

Coastal Planning and Management

Committee Meeting



HELD AT Bega on 17 March 2017

Present

Clr Liz Seckold – BVSC
Cr Cathy Griff – BVSC
Kyran Crane – BVSC
Kerry Pfeiffer – Community Rep
Michael Fiedler – BVSC
Daniel Murphy – BVSC
Danny Madigan - BVSC
Aimee Beardsmore – Office of Environment & Heritage
Don McPhee – Community Rep
Stephen Dovey – NPWS
John Walker – Community Rep
Lee Blessington – Forestry Corp
Doug Reckord – Bournda Environmental Education Centre
Caroline Henry – Chair NSW Farmers Oyster Committee
Graham Scott – SELLS
Anne Greenaway – Merrimans LALC
Darren Hulm – RMS
Adam Russell – RMS
Jillian Keating – SCWO
Greg Thomson – DPI (Presenter)

Apologies:

Andrew Woodley – BVSC
Norman Lenehan – Eurobodalla Shire Council
Jillian Reynolds – DPI Fisheries
Danie Ondinea – Community Rep
Graham Moore – BVSC

Confirmation of minutes

The Minutes of the 1 July 2016 Committee meeting were taken as read.

Moved Don McPhee

Seconded Lee Blessington

1 Business arising

- Nothing specific raised. Though Don McPhee interested in 'wash up' regarding impacts from east coast low storm in June 2016.
 - Daniel Murphy to follow up with BVSC risk area re: assessments completed
 - Aimee Beardsmore working on paper summarising impacts from ECL on South Coast - to provide report / information relating to OEH supported LiDAR assessment of coast post storms

2 Member Reports

Community member – Don McPhee

- Participating on the Tathra Headland Working Group. Its important for these types of projects that a strategic approach is taken by Council.

Community member – John Walker

- Noted his involvement as a community representative on the Curalo Lake Focus Group.
- Nothing specific to report at this time.

Local Land Services – Graham Scott

- 50 Land Management Agreements signed at this time. Supported with projects by Biofund and Catchment Action Plan.
- Rapid Catchment Assessment – Nelsons has assisted in identifying and working with several upper catchment landholders. Noted the importance of strategic approach for LLS works.
- Dan Morgan is the new Aboriginal Land Services officer. He'll provide valuable assistance to cultural assessments and working in with LALC's.
- Biosecurity – Calici virius has been released, working with Council and landholders.
- Potoroo – discussion being had with Saving our Species officers and NPWS regarding ongoing program and use of data.
- Looking for opportunities to transition Koori work crew into further employment over next 12 months

DPI – Forest NSW - Lee Blessington

- Fire season was extremely dangerous but no significant fires to date.
- Imminent release of Threatened Ecosystems Mapping by OEH. Not too much impact of Forestry areas as often managed through riparian area protections but there could be some impacts through river flat eucalyptus areas.
- Working with Eden LALC on cultural campsite areas as part of the Bundian Way Project.
- Plan of Management for the Murrah Flora Reserve will be going to the Minister for approval.

Community member – Kerry Pfiesser

- Levels of pippies locally do not seem to be the same as years gone by - no clear explanation for this. Other places like SA have a significant industry of pippy supply which could be investigated.
- (Caroline Henry – northern NSW has had a bumper season of pippies and there are various reasons / factors which means they ebb and flow in terms of availability)
- Has noticed an improvement in BVSC's STP overflow performance around the shires waterways which is very pleasing to see.

Sapphire Coast Wilderness Oysters - Jillian Keating

- Have received funding through the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility for a test case on the local oyster industry. Basically a first past climate risk assessment through surveys and workshop.
- 18 oyster farmers participated in Clean Up Australia day across 3 estuaries. Collected a couch (!) and approx. 13-14m3 of rubbish.

- Ongoing work on Pacific Oyster control with an unexpected build up in some locations (up to 2,000 found). Supported by LALC and Koori Work Crew.
- Oaklands Lane erosion project going ahead with support from BVSC (~\$10k).
- Some lower priority erosion works around the Pambula Oyster sheds taking place in partnership with NPWS.
- Unsuccessful in recent Flagship Rec Fishing grants. The project was with Far South Coast Landcare around Wapengo. But the networking result was good for future project opportunities – e.g. an ‘aquatic bioblitz’

Sapphire Coast Wilderness Oysters – Caroline Henry

- Oyster production in NSW and Bega Valley has increased. With Bega Valley value created of \$4.8m and 893,000 dozen produced. Merimbula Lake the 3rd most productive in NSW.
- 8 of 9 Gold medal awards presented at recent Sydney Royal went to oyster farmers from Bega Valley estuaries.
- Lots of showcasing of oysters locally → Eden Whale Festival, Bega and Pambula Shows, EAT Merimbula.
- Thanks Council for support to IPART that oyster leases should not be rated.
- The industry continues to work on issues to resolve conflict between oyster farmers and recreational fishers.

