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Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
**Lower Hawkesbury Estuary Management Committee**  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016  
Brooklyn Community Centre  
2-4 Dangar Rd, Brooklyn

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Family Name</b>	<b>Given Name</b>	<b>Representation</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Alternate Rep.</b>
Mr	<b>ANDREWS</b>	John	Mooney-Cheero Progress Association	X			
Cr	<b>ANISSE</b>	Antony	Councillor – Hornsby Shire Council		X		
Mr	<b>BROWN</b>	Warren	Gosford City Council		X		
Mr	<b>BROWN</b>	Stephen	Roads and Maritime Authority			X	
Mr	<b>BURNS</b>	David	Community Representative		X		
Ms	<b>BURTON</b>	Tegan	National Parks & Wildlife		X		
Mr	<b>FENWICK</b>	Andrew	Fenwicks Marina		X		
Mr	<b>FISH</b>	Mike	Community Representative			X	
Ms	<b>FRATER</b>	Ray	NSW Bridge to Bridge Committee		X		
Mr	<b>GANASSIN</b>	Carla	Industry & Investment, Primary Industries Fishing & Aquaculture			X	
Ms	<b>HOWARD</b>	Mary	Community Representative			X	
Mr	<b>KARCZ</b>	Bronek	Community Representative		X		
Dr	<b>LIM</b>	Leong	Community Representative			X	
Mr	<b>MACDONALD</b>	Tim	Gosford City Council	X			
Ms	<b>MARVELL</b>	Cheryl	Sydney Water Corporation			X	
Ms	<b>MCMURDO</b>	Wendy	Community Representative	X			
Mr	<b>MILES</b>	David	Boat Owners Association		X		
Ms	<b>MOOY</b>	Rebecca	Greater Sydney Local Land Services		X		
Mr	<b>MOXHAM</b>	Rob	Commercial Representative – Oysters Farmers			X	
Mr	<b>MYERS</b>	Andy	Oceanwatch		X		
Mr	<b>PATTISON</b>	Mick	Hawkesbury City Council		X		
Mr	<b>PELOSI</b>	Gus	Office of Environment & Heritage		X		
Mr	<b>PIGNEYGUY</b>	Justin	Hawkesbury Cruises	X			
Mr	<b>REES</b>	Stan	Land and Property Management Authority		X		
Mr	<b>ROWE</b>	Simon	Oceanwatch Australia		X		
Dr	<b>RUBIO</b>	Ana	Hornsby Shire Council		X		
Ms	<b>SEGOVIA</b>	Ingrid	Community Representative	X			
Ms	<b>SCARSBRICK</b>	Joanne	Community Representative			X	
Ms	<b>SHORTER</b>	Cybele	Community Representative Dangar Island	X			

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Mr	<b>TAYLOR</b>	Chris	Community Representative	X			
Ms	<b>STUART</b>	Suzanne	Hawkesbury City Council	X			
Cllr	<b>TILBURY</b>	Nathan	Councillor – Hornsby Shire Council	X			
Mr	<b>VAN ZELEWSKI</b>	Axel	Community Representative		X		
Mrs	<b>RYLAND</b>	Julie	Hornsby Shire Council	X			
Mr	<b>COAD</b>	Peter	Hornsby Shire Council	X			

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## 1. WELCOME

Meeting opened at 18:30. Meeting was chaired by Cllr **Tilbury** who welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

## 2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Anisee, Warren Brown, David Burns, Tegan Burton, Andrew Fenwick, Ray Frater, Broniek Karcz, David Miles, Rebecca Mooy, Andy Myers, Mick Pattison, Gus Pelosi, Stan Rees, Simon Rowe, Ana Rubio, Axel von Zelewski.

## 3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No pecuniary interests were declared.

## 4. PRESENTATION:

No presentation was scheduled. In its place a discussion about the Brooklyn Master Plan was held following the community consultation in Brooklyn on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

Cllr **Tilbury** outlined how McGregor Coxall was selected to develop the Brooklyn Master Plan. Cllr **Tilbury** asked members of the committee what their experience was during the community consultation. Some of the comments were:

- Glad consultants kept the meeting to time.
- Thought there was great interaction and identification of what locals liked about Brooklyn.
- Impressed as Master Plans usually gather dust but was informed by consultant that they aim to prepare a report that will move the community forward.
- Impressed consultants came to Brooklyn and that they are going to attend the local fair and school spring fair.
- Impressed and thought it was a positive start to the process. It was a good introduction and glad there was a wide representation from stakeholders
- Brooklyn Master Plan will have an impact on River residents – suggest consultation be expanded
- Planning is very human centric and glad to see the environment is being considered.

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**ACTION 201610:** Members requested a presentation at the next Committee Meeting from the consultants on how the Master Plan is progressing. **Complete:** A presentation has been scheduled with the consultants for the November meeting (HSC TRIM D07091109)

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## 5. CORRESPONDENCE and MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### **Peats Ferry Bridge Brooklyn, Brooklyn and Mooney Mooney Fact Sheet**

Wendy **McMurdo** raised the issue of lack of communication and notification by RMS on the Peats Ferry Bridge maintenance works. Members are encouraged to check the RMS website for updates on bridge closures.

