



## **Manning Estuary Coastline and Catchment Advisory Committee Minutes, Thursday 9 May 2013 at 8am in Council's Administration Centre**

### **Welcome and apologies:**

Tina Clemens, Silas Sutherland, Cr Peter Epov

(BN/LB)

**Present:** Cr David Keegan (Chair) (CrDK), Laura Black (LB), Richard Pamplin (RP), Ric Slatter (RS), Bill Nelson (BN), Peter Longworth (PL), Elaine Pearce (EP), Chris Wright (CW), Kirsty Hughes (KH), Daintry Gerrand (DG), Adam Nixon (AN), Michael Thomas (MT), Bob Williamson (BW), Martin Angle (MA), Greg Crisp (GC)

### **Previous Minutes**

Endorsed with the following amendments:

Business Arising item a. Should read "Crown Lands and OEH are currently considering notch location." [remove from item b.]

General Business item b. Should read "CW to raise the matter at the next Community Advisory Committee meeting ...."

Two changes to MT report – Charlies Island is misspelled and should read Charley's Island and Fox Control funding sourced by Manning Entrance State Park Trust not, LLS as stated.

(CW/MT)

### **Business Arising**

#### **a. Estuary Management Plan Sub-Committee**

Matter deferred pending another meeting of the group following the MECCAC meeting at which it was considered progress with the EMP review should be complete.

#### **b. Dredging sub-committee**

Coastal engineers from Crown lands and OEH are yet to advise on their consideration of the notch opening location at Farquhar before the sub-committee can meet to discuss this and the gantry.

#### **c. Upper Manning representatives**

No response received LB to follow up.

### **Correspondence**

Received from the Manning River Oyster Farmers Association dated 12 April 2013 advising that Greg Crisp remains the representative.

Received from David Gillespie, The Nationals Candidate for Lyne, dated 3 April 2013 seeking to understand more about MECCAC and requesting to meet with the committee.

RP to draft letter for Chair to sign thanking him for his interest and providing him with estuary related projects prepared by Council that he could support for future funding.

### **General Business**

#### **a. Project funds**

It was agreed that the EMP sub committee should discuss this matter at the upcoming meeting to identify any additional projects to notify David Gillespie of.

#### **b. DPI – Crown Lands representative**

As Chris Wright is leaving the area, Silas Sutherland has been nominated as the CL rep.

#### **c. Local Government Reform**

The issue of LG Reform was raised and the group was advised of related reports by the Independent Panel, proposed models for shared services between Greta Lakes, Gloucester and Greater Taree and a reconstituted county council model that may incorporate some State services. The reports and relevant information can be found at <http://www.localgovernmentreview.nsw.gov.au/>

### **Members reports**

NIL received in writing for inclusion.

**Meeting closed at 8.45am**

### **Next Meeting**

8 August 2013 at 8am