Merrimans LALC – Anne Greenaway

- 1st meeting and very much keen to participate and contribute.
- Keen to be involved in projects, particularly on Aboriginal land.

Steve Dovey – OEH National Parks

- Lots of staffing change in NPWS. Kane Weeks in the new Regional Manager.
- Most works now complete in response to the June 2016 East Coast Low.
- Recent works to protect significant Pambula River Mouth midden are complete.
- Have been approached by UNESCO to contribute to review of Nadgee and Croajingalong Parks as part of the Biosphere Reserve.
- Works done to re strengthen sand bagging in Pambula River to protect middens.
- 2 new Saving our Species Officers working out of Merimbula NPWS with Yellow belly Glider and owl habitat being emphasised. These 5 year positions essentially have direct accountability to the NSW OEH.

OEH Coast & Estuaries – Aimee Beardsmore

- Taking on a new staff person in the coast and estuaries unit in the coming week.
- Coastal reforms continue –SEPP public exhibition completed with many and detailed responses.
- Survey and catalogue damages/impact of beaches completed after east coast low. OEH preparing a paper on this for distribution.
- Working with BVSC on Coastal Management Program Projects

RMS – Adam Russell

- New RMS Boating Safety Officer (with Darren Hulm taking on a supervisory role.)
- Good summer out on the water only one more major incident.

- Now moving into management actions like signage, and moorings review in the quieter period.
- (Caroline Henry – ‘residential boat’ issue at Wonboyn. Details to be passed to Adam).

BVSC Councillor – Cathy Griff

- Banning balloon releases passed by Council
- Interested in input and update to Council Climate Change Strategy

Chair BVSC Councillor – Liz Seckold

- Participates in a large number of committees including Tathra Landcare, CEFE, Tathra Wharf Museum, Merimbula / Bake Lake Focus Group, Bega-Tathra Safe Ride

Bournda EEC – Doug Reckord

- Saving our Species Officer visited to discuss opportunities.
- May 4th 2017 Bionet video conference – all welcome to dial in.
- NPWS through Amy Harris are interested in a shorebird project at Wallagoot.
- Science Hub – Hub in the Pub’. First session on the 13th May 2017 in Eden. Targeting 18-35 age group. Keep an eye out for promotion.
- Surveys for water bugs entering its 17th year with Autumn and Spring the times of year for these to be done. A successful ongoing program
- Clean Up Australia day completed but still a significant amount of waste collected in such a small area. There is a need to revamp / reinvigorate litter / rubbish management and engagement throughout the shire.
- Microplastics a significant problem

RMS – Darren Hulm

- New supervisory role covering large geographical area
- Biggest local project relocating moorings at Snug Cove

3 DPI – Lands, Greg Thomson

- Information on timeframes regarding finalisation of approvals and construction OEMP etc presented.
- Discussion on fuel emission standards allowed for the development. NSW EPA to provide an update re: the current status on their approach to low sulphur diesel in ports outside of Sydney.
- Need clarification on responsible authority in terms of operational issues and the cruise ships especially in regard spills and ballast disposal. Council staff to action.
- Action: Greg to provide contact names of people on the Community Liaison Group for the Eden Port Development Projects. These are:
 - **Gail Ward** – Cruise Eden Sub-Committee
 - **Robert Bain** – Port of Eden Marina (POEM)
 - **Jenny Robb** – Eden Chamber of Commerce
 - **Anthony Osborne** – Sapphire Coast Tourism
 - **Steve Heffernan** – Switzer Australasia - Eden
 - **Denis Lawrence** – Resident
 - **John Aveyard** – Resident

- **Leanne Scott** – Resident
- **Natalie Godward** – Cruise Eden Co-Ordinator
- **Richard Lamacraft** – Marine Rescue
- **Robin Arthur** – Twofold Bay Yacht Club
- **Tim Whitaker** – Bega Valley Chamber of Commerce
- **Shane O'Leary** – Bega Valley Shire Council
- **Mike Skitt** – Construction & Maintenance - Building Contractors Ships Agent for Monson Shipping

4 BVSC Update

- Overview of current Environmental Services projects and status: Entrance Opening Policy completion, CMP – Bermagui River – Processes Study almost completed, CMP – Reviews, CMP – Coastal Hazards
- More significant DA's discussed.
 - Tathra River Estate
 - Merimbula/Pambula/Eden Planning Proposal
 - Lakewood Drive sub-division

5 New Business

Doug R requested an option for a CMP to be considered for Wallagoot Lake noting current work programs. Council staff to consider development in future coastal program works.

6 Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 12.20pm.

7 Next meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 10am on Friday 21st July 2017 at Commemorative Civic Centre, Bega.