AMENDED ITEM

Item No:	3.8
Title:	Appointments to the Water Management Advisory Committee
Department:	Water and Sewer
11 November 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting	



Trim Reference:F2019/01200 - D13681152Executive:Daniel Kemp, Acting Director Water and Sewer

Report Purpose

To recommend Council determine the Councillor and community representative positions on the Central Coast Water Management Advisory Committee.

Recommendation

- **1** That Council determine the Councillor representatives on the Central Coast Water Management Advisory Committee.
- 2 That Council endorse the recommendation included in the confidential attachment that is Attachment 2 to this report titled "Water Management Advisory Committee – Full EOI Applications and Convenor Recommendation".
- 3 That Council resolve, pursuant to s10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, that Attachment 2 to this report remain confidential as it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors), and because consideration of the matter in open Council would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest as it may compromise the personal information of Central Coast community members.

Context

At its Ordinary Meeting on 11 June 2019, Council resolved to establish a Central Coast Water Management Advisory Committee (CCWMAC) in accordance with the below resolution in part.

539/19 That Council establish a Central Coast Water Management Advisory Committee (CCWMAC)

- 540/19 The Advisory Committee will be responsible for providing advice and feedback to Council on the management of the water supply and related matters including, but not limited to:
 - *i.* promoting the efficient delivery of the water supply, sewerage and drainage services for the long-term interests of consumers with respect to price, quality, safety, reliability and security of supply.
 - *ii. maximising water conservation, demand management and the use of recycled water.*
 - *iii.* total catchment management and consideration of the entire water cycle.
 - iv. community education on the sustainable use of water.
 - v. implementation of Water Sharing Plans relevant to the Central Coast.
 - vi. development of the Integrated Water Management Plan with a long-term focus.
- 541/19 Membership of the Committee is to comprise the Mayor, nominated Councillors, the CEO and committee members with knowledge, skills and / or experience that can contribute to the functions and deliberations of the committee including social, economic and environmental considerations.
- 542/19 That the Chief Executive Officer work with interested Councillors to develop a Terms of Reference and an Expression of Interest Process for the Water Management Advisory Committee.

In accordance with Resolution 542/19, Councillors were invited to provide feedback on the draft Terms of Reference and Expression of Interest process via the 9 August 2019 Councillor Support Update. No feedback was received from Councillors and the Expression of Interest process proceeded as usual, with advertising for the community representative positions occurring as follows:

- Council's Website (EOI page): 9 September 2019
- Council e-news: 17 September and 24 September 2019
- Twitter posts: 9 September, 18 September and 26 September 2019
- Facebook posts: 9 September, 18 September and 26 September 2019
- Instagram post: 16 September 2019
- Coast Community News: 19 September 2019
- Wyong Regional Chronicle: 11 September 2019
- Express Advocate: 12 September 2019
- Peninsula News: 16 September 2019

The Expression of Interest period closed on Sunday 29 September 2019 and a total of seven (7) applications were received. One of these applications was received the day after the closing date, however, is still included for Council's consideration.

All applications were made available to Councillors via the Councillor Hub on 3 October 2019, with a notice featuring in the Councillor Support Update on 4 October 2019. The applications are also included in the confidential attachment that is Attachment 2 to this report.

Councillors were also invited to attend a review session with the Director Water and Sewer on Friday 10 October 2019 to discuss the applications received. During the review session it was decided to undertake some additional targeted notification of the Committee to broaden the skill set available on the Committee. A further two applications were received following this process, increasing the total number of applications for consideration to nine.

All applications received have been reviewed by the Staff Convenor, who considered each submission on its merit against the draft Terms of Reference for the Committee. The draft Terms of Reference for the CCWMAC has also been included in this report at Attachment 1. The recommendations of the Staff Convenor are noted in the confidential attachment that is Attachment 2 to this report.

Attachment 3 to this report includes any Declaration of Interest made by the applicant and their responses to the selection criteria. Each applicant's personal details and signature have been removed to protect their personal information.

Link to Community Strategic Plan

Theme 4: Responsible

Goal G: Good governance and great partnerships

R-G3: Engage with the community in meaningful dialogue and demonstrate how community participation is being used to inform decisions.

