Date: 29 May 2025

To: Shire President
Deputy Shire President
Councillors
Community

Notice and Agenda – Rylington Park Committee Meeting

A Rylington Park Committee Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers on 4 June 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

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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 – 11 March 2025

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

Officer Recommendation RP 25/06/…

That the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting held on 11 March 2025 be confirmed as being a true and accurate record.

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For:
Against:

7. Reports of Officers

7.1 Community Services

7.1.1 Rylington Park Annual Storm in a Teacup event	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Nicki Jones, Manager Community Services
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number	Nil

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

Officer Recommendation RP/01/002/

That the Committee:

1. **Set the date for the annual Rylington Park Storm in a Teacup 2026 to be Friday 13th March 2026.**

2. **Receive the report for Rylington Park Storm in a Teacup 2025.**

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For:
Against:

Summary

The report is to set the date for the annual Rylington Park Storm in a Teacup 2026 and provide an overview of the 2025 event.

Background

The annual Rylington Park Storm in a Teacup was originally known as Ladies Day and commenced in 2005 at Rylington Park and was closely followed in 2007. In 2009 it moved to the Town Hall and was coordinated and run by the Boyup Brook Community Resource Centre. The next event was held in 2012 at Rylington Park where the name Storm in a Teacup was created by the then Farm Coordinator.

Storm in a Teacup has been held at Rylington Park every year since 2012 with the exception of 2021 due to COVID19 where a virtual event took place. Each year Storm in a Teacup has a theme which is chosen by the team of volunteers who make the event the success it has become.

The *Charter of The Rylington Park Institute for Agricultural Training and Research* was adopted by Council in November 2021 to confirm the Rylington Park farming property, home of The 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.

Report Detail

2025 Storm in a Teacup – Whether the Weather was a resounding success with the event starting early with an unplanned 'weather event' the night before. The team rallied and together had everything cleaned and ready to go when the gates opened.

Speakers included comedian Emma Krause, Jessica Lingard from the Bureau of Meteorology, local farmer Warren Pensini from Blackwood Valley Beef and a cocktail presentation from the The Little Bar Cart which included a cocktail for every lady. Lunch was by our own 'Queen of Boyup Brook' with various stalls from both local businesses and within the district.

This year's signature painting was created and donated by Tina Matthews with all proceeds going towards to Boyup Brook Evacuation Centre/Sporting Clubrooms. Funds raised totalled $810.

The event was advertised in the Boyup Brook Gazette, social media and Shire website. A feature article written by the Shire about the days event and was published on the front page of the April edition of the Boyup Brook Gazette. Visit april_2025_for_web.pdf to view the article.

This year we trialled online ticketing with Trybooking which was successful. This saved time for both Shire staff and patrons along with providing information such as dietary requirements we in advance.

This year's event was well supported with one hundred and seventy-one guest attending and ten stall holders. The event was again sponsored by Talison Lithium, Boyup Brook Co-op, Boyup Brook Agricultural supplies, PF Olsen, Bunbury Fibre Exports, Wespine, Carers WA, Beulah Wines, Boyup Brook IGA, Boyup Brook Pharmacy and the South West Development Commission.

FINDING CONFIDENCE

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Shire of Boyup Brook Strategic Community Plan 2021 – 2031

	Key Imperatives	**Social and Community**
	Outcome	Support a healthy, active, vibrant community.
	Objective	Promote community participation, interactions and connections.
	Key Imperatives	**Social and Community**
	Outcome	Encourage the preservation of our culture, heritage and history.
	Objective	Partner with stakeholders to promote Boyup Brook, preserving our history for future generations and sharing the rich heritage of the Shire.
	Key Imperatives	**Social and Community**
	Outcome	Encourage the preservation of our culture, heritage and history.
	Objective	Support and promote community events and activities.
	Key Imperatives	**Economic Development**
	Outcome	Be a business friendly Shire and create conditions for economic growth.
	Objective	Partner with key stakeholders and support development of industry/ business incubation, innovation and entrepreneurship using a planned approach.
	Key Imperatives	**Economic Development**
	Outcome	Be a business friendly Shire and create conditions for economic growth.
	Objective	Support current and new technologies.

