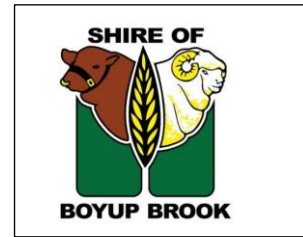


Date: 12 February 2024

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



MINUTES – RYLINGTON PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2024

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Leonard Long  
Chief Executive Officer

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## **AGENDA**

### **1. DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5:00pm.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

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

Committee meetings are public meetings.

Committee members and staff risk being held personally liable if their comments are defamatory, or breach any duty of confidentiality.

Statements made during Committee meetings are solely those of the person making them. Nothing expressed at a Committee meeting can be attributed to the Shire, unless it is adopted by a resolution of Council.

The Confirmed Minutes of a Committee meeting are the official record of that meeting, verbatim minutes are not required.

May I ask everyone here today, to make sure your mobiles are turned off or on silent for the duration of the Meeting.

This meeting will be audio recorded for minute taking purposes.

### **2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

#### **2.1 ATTENDANCE**

##### **Councillors**

Shire President  
Councillors

Cr Richard Walker  
Cr Michael Wright  
Cr Darren King

Community Committee Members

Mr Andy McElroy  
Prof Kerry Brown  
Mr Josh Stretch (arrived 5:06pm)

##### **Council Officers**

Chief Executive Officer  
Rylington Park Farm Manager  
Rylington Park Farm Coordinator  
Executive Officer

Leonard Long  
Marc Deas  
Erlanda Deas  
Magdalena Le Grange

**Observers / Public Members**

## 2.2 APOLOGIES

Deputy Shire President  
Councillor  
Councillor

Cr Helen O'Connell  
Cr David Inglis  
Cr Charles Caldwell

## 2.3 REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

## 3. PRESENTATIONS

### 3.1 PRESENTATIONS

Brad Barr, Resource Manager of Wespine Industries provided a presentation on the pros and cons financially wise related to tree farming.

Brad Barr left the Chambers at 5:55pm.

## 4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS TIME

### 4.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

### 4.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

## 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### 5.1 FINANCIAL AND / OR PROXIMITY INTEREST

Nil

### 5.2 DISCLOSURES OF IMPARTIALITY INTEREST THAT MAY CAUSE CONFLICT

Nil

## 6. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES / OUT OF SESSION CONFIRMATIONS

### 6.1 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 15 NOVEMBER 2023

Moved: Cr. Wright

Seconded Cr. King

#### COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/02/001

That the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting held on 15 November 2023 be confirmed as being a true and accurate record.

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King, Mr Stretch, Cr Wright, Prof Brown**

**Against: Nil**

**6.2 OUT OF SESSION CONFIRMATION - SUB-COMMITTEE RESOLUTION – APPROVAL TO PURCHASE RAMS**

**Moved: Cr. Wright**

**Seconded Mr. A McElroy**

**COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/02/002**

**That the following “Out of Session” resolution was endorsed by the Rylington Park sub-committee:**

- 1. Approve the purchase of seven (7) young White Suffolk rams from Blackwood White Suffolk Stud.**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King, Mr Stretch, Cr Wright, Prof Brown**

**Against: Nil**

## 7. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

<b>7.1.1 RYLINGTON PARK AERATION TRIALS</b>	
<b>File Ref:</b>	RP/01/002
<b>Previous Items:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Author and Title:</b>	Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple Majority
<b>Attachment Number:</b>	Nil

**Moved: Cr. King**

**Seconded Mr J Stretch**

### **COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/02/003**

**That the Committee:**

- Note the feedback received from Cr King.**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King, Mr Stretch, Cr Wright, Prof Brown  
Against: Nil**

### **SUMMARY**

The report is provided to the Committee to provide feedback on the aeration trial.

### **BACKGROUND**

Nil

### **REPORT DETAIL**

Cr King provided verbal update on the trial.

### **SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 – 2031**

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<b>Key Imperatives</b>	Natural Environment
<b>Outcome</b>	Manage natural resources sustainably
<b>Objective</b>	Work with key stakeholders to manage land, fire, disease, pest animals and weeds.

