

# MINUTES

## LAKE ILLAWARRA ESTUARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT  
5.30PM ON WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2016



PRESENT	
Cr Ann Martin (Chair) WCC	Danny Wiecek (OEH)
Cr David Boyle SCC	Graham Towers (Dept of Planning)
Paul Knight (Aboriginal Community Rep)	Andrew Monk (RMS)
John Davey (Community Rep)	Dr Brian Jones (Scientific Advisor)
Col Wilton (Community Rep)	
Steven Savic (Community Rep)	
Annie Marlow (Community Rep)	

IN ATTENDANCE	
Kristy Blackburn WCC and SCC	Lee Furness SCC (part)
Renee Campbell WCC	Max Boenisch SCC
Tony Miskiewicz WCC	Michelle Fletcher WBM BMT
Mike Dowd WCC (part)	Jessie Hayne WBM BMT
Philomena Gangaiya WCC	Kieren Northam UoW
	Aimee Beardsmore OEH

- 1 WELCOME**  
The Chair welcomed Committee members and thanked them for their attendance. Introductions were undertaken.
- 2 APOLOGIES**  
Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Jillian Reynolds, Martine Fraser, Cr Marianne Saliba, Phillip Birtles, Kerrylee Rogers and Rodney Kerr.
- 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 4 May 2016**  
**Recommendation:** That the minutes of the previous Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee meeting held on 4 May 2016 be endorsed:  
**MOVED: Brain Jones**  
**SECONDED: Annie Marlow**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**

Action items 8, 10, 12, 13(2) and 13(3) were progressed. Action item 13(1) was held over. An action item not recorded relating to Mike Dowd considering works on damaged overwater walkway infrastructure at Windang was discussed. These assets are owned and managed by Crown Lands hence responsibility for their repair lays with them.

6. CORRESPONDANCE IN AND OUT

Correspondence In	Description	Action still to be undertaken
Sydney Water	Letter dated 1 July 2016 asking the Committee to provide feedback on the proposed upgrade works at Oak Flats/ Albion Park.	None
Shellharbour City Council	Letter dated 26 July 2016 relaying information to the Committee re the Macquarie Rivulet Flood Study.	None

Correspondence Out	Description
Kristy Blackburn on behalf of the LIEMC.	Provided one response (from SCC staff member) back to ENSure (company engaged by Sydney Water) via email on 18 July 2016.

**Recommendation:** That the information is received and noted.

**MOVED: Brian Jones**

**SECONDED: Annie Marlow**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

11 WCC AND SCC RELEVANT CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMS

This standing item was moved up the agenda to allow Mike Dowd to be present for discussion.

Mike Dowd, Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Planning, Wollongong City Council spoke to the report at Attachment 4. Of note is the Judbooley Pde works which are about to commence. Concerns regarding a potentially dangerous drop off at the Windang Boat Ramp were raised. The scouring occurred during the East Coast Low storm event in June. The \$100,000 presented in the report is not for these works, but for erosion control near the site. Mike Dowd will discuss a potential Emergency Works project at this site with Crown Lands. The eligibility for funding under the Emergency Works program is being clarified with the relevant Committee.

Max Boenisch, Group Manager Infrastructure Services, Shellharbour City Council spoke to Attachment 4. It was noted that funds are being sought for emergency works to repair the footpath at Skiway Park and that Council is looking into the possibility of dredging the entrance channel to improve recreational amenity and to provide sand for the renourishment of Warilla Beach. Dredging of this nature will be addressed in the CZMP.

It was reiterated that any before any work can be undertaken in waterways, Fisheries needs to be informed and a permit may be required.

7. DRAFT STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY (PRESENTATION)

Michelle Fletcher from BMT/WBM provided an outline of the Draft Stakeholder Engagement Strategy for the development of the Lake Illawarra Coastal Zone Management Plan. The strategy establishes what communications methods will be used to who and when throughout the CZMP development process. Several changes and additions to the document will be made as a result of the suggestions raised. LIEMC members have until Aug 16<sup>th</sup> to send any further comments to Kristy.