Other Strategic Links
Nil

Statutory Environment
Nil

Sustainability and Risk Considerations

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

Rylington Park Storm in a Teacup creates direct revenue through ticket sales, sponsorships, and vendor fees while supporting local businesses such as caterers, presenters and event service providers. The event also offers exposure and income opportunities for businesses and fosters networking that can lead to future business collaborations.

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

A ladies' event with speakers, lunch, and spot prizes offers strong social benefits by creating a welcoming space for connection, empowerment, and community building. It fosters networking, support, and collaboration among women from all backgrounds. The event can inspire personal growth, boost confidence, and promote shared learning through engaging speakers and interactive experiences. Overall, it strengthens social ties and encourages a sense of belonging and mutual support.

Policy Implications
Nil

Risk Management Implications

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

Risk Level	Comment
Low	Setting the date for the 2026 Rylington Park Storm in a Teacup allows time for the volunteer team to plan the event, book presenters and caterers.

Consultation
Nil

Resource Implications

Financial

Income		
Sponsorship	$13,681.82	This amount excludes: • $750 directly paid to one of the coffee vans. • Donations in goodie bags.
Ticket sales	$11,266.54	
Total income	$24,948.36	

Expenses		
Speakers, catering etc	$22,944.17	Including Shire depot staff set-up and pack-down.
Total profit	$2,004.19	To be used for deposits for 2026.

Workforce
Nil

End

7.1.2 Setting the Date for Rylington Park Field Day	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Nicki Jones Manager Community Services
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number	Nil

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

Officer Recommendation RP 25/06/

That the Committee:

1. **Set the date for the annual Rylington Park Field Day to be the second last Thursday in term three of the school calendar.**

2. **Support (subject to final budget approval) the proposed budget of $4,000 for the 2025 Rylington Park Field Day.**

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For:
Against:

Summary

The report is to set the date for the annual Rylington Park Field Day with the proposal to be a set day each year.

Background

The Rylington Park Institute for Agricultural Training and Research (Rylington Park) is located 27km from Boyup Brook town site on the Boyup Brook – Cranbrook Road in Mayanup.

The 650 hectare property was gifted to the Shire of Boyup Brook in 1985 by the late Mr Eric Farleigh for research and training in agriculture, and for the betterment of Boyup Brook.

The property is managed by the Shire of Boyup, who employ staff to operate the farm, host shearing schools and coordinate fertiliser and seed trials on the property.

Rylington Park host field days each year, which include 'Storm in a Teacup' Women's Day in March and the annual Field Day in September.

The *Charter of The Rylington Park Institute for Agricultural Training and Research* was adopted by Council in November 2021 to confirm the

Rylington Park farming property, home of The 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.

Report Detail

The annual Rylington Park Field Day commenced prior to the Shire obtaining ownership of Rylington Park and has grown to be an inclusive and educational event.

By setting a day each year, people can plan their work schedules well in advance and not wait for a date to be determined every year. It is proposed the day is the Thursday prior to school Country Week in September. This day allows for maximum participation from attendees, stall holders, educators, business representatives and speakers.

Shire of Boyup Brook Strategic Community Plan 2021 – 2031

	Key Imperatives	**Social and Community**
	Outcome	Support a healthy, active, vibrant community.
	Objective	Promote community participation, interactions and connections.
	Key Imperatives	**Social and Community**
	Outcome	Encourage the preservation of our culture, heritage and history.
	Objective	Partner with stakeholders to promote Boyup Brook, preserving our history for future generations and sharing the rich heritage of the Shire.
	Key Imperatives	**Social and Community**
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	Key Imperatives	**Economic Development**
	Outcome	Be a business friendly Shire and create conditions for economic growth.
	Objective	Support current and new technologies.

Other Strategic Links
Nil

Statutory Environment
Nil

Sustainability and Risk Considerations

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

The Field Day can have a positive economic impact by fostering knowledge exchange between researchers, farmers, and agribusinesses, leading to improved farming practices and increased crop yields. Additionally, showcasing innovative technologies and products can create new market opportunities and drive investment in local agriculture.

