

**PRESENT**

**Members:**

Councillor Lisa Intemann  
Councillor Adam Roberts  
Matt Rogers  
Tim Molloy  
Gordon Cameron  
Adrian Button  
Alan MacIntyre  
Alison Kennedy  
Bob Jolly  
Laurie Lardner  
Kingsley Searle  
Patrick McEntee  
Steve Atkins  
John Schmidt

**Other Attendees:**

Jason Edwards  
Jesse Dick  
Five Public Observers

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The meeting opened at 3.01pm.

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**01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

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**02 APOLOGIES**

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**CONSENSUS:**

That the apologies received from Paul Hyde, Tony Troup, Tina Clemens, Thor Aaso and Dan Croft be noted.

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**03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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The attendance register to be updated for the Agenda for the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014 including the following amendments:

- Jack Jones to be removed
- Eric Claussen to be removed
- Steve Atkins to be listed as the representative for National Parks & Wildlife Service. Steve Atkins to nominate alternative.

**CONSENSUS:**

That the Minutes of the Hastings LGA Coast & Estuaries Sub-Committee Meeting held on 28 May 2014 be confirmed.

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**04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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There were no disclosures of interest presented.

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**05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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Item 08 Local Land Services Contact. Matt Rogers advised that it is not normal practice for Local Land Services to attend subcommittee meetings. Approach to be made following return to work of local officer.

**CONSENSUS:**

That the current status for items listed in the Business Arising schedule be noted.

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**06 LAKE CATHIE HAZARD STUDY REVIEW**

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The Committee discussed the report.

The Committee was advised that the Lake Cathie Coastal Zone Management Plan is currently with the Minister for approval. Comment from Minister is expected by the end of 2014.

**CONSENSUS:**

That Council note the Lake Cathie Hazard Study Review (2014).

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**07 REVIEW AND UPDATE ON ACTIONS FOR COUNCIL'S ESTAURY  
MANAGEMENT PLANS**

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The Committee discussed the Estuary Management Plan (EMP) summary table. The table is to be updated on an ongoing basis with input from Committee members.

The State of the Environment Report is completed every 4 years and will be reported to the Sub-Committee when completed.

Vegetation Mapping of the LGA is complete and will be the basis for the future Biodiversity Strategy. Councillor Intemann and Matt Rogers to discuss relevance of Biodiversity Strategy to Coastal Zone.

Vegetation Mapping can be obtained by Committee members by contacting Thor Aaso.

**CONSENSUS:**

Items 19, 33, 36, 41, 44 in the attachment to the report to be listed as ongoing projects.

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**08 COMMITTEE CHARTER REVIEW**

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**CONSENSUS:**

1. That it be noted that the Hastings LGA Floodplain Sub-Committee has not yet met to discuss the merger of the Hastings LGA Coast & Estuaries Sub-Committee and the Hastings LGA Floodplain Sub-Committee.
2. That discussion of a possible merger of the Sub-Committee's be undertaken at the next meeting of the Hastings LGA Coast & Estuaries Sub-Committee with the final decision pending the outcome of the discussion of the Hastings LGA Floodplain Sub-Committee.
3. That the definition of 'Coastal Zone' in the Charter be amended as follows:  
The 'Coastal Zone' is defined as:
  - Three nautical miles seaward of the mainland and offshore islands;
  - One kilometre landward of open coast high water mark;
  - A distance of one kilometre around;
    - All bays, estuaries, coastal lakes, lagoons and islands;
    - Tidal waters of coastal rivers to the tidal limit

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## 09 GENERAL BUSINESS

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### 09.01 Flynn's Beach Seawall:

Patrick McEntee enquired about the status of the Flynn's Beach Seawall grant funding application. Jason Edwards advised that grant applications are due in 8 weeks. Design plans to be sent to Patrick McEntee.

### 09.02 Thrumster Sewerage Treatment Plant & Sewer Main:

Patrick McEntee enquired about the sewer main connection to the Thrumster Sewerage Treatment Plant. Matt Rogers advised that sewerage from Thrumster currently being pumped back to Port Macquarie STP to delay construction of new Thrumster STP.

### 09.03 Plastic Bags/Litter on Hastings River Drive:

Patrick McEntee expressed concern about litter on Hastings River Drive and enquired about Council's roadside sweeping schedule. Patrick also advised that litter has been seen escaping from JR Richards Trucks. Gordon Cameron advised that Council can be contacted to report any incidents of litter emanating from JR Richards trucks.

### 09.04 Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) Pacific Highway Upgrade:

John Schmitt advised that the Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH) had been in direct contact with RMS to source large woody material for use in river restoration projects within the LGA. John Schmitt has previously been involved with RMS projects and has successfully engaged with them to provide material which is suitable for river restoration projects. Numerous successful projects have been undertaken which made use of the materials.

### 09.05 North Shore Sewer Pipeline Crossing of Hastings River:

Kingsley Searle requested confirmation that the sewer main pipeline proposed to service the North Shore area is double lined. Staff to advise.

*Note: Council's Sewer & Water section has confirmed that the current design will consist of a Sewer Main within an encasing sleeve with the pipe being located within bedrock, 25m underneath the river bed.*

### 09.06 Hastings River Fish Stocks:

Laurie Lardner made note that fish stocks within the Hastings River should be benefitting from the Acid Sulphate Soil remediation works undertaken within recent years.

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09.07 Lake Cathie Dredging & Beach Nourishment:

Bob Jolly & Alison Kennedy acknowledged the good work of the contractor who performed the recent Dredging & Beach Nourishment works at Lake Cathie. Matt Rogers acknowledged the State Government and the Member for Port Macquarie, Leslie Williams, for funding opportunities.

09.08 Further Discussion:

Cr Intemann & Matt Rogers to discuss:

- Sea Level Rise data availability.
- Development of a Biodiversity Strategy and relevance to the Coastal Zone.
- Grant opportunities for Environmental Education.

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The meeting closed at 5.01pm.