Present
Kyran Crane – BVSC
Derek van Bracht – BVSC
Kerry Pfeiffer – Community Rep
Danie Ondinea – Community Rep
Graham Scott – SELLs
Jillian Keating – SCWO
Jillian Reynolds – DPI Fisheries
Cindy Garner – Dept Industries Land and Water
Don McPhee – Community Rep
Stuart Cameron – Coastal Weeds
Cr Liz Seckold – BVSC
Cr Cathy Griff – BVSC
Lorraine Fuge – BVSC

Apologies:
Caroline Henry – Chair NSW Farmers Oyster Committee
Catherine Knight – Crown Land (Cindy Garner attended instead)
Greg Carton – Community Rep
Justin Gilligan – Batemans Bay Marine Park Authority

Confirmation of minutes
The Minutes of the 20 October 2017 Committee meeting were taken as read.
Moved Don McPhee Seconded Danie Ondinea

1 Business arising
Actions from previous Minutes:

Action: Arrange a presentation by Council Water and Sewerage Services branch on the Merimbula Sewage Outfall project.
Status: To be arranged for next meeting (Ken McLeod).

2 Member Reports
Sapphire Coast Wilderness Oysters – Jillian Keating

• Successful Merimbula Eat Festival drawing large crowds
• Example shown of new oyster lease signage encouraging etiquette from recreational fishers, there will also be stickers available
Recent SCWO strategic planning session

EMS to finish this financial year unless funding is obtained

Community member – Don McPhee
- Cattle Bay jetty and beach – concerns raised of access and safety of these areas. Very popular with locals but needs major safety improvements
  - Derek explained background history of the site and issues that have occurred over the years
  - Don suggested jetty has potential for heritage listing

Local Land Services – Graham Scott
- Coastal Weeds Project – meeting end 2017
- Agencies to soon receive MOU for ongoing funding
- Mentioned weed issues, key weed is Norfolk Island Hibiscus – lots in Wallaga, encouraging Marine Parks to remove as part of new Sea Country Grant.
  - Bermagui golf club undertaken significant NIH removal
  - Important to make community aware of this weed problem
- Update on Tathra River Estate project with Council

BVSC Councillor – Cathy Griff
- Potential for grants through Council and other agencies
- Discussed challenged of Climate change and Sea Level Rise (mentioned Wollongong CMP recently in media) – issues that could affect BVS – airport, developments, etc.
  - Little community knowledge on this issue

DPI Fisheries – Jillian Reynolds
- Currently reviewing plans for Merimbula Airport expansion
- Providing comments on Crown Lands development and wave attenuator at Eden
- Sewer Outfall Study – Available shortly, commended Council on comprehensive work
- Encouraging applications for Habitat Action Funding through DPI for South Coast

BVSC Councillor – Liz Seckold
- Climate Change – not widely accepted in local community
- Clean-up Australia event in Tathra area collected 14 bags of rubbish
- Bega-Tathra Bike Track – funding from State Government to get the track to Kalaru

Community Rep – Kerry Pfieffer
- Provided an update on the Mirador site – mentioned the sediment and erosion controls were greatly improved
- Merimbula Boardwalk – doggie doo bags are being left in the bush – may require more bins / education program
Stuart Cameron

- Mogareeka Estuary – litter in the inlet areas can only be collected by boat
- Provided an update on weed assessment work carried out in estuaries – Curalo, Merimbula, Back Lake, Wallaga for CMP projects
  - Discussed the widespread impacts of garden escapees

Crown Lands – Cindy Garner

- No update

Community member – Danie Ondinea (Bermagui area)

- Bermagui River Coastal Management Plan
- Bruce Steer Pool Redevelopment including accessible ramp – on public exhibition
- Bermagui Community Forum – meetings well attended with some heated meetings
- Friends of Bermagui Saltmarsh and Shorebirds – saltmarsh work with golf course – permission required for works from Jillian Reynolds department
- Raised issues of Telstra moving of cables in creek near Golf Club potentially causing issues with silt disturbance

3 BVSC Update

Derek van Bracht

- Update on the 27th Annual NSW Coastal Conference to be held at Club Sapphire, Merimbula
  - Organising committee has been formed – committee advising on themes for the conference, papers to be presented, keynote speakers etc.
- General update on current Council enviro projects
- Discussed illegal tree poisoning epidemic occurring in the shire (mainly coastal areas of Bermagui, Merimbula and Pambula Beach)

Kyran Crane

- Update on Coastal Management Programs and other Coastal projects

4 New Business

Nil

5 Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 12.10pm

6 Next meeting

The meetings will be held at 10.00am on Friday of 13th July 2018 at the Commemorative Civic Centre, Bega.