

**TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL  
MEETING TASK SHEET**

**Action Item - COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, 21 June 2018**

Action is required for Item **36** as per the Council Resolution outlined below.

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**TITLE: [SUB-TCWC] Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 11 April 2018**

**Cr J Owen  
Cr P Allsop**

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 11 April 2018 be received and noted; and
2. The Executive Leadership Team's recommendations be adopted as follows:

Tourism Sector Alternate Representative to Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee.

*That Council endorses Ian Berger as alternate representative for Scott Peterson as the tourism sector representative on the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee.*

The Motion was **Carried**

**FOR VOTE - Unanimous**

**ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr R Byrnes, Cr C Cherry**

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**SUBMITTED BY: Natural Resource Management**

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**Leaving a Legacy**  
*Looking out for future generations*

**LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK:**

- 1 Leaving a Legacy
- 1.1 Natural Resource Management
- 1.1.3 Coastal Management - To protect and manage the use and quality of the Tweed's beaches and foreshores.

**ROLE: Collaborator**

**SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**Venue:**

Canvas & Kettle Meeting Room

**Time:**

9.00am

**Present:**

Rhonda James (Chair); Cr Katie Milne; Cr Chris Cherry; Ben Fitzgibbon; Bill Fenelon; David Cranwell; Hamish Brace; John Harbison; Lindy Smith; Robert Quirk; Ian Berger; Bruce Peate; Jane Lofthouse; Tom Alletson, Marama Hopkins, Tracey Stinson; Eli Szandala; Rob Seibert

**Apologies:**

Carl Cormack. Bill Hoskins Sam Dawson; Peter Comerford; Stewart Brawley;

Tourism sector alternate representative to Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee.

Due to work commitments Scott Peterson is having difficulty attending Committee meetings. Ian Berger, President of the Tweed Charter Operators Association has been recommended as a second representative of the tourism sector.

It was moved that Ian Berger be confirmed as an alternate representative for Scott Peterson as a representative of the tourism sector.

**Moved:** Robert Quirk

**Seconded:** Lindy Smith

**RESOLVED** that Council be requested to endorse Ian Berger as alternate representative for Scott Peterson as the tourism sector representative on the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorses Ian Berger as alternate representative for Scott Peterson as the tourism sector representative on the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

**Moved:** David Cranwell

**Seconded:** John Harbison

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee meeting held 14 February 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

**Minutes of Meeting on Draft Estuary Management Plan 14 March:**

Councillor Cherry enquired about minutes of the extra meeting of the Committee on 14 March to discuss the Draft Tweed Estuary Management Plan. Tom advised that no formal minutes were taken, but that notes of the changes to the document requested by

the committee were recorded and supplied to Hydrosphere for incorporation into a document revision. A copy of these notes and the response to each point will be supplied to the committee.

## **Business arising:**

### **Terranora Yabbie Investigation**

Tom tabled information from DPI Fisheries advising that the results of the investigation into impact of trampling and harvesting of yabbies would be released in June 2018.

### **Hastings Point Aquatic Reserve Nomination**

Tom advised that he had been in touch with staff in the office of Niall Blaire, Minister for Primary Industries, and had been advised that a response to the letter requesting advice on the Aquatic Reserve Declaration process would be forthcoming.

### **Response on timing of works to stabilise erosion adjacent to Tweed Coast Road, Mooball Creek**

Tom advised that a response had been sent by email to Cr Cherry on the timing for creek bank stabilisation works. David Cranwell advised that he now has an email address that he would provide.

## **Agenda Items:**

### **1. Clarrie Hall Dam, Bray Park Weir, and Pipeline Connection to SE Queensland Project Updates**

Rob Seibert from Council's Water Unit gave a presentation and took questions on these three projects. Further information will be provided to the committee on forthcoming environmental flow and ecological studies. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be supplied to committee members on request.

### **2. Tweed River Estuary Coastal Management Program Update**

Tom presented an update on progress with the CMP including:

- Comments on the first draft plan from the extraordinary Committee Meeting have been supplied to the consultants and incorporated into a second draft. A statement of how Committee comments were addressed will be supplied to Committee members.
- The second draft plan has been provided to Office of Environment and Heritage, Department of Primary Industries Crown Lands, Department of Primary Industries Fisheries and Roads and Maritime Services for state agency comment.
- Upon incorporation of all agency comments, a third draft, the 'public exhibition draft' will be provided to the Committee for review and endorsement, prior to it being sent to Council with a recommendation for public exhibition.
- The timing of the finalisation of the public exhibition draft is uncertain, with agency comment being provided possibly as late as mid June. It may be necessary to postpone the scheduled 8 August meeting of the Committee until September to allow for the review of the public exhibition draft.

Ben Fitzgibbon provided some commentary on the commencement of the Coastal Management Act and the State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP). He confirmed that the CMP would be reviewed consistent with the requirements of the new Coastal Management Manual, which had also just been released in its final version.

