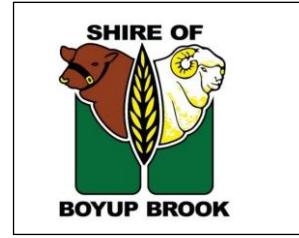


Date: 11 February 2026

To: Shire President
Deputy Shire President
Councillors
Community



Minutes – Rylington Park Committee Meeting

Minutes of Rylington Park Committee Meeting of the Shire of Boyup Brook held on 5 February 2026 at 7:30am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leonard Long".

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.





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.

After 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:

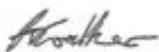
- Demonstrate good governance and leadership by behaving with integrity and being open and accountable.
- Be recognised as a leader in technology use, training, and sustainable practices.
- Develop, trial and demonstrate the latest agricultural practices and technologies.
- Develop and demonstrate sustainable 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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1. Declaration of opening

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 7:35am.

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 Helen O'Connell

Deputy Shire President

Cr Darren King

Councillors

Cr David Inglis

Prospective Community Members

Mr Richard Walker

Mr Andy McElroy

Edith Cowan University

Prof Kerry Brown

Council Officers

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Officer
Farm Working Manager

Leonard Long
Magdalena Le Grange
Peter Grainger

Observers / Public Members**2.2 Apologies**

Councillors

Cr Philip Moore
Cr Michael Wright

2.3 Approved leave of absence

Peter Grainger approved leave from 9/2/2026 to 13/3/2026, returning 16/3/2026.

2.4 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 – 20 November 2025

Moved: Cr. Inglis	Seconded: Mr. Walker
Committee Decision RP 26/02/001	
That the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting held on 20 November 2025 be confirmed as being a true and accurate record.	
	CARRIED 5/0
	For: Cr O'Connell, Cr Inglis, Mr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King
	Against: Nil

7. Reports of Officers

7.1 Chief Executive Officer

7.1.1 Rylington Park monthly activity report for December 2025	
File Ref:	Committees-Rylington Park
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: Cr. King

Seconded: Mr. McElroy

Committee Decision RP 26/02/002

That the Committee:

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

CARRIED 5/0

For: Cr O'Connell, Cr Inglis, Mr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King

Against: Nil

Summary

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

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

- Spot sprayed paddy melons.
- Sprayed around sheds.

Infrastructure and Equipment Maintenance

- Repairs to sheep yards.
- Ongoing fencing maintenance and cleared fallen trees branches from fences Jordon is doing a good job on all fencing.
- Cleaned all water troughs trough blocks.
- Greased FEL Hay Buggy.
- John Deere F.E.L in Afgri for repairs.
- Serviced feed out trailer.
- Cleaned out silos ready for harvest.
- Fumigated with Phos toxin silos with old seasons grain.
- Honda motor bike needs starter motor looked at. Needs servicing looking for a Mechanic to do it.

Crop Management

Nil

Livestock Sales

- XB lambs sold 608 average 48 kilos \$220 per head on farm.

Feed on Hand

- Barley 180 tonnes.
- Lupins 0 tonnes.
- Barley straw 125 Bales.
- Hay 450 bales.

Grain Sales

Nil

Feeding program

- Hay to all sheep.
- 1.5kg lupins per week per head lambs.
- 1kg barley per week per head ewes.

Livestock Handling and Management

- Drenched all the lambs.
- Jetted all lambs and dirty ewes Extinosad.
- Shore all the merino lambs.

- Treated Black tags ewes with flexvolt oral lice treatment.
- Lick mineral blocks to all mobs.
- Move weaner mobs as required to maximize paddock feed.
- Treated sheep for fly strike.
- Sorted sheep into age groups.
- XB rams in 8.12.2025.
- White Suffolk Rams: 16 (Deaths 2 destroyed foot abscess).
- Merino rams: 34 (Deaths 2 old age).
- Merino Ewes: 2116 (Deaths 13 fly strike).
- Merino Wethers 28.
- Merino lambs ewe lambs 607 (Deaths 11 fly strike).
- Merino wether lambs 507 (Deaths 11 fly strike).
- XB lambs 112.
- **TOTAL:** 3420

Wool Sales

- 16 bales

Shearing Schools, events

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 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 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 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

Attachment 7.1.1A – Financials.

Workforce

The position of farmhand has been filled.

End

7.1.2 Rylington Park Mobble management app	
File Ref:	Committees-Rylington Park
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. Inglis

Committee Decision RP 26/02/003

That the Committee:

1. Note the Farm Working Managers verbal report (to be provided in writing by the Farm Working Manager) on the progress of updating the Mobble Management app.
2. Farm Working Manager to provide report to Chief Executive Officer for next meeting.

