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**PRESENT**

***Members:***

Councillor Lisa Intemann (Chair)  
Adrian Button (Waterways User Rep.)  
Alan MacIntyre (Community Rep.)  
Bob Jolly (Community Rep. - Lake Cathie)  
John Hough (Community Rep.)  
Kingsley Searle (Oyster Industry)  
Laurie Lardner (Community Rep.)  
Patrick McEntee (Community Rep.)  
Paul Hyde (Hastings River Fisherman's Coop)  
Tony Troup (Oyster Industry)

***Staff:***

Matt Rogers (PMHC)  
Gordon Cameron (PMHC)  
Thor Aaso (PMHC)  
Jesse Dick (PMHC)

***Other Attendees:***

Tina Clemens (Lands Department)  
Michael Northam (DPI - Fisheries)  
Shaun Kerrigan (National Parks Wildlife Service)  
John Schmitt (Office of Environment & Heritage)  
Nic Denshire (Office of Environment & Heritage)  
Andre Uljee (Maritime Division - RMS)  
Ray Richards (SES Rep)

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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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Graeme Sayer (Development Industry Rep.) was again absent without apology, possibly due to illness. Council staff to confirm Graeme's status prior to the next meeting.

Shaun Kerrigan represented Steve Atkins (NPWS), Nic Denshire represented Kate Browning/Toong Chin (OEH).

Shaun Kerrigan (NPWS) advised that Eric Claussen will no longer be the alternative NPWS representative for the sub-committee. Eric Claussen to be removed from mailing list & Shaun Kerrigan added as an alternative to Steve Atkins.

Nic Denshire (OEH) advised that Kate Browning will no longer be a representative on the sub-committee. Toong Chin (OEH) is to be added as an OEH representative.

Andre Uljee & Matt Dawson confirmed that they will alternate in their attendance as each member represents different waterways within the LGA (i.e. Hastings/Camden Haven catchments).

### **CONSENSUS:**

That the apologies from the following members be accepted:

Councillor Sharon Griffiths, Tim Molloy (PMHC), Dan Croft (PMHC), Steve Atkins (National Parks & Wildlife Service) and Toong Chin (OEH).

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## **03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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### **CONSENSUS:**

That the Minutes of the Coast, Estuary & Floodplain Advisory Sub-Committee Meeting held on 29 September 2015 be confirmed with the following edit:

10.05 'Blue Star' Weed Outbreak:

Alan MacIntyre alerted members to an outbreak of Blue Star 'Aristea ecklonii' weed on four properties in the Camden Haven. Thor Aaso to follow up.

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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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### Business Arising from Coast, Estuary & Floodplain Advisory Sub-Committee Meeting held on 29 September 2015:

Item 10.05: Alan MacIntyre clarified that the Blue Star weed outbreak was not confined to his property, rather it has also been sited on three neighbouring properties. Thor Aaso followed up on the initial enquiry and requested that Alan pursue a collective landowner response to the matter before engaging Council's Invasive Weeds Officer. Alan MacIntyre to follow up and contact Thor as required.

Updates on the Eco Health report, Vegetation Mapping & Biodiversity Strategy are to be provided on an ongoing basis. Updates are to be presented at the next meeting and will be listed as an ongoing item on the agenda.

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## **06 CAMDEN HAVEN COASTAL ESTUARINE LINKAGES PROJECT GRANT OFFER**

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There was general discussion on various aspects of the grant offer. Matt Rogers & Thor Aaso confirmed that the areas which were identified for management were primarily selected as a result of land tenures but that the overriding factor was to satisfy the requirements of the grant funding criteria.

### **CONSENSUS:**

That grant offers from North Coast Local Land Service NSW and Office of Environment and Heritage for the Camden Haven Coastal Estuarine Linkage Project be noted.

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## **07 NSW GOVERNMENT REFORM PACKAGE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NSW COASTLINE**

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There was general discussion on various aspects of the reform package.

Additional issues raised are as follows:

Coastal Management Plans: Noted that there may be an ad-hoc implementation of coastal protection measures depending on the size of the council and their respective funding capacities.

Question 4: Noted that buffer zones can be affected by climate change. Need to have scope in the provisions to allow for changes to buffer zones to take climate change effects into consideration.

Question 6: Reform package notes that current land zonings have the potential to be amended to reflect the overriding coastal management goals. This is noted in Part B, Stage 3 of the NSW Coastal Management Manual.

Question 7: Watson Taylor lake considered appropriate to be added to the list of sensitive lakes.

Noted that the mapping has not yet been released therefore the submission will not be able to fully address all potential issues. The State govt should provide mapping and extend the cut-off period for submissions.

