

APPENDIX C: COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Held at Lane Cove Council at 7 pm on Tuesday 14 August 2012.

Community Representatives from:

Greenwich Flying Squadron

Lane Cove 12' Skiff Sailing Club

North Shore Rowing Club

Riverview Residents Association

Stringybark Creek Residents Associations

Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society

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Greenwich Residents Association

IEWF (International Environmental Weed Foundation)

Willoughby Environmental Protection Association (WEPA)

Local and State Government Representatives:

Gus Pelosi, OEH

Jacqui Vollmer, Hunters Hill Council

Susan Butler, Lane Cove Council

Sam Capelli, Ryde City Council

Angelo Berios, Willoughby City Council

Consultants:

Reid Butler, BMT WBM

Smita Jha, BMT WBM

Gus Pelosi gave a short presentation on the history of the Estuary Management Program and the Lane Cove River EMP:

- High level of implementation of Lane Cove River EMP
- Focus on recreation, environment, social, traffic and other issues,
- Change in focus in 2010 to climate change assessment, estuary health monitoring,
- 1997 issues, most are still relevant, need to take big picture not just climate

change,

- NSW government's views on CZMP.

Reid Butler gave a short presentation on status of the CZMP report and asked for input from community members.

Comments from community members:

- Monitoring water quality to see if devices are working to improve water quality
- Pollution of Tannery Creek – potential for constructed wetlands like Salisbury Council
- Tannery Creek cast iron sewer eroding substantially, discharges into Burns Bay
- Issue of development control, OSD in upper catchment, WSUD
- Asking for gully traps, told they were too expensive, some installed along Epping Rd
- Infrastructure and sustainability levies to fund GPTs
- Dettmann Ave net on pipe outlet a failure
- Look for areas where wetlands can be built
- WSUD in the open, don't hide them
- Dredging in 2004 still an issue
- Not issue for rowers but notice sediment is growing at Figtree Bridge
- Capt Cook catamarans sand and fill on shore being washed into the river
- Previous dredging of the river at Gore Creek meant more room for boats
- Pipes now exposed at Shell terminal at Greenwich
- Seawalls erosion escalated with Rivercats
- Burns Bay dredged 3-4 years ago, allowed for extra boat moorings
- 2 drainpipes at head of the bay which run constantly
- Sedimentation from high density development, trucks taking excavation materials away
- Enforcement is still a big problem
- Planning- very difficult problem, population growth and higher densities
- Hydrology reports for big excavations
- Arms of the government against each other
- Even catchments not undergoing development can shed lots of leaf litter, grass cuttings
- Visual impacts on river from 20 storey building near starch factory
- Encourage more domestic water tanks to reduce runoff
- OSD as tanks for reuse
- Swansea and Brisbane Waters trying to limit development of high rise on foreshores, very unpopular
- Clean up Australia council should encourage extra clean ups
- Amount progressively getting less and less at Riverview
- Deposit on soft drink bottles
- Use eyes of the community for monitoring
- Keep up reporting in case things go wrong
- Dettmann Ave unmade road could be location for rain garden
- Big push by Department of Planning to increase high density housing

- State government taking away planning powers, not providing adequate means for residents to have input, deadening it, relying on inertia
- Concern that the State Govt. in its new planning policy is removing community in the planning implementation.
- Serious concern that the principles and objectives at Local Govt. level will be sabotaged by the Planning Policies of the current NSW State Govt.
- NSW Government's Green Paper proposes drastic changes including doing away with DCPs, LEPs and most likely FBLs. With Government's preference for a big increase in complying development, there will be decrease in soft landscaping and absorptive surfaces.

The community scoring for the proposed management Actions are given in Table C-1.

