

MINUTES

LAKE ILLAWARRA ESTUARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD
5.30PM ON WEDNESDAY, 29 NOV 2017



PRESENT	
Cr Vicky King (WCC) Chair	Danny Wiecek (OEH)
Cr Cath Blakey (WCC)	Stephanie Kermode (Sydney Water)
Cr Cameron Walters (WCC)	Andrew Monk (RMS)
Cr Peter Moran (SCC)	Graham Towers (Dept of Planning)
Paul Knight (Aboriginal Community Rep)	Jeremy Corke (Crown Lands)
Col Wilton (Community Rep)	
John Davey (Community Rep)	

IN ATTENDANCE	
Kristy Blackburn WCC and SCC	Kathleen Packer SCC
Tony Miskiewicz WCC	Tuesday Heather SCC (part)
Renee Campbell WCC	Andrew Williams OEH
Michael Trajcevski UoW	Rob Williams ex Fisheries
Rob Dixon UoW (part)	

1 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed Committee members and thanked them for their attendance. It was acknowledged that this was the first meeting of this term of the Committee so introductions were made.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Mayor Marianne Saliba, Cr Robert Petreski, Jodi Edwards, Anne Marlow, Steven Savic, Jillian Reynolds, Jason Carson, Dr Kerrylee Rogers, Dr Brian Jones and Grant Meredith.

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

5. SUMMARY OF LAKE ILLAWARRA MANAGEMENT – PAST, PRESENT AND INTO THE FUTURE

Renee Campbell, Manager Environmental Strategy and Planning at Wollongong City Council provided an overview of how Lake Illawarra has been managed since the demise of the LIA in 2014. She discussed how the current Memorandum of Understanding between Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils sets out joint management arrangements for the lake, including the formation and business of the Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee and the development of a Coastal Management Program.

Renee also pointed out that WCC staff have been asked to brief Council on the impact of the possible transfer of land owned by the NSW Government for \$1 and using the funds generated from these lands towards the future management of the Lake, water quality monitoring and options for funding the management of the lake into the future.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - MEETING HELD 9TH AUG 2017

The minutes of the meeting held 9th Aug 2017 have already been confirmed via email by term 1 members on 21 Aug 2017. All matters of business arising have been progressed including the provision of a submission into the WCC review of the Development Control Plan Chapter – Erosion and Sediment Control and the sub-group meeting to discuss mangrove management.

7. CORRESPONDANCE IN AND OUT

Correspondence In	Description	Action to be undertaken
None to report		

Correspondence Out	Description
Kristy Blackburn on behalf of the LIEMC.	Submission to WCC into the review of the DCP Contaminated Lands.

8. REZONING APPLICATIONS – LAKE CATCHMENT AND FORESHORE

This is a standing agenda item and allows WCC and SCC to provide basic information on rezoning applications within the Lake Illawarra catchment for the Committee's information. Renee Campbell, Manager Environment Strategy and Planning, WCC spoke to the report. She also provided an update on the Draft Planning Proposal for Yallah Marshall Mount, stating that the Minister for Planning has recently approved the Section 94 Plan. This allows this significant West Dapto Release Area proposal (Stage 5) to go ahead.

A SCC report was not submitted.

9. MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS – COUNCIL BASED - UPDATE

Kathleen Packer, Group Manager Parks, Aquatics, Landfill and Stadium, SCC spoke to the Shellharbour City Proposed Capital Works report. A question was raised about the use of funds to replace the Reddall Reserve Wall given that a major entrance study was about to be undertaken that may inform works, but the concern was dismissed because it was felt the wall is not going to be impacted by channel movement as such.

Mike Dowd was a late apology and the WCC report was taken as read. Kristy added some additional information regarding The Fowlers Road extension project which represents a large earth moving project in the Mullet Creek catchment.

Col Wilton sought clarification on location of boat ramp mentioned in the retaining wall project and council action on the Windang boat ramp.

10. CROWN LANDS UPDATE

Jeremy Corke, Area Manager - Sydney, South Coast, NSW Department of Industry, Lands provided an update regarding Crown Land projects in and around the lake:

- a) Dredging of Berkeley Boat Harbour. The project has been put on hold due to concerns re future use of western embayment (proposal had dredge spoil placed there) and cost of the project.
- b) Demolition of squash court building at Yallah Funding to demolish this building has been obtained. Development Application is with WCC and works should take place Feb/ March next year.
- c) Demolition of building at Judbooley Pde. Funding to demolish this building has been obtained. Development Application is with WCC and works should take place in March next year. Kristy asked that appropriate signage and notices be erected during works as Council receives complaints/ calls re these works.
- d) Maintenance of Sth Lake Illawarra breakwater. Funding is being sought to complete this work.
- e) Current issues with seawalls at Oaklands and Jetty's by the Lake. Work to repair failing seawalls at Oaklands and Jetty's by the Lake have been carried out to protect dwellings and Crown Land. Further works will also take place at Jetty's before Christmas. A discussion was held re public cost of protecting private infrastructure and the likelihood of further damage being done to this area of the lake foreshore. Mike Dowd's entrance processes study was referred to and Crown Lands involvement in it explained. Suggestions for future management of these areas will hopefully be generated through this work. The LIA Plan for Jetty's was discussed and agreed to be forwarded onto Jeremy for his information.

