



**Lake Illawarra**  
ESTUARY MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE

# MINUTES

MEETING HELD  
5:30PM WEDNESDAY 19  
AUGUST 2020

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr Ann Martin (Chair)	Danny Wiecek (DPIE – Environment)
Cr Cath Blakey (WCC)	Graham Towers (DPIE – Planning)
Cr Dom Figliomeni (WCC)	John Davey (Community Representative)
Andrew Monk (RMS)	John Murray
Annie Marlow (Community Representative)	Nathan Harrison
Brian Jones	Peter Moran
Colin Wilton (Community Representative)	Wayne

## IN ATTENDANCE

Andrew Heaven (WCC)	Jessica Faustini (WCC)
Andrew Sunny (WCC)	Martine Fraser (WCC)
Chris Stewart (WCC)	Renee Winsor (WCC)
Claire Knight (WCC)	Sasho Srbinovski (WCC)
David Fitzgibbon (WCC)	Wayde (SCC)
Grant Meredith (SCC)	

### ITEM 1 - WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting, welcomed committee members and thanked them for their attendance.

### ITEM 2 - APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Aunty Shaz.

MOVED: Cr Figliomeni

SECONDED: Peter Moran

### ITEM 3 - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the Land.

### ITEM 4 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interests were declared.

#### **ITEM 5 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2020 AND BUSINESS ARISING**

**Recommendation:** The minutes of the previous Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee meeting held on 13 May 2020 be endorsed.

MOVED: Cr Figliomeni  
SECONDED: Colin Wilton  
ALL IN FAVOUR

**Business Arising: No business arising.**

#### **ITEM 6 - CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT**

**Items received:** Letter from Brendon Roberts, A/Director, Regional Assessment in response to a submission by LIEMC to Tallawarra Lands Modification. There is no determination yet, however its following normal process.

Cr Martin is awaiting a response from the PR Manager for Tallawarra regarding resident concerns about maintenance issues, to enable LIEMC members can provide timely responses to residents who are under the impression that these foreshore areas are Council's responsibility. Cr Martin also suggested a Tallawarra representative be invited to a LIEMC meeting.

**Items sent: Nil**

Correspondence in and out is acknowledged by the LIEMC.

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

Chris Stewart (WCC) referred to the attachments and highlighted the following:

- 340 West Dapto Road report, put to Council in July 2020, sought to revise the planning proposal and return to the DPIE seeking revise gateway determination. Changes relate to the extent of the b2 local centre zone and a refresh of the minimum lot size for medium density zone. Awaiting gateway determination prior to re-exhibition.
- Cleveland Road significant rezoning proposals for southern and northern sides of the road. Proponents are revising their proposal before we assess any further.
- There are 5 Neighbourhood Plans under assessment. No major milestone to report.
- Development Applications – refer to report.

Jessica sent LIEMC an email about the new format for the planning report. Annie Marlow has returned some comments and will add to them via email to Jessica Faustini.

Annie Marlow also enquired what LIEMC's responsibility was in regard to potential impact on health of the lake from sediment, development or faulty stormwater (ie how is Council dealing with legacy problems from previous developments to ensure they are not repeated, particularly in regard to Actions recommended in draft Plan?). Upcoming presentation at ITEM 11 - Risk-Based Stormwater Management Framework to shed more light.

Cr Martin requested these issues be itemised on next LIEMC meeting's agenda as it refers to implementation. Members to think about what kind of roles would be appropriate for LIEMC.

Jessica will also soon be asking members to do a review to assess LIEMC progress, successes and improvements in preparation of going forward into implementation stage.

Graham clarified that the Productivity Commission has made various recommendations, some of which related to the Minister's Delegation being provided to different parties to determine sensitivity developments. In this case it was delegated from the Independent Planning Commission back to the DPIE to determine. This project wasn't selected for various processes that can accelerate planning projects but instead fell under a general change to delegations.

Grant Meredith (SCC) spoke to the report at Attachment 3 stating at SCC meeting on 9 June Council resolved to prepare Planning Proposal for land at southern end of Tullimbar. Documentation is being sent to DPIE for a gateway determination. The proposal affects ~75 Ha and rezones existing 1A and 2E land to a mix of R2 Low Density, R5 Large Lot Residential and E3 Environmental Management Land.

Cr Martin enquired if LIEMC can comment on planning proposals. Chris Stewart confirmed these reports the councils prepare for the committee just to note, however the CMP strategic policy can influence how proposals are assessed (eg RBMF results in certain changes to DCPs, provisions and engineering standards). LIEMC should be assured that appropriate levels of standard and policy are being applied to development and the application comes back to the councils.

