

Coastal Planning and Management Committee Meeting



HELD AT Bega 3 July 2015

Present

Cr Bill Taylor (Chair)
Brett Weingarth (Love Our Lakes)
Danny Madigan (BVSC)
Graham Scott (South East LLS)
Kerry Pfeiffer (Community Rep)
Kyran Crane (BVSC)
Stuart Cameron (Protecting the Wilderness Coast Project)
Danie Ondinea (Community Rep)
Danny Wiecek (OEH)
Maryanne Geraghty (BVSC)
Michael Fiedler (BVSC)

1 Apologies

Cr Keith Hughes, Andrew Woodley, Daniel Murphy, Allan Lugg (DPI Fisheries), Jillian Reynolds (DPI Fisheries), Darren Hulm (RMS), Don McPhee, Doug Reckord, Greg Carton, John Walker, Steven Dovey (NP&WS) Sue-Ann Nichol (NSWSELLS)

Absent Graham Roche

2 Confirmation of minutes

The Minutes of the 6 March 2015 Meeting were taken as read and accepted.

Moved - Michel Fiedler

Seconded – Kerry Pfeiffer

3 Business arising

No matters arising

4 Member Reports

4.1 South East Local Land Services – Graham Scott (for Sue-Ann Nicol)

- Staff changes: Land Service Officer – Administration Officer

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- Strategic plan in draft stage – state/regional level, public comment after minister has approved.
- Community advisory groups – advertised for representatives – info on Website open from 16 June 2015 to 24 July 2015. 7 persons to cover BVSC & Eurobodalla Shire, roll will be within the board.
- Overall there will be an approximate 30% decrease in available funding though commitments to the Coastal Weeds project have been fully paid and the Wetlands Grant program is continuing.,

4.2 Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH) – Danny Wiecek

- Stage 2 coastal reform still on-going
- The revised NSW Coastal Management Manual is at draft stage and is due for release pre 2016.
- The Coastal management Act is being drafted with the Bill due pre 2016.
- Dune vegetation conservation workshop in August at Wollongong.
- BVSC has applied for 4 grants (Coastal Program) and these will be announced October 2015.

4.3 Community Representative – Danie Ondinea

- At least 100 people turn up for information day (Bermagui North) – lots of interest
- \$4,700 grant from Councils Community environment grants awarded for signage etc.
- LLS wetlands funding for weeds Bermagui North lagoon wetland & Keating Drive (28K).
- 7 sites mapped & photos taken for wetland programme Long Swamp. Grant work not commenced as yet.

4.4 Love our Lakes – Brett Weingarh

- Background to Project provided noting both NSW OEH and BVSC funding concludes pre 2016.
- Key achievements were noted as: S/W audits of catchments, business house s/w self-audits, schools education and awareness programs (including the very successful calendar program > 250 entries 2015), the Lake Lovers project, many community awareness events including the Whale Festival, the Catchment Model, The Take 3 project, the bus advertisement, a variety of service group presentations, and the Love Our Lakes Estuary Forum >70 attendees and great community interest.

- Future items for the continuation of Love our Lakes Project were then discussed with general agreement that the momentum should not be lost post the end of the NSW OEH funding. These included: future continued use of the Catchment Model, continuation of the Schools calendar project, continuation of the Estuary forum on a regular basis, general community awareness activities etc.

The SELLS Wetlands Grants were discussed as a means to continue the funding of some of these activities....perhaps as a Love our Wetlands concept. Daniel Murphy is to follow up on this with SELLS for the next meeting.

ACTION: Daniel Murphy

- In addition general discussion followed about the level of funding that Council could bring to support the delivery of some of these aspects of the project. It was agreed the Estuary Health Report Card aspect of Council's project work fitted very neatly into the Love Our Lakes concept. It was agreed also that the Calendar competition would be continued.
- To provide further information about the Australian Oyster Coast group, it was agreed that a representative be requested to present at the next BVSC CP&M Committee meeting 2 October 2015
- It was also moved that a program of activities and a costing of the funding required for a continuation of the Love Our Lakes programme be presented at the next Committee meeting. **Moved Kerry Pfeiffer, seconded Danie Ondinea.**

ACTION: Daniel Murphy

4.5 Kerry Pfeiffer

Congratulated Brett on Love our Lakes Estuary forum

- Mirador – housing boom – sediment controls are not up to standard – Education needed – Planners and building surveyors need to be more involved.

ACTION: Danny Madigan to follow up

5 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Stuart Cameron (Coastal Weeds Project Officer)

- Background to this very successful program was provided from its commencement 8 years ago to present. The project is an on ground Coastal protection and weeds programme covering all of the BVSC involving state, commonwealth, council & LLS. The project is funded by the NSW Environment Trust, BVSC and SELLS.

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- Key features were described by Stuart: 3 LALC search for these weeds every 6 months a contractor removes from dangerous areas & also work with council. Seaspurge dominates and remains a massive threat, continuing involvement with dune care groups, ongoing benefits of working with the LALC including training and identification of the weeds and the progression for some workers onto permanent employment, success with Bitou Bush and African daisy (only 25 daisy plants located along entire coastline in last sweep), 2 new weeds being identified namely Sharp Rush and Senicio.
- Stuart also advised of additional project outcomes including the collection of litter off beaches, awareness raising activities, open gardens, escapes projects, signage on coastal beaches, and media coverage.
- Danny advised that funding from all current partners was secure through till 2018 at current levels though the Coastal Weeds Project Steering Committee is beginning to explore future project and funding options for this important coastal work post 2018.

5.2 Kyran Crane & Danny Madigan (BVSC)

- 2015 Rapid Catchment Appraisals - Middle Lagoon, Nelson Lagoon, and Cuttagee. This project is funded by OEH and BVSC and is being conducted by Elgin & Associates Pty Ltd. (Stuart Cameron is also involved revegetation and erosion issues).
- 2015 BVSC Entrance Management (opening) Policy. This project is funded by BVSC and is being undertaken by UNSW and will formalise and streamline the ongoing approval and mechanisms for Council and agencies involved in the management of lake, river and lagoon entrances in the Shire and will involve agencies and community involvement.
- The Pambula Lake CZMP will presently be reported to Council with a recommendation for adoption and Gazettal by the NSW Government
- The BVSC Coastal Hazard Definition Study will shortly go on public exhibition with a view to have the project completed prior to December 2015
- Danny Madigan advised that 60 Council staff will be undertaking erosion control training in mid-August 2015.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

Closure

Meeting closed at 12.10

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Next meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 10.00am on Friday, 2nd October 2015, at Bega Council Chambers