Jeremy also provided an overview of Crown Land priorities for the region saying that the focus for all staff was to prepare the agency for new legislation in early 2018. He stated that the decision re Crown Lands withdrawing from the Committee and acting as an observer was put on hold pending further understanding of LIEMC business and how Crown Lands may be able to contribute to the workings of the Committee and to the development of a CMP.

11 UOW B. ENV SCIENCE (HONOURS) LAKE ILLAWARRA RESEARCH PROJECTS - PRESENTATIONS

Ties between the University of Wollongong and Council partners were outlined as well as links between this work and the CMP. Scientific Advisors on the LIEMC will be making sure that relevant recommendations from this research are incorporated into the Draft CMP.

University of Wollongong Bachelor of Environmental Science (Honours) student Michael Trajcevski presented the findings from his research project investigating heavy metal concentration and transport from copper slag emplacements, Windang Peninsula to Lake Illawarra. His supervisor is Dr Brian Jones and he was supported by WCC.

Concern was expressed re if bore-water use for irrigation in this area is restricted or not as there are higher than guideline Zinc levels present in some places. It was theorized that there were 'nastier' elements here than Zinc and perhaps they should be the focus for further study. Renee Campbell spoke about a current EPA led literature review project re contamination in the Wollongong LGA. She suggested that this paper should be included in this project.

Rob Dixon University of Wollongong Bachelor of Environmental Science (Honours) student presented the findings from his research project looking at Mangrove establishment and its effect on the natural processes of Southern Lake Illawarra. Rob's supervisor is Dr Kerrylee Rogers and he was supported by SCC.

The implications for mangrove management in Lake Illawarra (and other estuaries) was discussed including whether or not the Committee should accept the changing nature of the lake or not. Links between this work and Danny Wiecek's and Rob Williams' History of Mangroves paper was outlined and agreement reached that further discussion should take place at the next meeting.

12. LAKE ILLAWARRA OFFICER REPORT

Kristy Blackburn spoke to her report as outlined in the Business Paper. She provided additional information regarding the following issues:

- Introduced members of the Project Management Team and explained their role in the development of the CMP.
- The new timeframe for delivery of the CMP.
- Presentation of information re the risk based stormwater management framework to key council and agency staff and developers.
- LIEMC member walks and their role in the development of the CMP as well as raising awareness levels and identifying potential actions for land managers.
- That agency members will be expected to facilitate the provision of comments from their organisations into the draft CMP in Jan-Feb 2018. It is hoped that agreement can be reached before it goes out to public exhibition. A workshop is being planned for 7 Feb and people should expect invitations soon.

13 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES (ROUND TABLE)

No updates were provided.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.

15 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the LIEMC will be held 7 March 2018. Members should expect invitations to all 2018 meetings soon.

Recommendation: That the information be received and noted at the meeting. This was moved as a block for items 5, 7-12 and 15

MOVED: Cr Peter Moran
SECONDED: John Davey
ALL IN FAVOUR

16 CLOSE

The meeting concluded at 7.29pm.

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
9	Limit use of jargon and acronyms in reports for ease of understanding	ALL	
9	Provide update to Kristy re status of proposed works at Reddall Reserve so she can provide to the Committee.	KP	
9	Seek clarification with Mike Dowd re location of wall that is being repaired in relation to the Windang Boat Ramp and then provide to the Committee.	KB	
9	Seek an update from Mike Dowd re works to ensure the safety of users of the Windang Boat Ramp and then provide to the Committee.	KB	
10	Crown Lands to ensure appropriate signage and public notices occur in conjunction with demolition works at Yallah and Judbooley Pde	JC	
10	Kristy to send the LIA Plan for 'Jetty's by the Lake' area to Jeremy for his information	KB	
11	Find out what restrictions (if any) there is on use of bore-water in the relevant Windang area.	KB	
11	Organise for Michael's paper to be provided to the EPA contaminated lands project when it becomes available.	KB	
11	Put mangrove discussion on the agenda for the next LIEMC meeting	KB	