

Notice of Meeting

Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting

An Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting of Byron Shire Council will be held as follows:

Venue	Conference Room, Station Street, Mullumbimby
Date	Thursday, 29 February 2024
Time	9.00am

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Director Sustainable Environment and Economy

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CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

What is a “Conflict of Interests” - A conflict of interests can be of two types:

Pecuniary - an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated.

Non-pecuniary – a private or personal interest that a Council official has that does not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in the Code of Conduct for Councillors (eg. A friendship, membership of an association, society or trade union or involvement or interest in an activity and may include an interest of a financial nature).

Remoteness – a person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to a matter or if the interest is of a kind specified in the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

Who has a Pecuniary Interest? - a person has a pecuniary interest in a matter if the pecuniary interest is the interest of the person, or another person with whom the person is associated (see below).

Relatives, Partners - a person is taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter if:

- The person’s spouse or de facto partner or a relative of the person has a pecuniary interest in the matter, or
- The person, or a nominee, partners or employer of the person, is a member of a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter.

N.B. “Relative”, in relation to a person means any of the following:

- (a) the parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, lineal descends or adopted child of the person or of the person’s spouse;
- (b) the spouse or de facto partners of the person or of a person referred to in paragraph (a)

No Interest in the Matter - however, a person is not taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter:

- If the person is unaware of the relevant pecuniary interest of the spouse, de facto partner, relative or company or other body, or
- Just because the person is a member of, or is employed by, the Council.
- Just because the person is a member of, or a delegate of the Council to, a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter provided that the person has no beneficial interest in any shares of the company or body.

Disclosure and participation in meetings

- A Councillor or a member of a Council Committee who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the Council is concerned and who is present at a meeting of the Council or Committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.
- The Councillor or member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the Council or Committee:
 - (a) at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the Council or Committee, or
 - (b) at any time during which the Council or Committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

No Knowledge - a person does not breach this Clause if the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the matter under consideration at the meeting was a matter in which he or she had a pecuniary interest.

Non-pecuniary Interests - Must be disclosed in meetings.

There are a broad range of options available for managing conflicts & the option chosen will depend on an assessment of the circumstances of the matter, the nature of the interest and the significance of the issue being dealt with. Non-pecuniary conflicts of interests must be dealt with in at least one of the following ways:

- It may be appropriate that no action be taken where the potential for conflict is minimal. However, Councillors should consider providing an explanation of why they consider a conflict does not exist.
- Limit involvement if practical (eg. Participate in discussion but not in decision making or vice-versa). Care needs to be taken when exercising this option.
- Remove the source of the conflict (eg. Relinquishing or divesting the personal interest that creates the conflict)
- Have no involvement by absenting yourself from and not taking part in any debate or voting on the issue as of the provisions in the Code of Conduct (particularly if you have a significant non-pecuniary interest)

Committee members are reminded that they should declare and manage all conflicts of interest in respect of any matter on this Agenda, in accordance with the [Code of Conduct](#).

RECORDING OF VOTING ON PLANNING MATTERS

Clause 375A of the Local Government Act 1993 – Recording of voting on planning matters

- (1) In this section, **planning decision** means a decision made in the exercise of a function of a council under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979:
 - (a) including a decision relating to a development application, an environmental planning instrument, a development control plan or a development contribution plan under that Act, but
 - (b) not including the making of an order under that Act.
- (2) The general manager is required to keep a register containing, for each planning decision made at a meeting of the council or a council committee, the names of the councillors who supported the decision and the names of any councillors who opposed (or are taken to have opposed) the decision.
- (3) For the purpose of maintaining the register, a division is required to be called whenever a motion for a planning decision is put at a meeting of the council or a council committee.
- (4) Each decision recorded in the register is to be described in the register or identified in a manner that enables the description to be obtained from another publicly available document and is to include the information required by the regulations.
- (5) This section extends to a meeting that is closed to the public.

OATH AND AFFIRMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Councillors are reminded of the oath of office or affirmation of office made at or before their first meeting of the council in accordance with Clause 233A of the Local Government Act 1993. This includes undertaking the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Byron Shire and the Byron Shire Council and faithfully and impartially carrying out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested under the Act or any other Act to the best of one's ability and judgment.

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BUSINESS OF MEETING

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS



Report No. 3.1 Confirmation of minutes from the meeting held on 16 November 2023

5 **Directorate:** Sustainable Environment and Economy
File No: I2024/171

10 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16 November 2023 be confirmed.

Attachments:

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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Report

The attachment to this report provides the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting of 16 November 2023 .

Report to Council

- 5 The minutes were reported to Council on 14 December 2023.

Comments

In accordance with the Committee Recommendations, Council resolved the following:

23-627 Resolved that Council notes the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16 November 2023.

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Minutes of Meeting
Extraordinary Biodiversity Advisory
Committee Meeting

Venue	Council Chambers, Station Street, Mullumbimby
Date	Thursday, 16 November 2023
Time	11.30am



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EXTRAORDINARY BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 16
NOVEMBER 2023

Minutes of the Extraordinary Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 16 November 2023

File No: I2023/1815

PRESENT:

Councillors:	Cr S Ndiaye	Present, online
	Cr P Westheimer	Present
	Cr S Balson	Present
	Cr M Lyon	Present
Staff:	Shannon Burt (Director Sustainable Environment and Economy)	Apology
	Sharyn French (Manager Environmental & Economic Planning)	Present
	Chloe Dowsett (Coast & Biodiversity Coordinator)	Apology
	Liz Caddick (Biodiversity Team Leader)	Present
	Caitlin Weatherstone (Project Officer-Koala)	Present
	Claudia Caliarì (Biodiversity Projects Officer)	Present
	Sharyn French	Minute Taker
Community Representatives:	Dave Rawlins (Brunswick Valley Landcare)	Apology
	Liana Joseph	Absent
	Lindsay Murray	Present
	Martin Brook	Absent
	James Jackson	Present
	Stephen Millard	Absent
	David Milledge	Present
	Leonard Cronin	Apology
Guests	Jane Wickers, Earthscapes	Present, online
	Greg Shanahan, Earthscapes	Present, online

Cr Westheimer (Chair) opened the meeting at 11.34am and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Bundjalung Country.

ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK:

Cr S Ndiaye, Greg Shanahan (Earthscapes), Jane Wickers (Earthscapes)

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NOVEMBER 2023

APOLOGIES:

Leonard Cronin, Dave Rawlins (Brunswick Valley Landcare), Shannon Burt (Director Sustainable Environment and Economy), Chloe Dowsett (Coast & Biodiversity Coordinator).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY

There were no declarations of interest.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Report No. 3.1 Confirmation of minutes from the 21 September meeting
File No: I2023/1629

Committee Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on 21 September 2023 be confirmed.

