Date: 3 October 2025

To: Shire President
Deputy Shire President
Councillors
Community

Notice and Agenda – Rylington Park Committee Meeting

A Rylington Park Committee Meeting will be held at Rylington Park on 8 October 2025 at 7:30am to consider the matters set out in the attached agenda.

Leonard Long
Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Boyup Brook Corporate Values

Proactive

Embrace creativity, adaptability and continuous improvement seeking new ideas and solutions to address challenges and seize opportunities to ensure sustainability.

Leadership & Teamwork

Lead through collaboration, promote diversity, have pride in our work and partner with the community to achieve shared visions and aspirations.

Accountability & Integrity

Demonstrate respect, transparency, honesty and inclusivity in all interactions with the community.

Commitment

Build and share knowledge, act professionally and develop relationships that make a positive contribution to our community.

Engaging Community

Show respect, understanding and compassion for others and work collaboratively with community for better outcomes.

SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK

Proactive, Leadership & Teamwork, Accountability & Integrity, Commitment, Engaging Community

Growing our community together

Charter of Rylington Park Institute for Agricultural Training and Research

This Charter confirms that the Rylington Park farming property, home of Rylington Park Institute for Agricultural Training and Research, will be held in trust by the Boyup Brook Shire to benefit the Boyup Brook community and for the use of agricultural training and research.

Rylington Park was gifted to the Shire of Boyup Brook by Mr Eric Farleigh in 1985 to be used for agricultural training and research as this will benefit the town and district as a whole. A quote from Mr Farleigh's last will and testament dated 8th June 1988 states:

"Without creating any specific trust it is my wish that my farming property be retained by the Shire of Boyup Brook for the benefit of persons within the Shire and for research purposes and that my farming records and other records are kept with my farming property."

Eric Farleigh 8th June 1988

The transfer of the farm was officially announced on 2nd November 1985 in order to coincide with a visit to Boyup Brook by the Governor of Western Australia.

\fter gifting the farm to the Shire, Mr Farleigh continued to live on Rylington Park until his death on 11th November 1988.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives for Rylington Park Institute for Agricultural Training and Research are to:

- Demonstrate good governance and leadership by behaving with integrity and being open and accountable.
- Be recognised as a leader in technology use, training, and sustainable practices.
- Develop, trial and demonstrate the latest agricultural practices and technologies.
- Develop and demonstrate sustainable farming practices to sustainably manage the farm for future generations.
- Deliver industry relevant training.
- Deliver enhanced skills development for the farming community.

ACTIVITIES

To achieve these objectives, the Rylington Park Institute for Agricultural Training and Research will undertake specific activities in the following areas:

- Develop and maintain active partnerships with educational, training and research institutions to conduct training and research in all aspects of agriculture and facilitate these learnings to be shared with the Boyup Brook community.
- Collaborate with local farmers, businesses and organisations to participate in trials and demonstrations.
- Host industry workshops and training days.
- Host rehabilitation and regeneration trials for disused gravel pits and other degraded land.
- Encourage the use of the Rylington Park facilities for broad community participation and involvement.
- Invest in maintenance and ongoing improvements to the farm and facilities to ensure continued use and relevance for future generations.
- Engage the community in annual field days.
- Provide support to the youth of Boyup Brook with agricultural scholarships.
- Contribute to community based projects and activities.
- Provide regular updates on Rylington Park activities to the Boyup Brook community.

Adopted by the Boyup Brook Shire Council on the 25th November 2021

Richard Walker
Shire President

Dale Putland
Chief Executive Officer

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Agenda

1. Declaration of opening

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at …am.

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.

Please make sure your mobiles are turned off or on silent for the duration of the Meeting.

This meeting will be audio-recorded and may be made publicly available on the Shire website.

2. Record of attendance

2.1 Attendance

Councillors	
Shire President	Cr Richard Walker
Deputy Shire President	Cr Helen O'Connell
Councillors	Cr Michael Wright
	Cr David Inglis
	Cr Darren King
Community Members	Mr Andy McElroy
	Mr Joshua Stretch
Edith Cowan University	Prof Kerry Brown

Council Officers

Chief Executive Officer	Leonard Long
Executive Officer	Magdalena Le Grange
Farm Working Manager	Peter Grainger

Observers / Public Members

2.2 Apologies

Councillor	Cr Charles Caldwell

2.3 Request for leave of absence

3. Deputations, petitions and presentations

3.1 Deputations

3.2 Petitions

3.3 Presentations

4. Public question 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 my cause conflict

6. Previous Committee Meeting Minutes / Out of Session Confirmation

6.1 Committee Meeting Minutes – 27 August 2025

Moved: ..... **Seconded: .....**

Officer Recommendation RP 25/10/…

That the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting held on 27 August 2025 be confirmed as being a true and accurate record.

