

# MINUTES

## LAKE ILLAWARRA ESTUARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT  
5.30PM ON WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST 2015



PRESENT	
Cr Ann Martin (Chair) WCC	Steven Savic (Community Rep)
Cr Bede Crasnich WCC	John Davey (Community Rep)
Cr David Brown WCC	Col Wilton (Community Rep)
Cr Marianne Saliba SCC	Danny Wiecek (OEH)
Cr David Boyle SCC	Martin Bergs (Crown Lands)
Annie Marlow (Community Rep)	Jillian Reynolds (Fisheries)
Dr Martine Fraser (LLS)	Phillip Birtles (Sydney Water)
Dr Kerrylee Rogers (Scientific Advisor)	Brett Whitworth (Dept of Planning)
Dr Brian Jones (Scientific Advisor)	Alex Dunstan (RMS)

IN ATTENDANCE	
Kristy Blackburn WCC	Lee Furness SCC
Renee Campbell WCC	Max Boenisch SCC
Tony Miskiewicz WCC	

- 1 WELCOME**  
The Chair welcomed Committee members.
- 2 WORK HEALTH & SAFETY**  
Renee Campbell instructed members on issues such as toilet locations, emergency procedures and access management.
- 3 APOLOGIES**  
Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Cr Helen Stewart, Mr Mike Dowd and Mr Blaan Davies.
- 4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**  
The Chair acknowledged the traditional Owners of the Land.
- 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
No declarations of interest were received.
- 6 INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS**  
All members and attendees provided a short introduction including their interest in the management of Lake Illawarra.

7 LAKE ILLAWARRA OFFICER REPORT

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

- That the LIEMC Terms of Reference and the SCC/WCC MoU have been finalised.
- That the Lake Illawarra Environmental Strategy Officer position has been filled.
- WCC is awaiting advice on a project application to OEH for \$50,000 to develop a CZMP for Lake Illawarra
- That the NSW Government Coastal Reforms process is continuing.
- That WCC Coastal Management Plan is on hold and the SCC Coastal Management Plan is being progressed.
- That the WCC Estuary and Coastal Zone Management Committee oversees the CZMP process for the WCC coastal zone. There are linkages in common Committee members and staff.
- That water quality monitoring occurs monthly for Lake Illawarra and a preliminary assessment report was provided.
- That WCC coordinates an annual clean-up of WCC LGA Lake Illawarra foreshore and it is occurring again on 1 November 2015.

Cr Saliba also provided advice regarding SCC coordinated Lake Illawarra foreshore clean-ups.

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

**MOVED: Cr Saliba**

**SECONDED: Annie Marlow**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

8 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CODES OF CONDUCT

Kristy Blackburn provided background regarding the two councils Codes of Conduct and asked that Committee members sign and return the acknowledgement form that was provided to them.

There was some discussion regarding the status of ex-officio members and if they are required to sign the acknowledgement. This will be followed up outside of meeting times.

**Recommendation: The Codes of Conduct be received and noted**

**MOVED: Cr Crasnich**

**SECONDED: Cr Saliba**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

9 MoU/FINANCES REPORT

Renee Campbell provided advice on the Memorandum of Understanding between Wollongong City Council and Shellharbour City Councils regarding the management of Lake Illawarra for estuary health. The funding arrangements under the MoU were also outlined.

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

**MOVED: Cr Boyle**

**SECONDED: Cr Brown**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

10 LAKE ILLAWARRA CZMP STATUS

Danny Wiecek from The Office of Environment and Heritage provided a presentation which is attached.

Key issues discussed:

- That the Committee is not starting from scratch as work was undertaken by the LIA in 2013 and this information/ data is not lost.
- That significant mapping of some issues has been undertaken and presented examples of the mapping undertaken.
- That community consultation did not occur as a part of the LIA process and will be an important component of the process for this Committee.
- The interaction between the CZMP processes and the Flood Management Planning process.
- The CZMP for Lake Illawarra consider catchment based issues.
- That Geoscience Australia can provide nutrient cycle load limits relating to the lake and this information should be used.
- That community objectives for the lake should be a driver of the CZMP.

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

**MOVED: Cr Crasnich**

**SECONDED: Cr Boyle**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

11 OTHER BUSINESS

- Colin Wilton raised the issue of water quality monitoring being undertaken by LIA and questioned where it was. It was explained that Philomena Gangaiya, Environmental Strategy Officer, Wollongong City Council coordinates monitoring and has the LIA data. She will be presenting a report to the Committee soon.
- Kristy Blackburn raised the opportunity for Committee members to provide input regarding Lake Illawarra into the Marine Estate Authority's assessment of the Hawkesbury Shelf Marine Bioregion.
- It was agreed that a media statement should be released regarding the meeting of the committee, providing clear contact details for people interested in the management of Lake Illawarra.
- That the spokespeople for the Committee are the Lord Mayor of WCC and Mayor of SCC. All correspondence concerning committee business should be put to Kristy Blackburn first.
- There was discussion regarding the publication of community member contact details on the WCC and SCC websites.

12 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm.

CLOSE

The meeting concluded at 7.25pm.

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Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

## ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
<b>8</b>	That advice be sought regarding the status of ex-officio members and the requirement to sign the acknowledgement of the Codes of Conduct.	KB	This is being progressed.
<b>11</b>	That Philomena Gangaiya be invited to present a report to the Committee regarding water quality monitoring data of Lake Illawarra.	KB	PG will be presenting a report at the Oct 28 <sup>th</sup> meeting.
<b>11</b>	Prepare a media release regarding the first meeting of the LIEMC	KB	A draft has been prepared. It is with Media Officers from both Councils.
<b>11</b>	Confirm with community representative members that they consent to having their email contact details made public on the WCC and SCC websites and update those websites accordingly.	KB	All community reps consent to having their email details published. Websites are in the process of being updated.