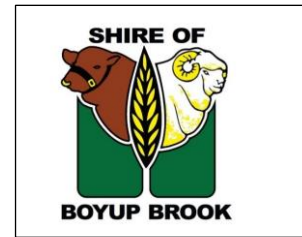


Date: 16 February 2024

To: Shire President
Deputy Shire President
Councillors
Community



NOTICE AND AGENDA – RYLINGTON PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

A Rylington Park Committee will be held in the Council Chambers on 19 February 2024 at 6:00pm to consider the matters set out in the attached agenda.

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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 pm.

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 Committee 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

Deputy Shire President

Councillors

Cr Richard Walker

Cr Helen O'Connell

Cr Charles Caldwell

Cr Michael Wright (possibly via Teams)

Cr Darren King

Cr David Inglis

Community Members

Mr Andy McElroy

Mr Joshua Stretch

Prof Kerry Brown

Council Officers

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Officer

Rylington Park Farm Manager

Rylington Park Coordinator

Leonard Long

Magdalena Le Grange

Marc Deas

Erlanda Deas

Observers / Public Members

2.2 APOLOGIES

2.3 REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.1 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

3.2 PETITIONS

Nil

3.3 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS TIME

The presiding member will receive questions from the public. Public questions are to be confined to 5 minutes per person and a maximum of 15 minutes and are limited to questions regarding items in the agenda.

4.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5.1 FINANCIAL AND / OR PROXIMITY INTEREST

5.2 DISCLOSURES OF IMPARTIALITY INTEREST THAT MAY CAUSE CONFLICT.

6. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES / OUT OF SESSION CONFIRMATIONS

6.1 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 8 FEBRUARY 2024

Moved: Seconded:

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION RP 24/02/...

That the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting held on 8 February 2024 be confirmed as being a true and accurate record.

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For:
Against:

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE

7.1.1 PROPOSED RYLINGTON PARK ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	7.1.1A Rylington Park Scholarship Application Form

Moved: **Seconded:**

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION RP 24/02/...

That the Committee:

- Endorses the Rylington Park Scholarship Application Form as per attachment 7.1.1A.**
- Requests the Chief Executive Officer to forward the Rylington Park Scholarship Application Form as per attachment 7.1.1A to Council for adoption.**

.....
For:
Against:

SUMMARY

The Rylington Park Scholarship, founded by the Rylington Park Management Committee Inc., embodies Eric Farley's vision of engaging and nurturing Boyup Brook's youth in agricultural endeavours. Supported by the Shire of Boyup Brook, which continued its commitment after assuming management of Rylington Park farm, the scholarship aims to sustain the agricultural heritage of the community.

BACKGROUND

In the past the scholarship has been approved for any student residing in Boyup Brook who applied and provided a short essay and attended an interview.

REPORT DETAIL

It is proposed to tighten up scholarship criteria which aims to support the Boyup Brook Schools in retaining year 10 students, by providing significant support.


The scholarship is proposed to be awarded to two deserving year 10 students, the proposal to not include year 9 students is to try retain year 10 students. Currently year 9 students who are successful with the scholarship leave Boyup Brook to attend agricultural schools outside of Boyup Brook.

This has resulted in the high school not having any year 10 students this year. It is hoped by providing a substantial scholarship student will remain in a Boyup Brook School until the end of year 10 to be able to apply for the scholarship.

The scholarship not only benefits the selected students but also ensures the ongoing vitality of Boyup Brook schools.

- The first Scholarship valued at up to \$5,000, covers the tuition fees for the recipient’s Years 11 and 12 education at the Agricultural school of their choice.
- The second Scholarship valued at up to \$2,500, covers portion of the tuition fees for the recipient’s Years 11 and 12 education at the Agricultural school of their choice

SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 – 2031

	Key Imperatives	Governance and Organisation
	Objective	Demonstrate effective leadership, advocacy and governance
	Outcome	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)

The proposed scholarship aimed at retaining Year 10 students in Boyup Brook Schools presents multiple economic benefits for the Shire, including boosting local spending, attracting new residents, and fostering a skilled workforce in agriculture.

By encouraging students to stay through significant financial support, this initiative not only stabilises school enrolments but also stimulates local economic activity and contributes to long-term regional development.

The scholarships represent an investment in the community's youth and future, enhancing educational outcomes, supporting the agricultural sector, and promoting community cohesion and pride. This strategic approach addresses

educational retention, economic stimulation, and sustainable growth, benefiting the entire region.

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

The proposed scholarship could significantly enhance community life by fostering a culture of educational engagement and strengthening community cohesion.

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.

Risk Level	Comment
Medium	If the current scholarship program format is not changed, it faces several risks, including continued declines in local school enrolments and the potential exacerbation of youth outmigration. Without the scholarship as an incentive for students to stay, Boyup Brook could see a further reduction in community engagement and economic activity, as families might move to areas with better educational opportunities.

