

MINUTES

LAKE ILLAWARRA ESTUARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT
5.30PM ON WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2017



PRESENT	
Mayor Marianne Saliba (Chair) SCC	Danny Wiecek (OEH)
Cr Ann Martin WCC	Stephanie Kermode (Sydney Water)
John Davey (Community Rep)	Jason Carson (LLS)
Col Wilton (Community Rep)	Graham Towers (Dept of Planning)
Paul Knight (ILALC)	Dr Kerrylee Rogers (Scientific Advisor)
Annie Marlow (Community Rep)	Dr Brian Jones (Scientific Advisor)
Steven Savic (Community Rep)	

IN ATTENDANCE	
Kristy Blackburn WCC and SCC	Kathleen Packer SCC
Renee Campbell WCC	Tuesday Heather SCC
Mike Dowd WCC (part)	Rodney Kerr (Sydney Water)
Philomena Gangaiya WCC	Jody Edwards (SCC ACC)
	Leanne Olive (WCC ARG)

- 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, Andrew Monk and Cr David Boyle.
- 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 8 Feb 2017**
Recommendation: That the minutes of the previous Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee meeting held on 8 February 2017 be endorsed:
MOVED: Col Wilton
SECONDED: Annie Marlow
ALL IN FAVOUR

Action item 11 was progressed and Danny has also provided his NSW Conference paper.
- 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. Renee Campbell, Manager Environment Strategy and Planning, WCC stated that the attachment detailed the current status of each of the WCC based planning proposals, she clarified that WCC was waiting on advice from the State Government regarding the Draft Planning Proposal at Yallah Marshall Mount. Kathleen Packer, Group Manager Parks, Aquatics, Landfill and Stadium, SCC directed the Committees attention to the SCC report. No issues were raised.

8. MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS – COUNCIL BASED - UPDATE

Kathleen Packer, Group Manager Parks, Aquatics, Landfill and Stadium, SCC spoke to the relevant sections of the attachment Shellharbour City and Wollongong City Council Proposed Capital Works Program Lake Illawarra. She confirmed that the dredging options for Pelican Island and the swimming lagoon were on hold pending the outcomes of Mike Dowds entrance dynamics investigation. The Committee asked to be consulted regarding options for both the Skiway Park and Reddall Pde 'replacement' projects. Kathleen confirmed that the LIEMC would be consulted – most likely out of session via Kristy.

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. He confirmed that work to repair the retaining sea wall near the Windang boat ramp is scheduled for July/ August 2017.

9. LAKE ILLAWARRA ENTRANCE REVIEW

Mike Dowd, Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Planning, WCC confirmed that a consultant's brief has been drafted for this project. He will provide Kristy with a truncated version (to ensure no potential conflict of interest in the process) for distribution to the Committee. The Committee will be asked to provide comments.

10. SYDNEY WATER - WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE LAKE ILLAWARRA CATCHMENT

Rodney Kerr, Product and Asset Strategy Leader, Sydney Water provided an overview of Sydney Waters' management of wastewater within the Lake Illawarra catchment. He detailed several management programs that have been operating with the area to improve waterway health. These are the Sewer Overflow Reduction Program, Choke Reduction Program, Leakage Reduction Program and the Wet Weather Overflow Reduction Program. Councils were invited to participate in the Leakage Reduction Program, where Sydney Water staff provide training to Council staff to detect stormwater leakages from council assets in dry weather. It was agreed that information relating to Sydney Water infrastructure/ programs as well as data/ information exchanges would be facilitated through the Sydney Water LIEMC Rep, Stephanie Kermode.

11. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR CMP

Danny Wiecek outlined that OEHL and the Department of Planning would like the management strategies in the Risk Based Stormwater Management Framework and associated model DCP provisions for stormwater quality performance targets to be incorporated into the Lake Illawarra CMP. This framework was presented to the LIEMC at the meeting held 2 November 2016. A potential workshop is being planned regarding the issue by Kristy Blackburn to be held 31 May.