Attachments

- 1 Draft Terms of Reference Water Management Advisory Committee D13617330
- 2 Water Management Committee Full EOI Applications with Evaluations D13681281 and Member Recommendations -
- **3** Water Management Advisory Committee Reduced EOI Applications D13681282

1. Role

Central Coast Council (Council) has an adopted Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Plan that will shape all activities and projects over the next four years. Council's Advisory Groups are an important mechanism for consultation, advice and feedback to Council staff on implementation and review of the Community Strategic Plan.

The role of the Central Coast Water Management Committee (the Advisory Group) is to provide high level advice to Council on integrated water management, with the objective of ensuring ongoing water security for the Central Coast in line with social, economic and environmental considerations.

2. Responsibilities

The Advisory Group is responsible for providing advice and feedback to Council on:

- Promoting the efficient planning and delivery of regional water supply resources, within an integrated water cycle management framework. This will consider the long-term interests of consumers with respect to price, quality, safety, reliability and security of supply.
- Maximising efficient levels of water conservation, demand management and the use of alternate water sources (eg. recycled water, stormwater harvesting and groundwater).
- Total catchment management and consideration of the entire water cycle.
- Community education on the sustainable use of water.
- Implementation of Water Sharing Plans relevant to the Central Coast.
- Development of the Integrated Water Management Plan with a long term focus.
- Drought Management Planning

3. Membership, Voting and Quorum.

Membership

- Central Coast Council Mayor (voting member)
- No less than one Councillor appointed for the term of Council (voting members)
- Up to six community representatives (voting members)
- Central Coast Council Chief Executive Officer (voting member)
- Additional representation from relevant agencies (non-voting)

Community representatives will be selected based on their knowledge, skills and/or experience with integrated water management, as well as their ability to demonstrate a connection to social, economic and environmental considerations as they relate to water management principles.

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Community representatives shall be appointed by resolution of Council following an open advertisement for nominations. Nominations are to be in writing and will be circulated in full to Councillors for evaluation and consideration. The Advisory Group is not involved in the evaluation or selection process, this is a matter for Council. Membership can be withdrawn by resolution of Council.

The staff holding the following Central Coast Council positions may attend the Advisory Group meetings:

- Director Water and Sewer
- Section Manager Water Services and Design
- Senior Engineer Water Resource Planning
- Any other Council Staff as determined by the Chief Executive Officer

Council officers will provide professional advice and administrative support. Employees of the Council are not subject to the direction of the Advisory Group or any members of it. Staff attendance is at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.

Non-staff members appointed to the Advisory Group are appointed for the remainder of the current Council term, although membership can be altered at any time by a resolution of Council.

If a member misses three consecutive meetings without apology, their membership may be withdrawn and their position deemed vacant.

Casual Vacancy

A casual vacancy is caused by the resignation or death of a member or the withdrawal of membership. To fill a casual vacancy:

- The Advisory Group staff contact will report the vacancy to the Advisory Group and then to the next available Council meeting.
- If the member was nominated as a representative of an organisation, it will be recommended that the organisation be invited to nominate a replacement member.
- If the member was nominated as an individual, the original expressions of interest will be reviewed to identify an appropriate replacement member.
- Where there are no appropriate alternate nominations, expressions of interest will be called for to replace the member.
- Where the vacancy occurs within nine months of the end of the term of the Advisory Group the vacancy will not be filled.

Chairperson

The Chairperson is a Councillor. The Chairperson is to have precedence at the meeting and shall determine the order of proceedings, generally as set out in the agenda.

Where the Mayor is appointed to be a delegate to an Advisory Group it is not necessary that the Mayor be the Chairperson.

Convenor

A Central Coast Council staff position shall be nominated as convenor by the Chief Executive Officer. They will be a staff member responsible for coordinating the preparation of agendas, invitations and minutes (meeting records).

The Section Manager Water Services and Design shall be the convenor of the Water Management Advisory Committee.

Voting

No formal voting rules apply.

As the Advisory Group has an advisory role, its recommendations are to be made by consensus. Where consensus cannot be reached, a vote may be taken at the request of the Chairperson. The vote will be carried by a majority of voting members. The meeting record would reflect this process.

Council is the decision making body and the Advisory Group provides recommendations for consideration.

The Advisory Group may agree to allow participation in meetings through conference calls and other technology. As no formal voting rules apply, there is no proxy voting.

Quorum

The Quorum for a meeting is half the Advisory Group voting membership plus one and must include at least one Councillor.

However the Chairperson shall use their discretion to determine if a meeting should be postponed due to insufficient members being able to attend.

