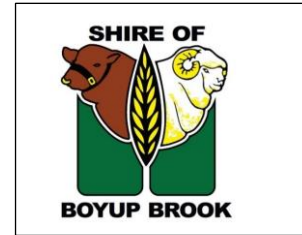


Date: 3 May 2024

To: Shire President
Deputy Shire President
Councillors
Community



NOTICE AND AGENDA – RYLINGTON PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

A Rylington Park Committee will be held in the Council Chambers on 8 May 2024 at 6:00pm to consider the matters set out in the attached agenda.

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Leonard Long
Chief Executive Officer

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AGENDA

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at pm.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet and work.

Committee Meetings are public meetings.

Committee Members and staff risk being held personally liable if their comments are defamatory, or breach any duty of confidentiality.

Statements made during Committee Meetings are solely those of the person making them. Nothing expressed at a Committee Meeting can be attributed to the Shire, unless it is adopted by a resolution of Council.

The Confirmed Minutes of a Committee Meeting are the official record of that Committee Meeting. Verbatim Minutes are not required.

May I ask everyone here today, to make sure your mobiles are turned off or on silent for the duration of the Meeting.

This meeting will be audio recorded for minute taking purposes.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

2.1 ATTENDANCE

Councillors

Shire President

Deputy Shire President

Councillors

Cr Richard Walker

Cr Helen O'Connell

Cr Charles Caldwell

Cr Michael Wright

Cr Darren King

Cr David Inglis

Community Members

Mr Andy McElroy

Mr Joshua Stretch

Prof Kerry Brown

Council Officers

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Officer

Rylington Park Farm Manager

Rylington Park Coordinator

Leonard Long

Magdalena Le Grange

Marc Deas

Erlanda Deas

Observers / Public Members**2.2 APOLOGIES****2.3 REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE****3. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS****3.1 DEPUTATIONS****3.2 PETITIONS****3.3 PRESENTATIONS****4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS TIME**

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

4.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST****5.1 FINANCIAL AND / OR PROXIMITY INTEREST**

- Rylington Park Farm Manager Marc Deas declared a Financial Interest in item 7.1.16 being the owner of Feral Logic.
- Rylington Park Farm Coordinator Erlanda Deas declared a Financial Interest in item 7.1.16 being the wife of Marc Deas Rylington Park Farm Manager.
- Cr O'Connell declared a Financial Interest in item 7.1.16 being an employee of the Blackwood Basin Group.

5.2 DISCLOSURES OF IMPARTIALITY INTEREST THAT MAY CAUSE CONFLICT

- Cr King declared an Impartiality Interest in item 7.1.6 being a parent member of the Boyup Brook District High School Board.
 - Rylington Park Farm Coordinator Erlanda Deas declared an Impartiality Interest in item 7.1.6 being the Chairperson of the Boyup Brook District High School Board.
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6. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES / OUT OF SESSION CONFIRMATIONS

6.1 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 21 MARCH 2024

<p>Moved: Seconded:</p> <p><u>OFFICER RECOMMENDATION RP 24/05/...</u></p> <p>That the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2024 be confirmed as being a true and accurate record.</p> <p>..... For: Against:</p>
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6.2 OUT OF SESSION CONFIRMATION – SUB- COMMITTEE RESOLUTION – PURCHASE OF FEED PELLETS

<p>Moved: Seconded:</p> <p><u>OFFICER RECOMMENDATION RP 24/05/...</u></p> <p>That the following “Out of Session” resolution was endorsed by the Rylington Park sub-committee:</p> <p>1. Purchase an additional 22 tons of pellets to feed wether lambs.</p> <p>..... For: Against:</p>
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7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

Moved: Seconded:

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION RP 24/05/...

That the committee recommends Council:

- 1. Receive the monthly activity report for the Rylington Park Farm for the months of March and April 2024.**

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For:
Against:

SUMMARY

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

BACKGROUND

The Rylington Park Institute for Agricultural Training and Research, known as Rylington Park, is a key agricultural asset located 27km from Boyup Brook, in Mayanup.

This 650-hectare property was donated to the Shire of Boyup Brook in 1985 by Mr. Eric Farleigh for agricultural research and training, aimed at the betterment of the Boyup Brook community. Managed by the Shire, the property runs various agricultural programs, including shearing schools and fertiliser and seed trials.

It also offers scholarships to youth in agriculture and has a strategic relationship with Edith Cowan University for research and education, with the intent to share findings with the local farming community. Rylington Park is committed to supporting the agricultural industry and the regional community through its various initiatives.

REPORT DETAIL

Weed Control

- Ongoing thistle control

Infrastructure and Equipment Maintenance

- Finishing breaking down tank in paddock twenty and filling in the well
- Ongoing fencing maintenance clearing trees and limbs off fences
- Repaired oil leak on rock rake
- Safe Farms WA representative & shire WHS officer did assessment
- Going through seeder – parts ordered
- Fix tractor “remote”
- Busy with WHS list
- To-do list for next few months
- Excavator to clean dams in the next 2 weeks

Crop Management

- Tenders out for crop seeding
- Crop fert ordered – 12.75 tonnes Super Potash 4:1 Sel 0.2% @ \$572/tonne
- Super potash was spread on all pasture paddocks
- Raked necessary paddocks and burned stubbles
- Hopefully have seeding contractor here in 2 weeks

Livestock Sales

- Sold 123 cull for age ewes and 18 red tag wethers @ \$50.44/hd
- Jamie Hart to look at dry ewes, wether lambs, cull hoggets and tail end of ewe lambs

Feed on Hand

- Barley 74 tonnes
- Lupins 17 tonnes
- Hay 187 bales
- Barley straw 125 bales
- Easy One pellets ± 15 tonnes

Feeding program

- 331 twin bearing ewes mated to merino rams – 1200kg / week
 - 725 single bearing ewes mated to merino rams – 2540kg / week
 - 245 dry ewes – 510kg / week
 - 472 twin bearing ewes mated to W/S rams – 1820kg / week
 - 303 single bearing ewes mated to W/S rams – 970kg / week
 - 700 ewe lambs – 1960kg / week
 - 401 cull maidens mated to W/S rams – 1260kg / week
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- 46 Rams (20 White Suffolk, 26 Merino), 50 odds & sods (/30 XB), 195 small wether lambs and 23 scanned dries mated to W/S: barley, lupins 70:30. Between the lot (314 hd), they get 720kg / week
- total of 11 tonnes for this week going up to 12 tonnes next week
- 544 wether lambs on feeders – EasyOne

Livestock Handling and Management

- Vit E to lambs and hoggets.
- Vaccinate whether lambs.
- Drench hoggets mated to merino rams.
- Crutched daggy green tag ewes
- Preg scanning:

	Singles	Twins	Dry	Total	%
Ewes mated to White Suffolk rams	310	474	43	827	152%
Ewes mated to Merino rams	725	331	156	1212	114.4%
Cull maidens mated to White Suffolk rams	317	84	46	447	108.5%
	1352	889	245	2486	125.9%

Livestock Inventory as of 30 April 2024

- White Suffolk: 20
- XB Lambs: 31
- Merino: 3962


Wool Sales

- Sold 28 wool bales and oddments.
- Have 12 bales wool on hand – to go to Perth soon

Shearing Schools

- Hosted Shearing Schools:
 - 26 February – 1 March 2024
 - 15-19 April 2024
- Hosted Storm in a Teacup ladies’ day – 15 March 2024
- NBN Landcare Camera trial in partnership with Blackwood Basin Group

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.