Recommendation: That the LIEMC endorse OEHL, Department of Planning, WCC and SCC to workshop the Risk Based Stormwater Management Framework and associated model DCP provisions for stormwater quality performance targets to progress the inclusion of such in the CMP.

MOVED: Col Wilton

SECONDED: Stephanie Kermode

ALL IN FAVOUR

12. REVIEW OF THE LIEMC

Kristy Blackburn explained that a review of the Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee needs to be undertaken under its Terms of Reference to 'ensure the purpose, membership and operation of the Committee is effective'. Committee members and support staff have until COB 31 May to complete an on-line survey. Individual responses will remain confidential. Synthesized results will be presented at the next LIEMC meeting. Outcomes of the review will inform decisions regarding the LIEMC's next term – due to begin after Council elections which are being held 9 September.

It was explained that the Shellharbour City Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) had requested to attend LIEMC meetings. An invitation was issued to attend as an observer to that Committee and also to the WCC Aboriginal Reference Group. This invitation is extended for this term of the Committee (until Council elections are held on 9 Sept and the LIEMC term is completed). Aboriginal representation on the LIEMC will be reviewed as a part of the overall review as outlined above.

13. LAKE ILLAWARRA OFFICER REPORT

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

- The Project Management Team has advised OEH that we are now producing a Coastal Management Program (CMP) for Lake Illawarra rather than a Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) in line with the requirements of the *Coastal Management Bill 2016* and the Draft NSW Coastal Management Manual. To accommodate changes from a CZMP to a CMP a revised timeline has been agreed with the consultant, putting the delivery of the Draft CMP to Aug rather than the Draft CZMP in May.
- We have been denied access to Dept of Fisheries statistics regarding Commercial vs Recreational fines and warnings on the Lake. The correspondence directs us to existing media statements and various on-line reports.
- Various research activities are being conducted re mangroves in the lake. Rob Williams (ex Dept of Fisheries) is looking at the history and UoW student, Robert Dixon - supported by Kerrylee Rogers (UoW) and Tuesday Heather (SCC) is looking at SCC mangroves and impacts on saltmarsh etc.
- Monthly walks around various sections of the Lake foreshore will be held and all are welcome to attend. Two walks have been done so far with good results both for immediate on ground actions and also input into the Draft CMP. Once the report into the Sth Breakwater to Picnic island walk is approved by all participants it can be provided to the Committee. The next walk is being held 1 June and will be in the Tallawarra area.

Recommendation: That the information is received and noted.

MOVED: Steven Savic
SECONDED: John Davey
ALL IN FAVOUR

14 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES (ROUND TABLE)

