



Central Coast Council  
Business Paper  
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
20 July 2020





# COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2028

**ONE – CENTRAL COAST IS THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP) FOR THE CENTRAL COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA**

**ONE – CENTRAL COAST DEFINES THE COMMUNITY'S VISION AND IS OUR ROADMAP FOR THE FUTURE**

**ONE – CENTRAL COAST BRINGS TOGETHER EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK TO SET KEY DIRECTIONS AND PRIORITIES**

One - Central Coast will shape and inform Council's business activities, future plans, services and expenditure. Where actions are the responsibility of other organisations, sectors and groups to deliver, Council will work with key partners to advocate on behalf of our community.

Ultimately, every one of us who live on the Central Coast has an opportunity and responsibility to create a sustainable future from which we can all benefit. Working together we can make a difference.

## RESPONSIBLE

**WE'RE A RESPONSIBLE COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY, COMMITTED TO BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS AND DELIVERING A GREAT CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE IN ALL OUR INTERACTIONS.** We value transparent and meaningful

communication and use community feedback to drive strategic decision making and expenditure, particularly around the delivery of essential infrastructure projects that increase the safety, liveability and sustainability of our region. We're taking a strategic approach to ensure our planning and development processes are sustainable and accessible and are designed to preserve the unique character of the coast.

 **Good governance and great partnerships**

**G2** Communicate openly and honestly with the community to build a relationship based on transparency, understanding, trust and respect

There are 5 themes, 12 focus areas and 48 objectives

### COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2028 FRAMEWORK

All council reports contained within the Business Paper are now aligned to the Community Strategic Plan. Each report will contain a cross reference to a Theme, Focus Area and Objective within the framework of the Plan.



# Meeting Notice

**The EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
of Central Coast Council  
will be held remotely - online  
Monday 20 July 2020 at 6.30 pm,  
for the transaction of the business listed below:**

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Gary Murphy  
**Chief Executive Officer**



**Item No:** 1.1  
**Title:** Disclosure of Interest  
**Department:** Governance

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Reference: F2020/00039 - D14082412

Chapter 14 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ("LG Act") regulates the way in which the councillors and relevant staff of Council conduct themselves to ensure that there is no conflict between their private interests and their public functions.

Section 451 of the LG Act states:

- "(1) A councillor or a member of a council committee who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the council is concerned and who is present at a meeting of the council or committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.*
- (2) The councillor or member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the council or committee:*
- (a) at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the council or committee, or*
  - (b) at any time during which the council or committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.*
- (3) For the removal of doubt, a councillor or a member of a council committee is not prevented by this section from being present at and taking part in a meeting at which a matter is being considered, or from voting on the matter, merely because the councillor or member has an interest in the matter of a kind referred to in section 448.*
- (4) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to a councillor who has a pecuniary interest in a matter that is being considered at a meeting, if:*
- (a) the matter is a proposal relating to:*
    - (i) the making of a principal environmental planning instrument applying to the whole or a significant part of the council's area, or*
    - (ii) the amendment, alteration or repeal of an environmental planning instrument where the amendment, alteration or repeal applies to the whole or a significant part of the council's area, and*

## 1.1 Disclosure of Interest (contd)

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- (a1) *the pecuniary interest arises only because of an interest of the councillor in the councillor's principal place of residence or an interest of another person (whose interests are relevant under section 443) in that person's principal place of residence, and*
  - (b) *the councillor made a special disclosure under this section in relation to the interest before the commencement of the meeting.*
- (5) *The special disclosure of the pecuniary interest must, as soon as practicable after the disclosure is made, be laid on the table at a meeting of the council and must:*
- (a) *be in the form prescribed by the regulations, and*
  - (b) *contain the information required by the regulations."*

Further, the Code of Conduct adopted by Council applies to all councillors and staff. The Code relevantly provides that if a councillor or staff have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict must be disclosed as well as providing for a number of ways in which a non-pecuniary conflicts of interests might be managed.

### **Recommendation**

***That Councillors and staff now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.***



**Item No:** 2.1  
**Title:** Update: Wamberal and The North Entrance  
**Department:** Environment and Planning

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Reference: F2020/00037 - D14082424  
Author: Scott Cox, Director Environment and Planning  
Executive: Gary Murphy, Chief Executive Officer

## Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Wamberal and the North Entrance noting that this is the purpose of the conduct of this Extraordinary Meeting.

It is noted that a further verbal update may be provided with any relevant information.

## Recommendation

***That the Update: Wamberal and the North Entrance be noted.***

## Context

This is a multi-agency and Council response under the direction of Local Emergency Operations Controller (LEOCON).