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
Medium	<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 for March and April 2024

Rylington Park Farming Operation									
Income & Expenditure Statement for the Period Ended 30/04/2024									
	Budget Apr24	Actual Apr24	Stock Programme	Cropping Programme	Education Programme	Events	Actual YTD	Annual Budget	Surplus / Deficit
Income									
Sheep Sales	0.00	7,111.43	7,111.43				123,027.46	201,000	77,972.54
Wool Sales	51,000.00	38,745.55	38,745.55				182,635.95	165,750	-16,885.95
Grain Income									0.00
Barley				0.00			23,528.25	49,350	25,821.75
Canola				0.00			135,643.67	173,880	38,236.33
Hay				0.00				0	0.00
Oats				0.00				0	0.00
Wheat				0.00				0	0.00
Shearing School	18,328.00	18,328.36			18,328.36		115,159.31	128,299	13,139.69
Training Events					0.00		363.64	0	-363.64
Accommodation					0.00		6,626.35	950	-5,676.35
Ladies Day		1,360.00				1,360.00	19,073.64	0	-19,073.64
Mens Field Day							0.00	0	0.00
Farm Demos							0.00	0	0.00
Interest Received								0	0.00
Rebates							2,749.09	0	-2,749.09
Fuel Tax Credits			0.00	0.00	0.00		10,493.00	0	-10,493.00
									0.00
Total Income	69,328.00	65,545.34	45,856.98	0.00	18,328.36	1,360.00	619,300.36	719,229	99,928.64
Expenditure									
Accommodation					0.00		115.45	0	-115.45
Catering	1,850.00				0.00		11,091.38	15,950	4,858.62
Cleaning		515.00			515.00			0	0.00
Contractors									
Crutching & Museling		702.95	702.95				8,342.25	15,800	7,457.75
Fertilizer Spreading		1,275.00	1,275.00	1,275.00			1,742.50	4,500	2,757.50
Harvesting			0.00	0.00			14,900.00	15,450	550.00
Hay Baling			0.00	0.00			24,129.87	10,100	-14,029.87
Instructors/Tutors	11,800.00	8,630.00			8,630.00		101,709.50	82,600	-19,109.50
Seeding			0.00	0.00				13,250	13,250.00
Shearing			0.00				405.00	3,300	2,895.00
Speakers						0.00	1,000.00	0	-1,000.00
Spraying			0.00	0.00			1,696.00	3,900	2,204.00
Donations		1,360.00				1,360.00	2,460.00	1,100	-1,360.00
Electricity	667.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		5,919.98	8,000	2,080.02
Events									0.00
Field Day						0.00	213.55	4,000	3,786.45
Ladies Day		1,612.80				1,612.80	18,615.77	3,000	-15,615.77
Fertilizer		7,293.00	0.00	7,293.00			23,523.00	139,440	115,917.00
Fodder	10,870.00	27,086.10	27,086.10				69,421.90	33,130	-36,291.90
Freight & Cartage		915.00	435.00	480.00			16,272.75	37,510	21,237.25
Fuel & Oil		3,722.59	3,722.59	3,722.59			14,120.10	25,000	10,879.90
Gas		36.27				36.27	1,031.85		-1,031.85
Hire of Plant & Equipment				0.00			1,023.96		-1,023.96
Insurance			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,569.89	18,000	-569.89
Licence & Permits								2,500	2,500.00
Payroll Expenses									
Farm Wages	13,067.00	10,912.73	2,728.18	2,728.18	2,728.18	2,728.19	117,048.72	159,800	42,751.28
Teaching Wages									0.00
Superannuation	2,443.00	1,183.47	295.87	295.87	295.87	295.86	16,698.10	23,616	6,917.90
Pest Control			0.00	0.00			64.69		-64.69
Printing & Stationery	50.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,233.24	1,600	-1,633.24
Protective Clothing		96.73	48.37	48.36			238.27		-238.27
Rates							8,068.44	8,500	431.56
Repairs & Maintenance	1,708.00	272.37	136.19	136.18			32,170.74	20,500	-11,670.74
Seed				0.00			488.00	19,000	18,512.00
Seed Cleaning				0.00			0.00	4,950	4,950.00
Selling Expenses									
Grain							6,656.98	11,949	5,292.02
Stock							8,510.86	16,800	8,289.14
Wool		2,867.86	2,867.86				10,122.14	10,725	602.86
Scholarship Payments							3,500.00	6,500	3,000.00
Sprays							9,389.44	50,500	41,110.56
Staff/Testing Costs		1,364.00				1,364.00	1,518.00		-1,518.00
Stock Purchases			0.00				4,200.00	4,200	0.00
Stock Requisites	3,083.00	2,098.27	2,098.27				15,394.38	37,000	21,605.62
Subscriptions	600.00	49.09	12.27	12.27	12.27	12.28	1,340.00	2,000	660.00
Telephone	167.00	146.15	36.54	36.54	36.54	36.54	1,226.55	2,000	773.45
Training			0.00	0.00			0.00	3,000	3,000.00
Waste Collection	120.00	209.10	52.28	52.28	52.28	52.28	836.36	1,440	603.64
Wool Shed Requisites			0.00				3,398.51	5,250	1,851.49
Working Dog	108.00	63.18	63.18				821.73	1,300	478.27
									0.00
Total Expenses	58,800.37	72,411.66	41,560.64	16,080.27	12,306.41	7,461.94	581,229.85	827,160	245,930.15
									0.00
Net Profit/Loss for Peri	10,527.63	(6,866.32)	4,296.34	(16,080.27)	6,021.95	(6,101.94)	38,070.51	-107,931.00	-146,001.51

Workforce

Nil

End

7.1.2 EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY DRONE USAGE	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Prof. Kerry Brown
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	Nil

Moved: **Seconded:**

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION RP 24/05/...

That the Committee recommends Council:

1. Receives the ECU drone usage report as presented.

.....
For:
Against:

SUMMARY

Prof Kerry Brown from the Edith Cowan University (ECU) provides a monthly update on the usage of the drone (not limited to Rylington Park).

BACKGROUND

The Shire entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ECU on 29 October 2021. The MOU established an agreement for ECU to utilise Rylington Park for agricultural and regional development related research and allied education programs.

The MOU endorses a high-level strategic relationship with ECU, with the intention of expanding research and training opportunities for Rylington Park. It was intended that results of any research would be shared with farmers in Boyup Brook to the betterment of farmers and related businesses in the area.

On 8 March 2022 ECU wrote to the Shire inviting the Shire to partner in a major research initiative in co-funding a remotely piloted drone to assist in undertaking research projects at Rylington Park. Subsequently, Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting of 28 April 2022 approved funding of \$10,000 from the Rylington Park account for a co-contribution to purchase a fixed wing drone in partnership with ECU.


REPORT DETAIL

The co-funded drone has been used in the following:

- Drone demonstration - Field Day Rylington Park
- Stock count trial data collection – Rylington Park
- Vegetation Survey - Kings Park Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)
- Vegetation survey – Katanning Soil Health project

The ECU drone fleet has been expanded with a new higher-grade drone. This drone will be used for vegetation/soil/fire mapping in Walpole as well as adding support to the Katanning and Kings Park projects. There is scope to use this drone at Rylington Park as well. There is continued opportunity to use the co-funded drone at Rylington Park and in other agricultural spaces. Dr Dave Blake Chief Drone Pilot ECU has offered to attend a future Rylington Park Committee meeting to discuss further opportunities for drone use.

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)

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

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

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
Medium	Not having a tangible result from the investment could have a negative impact on the Council.

