



**Lake Illawarra**  
ESTUARY MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE

# DRAFT MINUTES

MEETING HELD  
5:30PM WEDNESDAY  
26 FEBRUARY 2020

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Ann Martin (WCC)	Councillor Dom Figliomeni (WCC)
Councillor Cath Blakey (WCC)	Mayor Marianne Saliba (SCC)
Councillor Peter Moran (SCC)	Carla Ganassin (DPI Fisheries)
Annie Marlow (Community Representative)	Graham Towers (DPIE)
Col Wilton (Community Representative)	Dr Brian Jones (UOW)
John Davey (Community Representative)	Dr Kerrylee Rogers (OUW)
Danny Wiecek (DPIE)	Sharralyn "Aunty Shaz" Robinson (Aboriginal Community Representative)
Andrew Monk (TfNSW)	Greg Doyle (WCC) - part

## IN ATTENDANCE

Kristy Blackburn (WCC & SCC)	Renee Winsor (WCC)
Andrew Lee (SCC)	Grant Meredith (SCC)
Claire Knight (WCC)	Wayde Peterson (SCC)
Philomena Gangaiya (WCC)	Chris Stewart (WCC)
Mark Roebuck (WCC)	Sasho Srbinovski (WCC)
Jay Ruming (TfNSW)	David Fitzgibbon (WCC)
Greg Doyle (WCC) part	

### ITEM 1 - WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair opened the meeting, welcomed committee members and the WCC General Manager Greg Doyle, thanked them for their attendance. Introductions were made around the table.

### ITEM 2 - APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Cr John Murray, Jason Carson, Paul Knight and Wayne Cooke.

### ITEM 3 - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the Land.

**ITEM 3A – ADDITIONAL ITEM - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF WCC COUNCILLOR VICKY KING**

Greg Doyle, WCC General Manager addressed the unexpected passing of Cr Vicky King and acknowledged her contributions to Council and community. He advised they would discuss her legacy at a more appropriate time and through this difficult time he extended support to all who needed it.

Cr Ann Martin, Mayor Marianne Saliba, Cr Dom Figliomeni and Aunty Shaz reflected on their many years of friendship with Cr King, her achievements and how she will be missed. They extended their condolences to family and to friends, expressing how much of a shock loss it was.

Greg Doyle left the meeting.

**ITEM 4 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interests were declared.

**ITEM 5 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2019 AND 13 NOVEMBER 2019 AND BUSINESS ARISING**

1. **Recommendation:** That the minutes of the previous Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee meeting held on 28 August 2019 are endorsed as accurate.

**Moved: Mayor Marianne Saliba**

**Seconded: Cr Cath Blakey**

**ALL IN FAVOUR.**

2. **Recommendation:** That the minutes of the previous Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee meeting held on 13 November 2019 are endorsed as accurate.

**Moved: Cr Cath Blakey**

**Seconded: Mayor Marianne Saliba**

**ALL IN FAVOUR.**

Business Arising:

- Kristy reminded everyone to sign the updated Code of Conduct acknowledgement.
- Danny and Carla's Mangrove presentation needs to be held over until 13/5/20. This is due to them being involved in fire and flood responses over the summer.

**ITEM 6 - CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT**

No items were received or sent.

**ITEM 7 - REZONING APPLICATIONS – LAKE CATCHMENT AND FORESHORE**

Chris Stewart, Manager City Strategy WCC spoke to the WCC report at Attachment 1. He advised Stage 5 discussion with developers (ie Yallah & Marshall Mount) regarding possible rezone work is occurring.

Grant Meredith, Group Manager City Development SCC spoke to the SCC report at Attachment 2. He mentioned that the rezoning of Southern Tullimbar (29ha) is done via a 'Gateway Process', with the Dept of Planning, not Council to determine the outcome.

Kristy advised that agenda item 11 will hopefully allow the Committee to make a more informed decision re changes to these reports to better inform future meetings.

### **ITEM 8 – MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS – COUNCIL BASED – UPDATE**

Mark Roebuck, Acting Manager Infrastructure WCC spoke to the report at Attachment 4. He also gave a brief update re the Entrance Management Study and the Cycling Strategy (Attachment 5). He advised that because he was new, he would be in a better position to provide a more comprehensive update at the next meeting.

