

**TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL
MEETING TASK SHEET**

Action Item - COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, 16 May 2019

Action is required for Item **26** as per the Council Resolution outlined below.

TITLE: [SUB-TCWC] Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 13 February 2019

**Cr K Milne
Cr C Cherry**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Tweed Coast Koala Management Committee Meeting held Tuesday 19 March 2019 be received and noted.

The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

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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:

The Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 13 February 2019 are reproduced in the body of this report for the information of Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 13 February 2019 be received and noted.

REPORT:

The Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 13 February 2019 are reproduced as follows for the information of Councillors.

Venue:

Canvas & Kettle Meeting Room

Time:

9.00am

Present:

Rhonda James (Chair); Cr Katie Milne; Carl Cormack; Bill Fenelon; Bill Hoskins; David Cranwell; Hamish Brace; John Harbison; Lindy Smith; Robert Quirk; Sam Dawson; Peter Comerford; Bruce Peate; Jane Lofthouse; Tom Alletson, Marama Hopkins.

Informal:

Eddie White, Shane Davidson (11am).

Apologies:

Jonathan Yantsch, Catherine Knight, Stewart Brawley.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Robert Quirk

Seconded: David Cranwell

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Tweed Coast & Waterways Committee meeting held Wednesday 12 December 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Business Arising:**BA1. Proposed Dulguigan Algae Farm**

Tom briefed the committee on details of the proposal available from material submitted to Council prior to lodgement of an application. Should a DA be received Tom to review and provide update to committee.

BA2. North Byron Parklands

Tom provided a briefing on the sewage management system proposed for the facility. Tom confirmed that a water quality monitoring point had been established downstream of the festival site. Tom will look into the approval conditions of the facility and what water quality monitoring is to be undertaken by the operator.

Agenda Items:**A1. Tweed Estuary CMP Update**

Tom briefed the committee on progress with the CMP and the tidal inundation study. Cr Milne emphasised the importance of incorporating findings of the study into the planning framework for land release and development assessment.

A2. Tweed Coastline Coastal Management Program

Council is finalising a brief to be sent to Consultants to prepare a scoping study for the Tweed Coastline CMP. The initial list of issues to be considered in development of the

CMP was discussed. Noted that the following interest groups to be included in list of stakeholders:

- Care groups
- Agriculture
- Tourism
- Tweed River Entrance Sand Bypass Project

An additional issue is the rationalisation of beach access tracks (private and public maintained).

A3. Koala Survey

Marama provided an update on recent koala monitoring activity. There have been small increases in koala activity in some areas.

General Business:

GB1. Camping - Mooball to Wooyung

Bill Hoskins raised a number of concerns regarding camping:

- Numerous records of campers in vehicles
- Multiple types of damage to environment/fencing
- Excrement, habitat destruction, litter, dogs, fires, tracks, abuse
- Cumulative damage and costs to Council
- Happening after hours and compliance action seems difficult
- Bill calls for coordinated and increased effort in compliance

Shane Davidson acting coordinator of Regulatory Services attended the meeting and advised:

- He is conducting a systematic review of regulatory services and this issue is being considered within that context
- Details of recent compliance efforts including after-hours inspections were provided
- Acknowledge mostly tourists rather than homeless
- Need to block secluded tracks that encourage sly camping
- "No Camping" signs
- Social media review of sites that may encourage free camping
- Acknowledge Bill's dedication and contribution

Noted that reporting issues, even if a Regulatory Services officer is not available, allows Council to determine hot spots and prioritise activities. Discussion on rationalising car parking areas and beach accesses and increased signage.

GB2. Riparian Project Team (RPT)

Tom provided an update and overview of the work undertaken by Council's Riparian Projects Team, which is part of the Waterways Program. The team is managing multiple sites on public land throughout the Shire, in particular providing support to Landcare, maintaining national tree day plantings and producing trees at the Uki Nursery.

The Chair requested that an acknowledgement of the team's hard work and dedication be recorded and the thanks of the committee noted in the minutes.

GB3. Operation of Charter Vessels in Terranora Broadwater

John Clarke, local fisherman and advocate of Terranora Broadwater recently submitted to Tom a statement regarding the activities of one of the Terranora Broadwater charter vessels alleging that the vessel had caused damage to the intertidal banks and seagrass beds. John had requested that the matter be tabled and recorded at the TCWC meeting.

Tom read John's statement to the committee.

The committee noted serious concern regarding the matter. Tom advised that he had spoken to Fisheries and they are investigating the incident. It was requested that Tom contact DPI Fisheries requesting that the outcome of the investigation of the matter be advised to Council.

Tom was asked to present some comparative aerial imagery of seagrass in the area of concern in Terranora Broadwater.

GB4. Robert Quirk

Robert updated the committee on a number of items including:

- Farmers for climate action - a recent meeting attended in Canberra to try and engage across party political lines to support action on climate change
- An update on the status of the Stotts Channel vegetation clearing permit

GB5. Sam Dawson

Sam updated the committee on the reformation of Community Working Group to inform a consultant's review of the Water Supply Demand Management Strategy.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Tweed Coast & Waterways Committee will be held Wednesday 10 April 2019 (now deferred to Wednesday 12 June).

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S COMMENTS:

Nil.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nil.

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.
