

# Coastal Open Space (COSS) Committee Meeting Record 23 May 2018



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Location:	Wyong Administration Building Committee Room 2 Hely Street, Wyong
Date:	23 May 2018
Time	Started at: 4.03pm Closed at: 5.45 pm
Chair	Mayor Jane Smith
File Ref	F2018/00099

## Present

Mayor Jane Smith, Councillor Holstein, Councillor Greenaway, Councillor Sundstrom, Mr John Andrews, Mr David Holland, Ms Deb Holloman, Mr Paul Links and Ms Barbara Wills.

Also present were: Ms Shane Sullivan, A/Executive Manager Governance (arrived 4.51pm), Mr Luke Sulkowski, Unit Manager, Natural and Environmental Assets, Mr Matt Prendergast, Unit Manager Strategic Planning, Mr Scott Duncan, Section Manager Land Use and Policy, Mr Larry Melican, Section Manager Emergency Protection Natural Assets, Ms Anumitra Chand, Acting Section Manager Environmental Strategies and Ms Kathy Bragg, Acting Section Manager Governance.

## Item 1 Apologies

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Mr Brian Glendenning, Acting Chief Executive Officer

## Item 2 Disclosure of Interest

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Mayor Smith declared that she was the former President and Board Member of the Community Environment Network (CEN). The CEN was formerly involved in a funding proposal and project for identifying land that may be suitable for acquisition for COSS land.

Councillor Greenaway declared that she was a former Board member of Community Environment Network.

### **Item 3 Coastal Open Space (COSS) Committee Terms of Reference**

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The Advisory Group discussed the draft Terms of Reference.

The Advisory Group recommends to Council that the Terms of Reference be amended as follows:

- The Community membership be amended to six community representatives.
- The meeting frequency be amended to bi-monthly.
- The minutes are a record of agreed outcomes and do not **necessarily** record discussion.

**Action:** The revised draft Terms of Reference, including the Advisory Group's recommendations, be reported to Council as soon as practicable.

The Advisory Group discussed the election of the Chairperson.

**Action:** The Advisory Group recommends to Council that the Mayor be appointed as the Chair of the Coastal Open Space (COSS) Committee.

### **Item 4 History of the Coastal Open Space System**

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Mr Larry Melican, Section Manager Emergency Protection Natural Assets, gave a presentation on the history of COSS.

The Advisory Group discussed funding mechanisms.

**Action:** The motion on E5 zoning submitted by Council to the 2017 LGNSW Annual Conference, the letter received by the Mayor from the Minister for Planning, and the E5 zoning information from the Unit Manger Strategic Planning be distributed to all Advisory Group members.

**Action:** The information provided by Mr David Holland be distributed to all Advisory Group members.

**Action:** The Advisory Group recommends to Council that it writes again to the Minister for Planning reinforcing Council's request, and the resolution from the 2017 LGNSW Annual Conference, for the establishment of an E5 Zone.

**Action:** The Advisory Group recommends to Council that Council provides an explanatory note or Frequently Asked Question as part of the consolidated LEP with regard to the E5 Zone.

**Action:** Appropriate funding mechanisms be discussed at the next meeting of the Advisory Group including:

- Section 94 contributions
- Bio-banking
- Developer agreements
- VPA mechanisms
- Sale of eco-system credits/off-setting
- The former COSS levy
- Clause in the LEP to replace bonus lot provision

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**Item 5                    Action Plan for Next 12 Months**

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**Action:** The COSS Strategy 2010 be provided to all Advisory Group members for consideration in terms of an Action Plan for the next 12 months.

**Action:** An update on the Internal Biodiversity Strategy Working Group be presented to the next meeting of the Advisory Group.

**Action:** The Action Plan for the next 12 months be considered at the next meeting of the Advisory Group.

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**Item 6                    Consideration of Late Application**

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**Action:** The Advisory Group recommends to Council that Mr Douglas Williamson be appointed to the Coastal Open Space (COSS) Committee as a community representative.

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**Item 6                    Confirmation of Next Steps**

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**Action:** That an invitation be extended to the Agency representatives listed in the Terms of Reference inviting them to attend meetings of the Advisory Group on a regular basis.

**Action:** Council staff to provide information at the next meeting on historical and current rate of land acquisitions for COSS land.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm

**Next Meeting:            Wednesday, 25 July 2018**  
**4pm**  
**Gosford Administration Building**