The coastal erosion impact was a result of a Low Pressure System (Location: East Coast NSW - Merimbula to Port Stephens)

## Central Coast Weather update

The Central Coast region was impacted with low pressure system. The system moved east over the Tasman Sea, but maintained very windy conditions and high seas bringing damaging winds and surf conditions to the Central Coast.

As at 2.30pm on Sunday, 19 July 2020 the weather was sunny with a top of 20C. There was a 5% chance of less than 1mm rainfall. No current weather warnings had been issued by BOM for Central Coast LGA. The current swell conditions were 1.7m and easing but are expected to increase again to 2.4m on Tuesday afternoon.

The predicted tides are rising from around 1.768m at 19:17hours 19 July 2020 to 1.82 on Monday 20 July 2020 at around 18:00hours and 1.86m on Tuesday at 18:46hours. Low tide is still causing wave action.

South and southeast facing parts of the coast continue to be most at risk.

**Summary**

Severe weather event followed by damaging surf affecting Wamberal and The Entrance North areas.

Coastal erosion affecting approximately 30 properties along Ocean View Drive Wamberal.

The following agencies were notified 16 July 2020 should any evacuations be necessary;

- NSW Police Force LEOCON
- SES • Fire & Rescue
- Public Works
- Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH)
- Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) (Family and Community Services - FACS) Welfare

It is noted that contractors were on site at the request of private residence at 73 Ocean View Drive to lift concrete blocks onto the beach front at that property. Council did not initiate these works.

The focus has been on residents and public safety, with major concern of risks to public safety in the area so actions have been taken to ensure public access is removed from the area and residents of affected properties have received briefing.

**Actions Wamberal: Thursday night 16 July and Friday 17 July 2020 (as at midday 17 July 2020):**

- Wamberal impact assessments were conducted along the coastal strip through to midnight
- Fire and Rescue attended a property Ocean View Drive established a barrier access at front of the property.
- Police were on scene at 1900 hrs at Wamberal.
- At the request of Council, Public Works Engineers arrived at approximately. 2130 hrs to commence assessments of all properties along the most severely affected area at Wamberal.- SES, Council and engineers conducted a door knock and some residents were advised to consider self-vacating for safety reasons (five homes) These residents accepted the advice and left.
- Operations ceased around 2330 hrs

- Public Works assessment this morning for The Entrance North and Wamberal and will provide advice to Council.
- Contact will be made with Resilience NSW (Office of Emergency Management) regarding any emergency, financial or other support for residents
- Staff are undertaking assessments at The Entrance North, Wamberal, Avoca Beach, Umina Beach. All access to beach areas where damage or severe erosion has occurred will be barricaded and managed for public safety. Drone footage will also be captured along coastline.
- University of NSW Water Research Laboratory have completed a drone aerial survey of Wamberal this morning on 17 July and will prepare a report for Council's further consideration. We have requested a similar survey at The Entrance North.
- Further consultation with all relevant emergency services, State Government agencies and Council will continue throughout the day and weekend.

**Actions Wamberal: Sunday, 19 July 2020 (as at 2.30pm 19 July 2020):**

*Media event held at 0:900 hours*

To provide updates on the Emergency response led by Superintendent Tony Joice from NSW Police (LEOCON), SES, MP Adam Crouch, Madam Mayor and Director Scott Cox conducted a media event. Information was provided on the situation status and actions being taken to support the affected residents and managing the emergency situation.

*Community Meeting held at 11:00 hours*

This meeting with affected residents was at the request of the LEOCON and was direct invite only to those owners and occupiers of the affected properties. The meeting was led by LEOCON and outlined the situation and impacts for the affected properties

Under the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989 residents were issued with letters on what actions were required of them for their properties in this emergency situation. 24 of the 36 (land parcels) properties affected are being vacated. Some of the properties are unit blocks. Six of the 24 properties are vacant.

As at 19 July 2020 14:30hours arrangements have been made for six families for emergency accommodation.



## **2.1 Update: Wamberal and The North Entrance (contd)**

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Residents were advised that there were two windows of time for them to collect any items from their properties, these were at low tide periods of 12.:20pm to 14:20pm Sunday 19 July 2020, 12.30pm to 14.30pm on Monday 20 July 2020.

At this stage this period for vacated property occupiers is for approximately four weeks as the emergency response continues, any return to properties under the order are dependent upon engineering assessments and remediation works.

Resident not asked to vacate are able to remain in the properties under conditions as advised. Each owner or occupier of the affected properties was provided a letter outlined what was required, information on the order and contact details.

Information provided to residents was very hard to hear but they were compliant with the request and sought further clarity for their individual circumstances.