CONSULTATION

- Community Development Officer
- Rylington Park Farm Coordinator
- Chief Executive Officer

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

The scholarship is funded annually through Rylington Park.

Workforce

Nil

End

7.1.2 RYLINGTON PARK MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023 AND JANUARY 2024	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Erlanda Deas, Farm Coordinator
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	Nil

Moved: **Seconded:**

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION RP 24/02/...

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the monthly activity report for the Rylington Park Farm for the months of December 2023 and January 2024.**

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For:
Against:

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

- Sprayed around building as well as crops for thistles
- 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 completed
- 135 barley straw bales were rolled and carted
- Canola 89.71 tons unsold at CBH
- GM Canola 46.7 tons unsold at CBH
- Barley 51.65 tons unsold at Bunge
- Barley 216.71 tons kept on farm as feed
- Canola 50 tons sold at \$822.53/ton
- Barley 19.64 tons sold at \$340.00/ton

Livestock Sales

- Prospective Sales Transactions for February:
 - 150 XB lambs at \$2/kg
 - 600 cull for age ewes

Livestock Handling and Management

- Feeding sheep grain, hay and mineral lick. Bought 26 tons 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

Livestock Inventory as of 31 January 2024


- White Suffolk: 23
- XB Lambs: 170
- Merino: 4,738

Wool and Shearing

- Hosted Shearing Schools:
 - 13-17 November 2023,
-

- 18-20 December 2023 (advanced school)
- 15-19 January 2024
- Future Shearing Schools:
 - 26 February – 1 March 2024
 - 15-19 April 2024
- Sold 61 wool bales
- 5 unsold bales to be sold in February 2024.

SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 - 2031

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

OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATIONS

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

Rylington Park Farm contributes economically to both the Shire and Region by providing education and skill development in agriculture which can enhance the workforce, leading to more efficient and innovative farming practices.

Conducting agricultural research can lead to better farming techniques and increased productivity, positively impacting the local economy. The farm also hosting field days and the event draws visitors locally and regionally which can stimulate local spending.

Offering scholarships encourages local youth to pursue careers in agriculture, potentially leading to a more skilled labour pool. Shearing schools support the sheep industry, vital for the local economy. These activities can lead to job creation, increased productivity, and the overall growth of Boyup Brook's agricultural sector.

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

Rylington Park Farm can impact the quality of life in the Boyup Brook community by enhancing access to agricultural training and education, boosting local economy through job creation and agricultural advancements.

The farm also brings community members together during events and field days, and through its training encourages young people to consider futures in agriculture, aiding in community retention.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

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

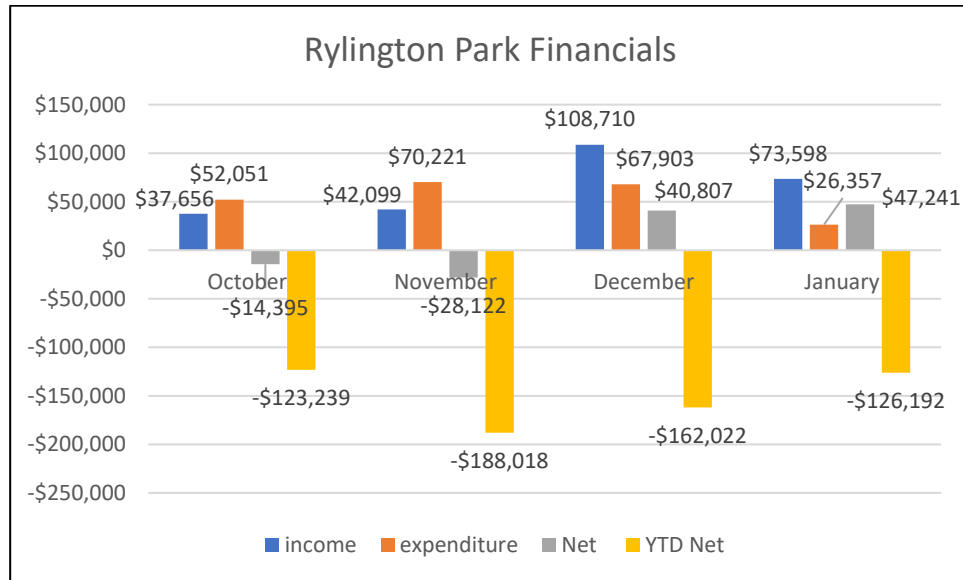
Risk Level	Comment
Moderate	<p>The Shire's risks regarding Rylington Park Farm include costs of operating the farm and funding programs may not always be covered by revenue or grants. Fluctuations in agricultural markets can affect the farm's economic viability.</p> <p>Extreme weather events could impact farm operations and ensuring all farming practices meet regulatory standards.</p>

CONSULTATION

Nil

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial



Workforce

Nil

End

7.1.3 RYLINGTON PARK CROPPING REPORT	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Marc Deas, Rylington Park Farm Manager
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	7.1.3A Cropping Plan

Moved: Seconded:

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION RP 24/02/...

