

Coastal Planning and Management

Committee Meeting



MINUTES

HELD AT Bermagui on 16 March 2018

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 Pfiesser

- 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 – Curralo, 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.