

Catchments and Coast Committee Tuggerah Lakes Meeting Record 28 August 2019



Location:	Central Coast Council Wyong Office Level 2 Committee Room, 2 Hely Street, Wyong
Date:	28 August 2019
Time	Started at: 2.50pm informal discussions: 2.07pm Closed at: 4.08pm
Chair	Councillor Doug Vincent
File Ref	F2018/00098

Present:

Mayor Jane Smith (arrived 2.50pm; left 3.45pm), Councillor Louise Greenaway (arrived 2.51pm) Councillor Doug Vincent, Michael Campbell, Doug Darlington, Robert Davies, Samantha Willis

External Representatives present:

Neil Kelleher – Office of Environment and Heritage, Richard Murphy – Office of Environment and Heritage

Council Staff present:

Scott Cox – Director Environment and Planning (arrived 2.13pm; left 3.01pm), Luke Sulkowski – Unit Manager Natural and Environmental Assets, Ben Fullagar – Section Manager Coastal Protection, Danielle Hargreaves – Section Manager Learning Community, Peter Sheath – Section Manager Waterways, Matthew Barnett – Team Leader Catchment Operations, Vanessa McCann – Team Leader Estuary Management, Tina Nay and Kelly Drover – Advisory Group Support Officers

In accordance with Section Three of the Terms of Reference, there were insufficient voting members present at the beginning of the meeting, therefore informal discussions were held till 2.50pm at which point quorum was achieved and the meeting could proceed.

Item 1 Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Apologies

Apologies Received: Graham Hankin, Peter Scanes – Office of Environment and Heritage, Scott Carter – Fisheries, Sarah Conacher – Fisheries

Mayor Jane Smith completed an Acknowledgement of Country and Connection to Land statement.

Item 2 Disclosures of Interest

No Disclosures of Interest were declared.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The Advisory Group confirmed the Meeting Record from 26 June 2019.

The Action Log was deferred until the next meeting.

Item 4 Feedback from Previous Meeting

The Chair noted his concerns that the last meeting contained lengthy discussions and he would like future meetings to be more structured.

Item 5 Education Initiatives to Promote Healthy Waterways (Actions 39 and 40)

Danielle Hargreaves (Section Manager Learning Community) provided the Committee with an update on Education Initiatives within the Tuggerah Lakes and Estuary waterways.

The Committee discussed the email received from Mr Thomas Orren regarding featuring articles in the Central Coast Express Advocate.

Action: The Committee respond to Mr Orren, thanking him for his letter and concerns outlined therein, and advising him that Council has a set process for providing information to the Media and direct him to our website where he can obtain further information such as fact sheets addressing his area of concern.

The Committee discussed the email received from Councillor Greenaway regarding a campaign aimed at encouraging residents to improve lagoon health. The Chair thanked Councillor Greenway for her commitment to this matter.

Action: Staff to consider the messaging included in Councillor Greenaways email and whether it can be incorporated into the delivery of an education program.

Item 6 Reflect on Progress in line with Terms of Reference and Action Plan

Due to time constraints this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Item 7 The Entrance Dredging Program

Doug Darlington raised the issue of The Entrance Dredging Program.

The Committee noted Doug's concerns and staff advised there is an outstanding Council resolution regarding dredging and information is being prepared to present to Councillors (most likely early October).

Recommendation: The Committee recommends to Council that any decision regarding acquisition of a new dredge be deferred till the expert panel report is available December 2020. Council still can undertake flood mitigation and berm management with earth moving equipment during this time.

The Chairs reservations regarding the above recommendation were noted.

Item 8 Seismic Oil and Gas Testing and Exploration Offshore of the Northern Beaches

The Committee discussed the email received from Northern Beaches Council regarding Seismic Oil and Gas Testing and Exploration Offshore of the Northern Beaches.

It was noted that as per the below Council Resolution from the 11 February 2019 Ordinary Meeting, Council already has a position on this matter and does not support the Seismic Oil and Gas Testing and Exploration Offshore.

105/19 That Council, on behalf of its 340,000 residents and ratepayers, reaffirm its strident opposition to the current off shore gas and oil exploration currently being undertaken just off our coastline using controversial seismic blasting.

Action: The Committee respond to Northern Beaches Council, thanking them for bringing the issue to the attention of Central Coast Council and advising them of the Council Resolution of 11 February 2019 opposing off shore gas and oil exploration using seismic blasting.

Item 9 General Business and Close

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting to be held on 30 October 2019 clashes with the Coastal Conference. Meeting date rescheduled as below.

Action: The Committee to extend an invitation to Fisheries to attend the next meeting.

Action: The following items be included for discussion on the next meeting agenda:

- Long Jetty Killarney Vale Flood Study
- Technical Sub-Committee
- Coastal Management Program

The meeting closed at 4.08pm

Next Meeting: **Thursday 7 November 2019**
 4pm – 6pm
 Central Coast Council Wyong Office
 Level 2 Committee Room
 2 Hely Street, Wyong