Wayde Peterson from SCC spoke to the SCC Report at Attachment 3. He noted that the Boonarah Point Toilet Block was on hold pending appropriate Aboriginal Heritage Assessment. He also advised that SCC has received a \$15,000 grant for a pre-dredge study at Skiway Park. This will predominately assist Marine Rescue with access to the lake, but other users will also benefit.

### **ITEM 9 – PRESENTATION SUBMISSIONS IN REPLY REPORT AND DRAFT CMP**

Kristy thanked everyone for their input so far and introduced the Project Management Team, herself, Danny Wiecek, Andrew Lee and Philomena Gangaiya.

Kristy outlined the:

- Community raised issues that resulted in no or minor changes to the CMP (vegetation, catchment pollution, balance of issues)
- Community raised issues that resulted in changes to the CMP (tourism, dredging and litter)
- Agency raised issues that resulted in changes to the CMP (appendixes, exec summary).

Some minor changes are still to be made and these were distributed to the Committee, including removal of some items from EC3 and addition of vegetation corridor information to EV1.

An increase in expected implementation costs due to the better inclusion of existing expenditure/ updated actions, ore generous costings in Business Plan, cost of additional actions, large increase in the projected costs of medium and long-term entrance channel works.

Concerns were raised over the large increase (from \$37M -to \$70M) however it was explained that the estimated costs are a guesstimate and that it gives a basis for applying for and receiving grant funding. It is also comparable to past annual LIA funding. The actions are all subject to available funding. The commitment is for agencies to consider the actions in forward budgeting and planning exercises.

Kristy advised that a more comprehensive breakdown of expected costings will be prepared for Councillor Briefings and Reports.

Aunty Shaz stated that she would like to see the commitment to employ the Aboriginal Worker for \$100K prioritised to protect and salvage heritage and environment when works go ahead.

Col conveyed the work developing the CMP has been immense and expressed a hope that the actions are delivered as quickly as possible before the CMP becomes outdated, so that work is not wasted.

3. **Recommendation:** The LIEMC supports the Lake Illawarra CMP Submissions in Reply Report and recommends WCC and SCC endorse the Lake Illawarra CMP to be submitted to the Minister for Local Government The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP to consider it for certification

**Moved: Mayor Marianne Saliba**  
**Seconded: Cr Ann Martin**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR.**

The next steps are to:

- Have the consultant do the final changes to the CMP as outlined.
- Send out requests for a formal letter of support from agencies.
- Deliver Cr Briefings (WCC 23 March and SCC 31 March) and Reports to Council (WCC 6 April and SCC 7 April). Members are reminded that they can attend Council meetings.

#### **ITEM 10 – UPDATE WINDANG BRIDGE**

Andrew Monk, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) rep on the Committee provided an update on Windang Bridge repair works and monitoring. He reported that the rockfill works under 7 piers (approx ¼) of Windang Bridge has not moved, only some sand around it. Works have not been completed for the middle spans of the bridge due to accessibility restrictions of the barge. RMS is investigating ways to continue rock filling these spans.

#### **ITEM 11 – PRESENTATION - WEST DAPTO PLANNING IN RELATION TO LAKE ILLAWARRA**

David Fitzgibbon, Urban Release Manager WCC outlined Urban Releases area of focus being West Dapto and parts of Calderwood

The West Dapto project has existing tools for stormwater management. DCP Chapters:

- D16: General Targets
- E15: More detailed general targets
- CMP: Specific for Lake Illawarra water quality (WQ1 Risk Based Framework) which will also inform changes to the DCP.

WCC and SCC staff have been researching different treatments to achieve the more stringent Risk Based Framework targets. The project is expected to be completed June 30 2020 and is being funded by DPIE. Consideration of costs and effect of different treatments are being considered. In this project (and beyond) it's acknowledged that water quality and water quantity will need to be treated in combination.

Vegetation Retention is managed via Chapters in the DCP:

- D16
- E23: (Riparian Land Management) is under review and the LIEMC will be advised when it's on Exhibition.
- E6: Landscaping. Controls around what trees can be cleared for home DAs.

