

Minutes of Meeting

Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting

Venue	Conference Room, Station Street, Mullumbimby
Date	Thursday, 15 September 2022
Time	9.00am



BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL

BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 15 SEPTEMBER 2022

Minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 15 September 2022

File No: I2022/1247

PRESENT: Cr S Balson, Cr P Westheimer

Staff: Chloe Dowsett (Coast & Biodiversity Coordinator), from 9:30am

Liz Caddick (Biodiversity Team Leader)

Caitlin Weatherstone (Project Officer-Koala)

Claudia Caliri (Biodiversity Projects Officer)

Esmeralda Davis (Acting Director Corporate & Community Services)

Shannon McKelvey (Executive Officer), 10:00am – 10:15am

Michelle Wilde (Minute Taker)

Community: Dave Rawlins (Brunswick Valley Landcare)

Liana Joseph

Stephen Millard

Cr P Westheimer (Chair) opened the meeting at 9:07am and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Bundjalung Country.

APOLOGIES:

Shannon Burt (Director Sustainable Environment and Economy), Sharyn French (Manager Environmental and Economic Planning), Cr S Ndiaye, James Jackson, Lindsay Murray

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY

Dave Rawlins declared a pecuniary interest in Report 4.2. The nature of the interest being that Dave has employment with EarthScapes Consulting Pty Ltd who are contracted by Council for various projects. Dave is also contracted by Council for bush regeneration work. Dave Rawlins to submit a Conflict of Declaration Form / Pecuniary Interest Form.

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Report No. 3.1 **Confirmation of minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2022**

File No: I2022/1176

Committee Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2022 be confirmed.

(Balson/Westheimer)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was no business arising from previous minutes.

STAFF REPORTS - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

Report No. 4.1 **Brunswick Valley Landcare Support Officer quarterly reports January to June 2022**

File No: I2022/950

Committee Recommendation:

That the Brunswick Valley Landcare Support Officer quarterly report June 2022, is brought to next meeting.

(Balson/Westheimer)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried

Report No. 4.2 **Biodiversity and Agriculture Projects and Operations Update**

File No: I2022/1112

Committee Recommendation:

That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes the report and requests a report for further information regarding the wild dog DNA results.

(Balson/Millard)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

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Report No. 4.3 2021 Byron Coast Koala Activity Monitoring
File No: I2022/1118

Committee Recommendation:

That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes the 2021 Byron Coast Koala Activity Monitoring Report

(Westheimer/Balson)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

Report No. 4.4 Byron Wetlands and Vallances Road Avifauna Survey 2021
File No: I2022/1178

Committee Recommendation:

That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes the Byron Bird Buddies Avifauna report at Attachment 1 (E2022/36650).

(Westheimer/Balson)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 10:50am