

AGENDA

TO BE HELD 5.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2023
WOLLONGONG ADMIN BUILDING
LEVEL 10 COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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.

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 and Business Arising	Yes	5:35pm	Chair
6	Project Officer Report		5:40pm	Trudy Costa WCC
7	Presentation/Workshop – CMP Engagement and Participation Strategy		5:50pm	Jack Brooks, Brooks Community Engagement Pty Ltd
8	Report – Update on Bank Erosion at Windang Entrance	Yes	6:20pm	Trudy Costa WCC
9	Presentation – Dredging Feasibility		6:30pm	Matthew Apolo SCC
10	Group Member Updates and Agenda Item Requests (Round Table)		6:45pm	All
11	Other Business – Berkeley Boat Harbour Masterplan Lake Front Precinct Warrawong		7:00pm	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 Estuary Management Committee.

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 19 October 2022 meeting are attached to the meeting agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group meeting held 19 October 2022 are endorsed as accurate.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group 19 October 2022
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ITEM 6 PROJECT OFFICER REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide Committee members with an update on current issues and projects relevant to the Committee for information purposes only. These items will generally not require a decision by the Committee but may provide information for future decisions or discussion. There will be time for urgent questions.

1. Terms of Reference

At its meeting on 31 January 2022, Council adopted the Terms of Reference to establish the Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group. As per the terms, an evaluation and review will be conducted after 12 months to ensure the purpose, membership and operation of the group is effective and to make appropriate changes. The Project Officer will be commencing the review in the coming months. Group members should anticipate being requested to participate in a survey to inform the review. A presentation/report on the review will be provided to a future meeting of the Group.

2. Update on overall status of the CMP

Recently completed projects:

Understanding and Assessment of the Bank Condition of Lake Illawarra (FB1)

- Wollongong City Council and Shellharbour City Council, in partnership with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Council engaged Alluvium Pty Ltd to development of a Bank Management Strategy (BMS) for Lake Illawarra and its major tributaries and smaller creeks. A Presentation on the project's findings was provided to the October 2022 meeting of the Implementation Group.
- The final report was received by the Councils in December and highlighted several sites of high or very high risk of erosion, including one threatening a cultural heritage site. The recommendations of the report are being considered and will inform future bank stabilisation and protection works along the bank foreshore. In the coming months, a delivery and resourcing plan will be developed in collaboration with State Government agencies to address recommended management actions.
- A two-page summary document to inform stakeholders on the key findings of the report is being prepared and will be uploaded to the Lake Illawarra Webpage along with the final report shortly.

Active projects – key updates:

Luv the Lake Litter Prevention Program (WQ8)

- Wollongong City Council and Shellharbour City Council worked in close partnership to apply for funding through the EPA's Council Litter Prevention Grants (Round 6 2021) to address the threat of litter to the lake. Lusiana Vulatha has been appointed to the role of Litter Officer from January 2023 until June. The Litter Officer will oversee will coordinate a broad litter audit to assess where litter is originating from in the catchment to inform an educational campaign, assess where new or improved litter infrastructure is needed, and assist in the coordination of volunteers and community clean up days around the lake on a regular basis.
- Lusiana's role is supported by EPA grant funding until June 2023. Further EPA funding will be sought for the 2023-2024 financial year to support the continuation of the role and the integration of the program into the Lake Illawarra Community Engagement and Participation Strategy, which is currently being developed.

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

- Council has engaged Brooks Community Consultants to enhance opportunities for community engagement and education on Lake Illawarra. This project has three deliverables –
 1. Develop an Engagement and Participation Strategy.
 2. Develop a Lake Illawarra Monitoring and Evaluation Toolkit.
 3. Review and develop educational materials

- A project proposal has been prepared and a presentation will be provided to the February 2023 meeting of the Implementation Group.

Bathymetric Survey of Lake Illawarra (FB3)

- Council has engaged Hydrographic & Cadastral Survey Pty. Ltd to conduct a spatial and temporal analysis of the Lake's bathymetry and its changes over time. Bathymetric surveys of the main body of the lake have commenced and a draft report is being reviewed. A final report is anticipated to be provided prior to May 2023 (FB3/EC4). Final outcomes will be presented in a future meeting of the Implementation Group.

Integrate key objectives and strategies from the CMP into relevant planning and policy documents of both Councils (PM1/IR3)

- This project has been delayed due its dependence on the completion of the Risk-based Framework (WQ1) which is currently still in draft. A draft project brief is being prepared to engage a consultant for the project when the WQ1 framework is finalised.

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

- A building site compliance officer has been appointed for an 18-month trial, carrying out engagement and enforcement activities in the West Dapto area. To date they have issued ~\$30,000 of fines relating to sediment and erosion control. It is envisaged that the community engagement and participation program will analyse opportunities to complement this compliance program and encourage awareness and behavioural change.

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

- See Item 8 Attachment: Report on Windang NoM to February 2023 IG meeting.

Undertake emergency works or small scale no-regrets actions as required to mitigate known risks to property and public safety (EC3)

- See Item 8 Attachment: Report on Windang NoM to February 2023 IG meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That any information be received and noted at the meeting.

ITEM 7 PRESENTATION/WORKSHOP – CMP ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION STRATEGY

This item will be presented by Jack Brooks, Community Analyst at Brooks Community Engagement Pty Ltd. The CMP recognises that a disengaged community can threaten the success of implementing the CMP. To address this, council has engaged Brooks Community Engagement to develop an Engagement and Participation Strategy to increase community education on Lake Illawarra and involvement in CMP implementation.

ITEM 8 REPORT - UPDATE BANK EROSION AT WINDANG ENTRANCE

The purpose of this report is to provide Committee members with an update on the Notice of Motion adopted by Wollongong Council on 28 November 2022 regarding erosion and sedimentation changes to the Entrance Channel and Foreshore.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Report on Windang NoM to February 2023 IG meeting
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ITEM 9 PRESENTATION/ REPORT – DREDGING FEASIBILITY

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update on the progress of investigations for action RA6 (Investigate Need for and Viability of Larger Scale Dredging).

ITEM 10 GROUP MEMBER UPDATES (ROUND TABLE)

This item is a standing Agenda Item. This is a chance for Group members to provide a short update on relevant matters or request future agenda items.

ITEM 11 OTHER BUSINESS

This item is a standing Agenda Item. It is an opportunity for any member to raise business directly relating to the functions of the Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group.

ITEM 12 NEXT MEETING

This item is a standing Agenda Item.

ITEM 13 CLOSE

This is a standing Agenda Item. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm Wednesday, 24 May 2023. This will be the last meeting hosted by Wollongong City Council, the hosting and meeting location will swap to Shellharbour City Council for the following 12 months.
