# **RESERVE ACTION SHEET: CONSERVATION RESERVES**

RESERVE No. A976 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Shire of Bruce Rock

**NAME**: Pikaring Nature Reserve

**PURPOSE:** Conservation of flora and fauna **VESTING:** Conservation Commission

**ACTION** 

Addition of Lot 1 on deposited plan 59779 (46.5323 hectares) to Pikaring Nature Reserve

**Total Area**: 105.807 hectares (+47.5323ha)

#### **REASON FOR ACTION**

Lot 1 on deposited plan 59779 was purchased on 3 April 2008, with partial funding under the Caring for Our Country National Reserve System program, for addition to Pikaring Nature Reserve A976.

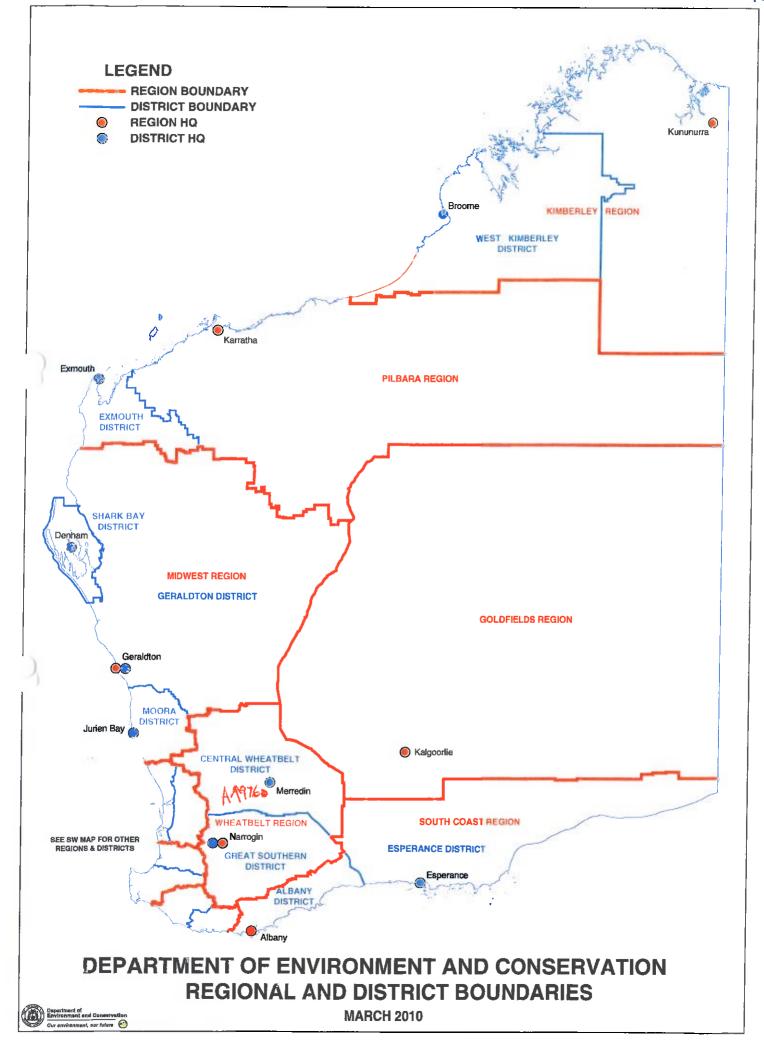
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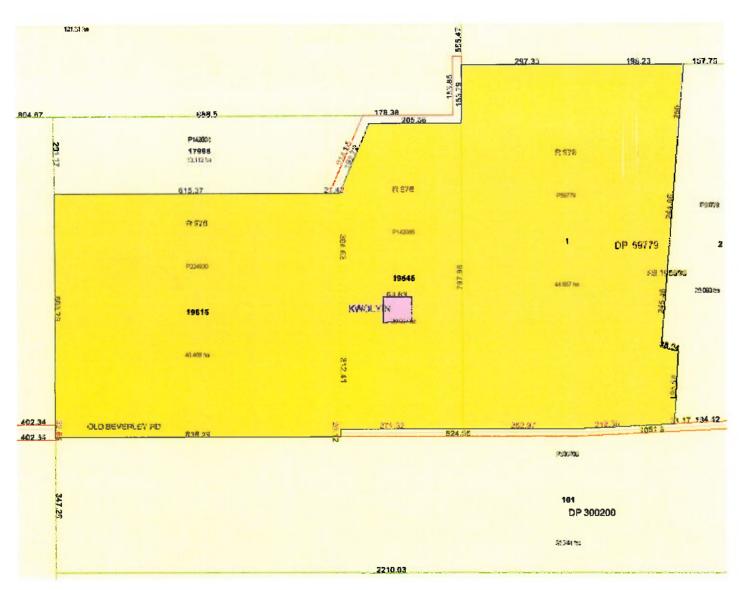
Customer advice: p.241 Proposal Summary: see pp16-19.