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

The social benefits of Field Day include strengthening community ties by bringing together farmers, educators, informative speakers, and the wider community in a collaborative setting. It promotes knowledge sharing and lifelong learning, empowering participants with practical skills and information. These events also foster a sense of pride and identity in local agriculture and build networks that support resilience and innovation in rural communities.

Policy Implications
Nil

Risk Management Implications

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

Risk Level	Comment
Low	Setting a standard day allows people to plan which in turn allows for maximum attendance rates.

Consultation
Nil

Resource Implications

Financial

The proposed budget for the 2025 Rylington Park Field Day is $4,000 (subject to final adoption of the 2025/2026 budget).

Workforce
Nil

End

7.1.3 Rylington Park Integrated Agriculture and Carbon Project	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Ruth Crisp, Greening Australia
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number	7.1.3A Carbon Feasibility Report and Project Delivery Proposal 7.1.3B Carbon Sequestration Project Service Agreement 7.1.3C Non-Exclusive Call Option Deed 7.1.3D Shade Shelter Fodder Research Proposal (Draft)

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

Officer Recommendation RP 25/06/

That the Committee:

1. **Approve the proposed Integrated Agriculture and Carbon Project subject to:**

   a) **The Chief Executive Officer obtaining legal advice regarding the ability for the Shire to enter such a project considering:**

      i. **The carbon credits are proposed to be owned by a third party.**

      ii. **Non-Exclusive Call Option Deed.**

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For:
Against:

Summary

The Rylington Park Integrated Agriculture and Carbon Project is a unique project that seeks to understand and demonstrate that carbon and agriculture can co-exist while improving livestock health and on farm productivity, restoring degraded landscapes and capturing carbon.

Background

The project is a joint effort between Greening Australia, ECU, AWI, the Rylington Park Research and Training Institute and the Shire of Boyup Brook. The following actions have been undertaken to date:

- December 2024: Greening Australia conducted a site visit of Rylington Park with the property manager, ECU and committee representatives to understand parameters of a potential project and identify locations for plantings.

- February 2025: Greening Australia and ECU presented to the Rylington Park Committee the proposed project and the Committee granted permission for the detailed exploration of the proposed project.

- May 2025: Greening Australian and ECU presented the proposal to the Shire CEO.

- June 2025: Greening Australia and ECU presenting the proposal to the Rylington Park Committee.

Report Detail

The project consists of three integrated parts;

- Carbon sequestration,
- Addressing landscape degradation, and
- Productive agriculture through Shade Shelter Fodder plantings.

The project will establish plantings that will be registered with the Clean Energy Regulator as a carbon farming project. The proposed carbon project does not generate any financial return to the Shire due to it small scale. The value of the project to the Shire and local community is that it is a cost neutral exercise, the plantings are strategic and complement the existing land use providing landscape and agricultural benefit, and the research and learnings will be demonstrated and shared with the local farming community.

Project implementation (restoration works) and carbon services costs are covered by an external funder. Carbon credits generated are taken by that funder and used against their voluntary carbon offsets. It is proposed that the external funding partner in the case of Rylington Park will be AstraZeneca.

AstraZeneca - Greening Australia - Greening Australia

The project is proposed to be registered for 25. Essentially the commitment is to keep the trees/plants in place for this duration. Greening Australia/Canopy will continue to monitor and report and undertake the compliance side of things over this duration. These activities are covered under the carbon services costs which are paid for by the external funder.

Shire of Boyup Brook Strategic Community Plan 2021 – 2031

	Key Imperatives	**Economic Development**
	Outcome	Be a business friendly Shire and create conditions for economic growth.
	Objective	Partner with key stakeholders and support development of industry/ business incubation, innovation and entrepreneurship using a planned approach.

Other Strategic Links
Nil

Statutory Environment
Nil

Sustainability and Risk Considerations

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

The Rylington Park Integrated Agriculture and Carbon Project is expected to deliver strong economic benefits to the Shire and region by improving livestock productivity and land value, potentially creating local jobs, and opening access to carbon markets. By demonstrating the coexistence of agriculture and carbon farming, the project enhances regional branding, attracts investment and research partnerships, and positions the area as a leader in sustainable land management.