CARRIED 5/0

For: Cr O'Connell, Cr Inglis, Mr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King

Against: Nil

Summary

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

Background

The Committee at its meeting held on 20 November 2025 decided as follows:

“Moved: Cr. Inglis

Seconded: Cr. Wright

Committee Decision RP 25/11/041

That the Committee:

1. Request the Farm Working Manager to provide a further update on the progress of getting Mobble management app updated.

CARRIED 7/0

*For: Cr. O'Connell, Cr. King, Cr. Moore, Cr. Inglis, Cr. Wright,
Mr Walker, Mr McElroy*

Against: Nil"

The Committee at its meeting held on 8 October 2025 decided as follows:

"Moved: Mr A. McElroy

Seconded: Cr. O'Connell

Committee Decision RP 25/10/028

That the Committee:

1. *Note the discussion.*
2. *Farm Working Manager to provide committee with update at the next Rylington Park Committee meeting.*

CARRIED 6/0

*For: Cr Walker, Cr O'Connell, Cr Inglis, Cr Wright, Cr King,
Mr McElroy
Against: Nil"*

Report Detail

Mobble provides a central platform for managing livestock, paddocks, and on-farm operations. It allows users to map their entire property, including paddocks, water points and infrastructure, and track livestock through births, purchases, sales, treatments, and movements.

The app supports grazing management by recording days grazed and rested, stocking rates and paddock performance. It also captures important compliance and inventory information such as animal treatments, chemical use and feed levels. Mobble includes task management and team communication tools to keep staff aligned, and its offline capability ensures it can be used reliably in areas with limited connectivity.

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)

Using a farm management app can improve farm profitability by helping producers make better decisions about stocking, grazing and input use, reducing waste and boosting productivity. It saves time and labour by centralising records and tasks, strengthens compliance by keeping treatment and chemical records accurate, and lowers the risk of costly errors or penalties. Overall, it provides real-time information that supports smarter financial planning and more efficient day-to-day operations.

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
High	<p>Without a farm management app, the farm faces a higher risk of inefficiencies and errors due to relying on manual or inconsistent record-keeping. Important information such as livestock treatments, paddock history, stocking rates and chemical use may be incomplete or misplaced, increasing the chance of compliance breaches or audit issues.</p> <p>Decision-making may be less accurate without timely data, resulting in over- or under-grazing, reduced pasture performance and higher input costs. Overall, the absence of a structured system increases operational, financial and compliance risk for the business.</p>

Consultation

Nil

Resource Implications

Financial

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

7.1.3 Update on Committee Decision and Requests of 8 October 2025

File Ref:	Committees-Rylington Park
Previous Items:	RP 25/10/027 1 (c), (d), (e)
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	Nil

Moved: Cr. Inglis**Seconded: Mr. Walker****Committee Decision RP 26/02/004****That the Committee:**

1. Note AWI have advised the Shire they do not wish to enter a formal contract for hosting shearing schools and will continue to host schools on a 'as needed' basis. [Committee Decision RP 25/10/027 1(c)].
2. Note the Farm Working Manager is required to provide a quote from an agronomist for a cropping plan. [Committee Decision RP 25/10/027 1(d)] to the committee at the next committee meeting.
3. Note the verbal report (to be provided in writing by the Farm Working Manager) from the Farm Working Manager regarding machinery dealership/suppliers to demonstrate their harvesting and seeding machinery on Rylington Park [Committee Decision RP 25/10/027 1(e)].

CARRIED 5/0**For: Cr O'Connell, Cr Inglis, Mr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King****Against: Nil****Summary**

The Committee is to consider the updates on the matters raised with regard to Committee Decision RP 25/10/027.

Background

Nil

Report Detail

The Committee at its meeting held on 8 October 2025 decided as follows:

"Moved: Cr. Inglis**Seconded: Cr. King**

Committee Decision RP 25/10/027

That the Committee:

1. *Note the proposal and provide officers with the following further direction:*
 - a) ~~The Rylington Park Working Farm Manager not to proceed with the business analysis as per the quote attached 7.1.3A. at this stage and undertake further investigations into the program.~~
 - b) ~~Rylington Park Working Farm Manager to proceed with the November shearing school and advise AWI the January school cannot be hosted by Rylington Park.~~
 - c) ~~Rylington Park Working Farm Manager to negotiate a new contract with AWI by 31 December going forward.~~
 - d) *Rylington Park Working Farm Manager to obtain quotes from agronomist for a cropping plan.*
 - e) *Rylington Park Working Farm Manager to contact machinery dealership/supplier to invite them to demonstrate their harvesting and seeding machinery on Rylington Park.*
 - f) *Chief Executive Officer to investigate what operating models there are for the running of Rylington Park.*

CARRIED 6/0

*For: Cr Walker, Cr O'Connell, Cr Inglis, Cr Wright, Cr King,
Mr McElroy
Against: Nil"*

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

Local Government Act 1995.

