

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

**Minutes**

**5 October 2016, 5:00pm – 6:20 pm**

**Chair:** Greg Piper

**Community Reference Group Attendees:**

Anne Sullivan (Community), Nicole Gerrard (School), Cr Wendy Harrison (LMCC), Cr Luke Cubis (LMCC)

**Other Attendees:**

Adam Gilligan (EPA), Chris Harle (LMCC), Richard Bastow (Ferrier Hodgson)

**Secretary:** Jackie Teal (EPA)

**Apologies:** Karen McCraw (Community), Lloyd Hill (Business), Emma Hale (Community)

**Absent:** Craig Dalton (NSW Health), Tony Cade (Community)

**Agenda Item 1 – Welcome**

Greg Piper, Chair (GP) welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. GP acknowledged it was Cr Cubis' (LC) first meeting and briefed him on the background of how the committee was formed and its progress and achievements to date, advising the CRG was a constructive committee with good participation.

**Agenda Item 2 – Apologies**

GP noted apologies from Karen McCraw, Lloyd Hill and Emma Hale.

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

The Minutes from the previous meeting were adopted unanimously.

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

GP addressed the action items arising from the last meeting.

NO.	WHO	WHAT	WHEN
1	EPA	Update Website to reflect role change	Completed
2	EPA	Provide CRG with copy of Executive Summary	Emailed to CRG 13 September 2016
3	EPA	AG to meet with A/GM of NCC	Teleconference held – for further follow-up

## **Agenda Item 5 – Living Smart Festival**

Overall the Living Smart Festival was a success with 20,000 people attending. The CRG's stall was not in an optimal location for engagement with the community. The number of people visiting the CRG stall was down compared to last year. No feedback forms were submitted. A "Stallholder Feedback Form" will be submitted to LMCC.

Adam Gilligan (AG) advised that the EPA would like to be involved in a stall next year to cover environmental issues.

It was suggested that maybe a "mail out" could occur prior to the next Living Smart Festival advising that the CRG/EPA would be involved and the theme of the stall.

## **Agenda Item 6 – LEWG Report Update**

AG advised the LEWG met on 26 September and that the Report to Government is on track and will be finalised by the end of October. The EPA is preparing a Briefing Note to the Minister to inform him of the recommendations.

Nicole Gerrard (NG) to email the CRG with her comments that had previously been submitted to the EPA. Additional comments can be made on NG's spreadsheet, including 'nil' responses back to her by 14 October 2016.

A media release will be issued when the report is provided to the Minister, and it will be published on the EPA website.

AG advised that LMCC, EPA and Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) will be meeting to discuss those recommendations that have implications for DPE.

## **Agenda Item 7 – General Business**

### ***Boolaroo Cockle Creek Smelter Video***

GP briefed LC on the recent trip to Idaho. The "Boolaroo Cockle Creek Smelter" video was discussed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVNjdnGtHcA>

## **Agenda Item 8 – Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items**

Next Meeting: Thursday 24 November 2016 – 5:00pm  
Pasminco Site Visit: Wednesday 14 December 2016 – 5:00pm  
Meeting Closed: 6.20pm