It was noted that through the review of SEPP area mapping undertaken by Mark Kingston, Tweed's coastal wetland and littoral rainforest protected areas have increased from 1,815ha to 3,167ha and from 95.5ha to 134ha respectively. Mark will be invited to attend the next Committee meeting to provide an overview of the Coastal Management SEPP.

There was discussion of a number of letters which had been circulated to the Committee.

Letters received from:

- Michelle Grimes – rower
- Tweed River Users Association
- Murwillumbah Rowing Club

The letter from the Tweed River Users included a request to address the TCWC, which was supported by way of a resolution.

**Moved:** Robert Quirk

**Seconded:** Hamish Brace

**RESOLVED** that the Tweed River Users Group representatives be invited to attend the next Committee meeting and present their views on river usage.

The three existing CMP actions relating to river use were presented to the committee, as follows:

### **Action E1**

Recommend to NSW Roads and Maritime Services that the character zones recommended in the Recreational Use Strategy be reflected in the review of the Tweed Estuary Boating Plan 2010, in particular, the inclusion of the following restrictions:

- Create a no tow zone within the "Conservation Zone" (Stotts Island) to prevent wake damaging sensitive environmental habitat, whilst increasing the areas suitability for tranquil and passive recreational uses; and
- Extending the no ski/tow zone within the "Restoration Zone", (Dunbible Creek to Commercial Road boat ramp) to reduce the risk of further wake induced bank erosion, and increase the likelihood of existing erosion being able to be stabilised with bio-engineered works, whilst increasing the areas suitability for tranquil and passive recreational uses.

### **Action E2**

Promote the character zones and their aims and provide educational materials to encourage vessel operators undertaking high impact activities (water skiing, wakeboarding, wake surfing, Personal Water Craft) to avoid the conservation and restoration zones for high wake, noise and amenity disturbing activities.

**Action E3**

Develop a policy on Motorised Water Recreation Businesses and amend the Tweed LEP 2014 via addition of a clause, to allow for definition and assessment of Motorised Water Recreation Businesses, with the intent of being consistent with the Environmental Values and Objectives of the Tweed River Estuary Coastal Management Program. Such a policy would include non-commercial organised events including multiple participants.

In discussion on the justification of and community support for these three actions, the response to the community surveys were highlighted. It was also suggested and accepted that a feedback form would be used during public exhibition to gauge the level of support or dissatisfaction with the character zones and other elements of the plan.

**3. Sustainable Agriculture Program Update**

Eli Szandala provided an update on projects being delivered by the Sustainable Agriculture Program including soil conservation on the Cudgen Plateau.

**4. Artificial Surfing Reef Proposal**

Tom provided an overview of a proposal to Council by Steve Barrett regarding the trial of an artificial surfing reef. The request involves Council supporting, in principle, a grant application to the Australian Government for installation of a prototype surfing reef to be installed (if project funded and all relevant approvals received) near Murphy's Road Kingscliff. The process of the request going to two Council meetings prior to being raised at this Committee was discussed. There was discussion on various aspects of the proposal.

**5. Mooball Creek Log Wall Replacement**

Tom provided a summary of the project, showing the condition of the existing failing log wall and its use, and pictures of a structure at Cudgen Creek similar to what is proposed to be provided at Mooball. The preference of proceeding with construction of a rock wall at the location was outlined, with explanations of cost (\$45,000 for rock wall and stair construction compared to \$65,000 for timber materials for log wall replacement, construction extra) and durability being provided. Tom noted that he had visited Pottsville Community Association meeting to discuss the issue and David Cranwell advised that a response may be provided following the Associations April meeting.

**General Business:****6. Private Memorials in Parks and Natural Areas**

Tom advised that Council is putting a draft policy on the unapproved installation of memorials for deceased persons in parks and natural areas on public exhibition. The issue has become most obvious at Hastings Point where a cluster of eight memorials have been established on the rocky foreshore in a prominent site.

The Draft Policy will be on exhibition until 18 June 2018.

**7. Dredging in Terranora Inlet and nourishment of Kingscliff Beach**

Jane provided a summary of this project, noting its completion.

Follow up actions and outstanding items:

- Aquatic reserve nomination at Hastings Point.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee will be held on the 13 May 2018.

The meeting closed at 12:40.

**EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S COMMENTS:**

**Tourism sector alternate representative to Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee.**

Nil.

**EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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**COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:**

**a. Policy:**

Code of Meeting Practice.

Terms of Reference - Adopted by Council at its meeting on 17 November 2016 Minute No: 517 (ECM4316118).

**b. Budget/Long Term Financial Plan:**

Not applicable.

**c. Legal:**

Not Applicable.

**d. Communication/Engagement:**

**Inform** - We will keep you informed.

**UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Nil.

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