### **Email Correspondence from Mary Howard**

Request to follow up opportunities for promoting the local commercial fishing industry, its history and the species it targets. Correspondence noted and opportunities to be identified.

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## 6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Lower Hawkesbury Estuary Management Committee meeting, Thursday 19th May 2016 were accepted.

Accepted: Wendy **McMurdo** Carried: John **Andrews**.

## 7. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE LOWER HAWKESBURY ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

### Julie Ryland – Hornsby Shire Council

A summary of actions and projects related to the implementation of the Lower Hawkesbury Estuary Management Plan for the period June to August 2016 was sent to members prior to the meeting. HSC presentation focussed on a number of key projects identified in the summary document: a) Clean4Shore, b) Bush Regeneration and tree planting at Brooklyn school, c) progress on One Tree Reach Wetland's hydrologic study, c), review of toxic algal species – bloom management d) real-time water quality monitoring review.

#### **Clean4Shore**

- Winter is the quiet season for this program – 1 survey and 1 foreshore clean-up trip have been completed (380kg marine debris collected). 6 other outings are scheduled for spring
- 3 school visits / educational talks about the program at Asquith Boys High School Cherrybrook Technical High School and Cheltenham Girls' High School

#### **Bush Regeneration / tree planting**

- Bush regeneration contractors around Brooklyn Park, McKell Park and Kangaroo Point continues (OEH funded project) Project to finish in by the end of August 16
- Hornsby Council and Floating Landcare with GSLLS events at Bar Island - 19th May and Cunio Point, Berowra Creek – 26 July.
- 15x native trees planted on Dangar Island along Grantham Crescent to offset canopy loss
- Tree Day planting with Brooklyn School – 150 native shrubs & grasses planted by the kids – 25th July
- Salt Pan Reserve / Cole St, Brooklyn – work on creek line channelling, vegetation restoration of swamp mahogany/ paperbark vegetation community- work undertaken in July-Aug 2016
- Brooklyn Boardwalk initial assessment undertaken – upgrade work scheduled 2016-2017
- Work to maintain and fix headstones in cemetery - work scheduled 2016-2017

#### **One Tree Reach Wetland - hydrological and fish stock study update (Recreational Fishing Trust funds)**

- Understanding of the hydrology of the wetland including a fish stock study (Recreational Fishing Trust funds). Final Report submitted in regards to the hydrological processes in the wetland. Council is considering a number of recommendations suggested to improve water flow/exchange into the wetland. Council is looking at monitoring water levels, salinity and flow to validate some of the outputs from this research.

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**ACTION 201611:** Ana **Rubio**, Hornsby Shire Council, to arrange for a field trip to One Tree Reach Wetland. **Complete:** email sent to members with a date for the trip. Unfortunately not enough

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members took up the opportunity. Hence trip got postponed but members are encouraged to sign in for a guided bushwalk that Council is organising to the Wisemans Ferry area in November (HSC TRIM D07058438)

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### **Review of Toxic Algal Species – Bloom Management**

- Review of toxic marine algal species to better informed management of algal blooms completed (UTS & HSC joint project) – Final report submitted – contribution to a CSIRO workshop on Harmful Algal Blooms.

### **Water Quality Monitoring Program**

- Review completed by BMT WBM on Council’s Freshwater Quality Monitoring program. Looking to improve management decisions based on water quality findings and integrate better with Catchment Management.

### **Tim Macdonald – Central Coast Council**

- Restructure at Council has occurred and coastal and estuary are now more centralised.
- Central Coast Council is now the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in the state.
- Following the East Coast Low event there was damage to Wamberal Beach, Patonga Beach and Pearl Beach
- Following the storm damage engage WRL to undertake drone footage and received good lidar data
- Review of lagoon entrance openings being undertaken
- Good opportunity to learn from Wyong Council with their Estuary Management Plan

### **Suzanne Stuart – Hawkesbury City Council**

- Working on Coastal Zone Management Plan. Finding it difficult to get all stakeholders to sign off
- Working at Windsor Boat Ramp
- Improved access of disabled kayakers

**Rebecca Mooy – Greater Sydney Local Land Services** – no report representative was absent

**Tegan Burton – National Parks and Wildlife Services** – no report – representative was absent

**Simon Rowe – Oceanwatch Australia** – no report – representative was absent

## **8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Other Business**

#### **Boat Clean up**

Wendy **McMurdo** and Justin **Pigneyguy** raised the issue of derelict boats dumped in Sandbrook Inlet and one sunk on the Maritime mooring.

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**ACTION 201612:** Justin **Pigneyguy** to provide details of boats dumped in Sandbrook inlet to be forwarded to RMS for a response. **Complete:** RMS has engaged a contractor to remove all derelict boats from Sandbrook Inlet except one- a houseboat currently pending of further documentation (HSC TRIM D07072821)

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**Future Meetings**

Next meeting to be held 17<sup>th</sup> November

**8. CLOSE**            There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:30pm