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
High	Providing timeous responses / updates is imperative to ensure the smooth operations on Rylington Park.

Consultation

Nil

Resource Implications

Financial

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

7.1.4 Update on Committee Decision and Requests of 20 November 2025

File Ref:	Committees-Rylington Park
Previous Items:	RP 25/11/044(1)
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	Nil

Moved: Mr. McElroy

Seconded: Cr. Inglis

Committee Decision RP 26/02/005

That the Committee:

- 1. Note the Farm Working Manager is to provide the committee with a written valuation for the sheep handler [Committee Decision RP 25/11/044(1)] at the next meeting.**

CARRIED 5/0

**For: Cr O'Connell, Cr Inglis, Mr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King
Against: Nil**

Summary

The Farm Working Manager is to provide the Committee with an update on the matters raised regarding Committee Decision RP 25/11/044.

Background

The Committee at its meeting held on 20 November 2025 decided as follows:

"Moved: Cr. Inglis

Seconded: Mr A. McElroy

Committee Decision RP 25/11/044

That the Committee:

- 1. Have the sheep handler valued.**
- 2. Sell the existing seeder and sheep handler.**
- 3. Purchase a seeder.**

CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr O'Connell, Cr King, Cr Moore, Cr Inglis, Cr Wright, Mr Walker,

*Mr McElroy
Against: Nil”*

Report Detail

Nil

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)

Nil

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

Nil

Policy Implications

Policy C11 – Assets Management

Policy G9 – Purchasing

Policy G10 – Disposal of Property

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
High	Providing timeous responses / updates is imperative to ensure the smooth operations on Rylington Park.

Consultation

Nil

Resource Implications

Financial

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

7.1.5 Update on proposed farmer well-being safety workshop	
File Ref:	Committees/Rylington Park
Previous Items:	RP 25/11/045(1)
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	Nil

Moved: Cr. Inglis**Seconded: Cr. King****Committee Decision RP 26/02/006****That the Committee:**

1. Note the verbal update report (to be provided in writing by the Kerry Brown, Prof of Employment & Industry ECU) on the proposed workshop for farmer well-being safety to be run by the ECU [Committee Decision RP 25/11/045(1)].

CARRIED 5/0**For: Cr O'Connell, Cr Inglis, Mr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King****Against: Nil**

Summary

The Farm Working Manager is to provide the Committee with an update on the matters raised regarding Committee Decision RP 25/11/045.

Background

The Committee at its meeting held on 20 November 2025 decided as follows:

“Moved: Cr. King**Seconded: Cr. Wright****Committee Decision RP 25/11/045****That the Committee:**

1. Supports the proposed workshop for farmer well-being safety to be run by the ECU.

CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr. O'Connell, Cr. King, Cr. Moore, Cr. Inglis, Cr. Wright, Mr Walker, Mr McElroy

Against: Nil”

Report Detail

The workshop is to be organised for some time in February 2026. The timing would give ECU enough time to organise the workshop.

Marcus Cattani from ECU is a member of the WorkSafe WA Agriculture Safety Advisory Committee and recently visited the European farmer health and safety project, which has informed this project.

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)

Nil

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

Hosting a farmer wellbeing and safety workshop provides practical tools to help farmers manage physical risks, mental health pressures, and the increasing demands of modern agriculture. It creates a trusted space for open conversations about stress, fatigue, and isolation, which are common challenges in rural communities. These workshops also promote safer work practices, reducing the likelihood of on-farm injuries and long-term health issues. By bringing farmers together, they strengthen peer networks and encourage early help-seeking and support. Ultimately, investing in wellbeing and safety supports more resilient farming businesses, families, and communities.

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
High	Providing timeous responses / updates is imperative to ensure the smooth operations on Rylington Park.

Consultation

Nil

Resource Implications**Financial**

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

7.1.6 Phase Out of Live Sheep Exports by Sea - transition assistance: Enhancing Market Demand Grants Program

File Ref:	Committees-Rylington Park
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	Nil

Moved: Mr. McElroy

Seconded: Cr. King

Committee Decision RP 26/02/007

That the Committee:

Amended motion

1. Item laid on the table for the next committee meeting to allow the two members not present to be part of the discussion.

