



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

Minutes

28 July 2016, 5:11pm – 6:30pm

Chair: Greg Piper

Community Reference Group Attendees:

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

Other Attendees:

Adam Gilligan (EPA), Chris Harle (LMCC), Alice Howe (LMCC), Craig Dalton (NSW Health)

Secretary: Karen Marler (EPA)

Apologies: Tony Cade (Community), Richard Bastow (Ferrier Hodgson)

Absent: 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 Tony Cade and Richard Bastow.

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 item arising from the last meeting.

NO.	ACTION ITEM	RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION	UPDATE
1	Living Smart Festival Application	EPA	Application submitted 27 June 2016

Agenda Item 5 – Idaho Update, including potential additional management measures

GP provided background information for the field trip to Idaho, mentioning it was a valuable experience to learn from the United States example and the systems they have put in place to protect their community from contamination in perpetuity. A lot of issues were discussed around legacy funds and technical issues. GP appreciated that Council staff and EPA representatives also attended the field trip. The group met with State Agencies, their Council equivalents as well as the US EPA and it was an extremely useful exercise.

Alice Howe provided a briefing on her study tour to Bunker Hill with Greg Piper and Matthew James. The CRG discussed the potential additional measures. It was noted by the CRG and Dr Howe that these potential additional measures were not yet endorsed and would be subject to further community consultation.

Agenda Item 6 – Living Smart Festival

There was a general agreement that the 2015 Living Smart Festival worked well. The CRG discussed the possible provision of a USB stick or a bookmark with links to information.

ACTION 1: EPA TO CONTACT THE LEWG AND INVITE MEMBERS TO ATTEND LIVING SMART STALL

ACTION 2: EPA TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK FORM

ACTION 3: EPA TO INVESTIGATE AVAILABILITY OF "LEAD PAINT TEST KITS" FOR STALL

ACTION 4: EPA TO PROVIDE "BOOKMARK" WITH LINKS TO INFORMATION

Agenda Item 7 – General Business

- AG provided an update on the draft Report. A final draft will be available in August and distributed to the CRG.
- The literature review has also be submitted to the EPA and will be distributed to the CRG.
- AG provided an update to changes in staffing at the EPA advising that he is now Regional Director North and Karen Marler is Acting Regional Manager but he would continue his involvement with the CRG.
- Chris Harle mentioned that LMCC had given a research grant to the University of Technology, Sydney for research into bio-remediation using native plants. Details of the project will be provided to the CRG.
- Nicole Gerrard mentioned a research project to commence in spring using an exotic flower.
- The CRG asked if Mark Taylor from LEWG could bring his XRF Unit to the Living Smart Festival.
- CRG asked if it would be possible to inspect the capping at Pasminco and to hold a meeting on site.

ACTION 5: EPA TO DISTRIBUTE DRAFT REPORT TO CRG

ACTION 6: EPA TO DISTRIBUTE LITERATURE REVIEW TO CRG

ACTION 7: LMCC TO EMAIL DETAILS OF THE RESEARCH GRANT TO UTS

ACTION 8: EPA TO CONTACT MARK TAYLOR REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF XRF UNIT

ACTION 9: EPA TO CONTACT FERRIER HODGSON RE SITE VISIT AND MEETING

Agenda Item 8 – Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

Next Meeting: 31 August 2016 – 5.00pm

Meeting Closed: 6.30pm

ACTION ITEMS

NO.	WHO	WHAT	WHEN
1	EPA	Contact LEWG for availability for Living Smart Festival	Before Living Smart Festival
2	EPA	Print "Feedback Form" for Living Smart Festival	Before Living Smart Festival
3	EPA	Investigate availability of "Lead Paint Test Kits" for Living Smart Festival	Before next meeting
4	EPA	Produce "bookmark" for Living Smart Festival	Before Living Smart Festival
5	EPA	Distribute draft LEWG report	ASAP
6	EPA	Distribute Literature Review	ASAP
7	LMCC	Distribute UTS research grant details to CRG	Before next meeting
8	EPA	Arrange XRF Unit for Living Smart Festival	Before Living Smart Festival
9	EPA	Contact Ferrier Hodgson re former Pasmenco site inspection and meeting	Before next meeting