IUCN classification: ||

Native Title: Freehold purchase

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ADDITION OF LOTI ON DP59779 TO R976 CUSTOMER ADVICE AUG 2010

#### Customer Advices for Reserve Actions 1/08/2010 - 31/08/2010

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Reserve No.	Land Description	DPI File No.	Volume/Folio	Action	Document No.	Registered	Street Name	Area	Public Plans
976	Lot 19818 on Deposited Plan 224930 Lot 19848 on Deposited Plan 142086	05257-1919-02RO	3004-260	Order for Addition of Land to Certain Class 'A' Reserves to To Include Lot 1 on Deposited plan 59779 into Nature Reserve 976 & area = 105.807 Hectares	L376846	16/07/2010	OLD BEVERLEY ROAD, KWOLYN.	105,807 Ha	PICKARING (25) N.E

Addition to Pikaring NR 976 - Hughes purchase 2007/003651-1

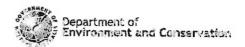
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### YILGARN DISTRICT



TO:

Land Acquisitions Officer

File Ref: Land Admin 06/08

FROM:

District Nature Conservation Officer

DATE:

20/02/2007

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SUBJECT: Assessment of the conservation values of a private property remnant

offered for sale to DEC

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Background

Attached please find an assessment report of the nature conservation values of a private property remnant offered for sale to DEC within the Shire of Bruce Rock.

The 43.4 ha remnant contains significant nature conservation values, including a Beard vegetation association type that is grossly under-represented within the DEC-managed conservation estate.

It would be appreciated if the Land Acquisition Officer could arrange for this remnant to be valuated. In addition, this property will need to be surveyed, as the landowner is only interested in offering the remnant portion (43.4 ha) of Avon location 25547 (64.48 ha in total) for sale i.e. the property requires subdivision. The remnant is enclosed by a reasonable quality fence, which should reduce the time and cost of surveying.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that this remnant be purchased for inclusion into the DEC-managed conservation estate.

Yours sincerely

David Jolliffe

District Nature Conservation Officer

# **ASSESSMENT REPORT: REMNANT ON AVON LOCATION 25547**

#### 1. BACKGROUND

Mr Claude Hughes approached Robert Powell from the Department of Environment & Conservation (DEC) office in Perth during early January 2007, with an offer of sale for a remnant patch on his property (letter of offer for \$98,000.00 - see *Attachment 1*). An inspection of the remnant was undertaken on the 23 January 2007.

## 2. AREA & TENURE DESCRIPTION (Table 1)

The remnant offered for sale on Avon Location 25547 is approximately 43.4 hectares in size, and is located in the south-western corner of the Shire of Bruce Rock within the DEC Yilgarn district (Wheatbelt region) (see *Figure 1*).

### 3. LAND DETAILS

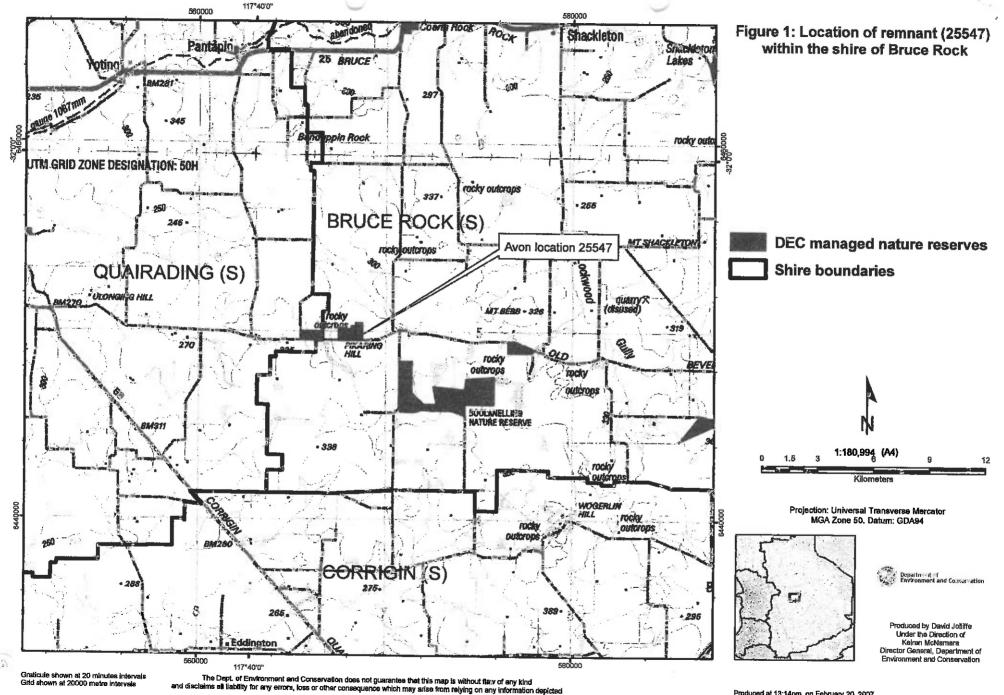
#### 3.1. Objective for acquisition

This remnant contains significant conservation values within the Western Australian IBRA and sub-IBRA context. The Avon Wheatbelt (AW) Ibra region has been identified as a priority 1 area for reservation due to its very high floral diversity and fragmented nature (May & McKensie, 2002). The remnant contains a Beard vegetation association (3041) that is restricted to the AW IBRA region, and which is both under-represented within the AW1 and AW2 sub-IBRA DEC conservation estate. According to Wilson, (2006) only 105.53 ha or 8.3 % of the total remaining state-wide extent of 1265.17 ha occurs within the conservation estate (*Table 2*). This includes 17 ha within the AW1 and 88 ha within the AW2 estate respectively. This remnant will add approximately 22.92 ha to the AW 1 conservation estate, which will increase the state-wide representative-ness to 10.15 % (and more than double the current size in the AW1 estate).

