



MINUTES

Wild Dog Management Committee Meeting

Thursday, 23 February 2023

**MINUTES OF WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
WILD DOG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 10.10AM**

1 COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The Chair welcomed those present and declared the meeting open at 10.10am.

2 PRESENT

John Banning (Chair), Cathy White (Councillor), Anne Seymour (Councillor), Adele Pentland (Vice Chair), Frank McKerrow (Zone Representative), Ben Ogg (Zone Representative), Leah Mithcell, Shane Hume (Acting Senior Ranger). Cr Gavin Baskett (Mayor).

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dirk Dowling (CEO), Mr Geoff Cox, Mr Charles Dyer and Miss Chloe Cain (Minute Secretary)

3 APOLOGIES

23.02.01

Moved: Mr Ben Ogg
Seconded: Mr Frank McKerrow

That the apologies received from Mr Harry Elliott, Mr Dave Baker, Mr Bret Elliott, Mr Andrew Richardson, Mr Rob Fawcner and Mr Rob Banning be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

23.02.02

Moved: Mr Ben Ogg
Seconded: Mr Frank McKerrow

1. That the minutes of the Wild Dog Management Committee Meeting held on 23 November 2022 be confirmed with amendments.

5 SIGHTING AND COMPLETION OF DIVISION MAPS

Committee completed maps.

6 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cathy White

- The committee discussed the Wild Dog plan that was located on the website.

Ben Ogg

- Informed the committee that there was not enough interest in the Ballistic training therefore it was cancelled for members. Geoff Cox and Dache Geiger have completed the training for the Winton Shire Council.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

8 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

8.1 – Q-Dog Report

Cathy White

- Attached on page 7.

John Banning

- Informed the committee that GMP have shown interest in providing bait meat to Winton Shire Council.

Geoff Cox

- Responded informing that Winton Shire Council would be required to go to tender for bait meat again as per the purchasing policy.

9 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

All previously discussed in the above.

10 DIVISION LEADERS REPORTS

Ben Ogg

- One sighting at Western;
- Picked up steel from Diamantina Engineering for baiting tables.

Leah Mitchell

- One sighting at Tattoo;
- One Wild Dog trapped;
- Tracks sighted along new Wild Dog fence.

Frank McKerrow

- One sighting;
- Speaking with Andrew and sightings have been reported from his area.

John Banning

- Three wild dog sightings at Verdon;
- One Wild Dog disposed;
- One track spotted at Jarvisfield.

Adel Pentland

- Two Wild Dogs disposed of at Hillview;
- New Wild Dog Exclusion Fence.

11 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

11.1 DIRECTOR OF WORKS UPDATE

Charles Dyer

- Budget Distributed.

11.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dirk Dowling

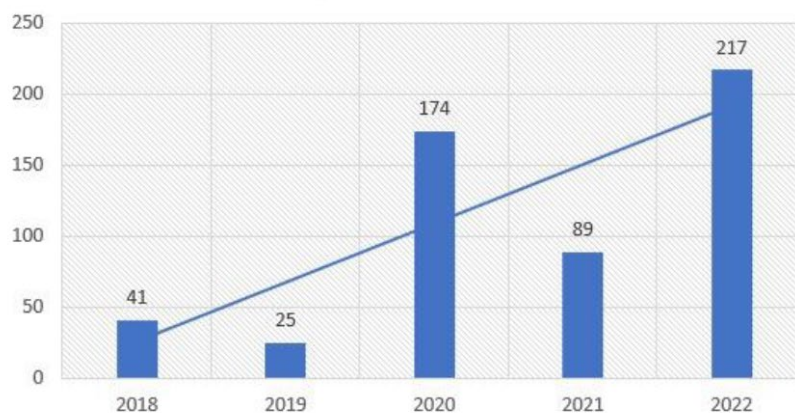
Advised the group that along with all current Council Committees, the Wild Dog Management Committee will be reviewed in the near future i.e. many committees have currently morphed into something they were never intended to be, and hopefully with some minor adjustments the committee process can return to its original purpose to engage with community and provide recommendations to Council.

11.3 RURAL LANDS OFFICER

Below are further analysis of the data which we have available of bounty claim forms between 2018 and 2022. 2023 has been excluded from the data range as the year has not been completed and the data from this year doesn't reflect on analyses.

