

MINUTES

LAKE ILLAWARRA ESTUARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD
5.30PM ON WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2018



PRESENT	
Cr Cath Blakey (WCC) Acting Chair	Danny Wiecek (OEH)
Cr Cameron Walters (WCC)	Andrew Monk (RMS)
Sharralyn Robinson (Aboriginal Community Rep)	Paul Knight (ILALC)
Annie Marlow (Community Rep)	John Davey (Community Rep)
	Col Wilton (Community Rep)

IN ATTENDANCE	
Kristy Blackburn WCC and SCC	Courtney Williams SCC
Philomena Gangaiya WCC	Grant Meredith SCC
Renee Winsor WCC	Andrew Williams OEH
Nicole Ashton WCC	Dan Thompson Cardno
David Green WCC	David Laing Cardno
Danny Madigan WCC	Martin Parmenter WCC
Brett Morrissey WCC	

- 1 WELCOME**
The Chair welcomed Committee members and thanked them for their attendance. Introductions were made around the table.
- 2 APOLOGIES**
Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Jason Carson, Jillian Reynolds, Mayor Marianne Saliba, Cr Robert Petreski, David Grasby, Steven Savic and Kerylee Rogers.
- 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
Aunty Shaz (Sharralyn Robinson) acknowledged the traditional owners of the land and spoke about conducting business with respect.
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
No declarations of interest were received.
- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – MEETING HELD 11 APRIL 2018 AND BUSINESS ARISING – UPDATED ACTION SUMMARY**

Recommendation: That the minutes of the previous Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee meeting held on 11 April 2018 be endorsed:

MOVED: Cr Cameron Walters

SECONDED: Col Wilton

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Action items progressed as per Business Paper.

6. CORRESPONDANCE IN AND OUT

Correspondence In	Description	Recommended Action
Save Lake Illawarra Action Group	(cc'ed to Kristy Blackburn) Concerns re safety issues on Windang Bridge for the attention of Roads and maritime Services.	None
DPI - Fisheries	To Kristy Blackburn Expressing their dissatisfaction with proposed management action WQ1 in the Draft CMP.	KB to oversee negotiations with Fisheries, OEH and SCC and WCC in order to develop a more acceptable action for all.
OEH	To Kristy Blackburn Expressing dissatisfaction with proposed management action WQ1 in the Draft CMP and advising that in its current form the CMP is unlikely to be certified	As above.

Copies of the OEH and Fisheries letters can be sent to members for their information if they wish.

No correspondence out.

Recommendation: That the actions in the above table are endorsed:

MOVED: John Davey

SECONDED: Col Wilton

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7. 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. David Green, Acting Manager Environmental Strategy and Planning WCC spoke to the WCC summary report. A SCC report was not submitted.

8 MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS – COUNCIL BASED - UPDATE

Martin Parmenter, Acting Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Planning WCC spoke to the Wollongong City Council section of the report.

Col Wilton sought clarification regarding council action on the Windang boat ramp. In a response received after the meeting it was clarified that the toe of the boat ramp is being extended as a part of the programmed construction works.

Courtney Williams Acting Group Manager Asset Strategy, SCC spoke to the Shellharbour City Council section of the Report.

John Davey raised concerns that the stormwater renewal works carried out at 251 Reddall Pde will result in erosion issues.

9. WEST DAPTO BIOCERTIFICATION PROCESS

Brett Morrissey, Environmental Strategy Officer, WCC spoke regarding the current biocertification process for West Dapto. The process is about making structural and functional improvements for flora and fauna and ensuring the biodiversity outcome is improved or maintained. Other considerations such as water quality and Aboriginal cultural heritage values are not explicitly taken into consideration in the process, but are managed in other ways.

The West Dapto site is about 70% through the biocertification process, but it is complicated due to the number of developers and size of the project.

Other WCC sites that have protection measures in place as a result of biocertification processes were discussed such as Puckeys and Redgum Ridge Estate.

10. SEDIMENTATION ENFORCEMENT POLICY UPDATE

Danny Madigan, Manager Regulation and Enforcement, WCC provided an update on the new sedimentation control requirements in the WCC Compliance and Enforcement Policy. The updated policy puts sedimentation pollution in the highest possible category of breach and will therefore be investigated within 24hrs of a compliant being made.

It is still very difficult to be proactive in reducing sedimentation pollution (eg compliance audits, site visits at implementation stage) without extra resources. The Draft CMP provides for these.

The need for Council staff to be more adequately trained in sedimentation issues has been recognised and will be taking place soon. It is hoped that SCC staff (as well as Shoalhaven staff) will be able to be invited along to this training. Private Certifiers and their role in effective pollution control was also discussed.