(Westheimer/Balson)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

Note: The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September were noted, and the Committee Recommendations adopted by Council, at the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 October 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 **Flying-fox Camp Management Plan Review - Draft**
File No: I2023/1362

Committee Recommendation:

That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee

- 1. Provide feedback on the FFCMP parts A and B by 21/11/2023. (Note: the draft plan will be sent to committee members on 07/11/2023).**
- 2. Supports the draft Report being presented to Council for Public Exhibition.**
- 3. Notes the draft Report and thanks those involved in delivering it.**

(Balson/Westheimer)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

Report No. 4.2 **Future Discussion Items for the Biodiversity Advisory Committee**
File No: I2023/1767

Committee Recommendation:

That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes the report and requests the following future report items:

- **Ways to prevent wildlife death on roads**
- **Nonlethal control methods for Dingoes**
- **Follow up on the introduction of the Nature Repair Market Bill**
- **Council land managed for biodiversity conservation – distribute existing information to Committee and a future meeting presentation by David Milledge**
- **Update on Varroa Mites**

(Balson/Westheimer)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

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Report No. 4.3 Biodiversity and Agriculture Projects and Operations Update
File No: I2023/1358

Committee Recommendation:

That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes the update on current projects and programmes being undertaken by Council staff.

(Westheimer/Jackson)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

**Report No. 4.4 Brunswick Valley Landcare Support Officer quarterly report,
July to September 2023.**
File No: I2023/1660

Committee Recommendation:

That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes the report.

(Milledge/Westheimer)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 1.31pm.

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Report No. 4.1 Biodiversity and Agriculture Projects and Operations Update

5 **Directorate:** Sustainable Environment and Economy
Report Author: Liz Caddick, Biodiversity Officer
File No: I2024/45

Summary:

10 This report provides the Biodiversity Advisory Committee with an update on current key projects and programs being undertaken by the Biodiversity and Agriculture team, in accordance with Council's Operational Plan, Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, Agriculture Action Plan, Koala Plan of Management, Pest Animal Management Plan and Flying Fox Camp Management Plan, including:

- 15 • Farm extension program
- Sustainable agriculture
- Bringing Back the Bruns
- Curlews and Cockatoos Project
- Wildlife Corridor Mapping
- Flying Fox monitoring
- 20 • Flying Fox Camp Management Plan review
- No Bat No Me Project
- Koala vehicle strike
- Koala habitat restoration
- Koala monitoring
- 25 • Northern Rivers Koala Network (NRKN)
- North Coast Koala Habitat Field Key
- Pest animal management program
- West Byron Integrated Water Management Reserve.

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RECOMMENDATION:

35 **That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes the update on current projects and programmes being undertaken by Council staff.**

Report

Sustainable Agriculture

Farm Extension

Agriculture Action Plan action:

- 5 **1.3** *Develop and maintain a database of farmers and primary production stakeholders to: identify farmers issues and opportunities and enable easy forwarding of relevant information and activities to specific farmers and stakeholders.*

10 We are in the process of hiring an Agriculture support officer as Andrew moves to 3 days. This will enable fine tuning of the Farmers Network (which has grown in numbers) and its function, with many farming groups now wanting to reach our local farming audiences.

15 The first task for the new Agriculture support officer will be to promote Council's farm services - namely on farm consultations, as demand has slowed down a bit over the past year or so. No doubt a few properties have changed hands over the past 3 years to its timely to reach those with the use of direct mail to select properties and some Social media advertising, both of which worked very successfully in the past.

Agriculture Workshops/Field Days

Agriculture Action Plan actions:

- 20 **1.4** *Develop and deliver (or refer landholders to) workshops and field days on best practice farming, innovation, productivity, sustainable land use and biodiversity.*
- 20 **1.6** *Source and provide current best practice farming information and techniques to assist farmers to improve productivity and sustainability by practice change*

The last on farm Field Day was with Bec Zentveld at Zentveld's coffee. Coffee is one of our large downturn local industries with incredible potential and opportunity, so we are looking to help encourage coffee growers.

25 The next On Farm Field Day is at The Farm to learn about integrating animals for food production whilst building fertility and biodiversity within our soils. We will look at using chickens within a syntropic setting and a pasture setting integrated with cattle.

30 A chemical free camphor management workshop held December 2023 with great success. The workshop showcased a work with nature approach as well as inoculating trees with mushrooms - creating a food source whilst growing rainforest. There was amazing feedback and plenty on the waiting list, so we hope to repeat this workshop in future. The excitement we see from people when they find out they can grow food from camphor is remarkable and something we want to educate people further on.

35 Given there is so much focus on camphor laurel from landowners and a much-needed paradigm shift towards their management, the recent workshop provided a perfect

5 opportunity to film some best practice management of camphor laurel and ways to turn problems into solutions. The video will be a great educational tool for landholders to understand the alternative camphor management options available, particularly options that enhance biodiversity and minimise negative impacts on wildlife, ecology and most importantly our soil.

Sustainable Agriculture Activities

Agriculture Action Plan actions:

10 **1.2** *Establish and support an agricultural mentoring program to support new and existing farmers in starting up, expanding their enterprise or changing their land management practices.*

1.5 *Establish and maintain links to relevant organisations for the benefit of information sourcing, project collaboration, resource sharing and support.*

3.6 *Investigate, develop and support processes and arrangements that increase opportunities to access and activate underutilised farmland.*

15 The first Farm Incubator program is complete and we are now in the process of evaluating the program as the next one is on hold. After evaluation and restructuring the hope is to attract the right funding to launch a second round. A great little video from Stone and Wood to summarise the program.

[Stone & Wood Presents: Regenerating Our Backyard - The Patch \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

20 Our Farming Celebration Day is in development and looking to be an autumn harvest celebration. There's still a lot of planning and actions to execute but there is great support and excitement from our local farming groups, some of which include, TROPO, Farmers Footprint, Southern Cross University, Brunswick Valley Landcare, Mullum Rural Co Op.

25 The theme so far "the future is in our dirty hands" - celebrating local food production and custodianship. Making connections building our culture.

There will be talks from local farmers to showcase some of the great programs that have been held and hopefully foster connections between chefs and farmers, landless farmers and land owners.

Media Article - A cultural shift from ownership to custodianship

30 Staff recently to put an article in the local magazine Byron Wave. This was an opportunity to write about a problem that all our ecological and food loss issues stem from, which is our lack of culture towards custodianship and what that means. The hope is to get this message out more and more to build a community that has a culture closely linked to care of earth and the production of food.

35 [Byron Wave Magazine Jan 24.pdf](#)

Dingo Lane Demonstration site to increase soil biodiversity and build carbon.

5 A 1-hectare area of farmland leased by Council at Dingo Lane has been identified as a demonstration site for variations of cover cropping and potential biological sprays to show how these can promote change in soil fertility and carbon building. The site will be divided into 4 different cells, 0.25 ha each, with different management methods trialled at each, and cattle integrated into the system as a tool to graze and trample.