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For:
Against:

7. Reports of Officers

7.1 Farm Working Manager

7.1.1 Rylington Park monthly activity report for July and August 2025	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Peter Grainger, Farm Working Manager
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	7.1.1A - Financials

Moved: ..... Seconded: .....

Officer Recommendation RP 25/10/…

That the Committee:

1. **Receive the monthly activity report for the Rylington Park Farm for July and August 2025.**

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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
- Hand spraying around house and sheds.
- Spot sprayed thistles.

Infrastructure and Equipment Maintenance
- Repairs to sheep yards.
- Ongoing fencing maintenance and cleared fallen tree branches from fences.
- Cleaned all water troughs blocks.
- John Deere serviced both tractors.
- Greased Boom spray repaired cracked boom.
- Set up sprayer on motor bike.
- Greased FEL.
- Maintenance on shearing shed to set up for shearing school.

Crop Management
- Sprayed all post emergence fungicide and trace elements on Barley.
- Sprayed Canola for weeds.
- Contractor spread fertiliser on all crops.
- Picked rocks.
- Flexi N on hay paddocks.
- Cropping costs in Ag Supplies program.

Livestock Sales
- Green tags will be sold once shorn.

Feed on Hand
- Barley 90 tonnes.
- Lupins 25 tonnes.
- Barley straw 150 Bales.
- Hay 270 bales.

Grain Sales
Nil

Feeding program
- Barley straw as needed.

Livestock Handling and Management
- Crutched all the adult sheep.
- Moved mobs as required to maximize paddock feed.
- Lambing 92% marked on mated figures.
- Merinos Lambs 1106 Ewes Mated 1150.

- XB lambs 736 Ewes mated 911.
- Start Weaning next week Sort sheep back into age group to do a full count for the auditors.

Livestock Inventory
- White Suffolk Rams: 11
- Merino rams: 29
- Merino Ewes: 2017 Deaths 3
- XB lambs 7 sold 20
- Merino ewe lambs 427 Deaths 3
- Merino Wether lambs 20
- **TOTAL**: 2511

Wool Sales
Nil

Shearing Schools, events
- Learner school for 5 days.

Current Trials
- DPIRD time rite trial.
- Variety trails Ag Supplies.
- UWA clover trials.
- CSBP pasture fertilizer trials.
- Syngenta chemical accreditation.

OHS
- Working through the check sheet for the farm.
- No incidents.

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	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. Extreme weather events could impact farm operations and ensuring all farming practices meet regulatory standards.

Consultation
Nil

Resource Implications

Financial

Attachment 7.1.1A – Financials.

Workforce

The position of farmhand is currently vacant.

End

7.1.2 Rylington Park monthly activity report for September 2025	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Peter Grainger, Farm Working Manager
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	7.1.1A - Financials 7.1.2A - Wool Sales

Moved: ..... Seconded: .....

Officer Recommendation RP 25/10/…

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Crop Management
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Livestock Sales
Nil – Green tags will be sold once shorn.

Feed on Hand
- Barley 90 tonnes.
- Lupins 25 tonnes.
- Barley straw 140 Bales.
- Hay 260 bales.

Grain Sales
Nil

Feeding program
- Barley straw as needed.
- Hay to weaned lambs.

Livestock Handling and Management
- Weaned and needled 820 merino lambs with Weaner guard 3 mobs to do.
- Moved mobs as required to maximize paddock feed.
- Lambing 89% marked on mated figures.
- Merinos Lambs 1106, Ewes Mated 1150.
- XB lambs 736, Ewes mated 911.
- Drafted ewes 3 mobs of ewes.

Wool Sales
- Refer to attachment 7.1.2A.

Shearing Schools, events & trials

- Learner school for 5 days (25-29 August 2025).
- DPIRB time rite trial.
- Variety trials Ag Supplies.
- UWA clover trials * 2.
- CSBP pasture fertilizer trials.
- Syngenta chemical accreditation trial.

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Consultation
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Resource Implications

Financial

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End

7.1.3 Rylington Park – Discussion Farm Business Analysis 2025	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Peter Grainger, Farm Working Manager
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	7.1.3A - Business Analysis quote

Moved: ..... **Seconded: .....**

Officer Recommendation RP 25/10/…

That the Committee:

1. **Note the proposal and provide officers with further direction.**

   a) ….

.....
For:
Against:

Summary

The Farm Working Manager to present the Farm Business Analysis quote (Attachment 7.1.3A) and address questions from the Committee.

End

7.1.4 Rylington Park – Discussion Farm management app Mobble	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Peter Grainger, Farm Working Manager
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	7.1.4A – Mobble Features

Moved: ..... **Seconded: .....**

Officer Recommendation RP 25/10/…

That the Committee:

1. **Note the discussion.**

.....
For:
Against:

Summary

The Farm Working Manager to provide the Committee with an update on the farm management app Mobble.

