

# Catchments and Coast Committee Brisbane Water and Gosford Lagoons Meeting Record 13 December 2018



Location:	Central Coast Council Gosford Office Level 1 Committee Room 49 Mann Street, Gosford	
Date:	13 December 2018	
Time	Started at: 2.05pm	Closed at: 4.07pm
Chair	Mayor Jane Smith	
File Ref	F2018/00097	

**Present:**

Mayor Jane Smith, Councillor Richard Mehrtens (left 3.56pm), Adrian Williams, Ian Caruthers, Andrew Jones, Michael Kilp, Jenny McCulla (left 3.49pm), Samantha Willis

**External Representatives present:**

Peter Scanes – Office of Environment and Heritage (left 3.17pm)

**Council Staff present:**

Scott Cox – Director Environment and Planning (left 3.46pm), Peter Ham – Unit Manager Waterways and Coastal Protection, Ben Fullagar – Section Manager Coastal Protection, Warren Brown – Waterways and Coastal Management Officer, Zoie Magann – Advisory Group Support Officer

**Item 1 Apologies**

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Councillor Troy Marquart, Michael Alsop, Lara Davis – Office of Environment and Heritage, Neil Kelleher – Office of Environment and Heritage, Peter Sheath – Section Manager Waterways

The Chairperson, Mayor Jane Smith, declared the meeting open at 2.05pm and undertook an Acknowledgement of Country.

**Item 2 Disclosure of Interest**

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No Disclosures were noted.

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### **Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record**

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The Advisory Group noted that Council was successful with being offered funding under the Rescuing Our Waterways program for dredging at the Ettalong channel. It was also noted that Council has committed to matching that funding in the current budget and future budgets.

The Advisory Group confirmed the Meeting Records from 21 June 2018 and 20 September 2018.

The Advisory Group reviewed the Action Log.

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### **Item 4 Presentation from Peter Scanes**

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Peter Scanes from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) provided the Advisory Group with a presentation on catchment and estuary conditions.

**Action:** The Advisory Group requests an update on follow-up actions to address the estuary condition report card for Avoca Lagoon at the next meeting.

**Action:** Staff to circulate appropriate sections of the presentation provided by Peter Scanes to the Advisory Group.

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### **Item 5 Overview of Coastal and Estuary Management Plans**

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Ben Fullagar (Section Manager Coastal Protection) provided a presentation on Council's Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs), including an overview of some of the current key projects arising from these plans.

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### **Item 6 Finances Adopted for 2018/19**

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Ben Fullagar (Section Manager Coastal Protection) provided an overview of 2018/19 projects for the Waterways and Coastal Protection Unit. It was noted there is an interactive map on the [Council Asset Projects](#) section of the Council website, which shows capital works planned for the 2018/19 financial year.

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### **Item 7 Grant Opportunities**

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Ben Fullagar (Section Manager Coastal Protection) provided a presentation on the different grant opportunities available for Waterways and Coastal Protection projects, including the Coastal and Estuary Grants Program (Office of Environment and Heritage) and Stronger Communities.

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### **Item 8 Funding 2019/20**

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The Advisory Group discussed priorities for internal funding for 2019/20 and future budgets. Scott Cox (Director Environment and Planning) provided a brief overview on the status of the Consolidated Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP).

Peter Ham (Unit Manager Waterways and Coastal Protection) provided a brief overview of existing CZMPs and the need to replace these with Coastal Management Programs.

**Action:** Advisory Group members to send through any questions on the projects in the 2019/20 budget to the Advisory Group Support Officer for passing on to staff.

**Action:** Staff to provide Advisory Group members with a list of priority projects identified in the respective CZMP's, which the Group may consider recommending for inclusion in future budgets.

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### **Item 9                      Floodplain Management Plans**

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Peter Ham (Unit Manager Waterways and Coastal Protection) provided an overview of Council's Floodplain Management Plans. The Advisory Group noted the importance of including environmental outcomes and management as part of a response to issues on the floodplains, particularly in terms of how natural systems can be accommodated.

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### **Item 10                     Vision for the Committee**

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Item deferred to a future meeting.

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### **Item 11                     General Business and Close**

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It was noted that Central Coast Council will be hosting the annual NSW Coastal Conference in 2019.

**Action:** Advisory Group Support Officer to send out a reminder with the Meeting Record about Advisory Group members forwarding any questions to staff in preparation for next meeting.

**Action:** The Advisory Group requests that Warren Brown provide his presentation on 'A Short History of Coastal Management at Ettalong and Umina' at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.07pm

**Next Meeting:**            **Thursday 21 March 2018**  
                                  **2pm – 4pm**  
                                  **Central Coast Council Gosford Office**  
                                  **Level 1 Committee Room**