10 After discussing trial treatment options with various farmers, we've decided to focus on a soil building mix (cover crop cocktail) suitable to our context here in the northern rivers. We will use 3 different forms of seed coating to test differences. The 4th quadrant will be set aside for application of a site appropriate biology mix.

15 In preparation, EAL soil tests, Micro Biometer and Microscope soil biology tests have been completed, and show a lack of any predatory soil fauna, a fungal: bacteria ratio of 4:1 and significant microorganisms missing within the soil. Over the course of the trial, soils will be re-tested, and we are aiming for a 1:1 ratio from the Micro Biometer once we can introduce targeted biological sprays to introduce missing soil microorganisms.

The trials will be started in autumn, and will be kept simple so that they can be easily replicated by other farmers. As the trials progress, we hope to host field days at the site so that farmers can see the options and results first hand and get support and advice regarding implementing similar techniques on their own farms.

20 **Bringing Back the Bruns**

Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Action:

25 **4.29** *Continue to develop and implement 'Bringing back the Bruns' branded projects to address improvements in riparian and instream habitat, water quality, fish passage and habitat connectivity on Council and private land along the Brunswick River and its tributaries.*

30 Council is partnering with Brunswick Valley Landcare to update and reprint the *Planting Rivers and Streams in the Brunswick Valley Catchment* booklet that was developed in the 1990s. This booklet will give clear information on what species to plant where in riparian zones and how to plant. Particular emphasis will be on keystone riparian species that held banks and slopes well in the recent floods. Text and images for the booklet have been finalised and are currently being formatted by a graphic designer.

Curlews and Cockatoos Project

Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Objective:

35 **4.2** *Partner with community environmental groups, universities, citizen scientists and other land managers to monitor threatened species and ecological communities to improve best-practice biodiversity planning and management across the Northern Rivers.*

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Byron Shire Council is partnering with Tweed Shire Council on Stage 2 of Tweed Shire Council's Environment Trust funded Curlews and Cockatoos project. In Byron Shire, the focus of the project will be on Bush Stone-curlews, which are Endangered in NSW, as there are already other local projects focussing on Endangered Glossy-black Cockatoos.

- 5 The objectives of the project are to monitor local curlews to learn more about local foraging and breeding sites, to improve habitat for curlews at priority sites, and to educate the community about the importance of these birds and how people can help protect them.

A Project Advisory Group has been set up, including ecological experts and representatives from local wildlife care and bird conservation groups. Tweed Shire Council have set up a web page where residents throughout the Northern Rivers can report curlew sightings and behaviour, and Council staff and volunteers attended a training day on curlew monitoring and behaviour on 24 November 2023.

Council staff are currently working with partners in Tweed Shire Council to develop a communications plan, which will include print media, social media, a film clip, educational materials, visits to farmers markets, Council staff training/capacity building and school visits.

Mapping Projects

Wildlife Corridor Mapping

Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Action:

- 20 **1.18** Update Council's wildlife corridor mapping and liaise with other NRJO Councils to ensure consistency in wildlife corridor mapping across the region.

The Byron Shire Wildlife Corridor System was adopted by Council on 7 December 2023 (Resolution 23-594). The final corridor map is now available on Council's website via the online mapping tools.

25 To help inspire private landholders to restore habitat on their land, Council is seeking funds to create an engaging, user-friendly GIS map-based information portal (e.g. Story Map) to showcase the Byron Shire wildlife corridor network at an individual property scale. The map would allow landholders to view their property in a whole of landscape context, and to zoom into their property, see what wildlife the corridor on their land protects and to

30 view a site-specific list of plants they can grow to enhance the corridor. The information portal will also provide links to additional resources and support for habitat creation and enhancement, including links to local Byron Shire planting guides, suppliers, training and support networks. A funding application for this work was sent to DPE in December 2023 and we are awaiting a response.

35 Amendments to Council's Biodiversity and Tree and Vegetation Management chapters, that were made in parallel with the development of the wildlife corridor map are currently being prepared for public exhibition in the first half of 2024, in accordance with Council resolution 23-585 and section 13 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2021*. The amendments made are intended to create a more streamlined and

5 simplified biodiversity and planning framework for the Byron LGA, with a stronger focus on biodiversity being integral to the site analysis process and genuinely prioritised, without being an exclusive constraint. Amendments were made following extensive consultation with technical staff, and public exhibition will allow further feedback and ‘road-testing’ of the draft controls by the community and industry specialists.

Flying-Foxes

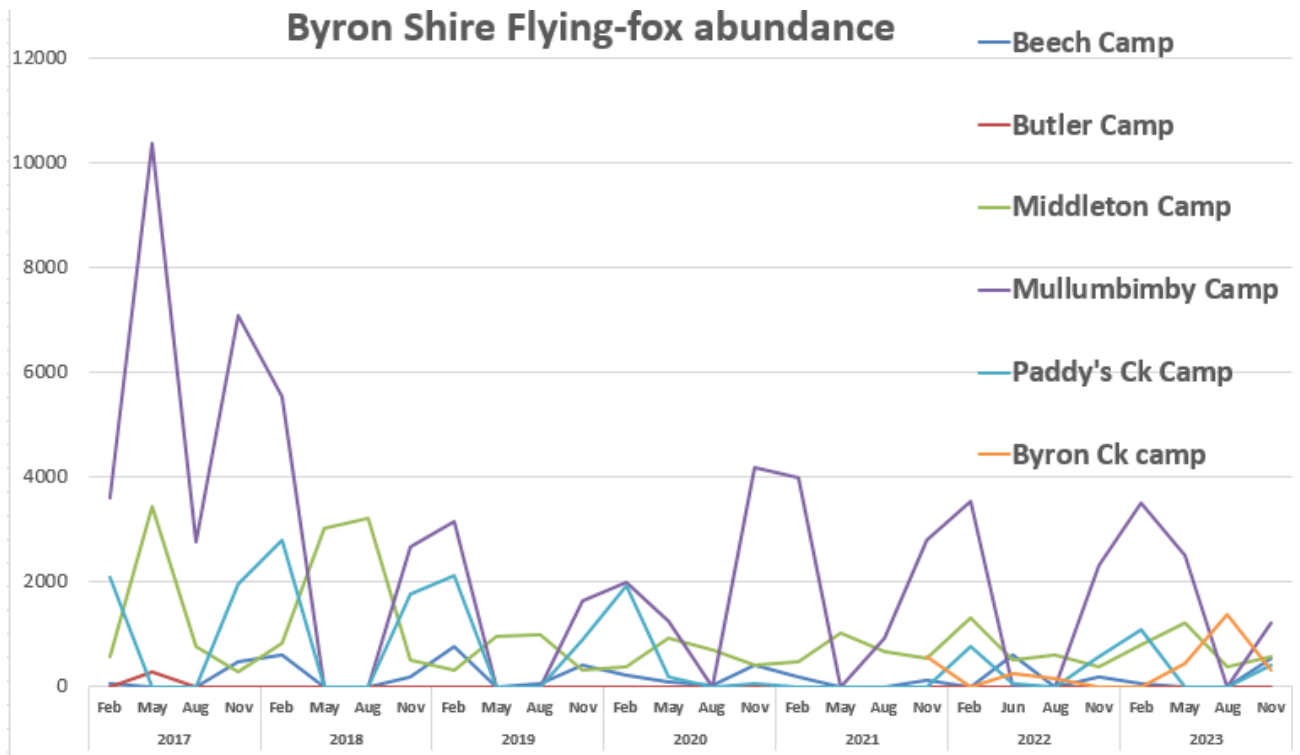
National Flying-Fox Monitoring Program - Census

Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Action:

10 **2.1** Provide expert advice regarding how people can help protect biodiversity, including how to protect native wildlife from threats.

