
Date: 10 July 2023

To: **Rylington Park Committee**
Shire President
Deputy Shire President
Councillors
Community



NOTICE AND AGENDA – RYLINGTON PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

The Rylington Park Committee Meeting of the Shire of Boyup Brook will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 12 July 2023 commencing at 5:00pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Leonard Long". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "L".

Leonard Long
Chief Executive Officer



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AGENDA

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at ____pm.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet and work.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

2.1 ATTENDANCE

Councillors

Shire President	Cr Richard F Walker
Deputy Shire President	Cr Helen C O’Connell
Councillors	Cr Charles A D Caldwell
	Cr Darren E King
	Cr Kevin J Moir

Community Committee Member	Andy McElroy
	James Johnston
	Joshua Stretch
ECU	Prof. Kerry Brown

Invitees

ECU	Kristy Gillian
iHempWA	Iggy Van
iHempWA	David Chick
iHempWA	Rebecca Redman
iHempWA	Colleen Roberts
Kojonup Agricultural Supplies	Alec Smith

Council Officers

Chief Executive Officer	Leonard Long
Rylington Park Farm Manager	Marc Deas
Rylington Park Farm Coordinator	Erlanda Deas
Executive Officer	Maggie Le Grange

2.2 APOLOGIES

iHempWA	Iggy Van
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2.3 REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4.1 FINANCIAL AND PROXIMITY INTEREST

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5. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

5.1 RYLINGTON PARK COMMITTEE MEETING – 14 JUNE 2023

<p>OFFICER RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>That the Minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2023 be confirmed as being a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Moved:</p> <p>Seconded:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">.....</p>
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6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Rylington Park Future Trial Plans

Professor Brown to liaise with Mr Smith regarding the projects that were previously discussed with the Committee and report back at a subsequent meeting.

6.2 Rylington Park Aeration Trials

Feedback on the aeration of the soil done by Cr King

6.3 Western Australian Agricultural Collaboration (WAAC) – Research Funding Opportunities

Professor Brown indicated that she is actively pursuing opportunities for funding and will report back at a subsequent meeting.

6.4 Production of Dry Land Hemp

Cr King to provide update and way forward, given the Dry Land Hemp proposal is yet to be presented to the Committee.

6.5 Decision Tree – Grant Application

As per the Committee Resolution 23/06/001, the Decision Tree grant application has been submitted to Wendy Perdon from South West Timber Hub. It is anticipated to get feedback on the application in the coming months.

6.6 ECU Drone Usage Report

Prof. K Brown to provide feedback on the current projects that the drone is being used for.

6.7 Farm Coordinator Drone Usage Report

E. Deas to provide feedback on the use of the drone on Rylington Park.

7. REPORT OF OFFICERS

7.1 Rylington Park – June 2023	
File Ref:	Nil
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Erlanda Deas, Farm Coordinator Marc Deas, Farm Manager
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number	7.1 Financials July 2022 to June 2023

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Rylington Park Committee Resolve to:

- A. Receive the Farm Manager’s Report in relation to the activities at Rylington Park for the month of June 2023 and**
- B. The Financials July 2022 to June 2023.**
- C. Committee Members are to forward all potential field day exhibitors directly to the Farm Coordinator.**

Moved:

Seconded:

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SUMMARY

This report is for the Rylington Park Committee to receive the update on the activities at Rylington Park.

BACKGROUND

The June 2023 activity report of the Management for Rylington Park is below:

Sheep

- All ewes are busy lambing
- All end of financial year sheep counts were done and signed off
- Dave Blake and student visited farm to trial sheep counting with the drone
- Checking ewes, pulling lambs, etc
- 15 bales wool (2785kg) in Perth to sell

Cropping

- Spraying according to agronomist’s recommendations and cropping plan
- NKS 21 and Urea MOP were spread

Trials

- GRDC oat NVT
- Boyup Brook Ag Supplies trials
- Summit fertiliser retained seed trial
- Phil Nichols (UWA) sub clover variety trial
- Decision Tree – grant application sent in
- DPIRD red legged earth mite trial

Schools / Events

- Kojonup/Boyup Brook Ag Supplies trial walk & talk with clients Thursday, 6 July

General

- Replaced 2 water troughs
- Marc attended a forklift course
- Marc on leave from 3 – 10 July
- Wood for the roof was delivered 23 June 2023 by Southern Forest Home Improvement – waiting to hear when Matt Jansen can commence roof replacement
- Field day organising
- Setting up categories for Synergy program
- Budget draft has been submitted
- EOFY counts/records done

What lies ahead

- Checking lambing ewes
- Spraying
- Checking crops and pastures
- Setting up Synergy program to suit Rylington's reporting
- Field day organising
- Lamb marking and crutching
- Shearing school discussions

Calendar:

- Annual Rylington Park field day Thursday 14 September 2023
- Shearing schools – potential dates:
 - 2-6 October 2023
 - 23-27 October 2023
 - 13-17 November 2023
 - 11-15 December 2023
 - 15-19 January 2024
 - 26 February – 1 March 2024
 - 15-19 April 2024
- Ladies day – 15 March 2024

REPORT DETAIL

As per attachment 7.1

Workforce

Nil

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- **UWA Sub Clover trials – CEO to provide update**

Prof Phillip Nicols from UWA has set out an area of 80x70m required for the sub clover trials over a three-year period. DCEO has received a draft agreement from Prof Nicols for review.

CEO is currently reviewing the agreements and will in due course put a 'letter of agreement' in place for all commercial and collaboration agreements and that it encapsulates that results of trials be communicated to the Committee and that researchers should showcase at Rylington Park Field Days.

- **Roles and Responsibilities of Committee Members**

CEO to provide Committee Members who are not Councillors with a copy of the Councillors Code of Conduct.

- **Potential research projects proposed by Andy McElroy (were sent to ECU in 2022, however, there hasn't been any interest from researchers at present)**

Prof Kerry Brown was requested to revive the research list emailed to Rylington Park in November 2021.

Professor Brown communicated the research list at the time of the meeting.

- **Potential research project proposed by Greening Australia (rehabilitating creek line and establishing a native plant seed bank).**

ECU is in collaboration with Greening Australia on establishing native seed bank and rehabilitating the creek lines and Prof Kerry Brown will contact David Field and write a report to the next Rylington Park Committee meeting on the research project.

Professor Brown communicated that the collaboration with Greening Australia has been put back due to a delay at government level.

9. FURTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSURE OF MEETING

Next meeting to be held on _____ 2023 at _____pm at the Council Chambers.

There being no further business the Shire President, Cr Walker thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at _____pm.

 Presiding Member

 Date