End

8. Members questions on notice

8.1 Member McElroy: Requested information from the Working Farm Manager on the plan for ram purchasing and what the budget is.

Answer (Farm Working Manager):
The committee approved a budget of $15,000 for the purchase of rams and is proposed to be spent as follows. The Farm Working Manager intends to purchase:

- Six White Suffolk Rams average $700 from Booree stud.
- Seven Merino Rams average $850 from Darren Chapman.

8.2 Member McElroy: Would like the Working Farm Manager to join the local volunteer bushfire brigade and would like to know where the fire radio allocated to Rylington Park is.

Answer (CEO):
Joining of the volunteer bushfire brigade is not part of the Working Farm Managers employment contract and as such would be up the Working Farm Manager to decide if he would like to join. The fire radio has been installed in the Working Farm Managers Ute.

8.3 Cr Inglis: What happened to the co-owned and co-funded drone, where is it at and can it be used on Rylington Park.

Answer: (Prof Brown)
Attached (Attachment 8A) is a summary of some drone work undertaken to promote a drone count of sheep at Rylington Park Farm by Dr Dave Blake, chief drone pilot at ECU. Dr Blake also gave a drone demonstration at the 2023 Rylington Park Field Day. Also included is the initial drone purchase proposal (Attachment 8B).

Prof Brown is happy to organise a Teams meeting to discuss next steps and ways forward so that Rylington Park can benefit from the drone access and understand the potential opportunities to use the drone.

8.4 Member McElroy: Who is responsible for finding new research projects.

Answer: (Prof Brown)
ECU partnership, between 6 to 8 projects have been put forward by ECU but not progressed due to financial resources. Opportunities cannot be executed due to funding limitations of co-funding and/or upfront funding required.

9. Late items / urgent business matters

10. General Business

11. Next meeting and closure

Next meeting to be held on …….at…….. in the Council Chambers.

There being no further business the meeting closed at…….am.

_____ _____

Presiding Member Date

Outstanding Committee Resolutions		
Res #	Resolution	Status
RP 24/03/024	RYLINGTON PARK POTENTIAL SCHOOL PROGRAM - AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR STUDENT EQUITY AND SUCCESS (ACSES) FUNDING 1. If successful, approves a contribution of $20,000 towards the grant submission to Australian Centre for Student Equity and Success being prepared by Prof Brown. 2. The contribution approved in (1.) above is to be funded out of Councils Co-contribution reserve. **Prof Brown Update: 29 January 2025** **While the grant outcome was advised as unsuccessful in the granting round in 2024, the team has been in discussion with ACSES to understand if a) if the project would be eligible to be considered for the new rolling grant system that replaced the annual call for projects b) whether the project could be considered with modification for funding. The responses have been positive so there has been further discussion about the changes required for the grant application and how these changes would support consideration for funding.**	On hold
RP 24/03/033	PROPOSED HEMP TRIALS AT RYLINGTON PARK ~~1. Supports the trials for growing Hemp on 1ha of land at Rylington Park.~~ 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit an application for the relevant Hemp Licence to the relevant department. **CEO Update 29 January 2025**: **Application form has been completed, staff will be progressing with the application.** **Licence application paid for 28 February 2025.** Relevant persons to provide: 1. Police Clearance 2. Character references	Outstanding

RP 25/02/006	RYLINGTON PARK GREENING AUSTRALIA, ECU AND AWI JOINT PROJECT 1. Approve the development of a detailed proposal prepared by Greening Australia to consider a research project on the topic of Using integrated native planting to restore farm landscapes for environmental, economic and productivity improvements funded externally though independent sources. 2. Request that prior to the commencement of the project Greening Australia provide a program of activities as well as detailed financials to the committee for consideration. Prof Brown provided an update 6/03/2025 Update: Development of a detailed proposal to support a research project on the topic of: *Using integrated native planting to restore farm landscapes for environmental, economic and productivity improvements.* - Restoration costs have been compiled, and Project Team is currently modelling the project to understand carbon returns - There is a need to obtain the required paperwork from the Shire of Boyup Brook as landholder ahead of being able to provide financial information in a proposal. Timeline for receipt is by end of next week - The project proposal should be ready to share with the Committee during the week ending 28 March 2025 pending all requested details provided as per the point above.	Items closed
RP25/06/013	**<u>Update from Prof Brown 19 June 2025</u>** **A decision has been made by Greening Australia Executive to remove the Rylington Park project from the 2026 Aggregation for the following reasons:** • **Timing Issues – they don't see the landholder agreement being finalised in time which could impact other landholders.** • **Project Viability – further additions to the project budget will see this become the most expensive project in the aggregation and**	RPC 4 June 2025

	they're not sure it will be accepted by the funding partner.	