CARRIED 5/0

For: Cr O'Connell, Cr Inglis, Mr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King

Against: Nil

Original Motion:

1. Nominates as the Rylington Park Committee representative on the Project Steering Committee.

Summary

The Committee is requested to consider appointing a representative on the Project Steering Committee.

Background

Edith Cowan University have been successful in being awarded the grant funded by the federal government under the Phase Out of Live Sheep Exports by Sea - transition assistance: Enhancing Market Demand Grants Program grant opportunity.

The project titled Sheep Industry Pivot - Diversifying Market Pathways to Enhance Demand for Australian Sheep Products was awarded funding for 2 years from 2026-2028.

Report Detail

The Federal Government has handed grants to Edith Cowan University and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry to develop new markets for WA sheep as the live export ban. About \$3.7 million was given to 12 organisations through the Government's \$139m live export trade.

Edith Cowan University (ECU) in collaboration with Rylington Park, will lead a two-year initiative to strengthen market demand and diversification for Australian sheep products in response to the live export phase-out. While the industry has undergone extensive consultation, there remains a need to identify commercially viable diversification pathways.

The project will focus on developing new value-added and by-product opportunities for domestic and international speciality markets. Key activities include a global competitor analysis benchmarking innovative products and an Industry-led Pivot Incubator Pilot with up to 10 producers and processors to trial diversification models. Combining applied market research, design-led collaboration, and real-world pilot implementation, the project will deliver actionable commercial insights, new product opportunities, and stronger industry capability to build a more resilient and adaptable Australia sheep industry.

The grant agreement is currently being negotiated with the department, with a view for execution late February 2026. The grant will run over approximately two years, starting from around March/April 2026, depending on finalisation of project contract.

The project plan involves the project team running an incubator (workshops and trial sites) at Rylington Park with sheep farmers, processors and distributors in late 2027.

Summary Project Stages:

Stage 1 (year 1):

- Global competitive review of international markets to identify potential novel products that suit the Australian Sheep Industry.

Stage 2 (year 1):

- From the review, identify 3-5 novel products in consultation with industry/farmers.

Stage 3 (year 2):

- Develop business cases for the products.

Stage 4 (year 2):

- Run a pivot incubator with up to 10 farmers, processors and distributors keen to embed any of the products into their existing offerings.

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)

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	It is important to nominate a representative to ensure the interests of Rylington Park are considered.

Consultation

Nil

Resource Implications

Financial

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

7.1.7 Repair of front-end loader	
File Ref:	Committees-Rylington Park
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	7.1.7A Service History 7.1.7B Repair quote

Summary

The committee is requested to consider the request to repair the front-end loader which is a vital machine on the farm.

Background

The current value (as is) of the front-end loader has been estimated to be \$10,000 by Afgrí Equipment, with its estimated sale price post repairs \$35,000.

Report Detail

The front-end loader broke down late 2025. The machine was taken to Afri Equipment to diagnose the problem and a quote to repair attached as Attachment 7.1.7B.

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.
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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 operational front-end loader, it will be very difficult for the Working Farm Manager to feed the sheep which could impact the animal's health.

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. Confidential Items of Business**11.1. Closure of Meeting to the Public****Moved: Mr. Walker****Seconded: Cr. King****Committee Decision RP 26/02/009****That the Committee:**

- 1. Proceed behind closed doors as per Section 5.23(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, to consider item 11.1.1.**

CARRIED 5/0**For: Cr O'Connell, Cr Inglis, Mr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King****Against: Nil****11.1.1 Confidential Potential future operational models for Rylington Park**

File Ref:	Committees-Rylington Park
Previous Items:	Item 14.1.1 RP 25/11/050
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Absolute Majority
Attachment Number:	Confidential

11.2 Proceed with the meeting in Public**Moved: Cr. Inglis****Seconded: Mr. McElroy****Committee Decision RP 26/02/015****That the Committee:**

- 1. Proceed with the meeting in public.**

CARRIED 5/0

For: Cr O'Connell, Cr Inglis, Mr Walker, Mr McElroy, Cr King
Against: Nil

12. Next meeting and closure

Next meeting to be held on 19 March 2026 at 7:30am in the Council Chambers.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:42am.

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> <p>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.</p> <p>2. The contribution approved in (1.) above is to be funded out of Councils Co-contribution reserve.</p> <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>	On hold
RP 24/03/033	<p>PROPOSED HEMP TRIALS AT RYLINGTON PARK</p> <p>1. Supports the trials for growing Hemp on 1ha of land at Rylington Park.</p> <p>2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit an application for the relevant Hemp Licence to the relevant department.</p> <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> <p>Relevant persons to provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Police Clearance 2. Character references 	On Hold