

**TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL
MEETING TASK SHEET**

Action Item - COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, 1 August 2019

Action is required for Item 8 as per the Council Resolution outlined below.

TITLE: [SUB-TCWC] Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 12 June 2019

**Cr C Cherry
Cr K Milne**

RESOLVED that:

1. The Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 12 June 2019 be received and noted; and
2. The Executive Leadership Team's recommendations be adopted as follows:
 - A1. Tweed Estuary Coastal Management Plan Update

That Council places the Tweed Estuary Coastal Management Program on public exhibition for a minimum period of 60 days.

The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

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SUBMITTED BY: Sustainability & Environment

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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:

9am

Present:

Rhonda James (Chair); Cr Chris Cherry; Bill Fenelon; Bill Hoskins; David Cranwell; Hamish Brace; John Harbison; Lindy Smith; Robert Quirk; Ian Berger; Peter Comerford; Jane Lofthouse; Tom Alletson, Marama Hopkins.

Apologies:

Cr Katie Milne, Carl Cormack, Tracey Stinson, Ben Fitzgibbon.

Prior to the commencement of the Agenda, Rhonda James spoke of the recent passing of Claire Masters, who represented Tweed Landcare on the Tweed River Committee for many years. It was acknowledged that Claire made an extraordinary contribution to the Tweed River Committee, and more generally to conservation and community life in the Tweed Shire. A condolence letter acknowledging Claire's highly valued contribution to the committee will be sent to her family.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: David Cranwell

Seconded: Cr Cherry

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee meeting held 13 February 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Business Arising:**BA1. Terranora Broadwater Seagrass**

Following a request at the February meeting Tom provided an overview of seagrass in Terranora Creek, including analysis of a seagrass meadow in the north of Terranora Broadwater with estimates of changes in seagrass total extent in the period 2016-2018.

While it was noted that there was some estimated decline in the patch boundary measured area from 2016 - 2018, this may not account for density changes within the patch, or more recently observed increases (2019 google map aerial photography) in seagrass area.

The matter of the provision of a detailed written report on the yabby population monitoring study was raised and Tom will contact DPI to enquire after this.

BA2. North Byron Parklands - Approval Conditions for Water Quality Monitoring

As per a previous request of the committee Tom will look into water quality monitoring conditions that may have been applied to North Byron Parklands through their approval.

Agenda Items:

A1. Tweed Estuary Coastal Management Program (CMP) Update

Tom provided an update on the Tweed Estuary CMP, specifically on its completion to exhibition draft status after incorporation of committee and NSW Agency comments. A copy of the CMP and all technical appendices was provided to the committee on a USB.

The next stage of the project is to place the CMP on public exhibition. Tom requested that the committee recommend to Council that the document be placed on public exhibition (minimum 60 days). A report to Council with this recommendation is intended to be sent to the August 2019 meeting, which would, if adopted, result in exhibition in October-November 2019. A workshop with Councillors will be arranged prior to the meeting.

It was acknowledged that Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee (TCWC) representatives had not had an opportunity to re-read the draft document following incorporation of their agency's comments. It was requested that if any representatives felt there was a problem with the document of such significance that it would be unfit for public exhibition, that they contact Tom to discuss this by the end of July. It was noted that committee representatives could make further recommendations on the document while it was on public exhibition.

RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Robert Quirk

Seconded: Hamish Brace

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A2. Tweed Coastline CMP Update

The Scoping Study for the Tweed Coast Coastal Management Program has commenced. The purpose of the scoping study is to set the strategic context and identify the issues, values, information gaps and roles and responsibilities for development and implementation of the coastal management program. Initial consultation will be with Council and State Agency officers.

A3. DPI Fisheries Flagship Habitat Action Grant

Tom presented a summary of a grant application soon to be submitted to DPI Fisheries, seeking funding for detailed investigation, design and costing of works to address river bank erosion and fish habitat degradation in the estuary between Murwillumbah and Stotts Island. The committee noted its support for the application.

A4. Animal Management - Beaches and Estuaries

Jane noted two reports going to the next Council meeting. The first has a recommendation to consider the issue of permits for commercial horse and/or camel rides on Tweed coast beaches in the development of the Coastal Management Program. The second report recommends the creation of two Dog Prohibited zones under the *Companion Animals Act 1998*.

- Cudgera Creek estuary - in the current dog exclusion zone
- Mooball Creek Pottsville - Ambrose Brown Park and the adjacent estuary to Low Water Mark.

General Business:**GB1. Council Restructure**

Noted that a new Council structure has been adopted. The Natural Resource Management (NRM) Unit is now the Sustainability and Environment (S&E) Unit within the Sustainable Communities and Environment Division.

Council now has a dedicated "Coastal Ranger" position starting on 1 July sitting within S&E. In addition, there has been an increase in the budget allocation specifically for environmental works on the Tweed Coast Crown Reserve.

GB2. Robert Quirk

Robert Quirk advised that he had recently attended a program called Climate Reality Training, presented by Al Gore. Robert highlighted a number of predicted impacts of Climate Change and impacts already being experienced.

GB3. David Cranwell

- a. Mooball Creek log wall replacement update - Tom advised that Councils plan is to re-construct the log wall in mid-July 2019.
- b. David tabled a letter from Geoff Provest to a Pottsville resident on the condition of Mooball training walls and NSW/TSC funding responsibilities for their repair. A report on this matter will be brought back to the next TCWC meeting.
- c. David requested an update on the closure of the boardwalk/ramp access to Mooball Creek at Ambrose Brown Park. It was advised that enquiries would be made and an answer on this provided directly to David.

GB4. Overview of Coastal Floodplain Study

Tom read a document from NSW DPI Fisheries describing a series of studies that are intended to be completed on the Tweed River floodplain as part of the NSW Marine Estate Management Strategy. The studies will focus on threats to water quality and identify projects that can be undertaken on the floodplain to improve runoff quality.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee will be held Wednesday 14 August 2019.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM COMMENTS:***A1. Tweed Estuary Coastal Management Plan Update***

Nil.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**A1. Tweed Estuary Coastal Management Plan Update**

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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.
