

Agenda

Coastal Open Space (COSS) Advisory Committee



Date: 15 March 2022
Time: 2pm – 4pm
Location: Microsoft Teams or Wyong Committee Room
Chairperson: James Lawson, Unit Manager Environmental Management (Acting)
Coordinator: James Lawson, Unit Manager Environmental Management (Acting)

Item	Title	Responsibility	Time
1	Introduction: welcome, Acknowledgement of Country, apologies, disclosures of interest	Chairperson	2.00pm 10 minutes
2	Previous business: confirmation of minutes, review action log Update to be provided on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Action Item 143	Chairperson	2.10pm 10 minutes
3	Code of Conduct refresher Attachment: Code of Conduct	Chairperson	2.20pm 5 minutes
4	Formal acknowledgement of Council staff	Chairperson	2.25pm 5 minutes
5	Airport Masterplan, Plan of Management and Subdivision Plan	Chairperson	2.30pm 5 minutes
6	Update on Biodiversity Strategy and Land Acquisition and prioritisation (standing agenda items)	Senior Ecologist	2.35pm 5 minutes
7	Winney Bay Bitou Bush and boneseed trials	Biosecurity Officer - Weeds	2.40pm 15 minutes
8	QR codes in COSS reserves to increase community engagement	Doug Williamson	2.55pm 10 minutes
9	Environmental Education Strategy	Environmental Education Officers	3:05pm 30 minutes
10	Update from external representatives (standing agenda item)	External representatives	3.35pm 5 minutes
11	Update from Community representatives	Community representatives	3.40pm 5 minutes
12	General business	All	3.45pm 5 minutes
	Close Next meeting: 7 June 2022	Chairperson	

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27	25/7/2018	The Advisory Group requests that time be allocated in future meetings for external agency representatives to share updates from their relevant area.	Meeting Support Officer	On agenda for 15 March 2022	Ongoing
33	26/9/2018	The Advisory Group requests that as the Land Acquisition and prioritisation process matures, staff provide updates to the Committee at future meetings.	Natural and Environmental Assets	On agenda for 15 March 2022	Ongoing
109	20/10/2020	The action plan from the Biodiversity Strategy to be included as a standing agenda item.	Meeting Support Officer	On agenda for 15 March 2022	Ongoing
124	2/3/2021	The Advisory Group seek clarification from DPIE and LLS on opportunities for strengthening of policy and legislation to enable better regulation of tree and vegetation removal and clearing activities on Deferred Matters zoned land in order to avoid the unregulated significant impacts as has been experienced in locations on the Central Coast.	Environmental Management Staff / DPIE / LLS	No update. Letter sent to Premier on 17 June 2021. Acknowledgement letter received from Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier advising that the request would be forwarded to the appropriate Ministers. Update 16/02: A letter has been sent, but a response has not yet been received	Pending
132	9/6/2021	The Committee request the Project Manager provide a briefing on the airport masterplan, plan of management and subdivision plan at the next meeting.	Unit Manager Environmental Management	Airport Masterplan update emailed to members 14 February 2022. Verbal update to be provided at 15 March 2022 meeting.	To be addressed at next meeting

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139	21/9/2021	Luke Sulkowski to confirm whether the letter sent from Council to National Parks is able to be distributed and will review what information has previously been provided to the COSS Committee regarding this matter.	Unit Manager Environmental Management	The chronology of events, including information about the 11 property groupings proposed to Minister Kean on 31 January 2020 was provided to the Committee on 13 December 2021.	Complete
140	21/9/2021	Section Manager Flood Strategy and Planning to obtain more information regarding the two Conservation areas and provide feedback to Gary Chestnut.	Section Manager Flood Strategy and Planning	Peter Sheath to provide an update on this matter.	Pending
141	21/9/2021	Staff to provide a presentation to the Committee at a future meeting on the way these property sale negotiations are carried out and possible new ways of thinking for Council negotiating on land that has high environmental values.	Unit Manager Economic Development and Property	Larry Melican to follow up with Economic Development and Property team.	Pending
143	21/9/2021	Staff to investigate the unauthorised clearing activities at Matcham and report back to the next COSS meeting advising what action has been taken against people who undertook the clearing.	Unit Manager Environmental Management	A registered surveyor was engaged by Council to carry out a boundary survey to ascertain the extent of clearing on Council land reserve, R0056 Wambina/Matcham Road Reserve. This survey was undertaken on the 26 th October 2021.	To be addressed at next meeting

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				<p>On the 8 December 2022 an onsite meeting was held with Council officers Rhys Richards, Team Leader, Development Control, Brent Evans, Project Officer, Natural Assets and Biodiversity and Chris Ross a representative of the owners of 293 Matcham Road.</p> <p>The representative was asked to provide a Vegetation Management Plan which is to outline how they are to revegetate/regenerate/manage the area that they have admitted to clearing. It is understood that the representative has sourced three quotes from qualified ecologists to carry out the investigation and provide the Vegetation Management Plan and have now engaged Travers Bushfire and Ecology to provide the consultancy services. This plan is to be reviewed by Council</p>	

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				<p>before it is accepted. Once accepted the representative has stated that they will then carry out the recommendations of the report.</p> <p>It is expected that the draft plan will be available for review in the next few weeks.</p>	
144	13/12/2021	In regard to previous action 124, Council to send a follow up letter to the Minister advising of the significant community concerns regarding the clearing of land (public and private) and request that if the legislation isn't going to be changed, that regulatory control of deferred matters zoned land be given back to Council as opposed to DPIE and LLS.	Unit Manager Environmental Management	<p>At the 8 February 2022 Council Meeting, Council resolved:</p> <p>That Council send a follow up letter to the Minister advising of the significant community concerns regarding the clearing of land (public and private) and request that if the legislation isn't going to be changed, that regulatory control of deferred matters zoned land be given back to Council as opposed to DPIE and LLS. Letters sent 2 March 2022 to Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Planning and Homes.</p>	Complete

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145	13/12/2021	The Coastal Open Space System (COSS) Committee members would like to express to Council their rejection of any mountain biking trails being established in COSS land or being identified for inclusion in COSS land as part of the Central Coast Mountain Biking Plan which will be reported to Council at the Ordinary Meeting on 14 December 2021.	The Committee / Meeting Support Officer	At the 8 February 2022 Council Meeting, Council resolved: That Council note the COSS Committee's rejection of any mountain biking trails being established in COSS land or being identified for inclusion in COSS land as part of the Central Coast Mountain Biking Plan that was reported to Council at the Ordinary Meeting on 14 December 2021.	Complete
147	13/12/2021	Staff to follow up with the Economic Property Development Team request that they meet with the COSS Sub-Committee to discuss property sale negotiations and the acquisition process, prior to presenting to the Committee in the new year.	Unit Manager Environmental Management	Larry Melican to follow up with Economic Development and Property team.	Pending
148	13/12/2021	The Committee request that Council write to the Minister noting concerns about lots that were left off the list for potential land transfer to NPWS and request that further consideration be given to private land, not just public land. Furthermore, representations should be made to local members requesting support of this.	Unit Manager Environmental Management	At the 8 Feb 2022 Council Meeting, Council resolved: That Council write to the Minister noting concerns about lots that were left off the list for potential land transfer to NPWS and request that further	Complete

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149	13/12/2021	Staff to arrange a further meeting with Gary Chestnut with a view to identifying some existing conservation reserves in the former Wyong LGA that may be considered for trial under the COSS branding and to identify likely tasks required in order to proceed with such a project.	Unit Manager Environmental Management	Staff are liaising with Gary Chestnut to arrange a time suitable to him.	Pending