

# Catchments and Coast Committee Tuggerah Lakes Meeting Record 1 May 2019



Location:	Central Coast Council Wyong Office Level 2 Committee Room 2 Hely Street, Wyong	
Date:	1 May 2019	
Time	Started at: 2.06pm	Closed at: 4.17pm
Chair	Councillor Doug Vincent	
File Ref	F2018/00098	

**Present:**

Mayor Jane Smith, Councillor Louise Greenaway, Councillor Doug Vincent, Doug Darlington, Robert Davies, Graham Hankin, Samantha Willis

**External Representatives present:**

Richard Murphy – Office of Environment and Heritage, David Tetley – Catchment Simulation Solutions

**Council Staff present:**

Peter Ham – Unit Manager Waterways and Coastal Protection, Ben Fullagar – Section Manager Coastal Protection, Peter Sheath – Section Manager Waterways, Matthew Barnett – Team Leader Catchment Operations, Parissa Ghanem – Team Leader Floodplain Management and Senior Planner, Zoie Magann – Advisory Group Support Officer

**Item 1 Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country**

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Councillor Jilly Pilon, Michael Campbell, Marlene Pennings

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

*Item 8 was moved to the start of the meeting as agreed by the Advisory Group.*

**Item 2 Disclosure of Interest**

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Doug Darlington disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest as a resident of one of the streets that was discussed as part of the Killarney Vale/Long Jetty Floodplain Risk Management Study review.

**Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record**

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The Advisory Group confirmed the Meeting Record from 27 February 2019.

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**Item 4                      Feedback from Previous Meeting**

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No feedback was noted.

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**Item 5                      Review of Killarney Vale/Long Jetty Catchments Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan**

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David Tetley (Catchment Simulation Solutions) provided a presentation on the Killarney Vale/Long Jetty Catchments Floodplain Risk Management Study and Draft Plan. The presentation included an overview of the study area, simulations investigated, potential outcomes, and options for managing flood risks.

**Action:** Killarney Vale/Long Jetty Catchments Floodplain Risk Management Study and Draft Plan to be circulated to Advisory Group members.

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Group recommends to Council that the Killarney Vale/Long Jetty Catchments Floodplain Risk Management Study and Draft Plan be placed on public exhibition.

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**Item 6                      Review of Wallarah Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan**

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David Tetley (Catchment Simulation Solutions) provided a presentation on the Wallarah Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Draft Plan. The presentation included an overview of the study area, simulations investigated, potential outcomes, and options for managing flood risks.

**Action:** Wallarah Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Draft Plan to be circulated to Advisory Group members.

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Group recommends in principle to Council that the Wallarah Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Draft Plan be placed on public exhibition, subject to no further comments or clarification requested by the Advisory Group members as of Friday 17 May 2019.

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**Item 7                      Update on Wyong River and Ourimbah Creek Floodplain Risk Management Plans**

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Parissa Ghanem (Team Leader Floodplain Management and Senior Planner) briefly addressed the Advisory Group regarding the public exhibition of the Draft Floodplain Risk Management Studies and Plans for Wyong River and Ourimbah Creek. There was insufficient time to review the number of submissions received during public exhibition – information to be provided as below.

**Action:** Presentation on the Wyong River and Ourimbah Creek Floodplain Risk Management Studies and Plans to be circulated to Advisory Group members.

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Group recommends in principle to Council that the Draft Floodplain Risk Management Studies and Plans for Wyong River and Ourimbah Creek be endorsed, subject to no further comments or clarification requested by the Advisory Group members as of Friday 17 May 2019.

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**Item 8                    Tuggerah Lakes Foreshore Wrack Harvesting Strategy**

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*This item was moved forward to the beginning of the meeting as agreed by the Advisory Group.*

Matthew Barnett (Team Leader Catchment Operations) provided a presentation on wrack management in Tuggerah Lakes. The presentation included options for the reuse of wrack, collection methods, potential environmental impacts of the wrack collector, and finance implications.

Wrack is an ongoing topic of interest for the Advisory Group, and comments were made about the need to consider the ultimate goal of wrack harvesting and related outcomes for Tuggerah Lakes.

Graham Hankin addressed the Advisory Group with concerns about wrack build up in nearshore areas of Tuggerah Lakes. Graham distributed a handout which included photos of a number of sites where wrack has accumulated, along with recommendations to address the problem.

**Action:** Staff to review the recommendations made by Graham, and provide a response for each back to the Advisory Group.

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**Item 9                    2019/20 Budget**

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This item was not addressed due to insufficient time.

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**Item 10                  Reflect on Progress in line with Terms of Reference and Action Plan**

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This item was not addressed due to insufficient time.

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**Item 11                  General Business and Close**

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Concerns were noted regarding comments made by Councillors about the membership composition of Advisory Groups at the 29 April 2019 Council Meeting. It was confirmed that Expressions of Interest calling for community representatives were open to all, and members were selected based on their merit in line with the Terms of Reference. Advisory Group members noted that their nomination and subsequent involvement in the Advisory Group is based on their interest in environmental issues.

**Action:** Duration of next meeting to be increased to three hours to allow sufficient time to cover pending items.

The meeting closed at 4.14pm

**Next Meeting:            Wednesday 26 June 2019  
3pm – 6pm  
Central Coast Council Wyong Office  
Level 2 Committee Room**