
**LAKE WYANGAN & CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
THURSDAY, 15 AUGUST 2024 COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Doug Curran (Chair), Frank Battistel (Community Representative), John McFadzean (Community Representative), Thomas Mackerras (Community Representative), Ema Munro (Community Representative), Jade Salvestro (Community Representative), Kelvin Williams (Community Representative), Betsy Farrugia (Representative for Member for Murray via Zoom), Dr Peter Bacon (Woodlots and Wetlands Pty Ltd via Zoom)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Director Infrastructure and Operations, Phil King, Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst, and Minute Secretary, Leanne Austin

A Minute's silence was held for the recent passing of Committee member, Mr Neal Cranston.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from General Manager, Brett Stonestreet and Franco Pistillo (Representative for Member for Murray).

Absent: Peter Borella (Community Representative), Paul Eldridge (Community Representative), Carmel La Rocca (Community Representative)

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Frank Battistel and Jade Salvestro that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 May 2024, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Animals at Lake Wyangan

Mr King provided an update on the relocation of animals at Lake Wyangan.

3.2 Tree Planting Day

Ms Munro provided an update on the Tree Planting Day held at Lake Wyangan 30 July 2024.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 SEDIMENT RETENTION NORTH WESTERN DRAIN - PRESENTATION BY DR PETER BACON WOODLOTS AND WETLANDS PTY LTD

Dr Peter Bacon addressed the Committee regarding options to improve water quality at Lake Wyangan including a sediment and nutrient discharge treatment system for the North lake.

Dr Bacon advised that a high proportion of water containing phosphorus is draining into the Lake from horticultural areas which is contributing to algal issues. Addressing the water quality issue is complex as there is a large volume of water in the Lake.

Dr Bacon advised further investigation and assessment is required to identify what the aims of the project are, what the water quality is, what volumes need to be treated and if there are other options to be considered to ensure dollar value for the project.

Dr Bacon stated that data required to assess the conditions is easily accessible. Once conceptual testing is completed soil sampling would be required to assess absorption capacity.

The Mayor informed Dr Bacon that the project proposal should focus on the North Western area of the Lake as there are concerns with using the Eastern side of the Lake due to the area being a suspected Aboriginal burial site.

Mr Gordon advised that a review of the Lake Wyangan Flood Study and Flood Risk Management Plan is currently underway following the 2022 flood event. This should also be considered in the project proposal.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Tom Mackerras and Ema Munro that Woodlots and Wetlands prepare a project proposal based on points discussed.

Dr Bacon left the meeting at 5:33 pm.

CL02 PLANET ARK TREE DAY PLANTING EVENT SUNDAY 28 JULY 2024 - REPORT FROM EMA MUNRO

Mr Williams enquired if he would be permitted to collect Yarran seeds to plant in the tree planting area? Ms Munro advised this would need to be approved by Council.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Ema Munro and Kelvin Williams that the report be noted.

CL03 LAKE WYANGAN STRATEGIC PLAN - REPORT FROM TOM MACKERRAS

Mr Mackerras presented the proposed strategic plan report which he hoped would assist in addressing some of the issues at the Lake.

The report included the following items:

- Carp control
- Fish Management
- Sediment Management
- Nutrient Management
- Salinity Management
- Bacteriological Management
- Costings
- Recommendations and Actions.

The Mayor thanked Mr Mackerras for preparing the report and suggested that it would be useful in future to apply for external funding to help fix the water quality issues. As this is the last meeting of the current Committee, the report will be provided to the new Committee for further consideration.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John McFadzean and Tom Mackerras that the report be noted.

Note: Copy of the Report to be provided to Councillors Under Separate Cover (Confidential) for adoption of the Minutes. New Committee to receive a copy of the Report CM 24/96781.

CL04 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCIL MEETING 28 MAY 2024

The Mayor advised that a Notice of Motion was considered at the Council Meeting held 28 May 2024, requesting that Council explore the feasibility of including animal or bird enclosures in future master planning of the Lake Wyangan parklands.

The Mayor advised the Notice of Motion may be considered in a future redevelopment stage of Lake Wyangan.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John McFadzean and Jade Salvestro that the Notice of Motion be endorsed by the Committee.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Investigation into Fish Deaths 2020

Mr Williams tabled a copy of the Agenda from the Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Committee meeting held 8 July 2020, the EPA Report on the Lake Wyangan Fish Kill dated

24 July 2020 and a report from Rivers and Wetlands. Mr Williams stated that the cause of the 2020 fish kill was likely due to high amounts of dissolved oxygen levels as a result of the Lake being filled with water. Mr Mackerras advised the water levels at the time were lower than normal and that the outlet would normally not be exposed. Normal operation is to introduce water from the Northwest.

7.2 Reports to New Committee

Mr Mackerras requested that reports be provided to the new Committee to provide updates on progress relating to projects such as the fish hotels and Campbells Swamp. Mr King advised the fish hotels need to be assessed and may require repair work.

7.3 Floodplain Management Committee

Mr Gordon advised consultants have been engaged to review the Lake Wyangan Flood Study and maps. The consultants will take into consideration recreation uses and future development when determining the new flood planning levels.

7.4 Director Sustainable Development

Mr Rizzo introduced himself to the Committee and advised he is looking forward to working with the Committee in the future.

7 NEXT MEETING

The Mayor thanked members for their valuable contributions to the Committee.

The next meeting of the Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Committee is to be held at a time to be advised following the Council election.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6:02 pm.