8. DRAFT SYNTHESIS REPORT (PRESENTATION)

Michelle Fletcher from BMT/WBM provided an outline of the Draft Lake Illawarra Information Synthesis Study. The study describes estuary health and processes as well as relevant catchment processes that directly impact on the health of the lake. The importance of robust stormwater controls and infrastructure to protect Lake Illawarra water quality was discussed, as well as the likely impacts from large new developments. Individual comments were collected by BMT WBM for consideration in the final document. LIEMC members have until Aug 16<sup>th</sup> to send any further comments to Kristy.

9. 1<sup>st</sup> PASS VALUES AND THREATS (WORKSHOP)

Michelle Fletcher from BMT/WBM outlined what values and threats have emerged for Lake Illawarra through the development of the Synthesis Report. Members of the LIEMC then added their own values and threats to the first pass lists and in some instances, changed existing items to better reflect the Committee's views.

Members as well as other meeting attendees were then invited to allocate their own 'score' against their 5 highest priority values and threats. The results of this exercise are at Attachment 1.

The results of the workshop, including comments relating to the particular wording of values and threats, will inform the development of the "Uses and Values and Threats and Pressures" chapter of the CZMP. It will assist staff in the preparation of documents such as the Frequently Asked Questions page of the website, the survey etc.

10. 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 detailed the status of each of the WCC based planning proposals outlined in Attachment 3.

12. LAKE ILLAWARRA OFFICER REPORT

Kristy Blackburn provided information as outlined in the Business Paper on the following issues:

- Items in the press
- The development of a CZMP is progressing on schedule. Potential changes to the process for developing CZMP's are being considered by both Council and OEH staff.
- The LIEMC bus trip occurring on Sept 22.
- Land ownership issues.
- That the recently elected Coalition government made an election promise to fund all non-successful Green Army grants in the region. This means that a CVA bird habitat protection project at various sites around the lake should be funded.
- The damage caused by the June 2016 East Coast Low around the lake.
- An update on the Windang Bridge and Judbooley Pde Works.
- SCC exploring the possibility of dredging the Lake Illawarra entrance channel.
- Events occurring around the lake.
- SCC flood studies being undertaken for Macquarie Rivulet and Horsley Creek (Study and Plan).
- Stakeholder engagement.

**Recommendation: The report be received and noted**

**MOVED: Cr Boyle**

**SECONDED: Col Wilton**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

13 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES (ROUND TABLE)

- Col Wilton stated that the shark net at the swimming beach off Reddall Pde is damaged. Photos were provided to Max Boenisch, SCC after the meeting.
- Renee Campbell spoke about the changes in eligibility to the OEH Coastal grants program and because WCC doesn't have a certified CZMP it will no longer be able to apply for funds to support ongoing projects, including water quality monitoring within Lake Illawarra. WCC is planning to write to the Minister responsible expressing disappointment.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

- No other business was raised.

15 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the LIEMC is scheduled for 5.30pm Wednesday 2 November 2016

16 CLOSE

The meeting concluded at 7.35pm.

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Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting due to take place on 2 Nov 2016.

## ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
5	That Brian Jones speaks to honours students about the possibility of presenting their findings to the LIEMC when appropriate.	BJ	
7	LIEMC members to provide any further comments re the Draft Stakeholder Engagement Strategy to Kristy by Aug 16.	All	
8	LIEMC members to provide any further comments re the Draft Synthesis Study to Kristy by Aug 16.	All	
11	Investigate the possibility of an emergency works project to repair the drop off at the Windang Boat Ramp	MD	
12	Arrange to have the updated Lake Illawarra land ownership map put on the WCC website and send to Kristy for dissemination to LIEMC members.	MD	
12	That a letter is prepared from the Lord Mayor to local members reminding them of the coalition election commitment to fund previously unapproved Green Army projects in the Illawarra.	KB	
12	That WCC looks to develop a system to assist people in the aftermath of a natural emergency.	RC	Will be progressed outside of the LIEMC.
12	That LIEMC members are reminded of relevant events occurring around the lake.	KB	Put reminder prompts in my calendar.
13	Send a copy of the letter being sent from WCC GM re changes to OEH funding eligibility to SCC for their potential action.	KB	Done – sent to Lee Furness 11 Aug.