladensburg National Park), Don De Busch (Head Ranger Lake Eyre Basin Rangers), Lake Eyre Basin Rangers.

3 APOLOGIES

21.11.01

Moved: Cr Cathy White
Seconded: Shane Axford

THAT the apologies from Mr Suneil Adhikari (Director of Works), Geoff Cox (Rural Lands Manager), Ray Foxwell (Acting Rural Lands Manager), Frank McKerrow and Rob Fawkner be received.

CARRIED

4 SIGHTING AND COMPLETION OF DEVISION MAPS

File Number #142842

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

21.11.02

Moved: Ben Ogg
Seconded: David Baker

THAT the minutes of the Wild Dog Management Committee Meeting held on 28 July 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- The Honourable Mark Furner – New Queensland Strategy to Bring Wild Dogs to Heel.
- Mr John Banning attended a Dog Watch meeting last night and advised the Queensland Wild Dog Coordinator Project would be ceasing at the end of November 2021. Also read out a letter from the Coordinator, Mr Brett Carlson.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

8 LAKE EYRE BASIN RANGERS PRESENTATION

The representatives from the Lake Eyre Basin Rangers presented their responsibilities and noted ways they can help the Shire and the Wild Dog Advisory Committee. This group is federally funded and have resources available in the areas of weed control and cultural heritage.

Ben Ogg

Noted, the Committee appreciates the attendance at the meeting and look forward to working together with the Rangers in the future.

9 DIVISION LEADERS REPORTS

Ben Ogg

- 3.5t of meat distributed at Dagworth
- Minimal dog activity
- 16 dogs for the Year

Rob Banning

- 5.5t of meat distributed
- Good coverage and the Cork baiting went well

Frank McKerrow

- Dog activity quiet
- Tracks at Bareeda and Wilderness Paddock of Happy Valley
- 2 found dead at Namarva after last baiting

Brett Elliot

- Quiet

Adele

- Baiting went well
- Cressy not baited
- 1 dog before baiting
- Numbers are down
- 900kg of meat went out and 300kg to Sesbania

Shane Axford

- No traffic
- Quiet Year

John Banning

- No baiting at Franklin due to weather. Working on getting it done this year
- Mackunda has activity
- Mt Windsor – 4 dogs shot

10 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Barcaldine Regional Council have reviewed their baiting strategies and have retrieved baiting funds. Baiting is now the responsibility of the land holder. They have not completed an aerial bait since 2017.

11 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

11.1 MAYOR UPDATE

Recently attended the LGAQ conference in Mackay, there were over 100 motions including:

- Biosecurity Queensland 1080 Over Sight which was passed;
- Fraser Coast Domestic Commercial Grade Pesticide to be Banned which was voted down; and
- Endorse and implement the recommendations of the Senate Inquiry into the Impact of Feral Deer, Pigs and Goats which was passed.

CWPMG Meeting

- 1080 supply guaranteed for 2021
- Requesting interest from Councils for a joint meat tender
- Neighbours of Bladensburg National Park Meeting was held today with positive action to come from that meeting

11.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS UPDATE

Financial Report

- Meat Purchases \$90,914.25
- Plane and Avgas \$34,870.37
- Committed \$110,919.38 (including Meat and Plane)
- Remaining Funds \$24,869.69

Scalp Numbers

- 64 Wild Dogs
- 27 Foxes
- 240 Pig Snouts

Expression of Interest

- Draft letter tabled

12 UPDATE ON DATA GATHERING

Gavin Baskett

- Thanked Mr Ben Klaassen and Parks and Wildlife Representatives for attending the meeting
- Council has contacted National Parks and Wildlife regarding wildlife cameras

Billy O'Grady

- Concerns that the National Park is a public space and would like to have further discussions before progressing

Ben Klaassen

- Parks and Wildlife look forward to working together with the Committee to identify hot spots in and around the Park
- Cannot commit to fencing due to the decision that has already been made by the Minister

John Banning

Asked, if neighbours agree, is it correct to say that we could aerial bait outside the Park boundary?

Shane Hume

Correct, there is a couple of areas that are frequented by people which staff would prefer not be done.

DEPARTURE: David Baker departed the meeting at 11.20am

13 ACTION LIST

DATE	ACTION	MEMBER	UPDATE
28 July 2021	Develop a EOI for landowners to work with OTB and that a Draft be submitted to the November meeting	Ricki Bruhn (CEO)	Completed
10 November 2021	Ways the Lake Eyre Basin Rangers can assist the Wild Dog Committee	Don De Busch / Tanya Willis Lake Eyre Basin Rangers	

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

John Banning

Informal Committee discussions were held regarding the budget. Meat from Townsville is costing around \$7.00/kg. The Committee does not have available funds to support a full second baiting in April 2022. A suggestion was to increase or add \$500 to the rural rate levy or a tiered scale charge per hectare.

Brett Elliot

Some areas are exclusion fenced and therefore shouldn't require a levy.

John Banning presented the MLA Market Information Report and noted the increase of stock prices since the start of the Winton Wild Dog Committee.

Cathy White

The participation rate has decreased and the message needs to be shared regarding the importance of participation at baiting time.

DEPARTURE: Cr Tina Elliott departed the meeting at 11.45am

21.11.03

Moved: Shane Axford

Seconded: Ben Ogg

THAT Council model a 5% general rate increase for rural properties and also model an increase of 0.03c for up to 20,000ha properties, 0.02c per 20,000 – 40,000ha properties and 0.01c for properties over 40,000ha.

CARRIED

Don De Busch

The Lake Eyre Basin has a small bucket of money that can be used to bait hot spots, this can be discussed at a later time as well as data collection and mapping. The program is here to assist and we look forward to working with the Committee.

DEPARTURE: The Lake Eyre Basin representatives departed the meeting at 11.56am

Leah Mitchell

Would the Committee like to submit another wild dog flier for the talking tent at the Winton Show in 2022?

All in agreeance.

John Banning thanked everyone for coming, closed the meeting and set the next meeting date for 9 February 2022.

The Meeting closed at 12.02pm

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

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CHAIRPERSON