

# Coastal Open Space System (COSS) Committee Meeting Record 27 March 2019



Location:	Gosford Administration Building Level 1 Committee Room 49 Mann Street, Gosford	
Date:	27 March 2019	
Time	Started at: 4.05pm	Closed at: 5.51pm
Chair	Mayor Jane Smith	
File Ref	F2018/00099	

## **Present:**

Mayor Jane Smith, Councillor Chris Holstein (arrived 4.09pm, left 5.36pm), Councillor Louise Greenaway (arrived 4.12pm), Councillor Jeff Sundstrom, John Andrews, David Holland, Deb Holloman, Paul Links, Douglas Williamson, Barbara Wills

## **External Representatives present:**

Jonathon Eccles – Local Land Services (Greater Sydney)

## **Council Staff present:**

Luke Sulkowski – Unit Manager Natural and Environmental Assets, Larry Melican – Section Manager Emergency Protection Natural Assets, Kelly Drover – Advisory Group Support Officer

## **Item 1 Welcome, Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country**

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Gary Chestnut, Stephen Atkins – National Parks and Wildlife Services (Hunter Central Coast Branch), Joel Stibbard – Biodiversity Conservation Trust

The Chairperson, Mayor Jane Smith declared the meeting open at 4.05pm and undertook an Acknowledgement of Country.

## **Item 2 Disclosures of Interest**

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The Mayor called for any declarations of interest. No disclosures were noted.

## **Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record**

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The Advisory Group confirmed the Meeting Record from 30 January 2019.

The Advisory Group reviewed the Action Log.

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**Item 4                      Presentation on the Biodiversity Conservation Trust and its programs**

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Joel Stibbard (Senior Ecologist, Biodiversity Conservation Trust) was an apology at today's meeting and will provide an update to the Committee at the next meeting on the Trust and its programs.

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**Item 5                      Land Acquisition and Prioritisation (Action 33)**

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Larry Melican (Section Manager, Emergency Protection Natural Assets) provided the Committee with an update on changes to land acquisitions and potential land for acquisition for conservation purposes. There are 14 properties currently being investigated for acquisition.

**Action:** Staff to meet with the Land Acquisition working group to discuss new properties that may have been identified for potential acquisition.

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**Item 6                      Wildlife Corridors (Action 41)**

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Larry Melican gave the Committee a presentation in regard to wildlife corridors and preliminary discussions held with the roads planning group.

A Consultant has been engaged to review Councils' 10 year road works program, road kill data, and wildlife corridor mapping. A report is due by May 2019.

**Action:** A report to be provided to a future meeting on the outcome of the review.

**Action:** Smart sheet link for capturing road kill data to be circulated to the Committee.

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**Item 7                      Opportunities to promote COSS Initiatives (Action 44)**

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Larry Melican provided the Committee with an update of what has previously happened in regard to promoting COSS Initiatives including:

- COSS logo and branding
- 2008/2009 COSS Week
- 2012 COSS Promotional Strategy
- Newspaper adverts
- Social Media, engagement with local schools and Taronga Zoo
- Photography competition
- COSS publications including workbooks for school students
- COSS family nature club
- Presented at a number of conferences

Discussion was held around using terminology of COSS in former Wyong to increase branding and knowledge of what COSS actually is.

**Action:** The Committee requests that Council staff provide an outline of some COSS and Environmental lands promotional initiatives that could be implemented in 2019. Presentation to be provided at the next meeting.

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**Item 8 Update on previous RMS proposal re widening of Woy Woy Road (Action 46)**

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Larry Melican gave an update on the Rawson Road Level Crossing Replacement Project at Woy Woy. Noted that there has been no change to COSS land in this location.

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**Item 9 COSS Logo**

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Discussion was held around the Mayor's previous request to have the COSS logo included on COSS Committee meeting Agendas and Meeting Records, which staff advised could not occur because it does not align with our corporate brand.

**Action:** Staff to provide further clarity regarding the use of the COSS logo being included on COSS Committee meeting documentation.

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**Item 10 Proposed Zonings of COSS lands (including land identified for COSS) in the Consolidated LEP**

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Item deferred to May meeting.

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**Item 11 Key Principles and historical practice for applying "bonus lot provision"**

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Discussion was held regarding the concern of 7A land being rezoned to E4 as some members of the Advisory Group considered that this was not seen to be usual practice.

**Action:** A meeting to be requested with relevant planning staff with Mayor Smith, Councillor Committee representatives, Barbara Wills, Paul Links, Gary Chestnut and Deb Holloman to discuss issues raised. Outcomes of the Working Group and further information to be brought back to the next meeting.

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**Item 12 Update from External Representatives**

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Jonathon Eccles – Local Land Services (Greater Sydney) provided an update on the Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus commonly known as RHDV1-K5 which was released in February. Baiting is still continuing.

Wild dog baiting will begin in April and fox baiting is still ongoing.

The issue of feral deer was discussed.

**Item 13            General Business and Close**

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- a) Councillor Sundstrom raised the question as to how the change to the *Local Land Services Act* in February impacts on Category 2 regulated land. Jonathon Eccles will follow up with the Sustainable Land Management Group.
- b) Concerns were raised regarding potential unauthorised clearing of COSS land at MacMasters Beach.
- c) Doug Williamson thanked Advisory Group Support Officers for the SMS reminder sent prior to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 5.51pm

**Next Meeting:            Wednesday 29 May 2019**  
**4pm – 6pm**  
**Central Coast Council Wyong Office**  
**Level 2 Committee Room**  
**2 Hely Street, Wyong**