The current management action in the CMP is good, but can be made better. Kristy is working with the EPA and will contact Danny about further changes.

11. CARDNO UPDATE RE TALLAWARRA LANDS

Daniel Thompson and David Laing from Cardno spoke to the following:

- An application for modification to the approved concept design for Tallawarra Lands is on public exhibition until 24 July. The three main modifications being sought are an increase in the residential development footprint, an increase in density and the uncoupling of the northern and central precincts to the southern precinct, which was the 'employment lands'. Concerns were raised regarding loss of recreational space, loss of land for other purposes, noise impacts from the proposed second power station to be built nearby, loss of visual amenity, reduced public access to recreational lands, Aboriginal cultural heritage losses.
- The overall vision for the development is one of activation on a national scale to get tourism and other opportunities to the area. The original vision documents have been removed from the web as they were overly ambitious and showed things that could not possibly happen (ie boats that could not possibly enter the lake, facilities that were impossible to provide as the lake is too shallow). Concerns were raised that the vision is not realistic and is dangerous given the current changing nature of the lake and its susceptibility to catchment development pollution.

The development has not been tested against the new NSW Government Coastal reforms package.

As far as the presenters are aware the lack of new exit from the highway will not stop the development. The developers are in negotiations with RMS and local members re this issue.

12. LAKE ILLAWARRA OFFICER REPORT

Kristy Blackburn spoke to her report as outlined in the Business Paper. Further discussions were held regarding:

- Recent media attention had included Cr Cath Blakey, Annie Marlow and Col Wilton being interviewed re Tallawarra proposed development and also the delay to the CMP. The ABC published an article titled "A tale of two lakes" on 9 July comparing the progress of Lake Macquarie against the 'red tape' holding back progress for Lake Illawarra.
- The revised Vision for West Dapto will most likely be on public exhibition at the end of July. Kristy will forward this onto members when the consultation process begins.
- Works currently being carried out by contractors for Property NSW on King Street land are removing most of the vegetation on site. It is understood that a request was sent to Property NSW on behalf of the Lord Mayor asking that the site be tidied up and that this is the response. Kristy was informed by Property NSW that all environmental and other requirements are being met through Property NSW processes. Mike Dowd was sent information about the works but did not send this onto Kristy Blackburn for the Committee's information. Mike's apologies for the oversight were tabled by Martin Parmenter.
- The profile of the LIEMC should be lifted within the community and within the two Councils. A logo currently being developed will assist with this.
- The Committee agreed to submit a joint submission into the current application to modify the approved concept plan for Tallawarra Lands. Submissions have to be provided by 24 July so members will get comments to Kristy by 18 July to then be compiled and forwarded to the Committee for endorsement.

13 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES (ROUND TABLE)

Cr Cath Blakey reported that she had recently walked the Tallawarra Ash ponds site again and had seen signs of deer and potentially wallabies. The Illawarra Birders are very concerned that the proposed Central Tallawarra development precinct will put the birds at the ash ponds under increased pressure.

Col Wilton asked for clarification re the works being undertaken at Skiway Park. These questions were subsequently answered by SCC after the meeting and included here for ease. Is the boardwalk being constructed as part of the first stage of works? No, Stage 1 is demolition, Stage 2 is construction. What was the outcome of the meeting held on site between SCC and the Illawarra Ramblers? Council will investigate the construction of a kayak-launching facility in conjunction with the reconstruction of the promenade; these investigations are ongoing.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

None was raised.

15 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the LIEMC will be held 3 October 2018.

Recommendation: That the information be received and noted at the meeting. This was moved as a block for items 6-8 and 12-15.

MOVED: John Davey

SECONDED: Annie Marlow

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The meeting concluded at 7.40pm.

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
	Put mangrove discussion on the agenda for the next LIEMC meeting	KB	Held over from 29 Nov meeting
	That a SCC based Stormwater Management field trip – similar to the one that was undertaken with the help of WCC Staff is organised for LIEMC members.	KB	Awaiting advice from SCC
6	Oversee negotiations with Fisheries, OEH and SCC and WCC in order to develop a more acceptable Draft CMP WQ1 management action.	KB	
8	That SCC investigate concerns raised re erosion following works carried out at 251 Reddall Pde	CW	
10	Discuss Draft CMP sedimentation management action with Danny and his equivalent in SCC.	KB	
12	Send out information to members re the public exhibition of the West Dapto Vision when it becomes available.	KB	
12	Look into ways the profile of the LIEMC can be raised. Eg invite the media onto a walk?	KB	
12	Members to provide input into a LIEMC submission re modification to Tallawarra Lands Development approval to Kristy by COB 18 July.	All	