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

The Rylington Park project provides significant social benefits to the Shire by fostering community engagement, education, and skills development in sustainable farming practices. It strengthens local resilience through improved land stewardship, supports generational knowledge transfer, and promotes pride in leading innovative, environmentally responsible agriculture.

Policy Implications
Nil

Risk Management Implications

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

Risk Level	Comment
Moderate	The key risk to the Shire of Boyup Brook in allowing the Rylington Park project to proceed lies in the potential long-term land use commitments or restrictions that may arise from carbon sequestration obligations, which could limit future flexibility.

Consultation

Nil

Resource Implications

Financial

- Obtaining the required legal advice could cost the Shire between $2,500 and $5,000.

- The implementation of the project will not cost the Shire anything other than the provision of the land.

Workforce

Nil

End

7.2 Chief Executive Officer

7.2.1 Rylington Park monthly activity report for March 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: ..... Seconded: .....

Officer Recommendation CM 25/06/…

That Council:

1. **Receive the monthly activity report for the Rylington Park Farm for March 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 and pulling weeds melons.

Infrastructure and Equipment Maintenance

- Repairs to sheep yards chains on gates.
- Ongoing fencing maintenance and cleared fallen branches from fences.
- Cleaned all water troughs.

Crop Management
Nil

Livestock Sales
Nil

Feed on Hand

- Barley 145 tons.
- Lupins 50 tons.
- Barley straw 264 Bales.
- Hay 420 bales.

Feeding program

- Barley trail feeding ewes 220 grams per week.
- All lambs on lick feeders of barley/lupin mix 250 grams per week.
- One (1) hay bale per 100 sheep.

Livestock Handling and Management

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

Livestock Inventory

- White Suffolk Rams: 13 (1 death).
- Merino rams: 29.
- Merino Ewes: 2034 (2 deaths).
- XB lambs 27.
- Merino ewe lambs 439.
- Merino Wether lambs 451 (4 deaths).

- **TOTAL**: 2993.

Wool Sales

- 66 bales sold.

Shearing Schools, events & trials

- Women's 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

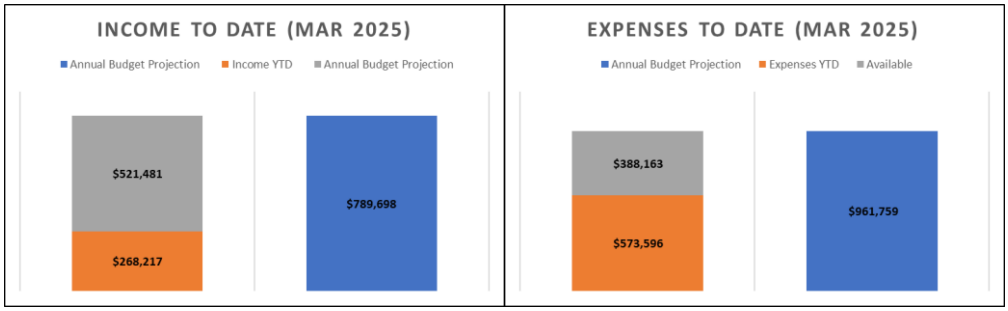
Shire of Boyup Brook's commitment to the identification and management of risks that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

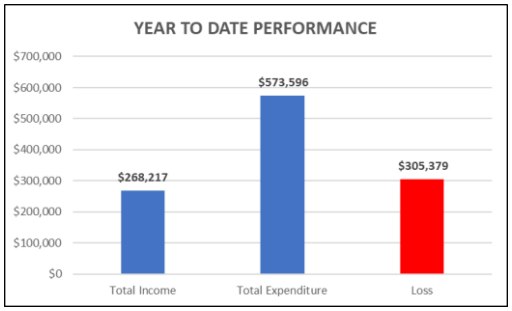
Risk Level	Comment
Moderate	The Shire's risks regarding Rylington Park Farm include costs of operating the farm and funding programs may not always be covered by revenue or grants. Fluctuations in agricultural markets can affect the farm's economic viability. Extreme weather events could impact farm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

Consultation
Nil

Resource Implications

Financial





Workforce

Nil

End

7.2.2 Rylington Park activity report for April 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: ..... **Seconded: .....**

Officer Recommendation RP 25/06/…

That the Committee:

1. **Receive the monthly activity report for the Rylington Park Farm for April 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 and pulling weeds melons.

