

Wamberal Seawall Advisory Taskforce Meeting Record (Meeting 12)

Location:	Microsoft Teams	
Date:	18 November 2021	
Time	Started at: 1.39pm	Closed at: 2.13pm
Chair	Dr. Phil Watson	

Members present:

Dr Phil Watson – Chair, David Farmer – Central Coast Council (arrived 1.43pm), Casey Johnston – Central Coast Council, Catherine Knight – DPIE Crown Lands (on behalf of Tim Deverell)

Observers present:

Brendan Rogers – Adam Crouch MP's Office (joined 1.52pm), Zoie Magann – Central Coast Council (Minute Taker)

Item 1 Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Apologies

Apologies received: Adam Crouch MP – State Government (Parliament sitting), Sharon Molloy – DPIE Environment, Energy and Science, Maria Plytarias – DPIE Planning, Tim Deverell – DPIE Crown Lands

The Chair welcomed the Taskforce and completed an Acknowledgement of Country. It was noted the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of minute taking.

Item 2 Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures were received.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The Taskforce confirmed the minutes from Meeting No.11 held on 14 October 2021. The finalised minutes were also forwarded to the Minister's Office to comply with reporting requirements in accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference (TORs).

Item 4 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

The Taskforce discussed outstanding matters arising from previous meetings as summarised below.

- 4.1 Crown Lands update on management of residual land parcels: Catherine Knight advised investigations are still ongoing. Catherine acknowledged this is a priority to finalise and Crown Lands are keen to progress. A registered surveyor was engaged to assess the Mean High Water Mark – this work is expected to be closed out by end of November 2021. Noted it would be beneficial to share related GIS data with Council once available, as it will be beneficial to planning.
- 4.2 Crown Lands to provide advice about grant funding: Noted this action related to the availability of funding to Council (if any) for removal of asbestos if required. Catherine advised Crown Lands have an internal Contaminated Land Program, but this is not available for external application so Council

couldn't apply. It was noted Council would need to work with the EPA regarding any asbestos matters.

Action: It was agreed further discussion between Council and relevant agencies would be taken offline if further discussions were required on this matter.

4.3 Meeting between representatives of Wamberal Protection Association (WPA) and Council: Phil Watson advised a meeting was arranged between Council, representatives of the Wamberal Protection Association (WPA) and himself on Wednesday 20th October 2021 to permit the Association to discuss the option of residents submitting a DA and project managing the coastal protection works themselves rather than a Council project managed solution. This was only a preliminary meeting to exchange ideas about how such a proposal could be facilitated, funded and delivered in an integrated manner within the context of meeting relevant statutory requirements and approvals. This would be similar to the model adopted by Northern Beaches Council for implementing works at Collaroy-Narrabeen in the Sydney Basin in which Council would be removed from potential owner and project manager to a more customary role of just being the consent authority. A follow up meeting is likely to held in about a month, once the Association have a chance to further flesh out what form their proposal might take.

4.4 Update from Council on possible site visit to Northern Beaches: Casey Johnston advised a site visit to Narrabeen-Collaroy is being canvased for early December 2021 to allow review of their seawall in construction.

Action: Casey Johnston to forward initial site visit details to Taskforce members, noting there will be a further site visit as the project progresses.

Item 5 Update from the Project Manager

Casey Johnston (Central Coast Council) provided an update as Project Manager.

The following key points were noted:

- MHL coastal monitoring website will soon be released for public use. This will mean completion of the Stage 5 milestone.
- Regarding the Stage 6 milestone for reports – Council has consolidated comments with those provided by Phil and returned to MHL for incorporation.
- MARA Consulting have provided Council a summary report and data report for Phase 2 of community consultation.

Action: Casey Johnston to forward copies of the MARA Consulting reports to Taskforce members.

- A report on the outcomes of community consultation to date (including Phase 2), preferred option and associated costing models is expected to go to Council in early 2022.
- Project updates continue to be provided internally at Council.

Item 6 Update from the Chair

Phil Watson provided an update as Chair of the Taskforce.

The following key points were noted:

- Important that the Cost Benefit Analysis and other remaining MHL reports are finalised ASAP and shared with the community. Noted the original milestone was November 2020, however this has not been met. There has been considerable progress over last few months but it is imperative to continue the momentum and finalise these aspects very soon.
- With the passing of the Coastal Management Amendment Bill in the last Parliamentary sitting session, the CZMP can continue to operate until 31 December 2023. A lot of time has already evaporated with milestones for technical work and other bits and pieces sliding. Every effort must be made to take advantage of the 2 years of additional breathing space afforded to Councils like Central Coast trying to implement their CZMP. Two years will pass quickly so it's important to remain focused and progress outcomes.
- Council should be readying themselves and doing all the preparatory work necessary to guide a possible Landowner developed DA process, should that provide an alternate, expedited process by which to implement a solution to this long-standing issue. Casey noted a project brief is being prepared for consultants regarding minimum engineering and planning requirements. Will also need to consider coastal management requirements in line with legislation.

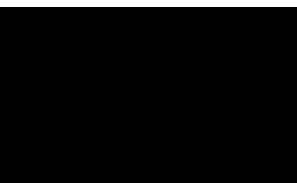
Item 7 General Business, Review of Task Log, Next Meeting Date and Close

The Taskforce reviewed the task log and noted action updates (see page 4).

The meeting closed at 2.13pm

Next Meetings: Late January 2022
Time TBC
Microsoft Teams

Minutes finalised and endorsed



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Chair
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Action Log

Action number	Meeting date	Action	Responsibility	Notes	Status
4	11/08/2020	Phil Watson and Gary Murphy to meet monthly (or on as needs basis) with affected landowners' representatives	Phil Watson / Central Coast Council (CCC)	Meetings occur as required	Ongoing
45	3/08/2021	Council to document procedures around approvals with view to progress a preferred option by year end following phase 2 community consultation. Update to be provided at next meeting.	Casey Johnston (CCC) / David Farmer (CCC)	Update provided at 14 October 2021 meeting	Complete
46	7/09/2021	Casey Johnston to review project plan with Phil Watson and bring to next Taskforce meeting.	Casey Johnston (CCC) / Phil Watson	Update provided at 14 October 2021 meeting	Complete
47	7/09/2021	Casey Johnston to distribute presentation provided at info sessions to Taskforce members and explore making similar information available on the YourVoiceOurCoast page.	Casey Johnston (CCC)	14/10/21: still pending	Pending
48	7/09/2021	Phil Watson, David Farmer and Adam Crouch MP to meet to discuss the role of the Taskforce moving forward and any changes to tenure.	Phil Watson, David Farmer (CCC), Adam Crouch MP	Taskforce continuing	Complete
49	14/10/2021	Crown Lands to provide advice about grant funding available for Council.	Tim Deverell (DPIE Crown Lands)	Update provided at 18 November 2021 meeting	Complete
50	14/10/2021	Phil Watson to circulate press release on Amendment Bill to members.	Phil Watson	Phil circulated to members via email	Complete

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51	14/10/2021	Scott Cox to keep members updated on progress of site visit to Northern Beaches.	Scott Cox (CCC)	Update provided at 18 November 2021 meeting	Complete