

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2025
B1 TRAINING ROOM
SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL



The Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group oversees and, where needed, provides advice on the implementation of actions within the Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program. The Group acts as a platform for relationship building between all stakeholders, with the shared aspiration to ensure that Lake Illawarra's ecological, social and economic value is maintained and improved now and into the future.

Our adopted vision for Lake Illawarra is *"to protect and enhance a diverse ecosystem, respect and protect our cultural heritage, foster a strong sense of community and encourage economic opportunities."*

Item	Subject	Attachment	Time	Presenter
New Group members only				
1	Welcome		5.30pm	Chair
2	Apologies			Chair
3	Acknowledgement of Country			Chair
4	Confirmation of minutes			Chair
5	Group membership and staff updates		5:35pm	Trudy Costa Coastal Environment Officer WCC
6	Presentation – Lake Illawarra Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan		5:40pm	Ali Sevenler Floodplain Management Engineer WCC
7	Coastal Officer's report		6:15pm	Trudy Costa/Carla O'Meley Coastal Environment Officer WCC
8	Presentation – Warrawong Parklands Masterplan		6:30pm	Ben Chaplin – NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
9	Lake Illawarra Entrance management updates		6:50pm	Chris O'Connor Infrastructure Governance Manager WCC
10	Group member updates and grant opportunities		7:10pm	Group
11	Next meeting		7:25pm	Chair
12	Close		7.30pm	Chair

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This Business Paper has been prepared to assist with the running of the Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group meeting and provides an outline of the relevant items for discussion.

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ITEM 1 WELCOME

This item is a standing agenda item. The Chair will welcome the newly appointed community representatives and independent scientific advisor.

ITEM 2 APOLOGIES

This item is a standing agenda item.

ITEM 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

This item is a standing agenda item. The Chairperson will provide an Acknowledgement of Country.

ITEM 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

This is a standing agenda item. The minutes and business arising from the meeting held on 11 June 2025 are attached to the meeting agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group meeting from the 11 June 2025 are endorsed as accurate.

ATTACHMENT 1 – Draft Minutes Lake Illawarra CMP IG meeting 11 June 2025

ITEM 5 GROUP MEMBERSHIP AND STAFF UPDATE

The Coastal Environment Officer will introduce new Group members and explain staffing and membership changes.

ITEM 6 PRESENTATION – LAKE ILLAWARRA FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN (FRMSP)

This item will be presented by Ali Sevenler, Floodplain Management Engineer at WCC, and to provide Group members with an overview of flood behaviour in the lake and the progression of the Lake Illawarra Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (FRMSP). The presentation will explain how the study will consider entrance management strategies, expected timelines and how the community and the Group will be engaged throughout the process.

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ITEM 7 COASTAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide Committee members with an update on current issues and projects relevant to the Group for information purposes only. These items will generally not require a decision by the Group but may provide information for future decisions or discussion. There will be time for urgent questions.

Ten-year milestone for lake committee

August 2015 marks ten years since the first meeting of the Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee took place. This Committee was formed when the Lake Illawarra Authority was disbanded and was active from 2016 to 2021, at which time the CMP governance framework was established and the committee became the Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group.

Over the past ten years, this group of stakeholders representing government agencies, the community and scientific advisors have provided advice, feedback and support to both Wollongong and Shellharbour Councils regarding the development and implementation of the Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program (CMP). Despite some considerable challenges, the group has overseen the progression of numerous projects, programs and actions to protect Lake Illawarra now and into the future.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Group representatives past and present, and to recognise their many achievements in preparing and progressing one of the first Coastal Management Programs to be certified in NSW.

Councils and supporting agencies have once again made strong progress on CMP implementation during the 2024-2025 financial year. A final Implementation report and the current 2025 – 2026 Implementation Plan will be sent to Group members as attachments to this report, and hardcopies will be available at the meeting.

ATTACHMENT 2 – Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program Implementation and Media Report 2024-2025

ATTACHMENT 3 – Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program Implementation Plan 2025-2026

ITEM 8 PRESENTATION – WARRAWONG PARKLANDS MASTERPLAN

This item will be presented by Ben Chaplin, Project Manager for Warrawong Parklands Master Plan Project, and outline the NSW Government's draft plans to transform the site into a major public space that offers commercial, recreational, and tourism-related activities.

ITEM 9 LAKE ILLAWARRA ENTRANCE MANAGEMENT UPDATES

This item will be presented by Chris O'Connor, Infrastructure Governance Manager at WCC, and will detail the latest developments and progression of the Windang Foreshore Improvement Project and the Lake Entrance Options Study.

ITEM 10 GROUP MEMBER UPDATES AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

This item will provide an opportunity for all Group members to provide an update on relevant matters, and to discuss any relevant grant programs.

ITEM 11 NEXT MEETING

This item is a standing agenda item. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19 November 2025

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ITEM 12 CLOSE