Infrastructure and Equipment Maintenance

- Repairs to sheep yards chains on gates.
- Ongoing fencing maintenance and cleared fallen branches from fences.
- Cleaned all water troughs trough blocks.
- Repairs to the pencil auger.

Crop Management

- Sprayed first knockdown on all cropping paddocks.
- Cleaned up fallen branches and trees in crop paddocks.

Livestock Sales

- 229 merino wether lambs.

Grain Sales

- Nil

Feed on Hand

- Barley 125 tonnes.
- Lupins 35 tonnes.
- Barley straw 224 Bales.
- Hay 420 bales.

Feeding program

- Barley trail feeding ewes 220 grams per week.
- All lambs on lick feeders of barley/lupin mix 250 grams per week plus hay ad lib in feedlots.
- 1 hay bale per 100.

Livestock Handling and Management

- Lick blocks to all sheep.
- Moved mobs as required to maximize paddock feed.
- Drenched and vaccinated ewes.
- Marked 220 out of season lambs.

Livestock Inventory

- White Suffolk Rams: 12, 1 death.
- Merino rams: 29.
- Merino Ewes: 2028, 6 Deaths.
- XB lambs 27.
- Merino ewe lambs 435, 4 Deaths.
- Merino Wether lambs 218, 4 Deaths.
- **TOTAL**: 2749, 15 Deaths.

Wool Sales

- Nil.

Shearing Schools, events & trials

- Nil.

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

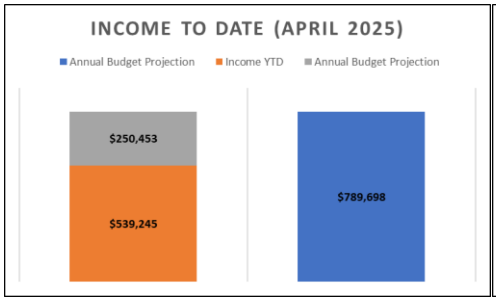
Shire of Boyup Brook's commitment to the identification and management of risks that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

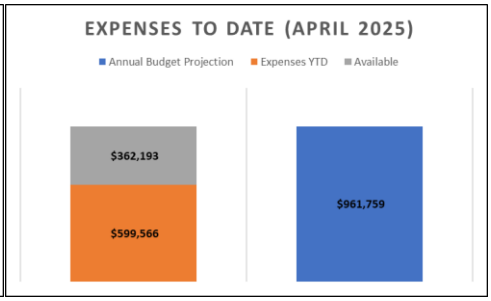
Risk Level	Comment
Moderate	The Shire's risks regarding Rylington Park Farm include costs of operating the farm and funding programs may not always be covered by revenue or grants. Fluctuations in agricultural markets can affect the farm's economic viability. Extreme weather events could impact farm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

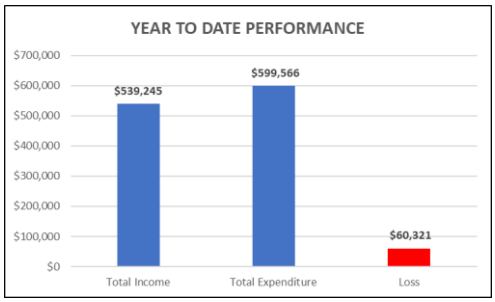
Consultation
Nil

Resource Implications

Financial







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Nil

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8. Members questions on notice

Nil

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.

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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.**	Pending
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.**	Pending
RP 24/03/036	LANDCARE AUSTRALIA / NBN RYLINGTON PARK FERAL ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR TRIAL ~~1. Approve the use of Rylington Park for a six-month trial managed by the Blackwood Basin Group (as~~	Pending

	~~from February 2024) to observe feral animal behaviours.~~ 2. Request the Landcare Australia / Blackwood Basin Group to provide a report on the outcomes to Council on conclusion of the trial. **CEO Update 29 January 2025** **Landcare has not yet been requested to provide a report. This will be done for the next RPC meeting**.	
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.	Pending