4. Meetings

- Meetings are held quarterly.
- The Chairperson has the authority to call additional meetings.
- The agenda and meeting papers will be distributed to members at least three days prior to the meeting.
- Meetings will be recorded by the taking of minutes (meeting record) the minutes will document agreed outcomes and will not record discussions.

5. Communications and reporting

The agendas and meeting records of the Advisory Group will be stored as a permanent record of Council. All agendas and meeting records will be published on Council's website.

Where the Advisory Group recommends an action that is outside the delegation of staff to determine, a report will be provided to Council.

Staff will prepare the report that recommends that Council note the meeting record of the Advisory Group. Reporting of Advisory Group recommendations to Council will be reported as Committee Recommendations without change. Staff will also provide professional commentary on the Group's recommendation and provide a staff recommendation which may or may not align to that of the Group. Council may then, at its discretion, resolve to adopt some or all of the Advisory Group's recommendations.

Where the Advisory Group has not recommended an action, the meeting record will be reported to Council as an Information Report only.

6. Conduct

Code of Conduct training will be provided to all Advisory Group members, and must be completed prior to attending a meeting of the Advisory Group. Each member of the Advisory Group will be provided with Council's adopted Code of Conduct. The conduct of members is expected to be consistent with the principles outlined in the Code of Conduct.

For the avoidance of doubt, members of the Advisory Group are not permitted to speak to the media or make representations on social media on behalf of the Advisory Group or Council unless approved by Council.

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Please list any clubs, organisations, interest groups or committees that you are a member of, or have affiliations with in the Central Coast Local Government Area:

Name/Details: Nil

Name/Details:

Name/Details:

Do you have any contracts (actual or potential) or other business with Council that might create a conflict of interest between your duties as a member of this Committee and your private interests?

No () Yes (if yes, please detail below)

Please provide a statement addressing each of the following criteria explaining clearly under each heading how your qualifications or experience meet it and giving examples of current/past work/volunteer experience that satisfies the criteria:

1. Why are you interested in becoming a community stakeholder member of the Water Management Committee?

With a career of 30+ years with the water industry within the public (NSW Public Works) and local government (Wyong and CC Council) domain in a management role (UNSW Degree in Civil Eng) I see this as an opportunity to help all parties (community/CCC) work towards a common understanding of the immediate risks and challenges (and solutions) that we face with rainfall and run-off deficits associated with a changing climate and development/industry pressures and how we can mitigate those risks together through the development of sustainable water management practices/solutions and decision making processes in a collaboratively manner to ensure a sustainable future for our children and their children – essentially this would allow me to put something back into the community that I live in especially in a field that I am passionate about.



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2. Relevant skills and/or experience relating to water management principles including water supply and conservation, sewerage, drainage, and community education on the sustainable use of water (attach additional page if required).

My 30+ years working within the water industry has been within the Central Coast region. Specifically,

1. I was a member of the former Gosford/Wyong Joint Water Supply Committee (JWSC) from 1990 onwards being involved in the development and implementation of water management strategies and policies associated with Y2K threats and the millennium drought. This included reclaimed water, ground water, water leakage, rain water harvesting and improved catchment management and operational strategies,

2. Over this time I was part of the Water and Sewer System management team responsible for the provision of water and sewerage services to the community including the implementation and monitoring of strategies and projects approved by the JWSC. This included the identification of further works/project opportunities to better manage water usage and losses. This role involved my interaction with community and communications groups and Councillors'.

3. Over this time I worked with Council's communications group on the community education strategies and printed literature. This also required attendance at some of the "pop-up" stalls together with being the "contact person" for phone calls, face-to-face contact + letter writer for the level community questions and letters for most water and sewer matters including those associated with the drought matters.

3. Describe your connection to social, economic, and/or environmental considerations as they relate to water management principles.

Council's water and sewerage operations are regulated in part by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment IPART in line with best practice and triple bottom line frame works (social, environmental and financial) together with Council's Strategic and Operational Plans.