### **OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS**

Nil

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

**SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATION****Economic** – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil

**Social** – (Quality of life to community and / or affected landowners)

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Shire of Boyup Brook's commitment to the identification and management of risk that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

<b>Risk level</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Low</b>	The proposed trial does not hold any risk to the Shire other than taking up land that could potentially be used for other purposes.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS****Financial**

Nil

**Workforce**

Nil

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End

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<b>7.1.2 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION (WAARC) RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b>	
<b>File Ref:</b>	RP/01/002
<b>Previous Items:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Author and Title:</b>	Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple Majority
<b>Attachment Number:</b>	Nil

**Moved: Cr. King**

**Seconded Mr. A McElroy**

**COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/02/004**

**That the Committee:**

- 1. Provides in principle support for the use of the Rylington Park Farm should the Edith Cowan University's project on Soil Health be successful with its grant submission to the Western Australian Agricultural Research Collaboration.**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King, Mr Stretch, Cr Wright, Prof Brown  
Against: Nil**

**SUMMARY**

Several applications for funding have been lodged through the WAARC, however, to date non have been successful.

**BACKGROUND**

The WA Agricultural Research Collaboration is a research program funded by the WA Government in conjunction with contributions from four WA Universities and CSIRO <https://waagresearch.org.au>.

The WAARC provides opportunity for undertaking and funding research across Western Australia and has a mission to support collaborative research in the various areas relating to agriculture with the main focus being grains research.

**REPORT DETAIL**

ECU and Rylington Park may develop competitive funding applications to be supported in research areas that may benefit the WA farming sector. The funding needs to be matched so that not all research projects will attract funding and the program of research needs to support the WAARC research priorities. Notwithstanding, there are expected to be opportunities to support research of interest to Rylington Park Farm and SW Agricultural Community. There will be no funding requirement for the Shire or the farm to contribute to research but that any project would require in kind contribution i.e. the use of the farm, and this contribution to be approved by the Shire and the RP Committee.



The following are current pending funding applications:

- a. One ECU project on Soil Health has been invited to second round assessment following success in the first round EOI process. This project will utilise drone technology and Rylington Park will be one of the case studies if successfully funded through the WAARC.
- b. The WAARC has another funding round for the Climate Resilience Program in early 2024 and the failed EOI project with Greening Australia, Australian Wool Institute, ECU and Murdoch university has been invited to resubmit the previous EOI on the topic using revegetation to increase farm productivity, climate resilience, carbon mitigation and biodiversity in WA farming systems to this upcoming round.

### **SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 – 2031**

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<b>Key Imperatives</b>	Natural Environment
<b>Outcome</b>	Manage natural resources sustainably
<b>Objective</b>	Work with key stakeholders to manage land, fire, disease, pest animals and weeds.

### **OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS**

Nil

### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

### **SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATION**

**Economic** – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil

**Social** – (Quality of life to community and / or affected landowners)

Nil

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Shire of Boyup Brook's commitment to the identification and management of risk that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

<b>Risk level</b>	<b>Comment</b>
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<b>Medium</b>	It is important to ensure the farm is run fiscally responsibly to ensure the farm can continue to provide research and training.
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**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial**

Nil

**Workforce**

Nil

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End

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<b>7.1.3 ECU DRONE USAGE</b>	
<b>File Ref:</b>	RP/01/002
<b>Previous Items:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Author and Title:</b>	Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple Majority
<b>Attachment Number:</b>	7.1.3A Memorandum of Understanding 7.1.3B Funded Drone Purchase

**Moved: Cr. King**

**Seconded Mr J Stretch**

**COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/02/005**

**That the Committee:**

- 1. Notes the report and requests Prof Brown to provide a further update at the next Rylington Park Committee meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King, Mr Stretch, Cr Wright, Prof Brown  
Against: Nil**

**SUMMARY**

ECU is to provide the committee with an update on the overall use of the drone, not restricted to Rylington Park Farm.

**BACKGROUND**

The Shire entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Edith Cowan University (ECU) on 29 October 2021. The MOU established an agreement for ECU to utilise Rylington Park for agriculture and regional development related research and allied education programs. The MOU endorsed a high level, strategic relationship with ECU, with the intention of expanding research and training opportunities for Rylington Park. It was intended that results of any research would be shared with farmers in Boyup Brook to the betterment of farmers and related businesses in the area.