Annie expressed concerns that major clearing is taking place and that liveability must be taken into consideration in these new developments. Staff responded saying that Tree Management still applies as well as Greening Strategy and that Biocertification Certification of West Dapto represents a strategic approach.

David then made some suggestions on how to improve the Planning updates to LIEMC for example – updates of WQ1 action, Major DAs, Neighbourhood Plans and Planning Proposal updates, capturing Committee member comments on proposals and invited their suggestions.

He outlined that Planning Proposals are more conceptual and that Development Applications (available to the public online) show the finer details including stormwater management outcomes.

SCC does conduct some catchment-based water quality testing and that an expansion of this across the entire Lake catchment was an action in the CMP as well as more resources for compliance which is an ongoing issue.

Kristy agreed to trial Urban Release's improved reporting suggestions – that each Council prepares DA updates rather than PP's. Kristy will progress both SCC and SCC improved reporting for the next LIEMC meeting.

Cheryl Lappin SCC Senior Planner will present on developments at Calderwood and Tullimbar at the next LIEMC meeting.

## **ITEM 12 - HOW WILL THE CMP BE IMPLEMENTED AND WHAT ROLE WILL THE LIEMC HAVE?**

Andrew Lee, Acting Manager Environment SCC and Renee Winsor, Environment Planning Manager, WCC provided an overview of the progress that the two Councils are making regarding planning for the implementation of the CMP.

In accordance with CMP management action PM2 Councils are in discussions re the role of a stakeholder reference group to be involved with the implementation of the CMP. Renee and Andrew stated that once the CMP is certified that Councils will be prepared to implement it, using relevant forward planning processes eg business proposals.

### ITEM 13 – PROJECT OFFICER REPORT

Kristy Blackburn, Lake Illawarra Project Officer, WCC and SCC spoke to the report as outlined in the Business Paper.

In addition, Kristy reported that three project applications to the DPIE - Coasts and Estuaries Grants Program were unsuccessful. These projects were to implement actions in the Draft CMP – A bathymetric study (FB3), a bank condition assessment (FB1) and water quality monitoring (WQ7). In the explanation why the fact that the CMP was still lonely a draft contributed to the decisions which was disappointing as advice was that we could apply an, if otherwise successful the projects would be placed on a holding list until such time as the CMP was certified. We were advised to submit applications again with some revisions in the next round.

4. **Recommendation:** That all reports presented during the meeting are received by the LIEMC.

**Moved: Mayor Marianne Saliba**  
**Seconded: Anne Marlow**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR.**

### ITEM 14 – COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES (ROUND TABLE)

Cr Dom Figliomeni spoke about pollution entering the lake behind 67 Northcliffe Drive and showed photos of a large band of yellow sludge. It was discussed at the most recent NF7 meeting, but not reported to Council. NF members should be reminded that these incidents need to be reported to Council so they can be investigated. Dom will provide the photos to Kristy. Annie advised that the scum is still at Hooka and that she would talk to Kristy about it.

Cr Cath Blakey asked about measures/actions that were taken during the recent flooding of the lake. Mark Roebuck who was present in the Emergency situation room during the incident explained that both the regional and local SES organisations played a role in the preparation for evacuation, but that none was required in the end.

Cr Cath Blakey mentioned an event 'Growing Illawarra Natives' on Saturday 14 March 3pm – 6pm at Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, with Leon Fuller as one of the speakers.

### ITEM 15 – OTHER BUSINESS

Renee Winsor thanked the LIEMC, PMT and staff involved in the production of the CMP.

### ITEM 16 – NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 13 May 2020.

**ITEM 17 – CLOSE**

The meeting concluded at 7:30pm.

**ACTION SUMMARY**

Item	Action	Officer	Status
	Keep the LIEMC informed re stakeholder meeting to discuss tracer study/ entrance channel project.	MR	Ongoing
	Carla and Danny to present on Mangroves next meeting	CG & DW	
11	Kristy to liaise with both Councils re improved Planning reporting	KB	
14	Cr Dom Figliomeni to send photos of Northcliffe Drive pollution incident to Kristy	DF	
14	Annie Marlow to discuss Hooka Point scum with Kristy	AM	