4.9 Review and implement monitoring programs to assess effectiveness of Council ecological restoration.

15 As part of the National Flying-fox Monitoring Program (NFFMP) Council has surveyed 6 flying-fox urban camps in November and is now preparing for the 15 and 16 of February survey. The data has been sent to state government and it’s the baseline for that Monitoring Program. This survey is done quarterly, formally since 2016.



Flying Fox Camp Management Plan Review

Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Actions:

20 **4.18** Implement actions in the Flying Fox Camp Management Plan 2018-2023.

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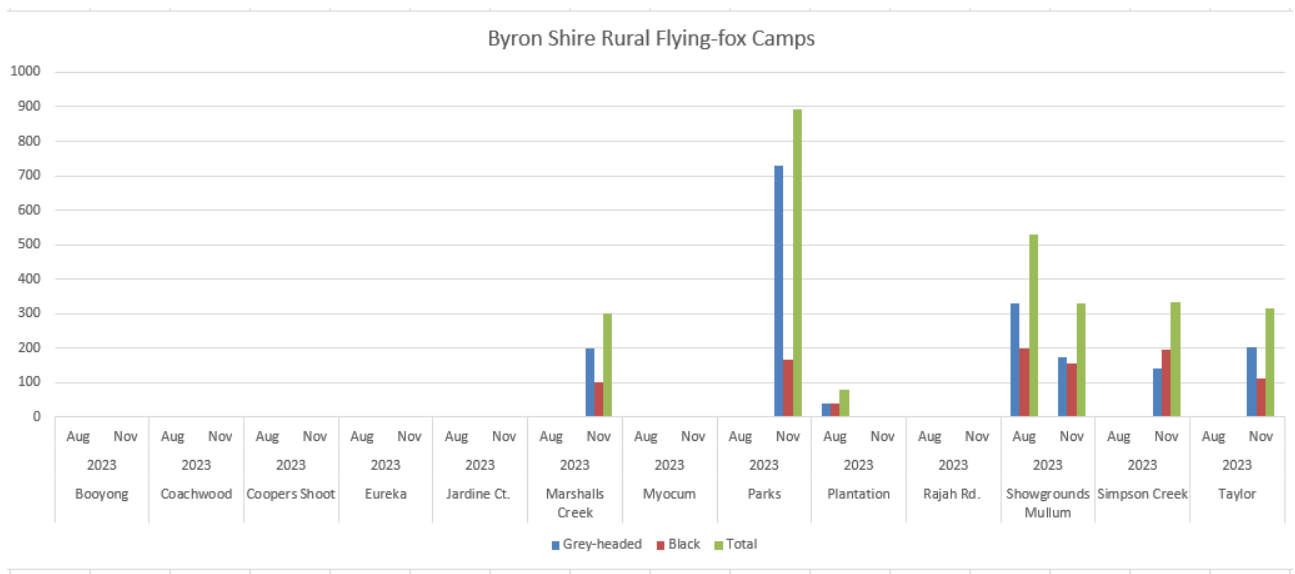
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Council is finalising the revised [Flying-fox Camp Management Plan \(2024-29\)](#), and has put the plan on public exhibition. A combination of newspaper ads and social media posts were used for community awareness. A community information session on the plan was held in Mullumbimby on 7 February, where positive feedback was provided. The main updates to the revised plan are a legislation review, updated science and monitoring methodology and detailed information on all known camps in Byron Shire. New approaches include: a strategy for managing heat stress events, engagement with Traditional Custodians (which will be an ongoing process), evaluation of achievements to date and an Education and Awareness Strategy.

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10 A summary of the field data related to the camps occupancy:



No Bat No Me Project – Flying-foxes/Koala

Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Actions:

2.1 Provide expert advice regarding how people can help protect biodiversity

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4.9 Implement actions in the Flying Fox Camp Management Plan 2018-2023.

This project, funded by a \$27,100 grant from WIRES, aimed to increase community understanding of the importance of flying foxes in our local ecosystems, particularly for other species such as koalas. The project was a combination of a local media campaign together with local schools' workshops.

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Achievements of the project include:

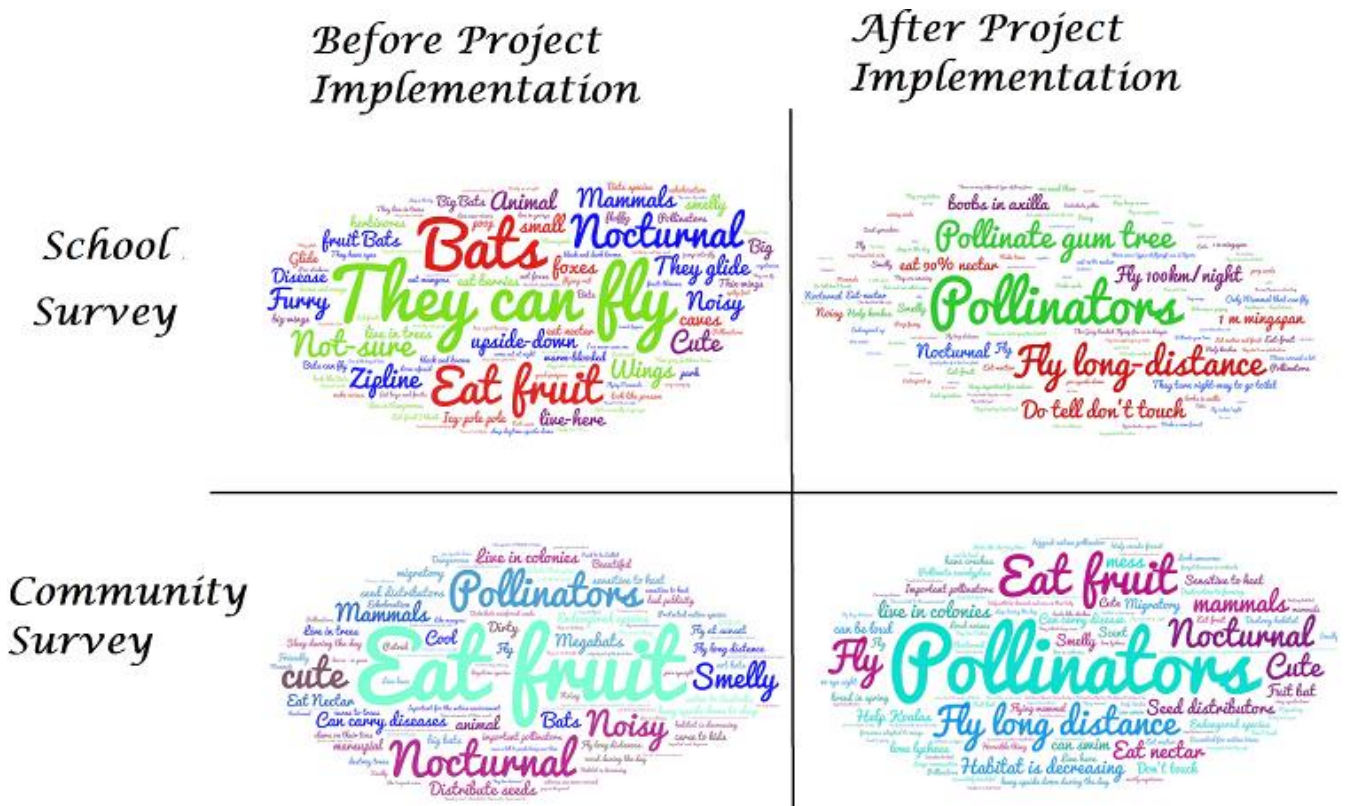
- Development of an engaging video about the important ecological role of flying foxes.
- Flying-fox and koala workshop presented 17 times (when proposed only 10), in 9 local schools (10 proposed schools), 1 home schooling group, to a total of 318 children.

