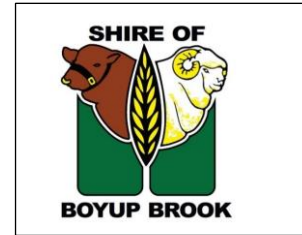


Date: 5 December 2024

To: Shire President
Deputy Shire President
Councillors
Community



Notice and Agenda – Rylington Park Committee Meeting

A Rylington Park Committee Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers (Lesser Hall) on 12 December 2024 at 7:00am to consider the matters set out in the attached agenda.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leonard Long", is written in a cursive style.

Leonard Long
Chief Executive Officer

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Agenda

1. Declaration of opening

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at ...am.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

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

Committee Meetings are public meetings.

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

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

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

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

This meeting will be audio recorded 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 David Inglis

Cr Darren King

Community Members

Mr Andy McElroy

Mr Joshua Stretch

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

2.3 Request for leave of absence
Nil

3. Deputations, petitions and presentations

3.1 Deputations

3.2 Petitions

3.3 Presentations

4. Public question time

4.1 Response to previous public questions taken on notice
Nil

4.2 Public question time

5. Declarations of interest

5.1 Financial and / or proximity interest

5.2 Disclosures of impartiality interest that my cause conflict

6. Previous committee meeting minutes / out of session confirmation

6.1 Committee meeting minutes – 28 October 2024

Moved:

Seconded:

Officer Recommendation RP 24/12/...

That the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee Meeting held on 28 October 2024 be confirmed as being a true and accurate record.

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For:

Against:

7. Reports of Officers

7.1 Chief Executive Officer

7.1.1 Rylington Park activity report for November 2024	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Peter Grainger, Farm Working Manager
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	Nil

<p>Moved: Seconded:</p> <p>Officer Recommendation RP 24/12/...</p> <p>That the Committee:</p> <p>1. Receive the monthly activity report for the Rylington Park Farm for November 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... For: Against:</p>

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

- Sprayed around sheds.

Infrastructure and Equipment Maintenance

- Repairs to sheep yards chains on gates.
- Ongoing fencing maintenance and cleared fallen branches from fences.
- Cleaning out the workshop mostly cleaned out need shelving.
- Greased JD 6290 tractor.
- Clean up and put booms pray away.
- Built guard for the auger hopper.
- Solar pump installed and running.
- 4 lick sheep feeders onsite.
- Repairs poly pipes to get water to troughs in 44, 45.
- Cleaned all water troughs.

Crop Management

- Dave Muir bale 456 rolls off 22 hectares.
- Barley crop – All looking good.
- Canola crop – All good.
- Reviewed Agronomy package with David Lane.

Livestock Sales

- 106 blue XB lambs weight and grade \$148/head Walshes Processor.

Feed on Hand

- Barley 38 tonnes.
- Lupins 3 tonnes.
- Barley straw 0 bales.
- Hay 476 bales.

Feeding program

- Barley straw where needed.

Livestock Handling and Management

- Weaned vaccinated drenched Merino lambs.
 - Moved mobs as required to maximize paddock feed.
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Livestock Inventory

- White Suffolk Rams: 18.
 - Merino rams: 31.
 - Merino Ewes: 2,166.
 - XB lambs: 592.
 - Merino ewe lambs: 446.
 - Merino Wether lambs: 466
- TOTAL: 3,719

Wool Sales

- None 36 bales in shearing shed.


Shearing Schools, events & trials

- 5 day learners school all went well.

WHS

- Working through the check sheet for the farm.

Shire of Boyup Brook Strategic Community Plan 2021 - 2031

	Key Imperatives	Natural Environment
	Objective	Manage natural resources sustainably.
	Outcome	Work with key stakeholders to manage land, fire disease, pest animals and weeds.

Other strategic links

Nil

Statutory environment

Nil

Sustainability and risk considerations

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

Rylington Park Farm contributes economically to both the Shire and Region by providing education and skill development in agriculture which can enhance the workforce, leading to more efficient and innovative farming practices.

Conducting agricultural research can lead to better farming techniques and increased productivity, positively impacting the local economy. The farm also hosting field days and the event draws visitors locally and regionally which can stimulate local spending.

Offering scholarships encourages local youth to pursue careers in agriculture, potentially leading to a more skilled labour pool. Shearing schools support the sheep industry, vital for the local economy. These activities can lead to job creation, increased productivity, and the overall growth of Boyup Brook's agricultural sector.

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

Rylington Park Farm can impact the quality of life in the Boyup Brook community by enhancing access to agricultural training and education, boosting local economy through job creation and agricultural advancements.

The farm also brings community members together during events and field days, and through its training encourages young people to consider futures in agriculture, aiding in community retention.

