

# MINUTES

## LAKE ILLAWARRA ESTUARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



MEETING HELD AT  
5.30PM ON WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY 2016

PRESENT	
Cr Ann Martin (Chair) WCC	Rodney Kerr (Sydney Water)
Cr David Brown WCC	Dr Brian Jones (Scientific Advisor)
Cr Marianne Saliba SCC	Danny Wiecek (OEH)
Cr Peter Moran SCC	Steven Savic (Community Rep)
Andrew Monk (RMS)	Annie Marlow (Community Rep)

IN ATTENDANCE	
Kristy Blackburn WCC and SCC	Lee Furness SCC
Renee Campbell WCC	David Green WCC
Tony Miskiewicz WCC	Michelle Fletcher WBM BMT
Mike Dowd WCC	Philomena Gangaiya WCC

- 1 WELCOME**  
The Chair welcomed Committee members and thanked them for their attendance. Introductions around the table were carried out.
- 2 APOLOGIES**  
Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Martin Bergs, Jillian Reynolds, Martine Fraser, Col Wilton, Philip Birtles, Graham Towers, Kerrylee Rogers, John Davey and Max Boenisch.
- 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 10 February 2016.  
**MOVED: Cr Brown**  
**SECONDED: Steven Savic**  
**ALL IN FAVOUR**  
  
All action items were progressed.

6. CORRESPONDANCE IN AND OUT  
No items were received.

7. CONSULTANTS INTRODUCTION

Michelle Fletcher from BMT/WBM introduced herself and the company during a short PowerPoint presentation. Michelle outlined the proposed process for the CZMP development project and how it is envisaged the LIEMC will be involved.

8. WEST DAPTO URBAN RELEASE AREA (PRESENTATION)

David Green, Land Use Planning Manager, Wollongong City Council provided an overview of the West Dapto Urban Release Area (part of the DoP entitled West Lake Illawarra project). Included in the presentation was information on the various release areas (large area with relatively low developable land because of site constraints), project timeframes and how potential impacts on the health of Lake Illawarra, particularly water quality, are being managed. WCC is working with OEH to determine high priority catchments and appropriate treatments, investigating what can be controlled on-site, in the street, in the sub-catchment, in the catchment etc. Also looking at cost/ benefit of larger/ less frequent infrastructure vs smaller, more numerous pieces of infrastructure. The objective is to not make water quality worse in the catchment.

9. WCC - ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS AROUND THE LAKE (PRESENTATION)  
This presentation was held over.

10. REZONING APPLICATIONS - LAKE CATCHMENT AND FORESHORE  
No relevant applications to report from SCC.

David Green provided a brief explanation of each application that was presented in the report "Planning Proposals and Rezoning Requests – WCC April 2016". No issues were raised.

11. MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS - COUNCIL BASED

Lee Furness provided information on an extension to the SCC Lake Illawarra Art Trail. The design of a new installation at Pelican Point has started. New exercise equipment is being installed on the foreshore. This complements existing exercise infrastructure.

Mike Dowd provided an update on the Judbooley Pde works – a tender is being finalised and works should start soon. He also advised that WCC is progressing required Emergency Works at two foreshore sites east of Windang Bridge to repair bank erosion that, left unattended, will impact on infrastructure.

12. LAKE ILLAWARRA OFFICER REPORT

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

- Update on project and consultant brief for the development of a CZMP for Lake Illawarra – that WCC has received a response from the Grants Manager at OEH advising us to continue on with the planning process using the existing methodology but to be mindful of the requirements of the proposed system as well. Variations can be sought if required.
- NSW Government Coastal Reform Process - Staff from both Councils reviewed relevant reform documents such as draft mapping areas and provided comments back to OEH and the Minister for Planning. The State Gov has just introduced the Coastal Management Bill to parliament and released its submissions report. The Coastal management SEPP and maps will be released for public comment at a later date.
- LIEMC bus trip around the lake - an itinerary has been prepared for May 21<sup>st</sup>. Kristy collected final numbers and confirmed that the day will go ahead.