Council response teams on 19 July 2020:

- Council had coastal erosion consultants on site 19 July 2020 at 9:30am inspecting beachfront escarpment.
- Council is supporting the lead agencies requests for support – teams on standby.
- Council has fenced off beach access and provided security – NSW Police will assist as well with monitoring. Variable Message Sign (VMS) being used to advise residents only. Ocean View Road parking lane closed off at this stage.

Agencies:

- Fire and Rescue and SES assisted residents returning to properties and supported with contact details for further communications.
- Public Works Geotechnical Engineers property reports to each affected property that was required to vacate and assisted at the Community Meeting with answers to questions from property owners.
- Department of Community and Justice (FACS) managed all resident registers for the meeting and collected all contact information for direct communications to continue and have undertaken further contact with those property owners to ensure they or their occupiers were aware of the orders. They also assisted with further support and housing assistance needs to those that registered at the meeting.
- NSW Police – Terrigal will undertake regular drive by of area to monitor public safety for the properties that will vacated along with security provided by Council.

- Office of Emergency Management (OEM)/Resilience NSW were onsite observing the response to the meeting with the community to provide a report on current situation.
- Further consultation with all relevant emergency services, State Govt. agencies and Council will continue as EOC now in operation.

**Actions The Entrance North: Sunday, 19 July 2020 (as at 2.30pm 19 July 2020):**

Public Works Engineers as well as the Coastal Erosion consultants are inspecting affected properties from Karagi Point to Hargraves beach access in afternoon. Karagi carpark remains closed.

Some local residents are continuing to protect their property with sandbags.

**Update on impact infrastructure (as at midday 17 July 2020)**

**Wamberal** – 30 properties were evaluated on Thursday, 16 July 2020. Five properties voluntarily self-vacated. No properties required any emergency housing.

Council does not have emergency powers to instruct residents to evacuate their properties, this is the role of SES or NSW Police.

**Ficus Avenue Carpark at Avoca Beach** – the area has been further secured and restricts further access for vehicles. Pedestrian access is limited but sand that has pushed up under and against the carpark has stabilised and as a result there is no immediate risk to pedestrians.

**Terrigal Lagoon** – was successfully opened on Friday 17 July at 1:30am.

Lagoon levels are beginning to drop. Avoca, Cochrane, Wamberal and Terrigal lagoons are stable. Pearl Beach opening was successfully completed yesterday as well.

**The Entrance North** – initial reports from residents are that there has been no further significant damage overnight and ocean conditions are beginning to abate.

Staff will conduct further assessments at this location further today and have requested Public Works Engineers to assess today between Karagi Sand Spit and the Hargraves Street beach. Other known coastal erosion hotspots at the Entrance North i.e. Curtis Parade have been inspected and appear to be unaffected by the current coastal erosion event.

**Umina Beach** – staff have closed off the southern carpark at Umina Beach (known as Kiddies Corner) following coastal water impacts.

**Update on impacts and response at 9:00am, 17 July 2020**

- Staff are responding to clear away excess sand and address impacts to infrastructure where possible and place barriers to ensure public safety.
- No flooding or closures of local roads.
- No issues or significant damage at major construction sites.
- Tree crew remains on high alert with support from contractors if required.
- All waste services are in operation.
- Water and Sewer – no issues in relation to weather event

**Messages to Community as at 2.30pm 19 July 2020**

The following were the key messages to the community:

- The NSW SES is the emergency agency for help during storm events. Please stay informed, alert and vigilant.
- Please avoid beaches where there has been significant coastal erosion and sand loss, in particular at Wamberal and The Entrance North as these are not safe for beach walking.
- Please avoid areas that have had coastal water damage and do not go onto beach and remain behind barricaded areas. There is no access to Wamberal beach at the location of the affected properties on Ocean View Drive.
- We ask the community to not intentionally collapse eroded beach escarpments as this is both dangerous and could cause further risk to properties in the immediate area.
- Please also ensure your own safety by staying away from high wave impacted areas as waves can be unpredictable.
- For an emergency that is life-threatening call 000 immediately.
- For emergency help regarding direct flooding or trees down on private property call the NSW SES on 132 500 or visit their website [www.ses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au)

- For fallen powerlines or trees on powerlines please call AUSGRID on 13 13 88. Please DO NOT GO ANYWHERE NEAR FALLEN TREES, they are often tangled with powerlines and can be extremely dangerous.
- For fallen trees on roads please call Council on 1300 463 954
- For the latest weather warnings refer to the BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY at [www.bom.gov.au/nsw/warnings](http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/warnings)
- Report an issue to us any time day or night. Log your concern online by clicking the 'Report an Issue' icon at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au). For water and sewer emergencies please call 1300 463 954.

**Attachments**

*Nil.*