CONSULTATION

Nil

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

7.1.3 RYLINGTON PARK WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Marc Deas, Rylington Park Farm Manager
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	Nil

Moved:	Seconded
<u>OFFICER RECOMMENDATION RP 24/05/...</u>	
That the Committee:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receives the outcome and recommendations of the Safe Farms Health and Safety Assessment. 2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to oversee the implementation of recommendations made. 	
..... For: Against:	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an update on any Work Health and Safety issues / concerns on Rylington Park Farm.

BACKGROUND

The implementation of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020* introduces significant implications for farming operations, emphasising the importance of establishing and maintaining a safe working environment for all employees.

This legislation mandates farm owners and operators to proactively identify, assess, and mitigate risks to prevent workplace accidents and illnesses. It necessitates the adoption of comprehensive safety management practices, including regular training for staff on safety protocols, proper use of equipment, and emergency response procedures. Additionally, the Act requires thorough documentation and reporting of safety incidents, reinforcing accountability and continuous improvement in safety standards.

Compliance with this Act not only aims to protect the physical well-being of farm workers but also has financial and legal ramifications for the farming business, stressing the need for diligent adherence to safety regulations to avoid penalties, litigation, and potential damage to reputation.

Overall, the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020* compels farming operations to prioritise safety, leading to healthier workplaces and potentially enhancing productivity through reduced downtime and fostering a culture of safety.

At its meeting held on 8 February 2024 the Committee resolved as follows:

“RP 24/02/009

1. *Request the Rylington Park Farm Manager to provide the committee with the outcome and recommendations of the Safe Farms Health and Safety Assessment at the next Rylington Park Committee meeting.*

REPORT DETAIL

Feedback on the on-farm health and safety assessment.

“Good afternoon to you both,

Thank you for opening your doors to SafeFarms WA to conduct a farm inspection for you.

Your farm was very neat and tidy and a credit to you both.

Please take my notes as just a suggestion.

Regards

David Sullivan


Rylington Park

Farm Inspection 25th March 2024

Hazards that need to be corrected

- Health and safety manual needs to be signed and dated every year.
- Notice board to be installed with Farm evacuation plan, Contact details, tool box talks to be posted and other general farm safety information.
- Inductions to be delivered to anyone conducting business or work on the farm and also visitors.
- LPG Bottle to be tied up – to prevent from falling over.
- Workshop Shed – General housekeeping need to be done.
- Guards to be reinstalled onto Drop saw and Bench grinder.
- Clear access way to electrical panel / breaker box in the shed.
- Dust building up on electrical – could create a hot spot and combustible.
- MSDS / SDS folder in Chemical sheet – Master MASDS folder in office.
- PPE in convenient and close location.
- Guard to be installed on Large Auger.
- Silo’s Access hatch should have a confined space entry signage.
- Road signage on driveway and around the shed e.g. speed limits.
- Diesel and Fuel tanks – Require MSDS / SDS sheet folder.
- Diesel and Fuel tanks – Also bunker to contain and manage spills.
- Fire extinguisher on fuel tank and or on machinery.
- Hazard signage for Fuel tank – e.g. flammable, no smoking.

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

Work Health and Safety Act 2020

SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATION

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 risk that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

Risk level	Comment
Medium	It is important to ensure the farm is run fiscally responsibly to ensure the farm can continue to provide research and training.

CONSULTATION

Nil

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial
Nil

Workforce
Nil

End

7.1.4 RYLINGTON PARK FIELD DAY	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Erlanda Deas, Rylington Park Farm Coordinator
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	Nil

Moved:	Seconded
<u>OFFICER RECOMMENDATION RP 24/05/...</u>	
That the Committee:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the report and request the Rylington Park Farm Coordinator to provide a further update at the July Committee meeting. 	
..... For: Against:	

SUMMARY

The report is to provide feedback on the planning preparations for the 2024 Rylington Park Field Day.

BACKGROUND

The Rylington Park Field Day, held at Rylington Park Farm in Boyup Brook, Western Australia, is a significant event in the agricultural calendar, designed to showcase the latest in agricultural research, technology, and practices.

This event provides a platform for farmers, researchers, industry professionals, and agribusinesses to come together to exchange knowledge, explore new ideas, and discuss challenges facing the agricultural sector. It typically features demonstrations of new farming equipment, workshops on innovative farming techniques, and presentations by experts on topics ranging from crop and livestock management to sustainable farming practices and market trends.

The field day is an opportunity for the agricultural community to see firsthand the application of research outcomes and technological advancements, fostering a collaborative environment aimed at enhancing the productivity and sustainability of farming operations in the region.

Rylington Park Farm, with its commitment to agricultural innovation and education, serves as an ideal venue for such an event, contributing to the ongoing development and prosperity of the agricultural sector in Western Australia.

At its meeting held on 8 February 2024 the Committee resolved as follows:

“RP 24/02/006

1. Notes the report and request the Rylington Park Farm Coordinator to provide a further update at the April Committee meeting.

REPORT DETAIL

I propose the field day to be on Thursday the 12th of September or Thursday the 19th.

Currently we have the following trials:

- Boyup Brook Ag Supplies comprehensive pasture & crop demonstration trial
- ALBA (Annual Legume Breeding Australia) sub clover variety trial – UWA and DLF Seeds



As mentioned at a previous meeting, we need to have more time at the trials and stalls/exhibitions. I suggest we decide on a current topic/speaker to start the day in the shed for maybe 45 minutes to an hour. We then go to the trials – people who don’t want to spend as much time at the trials can come back and wonder through the stalls/exhibitions. If we have a few demonstration stalls, we can split the group into those going to the trials and the ones staying behind to watch the demos and then swap. Any suggestions for demonstrations, stalls or exhibitions are welcome, so we can start locking them in.


As for speakers, it’s hard to know what will be topical in September and therefore hard to plan now – drought resilience / drought proofing your farm, marketing sheep in today’s market, live export update, EID tags, E-bales.

If CSBP sponsors the lunch again, they would like to have someone sharing their trial results. Would love to have a feel-good mental health story relating to farming again.

I don’t think we should have as many speakers in the afternoon as in the past. We can even have a demonstration as part of the afternoon program. We will again end the day around the bonfire which is always well supported.

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	Key Imperatives	Economic Development
	Outcome	Support a strong and inclusive economy
	Objective	Partner with key stakeholders to maximise economic development opportunities through regional and sub regional initiatives.
	Key Imperatives	Natural Environment
	Objective	Manage natural resources sustainably
	Outcome	Work with key stakeholders to manage land, fire disease, pest animals and weeds.

	Key Imperatives	Social and Community
	Outcome	Support a healthy, active, vibrant community
	Objective	Support and promote community events and activities.

OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATION

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 risk that may impact on the achievement of its business objectives.

Risk level	Comment
Medium	It is important to ensure the farm is run fiscally responsibly to ensure the farm can continue to provide research and training.

CONSULTATION

Nil

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

7.1.5 RYLINGTON PARK STORM IN A TEACUP 2024	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Erlanda Deas, Rylington Park Farm Coordinator
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	Nil

Moved: Seconded:

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION RP 24/05/...

That the Committee recommends Council:

1. Receives the feedback from the 2024 Storm in a Teacup Ladies Day.

.....
For:
Against:

SUMMARY

The report is to provide feedback on the outcome of the 2024 Ladies day at Rylington Park.

BACKGROUND

This year’s annual Storm in a Teacup ladies’ day was the thirteenth since it started in 2012. It forms part of the annual Boyup Brook calendar and is well supported by local ladies and businesses. The theme for this year is “Family Matters”.

REPORT DETAIL


Storm in a Teacup number 13, “Family Matters”, was again very well attended by around 160 ladies. Many attendees commented on the friendly atmosphere, everyone feels welcome and appreciate the effort going into the day.