That the Committee:

- Endorses the Annual Cropping Plan as per attachment 7.1.3A.**

Or

- Endorses the Annual Cropping Plan as per attachment 7.1.3A, with the following amendments.**

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For:
Against:

SUMMARY

The Committee is requested to consider the annual cropping report to enable the farm Manager to commence purchasing and preparations.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of an annual cropping management system for farmers is multifaceted, aiming to optimise agricultural production, ensure sustainability, and maximise economic returns.

The key objectives:

- **Maximising Crop Yields:** by planning the types of crops to grow each year and determining their planting and harvest schedules, farmers can make the most of their land and resources. This involves selecting crop varieties that are well-suited to the local climate and soil conditions, as well as timing plantings to take advantage of the optimal growing condition.
- **Improving Soil Health:** Annual cropping management involves rotating crops to prevent soil depletion, reduce pest and disease buildup, and improve soil structure and fertility. Crop rotation is a key element, as different crops have varying nutrient needs and effects on the soil, helping to maintain or improve soil health over time.

- **Resource Efficiency:** Effective management helps in the efficient use of resources such as water, fertilizers, and pesticides. By planning ahead, farmers can adopt practices like precision agriculture to apply inputs where they are most needed, reducing waste and minimising environmental impacts.


REPORT DETAIL

Refer to the proposed Cropping Plan, Attachment 7.1.3A.

Further to the attached Cropping Plan the following fertiliser price update has been received and should be read in conjunction with the cropping plan.

		Price in crop plan	Current price
AgNP 68% MOP 12% AgMn 20% (9-17-6-2, Cu, ZN, Mn) incl 2% Selenium	27.35 ton @ 120kg/Ha on reseeded pasture, 130kg/Ha on hay, barley & canola	\$1200/ton	\$1155/ton
Super Extra incl 2% selenium	38.25 ton @ 150kg/Ha on pasture	\$700/ton	\$550/ton
Gran NS	9 ton = 100kg/Ha @ 100kg/Ha on barley	\$520/ton	\$467/ton
Gran NS 60% Super Phos 40% (11-4-0-17, Ca)	12.4 ton @ 200kg/Ha on canola	\$540/ton	\$478/ton
Urea 60% MOP 40% (28-0-20)	23.82 ton @ 169kg/Ha on barley, 120kg/Ha on reseeded pasture, 180kg/Ha on hay	\$890/ton	\$770/ton
Flexi N	49 670 litres = 39.11 ton @ 40 litre/Ha barley, 50 litre/Ha pasture and 75 litre/Ha pasture, 50 litre/Ha canola	\$0.94/L = \$1.19/ton8 = \$1194/ton	\$650/ton
Urea	26.78 ton @150kg/Ha on hay, 160kg/Ha on barley, 150kg/Ha on canola	\$880/ton	Didn't get up to date price.
Canola NKS (25-0-15-3)	10.54 ton @ 170kg/Ha canola	\$790/ton	\$724/ton

SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 - 2031

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

OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATIONS

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

The Rylington Park Farm is poised to bring substantial economic benefits to the community and region, serving as a catalyst for growth and innovation in the agricultural sector.

By acting as a hub for agricultural research, education, and demonstration, Rylington Park can attract professionals, students, and visitors, thus increasing local spending. The farm's focus on cutting-edge agricultural practices and technology transfer is expected to enhance productivity and sustainability for local farmers, potentially leading to higher yields and profits.

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

Rylington Park Farm is likely to significantly enrich the community's quality of life. Through its focus on agricultural innovation and education, the farm can offer educational opportunities and workshops for local residents, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of sustainable farming practices.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

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

Risk Level	Comment
Moderate	The income derived from cropping is considerable. A crop failure could lead to a direct financial loss for the farm, potentially reducing the farm's ability to contribute to local economic activities and investments. This situation may also diminish the farm's role as an educational and innovation hub, thereby affecting its capacity to attract visitors, students, and professionals.

CONSULTATION

- David Lane – Agronomist
- Dan Glover, CSBP

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

The cropping plan forms an integral part of the budget preparations for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Workforce

Nil

End

8. MEMBERS QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

9. LATE ITEMS / URGENT BUSINESS MATTERS

Nil

10. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at ... pm.

Presiding Member

Date

Outstanding Committee Resolutions	
Res #	Resolution

