

**TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL
MEETING TASK SHEET**

Action Item - COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, 21 February 2019

Action is required for Item **43** as per the Council Resolution outlined below.

TITLE: [SUB-TCWC] Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 12 December 2018

ALTERNATE MOTION

**Cr C Cherry
Cr K Milne**

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The Motion was **Carried**
FOR VOTE - Unanimous

Agenda Report

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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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REPORT:

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Venue:

Canvas & Kettle Meeting Room

Time:

9.00am

Present:

Rhonda James (Chair); Cr Katie Milne; Cr Chris Cherry; Bill Fenelon; Bill Hoskins; David Cranwell; Hamish Brace; John Harbison; Lindy Smith; Robert Quirk; Sam Dawson; Tom Alletson, Marama Hopkins, Matt Bloor.

Apologies:

Carl Cormack, Jane Lofthouse, Tracey Stinson, Catherine Knight, Pat Dwyer, Ben Fitzgibbon, Ian Berger, Peter Comerford.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Amendment: It was noted that Pat Dwyer was inaccurately noted as an apology at the September meeting where he was actually in attendance.

Moved: Robert Quirk

Seconded: John Harbison

RESOLVED that subject to the amendment above, the Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee meeting held 12 September 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Agenda Items:**1. Tweed Estuary CMP Update**

Tom advised the committee on the continuing progress with the CMP. Subject to receipt and content of State Agency comments it is estimated that finalisation of the CMP will be mid to late 2019.

There was some discussion on management of cane land, including the maintenance of green banks (cane drain banks planted with Lomandra) and instances where it appears that plantings have been lost due to spraying of herbicide.

There was some discussion of Council follow up on River Health Grants/Biodiversity Grants and whether there is an ongoing process of auditing these. Tom advised that there have been some structured audits in the past but that in most cases the long process of planning and delivery of projects resulted in follow up knowledge of outcomes.

2. Water Quality Report Card

The annual water quality report card for 2018 was released by Council on 12 December.

3. Rous River

Prior to a presentation on the Rous River by Matt Bloor, Tom advised the committee that Council had won a 2018 Local Government NSW Excellence in the Environment award

for the Oxley River Bank Stabilisation Project that Matt had managed. Tom commended Matt for his exceptional work on the project and award nomination.

The Rous River Project has been running for two years and has included work on multiple properties including fencing, planting, weed control and erosion stabilisation. All targets for the project are being met. Matt provided an overview of bank stabilisation works on two sites affected by serious erosion near Crystal Creek.

4. Mooball Creek Retaining Wall Replacement

Tom advised that a decision has been made to replace the existing log retaining wall at Pottsville with a structure comprised of the same materials. The additional funds required to complete works have not been identified at this time.

5. Old Boat Harbour Fingal Head - Commercial Water Craft Promotion Event

Council has received a number of reports and complaints regarding an unapproved commercial power watercraft (PWC) promotion event at Old Fingal Boat Harbour in November 2018. Bill Fenelon presented the details of the incident to the committee, which included recommendations for restrictions on wake enhanced vessels and PWC speeds. Tom advised that Council staff had spoken to and written to the company responsible for organising the activity, JSW Power Sports, advising Council concerns regarding community complaints and that any future similar activities would need to be licensed. It was also noted that the activity would appear to have been highly inconsistent with Council's Events Strategy 2016-2020.

Following significant discussion on the best way for Council to respond to the issue, the following recommendation was drafted:

Moved: Bill Fenelon

Seconded: Robert Quirk

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6. Installation of Stairs for Diver Access at Jack Evans Boat Harbour

Tom outlined a request from a representative of the commercial and recreational SCUBA diving community for safer access into the river near the northern confluence of Jack Evans Boat Harbour and the Tweed River. This area is a very popular dive site and there are no safe access facilities into or out of the river. Use of the river for diving is an activity complimentary to sustainable management of the river and contributes to local economic activity. The committee supported the concept. Tom will work with staff and the diving community to look further into costs and options for access into this part of the harbour.

General Business:

GB1. Dune Care Summary

Marama Hopkins provided a summary of recent dune care activity and minutes of the Coordinators Committee meeting.

- Particular concern raised regarding encroachment into public reserves from people's private backyards.
- Marama also noted that the latest Koala survey field work was wrapped up last week; and that a more detailed report on Koala survey results will be placed on the next TCWC agenda.

GB2. Proposed Algae Farm

- Robert Quirk raised the matter of a proposed development application for an algae farm on the Rous River floodplain. The cane industry has a number of questions/concerns regarding the proposal including water quality, particularly as it may rely on conveyance of saltwater in cane drains.
- Tom to investigate and report back to Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee.

GB3. Expansion of Hanson Quarry at Chinderah

- Robert also noted concern that quarry land may not be able to be used for cane production in interim, prior to mining, as per original assurances to cane industry.

GB4. North Byron Parklands

- Cr Cherry noted that a final decision is pending on the expansion of the North Byron Parklands festival site, which includes a proposal to install a Wastewater Treatment Plant. Concerns raised include the potential for surface irrigation of effluent, which could affect water quality in drains leading to Mooball Creek.
- It was suggested that a Water Quality Monitoring point be established at culvert on Wooyung Road downstream of the festival site in order to collect baseline water quality data.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee will be held Wednesday 13 February 2019.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S COMMENTS:**A5. Old Boat Harbour Fingal Head - Commercial Water Craft Promotion Event**

That Point 5 of the Committee's recommendation be deleted as it is considered to be impractical and unlikely to have any impact on the issue.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**A5. Old Boat Harbour Fingal Head - Commercial Water Craft Promotion Event**

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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 (ECM 4316118).

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.