According to feedback:

- They enjoyed the speakers with special mention to the locals;
- Worth travelling for;
- People would like to see some fresh produce sold on the day;
- They preferred the previous year’s lunch;
- Love the outside setting;
- Some felt the music at lunch was too load;
- Want more stalls;
- Loved the coffee vans;
- The average score on feedback forms were 9.5 out of 10.

The logo painting and 2 other artworks by Merie Beatty were auctioned for a total of \$1,360 which will be transferred to Ronald McDonald House Charities.

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	Key Imperatives	Social and Community
	Outcome	Support a healthy, active, vibrant community
	Objective	Support and promote community events and activities.

	Key Imperatives	Economic Development
	Outcome	Support a strong and inclusive economy
	Objective	Partner with key stakeholders to maximise economic development opportunities through regional and sub regional initiatives.

OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

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

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
Medium	It is important to ensure the farm is run fiscally responsibly to ensure the farm can continue to provide research and training.

CONSULTATION

Nil

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Finances for the Ladies day – excluding around 100 hours of labour:

Income from the Ladies day (including all sponsorships/grants and auction money to be transferred)	\$19,074
Ladies day expenses (including transfer to Ronald McDonald House)	<u>\$18,616</u>
	\$ 458

Workforce

Nil

End

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.*

CARRIED 8/0

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

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 April 2024 Council when considering the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting of 21 March 2024 resolved as follows:

“Moved: Cr. Caldwell

Seconded: Cr. Inglis

COUNCIL DECISION 24/04/062

That Council:

Refers the Minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2024 back to the Rylington Park Committee to reconsider items raised at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 April 2024.

CARRIED 7/1

*For: Cr Walker, Cr O’Connell, Cr Alexander, Cr Kaltenrieder, Cr Inglis,
Cr Caldwell, Cr Wright
Against: Cr King*

Reason:

Council is of the opinion that the resolutions by the Committee needs to be discussed further by the Rylington Park Committee.”

Professor Brown, Melissa Reimers (school Principal), Erlanda Deas (as School board chair) and Cr Darren King met on Monday 11th March 2024 to discuss potential grant submission.

REPORT DETAIL

A meeting with the Program Director, Trials and Evaluation, Associate Professor Lien Pham, of the Australian Centre for Student Equity and Success Centre (ACSES) was held on Wednesday 20 December together with Rylington Park Committee members.


The funding program provides the opportunity for applying for grant funding for trials and evaluation of programs that address student equity. The proposed grant funding proposal is for a 1-2 year trial program and evaluation for the identified program that involves an intervention of regional education offered at Rylington Park and the Boyup Brook High School to support retention of students

in the region to study agriculture and business and, provide pathways to local TAFE and ultimately to university studies.

The initial meeting was held to find out more about the program and understand if a project that involves Rylington Park and the region can be developed for possible funding. The Program Director was highly supportive of the project and encouraged further investigation of the grant proposal and development of a more detailed program.

The Principal, Boyup District High School has undertaken further meetings with the Rylington Park Committee members and the project offers a significant opportunity to support regional education and improve student retention in the region along with an innovative program to develop new pathways for student learning involving the local community, the Shire, Rylington Park and educational institutions including, School, University and TAFE.

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	Key Imperatives	Social and Community
	Outcome	Support a healthy, active, vibrant community
	Objective	Support and promote community events and activities.

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
Medium	It is important to ensure the farm is run fiscally responsibly to ensure the farm can continue to provide research and training.

CONSULTATION

Nil

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

The contribution from Council will be taken from the grant co-contribution reserve, this will ensure a balanced budget.

Workforce

Nil

End

1. *Approves the Rylington Park Scholarship Application Package as per attachment 7.1.2A, with the following amendment:*
 - a. *The Scholarship will be awarded to two deserving year 10 students.*

CARRIED 8/0

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

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 April 2024 Council when considering the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting of 21 March 2024 resolved as follows:

“Moved: Cr. Caldwell

Seconded: Cr. Inglis

COUNCIL DECISION 24/04/062

That Council:

Refers the Minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2024 back to the Rylington Park Committee to reconsider items raised at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 April 2024.

CARRIED 7/1

*For: Cr Walker, Cr O’Connell, Cr Alexander, Cr Kaltenrieder, Cr Inglis,
Cr Caldwell, Cr Wright
Against: Cr King*

Reason:

Council is of the opinion that the resolutions by the Committee needs to be discussed further by the Rylington Park Committee.”

REPORT DETAIL

The scholarship is proposed to be awarded to two deserving year 10 students, that reside within the Boyup Brook Shire. This will encourage students to pursue a career in agricultural.

The scholarship not only benefits the selected students but may also encourage students to return / continue agricultural pursuits within Boyup Brook.


- The first Scholarship valued at up to \$3,000 (\$1,500 year 11 & \$1,500 year 12), to be put towards tuition fees for the recipient’s Years 11 and 12 educations at the Agricultural school of their choice.
- The second Scholarship valued at up to \$1,500 (\$750 year 11 & \$750 year 12), to be put towards tuition fees for the recipient’s Years 11 and 12 educations at the Agricultural school of their choice.

To ensure all students that reside in Boyup Brook are provided an opportunity to apply for the scholarship the following advertising schedule is proposed:

Advertise the proposed scholarship as from 1 May (due to the lapsed time this will only commence on 1 June 2024) until the last Friday in September each year.

- Shire Website (daily)
- Shire social media platforms (daily)
- Administration notice board (duration of time indicated above)
- Community Resource Centre notice board (duration of time indicated above)
- E-Gazette (Monthly)
- Gazette (Monthly).

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	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)

The scholarships represent an investment in the community's youth and future, enhancing educational outcomes, supporting the agricultural sector, and promoting community cohesion and pride. This strategic approach addresses educational retention, economic stimulation, and sustainable growth, benefiting the entire region.

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

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

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

Risk Level	Comment
Medium	The Shire risks reputational damage should the scholarships not be proceeded with.

CONSULTATION

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

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

The scholarship is funded annually through Rylington Park.

Workforce

Nil

End

7.1.8 RYLINGTON PARK COMMITTEE AND RYLINGTON PARK SUB-COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE	
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:	7.1.8A Proposed Terms of Reference

Moved: **Seconded:**

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION RP 24/05/...

That the Committee recommends Council:

1. Approves the Terms of Reference for the Rylington Park Committee and the Rylington Park Sub-Committee as per attachment 7.1.8A.

.....
For:
Against:

SUMMARY

This purpose of this report is to provide the committee with an opportunity to reconsider its recommendation to Council as a result of Council at its Ordinary Meeting of 21 March 2024 requesting the report be sent back to the committee.

BACKGROUND

At the Rylington Park Committee meeting of 21 March 2024, the committee resolved as follows:

“Moved: Cr. O’Connell Seconded: Cr. King

COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/03/028

That the Committee recommends Council:

- 1. Approves the Terms of Reference for the Rylington Park Committee and the Rylington Park Sub-Committee as per attachment 7.1.3A.***

CARRIED 8/0
For: Cr Walker, Cr O’Connell, Mr McElroy, Mr Stretch, Cr Inglis,
Cr Wright, Cr King, Prof Brown
Against: Nil”

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 April 2024 Council when considering the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting of 21 March 2024 resolved as follows:

“Moved: Cr. Caldwell

Seconded: Cr. Inglis

COUNCIL DECISION 24/04/062

That Council:

Refers the Minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2024 back to the Rylington Park Committee to reconsider items raised at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 April 2024.

