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LAKE ILLAWARRA CMP IMPLEMENTATION GROUP 19 OCTOBER 2022



MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr Ann Martin, WCC, Chair	Carla Ganassin, DPI Fisheries
Cr Elisha Aitken, WCC	Brian Jones, Scientific Advisor
Cr Linda Campbell, WCC	Chris Stewart, WCC staff
Mayor Chris Homer, SCC	Renee Winsor, WCC staff
Cr John Davey, SCC	Colin La Flamme, WCC Community Rep
Aara Welz, ILALC	Jess Whittaker, WCC Community Rep
Allison Broad, SCC staff	Sharon Tomamichel, SCC Community Rep
Simon Williams, Crown Lands	Warren Goodall, SCC Community Rep
Matthew Apolo, SCC staff	Jessica Faustini, WCC staff
Oliver Light, Alluvium Consulting	Martine Fraser, WCC staff
Michael Rosenthal, Alluvium Consulting	

Online Attendance

Graham Towers, DPE	Martin Cocca, TfNSW
Belinda Davies, LLS	Jeremy Morgan, WCC staff
Daniel Wiecek, DPE	

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ITEM 1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair opened the meeting, welcomed Committee Members and thanked all present for their attendance.

ITEM 2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of –

- Aunty Sharralyn Robinson.
- Nathan Harrison.

ITEM 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair acknowledged traditional owners of the land and thanked elders, past, present and emerging for their care of Country and of that this land has never been ceded, always was and always will be.

ITEM 4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

ITEM 5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

The Minutes from 27 July 2022 were received and accepted.
MOVED by Cr Elisha Aitken, SECONDED by Mayor Chris Homer.

The Chair advised that Aunty Shaz has been invited to attend as our Aboriginal Representative until the Aboriginal Reference Group is reformed, and she has accepted this invitation.

The Chair noted a request that minutes be provided one (1) week following a Group meeting. It was noted that these minutes would be provided in draft form and not endorsed until the subsequent Group meeting.

ITEM 6 PRESENTATION – BANK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR LAKE ILLAWARRA

Oliver Light, Consultant from Alluvium Consulting Australia introduced himself and his colleague, Michael Rosenthal, greeted all in attendance and thanked the Chair.

Oliver spoke to his Presentation on the draft Lake Illawarra Bank Management Strategy (BMS) prepared for Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils to undertake a bank condition assessment and determine and implement erosion control measures. The purpose of the Study was to identify sites of active erosion, determine risk and develop options for management. The Strategy does not include the entrance channel which is the subject of another study. A copy of the BMS will be distributed to the Group once finalised.

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A copy of the Presentation has been included as an attachment to the Minutes (Attachment 1).

Following the presentations, the Group discussed specific foreshore sites, and the causes and severity of erosion at these sites.

ITEM 7 PRESENTATION – LAKE ILLAWARRA QUALITY REPORT 2022

This Item was presented by Dr Martine Fraser, Environment Strategy Officer at Wollongong City Council. The Lake Illawarra Water Quality Report and Report Card was developed as a part of Action WQ7 in the Lake Illawarra CMP 'Implement water quality monitoring programs for estuary health, recreational use and physico-chemical and bacteriological indicators in the Lake and its catchment.' The report is for the monitoring period from May 2021 to April 2022 and focusses on the measurements that are especially important for assessing the lake condition for its ecosystem health and recreational use. A copy of the Presentation is attached to these Minutes (Attachment 2).

The community representatives expressed concern regarding current large algal blooms in Koona Bay, Shellharbour, which has been present for the last four (4) months. Allison Broad (SCC) took this on notice.

ITEM 8 REPORT – CONSIDERATION OF ENABLING WORKS AND STUDIES FOR THE PROGRESSION OF LAKE ILLAWARRA CMP ACTION RA6

Matthew Apolo, Group Manager Built and Natural Environment, Shellharbour City Council, advised that the report is the response to Shellharbour City Council's resolution at its meeting of 5 April 2022.

'That any further action on any proposed Dredging Feasibility Study be referred to the lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program Implementation Group to be considered in connection with Wollongong City Council in relation to any future action proposed.'

The report outlines the steps required to commence Lake Illawarra CMP Action RA6 to investigate the need for, and viability of, larger scale dredging of bays and the entrances to creeks or other measures to improve recreational amenity and access within Lake Illawarra.

The Group discussed the Report Recommendation and possible amendment. The majority of the voting members supported the following amended Recommendation -

- 1 *The Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group receive and note the enabling works and studies required for the progression of Lake Illawarra CMP Action RA6 (Investigate Need for and Viability of Larger Scale Dredging) report.*
- 2 *Councils continue to undertake the current CMP work Program.*
- 3 *That a dredging viability study be conducted following deliver of current programmed actions and those actions identified as preceding actions.*
- 4 *That members of the Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group who belong to an organisation that is a Consent Authority / Licensor provide advice to the Environmental Project Officer – Lake Illawarra regarding all preceding tasks and actions necessary to undertake a dredging viability study as described in CMP Action RA6 by March 2023.*
- 5 *Staff to investigate and identify what needs to change in the current CMP implementation plan to enable resourcing the Feasibility Study and what the implications and process would be subject to funding*

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The Chair asked for the matter to be reported at the next meeting.

ITEM 9 STATE GOVERNMENT GRANTS – UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

No State Government Grants were announced.

ITEM 10 GROUP MEMBER UPDATES (ROUND TABLE)

Windang Jetty

Simon Williams, Crown Lands informed the Group that an assessment of the Jetty had occurred and that they are in the process of considering different options for removal of the Jetty. Quotes have been sought and funding is available for the demolition. Discussions need to occur with Council regarding the Entrance Option Study that is currently underway before any decisions are made about reinstating assets in the area. Concerns exist in terms of the amount of energy expressed at the site for built infrastructure.

A Business Case is progressing regarding securing funding for upgrades to other jetties around the Lake. Initial planning work for bank protection works in 'Jetties by the Lake' involving hard and soft engineering is also occurring.

In response to Cr John Davey's question, Simon confirmed that legal entry and public access is permissible along the foreshore strip in front of Jetties by the Lake.

Martin Cocca, TfNSW, spoke of the existing rock surcharge constructed underneath Windang Bridge from the northern abutment to Pier 11. The design has been completed to extend the surcharge along the bridge to the southern abutment. Funding has been secured and construction is planned to commence in March 2023.

Belinda Davies, SELLS, advised of the recent change to grants within government in relation to how grants will be advertised, offered and published. It is now a requirement for all government grants to be published on the NSW Government Grants and Funding Finder Website.

ITEM 11 OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Implementation Group is scheduled to be held on 15 February 2023.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and wished all present a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ITEM 12 CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 7:36 pm.

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ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
5	Staff to investigate service level standard for circulation of draft minutes for further discussion at next meeting	CS	
8	Include actions WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, and RA1 (specifically boating infrastructure strategy) as preceding actions in the Report	JF	
8	Staff to investigate and identify what needs to change in the current CMP implementation plan to enable resourcing the Feasibility Study and what the implications and process would be subject to funding	MA	