

**TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL
MEETING TASK SHEET**

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Action Item - COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, 19 September 2019

Action is required for Item **31** as per the Council Resolution outlined below.

TITLE: [SUB-TCWC] Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 14 August 2019

**Cr C Cherry
Cr K Milne**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 14 August 2019 be received and noted.

The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

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SUBMITTED BY: Sustainable Communities and 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:

The Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 14 August 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 14 August 2019 be received and noted.

REPORT:

The Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 14 August 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; Cr Chris Cherry; Ben Fitzgibbon; Bill Hoskins; David Cranwell; Hamish Brace; Lindy Smith; Robert Quirk; Ian Berger; Sam Dawson; Jane Lofthouse; Tom Alletson.

Apologies:

Jonathan Yantsch; Bill Fenelon; Stewart Brawley; Bruce Peate; Marama Hopkins; John Harbison.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: David Cranwell

Seconded: Robert Quirk

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee meeting held Wednesday 12 June 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Business Arising:**BA1. North Byron Parklands Approval**

Tom provided an overview of the conditions of approval that have been applied to the waste water management system at North Byron Parklands, noting the requirement to undertake both ground and surface water monitoring in association with the activity. However, it was confirmed through a conversation with North Byron Parklands management that the on-site waste water management component of the development approval had been withdrawn, and that waste water from festivals is still being collected and taken to an offsite facility for treatment. As such, water quality monitoring relating to wastewater management has not commenced on the site.

BA2. Log Walls - Mooball Creek

Tom summarised the status of the project noting that a tender process to purchase timber had recently been completed. The current construction timeline proposed is during September, however Tom advised that if there was any risk that this would spill into the school holidays (28 September) the work would be postponed until mid-October. Bill Hoskins requested that Tom meet with the Dune Care Group post works to check vegetation.

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

Tom provided an update on the project including details of the exhibition period and public information sessions. The plan will be on exhibition in September and October with public information sessions on 19 and 25 September.

Ben asked Tom what level of confidence he had in agencies supporting actions attributed to them in the plan? Tom noted that there are very few actions in the plan attributed to parties other than Council, however there had been comment received from key agencies on the plan (Crown Lands, Fisheries, Office of Environment and Heritage) and that all referenced external organisations would be provided with further opportunity to comment on actions affecting them.

Tom also provided an update on a project initiated by Council's Water Unit which will develop a water quality and ecosystem response model for Rous and Tweed Rivers. This is being undertaken to allow analysis of the best options for disposal of treated effluent from the future upgrade of the Murwillumbah waste water treatment plant. Council has engaged the NSW Department of Environment, Energy and Science to undertake this work.

A2. Tweed Coastline CMP Update and Workshop

Jane provided the committee with work sheets to be filled in to allow identification of key coastal issues for inclusion in the Tweed Coastline CMP Scoping Study.

A3. Tweed River Water Ski Race

Tom advised the committee that while having been invited to address the committee, Greg Ebsworth of Boyds Bay Houseboats was not attending the meeting to share concerns and observations regarding the Nev Wilson Memorial Ski Race. Pending information supplied at the NSW Maritime Services race debrief, Greg may elect to take up his invitation to address the Committee.

Ian Berger gave an overview of Nev Wilson Ski Race, which was held on the Tweed River on 10 and 11 August. Observations included details of:

- Details of river closures and impact on business.
- ½ day closure
 - Murwillumbah to Stotts Saturday
 - Murwillumbah to Fingal Sunday

Cr Milne noted that a more effective application process has been requested for next year and noted that there is a lack of consistency with Council's event strategy and character zones in CMP.

Tom was requested to, if possible, bring a copy of the Review of Environmental Factors and notes of the NSW Maritime debrief to the next meeting.

A4. Marine Vegetation Migration - Sea Level Rise

Tom presented overview of results of the CMP mapping project that relates to planning for long term migration of marine vegetation in response to sea level rise.

It was suggested that it would be good for Tom to attend a Floodplain Committee meeting and update that committee on the tidal inundation mapping project and matters relating to marine vegetation migration.

Following discussion it was proposed that a new action be included in the CMP, that being, to determine:

- what will be impact of sea level rise on the total amount of marine vegetation in the Tweed estuary?
- will existing and future migration areas be enough to maintain a viable area of marine vegetation so that estuarine ecosystem services will be maintained?

It was noted that current work being undertaken by NSW Fisheries through the Marine Estate Management Strategy is looking at this issue and may provide information relevant to the enquiries.

Lindy provided an overview of the impact of aviation development at Gold Coast Airport on saltmarsh at Cobaki Broadwater. It was advised that in impact assessment documents describing impacts on saltmarsh, that the area of saltmarsh impacted at Cobaki was expressed as a proportion of total saltmarsh in the northern rivers, as opposed to saltmarsh in the Tweed. As such, the predicted proportional impacts appeared to be less than has been experienced in the local system.

It was noted that this area has been highlighted as sensitive and worthy of protection since 1992. Despite all the plans and policies, the great opportunity for marine vegetation migration represented by the area has been lost due to aviation development. This highlights the threat that saltmarsh is under, and has been a failure of process.

Moved: Robert Quirk

Seconded: Ian Berger

RESOLVED that Jane and Tom liaise with Crown Lands to get a status report on the environmental condition of crown land at Cobaki Broadwater and the results of environmental monitoring, particularly as relates to any conditions of approval for aviation infrastructure, and that Crown Lands be invited to Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee to present the information.

Tom to check with Lindy on possible contacts.

General Business:

GB1. Algae Farm DA

Tom noted that the algae farm DA had been received by Council and that staff from Sustainability and Environment would be making a submission on it. Tom offered to provide a copy of the Environmental Assessment to the Committee. Robert Quirk elected to receive one.

GB2. David Cranwell - Pottsville Issues

David noted his thanks for repairs to the walkway at Ambrose Brown Park and requested that Council fix the walkway and potholes at the shell track, Hastings Point.

GB3. Water Management at the Jet Boat Racecourse at Round Mountain

Cr Cherry enquired into conditions of approval regarding discharge of water following races at the Jet Boat track at Round Mountain. Tom advised that he has read the conditions of approval in the past and recollected that water quality monitoring prior to release of water to the environment was required. Enquiries would be made with relevant Council staff and/or the race organisers to check if these conditions are being adhered to.

GB4. Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Contamination at Gold Coast Airport

Lindy Smith advised that recent monitoring and reporting on PFAS has shown high levels in Coolangatta Creek and the ocean. The Airport Community Advisory Group is trying to get detailed site assessment undertaken.

GB5. Sustainability Awards

Jane Lofthouse highlighted Council's Sustainability Awards and encouraged committee members to submit a nomination.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee will be held Wednesday 9 October 2019.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.

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 (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.