

Central Coastal Management Program Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 04 May, 2022
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, Level 3, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road,
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Time: 4.00pm

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Agenda

1. **Apologies**
2. **Confirmation of Minutes**
 - Central Coastal Management Program Advisory Committee - 19 October 20211
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Presentations**
 - CC22.1 Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek CMP
- Project Update
 - CC22.2 Shoalhaven Open Coast and Jervis Bay CMP - Project Update
5. **General Business**

Membership

Clr Ell (Chairperson)
Clr Christen (Alternate Chairperson)
All other Councillors (Non voting members)
CEO or nominee

Community representatives
Christopher Grounds
Graham John Connolly
Tony Thompson
Bob Pullinger
Julie Court
Samuel Dunnett

Representatives from Government Agencies:
Local Aboriginal Land Council
NSW State Emergency Services
Department of Planning, Environment and Industry (DPIE)
Other relevant Government Agency representatives

Quorum – Three (3) provided that a minimum of the Chairperson and two community representatives are present.

Purpose

The principal objective of the Central Coastal Management Program Advisory Committee is to assist Shoalhaven City Council in the development and implementation of one or more Coastal Management Program plans for the central area of the Council. This will need to be in accordance with the NSW Coastal Management Manual. The central area applies to the following coastal areas and estuaries:

- All Council managed beaches from Callala Bay in the north, to Cunjurong Point in the South
- St Georges Basin
- Jervis Bay
- Currambene Creek
- Moona Moona Creek
- Currarong Creek
- Callala Creek
- Sussex Inlet
- Swan Lake
- Berrara Creek
- Shoalhaven Urban and Rural estuaries

Role

1. To assist the Council in the development and implementation of the coastal management programs for the areas listed under 'Purpose' (see above);
2. To assist the Council monitoring and assessing the effectiveness of the management program during and after its implementation;
3. To assist the Council providing input into known coastal event(s) and erosion behaviour as part of the Coastal Management Program;

4. Provide and review scientific advice and integrate this knowledge into the preparation and review of the Coastal Management Program; and
5. Facilitate broader community consultation and participation in coast and estuary management through informing and liaising with member community groups.

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 19 October 2021
Location: Teams
Time: 4.00pm

The following members were present (Remotely):

Clr Patricia White - Chairperson
Mr Christopher Grounds
Mr Tony Thompson
Mr Bob Pullinger
Ms Julie Court
Mr Graham Connolly
Mr Michael Roberts - Manager - Environmental Services – (CEO Nominee)

Others present:

Mr Phil Costello – Director City Development
Mr Nigel Smith – Coastal Management Program Coordinator
Mr Chris Adamantidis - Advisian
Mr Daniel Wiecek – Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
Ms Helen Wheeler – NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands
Ms Jillian Reynolds – DPIE Fisheries
Mr Malcolm Robertson - NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands
Ms Cherie Parmenter – DPIE
Ms Chloe Broom – Coastal Project Officer
Mr Simon Williams – NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands -
joined at 4.33pm
Ms Emma Dortons – Heritage NSW – joined at 4.45pm

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Nil

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Tony Thompson / Julie Court)

That the Minutes of the Central Coastal Management Program Advisory Committee held on Monday 15 March 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Mr Graham Connelly gave a Welcome to Country.

Declarations of Interest

Nil

REPORTS

CC21.3 Shoalhaven Beaches Asset Management Strategy Progress Report - Central

**HPERM Ref:
D21/421516**

Chris Adamantidis – Coastal Engineer, Advisian – presented the Shoalhaven Beaches Asset Management Strategy report prepared by Advisian to the meeting.

Key points:

- The project has been jointly funded by DPIE & Council to look at all beach accessways throughout the Shoalhaven LGA and prioritise access ways for repairs and/or improvements.
- Council manages over 220 beach access points at 40 beaches throughout the LGA.
- Each area has been identified with condition rating, indicating what is recommended or required for improvement.
- Key issues affecting accessways in the north are wind erosion, beach erosion especially at Shoalhaven Heads as well as informal access paths - people creating own accessway where there is no existing accessway, or multiple access points for the one area that could be consolidated to a single accessway.
- Common issues identified across the Shoalhaven were:
 - erosion at the base of accessways
 - stormwater erosion
 - slope instability
 - maintenance/vegetation encroachment
 - damage to dune vegetation and the spread of weeds
 - lowering of base of the accessways relative to surrounding dune
 - difficult or remote access
 - creek bank erosion

Recommendation

That the Committee:

1. Receive this report for information;
2. Recommend consultation through the CMP process of review/implementation of closure of coastal access track actions from the report; and
3. Recommend implementation of actions including maintenance, upgrades, and repairs of coastal access tracks outside of the CMP process.

