

Minutes



Water Management Advisory Committee

Date: 23 March 2022

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Location: Nexus Building Wyong

Chairperson: Jamie Loader, Director Water and Sewer

Coordinator: Luke Drury, Section Manager Assets and Planning

Attendance

Members:

John Asquith
Ken Brookes
Daryl Mann
Pam McCann
Mick Redrup

Status:

Apology
Present
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Staff:

Jamie Loader, Director Water and Sewer	Present
Danielle Hargreaves, Unit Manager Headworks and Treatment	Present
Luke Drury, Section Manager Assets and Planning	Present
Satpal Singh, Senior Engineer Water Resource Planning	Present
Rachel Callachor, Meeting Support Officer	Present
Kelly Drover, Meeting Support Officer	Present

1 Introduction

2.04pm

The Coordinator welcomed the group and completed an Acknowledgement of Country.

Apologies received were noted.

The Coordinator called for any disclosures of interest. No disclosures were received.

2 Previous business

2.04pm

The group confirmed the minutes from the previous meeting as noted below, which were distributed to members via email and uploaded to Council's website:

[Water Management Committee meeting held 15 December 2021](#)

The action log was reviewed with updates recorded (see page 15).

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- Questions were asked regarding the status of the Glenola Farm site. Staff confirmed that the Glenola Farm remains in Council ownership and ongoing management plans have secured a tenant that will compliment the preferred land use and provide a revenue stream for ongoing upkeep of the property. It was noted that the property remains on the relevant land registers noting its strategic value.

3 Water supply system status report (standing item)

2.05pm

Satpal Singh (Senior Engineer Water Resource Planning) provided the group with a Water Supply System Update presentation including the following key topics:

- Dam Storage levels as at 22/03/2021
- Rainfall statistics
- River Extractions
- Status of important assets
- Hunter Water storage and transfers
- Water demands
- Climate driver update
- Rainfall outlook April – May 2022
- Max temperature outlook April to May 2022
- Min temperature outlook April to May 2022
- Forecast for Ourimbah Creek streamflow March to May 2022
- Department of Primary Industry combined drought indicator NSW and Central Coast December 2022

4 Water resilience works projects (standing item)

2.33pm

Luke Drury (Section Manager Assets and Planning) provided the group with an update on Water resilience works projects presentation including the following key topics:

- Mardi Water Treatment Plant
- Mooney Dam WPS
- Leak Detection
- Drought Response Desalination Management
- Recycled Water Review and Refurb

Further discussion regarding Leak Detection, including information that the suburb of Wyoming remains a targeted area with Gwandalan, Summerland Point and Gorokan mostly detecting leaks beyond the customer meters. It was noted this work ties into water main asset management and repairs, with funding sought in Council's recent IPART submission for ongoing leak detection and

rectification.

Noted that Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) are now more involved in water conservation efforts and initiatives, such as leak introduction programs.

- Central Coast Council may be selected to participate in pilot program for leakage reduction.
- Other initiatives include a 'Washing Machine Replacement Program' which is being piloted on State Government Housing Stock including Department of Housing sites. Council will assist with provision of water meter data.

5 Update on environment protection licence breaches (standing item)

2:47pm

Danielle Hargreaves (Unit Manager Headworks and Treatment) provided the group with an update on environment protection licence breaches.

Danielle ran through the briefing note that was circulated to Committee members including the following key topics:

- Bateau Bay & Northern Treatment Plants – update following review by Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).
- EPL 1802 – Kincumber System
 - o Kincumber STP
 - o Woy Woy STP
- EPL 1942 – Bateau Bay System
 - o Bateau Bay STP
- PL 2647 – Toukley System
 - o Charmhaven STP
 - o Gwandalan STP
 - o Mannering Park STP
 - o Toukley STP
 - o Wyong South STP
- All three EPLs were reviewed by CCC and EPA in 2021. A number of changes to monitoring points and pollutant concentration limits were incorporated into the updated EPLs issued by EPA. The daily flow limit to the Norah Head outfall for EPL 2647 was increased from 40,000 kL to 60,000 kL.

Full details relating to each EPL held by CCC can be found at the Council website via the following link (<https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/environment/environmental-programs/environmental-management>)

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- Results

Annual returns have been submitted to EPA for EPL 2647 and EPL 1942 since the previous update provided to the Water Management Advisory Committee in September 2021. The Annual Returns were submitted in February 2022.

- Two instances of non-compliance with licence conditions were reported for EPL 1942
- Four instances of non-compliance with licence conditions were reported for EPL 2647
- Pollution Reduction Studies 5 and 11, and Pollution Reduction Programs 6, 7, 12 and 13 have been included in EPL 2647 modified by EPA on 19 October 2021 to improve management of stormwater inundation during extreme wet weather events, and to manage increased inflows to the STP network due to regional growth.
- Sample dispatch procedures have been reviewed and updated and staff briefed to ensure that samples are correctly addressed before dispatched by the courier.
- Review and modification of the sampling and monitoring program was implemented to ensure compliance with the condition in 2022.

6 Update on IPART draft determination

3.00pm

Jamie Loader (Director Water and Sewer) provided the group with an update on the IPART draft determination, with a presentation including the following key topics:

- Draft IPART determination was received last week, Council preparing response, as part of the IPART process, to the key IPART draft decisions – Bills and pricing
- Focus on Performance and Accountability
- Council's focus on community accountability
- How the revenue will be spent - Water and Sewer – Key Capital Investments / Key Operational Investments
- Next steps - IPART's review timeline - Public hearing, 5 April 2022 - Lead by IPART in terms of responding to their draft decisions.
- IPART is encouraging members of the community to get involved
 - Have their say
 - Complete IPART's survey
 - Attend the public enquiry

Overview of the KBR report that was considered by Council at the February 2022 Ordinary Council meeting. Council resolved to explore all options in further detail and will also establish a Working Group.

7 General business

3.36pm

Review of advisory groups discussed by the Chairperson, who considers this group an effective Committee, values their contributions, and will keep the committee informed of any information regarding these aspects.

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Thanks and appreciation given to Kelly Drover and Zoie Magann, who are moving to other employment, for their work and support in the Advisory Group space during their time at Council.

Close

Next meeting: TBC - June 2022
Nexus Boardroom, Wyong

Meeting closed at 3.38pm

Minutes finalised and endorsed 5 April 2022.

Jamie Loader, Director Water and Sewer

Luke Drury, Section Manager Assets and Planning
Coordinator

Action Log

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Action Number	Meeting Date	Action	Responsible Party	Action Update	Status
24	27/5/20	Staff to provide a table as a Standing Agenda Item, as presented in the Briefing Note on Water Resilience Works that lists each project and provides a brief status at each Water Management Committee Meeting.	Water and Sewer staff	Update provided at 23 March 2022 meeting.	Complete
35	12/8/20	Staff to provide ongoing annual summaries to the Advisory Group of any breaches of Environment Protection Licence's after the relevant annual returns are submitted as well as an update on any major incidents in the network should they occur.	Water and Sewer staff	Update provided at 23 March 2022 meeting.	Complete
44	22/9/21	Staff to discuss the matter of privatisation/amalgamation with Hunter Water and provide an update to the Committee at a future meeting.	Water and Sewer Staff	Update provided at 15 December 2021 meeting.	Complete
45	22/9/21	A summary of the new assessment methodology for Mangrove Spillway to be circulated to Committee Members.	Section Manager Assets and Planning	Briefing note circulated with agenda for 15 December 2021 meeting.	Complete