On 8 March 2022, ECU wrote to the Shire inviting the Shire to partner in a major research initiative in co-funding a remotely piloted drone to assist in undertaking research projects at Rylington Park (Attachment 7.1.3A).

Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 April 2022 approved funding of \$10,000 from the Rylington Park account for a co-contribution to purchase a fixed wing drone in partnership with Edith Cowan University.

**REPORT DETAIL**

Prof Brown to provide an update.

**SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 – 2031**

<b>Key Imperatives</b>	Natural Environment
<b>Outcome</b>	Manage natural resources sustainably
<b>Objective</b>	Work with key stakeholders to manage land, fire, disease, pest animals and weeds.

**OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS**

Nil

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

**SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATION**

**Economic** – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil

**Social** – (Quality of life to community and / or affected landowners)

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Shire of Boyup Brook's commitment to the identification and management of risk that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

<b>Risk level</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Medium</b>	It is important to ensure the farm is run fiscally responsibly to ensure the farm can continue to provide research and training.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial**

Nil

**Workforce**

Nil

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End

<b>7.1.4 RYLINGTON PARK FIELD DAY</b>	
<b>File Ref:</b>	RP/01/002
<b>Previous Items:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Author and Title:</b>	Erlanda Deas, Rylington Park Farm Coordinator
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple Majority
<b>Attachment Number:</b>	Nil

**Moved: Cr. King**

**Seconded Mr. A McElroy**

**COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/02/006**

**That the Committee:**

- 1. Notes the report and request the Rylington Park Farm Coordinator to provide a further update at the April Committee meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King, Mr Stretch, Cr Wright, Prof Brown  
Against: Nil**

**SUMMARY**

The report is to provide feedback on the planning preparations for the 2024 Rylington Park Field Day.

**BACKGROUND**

The Rylington Park Field Day, held at Rylington Park Farm in Boyup Brook, Western Australia, is a significant event in the agricultural calendar, designed to showcase the latest in agricultural research, technology, and practices.

This event provides a platform for farmers, researchers, industry professionals, and agribusinesses to come together to exchange knowledge, explore new ideas, and discuss challenges facing the agricultural sector. It typically features demonstrations of new farming equipment, workshops on innovative farming techniques, and presentations by experts on topics ranging from crop and livestock management to sustainable farming practices and market trends.

The field day is an opportunity for the agricultural community to see firsthand the application of research outcomes and technological advancements, fostering a collaborative environment aimed at enhancing the productivity and sustainability of farming operations in the region.

Rylington Park Farm, with its commitment to agricultural innovation and education, serves as an ideal venue for such an event, contributing to the ongoing development and prosperity of the agricultural sector in Western Australia.

**REPORT DETAIL**

Rylington Park Farm Coordinator to provide an update on the planning for the 2024 Rylington Park Field Day.

**SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 – 2031**

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<b>Objective</b>	Partner with key stakeholders to maximise economic development opportunities through regional and sub regional initiatives.

<b>Key Imperatives</b>	Natural Environment
<b>Outcome</b>	Manage natural resources sustainably
<b>Objective</b>	Work with key stakeholders to manage land, fire, disease, pest animals and weeds.

**OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS**

Nil

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

**SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATION**

**Economic** – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil

**Social** – (Quality of life to community and / or affected landowners)

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Shire of Boyup Brook's commitment to the identification and management of risk that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

<b>Risk level</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Medium</b>	It is important to ensure the farm is run fiscally responsibly to ensure the farm can continue to provide research and training.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial**

Nil

**Workforce**

Nil

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End

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<b>7.1.5 RYLINGTON PARK WATER SECURITY ON FARM</b>	
<b>File Ref:</b>	RP/01/002
<b>Previous Items:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Author and Title:</b>	Marc Deas, Rylington Park Farm Manager
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple Majority
<b>Attachment Number:</b>	Nil

**Moved: Cr. King**

**Seconded Cr. Wright**

**COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/02/007**

**That the Committee:**

- Notes the report and requests the Rylington Park Farm Manager to continue monitoring the water levels.**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King, Mr Stretch, Cr Wright, Prof Brown  
Against: Nil**

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of the report is to provide the committee with the current and projected water levels on Rylington Park.