My connection with these in a W&S management role can be summarised below;

1.) Social - the rate payers of Council are our customers. My responsibility was to ensure that the community was provided "plain English" communications regarding all projects from simple advice on water saving tips through the rates notices or news-print stories or phone calls or more extensive media coverage for larger projects that may affect them to ensure that the community had the facts before the work started or for unplanned work regular updates on progress,

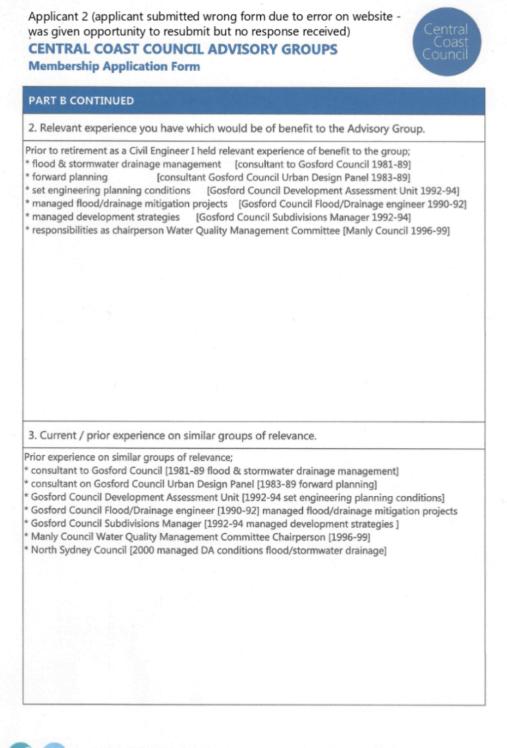
 Economic - Council water and sewer services are regulated and as such these services are required to meet or beat the market to ensure cost effectiveness and sustainability. My responsibility was to ensure that any (water management) project had a business case and be proven to be cost effective and sustainable in regards to what is deemed affordable by the community (source of funds?)
 Environmental - again regulated by NSW Environmental Protection Agency (environmental) and NSW Planning for river and ground water extractions. My role was to ensure that Council's W&S operations complied with these requirements.



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Central Coast Leagues Club member Name/Details:
West Gosford RSL member Name/Details:
Ettalong Diggers member Name/Details:
Do you have any contracts (actual or potential) or other business with Council that might create a conflict of interest between your duties as a member of this Committee and your private interests?
No Ves (if yes, please detail below)
Please provide a statement addressing each of the following criteria explaining clearly under each heading how your qualifications or experience meet it and giving examples of current/past work/volunteer experience that satisfies the criteria:
1. Why are you interested in becoming a community stakeholder member of the Advisor Group?
I'm interested in becoming a community stakeholder in order to ensure that community expectations, perceptions and priorities are given fair consideration in reporting recommendations about future water management strategies to Council.
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No () Yes (if yes, please detail below)

Please provide a statement addressing each of the following criteria explaining clearly under each heading how your qualifications or experience meet it and giving examples of current/past work/volunteer experience that satisfies the criteria:

1. Why are you interested in becoming a community stakeholder member of the Water Management Committee?

I have a strong interest in Water Management, supported by 40 years experience across various NSW Water Utilities.

My local experience spans 25 years with both Gosford and Wyong Councils Water Businesses in senior roles. My retirement now allows me the time required to further leverage my interest and experience as a community stakeholder.



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2. Relevant skills and/or experience relating to water management principles including water supply and conservation, sewerage, drainage, and community education on the sustainable use of water (attach additional page if required).

I have in excess of 40 years experience in Water Management across various Water Utilities across the State of NSW, including 25 years combined experience with the former Gosford and Wyong Councils.

Areas of particular relevance to the Advisory Committee include computer modeling of the Central Coast water networks, including the modeling of the catchment and storages for drought security and system sustainability. Experience was also gained in the development and implementation of drought response plans for the Central Coast Water Supplies during the previous drought.

My experience has also involved input into the design, construction, maintenance and operation of the combined Water and Sewerage assets across the Central Coast in senior roles across both of the former Gosford and Wyong Councils.

3. Describe your connection to social, economic, and/or environmental considerations as they relate to water management principles.

My water management principles are based on the provision of a secure, environmentally sustainable and safe water supply that meets the needs of the community, at least long term cost.

A water supply system meeting the above principles needs to have best practice inputs into the planning, design, implementation and maintenance functions. Customers deserve a water supply which meets their needs in terms of quantity, supply pressure, quality, reliability and cost, with least environmental impacts.



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Please list any clubs, organisations, interest groups or committees that you are a member of, or have affiliations with in the Central Coast Local Government Area:

National Parks Association NSW- Central Coast Branch Secretary

Name/Details:

Name/Details:

Name/Details:

Do you have any contracts (actual or potential) or other business with Council that might create a conflict of interest between your duties as a member of this Committee and your private interests?

