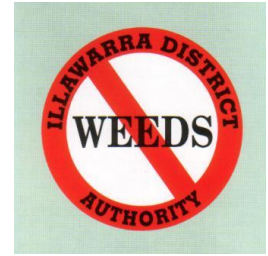


# MINUTES

Of the IDWA Advisory Committee Meeting  
On Thursday 13 June 2019  
Towri Centre, Wollongong Botanic Gardens  
From 1.00pm to 3.00pm



## 1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

<p>▶ ACCEPTED David Pomery, IDWA Clr Cath Blakey, Wollongong City Council Peter Gill, Kiama Municipal Council Vanni De Luca, Wollongong City Council Greg Fickers, Wollongong City Council Scott Rowe, Shellharbour City Council Jim Fraser, ISJO</p>	<p>▶ APOLOGIES Clr Kathy Rice, Kiama Municipal Council</p> <p>▶ NO RESPONSE Clr Nathan Cattell, Shellharbour City Council</p>
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Due to the absence of the Chair, a motion was put for a replacement Chair for the Meeting, that being Jim Fraser, ISJO

**07: Resolved:** That Jim Fraser be appointed temporary Chair of the meeting.

**08: Resolved:** That the apologies be accepted.

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## 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

**09: Resolved:** That the minutes of the last meeting held 8 March 2019 be accepted.

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## 3. Guest Speaker and Presentations

Nil.

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## 4. Standing Items – Chief Weeds Officer’s Report

Also distributed was a confidential update on compliance re-inspections.

David to keep Committee updated on Giant Parramatta Grass Project with local dairy farmers.

**10: Resolved:** That the CWO’s quarterly report be received and noted.

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## 5. Business Arising

David Pomery attended both SERWC and sub-committee meetings in Braidwood and provided a verbal update at the meeting. Some discussion around the proposal for Petaurus Education Group to deliver programs to primary school students on weeds. Further info to be distributed once program confirmed by LLS – may be best run through the Env. Education Centres. Vanni suggested working with the existing program at WCC Botanic Gardens.

The updated draft IDWA Deed of Agreement was discussed with feedback from WCC Legal team read out by Vanni.

**ACTION:** Vanni to forward feedback from WCC legal team through to Jim – these considerations are primarily about whether council is content with the powers of the IDWA Committee as outlined e.g. Sect 7.6.2 and Sect. 9.2.

**ACTION:** Jim to update the draft Deed with amendments discussed as follows:

- Sect 1.1 – should read Kiama Municipal Council
- Sect 4.2 – update contributions to the WCC 46/ Shell 31/ Kiama 23 split and that the contributions are set by CPI for 2020/21 and beyond (not as current practice that set by rate peg) The original 1993 agreement referenced a WCC/Shell/Kiama split of 40/30/30.
- Sect 7.3.1 – update from Chairman to Chairperson
- Review suggestion to join 12.1 – 12.2

Updated agreement to be re-circulated with the aim of final agreement to be sent out to General Managers for signature.

**11: Resolved:** That the information be received and noted.

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## 6. New Business

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Review of use of 'RoundUp' in Aerial spraying program discussed. WCC raised that the REF completed for aerial spray program in 2014/15 did not cover the sites of Coniston Beach and Hill 60. They will require an updated REF completed for these sites if they are to be part of a future aerial spraying program.

Feedback from Shellharbour Council is that future communications from the IDWA directly to community members and through Media Releases should be consulted with councils own media teams and with longer lead time in future.

**12: Resolved:**

That the ISJO Board endorse the IDWA Management Committee recommendations as follows:

- That the proposed 2019 bitou bush winter aerial spraying program be paused pending the engagement of an external independent weeds specialist to review the program and make recommendations.

- The external review is to review all accepted control measures for bitou bush management, taking into account the unique landscape of the Illawarra's coastline where the incidence of bitou bush occurs adjacent to marine and urban environments.
- The program's communications process be reviewed so it meets community expectations.
- A comprehensive community engagement/consultation strategy be developed.
- After the external review; and the community engagement/consultation strategy has been endorsed by the ISJO Board; a comprehensive communications strategy and consultation process be implemented with sufficient lead in time prior to winter 2020.

## 7. Late or Other Business

Clr Kathy Rice raised via email that there should be an opportunity for the IDWA to assist council s in educating the community on recognising and removing common weeds. After discussion, this will be considered as part of the review of the Bitou Bush Aerial Spray program.

Vanni raised adding an Acknowledgement to Country to the standing agenda items. This was agreed by committee.

**13: Resolved:** That Acknowledgement to Country be added to the standing agenda of the Committee.

## 8. Next Meeting

**14: Resolved:** That the next meeting is scheduled to be held 13 September 2019 at Shellharbour City Council Civic Centre commencing at 9.30am.

Jim Fraser  
Secretary IDWA

ACTION	WHO/COMPLETED
Add Acknowledgement of Country to Committee meeting standing agenda	Jim - complete
WCC to forward feedback on Deed from WCC legal team through to Jim	Vanni
Update the draft Deed with amendments discussed and re-distribute to committee for final sign-off ahead of GM request for execution	Jim
Recommendation in relation to Aerial Spray Program be submitted as late paper for ISJO Board	Jim - complete
Follow up with WCC Comms Team about potentially doing a short video to promote awareness during the 'Hot Spot' inspection program due in	David (deferred)

September.	
Include an item on the AGM meeting on the unrestricted reserve for IDWA on the expiration of the 4 year agreed plan.	David/Jim (ongoing – to be discussed at Nov meeting)