
**LAKE WYANGAN & CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 2025 COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Doug Curran (Chair), Councillor Tony O'Grady, Councillor Laurie Testoni, Mark Dal Bon (Councillor - Alternate), Ema Munro (Community Representative), Frank Battistel (Community Representative), Jade Salvestro (Community Representative), John Tagliapietra (Community Representative), Kelvin Williams (Community Representative), Lisa Parker (Community Representative), Matthew Woodward (ZOOM) (Community Representative), Saroja Nagaraj Gurazada (Community Representative), Scott Collis (Community Representative)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo and Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst, Environment & Public Health Coordinator, Vanessa Johns, Minute Secretary, Joanne Bollen

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Tony O'Grady and Councillor Laurie Testoni that apologies be received from Reginald Brown (Community Representative) and Joel Undy (Community Representative).

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

3 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 INDUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS - MANDATORY

An overview of the Committee induction process which Committee members may access on the Council website was provided. Committee members are required to read the Code of

Conduct policy and procedures, Code of Meeting Practice policy, Statements to the Media Policy, Social Media Policy, Information Protection Principles and Child Safe policy. Committee members are also required to complete the online policy acknowledgment form.

A more in-depth explanation in relation to the requirement to declare any Conflicts of Interest will be covered in the next Committee meeting.

CL02 TERMS OF REFERENCE

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Tony O'Grady and Jade Salvestro that the Committee adopt the Terms of Reference attached to the report, with the following changes made due to the foreshadowing of a Committee member's resignation:

- 10 Community Representatives;
- Number of voting members will be 14.

CL03 PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2025

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Frank Battistel and Councillor Tony O'Grady that the Committee note the proposed meeting dates for 2025.

CL04 LAKE WYANGAN PROGRESS/UPDATE REPORT

Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo, provided a background and current status report of the Lake Wyangan Project from November 2023 to current.

The update covered:

- Weekly onshore sampling for testing of both Lake Wyangan North and South.
- Works for Lake Wyangan foreshore improvements for recreational areas as per approved grant funding.
- The trial treatment of Lake Wyangan South with Diatomix.

A report outlining the results of testing 12 months prior to the trial commencing, and results during the trial until present, will be presented to the next Committee meeting.

CL05 LAKE WYANGAN DATA ANALYSIS REPORT, JANUARY 2022 - PREPARED BY DR. PHILIP ORR, AUSTRALIAN RIVERS INSTITUTE, GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY, BRISBANE

Dr Philip Orr and Professor David Hamilton presented the Committee with a Lake Wyangan Data Analysis Report (Confidential Attachment a).

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Tony O'Grady and John Tagliapietra that:

- (a) The Committee note the Lake Wyangan Data Analysis Report - Dr. Philip Orr - Griffith University and express appreciation to him for undertaking this project.
- (b) The Committee identify which recommendations included in the report it wishes to progress and Council explore opportunities for government grant funding to enable their implementation.

SMT Comment: Should Council resolve to endorse the recommendations (a) and (b) above, this item will be referred back to the Committee to be more specific in terms of which recommendation from Dr Orr's report will be progressed to implementation.

Councillor Laurie Testoni left the meeting, the time being 6:08pm.

Councillor Doug Curran and Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst, left the meeting, the time being 6:14pm and returned to the meeting, the time being 6:15pm.

Councillor Doug Curran left the meeting, the time being 6:18pm.

Councillor Tony O'Grady assumed the role of Chair.

CL06 PROPOSAL FROM WOODLOTS AND WETLANDS - LAKE WYANGAN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Dr Peter Bacon presented the Committee with a project proposal focused on improving the water quality at Lake Wyangan (Confidential Attachment b).

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Frank Battistel and Kelvin Williams that:

- (a) The Committee note the report.
- (b) The Committee identify which recommendations it wishes to progress and Council explore opportunities for government grant funding to enable their implementation.

SMT Comment: Should Council resolve to endorse the recommendations (a) and (b) above this item will be referred back to the Committee to be more specific in terms of which recommendation from Dr Bacon's report will be progressed to implementation.

CL07 LAKE WYANGAN STRATEGIC PLAN - REPORT FROM TOM MACKERRAS

A report prepared by Mr Tom Mackerras was presented to the Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Committee on 15 August 2024.

The new Committee considered the report.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Frank Battistel and Kelvin Williams that the information be received.

CL08 NOTICE OF MOTION - NEXT STEPS

At the Council Meeting held on 28 May 2024, a Notice of Motion received from Mayor Doug Curran and Councillor Jenny Ellis.

It was RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Glen Andreazza that:

- (a) Council commit to exploring the feasibility of including animal or bird enclosures in future master planning of the Lake Wyangan Parklands.*
- (b) Council look for grant opportunities for the development of such enclosures as well as future budget allocations.*
- (c) Council explore partnerships with community organisations or businesses (including but not limited to Altina Wildlife Park) for this future endeavour.*
- (d) Future master planning for the park area includes plantings and areas that might attract local wildlife.*
- (e) Council explore the feasibility of using existing deer enclosure fencing for an off-leash dog park.*

The Notice of Motion was endorsed by the previous Lake Wyangan & Catchment

Management on 15 August 2024 and is now in the hands of the new Committee.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Frank Battistel and Lisa Parker that the Committee note the report and progress investigation of Council's resolutions and make recommendations to Council in that regard.

4 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

The Outstanding Action Report was noted.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Presentation Lake Wyangan Foreshore Improvements

Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst presented an update to the Committee on the ongoing improvements to the Lake Wyangan foreshore (Confidential Attachment c). He provided information regarding the current works being carried and additionally highlighted potential future works aimed at further enhancing the area.

5.2 Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP)

Lisa Parker (Community Representative) to research the process of applying for an AHIP. This permit allows individuals or organisations to disturb Aboriginal objects or places, and it serves as a key mechanism within the Aboriginal culture and heritage management framework established by the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

5.3 Liaising with Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council (GLALC)

John Tagliapietra (Community Representative) to commence informal discussions with GLALC in regards to possible future works.

6 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Committee is to be held on Thursday, 24 April 2025 at 5:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7:13pm.

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Lake Wyangan Data Analysis Report, January 2022 - Prepared by Dr. Philip Orr, Australian Rivers Institute, Griffith University, Brisbane
- (b) Woodlots and Wetlands - Lake Wyangan Water Quality Management
- (c) Lake Wyangan Foreshore Improvements