

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2025
LEVEL 9 FUNCTION ROOM
WOLLONGONG 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."*

This meeting is a meeting of the **Executive Membership** of the Group as per the Terms of Reference.

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	Group introductions		5:40pm	Chair
7	Update on the appointment of Community Representatives and Scientific Advisor	Yes	6:00	Trudy Costa Coastal Environment Officer WCC
8	Code of Conduct for Group meetings	Yes	6:10pm	Todd Hopwood Manager Customer and Business Integrity WCC
9	Overview of CMP Governance Framework, TOR for Group and active 2024-2025 CMP projects		6:30pm	Trudy Costa Coastal Environment Officer WCC
10	Group discussion and question time		7:00pm	All
11	Next meeting		7:25pm	Chair
12	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 Executive 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

This is a standing agenda item. The minutes and business arising from the meeting held on 21 August 2024 are attached to the meeting agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group meeting from 21 August 2024 are endorsed as accurate.

ATTACHMENTS – Draft Minutes Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group August 2024

ITEM 6 GROUP INTRODUCTIONS

The purpose of this agenda item is for new and existing Group members to introduce themselves and become familiar with the roles and responsibilities of members and stakeholder agencies.

ITEM 7 UPDATE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AND SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update to the Group on the Expression of Interest process underway to appoint Community Representatives, Aboriginal Community Representatives and a Scientific Advisor under the Terms of Reference.

ATTACHMENTS – Terms of Reference Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program Implementation Group

ITEM 8 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR GROUP MEETINGS

This item will be presented by Todd Hopwood, Manager of Customer and Business Integrity at Wollongong City Council, and will provide Group members with overview of Code of Conduct for Committee meetings.

ATTACHMENTS – Code of Conduct for Council committee members

ITEM 9 OVERVIEW OF CMP GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK, TOR FOR GROUP AND ACTIVE 2024-2025 CMP PROJECTS

This item will be presented by Trudy Costa, Coastal Environment Officer at Wollongong City Council, and will provide Group members with an overview of the current status of the CMP and its projects.

Update on the current term of the Group

- The Implementation Group would like to welcome our new Councillors and returning executive members.
- Under the adopted Terms of Reference, an EOI process is underway to appoint new Community Representatives and a Scientific Advisor.

Update on the status of the CMP and priority actions

- The Lake Illawarra CMP was endorsed and adopted by Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils in 2020. The 2024-2025 financial year marks the fourth year of its implementation.
- The CMP includes 39 management actions within 9 key strategy areas. A snapshot update on the status of all CMP actions is provided below, and more detail will be provided during the meeting.

Strategy 1: Improve Water Quality (WQ)		
WQ1	Implement a Risk Based Stormwater Management Framework for the Lake Illawarra catchment	Well underway
WQ2	Upgrade existing stormwater quality management measures, or install new devices, which may include water sensitive urban design or other design that will improve water quality as well as enhance habitat and natural values	Initiated
WQ3	Review and prioritise maintenance and cleaning regime for existing stormwater quality devices	Well underway
WQ4	Design and implement targeted catchment input monitoring as required for developments resulting in a large-scale change or intensification of land use	Well underway
WQ5	Reduce sediment load to the Lake by improving compliance with erosion and sediment controls for development sites	Well underway
WQ6	Reduce the impact of sewer overflows	Well underway
WQ7	Implement water quality monitoring programs for estuary health, recreational use and physio-chemical and bacteriological indicators in the Lake and its catchment	Well underway
WQ8	Improve litter management	Well underway
WQ9	Investigate and manage potential pollution sources including contaminated sites that contribute to poor water quality in the lake	Well underway
Strategy 2: Improve Planning and Management Arrangements for the Lake (PM)		
PM1	Commence integration of key objectives and strategies from the CMP into relevant planning and policy documents of both Councils	Well underway
PM2	Provide ongoing coordinated management of the Lake, which will require ongoing support for existing staff resources	Well underway
PM3	Develop and implement a community engagement and participation strategy that enhances the community's knowledge of, skills in, and commitment to, protecting Lake Illawarra	Completed
PM4	Establish a Lake Illawarra Asset Management Working Group that provides coordination services for agencies that manage assets around the Lake Illawarra foreshore	Well underway
Strategy 3: Manage the Entrance Channel (EC)		
EC1	Investigate and finalise options to manage erosion and accretion changes in the entrance channel	Nearing completion
EC2	Undertake small scale works (e.g. beach scraping, re-shaping etc) to maintain swimming areas	As needed
EC3	Undertake emergency works or small scale no-regrets actions as required to mitigate known risks to property and public safety	As needed
EC4	Monitor changes to the entrance channel	Well underway
EC5	Monitor and maintain existing entrance channel infrastructure, with any works to be informed by EC1-EC3 and EC4	Well underway
Strategy 4: Protect and Rehabilitate Estuarine and Riparian Vegetation (EV)		
EV1	Rehabilitate vegetation and manage public access along foreshores and banks of the Lake, its tributaries, islands and broader low-lying areas	Well underway
EV2	Undertake targeted action to control damage to foreshore vegetation, including seagrasses	Well underway
EV3	Prepare and deliver an information program for the Lake Catchment	Well underway
EV4	Prepare and implement an estuarine macrophyte mapping and monitoring program	Well underway