No Yes (if yes, please detail below)

Please provide a statement addressing each of the following criteria explaining clearly under each heading how your qualifications or experience meet it and giving examples of current/past work/volunteer experience that satisfies the criteria:

1. Why are you interested in becoming a community stakeholder member of the Water Management Committee?

The water and sewer industry, primarily serving the Central Coast community, has been my career and passion for over 30 years. The opportunity to re-engage with the industry, particularly with strategic water resources and potentially drought management on the Central Coast, is therefore very appealing.



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2. Relevant skills and/or experience relating to water management principles including water supply and conservation, sewerage, drainage, and community education on the sustainable use of water (attach additional page if required).

I have over 30 years ' experience in the water and sewer industry primarily at Gosford Council as a Water and Sewer Manager.

During my career the focus evolved from building new infrastructure for a growing Central Coast to managing resources more efficiently with a focus on customer service, community education, environmental protection, sustainable water and energy use, safety and financial compliance resulting in more robust business case development in a highly regulated industry.

For 13 years I was a member of the Gosford-Wyong Council 's Technical Advisory Group (TAG) providing technical advice and recommendations to the Gosford-Wyong Joint Water Supply Board.

Major features of my work experience at a senior level was the management of the millennium drought and the planning / delivery of major capital works to address aging infrastructure.

3. Describe your connection to social, economic, and/or environmental considerations as they relate to water management principles.

Working as a Water and Sewer Manager for Gosford Council provided me the perspective of the ' Water Business Owner '' covering major aspects of strategic development, planning, project business case development, project delivery, regulatory compliance including environment and financial, significant community engagement and drought management.

Major projects such as the provision of sewerage services to remote communities required significant community engagement as these communities were paying substantial contributions for a non-traditional service. The activities included community surveys, community meetings, open days etc. Also matters such as social equity, sensitive environmental management, liaising with external government bodies were integral to the projects.

As a member of the Technical Advisory Group there were briefings and recommendations to the Gosford-Wyong Joint Water Supply Board for joint water headwork matters including drought management.

The years of drought management involved many public meetings on both educating the community on the water supply scheme and water conservation measures plus feedback on drought management proposals such a new groundwater schemes, water recycling, desalination, water saving initiatives such as rainwater tanks, water efficient fittings and demand management programs. Again, there were community meetings, media releases, community surveys, speaking at local groups/clubs, public displays etc.



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2. Relevant skills and/or experience relating to water management principles including water supply and conservation, sewerage, drainage, and community education on the sustainable use of water (attach additional page if required). Efficient use of irrigation systems and scheduling . The use of smart irrigation controllers for weather based scheduling · Water harvesting for sports fields and monitoring of water quality, storage volumes and processing pumps and equipment - Current and active member of the Irrigation Association of Australia including the Sydney Regional Committee and advisory board to Sydney Water 20+ years in the industry 3. Describe your connection to social, economic, and/or environmental considerations as they relate to water management principles. - As above, I am active in my membership through the Irrigation Association of Australia and the Sydney Regional Committee. - Currently empoyed as Business Development Manager for Watermatic Irrigation in Hornsby. A position held for 10 years.



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I am a past employee of both the Central Coast Council's predecessors and have also provided

consultancy services to these two organisations and a number of other local government authorities. I have in various roles contributed to:

- Development of strategies for delivering water and sewerage services

- Planning of service delivery, including formulation of demand and supply management strategies

- Management of performance

- Drafting of water management policies and management plans

- Financial planning

- Delivery of water and sewerage services
- Development and delivery of short and long term asset management plans

- Consulting with stakeholders

- Advisory groups as a participant and technical adviser

- Preparation of submissions to IPART on water, sewerage and drainage performance and service pricing

- Development of key performance indicators

- Implementation of continuous improvement and organisational development programs

- HACCP assessment of water system operations including risk assessments.

3. Describe your connection to social, economic, and/or environmental considerations as they relate to water management principles.

I do not understand you question.

What do you mean by "Describe your connection ". Plus the statement seems to suggest by the use of "or" that the environmental is an alternative to the other considerations. Possibly mutually exclusive ? My thoughts on the impact of social, economic, environmental factors on water management are as follows:

- By environment I mean Environment in the holistic sense, it encompasses the social, economic physical and political world that we exist in. It determine the world that we and all natural things interact in and the includes the future generations.

 I consider that water management in just one of the factors that will impact our communities' Environment.

