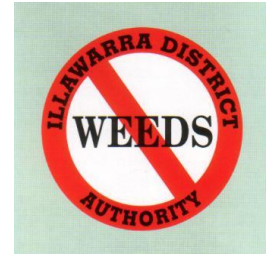


MINUTES

Of the IDWA Advisory Committee Meeting
Held Friday 20 March 2020
Hosted by Illawarra Shoalhaven Joint Organisation
24 Terralong Street Kiama
From 9.00am to 12.00pm



1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ ACCEPTED David Pomery, IDWA Peter Gill, Kiama Municipal Council Vanni De Luca, Wollongong City Council Scott Rowe, Shellharbour City Council Clr Kathy Rice, Kiama Municipal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ APOLOGIES Clr Peter Moran, Shellharbour City Council Clr Cath Blakey, Wollongong City Council▶ NO RESPONSE or INFORMATION ONLY
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01: Resolved: That the apologies be accepted.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

02: Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting held 22 November 2019 be accepted.

3. Guest Speaker and Presentations

Mr Garth Short, Managing Director, Hunter Precision Agriculture P/L gave a presentation of drone technology for use in the control of Bitou bush (and other weeds) in difficult to access and heavily infested sites.

Garth spoke on the practicalities of using drone technology and the potential use of this technology in future years for weed management programs. Machine learning/Artificial intelligence (ML/AI) for weed detection was also discussed in relation to improving efficiencies in targeted weed control programs.

Presently Hunter Precision can do survey/inspection work to map target weed infestations supported by control using broad acre application and/or spot spraying techniques.

They are undertaking trials next month on spot spraying along cliff lines and should have data available for referencing after this trial. Extensive work has been done using broad acre techniques.

The CWO will liaise with Hunter Precision Helicopters to determine possible options for inclusion of this technology in future Bitou bush weed control programs.

4. Standing Items – Chief Weeds Officer’s Report

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

5. Business Arising

NSW DPI Funding – It was noted that we are three-quarters through the 2019/20 financial year and have not received NSW DPI grant funds. It was agreed that the CWO continue to pressure NSW DPI and SELLS to ensure funds are allocated to the IDWA ASAP.

On the matter of outstanding member council contributions, the following resolution was agreed:

04: Resolved: That technical staff from each of the member councils raise a Purchase Order (PO) within 14 days of notification of the contribution amount and send the PO directly back to the CWO to then allow for the Tax Invoice to be raised against the PO number.

South East Weeds Action Program – The CWO advised that a hastily convened meeting on 18-19TH March dealt with the 2020-2025 WAP. The CWO advised the new WAP should be more flexible than the last and given stakeholders can now determine their own activities, targets and financial contributions/requests it will hopefully result in a more equitable and risk based approach to the allocation of grant funds

Administration of the IDWA

The CWO advised that the Executive is still considering options regarding administrative costs payable by the IDWA to ISJO and will develop a report to GM’s for further determination and discussion before going to the ISJO Board for final approval.

The CWO advised that the Executive in writing would notify the IDWA Management Committee after the GMs meeting of the outcomes and decisions made before being presented to the ISJO Board.

05: Resolved: that IDWA Councillor representatives liaise with ISJO Board Councillors re any decisions to be made on IDWA administrative costs.

6. New Business

7. Late or Other Business

Based on 2019/20 member contributions and allowing for 2% CPI increase member contributions for 2020/21 are:

		Including GST
WCC -	\$77,823.87	\$85,606.26
SCC –	\$51,091.12	\$56,200.23
KMC -	\$38,729.41	\$42,602.35
TOTAL	\$167,644.40	

06: Resolved: Member Councils contributions to IDWA activity for 2020/21 be determined as above, based on current year contributions and allowing for a 2% CPI increase.

8. Next Meeting

62: Resolved: as per meeting schedule resolved at AGM, next meeting to be held at Kiama Municipal Council 19 June 2020.

David Pomery
Interim Secretary IDWA

ACTION	WHO/COMPLETED
Continue investigating possible use of drone technology	CWO/ ongoing
Ensure NSW DPI WAP funding 2019/20 is allocated to IDWA	CWO / 1 May 2020
IDWA Administration - Discuss GMs recommendations with ISJO Councillors	IDWA Councillors