**BACKGROUND**

Rylington Park Farm holds a distinguished place in the agricultural landscape of the region, known for its commitment to agricultural research, innovation, and education. The farm operates not just as a commercial enterprise but also as a hub for the development and demonstration of cutting-edge farming techniques and technologies.

It has a long history of contributing to the advancement of agriculture in the area, often hosting field days, workshops, and research trials in collaboration with agricultural research organisations, universities, and industry groups.

**REPORT DETAIL**

Pumping from two (2) sources has taken the pressure off the big dam. Multiple leaks have been challenging, but the system is once again working well, and should be ok if the rain comes as usual.

The current system of pumping water from paddock 48 to the sheds for toilets and gardens and pumping to the tank for the stock from paddock 8, is working well. The 3 dams in paddock 8 is our backup water supply due to the existing catchment area and clay base.

Only one well next to the creek still has water – the well is 2.4m deep with a depth of 1.3m of water currently. Salinity is 4 milli siemens / 2600 ppm – the same as the soak



about 40m above it. This can be an option to mix with the water from paddock 8 but will require a pump and piping. We might look at pumping from the soak if needed.

Most of the stock are currently in paddocks with dams – only 600 or so are drinking from troughs. We've had numerous water leaks, but all have been found & repaired for now. Dam levels are dropping but not too concerning for the time-being.

### **SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 – 2031**

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<b>Outcome</b>	Manage natural resources sustainably
<b>Objective</b>	Work with key stakeholders to manage land, fire, disease, pest animals and weeds.

### **OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS**

Nil

### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

### **SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATION**

**Economic** – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil

**Social** – (Quality of life to community and / or affected landowners)

Nil

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Shire of Boyup Brook's commitment to the identification and management of risk that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

<b>Risk level</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Medium</b>	It is important to ensure the farm is run fiscally responsibly to ensure the farm can continue to provide research and training.

### **CONSULTATION**

Nil

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**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial**

Nil

**Workforce**

Nil

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End

<b>7.1.6 RYLINGTON PARK POTENTIAL SCHOOL PROGRAM</b>	
<b>File Ref:</b>	RP/01/002
<b>Previous Items:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Author and Title:</b>	Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple Majority
<b>Attachment Number:</b>	Nil

**Moved: Cr. King**

**Seconded Cr. Wright**

**COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/02/008**

**That the Committee:**

- 1. Provides in principle support for the potential school program involving Rylington Park Farm and requests Prof Brown to provide further updates on the matter when additional information is available.**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King, Mr Stretch, Cr Wright, Prof Brown  
Against: Nil**

**SUMMARY**

Proposed to continue discussions with relevant stakeholders to ascertain the possibility of submitting a grant to the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education (NCSEHE) in May 2024.

**BACKGROUND**

Following discussions about the scholarships offered by the Rylington Park Committee for High School students to study agriculture in the region and consequent opportunities for education at Rylington Park – a meeting was organised with the Director of the National Centre for Student Equity on Wednesday 20 December 2023 at 2:00pm together with Rylington Park Committee members.

**REPORT DETAIL**

There is the opportunity for applying for grant funding for trials and evaluation of programs that address student equity. A 1-2 year trial program and evaluation for the intervention of regional education offered at Rylington Park to support retention of students in the region to study agriculture and business and providing pathways to local TAFE/university studies was canvassed.

The initial meeting was to find out more about the program and understand if a project that involves Rylington Park and the region can be developed for possible funding. Further meetings have been held with the Boyup Brook School Principal and the response has been positive.

The proposal for funding will be developed using the concept of micro credentials to support regional retention and pathways to further education.

The **National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education (NCSEHE)** <https://www.ncsehe.edu.au/> is an evidence-based research and public policy centre funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and based at Curtin University. NCSEHE is committed to providing the higher education sector with tangible proof of what works to improve the quality and impact of student equity practices in higher education and has a series of grants available to support projects that improve student equity and pathways to university.

