



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

Minutes

11 February 2016, 5:00pm – 6:05pm

Chair: Greg Piper

Community Reference Group Attendees:

Anne Sullivan (Community), Nicole Gerrard (Community), Emma Hale (Community), Lloyd Hill (Business), Tony Cade (Community – 5:50pm)

Other Attendees:

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

Secretary: Jackie Teal (EPA)

Apologies:

Cr Wendy Harrison (LMCC), Cr Rob Denton (LMCC), Richard Bastow (Ferrier Hodgson), Karen McCraw (School),

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 Cr Wendy Harrison, Cr Rob Denton, Richard Bastow and Karen McCraw.

Agenda Item 3 – Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Minutes from the previous meeting were adopted unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Actions Arising from Previous Minutes

There were no actions arising from the previous meeting.

Agenda Item 5 – Community Meeting

The CRG discussed the Public Information Evening held on 2 February 2016 at Boolaroo Public School. All agreed that the venue and format worked well and that overall it was a positive meeting. Advertising for the next meeting will be carried out more efficiently.

Adam Gilligan (AG) briefly went through the Feedback Forms that were received. Forms will be distributed to the appropriate authority to be dealt with. A summary of the forms will be sent to the CRG.

LMCC advised that they received a lot of “Service Requests” where the community raised concerns about their own properties and s149 certificates.

ACTION 1: EPA TO CIRCULATE SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK FORMS

Agenda Item 6 – Website Update

The website will be amended to include issues that have been raised, how they were addressed and others that are being worked through.

Agenda Item 7 – “Misled About Lead”

The CRG have all read and noted the research paper “Misled about lead: an assessment of online public health education material from Australia’s lead mining and smelting towns” which had been distributed previously.

Agenda Item 8 – General Business

Report to Government

AG updated the CRG on progress of the Lead Expert Working Group’s (LEWG) report to Government. He advised the LEWG held a workshop on 2 February, which focussed on reviewing the LAS against the National Environment Protection Measure. The group have also allocated responsibility for drafting sections of the report to Government, which is hoped to be completed by mid-2016.

Engaging with the Community

The best way to continue to engage with the community was discussed at length. Suggestions included A4 brochure, drop in centres and newsletters. This Item will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Access to Pasmaenco site

ACTION 2: JT TO CONTACT RICHARD BASTOW TO ARRANGE SITE TOUR AND NEXT CRG MEETING

Lead Abatement Strategy

It was suggested that a presentation on how the LAS was rolled out and outcomes from it would be beneficial to the CRG.

ACTION 3: AG TO ARRANGE PRESENTATION AT NEXT MEETING

Agenda Item 9 – Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

Next Meeting: 24 March 2016 at 6.00pm

Meeting Closed: 6.05pm

ACTION ITEMS

NO.	WHO	WHAT	WHEN
1	EPA	Circulate summary of Feedback Forms	Before next meeting
2	JT	Organise Pasmenco site tour	For next meeting
3	AG	Arrange LAS Presentation	For next meeting

