



1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

Acknowledgement of Country by the host Council.

▶ **ACCEPTED**

Clr Kathy Rice, Kiama Municipal Council
Clr Cath Blakey, Wollongong City Council
Peter Gill, Kiama Municipal Council
Vanni De Luca, Wollongong City Council
Scott Rowe, Shellharbour City Council
David Pomery, IDWA

▶ **APOLOGIES**

Clr Nathan Cattell, Shellharbour City Council

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Recommendation: That the minutes of the last meeting held 13 September 2019 be accepted.

3. Guest Speaker and Presentations

No guest speakers arranged.

4. Standing Items

- ▶ Chief Weeds Officer's (CWO) Report

Recommendation: That the CWO's quarterly report be received and noted.

5. Business Arising:

South East Weeds Action Program

Tony Martin is scheduled to attend a SEWAP committee and sub-committee meeting on 4-5th December in Batemans Bay. There have also been discussions on the next 5-year Weeds Action Program.

Deed of Agreement

The IDWA Deed of Agreement has been finalised and each Council has now resolved to exercise their weed control function under the Biosecurity Act 2015 jointly as IDWA under the auspice of ISJO. The ISJO Board resolved at their 19 September 2019 Board meeting to allow the three Illawarra Councils to delegate their weed control functions pursuant to Section 377(3) of the LG Act to the IDWA. The final agreement has been distributed for signing by the delegated officer. Each council should have a copy of the signed agreement.

Bitou Bush Control Program Review

Draft report from Wild Matters was received from consultants and distributed to members for comment. To be presented to the ISJO Board at the 13 December meeting.

Recommendation: That the Draft report be tabled and discussed.

6. New Business

Unrestricted Reserves Program

In March 2014, the Committee endorsed the purchase of purchase of a vehicle and plant for primarily private works activity and some additional operational works. It was estimated at the time that the program would draw down on the unrestricted reserve between 2015/16 – 2018/19 of approx. \$400K. Due to a variety of factors, the unrestricted reserve balance has not been drawn down as expected.

Recommendation: Program for temporary full time spray operator position to be tabled and discussed.

7. Late or Other Business

8. Next Meeting

Recommendation: That the next meeting is scheduled to be held March 2020 at location to be determined.

Secretary IDWA