



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

Minutes

3 December 2015, 6:00pm – 7:40pm

Chair: Greg Piper

Community Reference Group Attendees:

Anne Sullivan (Community), Nicole Gerrard (Community), Emma Hale (Community), Tony Cade (Community – until 7.15pm), Karen McCraw (School), Cr Wendy Harrison (LMCC)

Other Attendees:

Adam Gilligan (EPA), Richard Bastow (Ferrier Hodgson), Alice Howe left (LMCC – until 7.05pm), Chris Harle (LMCC)

Secretary: Jackie Teal (EPA)

Apologies: Craig Dalton (NSW Health), Lloyd Hill (Business), Cr Rob Denton (LMCC)

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 Craig Dalton, Lloyd Hill and Cr Rob Denton.

Cr Denton's email of 3 December 2015 was noted and that an apology had been provided for the meeting on 5 November 2015.

Agenda Item 3 – Minutes from Previous Meeting

Corrections to the Minutes from the previous meeting as proposed by Richard Bastow (RB) were noted. The Minutes will be amended and were subsequently 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	Circulate list of CRG Achievements to date	EPA	List of CRG Achievements distributed at meeting
2	Send the Council presentation by Alice Howe to EPA, who will then forward onto the CRG and LEWG	LMCC	Presentation emailed to CRG
3	Verify the inaccuracies identified on the information presented	LMCC	Provided by LMCC at meeting – <i>see note below</i>
4	Finalise date and Agenda for the public information evening	All	Tuesday 2 February 2016 Boolaroo Public School Agenda currently being finalised by Sub-Committee
5	Include in the Agenda – property values and % growth in Boolaroo	All	Agreed
6	Liaise with School Principal regarding using the school as a venue	K McCraw	Date finalised with school
7	Identify a Third Party to facilitate the public information evening	Greg Piper	To be sourced by Greg Piper

Action Item 3

Alice Howe (AH) advised that the contamination map shown in the presentation pre-dated closure of Pasmaenco and detailed contamination testing. Council's Contamination Database is based on more recent and more accurate testing either conducted by Ferrier Hodgson as part of the LAS, or subsequent testing generally for development assessment. Where site-specific testing was not undertaken, land has notation 1, which indicates actual or potential contamination.

Agenda Item 5 – Pasmaenco Pollution Concerns

The recent Pasmaenco pollution incident was discussed. RB provided a briefing on the works that have been carried out to date on the Pasmaenco and Tripad sites. Groundwater issues and testing were discussed in detail including zinc and cadmium levels in the basin.

Adam Gilligan (AG) provided advice regarding the milky plume and advised that the EPA is also continuing to investigate an incident on 19 November 2015 where a quantity of milky water was observed discharging from the Pasmaenco site. The results of sampling from that incident showed heavy metal levels in discharge did not present a concern for human health however the short and long term environmental impacts will form part of the EPA's ongoing investigations. Graphs presented by AG on the metal concentrations will be provided to the CRG.

ACTION 1: GRAPHS TO BE CIRCULATED TO THE CRG

Agenda Item 6 – Update on Triangular Paddock Site, Boolaroo

AH provided a presentation on the “Update on Triangular Paddock Site at Boolaroo”. A copy of the presentation will be provided to the CRG.

ACTION 2: PRESENTATION TO BE CIRCULATED TO THE CRG

Agenda Item 7 – Property Sale Prices

Emma Hale (EH) provided a presentation of property sale prices. The information contained in the presentation included five years of property sales data from Land and Property Information and median sales prices and growth for properties in Lake Macquarie suburbs. Tables and graphs were presented showing Boolaroo has outperformed the other Lake Macquarie suburbs in recent years. A number of properties recently sold and currently on the market were presented for the CRG to better understand the current housing market in the area.

The information will be available as a “good news” story at the public information meeting.

GP thanked EH for a very thorough presentation.

Agenda Item 8 – Community Meeting

Nicole Gerrard, Karen McGraw and Chris Harle provided an update on the progress and format of the community meeting. A sub-committee has been formed to finalise the Agenda which will be circulated to the CRG.

Agenda Item 9 – Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

Next Meeting: 28 January 2015 at 5.00pm

Meeting Closed: 7.40pm

ACTION ITEMS

NO.	WHO	WHAT	WHEN
1	EPA	Graphs presented on the metal concentrations at Cockle Creek to be circulated to the CRG	Before next meeting
2	EPA	Presentation on the "Update on Triangular Paddock Site at Boolaroo" to be circulated to the CRG	Before next meeting