

Coastal Open Space System (COSS) Committee Meeting Record 29 November 2018



Location:	Gosford Administration Building Level 1 Committee Room 49 Mann Street, Gosford	
Date:	29 November 2018	
Time	Started at: 4.00pm	Closed at: 6.05pm
Chair	Mayor Jane Smith	
File Ref	F2018/00099	

Present:

Mayor Jane Smith, Councillor Chris Holstein, Councillor Jeff Sundstrom, John Andrews, David Holland, Deb Holloman, Paul Links, Douglas Williamson, Barbara Wills

External representatives present:

Stephen Atkins – National Parks and Wildlife Services (Hunter Central Coast Branch), David Green – Local Land Services (Greater Sydney)

Staff present:

Luke Sulkowski – Unit Manager Natural and Environmental Assets, Scott Duncan – Section Manager Land Use and Policy, Larry Melican – Section Manager Emergency Protection Natural Assets, Penelope Pinkess – Landcare Officer, Kathy Bragg – Acting Section Manager Governance

Item 1 Apologies

Councillor Louise Greenaway, Peter Draper – Department of Industry Lands and Water, Michael Hill – Forestry Corporation of NSW, Joel Stibbard – Biodiversity Conservation Trust, Dr Anumitra Mirti – Section Manager Environmental Strategies, Sean Cumming – Section Manager Leasing and Property Management, Rochelle Lawson – Senior Ecologist

Item 2 Disclosures of Interest

Mayor Smith previously declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest as a former Chief Executive Officer of the Community Environment Network (CEN). CEN is delivering a project that works with COSS landholders, Council and other stakeholders to deliver on ground rehabilitation works.

Mayor Smith previously declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest as a teacher with the Department of Education (DoE). DoE schools have been working on projects related to COSS.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The Advisory Group confirmed the Meeting Record from 26 September 2018.

The Advisory Group reviewed the Action Log.

Item 4 Landcare Programs

Staff from the Natural and Environmental Assets team provided a presentation on Landcare programs.

Item 5 Update from External Representatives

Steve Atkins from National Parks and Wildlife Services (Hunter Central Coast Branch) provided an update to the Advisory Group on their area of work.

David Green from Local Land Services (Greater Sydney) provided an update to the Advisory Group on their area of work.

Action: David Green to provide the Advisory Group with a fact sheet on the use of Pindone for the control of feral rabbits.

Item 6 Biodiversity Corridor Mapping

Staff from the Natural and Environmental Assets team provided a presentation on the Wildlife Corridor Mapping Project.

Action: Section Manager Environmental Assets to provide the Advisory Group with an update on the Urban Forest Strategy at a future meeting.

Action: Unit Manager Natural and Environmental Assets to liaise with the Roads area of Council in regards to wildlife corridors and report back to the Advisory Group.

Item 7 Encroachment Management Policy

Staff from the Natural and Environmental Assets team provided a presentation on the Natural Area Encroachment Policy.

A draft Policy is likely to come before Council in 2019 and should consider education and engagement as well as enforcement. Liaison with other stakeholders such as National Parks and Wildlife will also be undertaken.

Item 9 Former Gosford COSS Strategy and Consolidated LEP

Scott Duncan (Section Manager Land Use and Policy) provided a presentation on the consolidated Central Coast Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP).

The presentation included some suggestion of a mechanism that could be included as an incentive for biodiversity outcomes as part of a separate Planning Proposal. In recognition of this, consideration should be given to the timing of the Biodiversity Strategy in relation to the Consolidated LEP.

The Advisory Group noted its concerns about the continued failure of the NSW Department of Planning to deliver an E5 Zone as originally agreed to.

Action: The latest correspondence from the NSW Department of Planning regarding the E5 Zone to be provided to the Advisory Group.

Action: An update on this matter to be provided at the next Coastal Open Space System (COSS) Committee meeting in January 2019.

Item 10 Promotion of COSS

The Advisory Group discussed the promotion of COSS lands.

Action: A presentation to be provided at a future meeting on opportunities to promote COSS initiatives. Advisory Group members to provide the Advisory Group Support Officers with any ideas they may have on this issue.

Item 11 General Business and Close

The Unit Manager Natural and Environmental Assets gave the Advisory Group a verbal update on the acquisition of land for conservation.

Barbara Wills raised a proposed subdivision at Macmasters Beach that related to COSS land.

Action: The Mayor will submit a Councillor Request regarding the status of this proposal.

The meeting closed at 6.05pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 30 January 2019
4pm – 6pm
Central Coast Council Wyong Office
Level 2 Committee Room