



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

Minutes

31 August 2016, 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Chair: Greg Piper

Community Reference Group Attendees:

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

Other Attendees:

Adam Gilligan (EPA), Rachael Martin (EPA), Chris Harle (LMCC)

Secretary: Jackie Teal (EPA)

Apologies: Lloyd Hill (Business), Richard Bastow (Ferrier Hodgson)

Absent: Cr Rob Denton (LMCC), Craig Dalton (NSW Health)

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome

Greg Piper, Chair (GP) welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Agenda Item 2 – Apologies

GP noted apologies from Lloyd Hill and Richard Bastow.

Agenda Item 3 – Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Minutes from the previous meeting were adopted after a minor change to Action Item 8.

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	Contact LEWG for availability for Living Smart Festival	EPA	In progress – EPA to follow up
2	Print “Feedback Form” for Living Smart Festival	EPA	Complete
3	Investigate availability of “Lead Paint Test Kits” for Living Smart Festival	EPA	Decision made not to do “giveaways”
4	Produce “bookmark” for Living Smart Festival	EPA	Complete
5	Distribute draft LEWG report	EPA	LEWG Recommendations emailed 11 August 2016
6	Distribute literature review	EPA	Emailed 11 August 2016
7	Send to CRG details of research grant to UTS	LMCC	Email sent to CRG 2 August 2017
8	Arrange XRF Unit for Living Smart Festival	EPA	EPA to follow up with Health
9	Contact Ferrier Hodgson re former Pasminco site inspection and meeting	EPA	Richard Bastow contacted by email. Response received 23 August advising early 2017

Agenda Item 5 – Living Smart Festival

Chris Harle provided flyers for the Living Smart Festival for distribution by the CRG.

Adam Gilligan advised that “Lead Fact Sheets” had been delivered to him for the Festival. LMCC would provide facts sheets on slag.

EPA will provide a TV and source a “Lead Smart Blitz” DVD to be played during the day.

Feedback Forms and “Bookmarks” will be printed by the EPA.

Agenda Item 6 – Community Issues Summary

The chapter of the LEWG Report to Government “Issues of concern raised by CRG and residents” had been circulated asking for feedback from the CRG. Rachael Martin (RM) advised that she has received some feedback and would welcome any more over the next couple of weeks.

RM advised that issues of concern with regards to legacy lead contamination and communicated to the LEWG will be attached to the report as an Appendix.

Agenda Item 7 – General Business

Boolaroo Public School

The landscaping works at Boolaroo Public School was discussed at length. The works did not need a Development Application but the contractor should have had more stringent controls in place to ensure that lead in soil was considered. AG advised they were lucky to be able to source the XRF unit from NSW Health to conduct the

assessment. He also thanked everyone involved for their quick action. Karen McCraw (KM) also expressed her appreciation for the prompt response from all, especially with it being a weekend. GP noted that it was a fantastic outcome and was impressed by all involved who came together on the day. The works were completed, with a barrier installed, which was then covered with clean topsoil and turf to the satisfaction of the EPA and HNE Health.

CRG Membership

KM advised that she was no longer President of the Boolaroo Public School P&C and Nicole Gerrard had taken on this role. Their roles on the CRG have reversed and the website will be updated.

ACTION 1: EPA TO UPDATE WEBSITE TO REFLECT ROLE CHANGE

LEWG Report to Government

LEWG Report to Government and Literature Review were distributed to the CRG in August. AG provided an update on the progress of the Report advising that contributions were coming in slowly. RM is compiling the final report incorporating factors that came from the field trip to Bunker Hill. The report is expected to be finalised by the end of October and delivered to the Minister.

An Executive Summary has been drafted identifying key findings and how the recommendations sit under these. RM will provide the CRG with a copy of the Executive Summary.

Discussions on the recommendations continued and it was decided members of the CRG meet outside this Forum to further discuss them.

ACTION 2: EPA TO PROVIDE CRG WITH EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lead Strategy Group

AG advised that a "Lead Strategy Group" has been formed within the EPA that will be a "clearing house" for lead issues across NSW, and will ensure a consistent approach, exchange of information and ideas.

Disposal of Soil

A question was asked regarding the progress of the disposal of contaminated soil. AG advised that he will meet with Newcastle City Council in the next week.

ACTION 3: AG TO MEET WITH NCC

Slag

A question was asked if LMCC had a list of sites where there was known slag. CH advised she would circulate to the CRG a list of priority sites Council are currently working on as well as update the group on the risk assessment criteria.

Agenda Item 7 – Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

Next Meeting: Wednesday 5 October 2016 – 5.00pm

Meeting Closed: 6.30pm

ACTION ITEMS

NO.	WHO	WHAT	WHEN
1	EPA	Update Website	ASAP
2	EPA	Provide CRG with copy of Executive Summary	ASAP
3	EPA	AG to meet with NCC	ASAP