

North Coastal Management Program Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 28 June, 2022
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4.00pm

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Agenda

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Membership

Clr Wells (Chairperson)

All other Councillors (Non voting members)

CEO or nominee

Community Representatives:

Claude Domio

Denise Belling

Plaxy Rowe

John Gould

Leonie Sinclair

Representative from Government Agencies:

NSW State Emergency Services

Department of Planning, Environment and Industry (DPIE)

Local Aboriginal Land Council

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

- All Council managed beaches from Seven Mile / Berry Beach to the most northern coastal boundary of the Shoalhaven LGA, to the southern end of Warrain / Currarong Beach
- Shoalhaven River Estuary
- Broughton Creek
- Crookhaven River/Curleys Bay
- Lake Wollumboola
- Shoalhaven Urban and Rural estuaries

Role of Committee

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 NORTH COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The following members were present (remotely):

Clr John Wells - Chairperson
Clr Patricia White
Mr Claude Domio
Ms Denise Belling
Ms Plaxy Rowe
Mr John Gould
Ms Leonie Sinclair
Ms Alannah Mannix
Mr Michael Roberts - Manager - Environmental Services – (CEO Nominee)

Others Present (remotely):

Chris Adamantidis – Advisian
Aimee Beardsmore – NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
Cameron Whiting – Eurobodalla Shire Council
Daniel Wiecek – NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
Helen Wheeler – NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands
Jason Carson – South East Local Land Services
Jillian Reynolds – NSW Department of Primary Industries – Fisheries
Malcolm Robertson – NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands
Madeline Goddard – Coast & Estuaries Officer
Phil Costello – Director City Development
Nigel Smith – Coastal Management Program Coordinator
Simon Williams – NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands – joined 4:37pm

Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Clr Findley.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Clr White / John Gould)

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

CARRIED

Clr John Wells gave a Welcome to Country.

Declarations of Interest

Nil

REPORTS

NC21.7 Shoalhaven Beaches Asset Management Strategy Progress Report - North

**HPERM Ref:
D21/421524**

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 for Council endorsement of implementation of closure of coastal access track actions from the report; and
3. Recommend to allow implementation of actions including maintenance, upgrades and repairs of coastal access tracks outside of the CMP process.

RECOMMENDATION (Clr White / Claude Domio)

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

NC21.8	Update on the Open Coast and Jervis Bay Coastal Management Programs	HPERM Ref: D21/424927
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- Nigel Smith will circulate a copy of the Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan to all members of the Committee.

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 (By consent)

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

CARRIED

NC21.9	Update on the Lower Shoalhaven River Coastal Management Program (CMP)	HPERM Ref: D21/419994
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- Currently at the negotiation stage with the preferred tenderer.
- Time frame for completion is estimated for late 2022 / early 2023.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee receive the report on the status of the Lower Shoalhaven River Coastal Management Program for information.

RESOLVED (John Gould / Claude Domio)

That the Committee receive the report on the status of the Lower Shoalhaven River Coastal Management Program for information.

CARRIED

NC21.10	Coastal Zone Management Plan Progress Update	HPERM Ref: D21/417312
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- DPIE advised that there is currently an application to NSW Parliament for the CZMPs to be extended for 2 years.
- If the extension is granted, the actions that were ongoing but not yet complete won't be required to be completed in the October 2021 – January 2022 timeframe.

- If the extension is not granted, the CZMP would cease to have effect. This would mean that in order for Council to apply for funding under the DPIE Coast & Estuary Program, a certified coastal management program would need to be in place. Any significant management actions from the CZMP would require approvals and assessments to be completed by end of this year.

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 (By consent)

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

NC21.11 Pre-dredging feasibility studies grant application - Lower Shoalhaven River - partially awarded

HPERM Ref: D21/419286

The Royal Haskoning Channel Dredging and Beach Nourishment Report is attached to these Minutes.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee receives the report on the background to the grant received to undertake pre-dredging feasibility studies for the Lower Shoalhaven River for information.

RESOLVED (Helen Wheeler / John Gould)

That the Committee:

1. Receives the report on the background to the grant received to undertake pre-dredging feasibility studies for the Lower Shoalhaven River for information.
2. Receive the Royal Haskoning Channel Dredging and Beach Nourishment Report from May 2021.

CARRIED

NC21.12 River Road Foreshore Precinct Rehabilitation Project Progress Report

HPERM Ref: D21/419634

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee receive the Shoalhaven Heads River Road Foreshore Precinct Project (Regional Growth - Environment and Tourism Fund Grant # RNSW1279) Progress Report for information.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Committee receive the Shoalhaven Heads River Road Foreshore Precinct Project (Regional Growth - Environment and Tourism Fund Grant # RNSW1279) Progress Report for information.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5:25pm.

Clr John Wells
CHAIRPERSON

NC22.1 Open Coast CMP – Project Update

HPERM Ref: D22/224623

Department: Environmental Services

Approver: James Ruprai, Director - City Development

Reason for Report

The rationale for this report is to provide an update and presentation on the Open Coast Coastal Management Program (CMP).

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee receive the report and presentation on the status of the Open Coast CMP for information.

Options

1. Accept the report for information.

Implications: Nil

2. Provide an alternative recommendation.

Implications: The details will need to be provided for staff to ratify.

Background

Water Technology has been engaged by Council to prepare the Open Coast CMP.

Water Technology will be presenting a project update of the Open Coast CMP to the Committee. The Committee will be informed about how the project is progressing through Stage 2 of Stage 5 of the CMP process.

Stage 2 of the Open Coast CMP commenced in September 2021 and is now being finalised. This has involved investigating risks from coastal erosion and inundation – and identifying land and assets that may become exposed to these risks in the future. Stage 2 has also included an up-to-date assessment of cliff and slope instability across the many cliffs, headlands, and bluffs along the coastline.

The presentation will include:

- An overview of the project so far
- Progress update including the phases of this stage and key findings in the identification of risks from coastal erosion and inundation, as well as information pertaining to processes that occur in response to climate patterns.
- Where to next? This will focus on the aspects of Stage 3, including the development of potential management actions that can address key risks. Community drop-in sessions will be a key process in this stage.

NC22.2 Lower Shoalhaven River CMP - Project Update

HPERM Ref: D22/224550

Department: Environmental Services

Approver: James Ruprai, Director - City Development

Reason for Report

The rationale for this report is to provide an update and presentation on the Lower Shoalhaven River Coastal Management Program (CMP) project.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee receive the report and presentation on the status of the Lower Shoalhaven River CMP for information.

Options

1. Accept the report for information.

Implications: Nil

2. Provide an alternative recommendation.

Implications: Details will need to be provided by the committee for review.

Background

Rhelm has been engaged by Council to prepare the Lower Shoalhaven River CMP.

Rhelm will be presenting a project update to the Committee. The Committee will be informed about how the project is progressing through Stage 2 of Stage 5 of the CMP process.

Stage 2 of the Lower Shoalhaven River CMP involves the production of an Interactive Mapping Tool. Council has requested the community to provide input into the issues, problems or concerns impacting on these areas using the mapping tool. This input is required to inform the development of possible management options, following risk assessment, that the community will be invited to review and comment on in Stage 3 of the CMP.

Accordingly, Rhelm's presentation of Stage 2 of the Lower Shoalhaven CMP will include:

- An overview of the project so far
- Progress update
- Matters of interest in key "themes" identified through the Interactive Mapping Tool including bank erosion, boat usage, environmental, coastal and tidal flooding, and cultural and social.
- Where to next?