- Land ownership issues – Mike Dowd explained that the official position of both WCC and the State Government has not changed since the last update was provided. He presented a draft brochure that shows the ownership status of all Lake Illawarra foreshore land for the Committee's information. A discussion was had re appropriate logo's on the brochure and it was decided that SCC logo did not need to be on the brochure. Some changes may need to be made to make it more accurate.
- CVA has been awarded a \$27,950 grant to control weeds and revegetate an area at William Beach Park on Mullet Creek, Dapto in order to restore native fish habitat. We will be visiting the site on the bus trip.
- Estuary Ecosystem Health Condition of Lake Illawarra - WCC is putting together a set of conditions regarding the environmental status of assets in the municipality. The water quality within Lake Illawarra is one of the conditions chosen to be included in the report. Philomena Gangaiya answered questions regarding the use of limited parameters and the purpose of the report.
- Stakeholder engagement – Kristy has met with several groups involved in the management of Lake Illawarra.

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

**MOVED: Cr Saliba**

**SECONDED: Cr Brown**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

13 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES (ROUND TABLE)

- WCC General Manager and Mike Dowd have met with State Gov reps to discuss the proposed King Street development at Kully Bay. It looks as if the new proposals will have much less development than previous iterations (Mike Dowd).
- Annie Marlow talked about the lack of security that is affecting Hooka Point wetlands. A burnt out car has been recently discovered which is disappointing, as previous efforts to remove car bodies etc have been successful for a number of years. Vandalised gates must be repaired to stop unauthorised access and protect the wetland. Annie is frustrated by the apparent WCC lack of coordination re resolving the fencing/ access/ youth/ sports field's issues. Renee Campbell spoke to the issues saying she shared the frustration, but that efforts are being made to resolve the concerns. That the fence is not going to be funded as there is no allocated budget and with the proposed merge new budget items are not being considered. It is WCC's position that the fence may not be the best solution regardless.
- A question was raised re the walkway structures in the water at Windang by Steve Savic. Erected by the LIA they have been partly dismantled for safety reasons by WCC. The structures were deemed unsafe; they are being undermined by currents. It's a shame, as they provided a good walkway for residents/ visitors to Windang.
- Rodney Kerr (Sydney Water) provided an overview of the proposed infrastructure upgrade works to accommodate increase in wastewater volume due to increased population at Calderwood. He stated that Lake Illawarra overflow frequency rates are relatively low (and on track according to licence conditions) and that this is likely to stay at similar levels given population increase and proposed works. He offered to present an overview of the management of wastewater for the lake catchment at a later meeting of the LIEMC and said that Sydney Water is looking to hold training sessions for Council EHO's re tracking down leaks on private premises.
- Three honours students are working on Lake Illawarra issues, two in the entrance, and one at Port Kembla Golf Course. (Brian Jones).
- The Coastal Management Bill has been put to Parliament, we are still waiting on information re a Coastal/ Estuary grants round for this year (Danny Wiecek).
- RMS is carrying out road works on Windang Bridge – widening the bike paths. A ban on fishing off the bridge had been explored, but it was decided could not be enforced. RMS has budgeted for investigation works looking to increase the drainage capacity of Shellharbour Road near the Port Kembla Golf Course (Andrew Monk).
- Consultants MHL, working for Crown Lands have inspected the northern breakwater and provided recommendations for maintenance/ repairs that the Department is looking to procure. The repairs involve 1200 tonne of rock placed at various points along the breakwater.
- The Macquarie Rivulet Flood Study will be publically released soon (Lee Furness). It would be good to have staff come and present to the Committee.

**14 OTHER BUSINESS**

A question was asked regarding the status of the LIEMC in the event of a Council merger. It was put forward that an established committee, with work to do and staff attached to it, will be left alone to get on with the job; that the new entity (whatever it is) will have other things to worry about in the short/ medium term. It was expressed that existing members would hope to still be on the Committee if the Council merger did go ahead.

**15 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is 10 August 2016.

**16 CLOSE**

The meeting concluded at 7.30pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting due to take place on 10 Aug 2016.

### ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
<b>8</b>	Provide an electronic copy of David Green's West Dapto PowerPoint presentation to the Committee	KB	Included in email with draft minutes.
<b>10</b>	Include a catchment based map in future Rezoning Reports - showing scale and position of proposed applications as well as drainage lines	KB	Have advised staff of requirement for next meeting.
<b>12</b>	That Lee Furness and any other LIEMC provide comments on the draft Land ownership brochure to Mike Dowd by Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> May	ALL	KB reminded members in email on 11 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>13</b>	That Brian Jones speaks to honours students about the possibility of presenting their findings to the LIEMC when appropriate.	BJ	
<b>13</b>	Invite SCC staff to present the Macquarie Rivulet Flood Study to the Committee as appropriate	KB	
<b>13</b>	Invite Rodney Kerr (Sydney Water) to present re Lake Illawarra catchment wastewater management issues.	KB	