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- 3 street banners, displayed in Mullumbimby, Bangalow and Byron Bay,
 - 3 media releases,
 - newspaper ads
 - 8 social media tiles.
- 5 • Creation of a second hand flying-fox mascot outfit for the Splendour in The Grass festival. Following the lead of Sunshine Coast Council, the mascot has been named "Frankie Jr". This is now being followed by Port Macquarie and [Frankie fan club network is now growing through the East Coast.](#)

10 A survey conducted before and after the workshop at each School, and in the community, before and after the project, was used to measure perceptions and views about flying-foxes. The school survey showed that a remarkable 82.5% of the children who participated reported a significant change in their views and perceptions about flying-foxes. Before the workshop, only 56% of the children believed flying-foxes played a crucial role in the environment. However, after the workshop, a staggering 95% of them were confident in the importance of flying-foxes in the Australian landscape.

15 The results of the school and community surveys are presented below in word cloud images.



The project was also highlighted at the National Flying-fox Forum 2023 and the video produced during the project has been streamed at Byron Palace Cinema since late January for 12 weeks having a total target audience of 10,706 cinemagoers.

Koalas

5 Koala Vehicle Strike

Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Actions:

4.25 *Work with RMS, local wildlife groups and Regional Koala Communications Group to identify road strike hotspots in Byron Shire.*

4.26 *Seek funding for road strike mitigation trials at priority road strike hotspots.*

10 **4.27** *Consider roadkill mitigation measures and opportunities to improve wildlife connectivity into design work for new roads and road asset upgrades.*

15 Geolink have developed a Koala Vehicle Strike Mitigation Feasibility Options Assessment Report, covering the key koala road-strike black spots that extend from Granuaille Rd to Lismore Rd, coming into and out of Bangalow. Mitigation measures proposed include fauna exclusion fencing, escape structures, lighting, vehicle activated signage and on-road koala crossing zones and entrances. This report was funded by the NSW Koala Strategy and DPE representatives are now following up with the NSW government regarding funding to deliver some of the mitigation measures proposed. Should funding be available, this is likely to be delivered in a staged manner, due to the high costs of such
20 infrastructure, and to coordinate with any other planned works along these road sections (which are managed by Transport for NSW, not Council).

25 Staff are continuing to progress the Koala LED radar speed signs project, funded by a \$185,029 grant from the NSW Koala Strategy. Signage quotes and sign location maps have been reviewed by Infrastructure Services staff, and signs are being purchased this month.

Koala Habitat Restoration

Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Action:

3.9 *Seek grant funding opportunities for combined Council-private landholder restoration and revegetation projects on private land.*

30 Byron Shire residents featured in our koala restoration database have been notified of free koala habitat and feed trees being provided by Friends of the Koala nursery. Up to 500 free trees are being provided per landholder as requested.

Koala Monitoring

Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Action:

35 **4.7** *Implement a monitoring program for the Byron Coast koala population.*

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The 2023 Koala Activity Survey was completed in Nov '23, with 76 sites completed along Byron's Coast. The survey work was undertaken by the Biodiversity team, with additional contractor costs and equipment funded under the NSW Koala Strategy (\$32,604). Sites were surveyed using the Spot Analysis Technique (koala scat surveys) to assess koala occupancy and activity level over the 2023 koala breeding season. Additionally, DPE installed song meters at selected sites throughout the shire as part of Tier 2 NSW Koala Strategy to detect calling male koalas during the breeding season. The song meter program is being extended throughout the Northern Rivers region and state-wide. The data entry and analysis process is now underway.

10 Northern Rivers Koala Network (NRKN)

Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Action:

4.13 *Liaise with local conservation groups and government agencies to share information (e.g. monitoring data) and identify opportunities for biodiversity conservation partnerships.*

15 Representatives from NRKN (including Council's Koala Projects Officer Caitlin Weatherstone) are attending the Koala Summit in Sydney on 22 March 2024 held at Taronga Zoo. This event has been organised by the NSW government to seek input from on-ground koala conservation practitioners in order to guide the future direction and resourcing of the NSW Koala Strategy.

20 The North Coast "Koala Conversations" Forum is being organised for the 2 week period between 20 May – 1 June 2024. Council's Koala Projects Officer is on the organising committee.

North Coast Koala Habitat Tree Key

25 BSC has been awarded \$15,000 to manage and design a North Coast Koala Habitat Tree Key and Guide Project. Byron Shire Council staff are currently working closely with DPE and WWF-Australia to design the Guide, and have engaged Earthscapes to design the plant identification key component. The Guide is designed to be used in the field to identify koala food trees by koala practitioners, landholders, bush regenerators and land managers currently engaged in koala conservation activities. The Guide will feature 61 key koala food tree species found on the North Coast. The Guide is proposed to be completed by the end of 2024, and will be in the form of a downloadable electronic document (e.g. pdf).

