

Attendees: Cr David West (Chair), Richard Pamplin (GTCC), Daniel Love (GTCC), Tanya Cross (GTCC), Bob McDonnell (GTCC), Stuart Hood (GTCC), Kirsty Hughes (MCW), Mitch Tulau (OEH), John Hogg, John Harris, Graeme Stone

	ITEM	ACTION
1.	Apologies: Stephen Griffith, Sean Thompson (NPWS)	<i>Accepted</i>
2.	Minutes from the previous meeting held 4 December 2014	<i>Accepted</i>
	<i>Status of Actions from Previous Minutes</i>	
	Convert Big Swamp prospectus into an educational tool: This action is still to be progressed & is to be incorporated within an environmental resource kit for students visiting Cattai Wetlands.	<i>TC – early 2015</i>
	Investigate funding opportunities for Big Swamp	<i>TC - ongoing</i>
	Prepare Fire Management Plans for Big Swamp/Cattai Wetlands: Tanya advised that a meeting was scheduled to take place with RFS at Cattai to consider options for hazard reduction burning.	<i>TC – early 2015</i>
	Undertake 2nd Fish Survey at Cattai: Planned for April.	<i>JH – April</i>
	TIDE to discuss proposal to develop Aboriginal cultural heritage interpretive resources for Cattai Wetlands at a future meeting: TIDE have not yet progressed this project.	<i>TC – early 2015</i>
	Invite Terry Evans to an upcoming meeting to continue his presentation on the geology of Cattai on site.	<i>TC – early 2015</i>
	Review actions of Future Directions Strategy for discussion at next meeting: See ‘General Business’	<i>Noted</i>
	Provide feedback on Agricultural Competitiveness Green Paper: All agreed no further action required at this stage.	<i>Noted</i>
	Review option of formalising the Right-of-Way at Big Swamp	<i>May 2015</i>
	Commence negotiations with Big Swamp landowners to purchase priority land: Tanya advised negotiations had commenced with one landholder.	<i>Noted</i>
3.	General Business	
a.	The following projects were identified for inclusion in the 4-year Works Program for Cattai for further investigation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of a bird hide • Restoration of rainforest remnants • Wetland management/intervention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhance the diversity of wetland plants - Manage the growth of water lilies - Investigate the re-introduction of magpie geese? 	<i>Noted</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create additional islands within the wetland • Interpretation of European Heritage e.g. saw pit & timber loading area on side of Skeleton Ridge • Bush Tucker Nursery • Determine future management options for land on Harrington Road, i.e. revegetation vs pasture management to reduce fire risk • Acquisition of low-lying land to the south of Cattai Wetlands 	
b.	Bob raised his concerns about the growth of carpet grass at Big Swamp and the potential bushfire risk. It was agreed to seek the advice of Steve Griffith regarding possible management options.	<i>SG – May 2015</i>
c.	Tanya advised that Council had been approached by Stuart Blanch the CEO of the Hunter Wetlands Centre about the possibility of re-introducing Magpie Geese to Cattai Wetlands. The Magpie Goose is a threatened species which once inhabited the area. While some of the members expressed some reservations about the idea it was agreed to invite Stuart to the next meeting to discuss the proposal in more detail.	<i>TC – Invite Stuart to next meeting</i>
4.	Next Meeting	
	21 May 2015 at 9:30am in the Manning Room.	<i>Noted.</i>

	Current Actions	Who	Due
1.	Convert Big Swamp prospectus into an educational tool.	TC	Early 2015
2.	Invite Terry Evans to an upcoming meeting to continue his presentation on the geology of Cattai - to be held on site.	TC	Early 2015
3.	Prepare Fire Management Plans for Big Swamp/Cattai Wetlands in consultation with NPWS/RFS.	TC	Early 2015
4.	Undertake 2 nd Fish Survey at Cattai.	JH	April 2015
5.	Invite TIDE to a future meeting to discuss the proposal to develop Aboriginal cultural heritage interpretive resources for Cattai Wetlands.	TC	Early 2015
6.	Investigate funding opportunities for Big Swamp.	TC	Ongoing
7.	Review option of formalising the Right-of-Way at Big Swamp.	TC	Early 2015
8.	Continue negotiations with Big Swamp landowners to purchase priority land.	TC	2015
9.	Invite Stuart Blanch to next meeting of the committee.	TC	May 2015
10.	Discuss options for managing fire risk associated with Carpet Grass	SG	May 2015