**CONSENSUS:**

That Council make a submission on the Reform Package for the Management of the NSW Coastline in line with the issues identified in the report and the following additional points as identified by the Coast, Estuary and Floodplain Advisory Sub-Committee:

1. Buffer zones proposed in the proposed State Environmental Planning Policy should be able to be reviewed to take climate change effects into consideration.
2. Watson Taylor Lake to be added to the list of sensitive lakes in Schedule 1 of the proposed State Environmental Planning Policy.

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**08 FLOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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There was general discussion on various aspects of the flood education program and the measures identified within the report with the following specific issues being noted:

1. That the Flood Marker project consider artistic elements similar to the Camden Haven flood markers in order to limit vandalism and reduce community angst towards the markers potentially impacting on property values and the like.
2. That the SES be consulted if compiling publications (brochures, etc) in order to ensure consistency across organisations.
3. That the SES endorsed community plans (currently in place for North Shore/Settlement Point) be incorporated into any projects, including correspondence/publications and the like to ensure that specific measures in these plans are not contradicted or compromised by general flood education advice.

**CONSENSUS:**

That the flood education options identified in the report are endorsed.

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## **09 LAKE CATHIE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

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Matt Rogers provided an update on the status of the updates to the Lake Cathie Coastal Zone Management Plan.

### **CONSENSUS:**

That the report be noted.

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## **10 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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### **10.01 Camden Haven Prawn Study:**

Mick Northam confirmed that the prawn study in the Camden Haven is continuing and that some initial sampling and testing had been undertaken. Preliminary results will be provided when they are available.

### **10.02 Seagrass Mapping:**

Tony Troup raised a question about the state of sea grass in Queens Lake. DPI Fisheries have undertaken two rounds of seagrass mapping in the local river systems. Mick Northam to provide mapping when available. It was noted that sea grass extent is variable on a seasonal basis.

### **10.03 Lake Cathie Opening:**

Bob Jolly raised the recent illegal opening of Lake Cathie to the ocean. It was suggested that the opening did not appear to be as good as a mechanical opening and that this may result in a premature closure of the lake. Council to monitor the OEH gauge and note when the lake closes.

### **10.04 North Shore Fire Safety:**

Kingsley Searle noted that the RFS website recommends the Hibbard ferry as the North Shore emergency evacuation point in a fire emergency and that this is not a desirable location. Matt Rogers will raise this issue with Jeff Sharp to address as a matter for Emergency Management Sub-Committee meeting.

### **10.05 DPI Licensing:**

Tina Clemens provided a background on recent changes to DPI licensing arrangements for low impact environmental works, and that old licenses will be transferred to the new licensing arrangements. It was noted that where Council is the trustee manager we will need to continue following the reserve trust handbook.

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**10.06 Artificial Offshore Reef:**

Mick Northam provided some background information on the artificial offshore reef. The works will be finished within coming days but installation will be weather dependent.

**10.07 Hastings Fishermans Co-op:**

Paul Hyde noted that the Fishermans Co-op will be closing at the end of May 2016. The committee paid respects to Paul, his family and all involved with the Co-op and wished them well into the future. Jesse Dick noted that the building is proposed for demolition under the foreshore management plan which is currently on exhibition and that committee members are encouraged to make a submission if they wish to express their opinion on the proposed removal of this building.

**10.08 OEH Flood Grant Applications:**

Nic Denshire confirmed that Floodplain Management Grant Applications were now open. Council will prepare relevant project for grant funding within coming weeks and will consult with OEH representatives where necessary. Nic noted that the flood marker project may qualify for grant funding and that Council should discuss this with OEH representatives if compiling a grant funding application for this project. Matt Rogers noted that the Hibbard Floodway Investigation project was a Council priority for grant funding.

**10.09 Flynn's Beach Ocean Pool:**

Patrick McEntee commented that was a social media campaign for an ocean pool. Matt Rogers advised that there are no current approvals in place for an ocean pool and significant environmental and approvals issues for such a proposal. However, any community group perusing an ocean pool should make a submission to Council.

**10.10 Papyrus Weed - Intersection of The Boulevard & Diamond Head Road:**

Alan MacIntyre noted that the Papyrus weed located on the eastern side of the intersection of The Boulevard & Diamond Head Road was spreading. Thor Aaso to follow up.

**10.11 Recreational Needs:**

Clr Lisa Intemann advised that some Councillors have raised the issue of 'recreational needs' being a higher focus for this committee. It was noted that all Coast and Estuary Management Plans cover recreational needs.

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The meeting closed at 5.05pm.