
Minutes of the 24th Meeting of the
Lower Hawkesbury Estuary Management Committee
Thursday 13th May 2015
Brooklyn Community Centre
2-4 Dangar Rd, Brooklyn

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

Title	Family Name	Given Name	Representation	Present	Apologies	Absent	Alternate Rep.
Ms	SEGOVIA	Ingrid	Community Representative		X		
Ms	SCARSBRICK	Joanne	Community Representative		X		
Ms	SHORTER	Cybele	Community Representative Dangar Island		X		
Cllr	STRICKSON	Jeff	Councillor - Gosford City Council		X		
Mr	TAYLOR	Chris	Community Representative	X			
Ms	STUART	Suzanne	Hawkesbury City Council	X			
Cllr	TILBURY	Nathan	Councillor – Hornsby Shire Council		X		
Mr	VAN ZELEWSKI	Axel	Community Representative	X			
Mr	LYONS	Dave	Roads and Maritime Authority	X			

1. WELCOME

Meeting opened at 18:30. Peter **Coad** chaired in Cllr Anissee absence. Peter welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. Peter **Coad** then welcomed **David Lyons - NSW Roads & Maritime Services**.

2. APOLOGIES

John Andrews, Cllr Anissee , Bronek Karcz, Leong Lim, Tim McDonald, Rebecca Mooy, Cllr Morris, Rob Moxham, Hjalmar Phillipp, Stan Rees, Ingrid Segovia, Cybele Shorter, Jeff Strickson, Cllr Nathan Tilbury.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No pecuniary interests were declared. Harry **Recher** asked to have the meaning of Pecuniary interests clarified.

4. PRESENTATION:

David Lyons , Boating Services Officer, NSW Roads and Maritime.

David presented to the committee the data management tool that RMS uses to manage the moorings on the Hawkesbury River. These mooring areas have caps in place for the number of moorings. In the Lower Hawkesbury, mooring areas are near capacity with a 6-9 months wait. The location of a new mooring in a mooring area is at the discretion of a Boating Services Officer.

Moorings in National Parks areas are managed by National Parks – not RMS

For further information:

- Environmentally friendly moorings:
<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/habitat/threats/traditional-boat-moorings-in-sensitive-habitats>
- Pull test demonstration of Environmentally Friendly Moorings:
<http://youtu.be/nHsKVm9UMxQ>
- NSW RMS Mooring review paper: <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/engagement/moorings-review-issues-paper>

ACTION 201420: Peter **Coad** to send copy of Roads and Maritime Mooring to all committee members.

5. CORRESPONDENCE and MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Peter **Coad** spoke with regards to correspondence from Sydney Water.

ACTION 201421: Tim **McDonald** to respond to Sydney Water regarding capacity of Brooklyn Waste Water treatment plant.

ACTION 201422: Peter **Coad** to send copy of Sydney Coastal Council Group and Hornsby Councils submission on Environmental Protection Licences all committee members.

ACTION 201423:

Peter **Coad** to send copy of Sydney Water letter to all committee members.

ACTION 201424: Peter Coad to write to Sydney Water for information on reticulation capacity noting pressures on the capacity from our increasing population.

ACTION 201425: Peter Coad to send copy of Marine Estate Update to all committee members.

ACTION 201422: Peter Coad to organise Catchment Remediation Tour.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Lower Hawkesbury Estuary Management Committee meeting, Thursday 12th March 2015 were accepted.

Accepted: Wendy McMURDO 2nd: Chris TAYLOR Carried: **Unanimous.**

7. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE LOWER HAWKESBURY ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Ana Rubio – Hornsby Shire Council

Severe Weather Impact

- ~250-300mm over 2 days
- 70-80km/hr winds
- Issues reported in the estuary:
 - Upstream probes affected by debris and water level- drifted downstream
 - One seagrass buoy off Dangar Is broke loose without its anchor
 - Loss of some foreshore in Dangar Island Beach: i.e. Undercutting of Council-managed coastal nature strip

Oyster Industry

- Low Salinity – 10% loss of oysters
- POMS – Trans-Tasman Oyster Knowledge exchange 2015 – Disease risk, impacts and management from a farmer's perspective
- QX disease – high risk year ~20% mortality levels in Sydney Rocks

Foreshore Clean-up

- 2015 program started
 - Foreshore inspection with Jono in March 2015
 - Waste collected so far prior to floods:
 - Berowra – 60kg
 - Long Isl & Kangaroo Point – 1 tonne + bulk
 - Cowan, Jerusalem Bay and Gunyah & Milsons – 2 tonnes

Riparian vegetation work

Brooklyn Park Riparian Zones

- 3 contract visits for bush regeneration.
- Contractors planted 600 riparian plants along creek line

Kangaroo Point Project

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- 2 days of weed control: removal of regeneration patch of lantana at Brooklyn rd and road edge of Kangaroo Pt
 - Revegetation work plan in place to implement in coming up months
 - 3 days of rubbish removal

Bar Island Project

- 3 visits to Bar Island with contractors & volunteers (monthly)
- Work completed as per scheduled

Kangaroo Point Pump-out

- Significant increase in pump-out volumes – in particular in Autumn
- Close-by house boat operators have notified Council of their increase use

Take the lead - Signs for Dangar Island

- Signs are finished
- Signs will be placed within 2 weeks

Community Events

- 2015 winter bushwalks program – River Walk and Talk –
3rd May HAD TO BE CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER
- Explore Hornsby's Waterways – World Water Day held 22nd March 2015.
-18 residents attended.
-Shown a selection of stormwater quality improvement devices at the urban bush between Hornsby and Cherrybrook – Including biofiltration rain gardens within Berowra catchment.
- Currently planning next years events.

Plant Give Away For Dangar residents– Saturday 16th May @ Councils Community Nursery

PROGRESS REPORT - Gosford City Council

Tim **Macdonald** reported on Gosford beaches – Patonga etc

Warren **Brown** reported upgrades to Deerubbin Reserve regarding the toilet block relocation and the installation of Solar Powered picnic shelters.

PROGRESS REPORT - Hawkesbury Nepean Local Land Service

Rebecca Mooy – Greater Sydney Local Land Services – was absent

PROGRESS REPORT - National Parks and Wildlife

Tegan Burton – National Parks and Wildlife Services.

PROGRESS REPORT - Oceanwatch Australia

- Update on the rubbish flow from up the north coast after the recent storms.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Bridge to Bridge.

Ray **Frater** mentioned the 2015 Bridge to Bridge race is being held on 22nd November although the tides are not suitable so they will need to find an alternative start area.

Onsite Sewage Management.

Peter **Coad** asked members to email any suggested areas for onsite sewage inspection tours.

Foreshore Lighting.

Leong **Lim** asked for guidelines / etc for lighting on the river – especially riverfront properties – David **Lyons** said if there are any specific sites to email him the address/areas and he can look into it. Mary **Howard** said there are a lot of jetties moorings and pontoons where residents light up with solar powered fittings to keep the ducks and pelicans off boats.

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- **ACTION 201418:** Peter **Coad** to invite Sydney Water to discuss Peat Island Development and progress on Galston area sewage proposal. **COMPLETE:** Invitation sent and response sent received (HSC Ref# D05557401)
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Other Business

- **Future Meetings**

Next meeting to be held 12th August - TO BE CONFIRMED

8. CLOSE There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:15.

AMENDMENT: - Next Meeting scheduled for THURSDAY 20th August 2015

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