

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Monday, 15 April 2024
Location: Osprey Room, Level 1, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 5.03pm

The following members were present:

Clr John Wells – Chairperson
Clr Patricia White
Clr Paul Ell
Clr John Kotlash (Remotely) left at 5.40pm
Clr Matthew Norris (Remotely)
Ms Monica Mudge – arrived 5.30pm
Mr Adam Crossley
Mr Dirk Treloar

Others present:

Mr James Ruprai – Director City Development
Mr Peter Swanson – Acting Lead – Environmental Services
Mr Nigel Smith – Lead Coastal Management
Mr Christopher Beadle – Water Technology
Mr Danny Wiecek – Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
Mr Peter Hawkins – Transport for NSW
Ms Carla Ganassin – Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries
Mr Jason Carson – South East Local Land Services

Procedural Motion – Elect Acting Chairperson

RESOLVED (Clr White / Clr Ell)

That for the purposes of a combined meeting, Clr Wells be nominated as Acting Chairperson for the meeting today.

CARRIED

The Chairperson opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement to Country

Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Mr Mike Brungs

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Southern Coastal Management Program Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 14 December 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declaration of Interests

Nil

REPORTS

SC24.1 Adoption of the Open Coast and Jervis Bay Coastal Management Program

HPERM Ref:
D24/123106

Note: Ms Monica Mudge arrived at 5.30pm during the presentation

Note: C/r Kotlash left at 5.40pm during the presentation.

Mr Christopher Beadle – Water Technology provided a presentation and overview of the Shoalhaven Open Coastline and Jervis Bay Coastal Management Program (Summary of Public Exhibition).

Below is a summary of the presentation (attached to the Minutes) and a snapshot of comments made:

- The CMP started a couple of years ago and has gone through a five (5) stage process.
- The next steps for the CMP are for Shoalhaven City Council to endorse its adoption so it can be submitted to the NSW Minister for Local Government for certification.
- The CMP had a long Public Exhibition (a legislative requirement) period from 29 November 2023 to 2 February 2024
- The feedback was received online, in person during information sessions and via email.
- Submissions varied, shortest was four (4) words, longest was 2726 words, average was 3-4 sentences. Some were general in nature, most were specific to an individual action and a small number were off topic to this CMP.
- Locations of interest were Huskisson/Vincentia, Callala Bay/Beach, Mollymook Beach and Hyams Beach.
- Interest generated was mostly related to themes of Dune Management, Beach Access, Erosion Risk and High Beach usage.
- Response to Submissions package has been prepared by the project team and formed part of the attachments of this meetings' agenda.
- Currently in the stage of finalising the CMP and getting letters of support from NSW State Government agencies.
- The Lake Conjola, Sussex Inlet/Swan Lake/Berrara Creek / St Georges Basin and the Lower Shoalhaven River CMP are nearing the end of Stage 3 and is intended that they will go out for Public exhibition during the Winter period, prior to the Local Government Elections in September 2024.
- Each one of those CMP's will have their own action plan
- In relation to funding, will have to re-evaluate as can only project so far.
- All 116 Actions in the Open Coast and Jervis Bay CMP have received a priority based on the urgency
- To make changes to the CMP, if there is new information or new issues etc it would involve

going back through public exhibition and Council adoption and recertification by the Minister.

- There was discussion around holistic dune management across the whole of the Shoalhaven Coastline.
- There are specific actions in the CMP in relation to storm water management

Action – Mr James Ruprai – Director City Development will have a conversation out of committee with Mr Pullinger regarding Collingwood Beach and storm water issues

- An question was raised regarding training racehorses on beaches.

Action – Staff to initiate a discussion with the STC (Paul Wicks – CEO), Roger from Callala Foreshore Alliance and the local trainers regarding beach use and education.

- The Commonwealth has provided a funding agreement of \$1.5 Million for some estuaries
- The CMP business plan outlines proposed funding sources for all actions
- A point was made regarding all inclusive beach access
- The committee opened the conversation regarding the purpose of the committee going forward following the adoption of the CMP.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee:

1. Endorse that the Open Coast and Jervis Bay Coastal Management Program (CMP) is provided to Council for adoption and submission to the Minister for Local Government for certification.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Committee endorse that the Open Coast and Jervis Bay Coastal Management Program (CMP) is provided to Council for adoption and submission to the Minister for Local Government for certification.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.31pm.

Clr John Wells
ACTING CHAIRPERSON