### **SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 – 2031**

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### **OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS**

Nil

### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

### **SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATION**

**Economic** – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil

**Social** – (Quality of life to community and / or affected landowners)

Nil

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Shire of Boyup Brook's commitment to the identification and management of risk that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

<b>Risk level</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Medium</b>	It is important to ensure the farm is run fiscally responsibly to ensure the farm can continue to provide research and training.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial**

Nil

**Workforce**

Nil

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End

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<b>7.1.7 RYLINGTON PARK WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>	
<b>File Ref:</b>	RP/01/002
<b>Previous Items:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Author and Title:</b>	Marc Deas, Rylington Park Farm Manager
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple Majority
<b>Attachment Number:</b>	Nil

**Moved: Cr. Wright**

**Seconded Mr. A McElroy**

**COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/02/009**

**That the Committee:**

- 1. Request the Rylington Park Farm Manager to provide the committee with the outcome and recommendations of the Safe Farms Health and Safety Assessment at the next Rylington Park Committee meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King, Mr Stretch, Cr Wright, Prof Brown  
Against: Nil**

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an update on any Work Health and Safety issues / concerns on Rylington Park Farm.

**BACKGROUND**

The implementation of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020* introduces significant implications for farming operations, emphasising the importance of establishing and maintaining a safe working environment for all employees.

This legislation mandates farm owners and operators to proactively identify, assess, and mitigate risks to prevent workplace accidents and illnesses. It necessitates the adoption of comprehensive safety management practices, including regular training for staff on safety protocols, proper use of equipment, and emergency response procedures. Additionally, the Act requires thorough documentation and reporting of safety incidents, reinforcing accountability and continuous improvement in safety standards.

Compliance with this Act not only aims to protect the physical well-being of farm workers but also has financial and legal ramifications for the farming business, stressing the need for diligent adherence to safety regulations to avoid penalties, litigation, and potential damage to reputation.

Overall, the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020* compels farming operations to prioritise safety, leading to healthier workplaces and potentially enhancing productivity through reduced downtime and fostering a culture of safety.

**REPORT DETAIL**

Safe Farms WA was contacted to conduct a farm health and safety assessment. They will get back to us late next week with the costs involved and when they can do it.

**SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 – 2031**

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<b>Key Imperatives</b>	Natural Environment
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**OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS**

Nil

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

*Work Health and Safety Act 2020*

**SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATION**

**Economic** – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil

**Social** – (Quality of life to community and / or affected landowners)

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Shire of Boyup Brook's commitment to the identification and management of risk that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

<b>Risk level</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Medium</b>	It is important to ensure the farm is run fiscally responsibly to ensure the farm can continue to provide research and training.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial**

Nil

**Workforce**

Nil

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End

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<b>7.1.8 PROPOSED HEMP TRIALS AT RYLINGTON PARK</b>	
<b>File Ref:</b>	RP/01/002
<b>Previous Items:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Author and Title:</b>	Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple Majority
<b>Attachment Number:</b>	Nil

**Moved: Cr. King**

**Seconded Mr. A McElroy**

**COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/02/010**

**That the Committee:**

- 1. Notes the update and requests Prof Brown to provide a further update on the matter at the next Rylington Park Committee meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King, Mr Stretch, Cr Wright, Prof Brown  
Against: Nil**

**SUMMARY**

This purpose of this report is to provide the committee with an update on the potential hemp trials on Rylington Park.

**BACKGROUND**

Hemp cultivation in Western Australia (WA) represents an evolving sector within the state's agricultural landscape, driven by increasing interest in sustainable and versatile crops. Hemp, known scientifically as *Cannabis sativa*, is grown primarily for its fibres, seeds, and oil, which have a wide range of applications in textiles, construction materials, cosmetics, and health food products, among others.

The legal framework for growing industrial hemp in WA has developed over time, with significant milestones being the introduction of the *Industrial Hemp Act 2004*, which enabled the cultivation of hemp with a tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content of not more than 0.35%. This legislation marked the beginning of regulated hemp farming in the state, setting the stage for an industry focused on leveraging the environmental and economic benefits of hemp.

**REPORT DETAIL**

A meeting was held with Don Telfer DPIRD, John Muir, Consultant and Darren King Rylington Park Committee to discuss industrial hemp as a possible crop for Rylington Park.

Following this meeting there was an on site inspection with Don Telfer, John Muir, Darren King, Marc Deas and Kerry Brown at Rylington Park Farm on 21 November 2023. At this event, the team inspected a possible site for a Dryland Hemp Trial.

