

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2024
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
1	Welcome and Introductions		5.30pm	Chair
2	Apologies			Chair
3	Acknowledgement of Country			Chair
4	Declarations of Interest			Chair
5	Confirmation of Minutes	Yes	5:35pm	Chair
6	Presentation – Coastal Crown Lands Guidelines (online)		5:40pm	Catherine Knight DPHI - Crown Lands
7	Presentation – Short Film Festival 2024		6:00pm	Jennine Primmer WCC
8	Coastal Officer Report	Yes	6:20pm	Trudy Costa WCC
9	Agency/Community Updates		6:40pm	All
10	Presentation – Stand Up Paddle Boarding Shellharbour		7:00pm	Rebecca Dunning Shellharbour SUP
11	State Government Grants – Recurring Annual Opportunities		7:20pm	All
12	Next Meeting		7:25pm	Chair
13	Close		7.30pm	Chair

BUSINESS PAPER

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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 AND INTRODUCTIONS

This item is a standing agenda item. Introductions will be made for new members and staff present.

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 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

This is a standing agenda item to allow for members to declare any conflicts of interest relevant to the agenda and/or generally to the business of the Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program Implementation Group.

RECOMMENDATION

That any conflicts of interests in relation to the agenda, or the business of the Committee, be declared and noted in the minutes.

ITEM 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

This is a standing agenda item. The minutes and business arising of the held 22 November 2023 meeting are attached to the meeting agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group meeting held 22 November 2023 are endorsed as accurate.

ATTACHMENTS – Draft Minutes Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group November 2023

ITEM 6 PRESENTATION – COASTAL CROWN LANDS GUIDELINES (ONLINE)

This item will be presented (online) by Catherine Knight, Manager of the Coastal Unit, and Grant Nelson, Senior Project Officer with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands. The presentation will report on the Coastal Crown Lands Guidelines and how they integrate coastal Crown Land management with Coastal Management Programs (CMPs) prepared by local councils in consultation with their communities.

ITEM 7 PRESENTATION – SHORT FILM FESTIVAL 2024

This item will be presented by Jennine Primmer, Community Cultural Development Worker at Wollongong City Council. Wollongong Council along with NSW DCCEEW are partnering with Screen Illawarra to host a Creative Short Film Competition. The best entries will be showcased at a free film festival scheduled for September on the shores of Lake Illawarra. The activity is an action in the Community Engagement and Participation Strategy for the lake and is supported by Shellharbour Council, Bus Stop Films, Coequal and Careways.

ITEM 8 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.

A summary of updates and achievements following the 2023-2024 CMP Implementation Plan is provided below.

Implement a Risk Based Stormwater Management Framework for the Lake Illawarra Catchment (WQ1/WQ4)

- WCC and SCC project "Integrating the outcomes of the Risk Based Framework into Wollongong and Shellharbour's Planning Frameworks" will commence in May and a presentation will be provided to the Group once underway.

Reduce sediment loads to tributaries of the Lake by improving compliance with erosion and sediment controls for development sites (WQ5)

- Work has commenced to develop educational compliance materials for Builders and Contractors as part of the next stage of the Lake Illawarra Community Engagement and Participation program and grant (PM3). A survey has been prepared to send to industry representatives and will inform an information leaflet to be provided to Builders and Developers moving forward.

Implement water quality monitoring programs for estuary health, recreational use and physico-chemical and bacteriological indicators in the Lake and its catchment (WQ7)

- Catchment Health Water Quality Monitoring commenced in December 2021 to provide a detailed snapshot of the condition of waterways in the Lake Illawarra Catchment at sites representative of major land uses that may influence their ecological condition. An outcomes report received late last year indicates a reduction in water quality associated with landuse at sites in the catchment, with good water quality recorded at vegetated sites high in the catchment and declines occurring downstream as landuse shifts from bushland to farmland to the urban environment. Further outcomes will be shared with the Group at the next meeting.
- The Catchment Health and Water Quality monitoring program will continue until June 2026.
- Summer recreational water quality monitoring of the Lake continues as part of the Beachwatch program.

Improve litter management for the lake (WQ8)

- Clean up events for the lake foreshore are being planned by various community groups as part of Clean Up Australia day in March 2024. Attending a clean up event is a wonderful way to connect with our community and all Group members are encouraged to join in with an event, or attend an event to be hosted by the Coastal Environment Officer on Monday the 4th March.

Investigate and manage potential pollution sources including contaminated sites that contribute to poor water quality in the lake (WQ9)

- The EPA have recently undertaken water and sediment quality monitoring in the lake, testing for a range of heavy metals and pesticide contaminants associated with land use pressures in the catchment. The outcomes of the study will be shared with Councils in the coming months.

