

2 Member Reports

Community member – Danie Ondinea (Bermagui area)

- Meeting of Bermagui River Focus group members with Bermagui Country Club groundsman and board member about the possibility of working together on saltmarsh areas.
- The newly formed Friends of Bermagui Saltmarsh and Shorebirds have had 3 work sessions along the river.
- Friends of the Blue Pool are continuing to carry out maintenance on the native vegetation of the Blue Pool surrounds.
- A Bermagui Community Forum will have its first meeting on Monday 14 August 2017 at 5.30pm at the Community Hall.

Community member – Don McPhee (Kalaru area)

- Ongoing funding issues with Coastal Weeds Program post 6/2018. Project provides 2 sweeps along coast line a year, very important that this keeps going. The cleaning and managing of weeds along the coast line has been outstanding. There is a risk of the project coming to an end. How do we keep program going – forum, trust fund (\$100,000 or less a year, 12 months to work something out) – **Action: Stuart Cameron to address next Coastal Committee meeting to highlight the project outcomes and impact.**

Community member – Kerry Pfeiffer

- Infrastructure laid down in Mirador due to the subdivision, sediment control appears not to be at Blue Book standard. **Action: BVSC Environmental Services to inspect site and liaise with BVSC Planning Services.**

Local Land Services – Graham Scott

- 5 year biodiversity funding program ended with a significant number of outputs.

Sapphire Coast Wilderness Oysters - Jillian Keating

- Continuing work on exploring & planning for climate change in the oyster industry primarily through the participation and delivery of a case study with NCCARF.
- Travelling workshops in March including Pambula/Tanja/Shoalhaven have been very successful and well attended (65 oyster farmers).
- Narooma Oyster Festival – discovery tours and information
- NSW oyster conference at Merimbula 22-24th August 2017
- Honour student looking into LGA's & Oyster industry and how they have formal or informal partnerships and the strengths / weaknesses of each.
- Marine Discovery Centre – grow your own oyster program.

Chair NSW Farmers Oyster Committee – Caroline Henry

- 5% increase in sale of oysters in South Coast.
- NSW Oyster State conference 22-24 August 2017 Merimbula
- Issues with recreation fishers / boaters, damage to oyster leases / stolen oysters
- DPI – labelling of oysters, country of origin being considered and is important
- Issues re: oyster sheds – no guarantee for licence as DPI Lands can pull licence at any time. Still in discussions about this important issue.
- No decision yet by IPART on making oyster leases rateable
- 2 new oyster hatcheries being proposed one in W.A and the other in Moruya.

OEH Coast & Estuaries – Aimee Beardsmore (Wollongong)

- Coastal reforms still stalled
- Next round Coasts & estuary program funding 17/18 soon
- OEH Science team to undertake estuary ecosystem health monitoring (chl a and turbidity) in the LGA this summer.
- Presentation – East Coast Low June 2016. Vulnerabilities along the South Coast of NSW Wollongong to Eden.

Bournda EEC – Doug Reckord

- Thanks to Council staff for participation in Coastal Hazard presentations at Eden High.
- Future Earth science week 12-19th August 2017 10am-3pm Bega Commemorative Civic Centre in partnership with science hub, displays etc., happy if anyone wanting to put up displays of materials.
- Marine Debris training session being held.
- 17 September 2017 Threatened Species Day – Shorebirds.

RMS Maritime Division – Shane Murtagh

- Process for removing vessel from Bermagui harbour hazard to environment, support from Council would be appreciated.
- Vessel relocation as a result of break wall redevelopment in Twofold Bay going well with late August 2017 for dredging to take place.
- Commend Bega Council for removal of large amount of rubbish at the recreation hall in Bermagui, phoned Council within hours was cleaned up with no fuss, could have ended up in waterways.
- Boating Now project funding open to mid August 2017
- Boating Now funding. Suggested Council put in application (Leisure and Recreation Team are aware of this funding).

DPI Fisheries – Jillian Reynolds

- Project on sharks on the north coast continues. Grants re: shark behaviour...soon to be announced who gets funding
- Habitat action grants – fish access, erosion and environmental improvements open this month, close September 2017.
- Commercial fishing reform – share trading platform being finalised.
- Dredging for break water will start soon. Plans are in place to manage environmental impacts.

Broadwater Oysters – Greg Carton

- Interested in status of the Merimbula Sewage Outfall project. **Action: Arrange a presentation by Council Water & Sewerage Services Branch on the Merimbula Sewage Outfall project.**

3 BVSC Update

Danny Madigan

- Change in weed management approach with the new Biodiversity Act coming into force. Also impacts the Coastal Weeds Project. The Coastal Weeds Management Committee is working well with Council, LLS and NPWS contributing funds. The end of NSW Environment Trust funding in June 2018 will require a reframing of this excellent project.

Action: Presentation of the new Biodiversity Act and Coastal Weeds Program at a future CPMC meeting.

- 27th Annual NSW Coastal Conference November 2018 has been awarded to Bega Valley Shire Council. Updates will be provided to future committee meetings.

Kyran Crane

Update on Coastal Management Programs – Estuaries

- Reviews (Wallaga, Merimbula / Back and Curralo)
 - Synthesis of Information draft documents complete
 - Draft list of issues for each estuary
 - Community input received via project website
 - Working towards developing management actions for issues identified
- Bermagui River
 - Estuary Processes Study 90% complete
 - Community / stakeholder survey complete (86 responses)
 - Draft list of issues and management actions developed
- Dune Rehabilitation Grant Application
 - Currently working on a grant application to undertake a “Dune Rehabilitation Strategy” Shire wide for Council managed beaches and dunes

Michael Fiedler

- Community Environmental Grants – 14 applications received and funded covering the coast from Bermagui to Pambula
- Development applications received by Council relevant to the Coastal Committee:
 - Tura Beach Pacific Way subdivision 23 lot residential subdivision - referral to OEH, major threatened species issues, requested proponent redesign or undertake further threatened species assessment.
 - South Pambula Mt Darragh Road 15 lot industrial subdivision - has been approved adjacent to coastal flood plain. Second Development Application submitted for vegetation clearing. Council working with proponent to buffer and protect wetland on eastern edge of the subdivision.
 - Tathra River Estate Thompsons Drive Tathra – planning proposal with Department of Planning for rezoning. Council to gain substantial E2 zone around foreshore which will provide public access. Council working on substantial environment restoration projects in this area.
 - Mandeni subdivision Sapphire Coast Drive Tura Beach, good environment outcomes in terms of retaining large areas of high value habitat, maintaining biodiversity corridors and protecting significant stands of Merimbula star hair.
 - Top Lake subdivision Lakewood Drive Merimbula – currently stalled due to stormwater redesign requirements. Council working with proponent to achieve higher standards in stormwater quality.

Daniel Murphy

- Held 4 community drop in sessions for the Coastal Management Program – Coastal Hazards. Only about 30 attendees across the 4 sessions. A Survey process will run the next 4-6 weeks, with the Survey available through Council website and at libraries.

4 New Business

Nil

5 Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 12.00pm

6 Next meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 10am on Friday, 20 October 2017 at Commemorative Civic Centre, Bega.