

MINUTES

LAKE ILLAWARRA ESTUARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT
5.30PM ON WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2017



PRESENT	
Cr David Boyle (Chair) SCC	Danny Wiecek (OEH)
Cr Ann Martin WCC	Stephanie Kermode (Sydney Water)
Cr Peter Moran SCC	Dr Brian Jones (Scientific Advisor)
John Davey (Community Rep)	Graham Towers (Dept of Planning)
Col Wilton (Community Rep)	Steven Savic (Community Rep)
Andrew Monk (RMS) (part*)	Annie Marlow (Community Rep)
	Dr Kerrylee Rogers (Scientific Advisor) (part*)

IN ATTENDANCE	
Kristy Blackburn WCC and SCC	Kathleen Packer SCC
Renee Campbell WCC (part*)	Max Boenisch SCC
Tony Miskiewicz WCC	Andrew Williams SCC
Mike Dowd WCC (part*)	Michelle Fletcher BMT WBM
Philomena Gangaiya WCC	

* A car accident and associated traffic delayed some members and staff.

- 1 WELCOME**
The Chair welcomed Committee members and thanked them for their attendance. New Committee members were mentioned and introductions were undertaken.
- 2 APOLOGIES**
Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Cr Marianne Saliba, Cr David Brown and Jillian Reynolds.
- 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
No declarations of interest were received.
- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 Nov 2016**
Recommendation: That the minutes of the previous Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee meeting held on 2 November 2016 be endorsed:
MOVED: Cr Ann Martin
SECONDED: Cr Peter Moran
ALL IN FAVOUR

Action items 5, 9, 11 and 13(1) were progressed.

6. CORRESPONDANCE IN AND OUT
None to report.
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. SCC had no relevant planning proposals to report. Renee Campbell, Manager Environment Strategy and Planning, WCC stated that the attachment detailed the current status of each of the WCC based planning proposals and that there had been no changes since the last meeting.
8. MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS – COUNCIL BASED - UPDATE
Max Boenisch, Group Manager Infrastructure Services at SCC spoke to the relevant sections of the attachment Shellharbour City and Wollongong City Council Proposed Capital Works Program Lake Illawarra DRAFT. He provided an update on current works at Skiway Park, Reddall Reserve and confirmed that the dredging options for Pelican Island and the swimming lagoon were still being scoped.
- Mike Dowd, Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Planning, WCC spoke to the relevant sections of the attachment Shellharbour City and Wollongong City Council Proposed Capital Works Program Lake Illawarra DRAFT. He confirmed that work at Judbooley Pde and Kanahooka Boat Ramp had been completed and that Crown lands were progressing with work at the Berkeley Boat Harbour. WCC Was working on the car park.
9. WCC AND SCC PROPOSED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMS
Max Boenisch spoke to the relevant sections of the attachment Shellharbour City and Wollongong City Council Proposed Capital Works Program Lake Illawarra DRAFT. He outlined proposed works to extend the shareway at Koon Bay as well as funds proposed to be allocated to maintain and upgrade existing shareway sections and to replace infrastructure at Reddall Reserve and Skiway Park.
- Mike Dowd spoke to the relevant sections of the attachment Shellharbour City and Wollongong City Council Proposed Capital Works Program Lake Illawarra DRAFT. He informed the Committee of proposed bridge replacement works at Yallah Bay Road. He also stated that temporary works to protect land at Windang is proposed to be undertaken in 2017/18. Council is responsible for some infrastructure at Kully Bay (headwalls and trash racks) so these are proposed to be addressed in 2017/18. Council is currently in the process of preparing a brief for an options report re long term erosion control works at Windang. The committee will have the chance to comment on this brief prior to its finalisation.
10. QUANTIFYING CHANGE AND IMPACTS TO LAKE ILLAWARRA FROM A PERMANENT OPENING (PRESENTATION)
Danny Wiecek, Coasts and Estuaries Officer, NSW Office of Environment and Heritage presented his findings re the impacts on the lake as a result of the permanent opening. The presentation used data from a variety of sources and discussion regarding the validity and differences in data sets was held. The varying nature of the monitoring results means it is difficult to determine if some water quality parameters have improved or not since the permanent opening. Anecdotally the lake does seem cleaner. The presentation will help to inform the development of the Lake Illawarra CZMP.
11. DRAFT VALUES AND THREATS CZMP CHAPTER (PRESENTATION)
Michelle Fletcher, Senior Coastal Scientist, WBM BMT, presented an overview of the draft Values and Threats Chapter of the Lake Illawarra CZMP. The chapter was written using relevant information from existing documents - identified in the Synthesis Study, the results of the LIEMC Values and Threats workshop held on 10 Aug 2016, the recently returned community surveys as well as the Community information workshops held in November 2016. The endorsed chapter will help to inform the development of the Draft CZMP and an outline of the process from here was also provided.

Committee members should provide any comments on the draft chapter in writing to Kristy by COB 20 February.

12. LAKE ILLAWARRA OFFICER REPORT

Kristy Blackburn spoke to her report as outlined in the Business Paper. She provided additional information regarding the following issues:

- Update on project – the PMT in consultation with other members of Council staff have directed Michelle Fletcher to proceed with the development of a Coastal Management Program for the lake not a CZMP. This slight change in process better reflects the expectations of the State Government as per the Coastal Reform process. None of the work undertaken to date is affected.
- Grants – that Fisheries Grants were now open and potentially money is available for works within the lake catchment.
- That the 'Tallawarra Lands' have been sold and I will be keeping up to date with the progress of proposed residential development on the site. The PMT is meeting with Energy Australia staff next week to discuss issues re the development of a CZMP for the lake.

13 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES (ROUND TABLE)

- Mike Dowd let the Committee know that applications for community representatives on WCC Flood Management Committees would soon be called for, including those relating the Lake Illawarra. He asked members to keep an eye out for the advertisement of these opportunities.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.

15 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the LIEMC is scheduled for 5.30pm Wednesday 10 May 2017. It will be held in the SCC Council Chambers.

16 CLOSE

The meeting concluded at 7.25pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting due to take place on 10 May 2017.

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
11	That Committee members provide written comments on the Draft Values and Threats Chapter to Kristy by COB 20 Feb.	All	
Held over	That Danny provide his NSW Coastal Conference paper to Kristy for distribution.	DW	
Held over	That Brian sends the links to relevant student work to Kristy for distribution to the Committee	BJ	