CARRIED 7/1

For: Cr Walker, Cr O’Connell, Cr Alexander, Cr Kaltenrieder, Cr Inglis, Cr Caldwell, Cr Wright

Against: Cr King

Reason:

Council is of the opinion that the resolutions by the Committee needs to be discussed further by the Rylington Park Committee.”


REPORT DETAIL

Rylington Park Farm is a unique asset for the Shire to own and is difficult/challenging to operate/manage in terms of the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995* without the creation of a committee as well as a sub-committee. In addition to the committee and sub-committee, policies will be created to ensure compliance with the *Local Government Act 1995*.

It must be noted the ‘Terms of Reference’ provide the committee with full approval authority should the ‘Terms of Reference’ be approved by Council, with the ability to sub-delegate to the sub-committee.

However, the delegated approval from Council to the committee is limited to those aspect contained within the ‘Terms of Reference’ scope under clause 2.

SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 - 2031

	Key Imperatives	Governance and Organisation
	Objective	Demonstrate effective leadership, advocacy, and governance.
	Outcome	Provide transparent decision making that meets our legal and regulatory obligations, reflects the level of associated risk, and is adequately explained to the community.

OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK 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
Low	Given that the majority of Councillors (six) are on the committee and the decision made at the committee level is likely to be further approved by the full Council, the risk is considered low.

CONSULTATION

Nil

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

7.1.9 APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONTO THE RYLINGTON PARK COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE	
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:	7.1.9A – Mr Andy McElroy Submission 7.1.9B – Mr Joshua Stretch Submission

Moved: **Seconded:**

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION RP 24/05/...

That the Committee recommends Council:

- 1. Appoints Mr. Andy McElroy and Mr. Joshua Stretch as the two community members to sit on the Rylington Park Committee.**
- 2. Appoints Cr Caldwell, Cr Walker, Cr Inglis, Mr McElroy as the Sub-Committee.**

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For:
Against:

SUMMARY

This purpose of this report is to provide the committee with an opportunity to reconsider its recommendation to Council as a result of Council at its Ordinary Meeting of 21 March 2024 requesting the report be sent back to the committee.

BACKGROUND

At the Rylington Park Committee meeting of 21 March 2024, the committee resolved as follows:

“Moved: Cr. Inglis Seconded: Cr. King

COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/03/029

That the Committee recommends Council:

- 1. Appoints Mr. Andy McElroy and Mr. Joshua Stretch as the two community members to sit on the Rylington Park Committee.*
- 2. Appoints Cr Caldwell, Cr Walker, Cr Inglis, Mr McElroy as the Sub-Committee.*

CARRIED 8/0

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

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 April 2024 Council when considering the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting of 21 March 2024 resolved as follows:

“Moved: Cr. Caldwell Seconded: Cr. Inglis

COUNCIL DECISION 24/04/062

That Council:

Refers the Minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2024 back to the Rylington Park Committee to reconsider items raised at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 April 2024.

CARRIED 7/1

*For: Cr Walker, Cr O’Connell, Cr Alexander, Cr Kaltenrieder, Cr Inglis,
Cr Caldwell, Cr Wright
Against: Cr King*

Reason:

Council is of the opinion that the resolutions by the Committee needs to be discussed further by the Rylington Park Committee.”

REPORT DETAIL

The call for expressions of interest for the community to join the Rylington Park Farm Committee was advertised in the local Gazette as well as placed on the Shire website and social media platforms. Submissions were to be submitted by Friday 8 March 2024 and had to provide details on the following:


- Name
- Email
- Phone number.
- Why you would like to be considered for this position.

Two submissions were received:

- Andy McElroy (Attachment 7.1.9A)
- Joshua Stretch (Attachment 7.1.9B)

SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 - 2031

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

	<p>Outcome</p>	<p>Provide transparent decision making that meets our legal and regulatory obligations, reflects the level of associated risk, and is adequately explained to the community.</p>
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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)

By incorporating diverse perspectives and local knowledge into strategic planning, the committee can make more informed decisions that support the sustainable growth of the farm while fostering economic development in the surrounding area.

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
Medium	The Rylington Park Farm is a large liability to Council. Input from community members on the committee is invaluable to the farms continued operations.

CONSULTATION

Nil

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

Against: Nil”

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 April 2024 Council when considering the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting of 21 March 2024 resolved as follows:

“Moved: Cr. Caldwell

Seconded: Cr. Inglis

COUNCIL DECISION 24/04/062

That Council:

Refers the Minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2024 back to the Rylington Park Committee to reconsider items raised at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 April 2024.

CARRIED 7/1

*For: Cr Walker, Cr O’Connell, Cr Alexander, Cr Kaltenrieder, Cr Inglis,
Cr Caldwell, Cr Wright*

Against: Cr King

Reason:

Council is of the opinion that the resolution’s by the Committee needs to be discussed further by the Rylington Park Committee.”

Note: The original officers recommendation presented to the Committee at its 21 March meeting has been emended to exclude the following due to the resignation of the Farm Manager. This will become a KPI for any future appointment.

“Requests the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a Livestock Management Plan, and to submit the plan to the Rylington Park Committee for approval no later than 31 May 2024.”

REPORT DETAIL

Weed Control

- Pulling out and spraying melons

Infrastructure and Equipment Maintenance

- Water system – no leaks at present, pumping from turkey’s nest dam.
- Breaking down tank in paddock twenty and filling well
- Fencing maintenance clearing trees and limbs off fences
- Repairing oil leak on rock rake

Crop Management

- Sold 89.71 tonnes Canola @ \$684,83 / tonne including oil
- Sold 46.7 tonnes GM Canola @\$708,37 / tonne including oil

- Sold 51.65 tonnes Barely @\$338,00 / tonne

Livestock Sales

- Sold 150 150 XB lambs @ \$79 / hd
- Sold 599 cull 4 age ewes @ \$51.11 / hd

Feed on Hand

- Barley 149 tonne
- Lupins 26 tonne
- Hay 221 bales
- Barley straw 128 bales

Feeding program

- 1550 adult ewes – barley 280 grams / hd / day
- 898 Maidens – barley, lupins (80:20) 320 grams / hd / day
- 720 ewe lambs - barley, lupins (70:30) 320 grams / hd / day
- 125 cull 4 age - barley 200 grams / hd / day
- 47 Rams (21=White Suffolk), 53 odds & sods (33=XB), 198 small wether lambs: barley, lupins 70:30. Between the lot (300 hd), they get 380grams / hd / day

Feeding hay to the mobs that have limited dry grass/stubble. Cut back a bit on how much feeding out - currently about 10 bales/week. Started putting straw out to the wethers on pellets but they don't seem very interested, so all the straw is still in the stack.

Livestock Handling and Management

- Mycotic dermatitis - unsuitable ewe lambs are culled, selection of rams, jetting during high fly strike times and monitoring.
- Rams were taken out

Livestock Inventory as of 31 February 2024

- 125 cull-for-age ewes, cull hoggets after scanning
- White Suffolk: twenty-three
- XB Lambs: 170
- Merino: 4,738

Wool Sales

- Sold five wool bales

Shearing Schools


- Hosted Shearing Schools:
 - 26 February – 1 March 2024
-

- Future Shearing Schools:
 - 15-19 April 2024

A shearing school was held on the farm during 26 February and 1 March, the following concerns were raised by the Shearing Trainers:

- Sheep (wether lambs) provided were too thin and difficult for students to learn on, it resulted in several sheep being ‘nicked’ and a larger number than usual being hamstrung. Ewe lambs were also shorn and were in better condition and easy to shear and teach students on. The wethers have always been run “harder” than the ewe lambs & the percentage of wethers with dags was typical to any other year. The sheep were yarded on Sunday & were empty.
- Several of the sheep had significant ‘dags’ making it difficult for students to learn without ‘nicking’ the sheep. This is not the desired way to introduce students to the industry. Rylington Park sheep have always been sheared through the shearing schools – including the lambs. In the past sheep were crutched by the students if needed, before being shorn. This was part of their learning for the week. No issues have been raised in the past.