- I consider that the management of water will have significant impacts on the Environment now and in the future. The challenge for water managers is to manage water in a changing environment and enhance the Environment where possible whilst minimising risk of harm to the Environment.



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Relevant skills and/or experience relating to water management principles including water supply and conservation, sewerage, drainage, and community education on the sustainable use of water (attach additional page if required).

I have relevant skills in public police formulation, technical skills and understanding of drainage and scourage, potable water management and water conservation systems as a guilified builder and professional in the construction industry. This includes civil and environmental works. I am a former members of the National Master Buibler's Associations reference group on sustainable housing . Thave been active and instrumental in the wider conservation morement since 1982. 3. Describe your connection to social, economic, and/or environmental considerations as they relate to water management principles. I obviously come principally from an environmental perspective as a founding member in the environment and conservation morement. Mowever, I have good knowledge of the economic factors around water - e.g. the economic value of environmental services - and our able to apply these locally. This means that water, and especially clean and potable water is a resource but also has important social and environmental value which are equally important.

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Please list any clubs, organisations, interest groups or committees that you are a member of, or have affiliations with in the Central Coast Local Government Area:

Name/Details: Narara-Wyoming Junior Cricket Club - Life Member

Name/Details: Lions Baseball Club - former player

Name/Details:

Do you have any contracts (actual or potential) or other business with Council that might create a conflict of interest between your duties as a member of this Committee and your private interests?

My son is a Treatment Plant Operator at Somersby Water Treatment Plant

Please provide a statement addressing each of the following criteria explaining clearly under each heading how your qualifications or experience meet it and giving examples of current/past work/volunteer experience that satisfies the criteria:

1. Why are you interested in becoming a community stakeholder member of the Water Management Committee?

I believe my previous experience in the water industry and my lifetime experience living on the Central Coast has me well qualified to make a valuable contribution to the Water Management Committee to ensure ongoing water security for the Central Coast.



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2. Relevant skills and/or experience relating to water management principles including water supply and conservation, sewerage, drainage, and community education on the sustainable use of water (attach additional page if required).

In my 20 years as Catchment Management Officer at Wyong Shire and Central Coast Councils I developed a wide range of skills and knowledge and a detailed understanding of how our catchments and riverine ecosystems work along with an excellent knowledge of our water & sewer systems. Examples include:

- Integrated Catchment Management (ICAM) course at Adelaide University
- Associate Diploma in Horticulture & Parks Administration
- Contributed to Development of Rivercare Plans for WSC catchments
- Implementation of streambank rehabilitation recommendations from Rivercare Plans and Tuggerah Lakes Estuary Management Plan including > 500,000 native plants
- Developed and assessed Water Management Plans for industry during drought
- Installed 30 rainwater tanks in schools for education and water conservation
- Member of Groundwater Working Group
- Inducted and trained 60 contractors in use of Chlorinated Reclaimed Water
- Conducted catchment tours for schools and community groups
- Visited community groups for presentations on catchment and drought management
- Assisted University PHD students with studies on Platypus, Fish and Frogs
- Assisted in implementation of water extraction operational procedures to align with Water Sharing Plan rules

3. Describe your connection to social, economic, and/or environmental considerations as they relate to water management principles.

I have a detailed understanding of the Central Coast Water Sharing Plans which are the NSW Government's overriding water management strategies based on Environmental, Social and Economic considerations.

These plans specify quantities and qualities of water needed for the environment, livestock and domestic use, town water supply, irrigation for industry, and also consider the economic cost of meeting those needs.

I also have extensive relationships and goodwill with the landholders in our catchments and a detailed understanding of their farming operations and water needs.



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Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre Name/Details:

Community Environment Network

Name/Details:

Do you have any contracts (actual or potential) or other business with Council that might create a conflict of interest between your duties as a member of this Committee and your private interests?

Yes (if yes, please detail below)

Please provide a statement addressing each of the following criteria explaining clearly under each heading how your qualifications or experience meet it and giving examples of current/past work/volunteer experience that satisfies the criteria:

1. Why are you interested in becoming a community stakeholder member of the Water Management Committee?

Long term experience and interest in water issues, both from a utility point of view and an environmental viewpoint.



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CV attached

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In many positions, I have worked professionally on the sustainable use and management of water. I have spoken at many conferences on economic, social and environmental management of water. I have been involved with input in NSW Water Management Act, Commonwealth Water Act, Catchment Management and various NRM policies as they relate to water.



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