



Manning Estuary Coastline and Catchment Advisory Committee Minutes, Thursday 15 August 2013 at 8am in Council's Administration Centre

Welcome and apologies:

Tina Clemens, Michael Thomas, Daintry Gerrand, Richard Pamplin,
(PL/LB)

Present: Cr David Keegan (Chair) (CrDK), Laura Black (LB), Cr Peter Epov (CrPE), Mayor Paul Hogan (MPH), Peter Evans (PE), Ric Slatter (RS), Bill Nelson (BN), Peter Longworth (PL), Elaine Pearce (EP), Silas Sutherland (SS), Kirsty Hughes (KH), Bob Williamson (BW), Martin Angle (MA), Chris Scott (CS), Brian Mackie (BM), Andrew Pagent (AP), Adam Nixon (AN)

Previous Minutes

Endorsed

With addition that Cr Peter Epov's apologies were not noted. And that Greg Crips was present, not absent as noted.

(PL/KH)

Business Arising

- a. **Upper Manning Representatives** – Two representatives have nominated, Chris Scott of Manning Landcare and Brian Mackie of Taree Landcare. The Chair welcomed both as attendees to the meeting.
- b. **Estuary Management Plan Sub-Committee** - Progressing

Correspondence

Received from Manning Landcare nominating Chris Scott as a representative of the upper Manning catchment. .

Received from Taree Landcare nominating Brian Mackie as a representative of the upper Manning catchment.

General Business

a. Old Bar Beach

In the wake of the DA refusal by the Coastal Panel, OEH and Council is collaborating on an investigation and design study for Old Bar that sits outside the CZMP. It is the intention of Council to issue the Consultants Brief prior to confirmation of funds.

b. Croki Community Boat Ramp upgrade proposal – Bob Williamson

RMS is in receipt of a funding application for upgrade of the Croki Community Boat Ramp from community members and is likely to accept.

c. Dredging at Farquhar

FIMG has completed the jetty at Farquhar and is keen to see completion of the dredging to ensure access. Crown Lands awaiting advice from OEH in relation to dredging.

d. The Notch

Entrance of river at Farquhar determines where the notch should be. GC suggested the matter be put in abatement until such time as the final location of the entrance is known.

e. Manning Clean Water Action Group representation

CrDK spoke to a request he has received from MCWAG to have representation on the MECCAC.

Committee did not agree with inviting the group to attend.

Taree Landcare seeking membership to support the group to secure finances. Taree Landcare works concentrate on Taree CBD.

Manning Landcare seeking membership based on interest in the catchment. Representative has some skills, interest and experience in catchment management.

Committee agreed to membership as follows:

That Manning Landcare be invited to join the MECCAC and that the Group be encouraged to liaise with the various Landcare Groups.

Action

The Manning Landcare and Taree Landcare to be advised.

The Constitution to be amended to reflect the decision.

f. Second (Southern) Training Wall at Harrington

BN advised that the Harrington Community Action Group has been advised that a management plan is required prior to funding being allocated for the wall. EMP sub group is considering inclusion and the reviewed plan will be brought to the MECCAC.

Action:

HCAG to be advised that a management plan for the Harrington entrance should be the priority for the group and that MECCAC would support the HCAG seeking funds for this management plan.

g. Environmental Action Plan and funding mechanisms

AP tabled the draft Summary Version of the Environmental Action Plan and spoke to the content and the community engagement process now being undertaken in relation to. The full version is available on Council's website.

h. Lower Manning Dredging

PE called for any effects on Harrington Waters to be advised to the Panel, which PE is a member of.

Action

Mayor's Column to advise community members of the opportunity.

Members reports

NPWS received and attached.

Meeting closed at 9.15am

Next Meeting

14 November 2013

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