Pest Animal Management Program

Pest Animal Management Plan 2018-23

35 *Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Action:*

4.23 *Work with North Coast LLS and private land managers to develop a coordinated cross-tenure approach to pest animal management.*

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The team is evaluating the outcomes of the 2018-2023 PAMP and preparing a revised plan for the next 5 years. Ecosure have been engaged by Council to develop the revised plan, and Council has received a grant of \$25,000 from DPE to contribute towards development of the plan.

5 Some new elements of the 2023 plan are likely to include:

- Greater collaboration with neighbouring Councils in recognition that many pest animals are highly mobile.
- Greater emphasis on management of feral deer.
- Investigation on Dingo Conservation areas: up to date information on genetics and management of wild dogs and/or dingoes as a culturally significant species for traditional owners.

Deer

Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Action:

- 15 **4.13** *Liaise with local conservation groups and government agencies to share information (e.g. monitoring data) and identify opportunities for biodiversity conservation partnerships.*

20 Council staff are working with Tweed Shire Council to develop a coordinated protocol for managing feral deer from sightings reported in both Local Government Areas. Staff have also coordinated a deer workshop (05/12/2023) with representatives of all North Coast LGAs to align strategies and further develop each LGA Deer Rapid Response Plan. The intent is having this plan endorsed by LLS and DPI for a coordinated fast response.

Indian Myna

Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Action:

- 25 **4.22** *Develop and implement Operational Plans for target pest species*
- The Indian myna trapping program runs from October to May. Council's trapping contractor is currently trapping and distributing decoy birds to interested landholders. After months investigating possible new sources for manufacturing new traps, Byron will be able to purchase some more from a welding apprentice, and we hope this will be a long-term supplier. Ensuring a secure source for traps will support Council in promoting this program.

30 Imported Red Fire Ant

Recent monitoring (January 2024) has revealed that Red imported fire ants (fire ants) have been found in Wardell. As a consequence, an email to managers has been sent with relevant information and the guidelines to follow DPI as the leading agency in this response. Staff have been supporting community members through responding to phone enquiries. DPI has intensified border control with random operations checks.

West Byron Integrated Water Management Reserve

5 Australian Wetlands Consulting (AWC) have developed a draft Biodiversity Management Plan for the West Byron Integrated Water Management Reserve. This plan brings together information and management requirements that were previously dispersed in a number of management documents for the site. By consolidating all the biodiversity information and management requirements into one, up to date, document, it will be easier for site managers to understand and implement management and monitoring required.

10 AWC met with key stakeholders on 6 February, including Byron Bird Buddies, Birdlife Australia, researchers and Council staff to discuss the draft plan and get feedback on proposed management and monitoring. Issues discussed included monitoring methods, community involvement, salvinia management, active water level management and mud flat creation. Stakeholders are now providing AWC with written feedback on the draft plan, and the intention is that the stakeholder group will continue to meet periodically to progress management of biodiversity values at this site.

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Strategic Considerations

Community Strategic Plan and Operational Plan

CSP Objective	CSP Strategy	DP Action	Code	OP Activity
2: Inclusive Community	2.2: Enhance safety and contribute to the physical, mental, and spiritual health and well being of the community	2.2.4: Companion animals - Promote awareness of the requirements of the Companion Animals Act with respect to the ownership of companion animals	2.2.4.3	Facilitate companion animals education
3: Nurtured Environment	3.2: Deliver initiatives and education programs to encourage protection of the environment	3.2.2: Environmental education and awareness - Coordinate and support environmental education to the	3.2.2.7	Partner with DPE to implement koala vehicle strike mitigation as part of the NSW Koala Strategy 2022-2026

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		community		
3: Nurtured Environment	3.1: Partner to nurture and enhance biodiversity, ecosystems, and ecology	3.1.1: Native species - Use best practice land management to improve ecological resilience and reduce threats to biodiversity	3.1.1.3	Partner with Regional Koala Group to progress delivery of Byron Shire Koala Plan of Management and NSW Koala Strategy
3: Nurtured Environment	3.1: Partner to nurture and enhance biodiversity, ecosystems, and ecology	3.1.1: Native species - Use best practice land management to improve ecological resilience and reduce threats to biodiversity	3.1.1.9	Seek funding to implement the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, Coastal Koala Plan of Management and Flying Fox Camp Management Plan
3: Nurtured Environment	3.1: Partner to nurture and enhance biodiversity, ecosystems, and ecology	3.1.2: Pest and weed management - Use best practice land management to improve ecological resilience and reduce threats to biodiversity	3.1.2.1	Implement dog, fox and cat trapping program
3: Nurtured Environment	3.1: Partner to nurture and enhance biodiversity, ecosystems, and ecology	3.1.2: Pest and weed management - Use best practice land management to improve ecological resilience and reduce	3.1.2.3	Participate in Northern Rivers Feral Deer Management group

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		threats to biodiversity		
3: Nurtured Environment	3.1: Partner to nurture and enhance biodiversity, ecosystems, and ecology	3.1.3: Habitat restoration - Restore degraded areas that provide high environmental or community value	3.1.3.5	Deliver Federal Fish Habitat Restoration Project
3: Nurtured Environment	3.2: Deliver initiatives and education programs to encourage protection of the environment	3.2.3: Planning - Plan to improve the quality of the natural environment	3.2.3.3	Participate in coastal and environmental working groups and initiatives
3: Nurtured Environment	3.3: Protect the health of coastline, estuaries, waterways, and catchments	3.3.1: Coastal Management Program planning and implementation - Undertake Coastal Management Program planning and implementation	3.3.1.5	Research the effects of recreational uses on coastal biodiversity and habitats
4: Ethical Growth	4.3: Promote and support the local economy	4.3.5: Regenerative agriculture - Develop and implement strategies to support regenerative agriculture, agri-business and farmers	4.3.5.1	Maintain and update Byron Shire Farmer database

4: Ethical Growth	4.3: Promote and support the local economy	4.3.5: Regenerative agriculture - Develop and implement strategies to support regenerative agriculture, agri-business and farmers	4.3.5.2	Provide extension services to farmers to support and promote sustainable agriculture
4: Ethical Growth	4.3: Promote and support the local economy	4.3.5: Regenerative agriculture - Develop and implement strategies to support regenerative agriculture, agri-business and farmers	4.3.5.3	Deliver farmer mentoring and farmer education activities

Recent Resolutions

N/A

Legal/Statutory/Policy Considerations

N/A

5 Financial Considerations

N/A

Consultation and Engagement

N/A

Report No. 4.2 Brunswick Valley Landcare Support Officer quarterly report, October to December 2023.

Directorate: Sustainable Environment and Economy

Report Author: Arika McElroy, Project Support Officer

5 **File No:** I2024/205

Summary:

This report tables the activities of the Landcare Support Officer quarterly report, from October to December 2023.


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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes the report.

Attachments:

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1 BSC Landcare Support Officer report 1 October - 31 December 2023, E2024/13877 , page 31 [↓](#) 

Report

Council provided an allocation of funds in the 2023/24 budget to continue to support the Brunswick Valley Landcare, Landcare Support Officer position for 1 day per week to deliver the Land for Wildlife Program and respond to customer enquiries.

