



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

Minutes

8 February 2017, 5:15pm – 6:30pm

Chair: Greg Piper

Community Reference Group Attendees:

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

Other Attendees:

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

Secretary: Jackie Teal (EPA)

Apologies: Richard Bastow (Ferrier Hodgson), Cr Luke Cubis (LMCC)

Absent: Tony Cade (Community)

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome

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

Agenda Item 2 – Apologies

GP noted apologies from Cr Cubis and Richard Bastow.

Agenda Item 3 – Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Minutes from the previous meeting were adopted unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Update on Summerhill Waste Solution

Adam Gilligan (AG) advised that an 'in principle' agreement is in place with Newcastle City Council regarding Summerhill Waste Management Centre taking lead effected material from North Lake Macquarie. The EPA Waste section should have the agreement finalised by the end of February. A draft fact sheet will be prepared and circulated to the CRG for input and comment.

ACTION 1: EPA TO CIRCULATE FACT SHEET TO CRG

Agenda Item 5 – EPA Progress on LEWG Recommendations & Associated Budget

AG advised the LEWG recommendations report was released to Barry Buffier and the Minister on 22 December 2016 and also put on the EPA Website with minimal interest from the media. He advised the next step was a budget proposal for funding the recommendations.

Agenda Item 6 – Proposed Grant Fund for Implementation of LEWG Recommendation 4.1 (Now Recommendation 18)

Alice Howe (AH) provided draft flowcharts and case studies for discussion regarding 'Recommendation 18.ii - Provide funding support and advice to public and private landholders wishing to undertake voluntary soil assessment and property remediation'. She advised that Lake Macquarie City Council proposes that this recommendation be addressed through a grant program. Principles of this process were discussed at length with the CRG to provide feedback to AH.

Agenda Item 7 – Public Meeting

It was decided that a public meeting would be held later in the year when more information could be conveyed to the community.

Agenda Item 8 – General Business

Kristen Keegan's passing mentioned with GP noting it was a huge loss to Newcastle business and community.

Agenda Item 9 – Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

Next Meeting: 3 April 2017
Meeting Closed: 6.30pm

ACTION ITEMS

NO.	WHO	WHAT	WHEN
1	EPA	EPA to circulate fact sheet to CRG re Summerhill	When available