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	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.

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

Rylington Park Farming Operation										
Income & Expenditure Statement for the Period Ended 29/02/2024										
	Budget Feb24	Actual Feb24	Stock Programme	Cropping Programme	Education Programme	Events	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	
Income										
Sheep Sales	0.00	42,465.00	42,465.00				115,916.03	195,000.00	-79,083.97	Deficit
Wool Sales	51,000.00	70,077.44	70,077.44				140,873.71	102,000.00	38,873.71	
Grain Income									0.00	
Barley				0.00			6,070.55	49,350.00	-43,279.45	Deficit
Canola		94,517.17		94,517.17			135,643.67	173,880.00	-38,236.33	Deficit
Hay				0.00					0.00	
Oats				0.00					0.00	
Wheat				0.00					0.00	
Shearing School	18,328.00				0.00		77,561.52	109,969.00	-32,407.49	Deficit
Training Events					0.00		363.64		363.64	
Accommodation	950.00	1,527.26			1,527.26		6,626.35	950.00	5,676.35	
Ladies Day		8,813.62				8,813.62	9,472.71		9,472.71	
Mens Field Day						0.00			0.00	
Farm Demos						0.00			0.00	
Interest Received									0.00	
Rebates							1,000.00			
Fuel Tax Credits		4,979.00	1,991.60	1,991.60	995.80		4,979.00		4,979.00	
Total Income	70,278.00	222,379.49	114,534.04	96,508.77	2,523.06	8,813.62	498,507.18	631,149.00	-132,641.83	Deficit
Expenditure										
Accommodation					0.00		115.45		115.45	
Catering	1,850.00	268.10			268.10		8,165.91	14,100.00	-5,934.09	surplus
Cleaning					0.00				0.00	
Contractors										
Crutching & Museling			0.00				8,342.25	15,800.00	-7,457.75	surplus
Fertilizer Spreading			0.00	0.00			1,742.50	2,900.00	-1,157.50	surplus
Harvesting	700.00	14,900.00	0.00	14,900.00			14,900.00	15,450.00	-550.00	surplus
Hay Baling			0.00	0.00			14,069.50	10,100.00	3,969.50	
Instructors/Tutors	11,800.00				0.00		68,320.30	70,800.00	-2,479.70	surplus
Seeding			0.00	0.00					0.00	
Shearing			0.00				405.00		405.00	
Speakers						0.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Spraying			0.00	0.00			1,696.00		1,696.00	
Donations							1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	
Electricity	667.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,785.63	5,336.00	-550.37	surplus
Events									0.00	
Field Day						0.00	213.55	4,000.00	-3,786.45	surplus
Ladies Day		329.17				329.17	931.59		931.59	
Fertilizer			0.00	0.00			16,230.00	19,520.00	-3,290.00	surplus
Fodder	10,870.00		0.00				14,581.20	21,220.00	-6,638.80	surplus
Freight & Cartage		1,774.00	1,680.00	94.00			7,277.25	24,300.00	-17,022.75	surplus
Fuel & Oil			0.00	0.00			10,381.73	14,500.00	-4,118.27	surplus
Gas					0.00		1,031.85		1,031.85	
Hire of Plant & Equipment				0.00			1,023.96		1,023.96	
Insurance	6,500.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,569.89	14,500.00	4,069.89	
Licence & Permits									0.00	
Payroll Expenses										
Farm Wages	13,067.00	9,755.75	2,438.94	2,438.94	2,438.94	2,438.93	113,142.17	105,536.00	7,606.17	
Teaching Wages									0.00	
Superannuation	2,443.00	1,203.84	300.96	300.96	300.96	300.96	13,505.74	17,264.00	-3,758.26	surplus
Pest Control			0.00	0.00			64.69		64.69	
Printing & Stationery	50.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,197.27	1,400.00	1,797.27	
Protective Clothing							238.27		238.27	
Rates							8,395.44	8,500.00	-104.56	surplus
Repairs & Maintenance	1,708.00						28,885.50	13,664.00	15,221.50	
Seed				0.00			93.30		93.30	
Seed Cleaning				0.00				4,950.00	-4,950.00	surplus
Selling Expenses										
Grain		1,269.60		1,269.60			5,715.20	11,949.00	-6,233.80	surplus
Stock	3,726.00	2,733.16	2,733.16				8,071.12	16,100.00	-8,028.88	surplus
Wool	3,300.00	3,710.54	3,710.54				7,648.77	6,600.00	1,048.77	
Sprays							8,996.57	13,500.00	-4,503.43	surplus
Staff Costs							154.55	0.00	154.55	
Stock Purchases		4,200.00	4,200.00				4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00	
Stock Requisites	3,083.00		0.00				16,012.03	24,664.00	-8,651.97	surplus
Subscriptions	600.00	549.09	137.28	137.27	137.27	137.27	1,705.48	2,000.00	-294.52	surplus
Telephone	167.00	63.59	15.90	15.90	15.90	15.90	961.34	1,336.00	-374.66	surplus
Training			0.00	0.00				3,000.00	-3,000.00	surplus
Waste Collection	120.00						522.75	960.00	-437.25	surplus
Wool Shed Requisites	750.00		0.00				107.01	4,500.00	-4,392.99	surplus
Working Dog	108.00		0.00				251.45	864.00	-612.55	surplus
Total Expenses	58,800.37	40,756.84	15,216.78	19,156.67	3,161.17	3,222.23	416,752.21	474,613.00	-57,860.79	
Net Profit/Loss for	11,477.63	181,622.65	99,317.26	77,352.10	(638.11)	5,591.40	81,754.96	156,536.00	-74,781.04	Deficit

Workforce
Nil

End

7.1.11 RYLINGTON PARK CROPPING REPORT	
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:	7.1.11A Rylington Park Agronomy Plan 2024vrs2 7.1.11B Soil Test Results Nil

Moved: **Seconded:**

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION RP 24/05/...

That the Committee recommends Council:

1. Request the Rylington Park Sub-Committee to consider the Annual Cropping Plan as per attachment 7.1.11A.

.....
For:
Against:

SUMMARY

This purpose of this report is to provide the committee with an opportunity to reconsider its recommendation to Council as a result of Council at its Ordinary Meeting of 21 March 2024 requesting the report be sent back to the committee.

Note: The original officers recommendation presented to the Committee at its 21 March meeting has been emended to exclude the following due to the resignation of the Farm Manager. This will become a KPI for any future appointment.

“Requests the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a Livestock Management Plan, and to submit the plan to the Rylington Park Committee for approval no later than 31 May 2024.”

BACKGROUND

At the Rylington Park Committee meeting of 21 March 2024, the committee resolved as follows:

“Moved: Cr. Inglis Seconded: Cr. King

COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/03/031

That the Committee recommends Council:

- 1. Request the Rylington Park Sub-Committee to consider the Annual Cropping Plan as per attachment 7.1.6A. (note this ref number has changed)*

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

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

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

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

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

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

CONSULTATION

- David Lane – Agronomist
- Dan Glover, CSBP

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

The cropping plan forms an integral part of the budget preparations for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Workforce

Nil

End

CARRIED 8/0

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

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 April 2024 Council when considering the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting of 21 March 2024 resolved as follows:

“Moved: Cr. Caldwell

Seconded: Cr. Inglis

COUNCIL DECISION 24/04/062

That Council:

Refers the Minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2024 back to the Rylington Park Committee to reconsider items raised at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 April 2024.