- 5 Attached is the quarterly report for October to December 2023, from the Brunswick Valley Landcare Support Officer, for the Committee’s reference.

Strategic Considerations

Community Strategic Plan and Operational Plan

CSP Objective	CSP Strategy	DP Action	Code	OP Activity
3: Nurtured Environment We nurture and enhance the natural environment	3.2: Deliver initiatives and education programs to encourage protection of our environment	3.2.2: Environmental education and awareness - Coordinate and support environmental education to the community	3.2.2.1	Support Brunswick Valley Landcare to deliver the Land for Wildlife Program and biodiversity enquiries.

Recent Resolutions

- 10 N/A

Legal/Statutory/Policy Considerations

N/A

Financial Considerations

Funding allocated in 2023/24 budget.

- 15 **Consultation and Engagement**

N/A

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

Directorate: Sustainable Environment and Economy

Report Author: Liz Caddick, Biodiversity Officer

5 **File No:** I2023/1989


Summary:

10 This report summarises reports and information requested by the Biodiversity Advisory
Committee. These requests, resourcing and alignment with Council's Operational Plan are
tabled for discussion by the committee, to resolve whether these requests are taken to
Council for consideration for inclusion in a future Council OP and budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Attachments:

- 20 1 Report 25/05/2023 Council Nature Repair Market Bill, I2023/650 , page 46 [↓](#) 
- 2 Report to Biodiversity Advisory Committee - Threatened Species Monitoring on Council Land
 - Attachment 1 - 17 Aug 2023, E2023/78469 , page 52 [↓](#) 
- 3 D Milledge Advice Re: BSC lands being managed for biodiversity - 5/11/23, E2023/120227 ,
 page 60 [↓](#) 

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Report

At the 17 August Biodiversity Advisory Committee meeting, the committee sought a follow up response to the following items that were discussed at the 20 April Biodiversity Advisory Committee meeting:

Information requested	Resourcing	Operational Plan & other Council Strategies
<p>Information regarding options available to prevent wildlife road deaths (e.g. wildlife underpasses, overpasses), particularly as a consideration for new developments, funded by developer contributions.</p> <p>Requested by: Cr Balson</p>	<p>Staff to invite Brendan Taylor (DPE) to present information at a future BAC meeting regarding various wildlife road strike mitigation options available in Australia, their application to wildlife in the Northern rivers, and pros and cons of these.</p>	<p>OP 3.1.1.3 Partner with DPE to implement koala vehicle strike mitigation in Byron Shire as part of the NSW Koala Strategy 2022-2026.</p> <p><i>Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Actions:</i></p> <p>4.25 Work with RMS, local wildlife groups and Regional Koala Network to identify road strike hotspots in Byron Shire.</p> <p>4.26 Seek funding for road strike mitigation trials at priority road strike hotspots.</p> <p>4.27 Consider roadkill mitigation measures and opportunities to improve wildlife connectivity into design work for new roads and road asset upgrades.</p>
<p>A presentation from Aboriginal practitioners, scientists and/or farmers working in dingo conservation and management.</p> <p>Requested by: Cr Balson</p>	<p>Staff are currently preparing a report to Council regarding methods to trap and monitor dingoes, as well as revising the Pest Animal Management Plan.</p> <p>Both these bodies of work are involving extensive consultation with aboriginal practitioners, researchers and land managers, including Arakwal rangers, Minyumai IPA rangers, K'gari</p>	<p>Council is currently reviewing the Pest Animal Management Plan – OP Action 3.1.2.7.</p> <p>Resolution 23-351</p> <p>Resolved that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviews the 2018-2023 Byron Shire Pest Animal Management Plan early in 2024 and that this review

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	<p>rangers, researchers from Taronga Zoo and the University of NSW, Humane Society International, Local Land Services and staff at Mid-Coast Council. The Council report will include a number of case studies describing the work currently occurring in the Hawks Nest – Tea Gardens area, Minyumai IPA and K’gari, and this information can be made available to BAC members shortly.</p> <p>Council have already heard presentations from UNSW researchers, Mid-Coast Council staff and HSI regarding work that is occurring elsewhere in Australia. Staff are currently discussing the potential for <u>local</u> dingo monitoring and conservation projects with UNSW and WildBnB. To have a local context, we would recommend a presentation from one of these groups later in the year, once we have had the opportunity to work out with these groups what options are most applicable in Byron Shire, so that Council can continue to progress this issue.</p>	<p>includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Community engagement to identify community priorities and impacts on land managed by primary producers, traditional owners, rural lifestyle landholders, local community members and Land for Wildlife. b) Engagement with researchers including those using updated DNA methods and non-lethal management practices to collate data relevant to the Byron Shire local environment to inform best practice pest animal management. <p>2. Works with Local Land Services, independent scientists, traditional owners, and animal protection organisations to develop the best-informed Pest-Predator Management Plan for Byron Shire which will prioritise non-lethal pest management options.</p> <p>3. Requests that the previously DNA tested samples from Local Land Services be shared with UNSW scientist Dr Kylie Cairns to run updated DNA testing.</p> <p>4. Receives a report by</p>

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Information requested	Resourcing	Operational Plan & other Council Strategies
		<p>March 2024 (prior to the 2024 trapping season) on the use of non-trapping investigative methods, monitoring and if necessary, cage traps, which can be used to successfully monitor and trap dingoes, roaming dogs, foxes and cats if used properly.</p> <p>5. Explores opportunities for funding to work alongside above stakeholders to create awareness and education campaigns about Dingoes, as part of the Pest Animal Management Plan review.</p> <p>6. Notes that there is a National Inaugural First Nations Dingo Forum 15-16 September 2023, hosted by GIRRINGUN Aboriginal Corporation, in relation to the cultural significance of the Dingo to First Nations People. The forum will review current methods of management, review legislation, and provide first nations perspectives.</p> <p>7. Considers sending a delegate/s to the above events and for the findings to be considered as part of ongoing inclusion and consideration into the Byron Shire Pest Animal Management Plan in 2024.</p>

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Information requested	Resourcing	Operational Plan & other Council Strategies
		8. Notes this resolution does not replace, Council Resolution on 27 April 2023 (23-124) (Balson/Pugh)
<p>Staff provide follow up information on the Nature Repair Market Bill, which was introduced into Federal Parliament on August 1st 2023.</p> <p>Requested by: Cr Westheimer</p>	<p>The <i>Nature Repair Act 2023</i> (the Act) came into effect on 15 December 2023. The Act establishes a framework for a national, voluntary, legislated Nature Repair Market. The Nature Repair Market will enable private finance to help to repair and protect the natural environment and will reward landholders for protecting biodiversity.</p> <p>Information on how the Nature Repair Market will operate can be found at How the Nature Repair Market will operate - DCCEEW. This information has previously been provided to Councillors in relation to Council's submission in support of the Nature Repair Bill [Attachment 1].</p> <p>Staff contacted DCCEEW for an update on the Nature Repair Market and we've been advised that the scheme will start in approximately 12 months. This will allow for establishment/development of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An expert committee • Legislative rules • Project methods, including 	<p>Operational Plan 3.1.1.9: Seek funding to implement the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, Coastal Koala Plan of Management and Flying Fox Camp Management Plan.</p> <p>Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Objective 3.2: Council works positively and proactively with rural landholders to facilitate biodiversity restoration and conservation on private land.</p>