Table C-1: Community Ranking of Actions

AIM	MANAGEMENT ACTIONS	Respondent Number									Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
WATER QUALITY	Ensure Sydney Water continues to improve the sewage overflow performance of the sewer systems throughout the catchment	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	40
	Liaise with Sydney Water when private sewers are observed to be causing water quality problems	4	4		5	5	3	5	5		31
	Continue current water quality monitoring and undertake wet weather monitoring		5		5	5	2	5	5		27
	Councils to review Ryde Councils successful implementation of WSUD strategy and base their future action plans on the positive outcomes of this	5	5		5	5	4	4			28
	Councils to incorporate Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles in redevelopments of urban areas, including public and private development, through the updating of existing and preparation of new Development Control Plans (DCPs)	5	5	5	5	5	4	5			34
	Retrofit appropriate new WSUD devices in existing urban areas including measures such as artificial wetlands, vegetated swales, and channel naturalisation	5	5		5	5	3	5			28
	Undertake adequate and appropriate maintenance of existing WSUD devices to maintain their effectiveness, in particular GPTs and other stormwater quality improvement devices.	5	5		5	5	3	4			27
	Enforce implementation and maintenance of effective sediment controls during the subdivision and building phases of all developments (including infrastructure projects) by undertaking regular audits of developments during construction	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	5		39
	Councils to adopt WSUD action plans based on a comprehensive framework of institutional capacity and assessment	5	5	5	5	5	4	2			31
	Regulatory authorities to review minimum water quality and environmental objectives to reduce the impact of pollution from licensed industrial or commercial premises	5	5		5	5	2	3	5		30
	Use appropriate modelling tools such as MUSIC to evaluate and design WSUD projects	5	5	5	5	5	2	3			30
	Engage the community in the planning, design and implementation for WSUD projects to help foster a sense of ownership and a willingness to support in the longer term	5	5	5	5	5	3	4	5		37
	Assess fertilizer distribution rates and procedures especially during periods of heavy rain	5	5		5	4	2	3	5		29

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CLIMATE CHANGE	Identify and map areas likely to be impacted by sea level rise under different scenarios	5	5		5	5	5	4		4	33
	Highlight areas of estuarine vegetation under potential threat due to sea level rise	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5		39
	Identify and protect public foreshore areas required for the retreat of estuarine vegetation in response to sea level rise from development or infrastructure	5	5		5	4	2	5			26
	Replace existing stormwater pipes with bigger pipes where required as a part of asset replacement program	5	5	4	5	5	5	3			32
	Restrict new foreshore developments in areas where tidal inundation hazards under current and future sea level rise scenarios are quantified	5	5		5	5	3	4	5		32
	Establish foreshore building line controls across all Councils	5	5		5	4	4	3	5		31
	Educate the community about environmentally friendly adaptation methods to climate change/sea level rise	5	5		5	5	3	4	5		32
	AQUATIC AND RIPARIAN HABITAT	Undertake targeted bushland rehabilitation, creation and enhancement of estuarine wetland communities (saltmarsh, mangroves, seagrass) and adjacent riparian vegetation	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Install dinghy racks or assign dinghy storage areas		4	5		5	4	3	3	5	4	33
Support the establishment and continuation of local Bushcare/Landcare and other groups to assist with revegetation works on both public and private lands		5	5		5	5	4	5	5		34
Provide information to private landowners that have key habitat and vegetation communities on their properties to describe the community, its importance to the estuary and options for its protection and management		5	5		5	5	4	5			29
Identification and progressive control of invasive species from foreshore areas and adjacent bushland		5	5	5	5	4	4	5			33
Identification and progressive control of noxious species from the estuary and other waterways		5	5		5	4	3	5			27
Promote and undertake compliance on unauthorised riparian and estuarine vegetation clearing		5	5	5	5	4	3	5		4	36
Encourage and assist revegetation of private foreshore areas		5	5		5	5	3	5	5	4	37
Encourage NSW Fisheries to periodically map the distribution of estuarine vegetation (seagrass, saltmarsh and mangroves) for the estuary		5	5		5	4	2	3			24
Prevent the introduction and spread of disease and pests		5	5		5	5	2	3			25
Continue structural and operational improvements to fishway at Lane Cove weir		5	4		5	5	2	4			25
Map areas likely at risk due to bushfire		5			5	4	2	4			20

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FORESHORE PROTECTION	All councils and agencies involved in the building, design and approval of new seawalls to ensure compliance with the environmentally friendly seawall guidelines within legislative constraints	5		5	5	5	3	3			26
	All councils and agencies involved in the building, design and approval of new foreshore developments to ensure compliance with environmental best practices	5		5	5	5	2	4			26
	Educate and support private landowners on the benefits of environmentally friendly seawalls and provide details of the planning and approval process for installation	5			5	5	2	3			20
	Explore options to improve the environmental value of existing seawalls through addition of habitat	5			5	5	2	5			22
	Monitoring and selective dredging of sediment build-up	5			5	4	4	3	5		26
MONITORING AND EVALUATION	Continue and support current monitoring programs, undertake coordinated wet weather monitoring and collate data on an estuary wide basis	5			5	5	3	5			23
	Support the implementation and monitoring of the effectiveness of Plan	5			5	5	4	4			23
	Undertake a review of the CZMP every 5-10 years	5			5	5	4	4			23
	Undertake monitoring of the interaction between estuarine vegetation communities, particularly in response to climate pressures	5			5	5	3	5	5		28

1	2	3	4	5
Not at All	Small Importance	Moderate Importance	Major Importance	Extremely Important