

**Environment Protection Authority
Lake Macquarie Lead Community Reference Group**

Minutes

13 August 2015, 6:00pm – 7.45pm

Chair: Greg Piper

Community Reference Group Attendees:

Anne Sullivan (Community), Nicole Gerrard (Community), Emma Hale (Community), Tony Cade (Community), Karen McCraw (School), Lloyd Hill (Business), Cr Wendy Harrison (LMCC), Cr Rob Denton (LMCC)

Other Attendees:

Adam Gilligan (EPA), Dr David Durrheim (NSW Health – until 7.30pm), Susan Thomas (NSW Health), Richard Bastow (Ferrier Hodgson), Chris Harle (LMCC)

Secretary: Jackie Teal (EPA)

Apologies: Craig Dalton (NSW Health)

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome

Chair, Greg Piper (GP) welcomed all to the meeting and thanked all for attending.

Agenda Item 2 – Apologies

GP noted Craig Dalton's apology and welcomed David Durrheim (DD) to the meeting.

Agenda Item 3 – Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Minutes from the previous meeting were adopted unanimously.

Moved: Lloyd Hill (LH)

Seconded: Emma Hale (EH)

Agenda Item 4 – Actions Arising from Previous Minutes

Adam Gilligan addressed the action items arising from the last meeting.

NO.	ACTION ITEM	RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION	UPDATE
1 June	EPA to prepare letter for CRG to take to businesses	EPA	Action 1 complete – letter not required
2 June	EPA to include feedback form on website	EPA	Action 2 complete
3 June	EPA to draft feedback form for distribution by the CRG	EPA	Action 3 complete
4 June	EPA to circulate Waste Classification reports to CRG	EPA	Action 4 complete

Agenda Item 5 – Bunker Hill Report

GP provided a presentation on this recent visit to Bunker Hill in the USA.

Agenda Item 6 – Update on Blood Lead Level Clinic

DD provided a brief background of his position with Hunter New England Health (HNEH). He thanked the Chair and CRG for the work they put into promoting the Blood Lead Level Clinics. He also acknowledged the work of HNEH.

Susan Thomas (ST) provided a presentation of the results of the Blood Lead Level Clinic. HNEH are awaiting final recommendations from the Chief Health Officers' Lead Reference Group. When the recommendations are received they will be distributed to the CRG, community via a letter box drop and made available on their website.

ST also advised that additional clinics will be conducted each month and will confirm the date and times with the CRG.

General discussions continued on blood lead levels in and around the North Lake Macquarie as well as Broken Hill. The results from Broken Hill can be found at: http://media.wix.com/ugd/ba9a86_457498a9c1f94c5ca8472fd64f0e0371.pdf

A media article regarding the Broken Hill results can be found at:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-08-13/blood-lead-levels-decreasing-but-gap-remains-for-aboriginal-chi/6693816>

GP thanked DD and ST for their presentation.

ACTION 1: HNEH TO PROVIDE DATES AND TIMES OF ADDITIONAL BLOOD LEVEL CLINICS

Agenda Item 7 – Living Smart Festival

Karen McCraw (KM) advised that the theme of the festival is “Living with Lead” with the focus being on educating the community. The festival is to be held at Speers Point Park on 26 September 2015. Educational material will be made available at the stall from the EPA, HNEH, Ferrier Hodgson and LMCC.

KM to organise a roster for the manning of the stall and circulate to CRG.

ACTION 2: KAREN McGRAW TO ORGANISE A ROSTER FOR MANNING THE STALL

Agenda Item 8 – Remediation (Marmong Point)

AG advised the EPA is working with Council to identify a suitable management arrangement for the site. Council has engaged a consultant to undertake soil and water testing, and is proposing to remove material from where it may be subject to wave action, and relocate the material elsewhere on the site. The EPA is considering the details of Council’s proposal.

Agenda Item 9 – Informed responses in the public domain

Tony Cade asked about “Fact Sheets”. Discussions followed on the best way to communicate with the community.

It was agreed that Greg Piper, Adam Gilligan, Richard Bastow and Tony Cade work together to get a complete, up to date set of Fact Sheets.

ACTION 3: COLLATION OF CURRENT FACT SHEETS

Agenda Item 10 – General Business

Mark Taylor would like to have a general discussion with the CRG and also speak about the VegeSafe Program. The CRG agreed to invite Mr Taylor to a future meeting.

GP brought up the idea of a public meeting which could include an update from the EPA, LEWG and HNEH. The timing of the meeting to be worked around the LEWG report to Government, where the goal for submission of this report is the end of 2015. Venues were also discussed and it was agreed the public meeting needs to be addressed at future meetings.

Nicole Gerard advised she has created a Facebook page called:

“The Lead Lowdown on the North Lake Macquarie Community Lead Reference Group”

Agenda Item 11 – Next Meeting Date, Time and Agenda Items

It was agreed that the time of meetings be changed to 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

Next Meeting: 24 September 2015
Meeting Closed: 7.45pm

ACTION ITEMS

NO.	WHO	WHAT	WHEN
1	HNEH	Dates and Times of Additional Blood Level Clinics	ASAP
2	Karen McCraw	Roster for Living Smart Festival	Before the Festival
3	GP, AD, RB & TC	Collation of current Facts Sheets	Before the next meeting