



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

Welcome and apologies:

Bob Williamson, Adam Nixon, Brian Hughes

(RP/LB)

Present: Cr David Keegan (Chair) (CrDK), Laura Black (LB), Greg Crisp (GC), Mayor Paul Hogan (MPH), Ric Slatter (RS), Bill Nelson (BN), Peter Longworth (PL), Kirsty Hughes (KH), Martin Angle (MA), Chris Scott (CS), Bruce Mackie (BM), Tina Clemens (TC)

Previous Minutes

Endorsed

(MA/LB)

Business Arising

a. Estuary Management Plan Sub-Committee –

Agreed that a priority ranking decision matrix be prepared to assist ranking of priorities within each of the current 1,2,3.

Action

- Agency representatives who already have similar tools or requirements for priority projects, to forward those to RP by end of November.
- RP and TC to prepare a matrix for distribution to Committee by end of December.

Agreed, sub group to apply the ranking to projects before next meeting in February.

Correspondence

Received from Friends of Browns Creek seeking the Committee's support for the Kayak Launch project.

To be advised

That the Committee is supportive of the work of Friends of Browns Creek in general, and of the Kayak Launch project in principle, subject to further investigation and appropriate approvals being issued from relevant authorities.

(MA/CS)

Received from Manning Entrance Steering Committee requesting Council funding support for preparation of the Harrington entrance plan.

To be advised

That MECCAC is appreciative of the Manning Entrance Steering Committee's efforts in regard to highlighting issues at the Harrington river entrance. This project is included in the Estuary Management Plan, the priorities of which are currently being reviewed. On completion of that review the Committee will investigate funding opportunities in accordance with priority ranking of all projects included in the Plan. MECCAC is however, supportive of any effort by Committee in seeking

funds from external sources that may bring forward the preparation of a management plan for the Manning River Harrington Entrance, Harbour and Foreshores.

(RS/BN)

General Business

a. Manning Valley Boating Infrastructure Plan

Recommended updates agreed as per agenda:

- Upgraded works to Crowdy Boat Harbour
- Harrington Back Channel ramp extension
- Taree CBD regional ramp upgrade
- Croki new ramp location

Recommendation

That Council endorse the inclusion of an appendix to the Manning Valley Boating Infrastructure Plan that reports any updates to the Plan, which can be advised by the Manning Estuary Coastline Catchment Advisory Committee annually and actioned by relevant Council staff.

(GC/BN)

b. Membership

Mr Mackie was advised of the Committee's decision that Chris Scott is the selected representative of the Upper Manning Catchment and that he has undertaken a commitment to ensure that Taree Landcare are advised of MECCAC business.

c. Old Bar Coastal Protection Structure

The committee was advised of a community drop in session on Thursday 21 November at Club Old Bar between 2-5pm for community members interested in viewing and providing feedback on the preliminary design for the coastal protection structure.

Members Reports

Martin Angle – advised of the recurrence of illegal works on Manning riverbanks in contravention of the FM Act (eg: dredging/reclamation/ harm to marine vegetation) despite previous actions, and media.

The availability of department's advisory brochure "Living and Working on the Riverbank" was again highlighted, and distributed to members.

Meeting closed at 9.15am

2014 Meeting Schedule

13 February 2014

8 May 2014

14 August 2014

13 November 2014

In the Manning Meeting Room