Provide ongoing coordinated management of the Lake, which will require ongoing support for existing staff resources (PM1)

- A revised ToR (Attachment 2) to support implementation of the CMP has been endorsed by Wollongong City Council and Shellharbour City Council.
- Staff from both Councils recently attended a two-day Dynamic Coasts Symposium at the University of Wollongong along with coastal scientists, researchers and experts from around the world. The symposium aimed to strengthen collaborative links between government, academics and other key stakeholders in considering and actioning local and global threats to coastal environments.

Protecting Lake Illawarra through community engagement and participation program (PM3 / EV3)

- As part of year one actions of the Community Engagement and Participation Strategy, Councils are continuing work on the development of the online hub for Lake Illawarra and new educational materials to support Building and Sediment Control compliance activities (see also WQ5).
- Councils have engaged a consultant to develop a signage masterplan for the lake, which will also support synergies achieved under the shared pathway masterplan.
- Council staff hosted a hotspot educational kiosk at the Shellharbour Summer fair in December last year on the topic of “Fauna of Lake Illawarra”.
- Upcoming events will include a Lake “Walk and Talk”, a Youth Film Contest and film-making workshops and lakeside film screening in September 2024.
- Councils will provide future updates to the community on lake matters through their Sustainability newsletters.

Establish a Lake Illawarra Asset Management Working Group that provides coordination services for agencies that manage assets around the Lake Illawarra foreshore (PM4)

- Asset management staff from both Councils and government agencies currently serve as members of Project Control Groups. An inception meeting for an asset management working group was held late last year and the group will meet again in the coming months to discuss active CMP projects and priority tasks.

Undertake a bathymetric survey of the entire Lake and tributaries up to the tidal limit (FB3/EV3)

- Councils will prepare a short summary presenting the outcomes of the recently finalised Bathymetric study for the community.

Develop and implement a fauna management program including shorebirds, fish and other fauna (MF1)

- Councils are working collaboratively with DPI fisheries and the University of Wollongong to support an Honours student project that will use creel surveys to conduct a preliminary assessment of recreational cockle fishing in the lake.
- Work has commenced to collate literature and data from previous studies to develop a fauna monitoring program for fish, bird and invertebrate communities inhabiting the lake. Councils have connected with the Illawarra Birders to share past data of bird communities inhabiting the lake’s foreshores.

- Councils have also initiated contact with the NPWS Shorebird team to share knowledge and information of endangered bird sightings and the distribution of populations around the lake. DCCEEW has agreed to provide educational signage to Councils for use in sensitive bird breeding areas.

Undertake targeted action to control damage to foreshore and lake vegetation (EV2)

- New vegetation restoration and foreshore protection works will commence this year at Muddy Bay, Fred Finch Park, Wollamai Point, Purry Burry Park and Korrungulla. Funding will be sought under the Urban Health and Waterways program to conduct restoration of Horsley Creek and surrounding areas.

Construct new sections of shared pathway to complete the pathway linkage around the Lake (RA2)

- Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils are investigating options along the Lake Illawarra foreshore to create a connected shared path infrastructure which ties into the wider regional cycling and walking network. Consultants have been engaged to masterplan new sections of shared pathway around the lake, identifying potential synergistic tourism opportunities, links to active transport and improved public spaces.
- Feedback has been received from members of the Implementation Group on the draft masterplan for works on new sections of shared pathway connecting Primbee and Windang, Tallawarra and Haywards Bay, Haywards Bay and Shellharbour and over Macquarie Rivulet. The final draft of the document is being reviewed and next stages are being considered as part of the Active Transport Strategies of both Councils.

Monitor entrance channel, investigate and finalise options to manage erosion and accretion changes in the entrance channel (EC1/EC4)

- The third phase of modelling of design configurations for the Entrance Options Study being undertaken by WRL in conjunction with the Project Control Group.
- The Preliminary Options Study and Data Compilation reports are in the final stages of completion.
- The Community Inform stage of the engagement and communications program will commence soon.

ATTACHMENTS – Endorsed Terms of Reference Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group

ITEM 9 AGENCY AND COMMUNITY UPDATES

This item is a standing agenda item. This is a chance for Group members to raise any relevant business relating to the functions of the Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group and provide any updates.

ITEM 10 PRESENTATION – STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING SHELLHARBOUR

The Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group are inviting local business owners and/or or community groups to present a short 10-minute presentation on their organisation to foster sustainable social and economic values associated with Lake Illawarra and to benefit the community. This item will be presented by Rebecca Dunning, owner of Stand Up Paddleboarding Shellharbour (Shellharbour SUP).

ITEM 11 STATE GOVERNMENT GRANTS – YEARLY ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

This is a standing agenda item to allow for members representing grant funding bodies to provide information on recurring annual grant funding opportunities that may be available for the implementation of CMP actions.

ITEM 12 NEXT MEETING

This item is a standing agenda item. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm Wednesday, 22 May 2024.

ITEM 13 CLOSE
