

PRESENT

Community Representatives:

Alan MacIntyre (Community - Camden Haven - Coast, Estuary)
Bob Jolly (Community - Lake Cathie - Coast, Estuary)
Kingsley Searle (Oyster Industry - Hastings - Coast, Estuary)
Tony Troup (Oyster Industry - Camden Haven - Coast, Estuary)
Paul Hyde (Fishing Industry - Hastings - Coast, Estuary)

Council Representatives:

Councillor Peter Alley (Chair)
Councillor Lisa Intemann (Deputy Chair)
Director Development and Environment - Melissa Watkins
Natural Resources Manager - Blayne West
Environmental Projects Officer - Jesse Dick

Agency Representatives:

Tina Clemens (DPI - Lands - Coast, Estuary, Flood) *left the meeting after item 09*
Michael Northam (DPI - Fisheries - Coast, Estuary)
Nic Denshire (DPIE - Biodiversity & Conservation Division - Flood)
Maria Fraser (SES - Flood)
Matt Dawson (RMS - Coast, Estuary)

Other Attendees:

Mayor - Peta Pinson *left the meeting during item 06*
General Manager - Craig Swift-McNair *left the meeting after item 08*
David Curry (Revive Lake Cathie)
Danielle Maltman (Revive Lake Cathie, Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce & Lake Cathie Progress Association)

The meeting opened at 2:03pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the following apologies received be accepted:

- Shane Robinson (DPIE - NPWS - Coast, Estuary)
 - Geoffrey James (DPIE - NPWS - Coast, Estuary)
 - John Schmidt (DPIE - Biodiversity & Conservation Division - Coast, Estuary)
 - Anthony Day (State Emergency Services)
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03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Coast, Estuary & Floodplain Advisory Sub-Committee Meeting held on 28 March 2019 be confirmed.

11 PASSING OF PATRICK MCENTEE AND LAURIE LARDNER

Alan MacIntyre spoke and paid respects to the memory of Patrick & Laurie.

Councillor Peter Alley moved for a minute of silence.

A minute of silence was observed.

Kingsley Searle and Tony Troup also paid their respects and acknowledge the efforts of Patrick and Laurie's efforts, especially in the management of ASS issues within the LGA.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee:

1. Acknowledge the important contribution of the late Mr Patrick McEntee and the late Mr Laurie Lardner to the Coast, Estuary and Floodplain advisory subcommittee.
 2. Request Council write to the families of Mr McEntee and Mr Lardner to express the appreciation of the committee for their contribution.
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04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Business Arising Schedule be noted with the following updates:

Item 11.02 - 28/03/19 - Forestry Operations, Lorne State Forest:

Cr Intemann requested that Council staff continue to attempt to contact NSW State Forests on this matter. Council staff will follow up again and will invite NSW State Forests to attend a future CE&F Committee meeting.

Item 11.03 - 28/03/19 - Personal Watercraft use in local waterways:

Matt Dawson confirmed that TfNSW (formerly RMS) can be contacted at any time using 13 12 36 to report any waterway issues.

06 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COAST, ESTUARY AND FLOODPLAIN ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE

There was general discussion on various aspects of the report and the Charter. Alan MacIntyre queried whether committee members can liaise directly with the community on matters relating to the CE&F committee. Confirmation was provided that this is acceptable so long as confidentiality is maintained and code of conduct values are followed.

The committee requested that section 5.4 of the charter be updated as follows:

- The agenda be distributed a minimum of 14 days prior to the meeting.
- The agenda and attachments be provided separately.

Alan MacIntyre tabled an additional clause that he felt should be incorporated into the charter. Council staff will review the clause and consider the application of the clause in the charter.

There were numerous minor amendments to the Charter that Council staff will update as necessary. These include changes to sections 2.0, 3.2, 5.1, 5.3 & 5.4.

The committee agreed that the Bunyah & Birpai Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALC) can be invited to join the committee.

