

PRESENT

Council Representatives:

Mayor Peta Pinson
Councillor Lisa Intemann (Deputy Chair) - Assumed Chair
Director Development and Environment (Melissa Watkins)
Group Manager Regulatory and Environment Services (Debbie Archer)
Natural Resources Manager (Blayne West)

Community Representatives:

Alan MacIntyre (Community - Camden Haven - Coast, Estuary)
Kingsley Searle (Community and Oyster Industry - Hastings - Coast, Estuary)
Garry Fajks (Community - Camden Haven - Flood)
Peter Fitzroy (Community - Lake Cathie - Coast, Estuary)
Vern Warner (Community - Lake Cathie - Coast, Estuary)

Agency Representatives:

Maria Frazer (SES)
Michael Northam (DPIE - Fisheries)
John Schmitt (DPIE - Biodiversity & Conservation Division - Coast, Estuary)

The meeting opened at 2:00pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Cllr Alley (Chairman), Stephen Healy, Paul Burg, Tony Troupe, Geoffrey James, Shane Robinson and Marisha Ewart be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Minutes of the Coast, Estuary & Floodplain Advisory Sub-Committee Meeting held on 25 February 2021 be confirmed.
 2. That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Coast, Estuary & Floodplain Advisory Sub-Committee Meeting held on 29 April 2021 be confirmed.
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04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Coast, Estuary and Floodplain Advisory Sub-Committee note the Business Arising From Previous Minutes schedule including the following additional information:

Item: 11.02 Date: 28/03/2019

Subject: FORESTRY OPERATIONS, LORNE STATE FOREST

Action Required: Tony Troup expressed his concern over the management of land under the control of NSW State Forests, particularly within the Lorne State Forest.

Current Status: That it be noted that Tony has not reached out to the Chair or Deputy Chair on this issue as yet.

Item: 10.0 Date: 25/2/2021

Subject: RECRUITMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND FISHING INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES.

Action Required: That the Coast, Estuary and Floodplain Advisory Sub-Committee members encourage representatives from the development industry and the commercial and recreational fishing industry to nominate.

Current Status: Staff will approach the amateur and commercial fishing industry and clubs for their interest.

Item: 11.02 Date: 25/2/2021

Subject: THAT THE COAST ESTUARY AND FLOODPLAIN ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE REQUEST COUNCIL EXAMINE THE EFFICACY OF ITS TREE PRESERVATION ORDER AS IT APPLIES TO BOTH URBAN AND RURAL AREAS.

Action Required: Provide a report back to the Sub-Committee following Council's consideration.

Current Status: It was agreed that a summary of the different levels of legislation and Council' responsibilities in vegetation/tree management would be provided to the Sub-Committee.

Item: 11.05 Date: 25/2/2021

Subject: GOOGLEY'S LAGOON.

Action Required: Marisha Ewart enquired if Council is aware of siltation and disappearance of seagrass at Googley's Lagoon.

Current Status: This will be investigated through the CMP eco health monitoring that will be undertaken in 2022/2023. Action Complete.

Item: 11.06 Date: 25/2/2021

Subject: BOATING ON CAMDEN HAVEN RIVER

Action Required: Marisha Ewart referred to boats on the Camden Haven River causing pollution, erosion and safety issues specifically in the area between Dunbogan Bridge and Watson Taylor Lake.

Current Status: This is not in Council's remit and as such the report was referred to Maritime Services. When feedback is received staff will share this with the Sub-Committee.

06 COASTAL EROSION PROTECTION MEASURES FOR LAKE CATHIE - OPTIONS ANALYSIS

CONSENSUS:

That the Coast, Estuary and Floodplain Sub-Committee:

1. Note the Illaroo Road Revetment Wall Engagement Report which highlighted a lack of support for a revetment wall and beneficiary pays funding model and the Council resolution to consult further with the community on the way forward.
2. Note the hazard management options analysis flowchart presented at the Special Meeting of the Sub-Committee on 29 April 2021.
3. Give support for further engagement to first establish the community drivers and values, and subsequently engage further on the technical solutions/hazard management options available including at least one face to face community meeting.
4. Request confirmation on the legislative responsibilities of the Commonwealth and State Government and Council regarding this issue to identify the lead agency for future community engagement and available funding options.
5. Give consideration to holding an extra ordinary meeting of the Sub-Committee on this item as soon as possible.

Alan MacIntyre expressed a dissenting view on Point 3 above.

07 RIVERS ON FIRE AND FLOOD FORUM

CONSENSUS:

That the Coast Estuary and Floodplain Sub-Committee note the report presented to the 29 April 2021 Special Meeting.

08 FLOOD RECOVERY EFFORTS

CONSENSUS:

1. That staff be requested to provide a summary on flood impact data to the Sub-Committee and that agencies also be requested to provide their flood information for circulation to the Sub-Committee as appropriate.
 2. That Flood Recovery be included as a standing item on the agenda for the foreseeable future including update reports on the development of community emergency action plans.
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09 GENERAL BUSINESS

09.01 POST FLOOD STUDY

Maria Frazer enquired about Council undertaking a post flood study to validate flood impacts and current flood intelligence.

09.02 REVIEW OF 2013 FLOOD STUDY

Kinsley Searle recommended a review of the flood study/hypothetical that was developed in 2013 to compare it against actuals of the March 2021 flood emergency.

09.03 COASTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN SCOPING STUDY

John Schmitt recognised the recent approval of Council's Coastal Management Plan Scoping Study.

09.04 DRAFT DRIVING ON BEACHES AND DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES POLICIES

Blayne West reminded members that the Draft Driving on Beaches and Dogs in Public Places policies are on public exhibition now.

09.05 COASTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

Peter Fitzroy requested that a Coastal Management Plan Progress Update be included on the agenda as a standing item for the foreseeable future.

09.06 BUSHFIRE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANS

Vern Warner requested an update on the Bushfire Community Emergency Plans and that the minutes of the last meeting be provided to the community and to the Sub-Committee.

09.07 LOCAL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Alan MacIntyre requested consideration be given to how better to brief and engage Local Members of Parliament on the issues relevant to this Sub-Committee.

09.08 FLOOD PLAN REVIEWS

Garry Fajks sought clarification on the review periods for flood plans.

09.09 FLOOD EVENT RELATIVITIES

Garry Fajks requested advice on the similarities of the March 2021 flood event to previous floods including the 1963 flood event.

09.10 RIVERINE EROSION

Clr Intemann reminded Sub-Committee members to advise Blayne West of any known areas of riverine erosion related to the March 2021 flood so that this information can be provided to the EPA.

The meeting closed at 4:05pm.