

Catchments and Coast Committee Tuggerah Lakes Meeting Record 26 June 2019



Location:	Central Coast Council Wyong Office Level 2 Committee Room 2 Hely Street, Wyong	
Date:	26 June 2019	
Time	Started at: 3.08pm	Closed at: 5.43pm
Chair	Councillor Doug Vincent	
File Ref	F2018/00098	

Present:

Mayor Jane Smith (left 4.12pm), Councillor Louise Greenaway, Councillor Doug Vincent, Michael Campbell, Doug Darlington (left 5.43pm), Robert Davies, Graham Hankin

External Representatives present:

Neil Kelleher – Office of Environment and Heritage (left 5.40pm)

Council Staff present:

Luke Sulkowski – Unit Manager Natural and Environmental Assets, Ben Fullagar – Section Manager Coastal Protection, Peter Sheath – Section Manager Waterways, Matthew Barnett – Team Leader Catchment Operations, Zoie Magann – Advisory Group Support Officer

Item 1 Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country

Marlene Pennings, Samantha Willis, Richard Murphy – Office of Environment and Heritage, Danielle Hargreaves – Section Manager Learning Community, Vanessa McCann – Team Leader Estuary Management

The Chairperson, Councillor Doug Vincent, gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

Item 2 Disclosure of Interest

Mayor Jane Smith declared a non-significant non-pecuniary interest with regard to Item 7 as a teacher for the Department of Education.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The Advisory Group confirmed the Meeting Record from 1 May 2019.

There was some debate about the wording of the Recommendation in Item 5 of the previous Meeting Record that the Advisory Group endorsed the Killarney Vale/Long Jetty Floodplain Risk Management Study and Draft Plan (FRMSP) for public exhibition. Some members believed the FRMSP was endorsed in principle, pending further feedback. It was agreed that this Meeting Record would note feedback that the FRMSP were not provided in advance of the previous meeting, and the Advisory Group consequently had insufficient time to review the documents before being asked to endorse them.

The Advisory Group reviewed the Action Log.

Regarding Action 48 (Ourimbah Creek FRMSP and Wyong River FRMSP), it was noted that a further report will go to Council on the outcomes of public exhibition.

Action: An update on Actions 44 and 46 (public exhibition of Killarney Vale/Long Jetty FRMSP and Wallarah Creek FRMSP) to come back to the Advisory Group when appropriate.

Action: A representative from Fisheries to be invited to the next meeting to provide further details on Action 33 (fish habitats/nurseries) and seagrass mapping.

Item 4 Feedback from Previous Meeting

Concerns were noted about the amount of items included on the agenda and insufficient time to adequately address each topic.

Luke Sulkowski (Unit Manager Natural and Environmental Assets) introduced himself as acting Convenor of the Advisory Group in Peter Ham's (Unit Manager Waterways and Coastal Protection) absence. Each member of the Advisory Group then introduced themselves briefly, and noted their priority areas of focus for the Advisory Group. The common areas noted were wrack and the lake edge, education, and catchment solutions.

Neil Kelleher (Office of Environment and Heritage) informed the Advisory Group of Council's legislative requirement to develop new Coastal Management Programs (CMPs) in accordance with the *Coastal Management Act 2016*. Community engagement and education are key components required in CMPs.

Item 7 was brought forward to follow this item.

Item 5 2019/20 Budget

Waterways and Coastal Protection staff provided an overview of the adopted capital works program and operational budget for 2019/20.

Action: The Advisory Group requests more information on The Entrance Channel dredging program at the next meeting.

Quorum was lost at 5.43pm. In accordance with Section Three of the Terms of Reference, there were insufficient voting members present from this point and the meeting could not proceed. Items 6 and 8 were therefore not addressed.

Item 7 Education Initiatives to Promote Healthy Waterways

Item 7 was brought forward to follow Item 4, noting it would also be deferred to the next meeting as Danielle Hargreaves (Section Manager Learning Community) was unable to attend this meeting.

The Advisory Group noted some topics for discussion with Danielle as follows:

- Possibility of working with local schools to incorporate Tuggerah Lakes into the curriculum (eg. Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College The Entrance Campus – body of work for science subject)
- Revised presentations on Council's website and in cinemas (consideration of different mediums such as animations and live action)
- Staff outreach programs
- Ensuring that brief summaries (eg. dot points) on website are supported by further information with references included

Action: Staff to investigate and provide information on opportunity for community members of the Advisory Group to attend the NSW Coastal Conference in Terrigal (30 October – 1 November 2019).

Next Meeting: **Wednesday 28 August 2019**
2pm – 4pm
Central Coast Council Wyong Office
Level 2 Committee Room