DPIRD Manjimup were also present at the Rylington Park Farm inspection and meeting.

The next stage is to secure funding for the trial. There has been further meetings with John Muir and Don Telfer on Thursday 14 December 2023 to discuss possible funding sources for the trial. The team have been invited to join a project with Cooperative Research Centre Project (CRC-P) to take part in a national trial of hemp production for the building industry. This project is being progressed to understand the requirements for the trial and the level and type of support from CRC-P.

### **SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 – 2031**

<b>Key Imperatives</b>	Economic Development
<b>Outcome</b>	Support a strong and inclusive economy.
<b>Objective</b>	Partner with key stakeholders to maximise economic development opportunities through regional and sub regional initiatives.

<b>Key Imperatives</b>	Natural Environment
<b>Outcome</b>	Manage natural resources sustainably
<b>Objective</b>	Work with key stakeholders to manage land, fire, disease, pest animals and weeds.

### **OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS**

Nil

### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

*Industrial Hemp Act 2004*

### **SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATION**

**Economic** – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil

**Social** – (Quality of life to community and / or affected landowners)

Nil

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Shire of Boyup Brook's commitment to the identification and management of risk that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

<b>Risk level</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Medium</b>	It is important to ensure the farm is run fiscally responsibly to ensure the farm can continue to provide research and training.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial**

Nil

**Workforce**

Nil

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End

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<b>7.1.9 RYLINGTON PARK DECEMBER 2023 / JANUARY 2024 CROP REPORT</b>	
<b>File Ref:</b>	RP/01/002
<b>Previous Items:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Author and Title:</b>	Erlanda Deas, Rylington Park Farm Coordinator
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple Majority
<b>Attachment Number:</b>	Nil

**Moved: Cr. Wright**

**Seconded Cr. King**

**COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/02/011**

**That the Committee:**

**1. Authorises the Farm Manager to:**

- a. **Sell the 89.71 tonnes of Canola held in storage at CBH at a price of \$680.00 per tonne, allowing for a 10% variance.**
- b. **Sell the 51.65 tonnes of Barley held in storage at Bunge at a price of \$342.00 per tonne, allowing for a 10% variance.**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King, Mr Stretch, Cr Wright, Prof Brown  
Against: Nil**

**SUMMARY**

The monthly report is to provide Council with an update on the operations at the Rylington Park Farm.

**BACKGROUND**

The Rylington Park Institute for Agricultural Training and Research, known as Rylington Park, is a key agricultural asset located 27km from Boyup Brook, in Mayanup.

This 650-hectare property was donated to the Shire of Boyup Brook in 1985 by Mr. Eric Farleigh for agricultural research and training, aimed at the betterment of the Boyup Brook community. Managed by the Shire, the property runs various agricultural programs, including shearing schools and fertiliser and seed trials.

It also offers scholarships to youth in agriculture and has a strategic relationship with Edith Cowan University for research and education, with the intent to share findings with the local farming community. Rylington Park is committed to supporting the agricultural industry and the regional community through its various initiatives.

## REPORT DETAIL

### Weed Control

- Spraying thistles and around buildings
- Pulling out and spraying melons

### Infrastructure and Equipment Maintenance

- Installation of the new house roof will be finished this week.
- Installed new water trough.
- Fencing maintenance
- Keep fixing water leaks and pumping water for the trough system.

### Crop Management

- Harvest finished.
- 135 barley straw bales were rolled and carted.
- Summary

	Tonnes	Price	Total	
<b>Canola (\$800 + oil)</b>	50	\$822.53	\$41,126.50	66.5 Ha = t/Ha
<b>Canola still at CBH</b>	89.71			
<b>GM still at CBH</b>	46.7			20 Ha = 2.34t/Ha
	<b>186.41</b>			<b>2.16t/Ha</b>
<b>Barley still at Bunge</b>	51.65			63 Ha = 4.57t/Ha
<b>Barley sold</b>	19.64	\$340.00	\$6677.60	
<b>Barley kept</b>	216.71			
	288			

### Livestock Sales

- Sales Transactions:
  - 150 XB lambs are scheduled to leave on 4 February @ \$2/kg.
  - 600 cull for age ewes are potentially going next week.