CARRIED 7/1

*For: Cr Walker, Cr O’Connell, Cr Alexander, Cr Kaltenrieder, Cr Inglis,
Cr Caldwell, Cr Wright
Against: Cr King*

Reason:

Council is of the opinion that the resolution’s by the Committee needs to be discussed further by the Rylington Park Committee.”

REPORT DETAIL


The co-funded drone has been used in the following:

- Drone demonstration - Field Day Rylington Park
- Stock count trial data collection – Rylington Park
- Vegetation Survey - Kings Park Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)
- Vegetation survey – Katanning Soil Health project

The ECU drone fleet has been expanded with a new higher-grade drone. This drone will be used for vegetation/soil/fire mapping in Walpole as well as adding support to the Katanning and Kings Park projects. There is scope to use this drone at Rylington Park as well. There is continued opportunity to use the co-funded drone at Rylington Park and in other agricultural spaces. Dr Dave Blake Chief Drone Pilot ECU has offered to attend a future Rylington Park Committee meeting to discuss further opportunities for drone use.

Action: Invite Dr Dave Blake to attend a future meeting of the Rylington Park Committee via Teams.

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)

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

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

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	Not having a tangible result from the investment could have a negative impact on the Council.

CONSULTATION

Nil

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

Against: Nil

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Seconded: Cr. Inglis

COUNCIL DECISION 24/04/062

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CARRIED 7/1

*For: Cr Walker, Cr O’Connell, Cr Alexander, Cr Kaltenrieder, Cr Inglis,
Cr Caldwell, Cr Wright*

Against: Cr King

Reason:

Council is of the opinion that the resolution’s by the Committee needs to be discussed further by the Rylington Park Committee.”

Hemp cultivation in Western Australia (WA) represents an evolving sector within the state's agricultural landscape, driven by increasing interest in sustainable and versatile crops. Hemp, known scientifically as *Cannabis sativa*, is grown primarily for its fibres, seeds, and oil, which have a wide range of applications in textiles, construction materials, cosmetics, and health food products, among others.

The legal framework for growing industrial hemp in WA has developed over time, with significant milestones being the introduction of the Industrial Hemp Act 2004, which enabled the cultivation of hemp with a tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content of not more than 0.35%. This legislation marked the beginning of regulated hemp farming in the state, setting the stage for an industry focused on leveraging the environmental and economic benefits of hemp.

REPORT DETAIL

Representatives of the Rylington Park Committee and Boyup Brook Shire including Leonard Long, Darren King and Kerry Brown continue to meet with experts and representatives of the hemp industry including Don Telfer DPIRD, and John Muir, expert Consultant to discuss industrial hemp as a possible crop trial at Rylington Park Farm.

At the meeting on 21 November, a team including with Don, John and Darren at Rylington Park Farm inspected a possible site for a Dryland Hemp Trial. DPIRD Manjimup were also present at the Rylington Park Farm inspection and meeting. Kerry Brown met with John Muir and Don Telfer on Thursday 14 December to discuss possible funding sources for the trial. The next stage is to secure funding

for the trial and be a key part of a national trial of hemp which has been offered through the Cooperative Research Centre- Project: Healing Australian Carbon Wounds Using Hemp Plantation and Construction.

A further site inspection was undertaken on Saturday 24 February 2024 at Rylington Park with Ken Dods, of the CRC-P Healing Australian Carbon Wounds Using Hemp Plantation and Construction, Don Telfer and John Muir was undertaken and several site options were canvassed.


Rylington Park Committee members Kerry Brown and Darren King attended a Hemp Industry Day hosted at the Manjimup Horticultural Research Institute, Manjimup on Monday 26 February 2024 to further understand the requirements for a hemp trial at Rylington Park.

Hemp as a diversification strategy for farming in the South West offers a unique opportunity to activate a new industry that provides downstream processing opportunities and value add in the form of environmentally sustainable construction materials, seed production and other manufactured products to support regional economic development.

The next steps are to apply for hemp licenses and to consolidate the project requirements with the CRC-P Healing Australian Carbon Wounds Using Hemp Plantation and Construction.

Key Contact: Don Telfer | Project Manager Horticulture & Irrigated Agriculture Primary Industries Development Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development 1 Nash Street, East Perth WA 6000| m +61 429 014 063.

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

Industrial Hemp Act 2004

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 ensure the farm is run fiscally responsibly to ensure the farm can continue to provide research and training.

CONSULTATION

Nil

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

2. *Request the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and submit to the Rylington Park Committee for approval by 31 May 2024 a Ram Selection Guideline for all future shearing schools held at the Rylington Park Farm.*

CARRIED 8/0

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

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 April 2024 Council when considering the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting of 21 March 2024 resolved as follows:

“Moved: Cr. Caldwell

Seconded: Cr. Inglis

COUNCIL DECISION 24/04/062

That Council:

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CARRIED 7/1

*For: Cr Walker, Cr O’Connell, Cr Alexander, Cr Kaltenrieder, Cr Inglis,
Cr Caldwell, Cr Wright
Against: Cr King*

Reason:

Council is of the opinion that the resolution’s by the Committee needs to be discussed further by the Rylington Park Committee.”

Mulesing is the removal of wool-bearing skin from the back end of a sheep. Mulesing is considered routine practice and is performed to reduce the risk of flies and maggots causing irritation and infection in skin folds (flystrike).

REPORT DETAIL

Effective Prevention of Flystrike: Mulesing has been proven to be an effective method of preventing flystrike, which can cause severe pain, distress, and even death for affected sheep.


Reduction of Suffering: Proponents argue that mulesing, despite being a painful procedure, ultimately reduces the suffering of sheep by preventing the more severe pain and potential death caused by flystrike.

Maintaining Wool Quality: Mulesing helps maintain the quality of wool by reducing the risk of contamination from faeces and urine, as well as minimising the risk of wool quality deterioration due to flystrike.

Economic Viability: Mulesing can be economically viable for sheep farmers, as it reduces the costs associated with treating flystrike and lowers potential wool losses due to contamination.

Long-Term Solution: Some argue that until more effective and humane alternatives are developed, mulesing remains a necessary measure to protect sheep welfare and ensure the sustainability of the wool industry.

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

- Code of Practice for Sheep in Western Australia (2003)
- Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep (2016), recommend that mulesing should be accompanied by pain relief where practical and cost-effective.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Animal Welfare Act 2002

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 ensure the farm is run fiscally responsibly to ensure the farm can continue to provide research and training.

CONSULTATION

Nil

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

7.1.15 PROPOSED TREE FARM	
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:	7.1.15A Decision Tree Model 7.1.15B DIY Model 7.1.15C Tree Agreement Model

Moved: Seconded:

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION RP 24/05/...

That the Committee recommends Council:

- 1. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to advice Wespine Industries that ‘Tree Farming’ will not be supported on the Rylington Park Farm.**

.....
For:
Against:

SUMMARY

This purpose of this report is to provide the committee with an opportunity to reconsider its recommendation to Council as a result of Council at its Ordinary Meeting of 21 March 2024 requesting the report be sent back to the committee.