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RECOMMENDATION (Christopher Grounds / Tony Thompson)

That:

1. The Committee receive this report for information;
2. A copy of Advisian's report be provided to all committee members for further consultation;
3. The Committee recommend consultation through the CMP process for Council endorsement of implementation of closure of coastal access track actions from the report; and
4. The Committee recommend to allow implementation of actions including maintenance, upgrades and repairs of coastal access tracks outside of the CMP process.
5. In accordance with [MIN21.656](#) from the Ordinary Council meeting of 28 September 2021, the full report be given to Councillors as per the Recommendation.

CARRIED

CC21.4 Update on the Open Coast and Jervis Bay Coastal Management Programs

**HPERM Ref:
D21/438756**

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee receive the report on the status of the Open Coast and Jervis Bay Coastal Management Programs for information.

RESOLVED (Bob Pullinger / Christopher Grounds)

That the Committee receive:

1. The report on the status of the Open Coast and Jervis Bay Coastal Management Programs for information.
2. The updated list of stakeholders that have been identified.

CARRIED

CC21.5 Update on the Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Berrara Creek and Swan Lake Coastal Management Programs

**HPERM Ref:
D21/389933**

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee receive the report on the status of the Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Berrara Creek and Swan Lake Coastal Management Programs for information.

RESOLVED (Christopher Grounds / Julie Court)

That the Committee receive the report on the status of the Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Berrara Creek and Swan Lake Coastal Management Programs for information.

CARRIED

CC21.6 Coastal Zone Management Plan Progress Update

**HPERM Ref:
D21/438415**

It was noted that a Bill is in before NSW Parliament to extend the CZMP by a further 2 years. If it is extended can the information please be forwarded to Councillors.

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Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committees:

1. Note the progress of the Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP), certified by the NSW State Government in 2018; and,
2. Note the expiration date of the Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP), at the end of the calendar year of 2021.

RESOLVED (Bob Pullinger / Christopher Grounds)

That the Committees:

1. Note the progress of the Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP), certified by the NSW State Government in 2018; and,
2. Note the expiration date of the Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP), at the end of the calendar year of 2021.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS**CC21.7 Additional Item - Sustainable Tourism**

Chris Grounds raised the concept/term “sustainable tourism” being used in reporting, can council do something more than just phrase “sustainable tourism” and what that actually means? Also noting concepts of climate change, sea level rise and storm regime, they don't seem to appear in Coastal Planning.

Michael Roberts advised that Council has recently appointed a Sustainability Officer and are meeting with her regularly to discuss 2035-2050 carbon emissions and reductions. Those terms mentioned are strongly considered when developing more sustainability policies and procedures so Council has a better vision in terms of carbon abatement and temperature rises that are predicted to occur.

Clr White requested that at a future meeting the new Sustainability Officer do a presentation.

Nigel Smith also noted that in previous plans (CZMP) the term “sustainable” has been quite ambiguous however when transitioning into the new CMPs, we aim to make these terms and actions more refined as easy to implement.

It was also requested that at a future meeting to have input on bringing Cruise Ships into Jervis Bay and the Committee receive a report in relation to this. Council has contacts from Maritime and they do get invited to the meetings, because this is a specific question, it's suggested that this matter be dealt with directly.

RESOLVED (Christopher Grounds / Clr White)

That Council's Sustainability Officer provide a presentation at a future meeting of the Committee about what the role is and how the Officer wants to move it forward.

CARRIED

CC21.8 Additional Item - Presentation from Pia Winberg and local Mussel Farmers

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RESOLVED (Bob Pullinger / Clr White)

That the Committee receive a presentation to a future meeting from:

1. Pia Winberg – regarding weed in the Bay
2. Local Mussel Farmers – regarding their findings on what is happening in Jervis Bay

CARRIED

CC21.9 Additional Item - 2022 Coastal Conference

Bob Pullinger raised the question about being able to join the webinar at the Coastal Conference, or join the Conference via Zoom or Teams if that function is available.

Clr White advised that Council has in the past approved the attendance of limited members to a Conference. This will require a resolution of Council and is happy to put that up if re-elected.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5.31pm.

Clr Patricia White
CHAIRPERSON