

# Minutes of Meeting

## Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting

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| Venue | Conference Room, Station Street, Mullumbimby |
| Date  | Thursday, 21 September 2023                  |
| Time  | 9.00am                                       |



**BYRON**  
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BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

## Minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 21 September 2023

**File No: I2023/1410**

**PRESENT:** Cr S Ndiaye, Cr S Balson, Cr P Westheimer, Cr M Lyon (joined at 9:15am)

Staff: Shannon Burt (Director Sustainable Environment and Economy) -  
joined at 9:40 am

Sharyn French (Manager Environmental and Economic Planning)

Liz Caddick (Biodiversity Team Leader)

Chloe Dowsett (Coast and Biodiversity Coordinator) - joined at 9:30 am

Caitlin Weatherstone (Project Officer-Koala)

Claudia Caliarì (Biodiversity Projects Officer)

David Filipczyk (Team Leader Bush Regeneration)

Michelle Wilde (Minute Taker)

Community: Dave Rawlins (Brunswick Valley Landcare)

Lindsay Murray

Stephen Millard

Guest: Andy Baker (Wildsite Ecological Services)

*Cr Ndiaye (Chair) opened the meeting at 9:04 am and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Bundjalung Country.*

### ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK:

Chloe Dowsett (Coast and Biodiversity Coordinator)

### APOLOGIES:

James Jackson, David Milledge, Leonard Cronin, Liana Joseph

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY

There were no declarations of interest.

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## ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Report No. 3.1**      **Confirmation of minutes from the 17 August meeting**  
**File No:**            I2023/1331

### **Committee Recommendation:**

**That the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on 17 August 2023 be confirmed.**

(Murray/Ndiaye)

*The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.*

*Note: The minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2023 are scheduled to be presented to Council, at the Ordinary Meeting on 28 September 2023.*

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

There was no business arising from previous minutes.

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## STAFF REPORTS - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

**Report No. 4.1**      **Identifying Open Forest Ecosystems for Ecological Restoration**  
**File No:**            I2023/386

### **Committee Recommendation:**

- 1. That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee welcomes the report and Attachment 1 (E2023/26821) and notes the importance of restoring eco-cultural burning practices.**
- 2. That Open Ecosystem Restoration Potential mapping is added to Council's online mapping tool.**
- 3. That Council explores the option of comparative mapping between the open forest mapping and Council's bush fire prone land mapping.**

(Westheimer/Ndiaye)

*The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.*

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**Report No. 4.2**      **Update on Work Carried Out by Byron Council's Bush  
Regeneration Team**

**File No:**              I2023/1335

**Committee Recommendation:**

**That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee applauds the work that has been carried out by Byron Council's Bush Regeneration Team and notes the report and presentation.**

(Millard/Westheimer)

*The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.*

Cr Lyon left the meeting at 10:30am

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**Report No. 4.3**      **Future Discussion Items for Biodiversity Advisory Committee**

**File No:**              I2023/1336

**Committee Recommendation:**

**That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes the report.**

(Murray/Milledge)

*The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.*

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*There being no further business the meeting concluded at 11:05am*