

# MINUTES

## LAKE ILLAWARRA ESTUARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



MEETING HELD AT  
5.30PM ON WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2016

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

IN ATTENDANCE	
Kristy Blackburn WCC and SCC	Lee Furness SCC
Renee Campbell WCC	Max Boenisch SCC
Tony Miskiewicz WCC	Andrew Lee SCC
	Caitlain Negara (UoW)

- 1 WELCOME**  
The Chair welcomed Committee members and thanked them for their attendance.
- 2 APOLOGIES**  
Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Martin Bergs, Jillian Reynolds, Martine Fraser John Davey and Mike Dowd.
- 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 28 October 2015**  
**Recommendation:** Endorse the minutes of the previous Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee meeting held on 28 October 2015.  
**MOVED: Cr Brown**  
**SECONDED: Steven Savic**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**

All action items were progressed.

6. CORRESPONDANCE IN AND OUT

Correspondence In	Description	Action still to be undertaken

  

Correspondence Out	Description
WCC Media Office on behalf of WCC, SCC and the LIEMC.	A media release informing the public that the LIEMC has released a report showing results of the Lake Illawarra Water Quality Monitoring Program.

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

**MOVED: Col Wilton**

**SECONDED: Cr Brown**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

All action items were progressed.

7. LIEMC RESPONSIBILITY TO "PROVIDE ADVICE"

Renee Campbell, Manager Environmental Strategy and Planning, Wollongong City Council outlined the proposed methodology which has been developed by staff from both WCC and SCC to enable the Committee to reasonably undertake their responsibility to "provide advice on planning proposals and major capital works proposed to take place in the Lake Illawarra catchment". The methodology is:

Planning Proposals:

- a) There will be a dedicated LIEMC agenda item that will enable WCC and SCC to provide basic information on rezoning applications within the Lake Illawarra catchment. This will be for the Committee's information, however comments could be collated at the meeting if members wanted (and the timeframe allowed).
- b) Rezoning applications for Lake Illawarra foreshore land will be referred to the LIEMC for comment. This will most likely need to take place out-of-session to comply with required timeframes. Comments received by the due date will be collated by the Project Officer and submitted to the relevant authority as a 'LIEMC comment'.

Major Capital Works (Council based):

- a) Both WCC and SCC will present relevant sections of their proposed Capital Works programs for the following financial period to the LIEMC at the February meeting each year. This will allow the LIEMC to provide advice into Lake Illawarra foreshore and catchment based projects in the early stages. Updates on individual projects of significance will be provided by Council staff at LIEMC meetings as relevant.
- b) Capital works proposed for the lake foreshore and in the catchment as a result of Floodplain Management Plans will be provided to the Committee for information purposes only. [These works are dealt with by Flood Committees with their own expertise].

Major Capital Works (other LIEMC agency based):

- a) Agencies embarking on major capital works on the Lake Illawarra foreshore or in the catchment will provide a written request to the LIEMC Project Officer seeking comment from the LIEMC. This will most likely need to take place out-of-session to comply with required timeframes. Comments received by the due date will be collated by the Project Officer and submitted to the relevant authority as a 'LIEMC comment'. Updates on individual projects of significance can be provided by agency representatives as part of round table updates at LIEMC meetings as relevant.

If the Project Officer becomes aware of major capital works on private property that may have an impact on estuary health, then they will endeavour to provide that information to the Committee in order for members to have input into relevant processes.

It was noted that the Department of Planning, whilst supporting the methodology, will not take part in any discussion relating to planning proposals and capital works proposals. The Department advised that it will not be providing comment on any Planning Proposal as part of the Committee, due to its statutory role to consider any proposal that Council decide to prepare. The position of the LIEMC is not necessarily the position of any singular representative of the Committee.

**Recommendation:** That the Committee endorse the methodology outlined to enable the LIEMC to provide advice on relevant planning proposals and capital works that may have an impact on the health of Lake Illawarra.

**MOVED: Cr Brown**

**SECONDED: Cr Boyle**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

8. WCC AND SCC RELEVANT CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMS

Lee Furness, Director Corporate Policy, Shellharbour City Council presented information contained in the report Shellharbour City Council DRAFT Capital Works Programs 2016/2017- Lake Illawarra foreshore. Her presentation outlined capital works proposed to be undertaken during 2016/17 – 2019/20. SCC is also currently working on a passive open space strategy which may influence some of these draft projects.