This remnant adjoins the eastern boundary of Pikaring Nature Reserve (A 976). This nature reserve (total size of 58.4 ha) contains 7.9 ha of vegetation association 3041. The addition of this remnant to this reserve will increase the size of this reserve, and increase the representation of association 3041 within the DEC-managed conservation estate.

#### 3.2. Whole or Part of Property

The owner is only interested in selling this 43.4 ha remnant patch on Avon Location 25547 (total size of location is 64.48 ha). The vendor has been verbally informed of his right to withdraw this offer of sale at any stage.



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Table 1: Location and tenure details

IBRA & sub-IBRA regions	DEC District
Wheatbelt (Avon Wheatbelt 1- Ancient drainage interim biogeographical subregion)	Yilgarn
<u>Shire</u>	Locality
Bruce Rock (See Figure 1)	Adjacent to Pikaring Nature Reserve (A 976); approximately 40 km west of Quairading and 84 km due south-west of Merredin.
Property name / description	AMG reference
Avon Location 25547	6450000 mN; 568600 mE
Current vesting	Proposed vesting
Freehold (Private property)	DEC Class A Nature Reserve vested with the Conservation Commission of WA (CCWA)
<u>Owner</u>	Contact details
Claude Hughes	34 Dall Street, Quairading, WA 6383 Tel / Fax (08) 96450370
Whole or Part of Property	Additional details
Owner is only interested in offering the 43.4ha remnant patch for sale to DEC, and not the remaining cleared portions of Avon Location 25547. A subdivision (which requires surveying) will hence be required.	Total size of Avon location is 64.48 ha. Remnant offered for sale is fenced except where it borders onto Pikaring Nature Reserve. Minor fence maintenance will be required at places along the northern boundary fence.

#### 3.3. Subdivision required

The remnant vegetation is located on a portion of Avon Location 25547 (Figure 2). The remaining section (approximately 21 ha) is used for crop production. A subdivision will therefore be required as the landowner wishes to maintain ownership of the cleared portion. The 43.4 ha remnant is fenced on the northern, eastern and southern boundaries. The only unfenced area is the western boundary that adjoins the Pikaring Nature Reserve. This should reduce the need and cost of removing a fence between the nature reserve and the remnant. The fact that the remnant is fenced in on the remaining boundaries should alleviate the relative difficulty (and cost) in surveying this remnant.

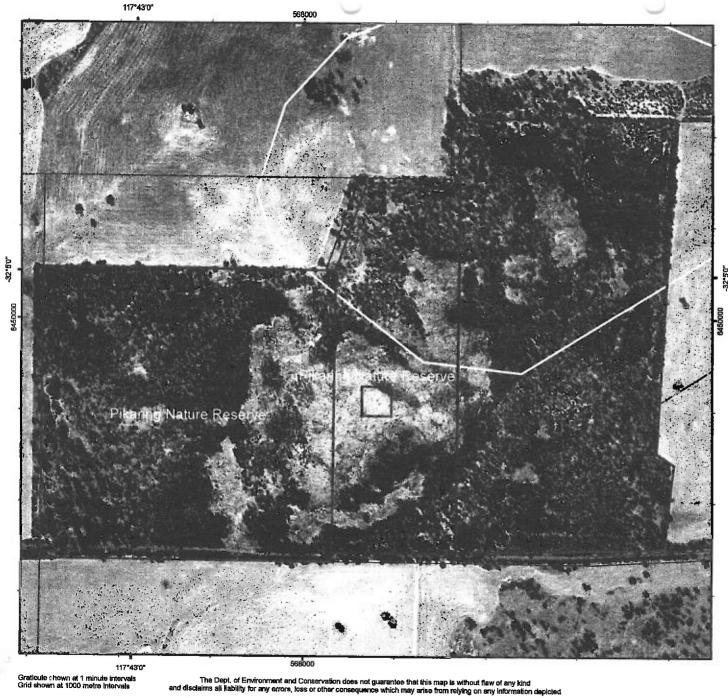


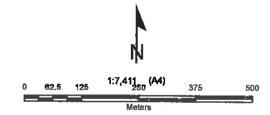
Figure 2: Remnant on Location 25547 offered for sale to DEC

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- Avon location 25547
- DEC managed nature reserves

Beard vegetation association number:

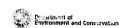
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