- Brain Jones informed the Committee that he is supervising a new student investigating contamination in Windang. Paper due at the end of the year.
- Stephanie Kermode provided updates on the joint efforts to coordinate water quality data collection for the lake and committed to providing WCC and SCC with relevant Sydney Water layers for effective planning. She has also been liaising internally with staff involved in West Dapto Sydney Water issues. This is to make sure that Sydney Water staff have knowledge of the development of the CMP.
- Councillor Martin let the Committee know that even though WCC budgets have been set she will be arguing for a dedicated additional works crew to maintain sites around Lake Illawarra. she believes that lack of funding will have an ongoing impact on maintenance levels and presumably increase council's liabilities.
- Paul Knight advised that failing environmental controls on developments is a major issue that he sees throughout the catchment (and beyond). Environmental damage can lead to cultural heritage damage through erosion.
- Jody Edwards (Observer) – Raised the possibility of the implementation of a Sea Ranger program for Lake Illawarra. This would involve Aboriginal community members being paid to provide on-ground land rehabilitation works. Funds may be available through the Federal Government.
- Jason Carson informed the Committee that a new Aboriginal Community Support Officer position has been filled at LLS by Kerry Avery. The intention is for Kerry to provide capacity building and support for all LLS staff so they can better support the Aboriginal community.
- Annie Marlow raised several issues 1. She would like to produce information brochures re natural values of the lake. She is seeking support and existing information. 2. She raised concerns re influx of weeds around the lake presumably due to the heavy rains. She is looking to organise a Volunteer Day with sites mapped for removal of Coral trees with help of Council staff. 3. She raised concerns about the nature of private certifiers and seemingly lack of oversight/ enforcement of requirements once such developments begin. She has been discussing the issue with WCC staff in relation to a specific stormwater/ sedimentation issue in Berkeley but similar cases are widespread. Annie believes this has a significant impact on the health of the lake. Renee Campbell, WCC explained the role of private certifiers and how council has no role in regulating PCAs. This is via State Government legislation. In relation to the POEO Act, she stated that Council has an enforcement policy that is being reviewed and that she would pass on to staff the concern from the committee and their request that these types of matters be acted on as pollution offences. It was agreed that a recommendation would be put forward that sedimentation offences receive higher priority for Council action under the POEO Act as a result of the review.
- Col Wilton raised several issues – 1. Yacht Club has erected high fence to the water line, the response provided was that it's on their land. 2. The fishing platform at Windang needs repair – Col provided a hard copy photo to Mike Dowd. 3. The dangerous nature of boat ramp drop off at Reddall Pde – Kathleen will include this in Reddall Pde works brief which the LIEMC will have the chance to comment on. 4. The drain at Reddall Pde not working due to rock wall structure and subsequent sand infill. Kathleen will include this in Reddall Pde works brief which the LIEMC will have the chance to comment on. Col provided hard copy photo to Kathleen.
- Danny Wiecek stated that the NSW Coastal reform process was still in a holding pattern.
- Mike Dowd, (WCC staff member) let the Committee know that the call for community representatives on WCC Flood Management Committees had occurred and no applications were received for Lake Illawarra or Duck Creek. He asked LIEMC members to be mindful of the opportunity and to get any nominations to Mike asap as the Committees will be meeting in June. He has also spoken to Gov Property NSW who will be conducting vegetation maintenance works at Kully Bay. The Dept will be waiting until after the 9 Sept elections to progress plans for development at this site.

15 OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.

16 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the LIEMC is scheduled for 5.30pm Wednesday 9 Aug 2017. It will be held in the SCC Council Chambers. This will be the last meeting of this term of the LIEMC.

17 CLOSE

The meeting concluded at 7.29pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting due to take place on 9 Aug 2017.

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
8	Kathleen Packer provides relevant information regarding the replacement of infrastructure projects at Skiway Park and Reddall Pde to the LIEMC for review and input.	KP	
9	Mike Dowd provides Kristy with a truncated version of the Entrance Review draft consultants brief for distribution to the LIEMC and their review and input.	MD	
10	That the invitation for WCC and SCC to participate in the Sydney Water Leakage Reduction Program is passed onto relevant SCC and WCC staff.	KB	
10	Stephanie Kermode to investigate Sydney Water information/ data/ map sharing with SCC and WCC.	SK	This data is already provided through licence agreement. KB is chasing up at Councils end.
13	Kristy to provide the report of outcomes of the Sth breakwater to Picnic Island walk once all participants have approved it.	KB	Included with the draft minutes.
14	Col Wilton provides electronic copies of photos to Kristy Blackburn to pass onto appropriate staff	CW	Done. Photos passed onto Mike Dowd and Kathleen Packer 15 May.
14	Kristy to further investigate the concept of a Sea Ranger program for Lake Illawarra.	KB	
14	Renee Campbell alert relevant WCC staff to the LIEMC concern re sedimentation pollution from privately certified developments and request for an appropriate response under the POEO Act to be considered as a part of the review taking place.	RC	Renee emailed Jeannie Nicol, Manager Regulation and Enforcement 17 May.
Held over	That Brian sends the links to relevant student work to Kristy for distribution to the Committee	BJ	