Policy implications

Nil

Risk management implications

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

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

Consultation

Nil

Resource implications

Financial

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

7.1.2 Rylington Park Updated Agronomy Report 2025	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	7.1.2A - Agronomy Report 2025 Draft 2

Moved:	Seconded:
Officer Recommendation RP 24/12/...	
That the Committee:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acknowledge the updated agronomy report for 2025 as per attachment 7.1.2A. 	
..... For: Against:	

Summary

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

Background

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

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

Report Detail

See attachment 7.1.2A Updated Agronomy report for 2025.

At the Rylington Park Committee Meeting held on 28 October 2024, the Committee resolved to:

‘Moved: Cr. King

Seconded: Cr. Caldwell

Committee Decision RP 24/10/079


That the Committee:

- 1. Acknowledge the agronomy report for 2025 as per attachment 8.1.4A, and request the Chief Executive Officer to present an updated report to the next Rylington Park Committee meeting.**

Carried 6/0

**For: Cr Walker, Prof Brown, Mr McElroy, Cr King, Cr Caldwell, Cr Wright
Against: Nil'**

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

Consultation

Nil

Resource Implications

Financial

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

7.1.3 Ladies Day 2025	
File Ref:	RP/01/002
Previous Items:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author and Title:	Erlanda Deas, Records Officer & Events Coordinator
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachment Number:	Nil

Moved:	Seconded:
Officer Recommendation RP 24/12/...	
That the Committee:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the event name change from Rylington Park and Boyup Brook Co-op Ladies Day to Shire of Boyup Brook and Rylington Park Ladies Day any sponsors for the event must be listed on any advertising material. 2. Approves donating all funds obtained through the Shire of Boyup Brook and Rylington Park Ladies Day art auction towards the Boyup Brook Recreation Centre / Evacuation Centre. 	
..... For: Against:	

Summary

The Committee is requested to consider changing the name of the Rylington Park and Boyup Brook Co-op Ladies Day to Shire of Boyup Brook and Rylington Park Ladies Day so not to promote any one sponsor but to rather list all sponsors on all advertising materials.

The Committee is also requested to consider approving the donation of funds as per the recommendation.

Background


The annual Storm in a Teacup ladies’ day will be the fourteenth since starting in 2012. It forms part of the annual Boyup Brook calendar and is well supported by local ladies and businesses. The event will be hosted on Friday, 14 March 2025 with the theme being ‘Whether the Weather’.

Report detail

Every year funds are raised by auctioning off the logo painting with the proceeds donated to a nominated charity or organisation. The theme is around the weather and therefore considered appropriate to donate the money towards the evacuation centre funding, which means it also supports the proposed sporting precinct.

Jessica Lingard from the Bureau of Meteorology and ABC weather presenter will be our keynote speaker for the day. Local farmer and “clean food” advocate, Warren Pensini, will also be a speaker on the day. At this stage staff are waiting for confirmation from potential other speakers.

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
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Low	Potential loss of sponsorships.
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Consultation

Nil

Resource Implications

Financial

Nil

Workforce

Nil

End

8. Members questions on notice

Nil

9. Late items / urgent business matters

10. Next meeting and closure

Next meeting to be held onat.....at the Council Chambers.

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

Presiding Member

Date

Outstanding Committee Resolutions		
Res #	Resolution	Status
RP 24/02/004	<p>WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION (WAARC) RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Prof Brown Update: 18 July 2024</u> The grant was unsuccessful and no further action is proposed at this point.</p>	Pending
RP 24/03/024	<p>RYLINGTON PARK POTENTIAL SCHOOL PROGRAM - AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR STUDENT EQUITY AND SUCCESS (ACSES) FUNDING</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If successful, approves a contribution of \$20,000 towards the grant submission to Australian Centre for Student Equity and Success being prepared by Prof Brown. 2. The contribution approved in (1.) above is to be funded out of Councils Co-contribution reserve. <p><u>Prof Brown Update: 18 July 2024</u> The ACSES grant titled Pathways to University Program for Regional Students was submitted by the due date of 6 June 2024 for \$179,954 (total grant budget: \$199,954). Team headed by Kerry Brown, includes ECU School of Business and Law academics and Boyup Brook High School Principal Melissa Reimers. The team has been given feedback that requires further information mainly relating to scale up costs which is due 19 July. The team expects to hear the grant outcomes by early August 2024.</p>	Pending
RP 24/03/033	<p>PROPOSED HEMP TRIALS AT RYLINGTON PARK</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the trials for growing Hemp on 1ha of land at Rylington Park. 	Pending

	<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 18 July 2024:</u> Application form has been completed as far as possible and sent to Prof Brown and Cr King on 24/06/2024 to assist with some details.</p>	
<p>RP 24/03/036</p>	<p>LANDCARE AUSTRALIA / NBN RYLINGTON PARK FERAL ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR TRIAL</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2. Request the Landcare Australia / Blackwood Basin Group to provide a report on the outcomes to Council on conclusion of the trial.</p>	<p>Pending</p>