

# Minutes of Meeting

## Biodiversity and Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting

Venue	Conference Room, Station Street, Mullumbimby
Date	Tuesday, 13 May 2025
Time	4:30 PM



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### BIODIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 13 MAY 2025

#### Minutes of the Biodiversity and Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 13 May 2025

**File No:** I2025/654

#### PRESENT:

Councillors:	Cr S Ndiaye	Audio-Visual
	Cr D Warth	Present
	Cr M Lowe	Present
Staff:	Shannon Burt (Director Sustainable Environment and Economy)	Present
	Liz Caddick (Biodiversity Team Leader)	Present
	Jo Green (Project Officer – Koala)	Audio-Visual
	Mark Duncan (Agricultural Extension Officer)	Present
	Carey Crowley (minute taker)	Present
Community Representatives:	Annette McKinley	Audio-visual
	Hedley Grantham	Audio-visual
	Lindsay Murray	Present
	James Jackson	Apology
	James Barrie	Present

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Peter Westheimer

Audio-  
visual

Dave Rawlins

Apology

*Cr Ndiaye (Chair) opened the meeting at 4.34pm and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Bundjalung Country.*

#### ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK:

Cr Ndiaye, Annette McKinley, Hedley Grantham, Peter Westheimer,

#### APOLOGIES:

James Jackson, Dave Rawlins

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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### MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Report No. 3.1      Confirmation of the Minutes of the Biodiversity and Agriculture  
Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 May 2024**

**File No:** I2025/604

#### Committee Recommendation:

**That the minutes of the Biodiversity and Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 May 2024 be confirmed.**

(Ndiaye/Westheimer)

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

*Note: The minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2024 were noted, and the Committee Recommendations adopted by Council, at the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 June 2024.*

#### 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      2023 Koala Activity Monitoring**  
**File No:              I2025/312**

**Committee Recommendation:**

**That the Biodiversity and Agricultural Advisory Committee notes the Koala Activity Monitoring Report 2023 (Attachment 1 E2024/12210).**

(Lowe/Westheimer)

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

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**Report No. 4.2      Biodiversity and Agriculture Projects and Operations Update**  
**File No:              I2025/239**

**Committee Recommendation:**

**That the Biodiversity and Agricultural Advisory Committee:**

- 1. Notes the update on current projects and programmes being undertaken by Council staff.**
- 2. Requests staff to arrange a discussion with key stakeholders about fire ant management at a future Committee meeting.**

(Warth/Ndiaye)

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

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**Report No. 4.3      Brunswick Valley Landcare Support Officer quarterly reports, October-December 2024 and January-March 2025.**  
**File No:              I2025/318**

**Committee Recommendation:**

**That the Biodiversity and Agricultural Advisory Committee note the reports (Attachments 1 and 2 E2025/27132 and E2025/36131).**

(Westheimer/McKinley)

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

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**Report No. 4.4**      **Wallum Heath on Pleistocene Threatened Ecological Community listing Working Group**  
**File No:**              I2025/327

#### **Committee Recommendation:**

**That the Biodiversity and Agriculture Advisory Committee:**

- 1. Confirms the promulgation of the Wallum Heath on Pleistocene Working Group.**
- 2. Agrees to Cr Ndiaye as Chair and James Barrie as lead.**
- 3. Notes that staff involvement is not required and provided at the discretion of the Director Sustainable Environment and Economy.**
- 4. Agrees to Cr Ndiaye, James Barrie and Dave Rawlins meeting prior to the next Biodiversity and Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting to:**
  - b) Confirm how meetings are to be recorded.**
  - c) Confirm working group membership.**
  - d) Confirm frequency and location of meetings.**
- 5. Notes interest from Annette McKinley, Cr Lowe, Cr Warth, Peter Westheimer and Hedley Grantham to participate in the working group.**

(Barrie/Westheimer)

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

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#### **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**Report No. 6.1**      **Wildlife Corridors**  
**File No:**              I2025/634

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**Report No. 6.2**      **Integrated Planning and Reporting**  
**File No:**              I2025/652

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*There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.32pm.*