- This year there has been three scalps claim forms submitted with a total of 12 scalps.
- Data analysis of bounty claims from past 5 years shows increase in participation and corresponding rise in the number of scalps claimed.
- Number of participants increased from 1 in 2018 to 21 in 2022.
- However, variations exist in both the number of participants and average scalps claimed per person.
- Relatively stable average number of claims per person suggests increase in participation may not necessarily result in a corresponding increase in the number of scalps being claimed.
- Further research and analysis may be necessary to understand this pattern and evaluate the program's overall effectiveness.
- Rising participation in the wild dog bounty program is a promising development in controlling wild dog populations.

Total Scalps Claimed 2018-2022



Year	Average Scalps Claims Per Person
2018	41
2019	8.333333
2020	8.7
2021	7.416667
2022	10.333333

12 UPDATES ON DATA GATHERING**13 ACTION LIST**

DATE	ACTION	MEMBER	UPDATE
23/02/2022	That Winton Shire Council investigate funding for Injection Training	RSM	TO BE REMOVED

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

Frank McKerrow

- Discussed the baiting table design and proceeding forward with the construction of the tables.
- The following quote was obtained;
- \$1250 per table for labour totalling \$13,750 for 11 tables.

Cr Anne Seymour

- Raised her concerns regarding the cold room located at Goolma. Could this be an insurance issue?

Dirk Dowling

- Suggested that the cold room be assessed and risk assessment carried out annually.

Departure: Cr GB Baskett departed the meeting at 12:00pm.

Shane Hume

- Informed the committee on the current rat plague that is currently happening, informed that the plague is currently widespread due to the large food source.
- One Fox sighting on the Winton town common.
- Diamantina shire has lots of sightings of pups in groups of 4 or 5 this is due to large amount of water and food around.
- Diamantina Shire are currently organising a 2 day Pig shoot.
- Recently received a 3-year funding program from the federal government, this has allowed for the purchase of cameras for cars, Neighbouring properties to receive letters before boundaries are driven at night.
- An arial inspection will occur for Parkinsonia bush in the Diamantina shire.

15 MOTION LIST**23.02.03**

Moved: Mr Ben Ogg

Seconded: Mr Frank McKerrow

That council engage an external contractor to build one prototype baiting station table and return to the committee to inspect before progressing with the other 10 tables.

CARRIED 5-0

16 CLOSURE AND NEXT MEETING DATE

Ordinary Meeting

Next meeting to occur on 30th March at 10.00am.

The Meeting closed at 12.10pm.

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

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CHAIRPERSON

Queensland Dog Offensive Group

Meeting Communiqué 14 February 2023

The Queensland Dog Offensive Group (QDOG) met via Microsoft Teams on the 14 February 2023. Members discussed:

- **PAPP (para-aminopropiophenone) putty and its use as a toxin on leghold trap devices in replacement of strychnine.** The Centre for Invasive Species Solutions provided information on the product and expects it may be available for sale in 6 months.
- **The ability for Local Governments to obtain an Entity Level Approval from Queensland Health and develop a substance management plan.** This will support the coordination of baiting programs with appropriately approved persons being able to prepare and distribute 1080 baits.
- **Western Queensland DogWatch committee** – It was noted by QDOG that the WQ DogWatch committee plays an important part in supporting the coordination of wild dog control in Western Queensland. QDOG resolved to approach and write letters to all relevant Regional Organisation of Councils and NRM bodies to ask for continued support for the WQ DogWatch group and to seek to resolve the lack of support for the administration of the group going forward.
- **Wild Dog Barrier Fence Review** – an update was given on the Wild Dog Barrier Fence Review regarding the apportionment of payments by the Local Government Association of Queensland. The final report is expected to be available March 2023.
- **The status of the transition of local governments to commercial 1080 supplies** – Biosecurity Queensland provide information that all relevant local governments in Queensland have now transitioned to commercial supply 1080 as the last of the State Government supplied 1080 has been exhausted and could no longer be used past the 31 December 2022.
- **Review of the Terms of Reference for QDOG** - Biosecurity Queensland will lead a review of QDOG terms of reference and seek input from members.
- **QDOG subgroups and work tasks required to be undertaken by the** –
 - Communications subgroup which comprises 3 QDOG members that will meet in March 2023 to review communication planning.
 - Survey development subgroup which comprises 3 QDOG members that will meet in March 2023 to undertake preparation for the next survey.
- **QDOG members provided reports** on current wild dog management activities and events for their regional areas or industry.

Members agreed to meet again in Mid-2023.