Council staff will make a formal request with Birpai LALC and Bunyah LALC to gauge their interest in joining the committee. Advice from both LALC's will determine how the charter shall be updated. Council staff will provide a response to the committee at the meeting to be held on 20 February 2020.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee:

1. Note the report.
 2. Note that Councillor Peter Alley has been appointed as Chair and Deputy Mayor Lisa Intemann has been appointed as Alternate Chair.
 3. Recommend to Council to accept the amendments to the Charter, as agreed at the 30 January 2020 Coast, Estuary and Floodplain Advisory Sub-Committee meeting.
 4. Agree to extend invitations to the Birpai and Bunya Local Aboriginal Land Council to join the Committee.
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07 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

There was general discussion on various aspects of this item.

There was discussion on funding and resourcing on restarting various projects that have been delayed as a result of the December 2018 Council decision. It was confirmed that staffing levels, competing priorities (i.e. Lake Cathie) and state government legislation changes (Coastal Management Act) have impacted Council's capacity to deliver additional project and it was likely that the delayed projects will not recommence for some time.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee note the Floodplain Management report.

**08 NORTH BROTHER LOCAL CATCHMENTS FLOOD STUDY - STAGE 2 -
FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY - INITIAL OPTIONS ASSESSMENT
REPORT**

Mark Edenborough provided the committee with a summary of the project and answered questions from committee members.

Committee members requested additional time to read the report and consider the options contained within.

The committee agreed that a steering group of committee members should form to discuss the Initial Options Assessment Report before placing the report on public exhibition.

In order to provide the steering group with an opportunity to discuss the options and assist in devising a community engagement strategy, a further meeting will be held on 20 February at 2-4pm. Location TBA.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee:

1. Note the progress made in commencing the North Brother Local Catchments Floodplain Risk Management Study
 2. Endorse the North Brother Local Catchments Flood Study Working Draft Options Report.
 3. Recommend that the North Brother Local Catchments Flood Study Working Draft Options Report be deferred until the Committee Meeting to be held on 20 February 2020.
 4. That a steering group meeting be held on 20 February to provide feedback on any preferences for location/options to be included in the detailed assessment and prioritisation of options, which will ultimately be utilised to inform the Floodplain Risk Management Study phase of the project.
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09 ACTIVE COAST, ESTUARY & FLOODPLAIN PROJECTS STATUS UPDATE

Jesse Dick provided the committee with a summary of this item.

There was general discussion on various aspects of this report.

A copy of the historical Coast, Estuary & Floodplain Action Plan Items will be circulated to committee members.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee note the status of the active Coast, Estuary & Floodplain projects.

10 LAKE INNES / LAKE CATHIE ESTUARINE SYSTEM - UPDATE

There was frustration and concern from committee members that they were not involved in discussions around the management of the Lake system over the previous 12 months.

Committee members will be involved in the management of the Lake system as the separate stakeholder and community meetings held in 2019 will no longer be occurring and that the CE&F committee will now be the main forum for discussions regarding the management of the Lake system.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee:

1. Note the Lake Innes / Lake Cathie Estuarine System - Update report.
 2. Note the Lake Cathie and Lake Innes Acid Sulphate Soil Risk Assessment (2019).
 3. Note the Coastal Management in the Port Macquarie-Hastings timeline document.
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Item 11 Passing of Patrick McEntee and Laurie Lardner, has been addressed previously within the meeting.

12 PROPOSED COAST, ESTUARY & FLOODPLAIN ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR ENDORSEMENT

CONSENSUS:

That the Coast, Estuary and Floodplain Advisory Sub-Committee:

1. Endorse the meeting dates for 2020 as listed below:
 - Thursday 20 February, Room TBA, 2-4pm, report prepared by 6 February, Distribution of agenda 13 February.
 - Wednesday 27 May 2020, Council Chambers, 2-4pm, reports prepared by 13 May, distribution of agenda 21 May.
 - Thursday 27 August 2020, Council Chambers, 2-4pm, reports prepared by 13 August, distribution of Agenda 20 August.
 - Thursday 26 November 2020, Council Chambers, 2-4pm, reports prepared by 12 November, distribution of agenda 19 November.
 2. Note that the report preparation and agenda distribution dates nominated in this item may be subject to change pending adoption of the recommended changes to the Charter which will be presented to a future Council meeting for consideration.
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13 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

The meeting closed at 4:50pm.
