

Catchments and Coast Committee Tuggerah Lakes Meeting Record 31 October 2018



Location:	Central Coast Council Wyong Office Level 2 Function Room 2 Hely Street, Wyong	
Date:	31 October 2018	
Time	Started at: 4:05pm	Closed at: 6:10pm
Chair	Councillor Doug Vincent	
File Ref	F2018/00097	

Present:

Councillor Doug Vincent, Councillor Louise Greenaway, Doug Darlington, Robert Davies, Graham Hankin, Marlene Pennings, Samantha Willis

External representatives:

Lara Davis – NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, Neil Kelleher – NSW Office of Environment and Heritage

Staff present:

Toan Dam – Senior Coastal Planning Officer, Peter Ham – Unit Manager Waterways and Coastal Protection, Zoie Magann – Advisory Group Support Officer, Nicole McGaharan – Ecologist, Peter Sheath – Section Manager Waterways

Item 1 Apologies

Mayor Jane Smith, Councillor Jilly Pilon, Michael Campbell

Item 2 Disclosure of Interest

No Disclosures were received.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The Advisory Group confirmed the Meeting Record from 19 September 2018.

Item 4 Feedback from Previous Meeting

The Advisory Group appreciated the informative presentations provided by Richard Dewar (WMA Water) and David Tetley (Catchment Simulation Solutions) during the 19 September 2018 meeting. It was noted that the recommendations from that meeting are going to Council on the 12 November 2018.

Item 5 Education and Engagement

Staff provided a brief presentation on education and engagement, and outlined the current programs underway. The Advisory Group noted there are concerns about repercussions for non-compliance with environmental legislation, rather than issues with education.

Action: Nick Carson (Environmental Education Officer) to be invited to the next meeting of the Advisory Group.

Item 6 2018/19 Budget Overview

Staff provided an overview of the 2018/19 budget and projects allocated to Council's Waterways and Coastal Protection Unit. The Advisory Group noted there are concerns about resourcing constraints in this Unit, particularly in the Estuary Management Team.

Action: The Advisory Group requests that discussion of the future 2019/20 budget be addressed at the next meeting.

Item 7 Environmental Grant Opportunities

Staff provided an overview of current projects funded by grant programs, including the Tuggerah Lakes Estuary and Catchment Improvement Project (18 projects in total). Staff also provided details of two grant submissions that were being prepared for foreshore restoration and rehabilitation on the north side of Chittaway Point, and on the eastern lake foreshore from North Long Jetty to Picnic Point.

Item 8 Tuggerah Bay Black Swans, Seagrass, and Black Ooze Environmental Issues

Graham Hankin addressed the group in regards to black swans, seagrass (*Halophila Ovalis*), and black ooze in Tuggerah Lakes.

Action: Graham Hankin and a staff member from Council's Waterways section to liaise with Peter Scanes (OEH) about potential environmental issues relating to black swans, seagrass, and black ooze in Tuggerah Lakes, and report back to the Advisory Group after that meeting takes place.

Item 9 Gross Pollutant Traps (GPTs) Update

Staff provided an update on Gross Pollutant Traps (GPTs), including the number of GPTs in the Tuggerah Lakes area, how much and what kind of waste is removed, 2018/19 GPT projects, and inspection/servicing processes.

Item 10 Wrack Update

Item deferred to a future meeting.

Item 11 Catchments to Coast Concept

The Advisory Group briefly discussed the Catchments to Coast concept, and noted the impact that catchments have on waterways and coasts.

Item 12 Nutrient Runoff

The Advisory Group briefly discussed the issue of nutrient runoff, and noted concerns about degradation of Porter's Creek Wetland.

Action: The Advisory Group requests that staff report on the Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy and management of coastal wetlands with a focus on Porter's Creek at the next meeting.

Item 13 Update on Hereford Road, Berkeley Vale

Staff advised the Advisory Group that there are currently no plans to seal Hereford Street in Berkeley Vale.

Item 14 General Business and Close

Staff provided a presentation on dredging at The Entrance. The Advisory Group noted that the recent storms haven't impacted the channel.

The Advisory Group discussed the next meeting date with regards to Christmas, and resolved to still meet in December.

Action: Advisory Group Support Officer to send out proposed meeting dates for 2019 to Advisory Group members.

The meeting closed at 6.10pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 19 December 2018
2pm – 4pm
Central Coast Council Wyong Office
Level 2 Committee Room