



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

**Minutes**

**21 April 2016, 5:00pm – 6:20pm**

**Chair:** Greg Piper

**Community Reference Group Attendees:**

Nicole Gerrard (Community), Emma Hale (Community), Lloyd Hill (Business), Cr Wendy Harrison (LMCC)

**Other Attendees:**

Adam Gilligan (EPA), Alice Howe (LMCC)

**Secretary:** Adam Gilligan (EPA)

**Apologies:**

Craig Dalton (NSW Health), Anne Sullivan (Community), Tony Cade (Community), Chris Harle (LMCC), Richard Bastow (Ferrier Hodgson), Karen McCraw (School), Jackie Teal (EPA)

**Absent:** Cr Rob Denton (LMCC)

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**Agenda Item 1 – Welcome**

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

**Agenda Item 2 – Apologies**

GP noted apologies from Anne Sullivan (Community), Tony Cade (Community), Chris Harle (LMCC), Richard Bastow (Ferrier Hodgson) and Craig Dalton (NSW Health)

**Agenda Item 3 – Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The Minutes from the previous meeting were adopted.

**Agenda Item 4 – Actions Arising from Previous Minutes**

GP addressed the action items arising from the last meeting.

NO.	ACTION ITEM	RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION	UPDATE
1	Review and provide feedback to EPA on key issues of concern	CRG	No further feedback received. EPA to rely upon list prepared by Emma Hale.

### **Agenda Item 5 – Community Engagement**

There was general discussion regarding meeting lengths, attendance, and the achievements of the CRG. Some frustration was expressed regarding the rate of progress of the LEWG report. Members expressed a desire to see the report as soon as possible, and for it to not be over complicated.

AG advised the CRG on progress of the LEWG report, including a brief discussion about a number of potential recommendations to be considered by the LEWG. AG advised that the report is still on track to be completed in mid-2016.

GP acknowledged the progress made, and discussed the importance of the report addressing the need for good management of lead in the area in perpetuity.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Update on Council Matters**

Dr Alice Howe, Council's Executive Manager – Business Development, addressed the CRG regarding a number of initiatives being considered by Lake Macquarie City Council. These include:

1. Review of Contaminated Land Policy to distinguish on property notations between land that has been remediated below the threshold for development control (currently 300 ppm for lead) and land that has been remediated but retains contaminants on site above this threshold;
2. Establishment of a dedicated group to assess developments involving contaminated land;
3. Reviewing Council's Development controls, including DCPs, in an effort to make compliance with Council's requirements simpler and cheaper. Council is seeking advice from the CRG and LEWG on their experiences of Council's processes; and
4. Council is also utilising the process with their Environmental Management Plan to review high priority sites (25), of which nine have been identified for remediation works. These include Tredinnick Oval, the leash free area near the Lake Macquarie Art Gallery and areas around Warners Bay and Croudace Bay. A cap and turf strategy is generally employed in these areas.

### **Agenda Item 7 – Web Hits**

AG provided a report on the number of hits on the LMCLRG and LEWG pages on the EPA website from January to March 2016. There were 178 unique page views.

### **Agenda Item 8 – General Business**

Discussion regarding timing for the LEWG Report.

**ACTION 1: EPA TO DRAFT LEWG REPORT TO CRG FOR COMMENT ASAP**

**Agenda Item 9 – Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items**

Next Meeting: 9 June 2016  
Meeting Closed: 6.20pm

**ACTION ITEMS**

<b>NO.</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHEN</b>
1	EPA	Draft LEWG Report to CRG for comment	ASAP