



# MINUTES

Environmental Advisory Committee  
 31 May 2017  
 4pm Hartley Building

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**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2017**

**ITEM 1 – WELCOME/PRESENT/APOLOGIES**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor S Lesslie, Councillor C Coleman, Councillor S Ring, J Favel, S Graves, D Roebuck, C Hunter & P Evans.

**APOLOGIES:** T Kidd

**OFFICERS:** A Muir – Group Manager Environment & Development, D Cupitt – Team Leader Environment & Jemma Houlison (Minutes).

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Nil.

**ITEM 2 - ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON & DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

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**THAT** Councillor S Lesslie be appointed Chairperson and Mr Col Hunter as Deputy Chairperson.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Lesslie           **SECONDED:** Councillor C Coleman

**CARRIED**

**ITEM 3 - UPDATE OF HASSANS WALLS RESERVE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT**

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**COMMENTARY** – the Committee discussed their interest in being involved in the final stages of the Plan of Management. The committee is specifically interested in any concerns that have been brought up by the general public and funding allocation for each stage.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**THAT** – the committee hold an extraordinary meeting to assess the final draft of the Hassan's Walls Management Plan before the final adoption by Council. The date of the meeting to be set following consideration of submissions by the consultant.

**MOVED:** C Hunter                           **SECONDED:** Councillor S Ring

**CARRIED**

#### **ITEM 4 – UPDATE OF FERAL CAT CONTROL PROGRAM - PETER EVANS**

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**COMMENTARY** – Peter Evans presented an update on the Feral Cat Program. Peter asked for further support and interest in the continuation of the program for a further 12 month period.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**THAT** – the committee support the continuation of the Feral Cat Control Program for a further twelve months

**MOVED:** Councillor C Coleman

**SECONDED:** Councillor S Ring

**CARRIED**

#### **ITEM 5 - WEED CONTROL UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**COMMENTARY** – Councillor Lesslie gave the committee a brief update on the current status of UMCC stating they were underfunded and understaffed.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**THAT** – the committee request Council draft a letter to Upper Macquarie County Council for Councillor Lesslie to present to the next meeting of the UMCC requesting the following and highlighting Council's concerns

- Seek a report outlining the current weed mapping for Lithgow LGA
- Request what weeds are prioritised in the Lithgow LGA
- Advise of Council's concerns of the current outbreak of Pampas Grass in the LGA

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor S Lesslie

**CARRIED**

## **ITEM 6 - COUNCIL RESERVES WITH PLAN OF MANAGEMENT'S (POM'S)**

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**COMMENTARY** – The committee received information on the current reserves with Plans of Management being Hyde Park and Maiyingu Marragu.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**THAT** – the committee request a briefing on the current Plan of Management for Maiyingu Marragu from a representative from the Mingaan Wiraduri Aboriginal Corporation in respect to their views.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring                      **SECONDED:** J Favell

**CARRIED**

## **ITEM 7 - STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

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**COMMENTARY** – The committee received information on the State of the Environment Report.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**THAT** – Committee members be provided with a link to Councils website to review the current State of the Environment Report 2016 to then discuss at the next meeting of the committee.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Lesslie                      **SECONDED:** J Favell

**CARRIED**

## **ITEM 8 - REQUIREMENTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

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**COMMENTARY** - The Group Manager of Environment and Development provided advice on the requirements for agenda items to be accepted. Firstly, they must accord to the Committees Terms of Reference. Secondly, there must be a short report or at least precis that explains the item.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**THAT** – Committee members familiarize themselves with the committee's Terms of Reference. Members to consult the Terms of Reference when suggesting Agenda items and provide a commentary with their proposed agenda items.

**MOVED:** A Muir    **SECONDED:** C Hunter

**CARRIED**

## ITEM 9 - GENERAL BUSINESS

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### SUMMARY

#### 1. "Operation Cat"

A brief overview was presented to the committee regarding "Operation Cat" which is a partnership between LCC and The Cat Protection Society of NSW which will offer discount desexing for Pensioners and Health-care cardholders for the month of June.

#### 2. National Tree Day

P Evans asked what Council's plan was for National Tree Day. The committee was advised that Council is planning a tree planting day for Spring around either Blast Furnace or Farmers Creek. It was noted that Council's Land care Co-ordinator Rechelle Fisher is doing a fantastic job, increasing environmental awareness throughout the community through a range of environmental programs.

#### 3. Operational Plan budget of \$50,000 – Farmers Creek

The allocation in the current budget is to help leverage further funding to aid in the implementation of the Farmers Creek Masterplan. It was noted that LLS has already supplied \$40,000 for rehabilitation and weed control for the implementation of the plan.

#### 4. Solar Panels

It was noted that Councillor S Lesslie has requested investigation into the installation of Solar Panels on the Administration Building Roof.

#### 5. Community Nursery Representative

C Hunter noted that a representative from the Community Nursery has not been nominated to the EAC as per the Committee Terms of Reference.

### COMMITTEE ACTION:

**THAT** the information be noted and appropriate actions be undertaken in relation to the items raised in general business.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Lesslie

**SECONDED:** J Favell

**CARRIED**

## ITEM 10 - NEXT MEETING

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The next scheduled meeting of the EAC is Wednesday 9 August 2017 at 4.00pm in the Hartley Meeting Room.

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**There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.35pm**

**MOVED: J Favell**

**SECONDED: C Hunter**

**CARRIED**