
**LAKE WYANGAN & CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
THURSDAY, 11 APRIL 2024 COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Doug Curran (Chair), Frank Battistel (Community Representative), Peter Borella, Via Zoom (Community Representative), Carmel La Rocca (Community Representative), John McFadzean (Community Representative), Thomas Mackerras (Community Representative), Ema Munro (Community Representative), Jade Salvestro (Community Representative), Kelvin Williams (Community Representative), Franco Pistillo, Via Zoom (Representative for Member for Murray)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst, Director Sustainable Development, Bruce Gibbs, Manager Parks and Gardens, Peter Craig and Minute Secretary, Hannah Hall

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John McFadzean and Thomas Mackerras that apologies be received from Paul Eldridge, Phil King and Brett Stonestreet.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Frank Battistel and John McFadzean that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 February 2024, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Tree Planting Day

Mr Gibbs advised that he will put a report to the next Committee meeting on 16 May recommending plant species and a defined planting area.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 AUDIT OF EXHIBITED ANIMALS AT LAKE WYANGAN PICNIC AREA

Mr Gibbs advised that the Department of Primary Industries had conducted an audit on the animals and their enclosures at Lake Wyangan. The audit concluded that the current facilities were unacceptable and Council were issued with a “Direction” to advise of corrective actions by 1 May 2024. The cost of resources and infrastructure outlined in the audit is estimated to be \$86,495; \$30,495 of which is required annually. Councillor Curran added that Council has not allocated funds for this in its current budget.

Mr Franco asked what Council will do with the animals if removed. Councillor Curran said that Council would rehome and relocate the animals.

Mr Cranston asked if companion animals such as dogs would be allowed at the Lake if the animals were removed. Mr Craig said that if the animals were removed, Council could review this policy.

Mr Borella asked if Council has an indication of how often the community views the animals. Mr Craig advised while there is a portion of the community who come to see the animals, there is not a constant flow of visitors. Mr Borella was against the recommendation.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Frank Battistel and John McFadzean that Council:

- (a) Rehome and relocate all animals that are currently on display at the Lake Wyangan Picnic Area, and
- (b) Discontinue the permit for the exhibition of animals to the public.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Water Quality of Drainage into Lake Wyangan

Mr Williams tabled a letter pertaining to the Water Quality of Drainage into Lake Wyangan with concerns about drainage licencing, and the size and quantity of outlets on properties. He has asked that Council contact Murrumbidgee Irrigation in regards to this issue. Councillor Curran advised that Council will follow up with Murrumbidgee Irrigation.

6.2 Modified Clay

Mr Cranston tabled an ABC News article highlighting Western Australian scientists who are trialling modified clay to help eliminate algae blooms. The information will be distributed to the Committee and Council staff.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Committee is to be held on Thursday, 16 May 2024 at 5:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 5:35 pm.