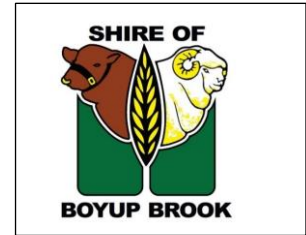


Date: 11 March 2025

To: Shire President
Deputy Shire President
Councillors
Community



Minutes – Rylington Park Committee Meeting

11 March 2025

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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 7:51am.

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 made publicly available on the Shire website.

2. Record of attendance

2.1 Attendance

Councillors

Councillors

Cr Charles Caldwell (Chair)
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
Farm Working Manager

Leonard Long
Peter Grainger

Observers / Public Members**2.2 Apologies**

Shire President
Deputy Shire President

Cr Richard Walker
Cr Helen O’Connell

2.3 Request for leave of absence

Nil

3. Deputations, petitions and presentations**3.1 Deputations**

Nil

3.2 Petitions

Nil

3.3 Presentations

Nil

4. Public question 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 my cause conflict

Nil

6. Previous committee meeting minutes / out of session confirmation

6.1 Committee meeting minutes – 4 February 2025

Moved: Cr. King

Seconded: Cr. Inglis

Officer Recommendation RP 25/03/007

That the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting held on 4 February 2025 be confirmed as being a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 6/0
For: Cr Caldwell, Cr Wright, Cr Inglis, Cr King, Mr McElroy, Mr Stretch
Against: Nil

7. Reports of Officers

7.1 Chief Executive Officer

7.1.1 Rylington Park activity report for February 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:	Nil

Moved: Cr. King

Seconded: Cr. Wright

Officer Recommendation RP 25/03/008

That the Committee:

- 1. Receive the monthly activity report for the Rylington Park Farm for February 2025.**

CARRIED 6/0

**For: Cr Caldwell, Cr Wright, Cr Inglis, Cr King, Mr McElroy,
Mr Stretch
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

- Hand spraying and pulling weeds melons.

Infrastructure and Equipment Maintenance

- Repairs to sheep yards chains on gates.
- Ongoing fencing maintenance and cleared fallen branches from fences.
- Repairs to poly pipe leaks near house.
- Cleaned all water troughs trough blocks.
- Cleaned up shearing shed for GRDC day.
- Serviced rake to rake fire breaks.

Crop Management

- Stubble crunched canola stubble hire unit from BB Ag supplies.

Livestock Sales

- None.

Feed on Hand

- Barley 155 tonnes.
- Lupins 50 tonnes.
- Barley straw 264 Bales.
- Hay 250 bales.

Feeding program

- Barley trail feeding ewes 220 grams per week.
- All lambs on lick feeders of barley/lupin mix 250 grams per week.

Livestock Handling and Management

- Lick blocks to all sheep.
- Moved mobs as required to maximize paddock feed.
- Rams out 20.2.25.
- 840 mated to XB Red and yellow tags.
- 1190 mated to Merinos Green Purple Blue.

- Booked Darren Chapman for Preg Scan. Will do an official count on the day.

Livestock Inventory as of 30/08/2024

- White Suffolk Rams: 14 4 deaths 2 with feet and back injuries.
- Merino rams: 29 2 deaths
- Merino Ewes: 2030 Deaths 3.
- XB lambs 27.
- Merino ewe lambs 439 Deaths 3.
- Merino Wether lambs 459 Deaths 3.
- **TOTAL: 2998.**

Wool Sales

- None 66 bales in store.


Shearing Schools, events & trials

- GRDC day.

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	<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

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

7.1.2 Rylington Park Updated Agronomy Report 2025	
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:	7.1.2A - Agronomy Report 2025 Draft 4

Moved: Cr. Inglis

Seconded: Mr A. McElroy

Officer Recommendation RP 25/03/009

That the Committee:

- 1. Acknowledge the updated agronomy report for 2025 as per attachment 7.1.2A.**
- 2. Request the Chief Executive Officer to investigate potential returns on entering into a sale contract for 50ton of oats, and to report back to the Rylington Park Sub-Committee.**

CARRIED 6/0
For: Cr Caldwell, Cr Wright, Cr Inglis, Cr King, Mr McElroy,
Mr Stretch
Against: Nil

Summary

The Committee is requested to consider the proposed updated agronomy report for the 2025 cropping season.

Background

For the 2025 cropping season, having an agronomy report is essential for any farm to ensure optimal crop performance and long-term sustainability.

An agronomy report provides detailed insights into soil health, nutrient requirements, and pest or disease risks, all of which are critical for making informed decisions on crop selection and management practices.

At the Rylington Park Committee meeting held on 4 February 2025,

“Moved: Cr. O’Connell

Seconded: Cr. King

Committee Resolution RP 25/02/005

That the Committee:

1. *Acknowledge the updated agronomy report for 2025 as per attachment 7.1.2A.*
2. *Request the Chief Executive Officer to arrange a workshop to be held at Rylington Park to finalise the agronomy report.*
3. *Request an updated agronomy report be presented to the next committee meeting.*

CARRIED 7/0

*For: Cr Walker, Cr O’Connell, Cr Wright, Cr Inglis, Cr King, Mr McElroy,
Mr Stretch
Against: Nil”*

“Committee Resolution RP 24/12/082

That the Committee:


1. *Acknowledge the updated agronomy report for 2025 as per attachment 7.1.2A.*
2. *Request an updated agronomy report be presented to the next committee meeting.*

Carried 6/0

*For: Cr Walker, Cr O’Connell, Mr McElroy, Mr Stretch, Cr King,
Cr Wright”*

Report Detail

Refer to attachment 7.1.2A Updated Agronomy Report Draft 4 for 2025.

	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 Considerations**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 risks that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

Risk Level	Comment
Moderate	Without an agronomy report there is a risk that the farm will not produce high yield of crop.

Consultation

Nil

Resource Implications**Financial**

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

8. Members questions on notice

Nil

9. Late items / urgent business matters

Nil

10. General Business

Nil

11. Next meeting and closure

Next meeting to be held on 2025 at in the Council Chambers.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:06am.

Presiding Member

Date

Outstanding Committee Resolutions		
Res #	Resolution	Status
RP 24/03/024	<p>RYLINGTON PARK POTENTIAL SCHOOL PROGRAM - AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR STUDENT EQUITY AND SUCCESS (ACSES) FUNDING</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p><u>Prof Brown Update: 29 January 2025</u> 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.</p>	Pending
RP 24/03/033	<p>PROPOSED HEMP TRIALS AT RYLINGTON PARK</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p><u>CEO Update 29 January 2025:</u> Application form has been completed, staff will be progressing with the application. Licence application paid for 28 February 2025.</p>	Pending
RP 24/03/036	<p>LANDCARE AUSTRALIA / NBN RYLINGTON PARK FERAL ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR TRIAL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the use of Rylington Park for a six-month trial managed by the Blackwood Basin Group (as 	Pending

	<p>from February 2024) to observe feral animal behaviours.</p> <p>2. Request the Landcare Australia / Blackwood Basin Group to provide a report on the outcomes to Council on conclusion of the trial.</p> <p><u>CEO Update 29 January 2025</u> Landcare has not yet been requested to provide a report. This will be done for the next RPC meeting.</p>	
RP 25/02/006	<p>RYLINGTON PARK GREENING AUSTRALIA, ECU AND AWI JOINT PROJECT</p> <p>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 through independent sources.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Prof Brown provided an update 6/03/2025</u></p> <p>Update: Development of a detailed proposal to support a research project on the topic of: <i>Using integrated native planting to restore farm landscapes for environmental, economic and productivity improvements.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. 	Pending