Cr Martin concurred, reflecting as Council has endorsed West Dapto Strategy and Estuary Management plans, it forms a strong policy framework for future decisions in a whole range or areas and not just planning proposals.

Mayor Saliba agreed plans have been through scrutiny and thus are information just for LIEMC to note.

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

### History

- July 2018 Water Research Lab was engaged by WCC for the main study which included the sediment trace study, later unsupported due to the use of plastic traces in the Lake.
- August 2019 additional modelling undertaken on the rock protection works around Windang Bridge.
- Following that WCC opted to continue works without the traces study which resulted in a need to rescope the project. A Lake Illawarra technical working group met with key consultants Manly Hydraulics Lab and Water Research Lab about pursuing a revised scope.

### Currently

- July 2020 WCC received the revised scope which is seeing further discussions between SCC, DPIE and Transport NSW about how that progresses.
- Project is partially budgeted for but there are provisional items to be discussed between the two councils, who are also pursuing grant opportunities.
- The scoping study is the next step to arriving at a solution.
- Scoping study is planned to take six months with options for further consideration next calendar year and timeframe is dependent upon those considerations.

John Davey – it is taking a long time.

Andrew

Andrew will send a link to an interactive map on WCC website that shows all planned works in WCC's Infrastructure Delivery Program, anywhere in Wollongong LGA, including stormwater projects.

WCC is also investigating all assets inherited from the disbandment LIA to determine ownership between councils and Crown Lands so we can move forward with planning maintenance as it is currently unclear.

Annie Marlow – jetties and boardwalks listed on WCC infrastructure projects in Berkeley (eg Hooka Point) are definitely Council.

Cr Martin – Jetties are on the agenda because there's a lot of community enquiries received regarding them and community reps need to be able to give feedback to residents.

Wayde

Attachment 4 from SCC shows which jetties have been accepted by SCC and have been included in asset management plans.

Attachment 5 shows capital works which surround the lake, including which actions they address in the CMP. Wayde will take it as read.

#### **ITEM 9 - UPDATE – WATER QUALITY REPORT CARD**

The aim of the report card is to present results of the annual water quality summary report in an easy way for the community to understand which can be also be relayed every year.

It shows water quality results from the Beachwatch program, which tests for primary and secondary contact from three sites and estuary health indicators (Chl-a and turbidity) from 11 sites around the Lake.

Nutrient parameters are not estuary health indicators, but help us interpret the Chl-a and turbidity data. Estuary health indicators reflect the Lake's ecosystem response to pressures such as nutrient [REDACTED].

The Recreational Water Quality grade indicates the percentage of test occasions that meet the primary and secondary recreational water quality guidelines. Estuary health grades range from Very Poor to Very Good are based on a combination of Chl-a and turbidity data and the grading is based on NSW \_\_\_\_\_ and reporting program.

10 years of data allows us to do a trend analysis to see where estuary health is improving or declining (eg Site 5 Chl-a and turbidity is Good and the trend is improving and 90% of the time it's met Recreational Water Quality guidelines). This is a long-term trend indication and differing results can be understood in conjunction with looking at the Average Rainfall.

The flipside of the card shows the programs in place around the lake and how the community can get involved in caring for the lake.

Well done to Martine and Claire for their work.

Jessica will send the card to LIEMC for their comments to be submitted via email however immediate feedback is that:

It should be an image on the website, rather than a download.

It should also be downloadable as an A3 poster for display in Neighbourhood Centres, yacht and sailing clubs and various entities around the Lake (eg fishing tackle shops, etc) as a familiar guide for people to seek.

Add to the Getting Involved section 'Respect bag limits' with reference to cockle harvesting and fishing.

Carla – an announcement on a reduction of cockle harvesting bag limits is coming soon.

**ITEM 10 - UPDATE – WINDANG BRIDGE**

Work to replace rock at Windang Bridge is complete and currently stable. Now at stage of assessing impact and investigating long term affects on scour and discerning long term actions.

Transport NSW are part of the inter-agency committee looking at the entrance. A report will come out of a meeting held today.

**ITEM 11 - UPDATE – RISK BASED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (RBMF)**

Sasho Srbinovski, WCC Stormwater Development Engineer presented on RBMF.

Project led by DPIE with WCC and SCC as project partners.

Pilot study

Let by DPIE began in March 2019. Directly related to Action WQ1 in the CMP which falls under improving water quality considering waterway health outcomes in strategic land use

Project Objectives

Where We're Up To

**ACTION SUMMARY**

Item	Action	Officer	Status