

MINUTES

COAST AND ESTUARY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY

COMMITTEE MEETING

COACHWOOD ROOMS, YARRILA PLACE

10.00AM – 12.15PM, THURSDAY 23 MAY 2024

Attendees	Apologies
Cr Sally Towner (City) Paul Bennett (City) Sally Whitelaw (City) James McLeod (DPI Fisheries – Solitary Islands Marine Park - attending on behalf of David Greenhalgh) Jonathan Yantsch (DPI Fisheries) Grant Nelson (DPHI Crown Lands) Natalie Heckenberg (DPHI Crown Lands - Guest) Anna Sedlak (TfNSW - Maritime) Bruce Fidge (Community representative) Ian Shaw (Community representative) Harriet Brickhill (Local Land Services) Christian Sanders (Southern Cross University) Melanie Craig (Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare) Darren Skinner (Coffs Harbour and District Local Aboriginal Land Council) Ben Fitzgibbon (DCCEEW - attending on behalf of Marcello Sano) Christopher Beadle (Water Technology – Guest) Courtney Smith (Water Technology – Guest))	Paul Garnett (DPI - Agriculture) Bob Palmer (Community representative) Cr Scott Wolgamott (City - Guest) Cr Jonathan Cassell (City) Belinda Devine (SES) David Greenhalgh (DPI Fisheries - SIMP) Dean Egan (NPWS)

Agenda Item	Discussion / Actions	Actioner
1. Acknowledgement of Country	<p><i>We acknowledge the Gumbaynggirr People, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live and work, and pay our respects to their elders, past and present.</i></p>	
2. Welcome and Introductions	New Committee members were introduced to the Committee.	Noted
3. Apologies	Apologies were tabled.	Noted
4. Conflicts of interest	No conflicts were declared.	Noted

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5. Confirmation of minutes 29 August 2023	Moved – Ian Shaw Seconded – Paul Bennett	Noted
6. Presentation – Central Coffs Estuaries Coastal Management Plan (CMP) Stage 4 Draft Management Actions	<p>Results of Stage 3 community consultation were presented along with the Draft Stage 4 Management Actions identified after reducing the list of options using a risk assessment process.</p> <p>Stage 4 Draft report to be completed by end of June 2024. This will be circulated to the CEMAC.</p> <p>Action 6.1: Draft Stage 4 Central Coffs report to be circulated to CEMAC on completion (estimated July 2024).</p>	Paul B (City)
7. Presentation – Draft Open Coast Scoping Study	<p>Draft Scoping Study outline was presented including summary of community consultation results.</p> <p>Forward Business Plan was presented outlining the additional studies required in Stage 2 being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffs Harbour Open Coast Coastal Hazard Study and Risk Assessment, and • Coffs Harbour Open Coast Geotechnical Hazard Study and Risk Assessment <p>Action 7.1: Draft Open Coast Scoping Study to be circulated to CEMAC on completion (estimated July 2024).</p>	Paul B (City)
8. Business arising and project updates. Central Coffs Estuaries CMP	<p>Stage 3 community consultation completed.</p> <p>Stage 4 Draft Management Actions were presented.</p> <p>Draft Stage 4 report July 2024 will be circulated for comment and to gauge support for actions (see Action 6.1)</p>	Noted
Open Coast CMP	<p>Draft Scoping Study due July 2024</p> <p>Draft Scoping Study to be circulated to CEMAC (see Action 7.1)</p> <p>Next step – seek NSW Coast and Estuary funding for subsequent CMP development stages.</p>	Noted

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<p>Ararawarra, Pipe Clay, Corindi CMP</p>	<p>Stage 4 agency and stakeholder consultation on Draft Management Actions completed and feedback and comments integrated into Final Stage 4 Report.</p> <p>Final Draft CMP now ready for Council consideration to progress to public exhibition.</p> <p>It was noted that not all Draft Management Actions may be supported by proposed lead entities. This may impact the certification of the CMP.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Estuary Entrance Management Procedures</p>	<p>The three Entrance Management Procedures for Ararawarra Creek, Woolgoolga Lake and Nautilus Creek were recently reviewed and updated by the City.</p> <p>No changes were made to the trigger thresholds for consideration of intervention (water levels and berm heights) or decision-making pathways.</p> <p>Further Procedure being finalised for the management of all other estuary entrances and intermittently closed and open lakes and lagoons (ICOLLs) that do not have specific Procedures, based on a non-intervention approach to management.</p> <p>Action 8.1: City website to be updated to include latest information on management of the City's ICOLLs including FAQ's about the latest Entrance Management Procedures.</p>	<p>Paul B (City)</p>
<p>Hearnes Lake Taskforce Update</p>	<p>First meeting held 21 May 2024 to bring together potential Taskforce members to discuss Taskforce intent and terms of reference.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Implementation Projects</p>	<p>Bonville Pine Creek CMP Action 16 (Estuary Entrance Behaviour Investigation) – Project recently funded through NSW Coast and Estuary and Flooding Program and underway.</p> <p>Bonville Pine Creek CMP Action 5 (Stormwater Management Plan for the Bonville Pine Creek Estuary) – Funding secured from NSW Coast and Estuary Grant Program.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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	<p>Woolgoolga Region Estuaries CMP Action D (Stormwater Management Plan for the Woolgoolga Region Estuaries) – Funding secured from NSW Coast and Estuary Grant Program.</p> <p>Woolgoolga Region Estuaries CMP Action G (Restore and expand riparian vegetation at the Woolgoolga Southern foreshore) – Funding secured from DCCEEW Biodiversity division and project underway.</p> <p>Woolgoolga Region Estuaries CMP Action E (Undertake a targeted riparian rehabilitation works program) – Negotiations underway for potential funding under the Marine Estate Management Authority Program.</p> <p>Coffs Creek (Coffs Creek Southern foreshore revetment works) – Construction underway.</p> <p>Coffs Creek (Coffs Creek Stormwater Management) – Stormwater outlet concept designs finalised for three sites. Designs can be used as a basis for future funding applications for construction.</p> <p>Park Beach dune height reduction – completed as per Council Resolution.</p>	
9. Southern Cross University Presentation	Christian Sanders presented on some research looking at management options for Korora Lagoons.	Noted
10. Member updates	<p><u>Ian Shaw</u> Ilan has continued the monitoring of erosion on the Corindi River at Red Rock and supplied the latest results and observations. Ian also presented results of a community marine debris survey at Red Rock.</p> <p>Action 10.1: Circulate Red Rock erosion and marine debris surveys to CEMAC members with Minutes.</p>	Paul B (City)
11. Next meeting	To be determined	Noted

Outstanding Management Actions

Date	Item	Decision/Action	Assigned To	Due Date	Updates
23/05/24	Action 6.1	Draft Stage 4 Central Coffs report to be circulated to CEMAC on completion (estimated July 2024).	Paul Bennett	July 2024	
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23/05/24	Action 8.1	City website to be updated to include latest information on management of the City's ICOLLs including FAQ's about the latest Entrance Management Procedures.	Paul Bennett	September 2024	
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