

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL BUSHCARE REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, 24 July 2019  
**Location:** Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra  
**Time:** 4.02pm

The following members were present:

Clr John Levett - Chairperson  
Ms Frances Bray  
Mr Tony Jennings  
Mr Len White  
Mr Jason Carson

Others present:

Kelie Clarke – Manager Environmental Services  
Alasdair Stratton – Natural Resources and Floodplains Manager  
Peter Swanson – Coordinator Bushcare

Acknowledgement and Respect for the Traditional owners and Elders past and present.

### Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Clr Gartner, Mayor Findley, Bill Pigott, Mike Clear.

### Confirmation of the Minutes

**RESOLVED** (Frances Bray / Len White)

That the Minutes of the Council Bushcare Representative Group held on Tuesday 04 December 2018 be confirmed.

CARRIED

### Declarations of Interest

Tony Jennings – less than significant non pecuniary interest declaration – BR19.2 – Bushcare Program Update - He is a member of the Grotto Bushcare Group – will remain in the room and will take part in discussion and vote.

## REPORTS

### **BR19.1 Resignation - Bryan Lenne - Council Bushcare Representatives Group**

**HPERM Ref:  
D19/116137**

This Item was dealt with in conjunction with BR19.4 - Resignation - Kelly Cowlshaw - Council Bushcare Representatives Group.

The Group acknowledged the members resigning and discussed the need to attract representation from all parts of the Shoalhaven.

#### **Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Accept the resignation of Mr Bryan Lenne from the Council Bushcare Representative Group
2. Call for nominations from local Bushcare groups, for a replacement member.

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Len White / Tony Jennings)

That Council:

1. Accept the resignation from Mr Bryan Lenne and Ms Kelly Cowlshaw from the Council Bushcare Representative Group
2. Call for nominations from local interested Bushcare groups, for replacement members.
3. Develop a Terms of Reference to be brought back to a future meeting for the Committee to endorse.

CARRIED

### **BR19.2 Bushcare Program Update**

**HPERM Ref:  
D19/217868**

Tony Jennings – less than significant non pecuniary interest declaration – BR19.2 – Bushcare Program Update - He is a member of the Grotto Bushcare Group – will remain in the room and will take part in discussion and vote.

Peter Swanson – Bushcare Coordinator spoke to the report and highlighted the following points:

Redhead Villages Group has received new volunteers.

A new Dunecare Group has been established at Collingwood Beach.

Council has filled the second Aboriginal Bush Regenerators position.

Council is continuing the learning program with Vincentia High School.

Frances Bray congratulated staff and the information contained in the report especially the collaboration between staff and the Local Aboriginal Land Council's.

#### **Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the Shoalhaven Bushcare program update report be received for information.

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Frances Bray / Len White)

That:

1. The report regarding Bushcare Program Update be received for information.

2. Council write to Office of Fiona Phillips Federal Member for Gilmore regarding the Expressions of Interest (EOI) – Community Environment Program that was initiated by the previous member and seek an update.

CARRIED

**BR19.3 Review of Bushcare/Parkcare Procedures**

**HPERM Ref:  
D19/220263**

Members sought advice from staff in relation to rubbish removal and what the Groups should or shouldn't be removing.

Staff advised that if it is small pieces of rubbish and the volunteers are able to remove it they should do so, however if there are large pieces of rubbish such as illegal dumping then volunteers should call and notify Council.

Frances Bray suggested that the procedures be amended to clarify rubbish removal process.

Frances Bray asked for staff to clarify this procedure in the bushcare/parkcare newsletter/s.

**Recommendation**

That Council endorse the Shoalhaven Bushcare/Parkcare Procedure, with the amendments outlined in this report.

**RECOMMENDATION** (Len White / Frances Bray)

That:

1. The Procedures be amended to include clarification in relation to rubbish removal.
2. Subject to the amendment in part 1 of the recommendation, Council endorse the Shoalhaven Bushcare/Parkcare Procedure, with the amendments outlined in the Review of Bushcare/Parkcare Procedures report (BR19.3).

CARRIED

**ADDENDUM REPORTS**

**BR19.4 Resignation - Kelly Cowlshaw - Council Bushcare Representatives Group**

**HPERM Ref:  
D19/245711**

Note: This item was dealt with in conjunction with BR19.1 - Resignation - Bryan Lenne - Council Bushcare Representatives Group.

**Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Accept the resignation of Ms Kelly Cowlshaw from the Council Bushcare Representative Group
2. Call for nominations from local Bushcare groups, for a replacement member.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**BR19.5 Additional Item - Funding - Small Grants - Mountains to Sea**

Jason Carson advised that there is funding coming up that is aimed at small grants and Expressions of Interests will be open to Mountains to Sea.

**BR19.6 Additional Item - Future Notice of Motion to Council - Cats Roaming Free**

Clr Levett advised that he will be submitting a Notice of Motion to a future Strategy and Assets Meeting regarding cats being able to roam free.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 4.56pm.

Clr John Levett  
CHAIRPERSON