

# Kosciuszko Wild Horse Community Advisory Panel



## Meeting minutes

### Details

**Location:** National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), 11 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan, and via Zoom

**Date/time:** 9 am - 1 pm  
Friday 7 August 2020

**Chairperson:** [REDACTED]

**Deputy Chair:** [REDACTED]

### People present

1. Chairperson: [REDACTED]
2. Deputy Chair: [REDACTED]
3. Member: [REDACTED]
4. Member: [REDACTED]
5. Member: [REDACTED]
6. Member: [REDACTED]
7. Member: [REDACTED]
8. Member: [REDACTED]
9. NPWS representative: [REDACTED] Director Southern Ranges Branch
10. Secretary: [REDACTED] Project Officer-Wild Horses, NPWS
11. Guest: [REDACTED] Chair, Kosciuszko Wild Horse Scientific Advisory Panel
12. Guest: [REDACTED] Deputy Chair, Kosciuszko Wild Horse Scientific Advisory Panel

### 1. Opening and welcome

The Chair opened the meeting and gave an Acknowledgement of Country. [REDACTED] was thanked for his attendance at the meeting ([REDACTED] *joined the meeting later*).

The Chair, [REDACTED] and NPWS staff attended the meeting in Queanbeyan. All other members attended on-line via Zoom.

### 2. Apologies

Nil

### 3. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest

[REDACTED] declared that he had recently been appointed the NSW Government Natural Resources Commissioner. The portfolio includes some responsibility for forests and national parks.

### 4. Correspondence

#### Incoming

1. 24 March 2020 - Mr Alan Lanyon – attendance of non-panel members at the CAP and SAP site visit
2. 30 April 2020 – NPWS – post-fire control

#### Outgoing

3. 26 March 2020 - Response to [REDACTED] – population estimates
4. 27 March 2020 - Response to [REDACTED] – 2019 Australian Alps feral horse aerial survey

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5. 31 March 2020 - Response to [REDACTED] - attendance of non-panel members at the CAP and SAP site visit

### 5. Acceptance of previous meeting minutes

Panel members accepted the previous minutes with one change: that [REDACTED] name is added to the attendance list.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

### 6. Matters arising from minutes of previous meetings

No.	Action	Responsible	Date Completed
1 November 2019 meeting			
1	NPWS requested that members return their Personal Details and Tax Forms to the Secretary.	All / Secretary	Closed
2	Secretary to resend invitations to the panel's SharePoint page. USBs will be mailed to those members that continue to experience difficulties accessing the page.	Secretary	Closed
3	Panel Terms of Reference and Communications Protocol to be provided electronically to members.	Secretary	Closed
4	The panel will consider its progress at the next meeting, and then seek an extension to the new plan's deadline if considered necessary.	All	Closed
5	NPWS to seek approval from the Australian Alps Management Program to release the results of the 2019 Australian Alps wild horse aerial survey at the next meeting.	[REDACTED]	Closed
6	Request the Kosciuszko Wild Horse Scientific Advisory Group to consider the use of virtual fencing as a management technique.	[REDACTED]	Closed
7	Members to review the <i>2016 draft Kosciuszko Wild Horse Management Plan</i> and consider what do they want to see changed and why?	All	Closed
8	What assistance do members seek from the Scientific Advisory Panel?	All	Closed
9	Questions for the Scientific Advisory Panel:	[REDACTED]	Closed

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What methodology can be used for measuring the environmental impact of horses?</li> <li>Can drones be used in population monitoring or mustering?</li> </ul>		
10	Requirement for a site visit to be considered by members.	All	Closed

### 9 December 2019 meeting

11	[REDACTED]	NPWS	Closed
12	[REDACTED]	NPWS	Closed
13	Request the Kosciuszko Wild Horse Scientific Advisory Group consider the use of drones to be a progressive way of developing evidence-based population monitoring in real time.	NPWS	Closed
14	Request the Kosciuszko Wild Horse Scientific Advisory Group consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[REDACTED]</li> <li>[REDACTED]</li> <li>[REDACTED]</li> <li>[REDACTED]</li> <li>[REDACTED]</li> <li>[REDACTED]</li> <li>[REDACTED]</li> </ul>	NPWS	Closed – addressed by SAP
15	NPWS to prepare a summary of the four key components of the 2016 draft <i>Kosciuszko Wild Horse Management Plan</i> that need amending. The summary is to be made available to panel members before Christmas so that further discussion can occur with their relevant stakeholders	NPWS	Closed
16	NPWS to ask the Scientific Advisory Panel to consider a request for a joint meeting with the Community Advisory Panel on 13 January 2020.	NPWS	Closed

All outstanding items from the previous meeting minutes were considered closed.

## 7. Scientific Advisory Panel final draft report

All members, except for [REDACTED] had read the Scientific Advisory Panel's (SAP) final draft report. All members provided comment on the draft report:

[REDACTED] – [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Chair – moved that the panel endorse the SAP’s report. He considered it an [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Chair invited the SAP Chair and Deputy Chair to respond.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NPWS added that after consultation with the SAP and [REDACTED] NPWS has engaged a consultant anthropologist to compile Aboriginal views on wild horses. This ethnographic survey will provide further advice to the management plan, separate to the panel’s reports.

**ACTION:** Members endorsed the Kosciuszko Wild Horse Scientific Advisory Panel’s final draft report of advice to the Minister on the new wild horse heritage management plan (the version reviewed by members).

## 8. Comments on the panel’s draft report

The panel reviewed sections of the draft report and members provided comment and discussed

### Statement of strategic intent

Point 1 - [REDACTED]

Point 3 – [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

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Point 4 – [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

Point 6 – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

Point 7 – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Point 8 – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Chair asked for comments on the remainder of the section to be provided to the Secretary after the meeting.

### Recommendations

General recommendations [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

| [REDACTED]

Locations – [REDACTED]

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### Critical success factors

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Members were asked to provide comments on the remainder of the report to the Secretary. Member submissions would be added to the report as appendices. The Chair would then revise the report and it would be distributed to members.

**ACTION:** [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to provide additional information on cultural heritage for the final draft report.

**ACTION:** Members to provide any further comments on the CAP's draft report to the Secretary. Secretary to add meeting background to the draft report and remove panel member names where requested. The Chair will revise the report based on member comments received at this meeting and provided separately to the Secretary. The revised final report will then be distributed to members.

## 9. General business

There are no further panel meetings planned.

NPWS stated it appreciated the work of all panel members. Panel membership expires in September. NPWS has requested the Minister extend the terms of all members past this date.

## 10. Meeting Close

12:58 pm

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**Chairperson**

## Actions from this meeting

No.	Action	Responsible	Date Completed
1	Members endorsed the Kosciuszko Wild Horse Scientific Advisory Panel's final draft report of advice to the Minister on the new wild horse heritage management plan (the version reviewed by members).	All	For noting
2	██████████ and ██████████ to provide additional information on cultural heritage for the final draft report.	██████████ ██████████ ██████████	
3	Members to provide any further comments on the CAP's draft report to the Secretary. Secretary to add meeting background to the draft report and remove panel member names where requested. The Chair will revise the report based on member comments received at this meeting and provided separately to the Secretary. The revised final report will then be distributed to members.	All	