EV5	Develop and implement a program to enhance opportunities for estuarine vegetation migration	Well underway
Strategy 5: Maintain and Improve Recreational Amenity (RA)		
RA1	Manage foreshore and waterway recreational infrastructure	Initiated
RA2	Construct new sections of shared pathway to complete the pathway linkage around the Lake	Well underway
RA3	Investigate the opportunities of public access along the foreshore and amend the acquisition layers of the relevant Council Local Environmental Plans if applicable	Commencing 2026
RA4	Build on the Tourism opportunities for Lake Illawarra	Well underway
RA5	Conduct small scale dredging to improve public recreational outcomes and to improve the functionality of stormwater outlet infrastructure	Initiated
RA6	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 the Lake where sedimentation and/or the changed nature of the entrance channel has negatively impacted on recreational use	On hold till completion of RA5
Strategy 6: Protect and Promote Cultural Heritage (CH)		
CH1	Protect and promote cultural heritage in and around the Lake and its catchment	Initiated
Strategy 7: Manage Foreshore and Bank Erosion (FB)		
FB1	Undertake a bank condition assessment and determine and implement erosion control measures	Fully completed
FB2	Implement Environmentally Friendly Seawall Guidelines or similar for new and upgraded foreshore protection works	Well underway
FB3	Undertake a bathymetric survey of the entire Lake and tributaries up to the tidal limit	Fully completed
Strategy 8: Prepare for Inundation Risks (IR)		
IR1	Update Asset Management Plans for all publicly owned and managed assets to clearly identify asset at risk from inundation over future timeframes, including tidal inundation	Initiated
IR2	Prepare a whole of Lake Foreshore Adaptation Plan for public (community and environmental) lands	Commencing 2026
IR3	Incorporate tidal inundation mapping into strategic land use planning documents	Initiated
IR4	Undertake water level and condition monitoring for all lake inundation events	Well underway
IR5	Investigate novel solutions to manage inundation risks to assets such as stormwater, sewer, and water; cycleways, roads and bridges, etc	Commencing 2026
Strategy 9: Protect and Manage Key Fauna (MF)		
MF1	Develop and implement a fauna management program including shorebirds, fish and other fauna	Well underway

Initiated - action has begun but is in the early stages

Well underway - significant steps have been taken but more steps are required for completion

Nearing completion - the action has significantly progressed and nearing completion

Completed - the action is fully completed

Green Action is on track and ongoing | Orange Action is slightly delayed | Red Action is late/delayed

ITEM 10 GROUP DISCUSSION AND QUESTION TIME

This is an opportunity for Group members to provide a short update on relevant matters and ask questions relating to CMP projects.

ITEM 11 NEXT MEETING

This item is a standing agenda item. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm Wednesday, 21 May 2025.

ITEM 12 CLOSE
