

Agenda



Coastal Open Space (COSS) Advisory Committee

Date: 7 June 2022
Time: 2pm – 4pm
Location: Teams Meeting
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 15 minutes
2	Previous business: confirmation of minutes, review action log	Chairperson	2.15pm 10 minutes
3	Potential Transfer of COSS Lands to National Parks Wildlife Services (NPWS)	Acting Section Manager Natural Assets and Biodiversity	2.25pm 10 minutes
4	Biosecurity COSS Update	Biosecurity Officer - Weeds	2.35pm 15 minutes
5	Update on Biodiversity Strategy and land acquisition and prioritisation (standing agenda items)	Senior Ecologist	2.50pm 5 minutes
6	Environmental Volunteering Program	Acting Section Manager Natural Assets and Biodiversity	2.55pm 20 minutes
7	Council Initiative – QR Codes Update and Presentation from the Australian Environmental Education Association	Environmental Education Officers	3.15pm 20 minutes
8	Biobanking Update and POET Trust Fund Projects Update	Environmental Management and Projects Officer	3.35pm 10 minutes
9	Update from external representatives (standing agenda item)	External representatives	3.45pm 5 minutes
10	Update from community representatives (standing agenda item)	Community representatives	3.50pm 5 minutes
11	General business	All	3.55pm 5 minutes
12	Close Next meeting: 6 September 2022	Chairperson	4.00pm



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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	Updates provided at 15 March 2022 meeting.	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	Discussed at 15 March 2022 meeting.	Ongoing
109	20/10/2020	The action plan from the Biodiversity Strategy to be included as a standing agenda item.	Meeting Support Officer	Discussed at 15 March 2022 meeting.	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	<p>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.</p> <p>Update 16/2: A letter has been sent but a response has not yet been received. See action 144.</p> <p>10/05/2022: LM – no further update to the above</p>	Pending

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132	9/6/2021	The Committee request the Project Manager provide a briefing on the airport masterplan, plan of environmental management and subdivision plan at the next meeting.	Unit Manager Environmental Management	Airport Masterplan update emailed to members 14 February 2022. Verbal update provided at 15 March 2022 meeting.	Complete
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 Land Transfer Council to National Parks Chronology was discussed at the 13 December 2021 COSS meeting. Amy Walpole to double check, it seems we may have already provided a copy of the letter to the Minister/National Parks. 16/02: LM to reconfirm that a copy of the letter was circulated to the committee 10/05/2022: LM – a copy of the letter was circulated to the committee	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. 20/05/2022: An update was provided to Mr Chestnut by former staff member Rudy VanDrie	Pending

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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 is awaiting a response from the Economic Development and Property Team and will hopefully have information to report back to the next meeting. 10/05/2022: LM – to follow up with EPD	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 the people who undertook the clearing.	Unit Manager Environmental Management	A registered surveyor was engaged to 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. 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.	Complete

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				<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 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	Unit Manager Environmental Management	At the 8 February 2022 Council Meeting, Council resolved: 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	Complete

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		be given back to Council as opposed to DPIE and LLS.		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.	
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	At the 14 December 2021 Council Meeting, Council resolved the following: 1. That Council endorse the report on community consultation undertaken for the Mountain Bike Feasibility Study Discussion Paper. 2. That Council endorse the development of a Central Coast Mountain Biking Plan, led by Council staff in collaboration with an active stakeholder working group, to establish a strategic framework and select suitable sites, and that the project be considered for funding through Council's budgetary processes, which may include applying for external funding from grants, developer contributions or cost or service reductions.	Complete

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				<p>3. That Council recognises the risk of harm to the environment, heritage, and public safety from unauthorised trail construction on Council land and that education, enforcement and trail closures will be an ongoing responsibility of Council in order to manage risks. However improved outcomes for reserve management will be reliant on a proactive approach to increase supply at suitable sites due to limited enforcement resources and the size of the region.</p> <p>4. That Council staff investigate the feasibility of, and issues with, constructing dirt jumps on suitable Council land and provide a report back to Council.</p> <p>5. That Council staff notify those people who lodged submissions and relevant stakeholders of Council's resolution.</p> <p>The 13 December 2021 COSS meeting minutes expressing rejection of any mountain biking trails being established in COSS land were reported to the 8</p>	

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				<p>February 2022 Council Meeting. Council noted the minutes and made the following resolution in regard to the Committees recommendation around Mountain Biking:</p> <p>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.</p>	
147	13/12/2021	Staff to follow up with the Economic and 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	<p>Larry Melican to follow up with Economic Development and Property team.</p> <p>10/05/2022: LM – to follow up with EPD</p>	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,	Unit Manager Environmental Management	<p>At the 8 Feb 2022 Council Meeting, Council resolved:</p> <p>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</p>	Complete

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		representations should be made to local members requesting support of this.		given to private land, not just public land. Furthermore, representations should be made to local members requesting support of this. Letters sent 2 March 2022 to Minister for Environment and Heritage, The Member for Terrigal, The Member for Gosford, The Member for The Entrance and The Member for Wyong. Acknowledgement letters received from The Member for The Entrance advising he will also write to the Minister.	
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. 10/05/2022: AW – to reschedule meeting	Pending
150	15/03/2022	Staff to collate a list of initiatives taken by Council in regard to QR codes and provide an update to the Committee at the next meeting. Consideration to also be given to other possible applications and software (e.g. Hovr).	Unit Manager Environmental Management	10/05/2022: update to be provided at next meeting	Pending

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151	15/03/2022	Committee members are invited to provide any suggestions or feedback on the plan to advisorygroups@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au by Friday 25 March 2022.	The Committee	<i>COSS Committee - NAB Environmental Education Strategy</i> emailed to members 18/3/2022 Update provided to Carlita Dhillon and Nick Carson via email 30/3/2022 – final confirmation of all feedback received – one email from Gary Chestnut.	Complete
152	15/03/2022	Copies of the letters sent to Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Planning and Homes regarding Deferred Matters Land to be sent to Adam Crouch, Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast and Member for Terrigal, for his information.	Unit Manager Environmental Management	10/05: LM – to follow up to see if the letters were sent to Adam Crouch MP	Pending
153	15/03/2022	A copy of all presentations from today's meeting to be provided to Committee Members.	Meeting Support Officer	<i>COSS Committee Presentations</i> emailed to members 16/03/2022	Complete