Renee Campbell, Manager Environmental Strategy and Planning, Wollongong City Council presented information contained in the report Wollongong City Council Capital Works Programs 2016/2017- Lake Illawarra foreshore. She noted that the Judbooley Pde works are currently the subject of formal community consultation.

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

**MOVED: Cr Saliba**

**SECONDED: Col Wilton**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

9. SCC - ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS AROUND THE LAKE (PRESENTATION)

Andrew Lee, Natural Areas Officer, Shellharbour City Council provided an update on environmental projects being undertaken by SCC on the Lake Illawarra foreshore. Weeding and revegetation projects at Pelican View reserve, Boonarah Point and Picnic Island were discussed and map and photographs provided. The goal is to increase the resilience of these areas by protecting threatened species, removing invasive weeds and replanting with relevant species. Ongoing work by care groups is also supported at Boonarah Point and Oakey Creek. Maintaining appropriate signage and 'look of neglect' was raised. Updates regarding the work being undertaken should be made public to increase awareness of Council activity.

10. LAKE ILLAWARRA OFFICER REPORT

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

- Items in the press
- The consultant brief for the development of a CZMP for Lake Illawarra has been finalised and uploaded on Tenderlink. Quotes are invited until March 8<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- Both WCC and SCC are preparing responses into the NSW Government Coastal Reform Process. The process may have implications for the Lake Illawarra CZMP project.
- The LIEMC bus trip around the lake is being planned for Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> 2016. Members provided suggestions for the day which will be incorporated into a draft itinerary and then sent out for comment. It is understood that members will be asked to lead the discussion at some sites/ on some issues.
- Actions relating to Lake Illawarra such as water quality management and the West Lake Illawarra land release in the recently released Dept of Planning & Environment Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional Plan. The process for implementing the plan was clarified, including the formation of an implementation committee and consideration of the document in planning proposals. The OEH devised risk based decision-making framework was discussed and its implication for future decision making.
- Fishing Waste collection points and signage around the lake.

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

**MOVED: Cr Brown**

**SECONDED: Brian Jones**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**11 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES (ROUND TABLE)**

- A request that land ownership issues (between WCC and the State Government) be placed on the agenda so the Committee can be kept informed. (Steven Savic)
- Sydney Water is looking to undertake works to resolve sewage overflow issues at Koona Bay. They contacted Col Wilton and Kristy Blackburn to confirm stakeholder status. (Col Wilton, Phillip Birtles)
- An update was requested and provided regarding the handover of Korrongulla Swamp to WCC. (Max Boenisch)
- Caitlain Negara has begun an honours thesis on the impact of the permanent entrance on aspects of Lake Illawarra health. It is being overseen by Brain Jones and with support from OEH. One is also being conducted on groundwater issues at Port Kembla Golf Course (Brian Jones).
- Stage 2 coastal reforms comments are open until Feb 29<sup>th</sup> and OEH is working with UoW to progress honours thesis on Lake Illawarra (Danny Wiecek).
- RMS is investigating a potential project to increase the drainage capacity of Shellharbour Road near the Port Kembla Golf Course (Andrew Monk).
- Crown Lands is in the process of commissioning contractors to repair sink holes along the northern breakwater to Lake Illawarra. Signage and fencing is being installed to prevent access by the public. They are also preparing maintenance works to be undertaken at Berkeley Harbour during 2016/17. Works will include replacing broken deck planks, vegetation management, repair pot holes etc (Kristy Blackburn on behalf of Martin Bergs).

**12 OTHER BUSINESS**

- No other business was raised.

**13 NEXT MEETING**

A series of dates which will coincide with CZMP project milestones were put forward. These are:

4 May 2016	8 Feb 2017	9 Aug 2017
10 Aug 2016	10 May 2017	8 Nov 2017
2 Nov 2016		

**15 CLOSE**

The meeting concluded at 7pm.

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Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting due to take place on 4 May 2016.

### ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
<b>7</b>	Put in place internal processes at both WCC and SCC as well as processes across both organisations to enable the outlined methodology to 'provide advice' to be implemented.	KB	
<b>10</b>	Prepare draft LIEMC bus trip itinerary and send out to members for comment.	KB	
<b>10</b>	Invite relevant staff to present info (including maps with drainage lines and timeframes for proposed works) to the LIEMC regarding the West Dapto urban release area.	KB	
<b>11</b>	Put land ownership issues on the agenda for each LIEMC meeting	KB	done
<b>14</b>	Send out invites for all proposed LIEMC meeting times.	KB	done