



CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The name of the Committee will be the **MANNING ESTUARY COASTLINE CATCHMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MECCAC)**.

2. PURPOSE

This is an advisory committee promoting the integrated, balanced, responsible and ecologically sustainable use of the coastal zone of Greater Taree LGA, which includes the estuaries and coastlines and land immediately adjacent. It also considers mitigating negative impacts on the estuaries from their catchments, principally the Manning River Catchment.

3. OBJECTIVES

The purpose is to be achieved by implementing the following objectives:

- Provide a forum whereby members can raise issues relating to coastal zone management in the Greater Taree LGA, and that relate to potential catchment issues impacting upon the coastal zone.
- Provide a forum whereby members can seek input, guidance and support for activities relating to coastline and Manning catchment management.
- Monitor progress of activities outlined in the Manning River Estuary Management Plan and Coastline Management Plans prepared by Greater Taree City Council.
- To provide a forum for information and feedback on the review or formation or key plans and strategies relating to coast, estuary or catchment management by any agency
- Facilitate an understanding amongst committee members of current and future potential coastal zone issues.
- Coordinate an advocacy role where required, that member organisations may present a united argument on local issues. Representation on issues will be made by unanimous vote of the committee only.
- Respond to relevant legislative changes.
- To provide current information on estuary, coast and catchment management issues to the wider public via the mechanisms of Committee members, and a Committee web page to be hosted by GTCC.

4. MEMBERSHIP

The committee will consist of representatives of local and state government agencies with a role in managing the Greater Taree LGA coastal zone; and community group and business/industry representatives who are stakeholders in coastal zone management. Other people may attend by invitation of the committee to present on an issue or listen to discussion relevant to an issue that affects them.

- Councillors (3)
- GTCC – Executive Leader Futures Planning
- GTCC – Senior Leader Strategic Planning
- Office of Environment and Heritage (1)
- Department of Primary Industries (Crown Lands) (1)
- Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries) (1)

- Catchment Management Authority (2 including Indigenous Cultural Heritage Officer)
- National Parks and Wildlife (1)
- Roads and Maritime Services (1)
- Manning Coastcare Group (1)
- MidCoast Water (1)
- Manning River Sustainable Recreational Fishing and Tourism (1)
- Taree Fisherman's Cooperative (1)
- Manning River Oyster Farmers Association (1)
- Delta (1)
- Farquhar Inlet Management Group (2 representing Harrington and Old Bar)
- Old Bar Beach Sand Replenishment Group (1)
- Upper Manning (1)

Chairperson

The Committee shall be chaired by a member of the committee, elected by the committee for a period of twelve (12) months each October.

The elected chairperson of the Committee shall guide and, where necessary, direct the Committee to ensure that it remains focused on its tasks and maintains progress in achieving its tasks.

Committee members

To act in good faith and with respect for the interests of the constituent organisations.

5. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

Any such amendment shall be subject to approval by at least two thirds (2/3) of the committee membership.

6. RECORD KEEPING

Support for agenda preparation and minute taking shall be provided by Council as a member group of the Committee.

Agendas shall be prepared and distributed fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

Minutes will be distributed within fourteen (14) days of the meeting.

7. MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet bi monthly or as required and otherwise agreed. The venue shall be provided by Council. A quorum for attendance shall be ten (10) people.

8. COMMITTEE REVIEW

The Committee membership and objectives shall be reviewed annually, each October.