### Livestock Handling and Management

- Feeding sheep grain, hay and mineral lick. Bought 26t lupins.
- Still have all cull for age ewes, “cull” hoggets and blue tag wethers to sell.
- Drenched all merino lambs.
- Rams were put in with the ewes.
- Bought 7 White Suffolk rams from Blackwood White Suffolk Stud which were put in with the cull hoggets’ to be sold as mated, after scanning.

### Wool and shearing

- Had shearing schools 13-17 November, 18-20 December (advanced school) and 15-19 January. Planned schools 26 February – 1 March and 15-19 April.
- Sold 61 bales wool and have 5 unsold bales in Perth.

### Livestock Inventory as of November

- White Suffolk: 23

- XB Lambs: 170
- Merino: 4738

### **SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 – 2031**

<b>Key Imperatives</b>	Natural Environment
<b>Outcome</b>	Manage natural resources sustainably
<b>Objective</b>	Work with key stakeholders to manage land, fire, disease, pest animals and weeds.

### **OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS**

Nil

### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

### **SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATION**

**Economic** – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil

**Social** – (Quality of life to community and / or affected landowners)

Nil

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Shire of Boyup Brook's commitment to the identification and management of risk that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

<b>Risk level</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Medium</b>	It is important to ensure the farm is run fiscally responsibly to ensure the farm can continue to provide research and training.

### **CONSULTATION**

Nil

### **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial**

Nil

**Workforce**

Nil

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End

<b>7.1.10 RYLINGTON PARK LADIES DAY 2024</b>	
<b>File Ref:</b>	RP/01/002
<b>Previous Items:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Author and Title:</b>	Erlanda Deas, Rylington Park Farm Coordinator
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple Majority
<b>Attachment Number:</b>	Nil

**Moved: Cr. King**

**Seconded Mr J Stretch**

**COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/02/012**

**That the Committee:**

- 1. Approves donating all funds obtained through the Ladies Days auction to the Ronald McDonald House.**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King, Mr Stretch, Cr Wright, Prof Brown  
Against: Nil**

**SUMMARY**

The committee is requested to consider approving the donation of funds as per the recommendation.

**BACKGROUND**

This year's annual Storm in a Teacup ladies' day will be the thirteenth since started in 2012. It forms part of the annual Boyup Brook calendar and is well supported by local ladies and businesses. The theme for this year is "Family Matters".

**REPORT DETAIL**

Every year funds are raised by auctioning off the logo painting with the proceeds donated to a nominated charity or organisation. As the theme is around family, Officers consider it appropriate to donate the money raised to an organisation who looks after family matters.

Children from 2 local families are receiving treatment in Perth with their families using the Ronald McDonald House as accommodation during these periods.

**SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 – 2031**

<b>Key Imperatives</b>	Governance and Organisation
<b>Outcome</b>	Demonstrate effective leadership, advocacy and governance
<b>Objective</b>	Provide transparent decision making that meets our legal and regulatory obligations, reflects the level of associated risk, and is adequately explained to the community

**OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS**

Nil

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

**SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATION****Economic** – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil

**Social** – (Quality of life to community and / or affected landowners)

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Shire of Boyup Brook’s commitment to the identification and management of risk that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Low</b>	The allocating of funds raised will not have any risk to the Shire.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS****Financial**

Nil

**Workforce**

Nil

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End

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<b>7.1.11 LATE APPLICATION FOR THE 2023 RYLINGTON PARK SCHOLARSHIP</b>	
<b>File Ref:</b>	RP/01/002
<b>Previous Items:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Author and Title:</b>	Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple Majority
<b>Attachment Number:</b>	7.1.11A Letter for Scholarship

**Moved: Mr. A McElroy**

**Seconded Cr. King**

**COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/02/013**

**That the Committee:**

- 1. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to advise Mr. Goerling that the application cannot be considered as the scholarship submissions for 2023 were awarded in November 2023.**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King, Mr Stretch, Cr Wright, Prof Brown  
Against: Nil**

**SUMMARY**

Rylington Park Scholarship is an annual scholarship which has been awarded since 2013 to Boyup Brook Year 9 or Year 10 students who commit to attend an Agricultural College in Year 11 and 12.