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	<p>time for public consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A biodiversity assessment instrument • Ecological knowledge system • The Clean Energy Regulator to develop the processes and IT systems necessary to manage the scheme. <p>Current information on the DCCEEW website indicates that DCCEEW recently undertook two pilot projects in selected regions of Australia (Agriculture Biodiversity Stewardship - DCCEEW):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Carbon + Biodiversity (C+B) Pilot • the Enhancing Remnant Vegetation (ERV) Pilot <p>The pilots have been monitored and learnings are being incorporated into the design of the Nature Repair Market. Neither of these pilots included the Northern Rivers.</p> <p>For each pilot, protocols set out rules about the location, dimensions, configuration, and composition of plantings, or management existing of vegetation, to ensure projects generate more biodiversity benefits. These protocols are adapted to local ecosystems to cater to region-specific needs, with input from Natural Resource Management (NRM)</p>	

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	<p>organisations.</p> <p>DCCEEW have advised that keeping an eye on the Nature Repair Market webpage and joining their mailing list is the best way to stay up to date on developments.</p>	
<p>Further discussion regarding the information request from BAC meeting 17 August 2023 regarding council lands being managed for biodiversity.</p> <p>David Milledge has reviewed the information provided by staff (Attachment 2) and has provided comments (Attachment 3), which he will speak to at the next BAC meeting.</p> <p>Requested by: David Milledge</p>	<p>Resourcing is discussed in Attachment 2</p>	<p>There is no activity in Council's OP that directly resources this action.</p> <p>The following OP action provides indirect support:</p> <p>OP 3.1.3.6 Undertake bush regeneration activities to maintain and expand restoration of HEV sites on Council owned or managed lands forming part of the Council bush regeneration program.</p> <p>Council is currently developing a Biodiversity Management Plan for West Byron STP that will guide future threatened species monitoring and reporting at this site.</p>
<p>Can Council provide any information regarding veroa mite management, in particular relating to recent compliance restrictions that are impacting on bee-keepers, particularly those with only one or</p>	<p>Varroa Mite</p> <p>As brought up in previous meeting there has been a change from eradication to management. After speaking with a few beekeepers and DPI themselves there is still a bit of ambiguity around what this actually means. Some organic growers have been fearful that if</p>	<p>OP 4.3.5.2 Provide extension services to farmers to support and promote sustainable agriculture.</p> <p>OP 4.3.5.3 Deliver farmer mentoring and farmer education activities.</p>

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<p>2 hives.</p> <p>Requested by: Lindsay Murray</p>	<p>they report seeing the mite, they will be forced to use chemicals which according to DPI is not the case.</p> <p>Staff are still waiting to hear back from DPE non-chemical treatment options, as there are alternatives for bee keepers.</p> <p>Bee keepers are required to make observations and record what they see. But at this stage DPI are just requesting that operators maintain records, not that they have to send them in to DPI.</p>	

Strategic Considerations

Community Strategic Plan and Operational Plan

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3: Nurtured Environment	3.1: Partner to nurture and enhance biodiversity, ecosystems, and ecology	3.1.2: Pest and weed management - Use best practice land management to improve	3.1.2.7	Review of Pest Animal Management Plan

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CSP Objective	CSP Strategy	DP Action	Code	OP Activity
		ecological resilience and reduce threats to biodiversity		
3: Nurtured Environment	3.1: Partner to nurture and enhance biodiversity, ecosystems, and ecology	3.1.1: Native species - Use best practice land management to improve ecological resilience and reduce threats to biodiversity	3.1.1.9	Seek funding to implement the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, Coastal Koala Plan of Management and Flying Fox Camp Management Plan
3: Nurtured Environment	3.2: Deliver initiatives and education programs to encourage protection of the environment	3.1.3: Habitat restoration - Restore degraded areas that provide high environmental or community value	3.1.3.6	Undertake bush regeneration activities to maintain and expand restoration of HEV sites on Council owned or managed lands forming part of the Council bush regeneration program
4: Ethical Growth	4.3: Promote and support the local economy	4.3.5: Regenerative agriculture - Develop and implement strategies to support regenerative agriculture, agri-business and farmers	4.3.5.2	Provide extension services to farmers to support and promote sustainable agriculture
4: Ethical Growth	4.3: Promote and support the local economy	4.3.5: Regenerative agriculture - Develop and implement strategies to	4.3.5.3	Deliver farmer mentoring and farmer education activities

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CSP Objective	CSP Strategy	DP Action	Code	OP Activity
		support regenerative agriculture, agri-business and farmers		

Recent Resolutions

Biodiversity Advisory Committee:

Report No. 4.2 Future Discussion Items for the Biodiversity Advisory Committee

5 File No: I2023/1767

Committee Recommendation:

That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes the report and requests the following future report items:

- Ways to prevent wildlife death on roads
- 10 • Nonlethal control methods for Dingoes
- Follow up on the introduction of the Nature Repair Market Bill
- Council land managed for biodiversity conservation – distribute existing information to Committee and a future meeting presentation by David Milledge
- 15 • Update on Varroa Mites (Balson/Westheimer) The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

Legal/Statutory/Policy Considerations

N/A

Financial Considerations

20 No detailed costings for requested items provided at this stage.

Consultation and Engagement

N/A

Report

The following date has been scheduled for the Committee’s further meetings for 2024, to be held in the Conference Room:

- Thursday 16 May, 9.00am

5 Meetings of all Advisory Committees following the September 2024 election have not been scheduled as the newly elected Council will consider the establishment of Advisory Committees following the election. A suitable schedule will be prepared for the last quarter of the year.

Strategic Considerations

10 Community Strategic Plan and Operational Plan

CSP Objective	CSP Strategy	DP Action	Code	OP Activity
1: Effective Leadership We have effective decision making and community leadership that is open and informed	1.2: Engage and involve community in decision making	1.2.4: Advisory Committees - Coordinate advisory committees to inform decision making on their areas of expertise	1.2.4.1	Coordinate and support Advisory Committees to assist with effective Council decision making

Recent Resolutions

- 23-559 - Meeting Schedule 2024 - Council Meetings, Committee Meetings, and Councillor Workshops

Legal/Statutory/Policy Considerations

15 Not applicable

Financial Considerations

Not applicable

Consultation and Engagement

Not applicable