



MINUTES

Environmental Advisory Committee
9 August 2017
4pm Hartley Building

Name of Committee	
Item Number	Agenda
1	Welcome/present/ apologies
2	Weed Control Upper Macquarie County Council
3	Tree Planting in the Urban Environment
4	Farmers Creek to receive money
5	Solar panels on LCC buildings
6	General Business
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**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 9th AUGUST 2017**

ITEM 1 – WELCOME/PRESENT/APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Councillor S Lesslie, Councillor C Coleman, Councillor S Ring, J Favell, S Graves, D Roebuck, C Hunter & T Kidd.

APOLOGIES: P Evans.

OFFICERS: A Muir – Director – Economic Development and Environment, D Cupitt – Team Leader Environment (Minutes).

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nil.

ITEM 2 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 31st May 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Sue Graves

SECONDED: Julie Favell

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 31st May 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

ITEM 3 - WEED CONTROL UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMENTARY - Committee discussed a number of locations within the LGA as requiring additional weed control by the UMCC. These include the back of the Lithgow Rural Fire Service Control Centre, behind the landscape supply on the Castlereagh HWY Good Earth, the Hartley Valley Road, Clarence Sawmill, within railway corridor around Clarence and on Chifley Road Lithgow.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

THAT – the committee request that Council draft a letter to Upper Macquarie County Council highlighting the above locations within the Lithgow LGA requiring additional weed management in particular Pampas Grass.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

ITEM 4 - TREES PLANTING IN THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

COMMENTARY – the Committee raised concerns that trees removed from streets and parks within the Urban area have not been replaced in accordance with the Removal of Trees from Public Land Policy 10.13 v3. Furthermore, it was discussed that there was additional scope within the urban environment for additional shade trees for the improvement of public amenity.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

THAT – the Committee request a copy of the Street Tree Plan from the relevant Council Department for the Committee to provide comment.

MOVED: D Roebuck

SECONDED: S Graves

CARRIED

ITEM 4 – FARMERS CREEK TO RECEIVE \$210,000 FROM CLARENCE COLLIERY PENALTY

COMMENTARY - the Committee was advised that fine money from Clarence Colliery allocated to the Farmers Creek Master Plan has been increased. \$279,000 has been allocated to implement weed control and native vegetation replanting and regeneration as outlined in Stage 1 of the Farmers Creek Master plan.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

THAT - The Committee note that the \$279,000 of funds associated with the EPA prosecution of Clarence Colliery will be allocated as part of the Farmers Creek Masterplan.

MOVED: C Hunter

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

ITEM 5 - SOLAR PANELS ON LCC BUILDINGS

COMMENTARY – the Committee were advised that Council is currently requesting quotes for the installation of solar panels on the administration building. Mr Andrew Muir further advised the Committee there is no answer as to when or if this will be complete as this is dependent of funding.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

THAT – the Committee commend Council in moving forward with the investigation of solar power for the Administration building.

MOVED: Sue Graves

SECONDED: Julie Favell

CARRIED

ITEM 6 - GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

1. Request - Feedback - Swamp Names in Newnes State Forest – Geographical Names Board.

Geographical Names Board requested feedback on a submission to name swamps in the Newnes State Forest Doc No. 1521825. The Committee were presented with this information and requested to provide feedback within 7 days so Council could advise the Names Board accordingly.

2. Update on Hassan's POM

The committee expressed disappointment that the final draft of the Hassan's Walls POM could not be presented before adoption by Council. However, the Committee accepted the reasons presented by Mr Andrew Muir and further requested the Strategic Planning Department provide a briefing on the Final Hassan's Walls POM.

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 7 - NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the EAC is Wednesday 8th November 2017 at 4.00pm in the Hartley Meeting Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 17:10