**BACKGROUND**

The scholarship is awarded to Boyup Brook Year 9 or Year 10 students who commit to attend an Agricultural College in Year 11 and 12. The scholarship provides support for the student and will ensure the sustainability of agriculture in the Boyup Brook community.

Students who are interested to attend an Agricultural College in Year 11 and 12 are to submit a short-written (200-500 word) expression for the scholarship.

**REPORT DETAIL**

A request dated 29 January 2024 has been received from Mr & Mrs Goerling, parents of Charlie Goerling Attachment 7.1.11A.

Unfortunately, the request has been received after the 2023 Rylington Park Scholarships have been awarded. Should the committee consider this request favourably it could create a precedent and result in additional request being received after the closing date.

Further it must be noted that the budget for the scholarship was utilised through the awarding of a number of successful scholarships.

**SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 – 2031**

<b>Key Imperatives</b>	Social and Community
<b>Outcome</b>	Promote quality education, health, childcare, aged care and youth services.
<b>Objective</b>	Improve support for youth and youth activities

**OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS**

Nil

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

**SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATION**

**Economic** – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil

**Social** – (Quality of life to community and / or affected landowners)

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Shire of Boyup Brook's commitment to the identification and management of risk that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

<b>Risk level</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Medium</b>	The committee does risk reputational damage should it not follow the process and adhere to the closing dates for the Scholarship.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial**

Nil

**Workforce**

Nil

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End

**8. MEMBERS QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil

**9. LATE ITEMS / URGENT BUSINESS MATTERS**

- 9.1 Water Security grants information provided to Chief Executive Officer for review and report back to the March 2024 Rylington Park Committee meeting.

**10. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Nil

**11. CLOSURE**

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 February 2024 at 5pm at the Council Chambers.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:09pm.

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Presiding Member

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Date

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<b>Outstanding Committee Resolutions</b>		
<b>Res #</b>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Status</b>
RP 24/02/013	LATE APPLICATION FOR THE 2023 RYLINGTON PARK SCHOLARSHIP Requests the Chief Executive Officer to advise Mr. Goerling that the application cannot be considered as the scholarship submissions for 2023 were awarded in November 2023	Pending
RP 24/02/012	RYLINGTON PARK LADIES DAY 2024 Approves donating all funds obtained through the Ladies Days auction to the Ronald McDonald House.	Pending
RP 24/02/011	RYLINGTON PARK DECEMBER 2023 / JANUARY 2024 CROP REPORT Authorises the Farm Manager to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sell the 89.71 tonnes of Canola held in storage at CBH at a price of \$680.00 per tonne, allowing for a 10% variance.</li> <li>b. Sell the 51.65 tonnes of Barley held in storage at Bunge at a price of \$342.00 per tonne, allowing for a 10% variance</li> </ul>	Pending
RP 24/02/010	PROPOSED HEMP TRIALS AT RYLINGTON PARK Notes the update and requests Prof Brown to provide a further update on the matter at the next Rylington Park Committee meeting	Pending
RP 24/02/009	RYLINGTON PARK WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY Request the Rylington Park Farm Manager to provide the committee with the outcome and recommendations of the Safe Farms Health and Safety Assessment at the next Rylington Park Committee meeting	Pending
RP 24/02/008	RYLINGTON PARK POTENTIAL SCHOOL PROGRAM Provides in principle support for the potential school program involving Rylington Park Farm and requests Prof Brown to provide further updates on the matter when additional information is available	Pending
RP 24/02/006	RYLINGTON PARK FIELD DAY Notes the report and request the Rylington Park Farm Coordinator to provide a further update at the April Committee meeting	Pending
RP 24/02/005	ECU DRONE USAGE Notes the report and requests Prof Brown to provide a further update at the next Rylington Park Committee meeting	Pending
RP 24/02/004	WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION (WAARC) RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES Provides in principle support for the use of the Rylington Park Farm should the Edith Cowan University's project on Soil Health be successful with its grant submission to the Western Australian Agricultural Research Collaboration	Pending

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RP 24/02/002	OUT OF SESSION CONFIRMATION - SUB-COMMITTEE RESOLUTION – APPROVAL TO PURCHASE RAMS Approve the purchase of seven (7) young White Suffolk rams from Blackwood White Suffolk Stud.	Pending
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