

# Minutes



## Mangrove Mountain and Spencer Advisory Committee

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**Date:** 11 April 2022

**Time:** 4.05pm – 4.58pm

**Location:** Microsoft Teams

**Chairperson:** Rik Hart, Administrator

**Coordinator:** Edward Hock, Unit Manager Governance, Risk and Legal

### Attendance

#### Members:

John Asquith

Lillias Bovell

Gary Chestnut

Joy Cooper

Wolfgang Koerner

Pam O'Sullivan

Margaret Pontifex

Stephen Rickards

Catherine Wade

Danny Willmot

#### Status:

Present

Absent

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Present

Apology

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Absent

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Present

#### Staff:

Rik Hart, Administrator

David Farmer, Chief Executive Officer

Alice Howe, Director Environment and Planning

Edward Hock, Unit Manager Governance, Risk and Legal

Zoie Magann, Meeting Support Officer

Present

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Present (left 4.30pm)

### 1 Introduction

4.05pm

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The chairperson, Administrator Rik Hart, welcomed the group and completed an Acknowledgement of Country and connection to land statement.

The Administrator noted the passing of one of the members, Dr Stephen Goodwin, in July 2021. Dr Goodwin was well known in the Mangrove Mountain community and beyond for his environmental advocacy, particularly regarding the Mangrove Mountain landfill. Dr Goodwin's partner, Marilyn Steiner, was also a valued member of this Committee and resigned following the passing of Dr Goodwin. The Administrator acknowledged the contributions of both Dr Goodwin and Ms Steiner, and thanked those who continue to campaign for the Central Coast community.

**Action:** Unit Manager Governance, Risk and Legal to progress recruitment for the vacancies in line with the appropriate procedure.

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The chairperson called for any disclosures of interest. The following disclosures were noted.

Gary Chestnut declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest, as done so previously, as he is a former employee of Gosford City Council and during this employment he received and presented confidential information to Councillors, Senior Management, Council's Solicitors, Council's Barrister and Council's Senior Counsel.

Danny Willmott declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest, as done so previously, as he is a former respondent in the legal case regarding Mangrove Mountain Landfill.

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### 2 Previous business 4.10pm

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The group confirmed the minutes from the previous meeting as noted below, which were distributed to members via email and uploaded to Council's website:

- [Mangrove Mountain and Spencer Advisory Committee meeting held 28 January 2020](#)

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### 3 NSW Land and Environment Court in Verde Terra v Central Coast Council, and Central Coast Council v EPA NSW 4.11pm

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Edward Hock (Unit Manager Governance, Risk and Legal) provided an update regarding the NSW Land Environment Court matters involving Verde Terra and the EPA, in which judgment was delivered on 25 March 2022.

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### 4 General business 4:32pm

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- Members formally moved recognition and appreciation for Council's effort in defending the proceedings, and Verde Terra's proposed large regional waste facility development.

**Recommendation:** That Council note the Mangrove Mountain and Spencer Advisory Committee's appreciation for Council's effort in the NSW Land Environment Court matters involving Verde Terra and the EPA.

- Committee members variously enquired about:
  - Council's knowledge of the outcome of prosecution proceedings related to illegal dumping at Spencer; and
  - Whether the recent flood events had seen any further illegal dumping at that location.

**Action:** Director Environment and Planning to provide response to the questions on notice regarding illegal dumping at Spencer.

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### 5 Close

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Next meeting: To be confirmed after 22 April 2022

Meeting closed at 4:58pm

Minutes approved by the Coordinator and Chairperson on [insert date].