BACKGROUND

At the Rylington Park Committee meeting of 21 March 2024, the committee resolved as follows:

“Moved: Cr. Inglis Seconded: Cr. King

COMMITTEE DECISION RP 24/03/035

That the Committee recommends Council:

- 1. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to advice Wespine Industries that ‘Tree Farming’ will not be supported on the Rylington Park Farm.”*

CARRIED 5/3

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

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“Moved: Cr. Caldwell

Seconded: Cr. Inglis

COUNCIL DECISION 24/04/062

That Council:

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CARRIED 7/1

*For: Cr Walker, Cr O’Connell, Cr Alexander, Cr Kaltenrieder, Cr Inglis,
Cr Caldwell, Cr Wright
Against: Cr King*

Reason:

Council is of the opinion that the resolution’s by the Committee needs to be discussed further by the Rylington Park Committee.”

In October 2023 through South West Timbers a ‘Decision Tree Model’ was run on the potential outcomes of a ‘Tree Farm’ enterprise on Rylington Park Farm (Attachment 7.1.15A).

At the Committees meeting held on 8 February Brad Barr, Resource Manager of Wespine Industries provided a presentation on the pros and cons from a financial perspective regarding Tree Farms.

REPORT DETAIL

Should ‘Tree Farming’ be considered on the farm there are two options that could be considered.

DIY Option

This option will require Rylington Park to establish the trees using its own funds, management of the ‘Tree Farm’ would be outsourced to the industry and Wespine Industries would manage the carbon credits at no charge but with the agreement that future log sales will be with Wespine Industries.

Under this model the farm should see a positive cashflow from year 3 of the investment. The investment in the farm would be \$5,960/ha over the life of the plantation, with a nett return (harvesting and haulage costs deducted) of \$24,873.

A potential financial breakdown on this option is attached as Attachment 7.1.15B Financial Model.


Tree Plantation Agreement Option

This option will be a joint venture between Rylington Park and Wespine Industries. Wespine Industries will prefund all the capital for the establishment and management \$5,960/ha. Rylington Park’s input into the joint venture is the lease value of the land, the financial model is based on \$300/ha/year.

The financial split between the Wespine Industries and Rylington Park is calculated to be 49% Wespine Industries and 51% Rylington Park, this would yield Rylington Park \$15,725 per hectare of established 'Tree Farm'.

A potential financial breakdown on this option is attached as Attachment 7.1.15C Financial Model.

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
Moderate	It is important to ensure the farm is run fiscally responsibly to ensure the farm can continue to provide research and training.

CONSULTATION

Nil

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

That the Committee recommends Council:

- 2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to advise Wespine Industries that 'Tree Farming' will not be supported on the Rylington Park Farm."*

CARRIED 5/3

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

Against: Cr Walker, Cr O'Connell, Prof Brown

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Seconded: Cr. Inglis

COUNCIL DECISION 24/04/062

That Council:

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CARRIED 7/1

For: Cr Walker, Cr O'Connell, Cr Alexander, Cr Kaltenrieder, Cr Inglis,

Cr Caldwell, Cr Wright

Against: Cr King

Reason:

Council is of the opinion that the resolution's by the Committee needs to be discussed further by the Rylington Park Committee."

The Farm Manager has previously obtained approval from the previous CEO to operate his business, Feral Logic outside of working hours. All input into the trial by Feral Logic will be done outside of normal working hours.

In early 2022 grants for using the NBN network for feral animal control were made available. The grant specified the use of NBN instead of the internet. The objective is to identify feral animals on-site, to show the effectiveness of the NBN in rural and regional areas.

Feral Logic was approached, and the project initiated two years ago and was discussed with the previous CEO at the time. The outcome of the grant application was only made available in October 2023.

REPORT DETAIL

South-West NRM (previously known as South-West Catchment Council) approached Feral Logic in early in 2022 for ideas to use the NBN network in feral animal control for a grant application. Initially there were 3 properties identified for possible locations for the proposed cameras. Being a pilot project, it was


suggested that only one location be used, that being Rylington Park. This would make it easier and more cost effective.

Most trail cameras with email functionality use 4G - internet technology, these were not an option. Axistech was approached and will provide a trailer with a PTZ camera (Pan-Tilt-Zoom) featuring a powerful optical zoom and accurate pan/tilt/zoom performance. The Cam PTZ provides large monitoring range in great visual detail.

The trailer was installed in paddock thirty-three at the end of February 2024 and is proposed to be located there for a period of 6 months. As part of the grant, Landcare Australia will have community workshops sharing the data and showcasing to local farmers the use of the NBN network and the value in having real-time data in their own pest control regime on their farms.

To ensure openness and transparency the Farm Manager has declared a Financial Interest in the proposed trial being the owner of Feral Logic who will be advising on the camera setup, reviewing images, putting out attractants to observe behaviours and shooting/trapping.

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
Low	The trial will not have any impact on the daily operations of Rylington Park.

CONSULTATION

Previous CEO

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

- 8. MEMBERS QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**
- 9. LATE ITEMS / URGENT BUSINESS MATTERS**
- 10. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS**
- 11. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSURE**

Next meeting to be held on _____ 2024 at 6pm at the Council Chambers.

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

Presiding Member

Date

Outstanding Committee Resolutions		
Res #	Resolution	Status
RP 24/02/009	RYLINGTON PARK WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY Request the Rylington Park Farm Manager to provide the committee with the outcome and recommendations of the Safe Farms Health and Safety Assessment at the next Rylington Park Committee meeting	Farmsafe are scheduled to be on the farm on 25 March 2024.
RP 24/02/008	RYLINGTON PARK POTENTIAL SCHOOL PROGRAM Provides in principle support for the potential school program involving Rylington Park Farm and requests Prof Brown to provide further updates on the matter when additional information is available.	Pending
RP 24/02/006	RYLINGTON PARK FIELD DAY Notes the report and request the Rylington Park Farm Coordinator to provide a further update at the April Committee meeting.	Pending
RP 24/02/005	ECU DRONE USAGE Notes the report and requests Prof Brown to provide a further update at the next Rylington Park Committee meeting.	Pending
RP 24/02/004	WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION (WAARC) RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES Provides in principle support for the use of the Rylington Park Farm should the Edith Cowan University’s project on Soil Health be successful with its grant submission to the Western Australian Agricultural Research Collaboration.	Pending
RP 24/03/023	OUT OF SESSION CONFIRMATION – SUB-COMMITTEE RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF FEEDING PROGRAM Put the merino wether lambs on feed pellets with use of additional loaned feeders, to get approximately 29-tonne feeder capacity which allows for a second delivery of pellets before the feeders are empty, subject to the availability of pellets.	Pending
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.	Pending
RP 24/03/030	RYLINGTON PARK ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024 2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a Livestock Management Plan, and to submit the plan to	Pending

	the Rylington Park Committee for approval no later than 31 May 2024.	
RP 24/03/032	<p>ECU DRONE USAGE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receives the ECU drone usage report, and request Prof Kerry Brown to provide a report to the next committee meeting on the usage of the drone (not limited to Rylington Park). 2. Invite Dr Blake to the next Rylington Meeting. 	Pending
RP 24/03/033	<p>PROPOSED HEMP TRIALS AT RYLINGTON PARK</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Supports the trials for growing Hemp on 1ha of land at Rylington Park. 4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit an application for the relevant Hemp Licence to the relevant department. 	Pending
RP 24/03/034	<p>PROPOSED MULESING AND RAM SELECTION FOR THE AWI SHEARING SCHOOLS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to instate mulesing of lambs as per an approved Livestock Management Plan. 4. Request the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and submit to the Rylington Park Committee for approval by 31 May 2024 a Ram Selection Guideline for all future shearing schools held at the Rylington Park Farm. 	Pending
RP 24/03/035	<p>PROPOSED TREE FARM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to advice Wespine Industries that 'Tree Farming' will not be supported on the Rylington Park Farm. 	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 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. 	Pending