

MINUTES

Wednesday, 9 June 2021, 9:45am – 11:30am

Venue: Clarence Valley Council Office in Maclean

Attendance	Glenn Bailey (Chair, Social Futures); Heather Tannock (Minutes, Social Futures); Howard Avery (Cycling/Active Transport Representative); Kerry Little (Connect You Too – formerly Clarence Community Transport); Claudia (Clarence Valley Council (CVC)) via phone; Cr. Jim Simmons (CVC Councillor); Greg Aitken (TfNSW Community Partnering in Brad Crispin’s team); Malcolm Britt (Busways) via phone.
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Item		Discussion	Action
1.	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY	We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of these lands on which we are meeting and pay tribute and respect to the Elders past, present and future.	
2.	Apologies	Kate Collins (NNSWLHD); Ross Chalmers (TfNSW North Coast Area Manager); Djaan Jarrett (Healthy North Coast – Aboriginal Health); Mark Ruthven (Rabbit Ride Share); Dan Griffin (CVC); Robyn Barlow and Bree Hiatt (Clarence Correctional Centre – Serco); Arnab Roy (TfNSW); Iesha Timmins (TfNSW Northern Region Aboriginal Project Officer); and Tina Bultitude (CVC).	
3.	Confirmation of minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting minutes from 19 November 2020 confirmed as a true and accurate representation of the previous meeting with a quorum. Moved by Howard Avery. 	
4.	Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil 	

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5.	Actions arising from previous minutes	
5.1	<p>Update re development of a safe school ride/walk route in Grafton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the last meeting Howard met with two engineers at CVC regarding crossings around Grafton Public School and Grafton High School. • The crossing reconstruction outside of the primary school commenced in January and is yet to be completed. • Glenn acknowledged Howard's efforts and persistence over a long period of time and thanked him on behalf of the committee and the local community. • Howard agreed to share the letters he has sent to Ministers and Councillors with the CVTC to share in the minutes. • Greg (TfNSW) clarified that 'Kiss and Drop' is a policy which requires a dedicated staff member to manage the drop off and pick up and educate a change in behaviour of parents and carers. • Greg acknowledged the application for the school regarding pedestrian nominations for works was currently being considered by TfNSW and recommendations prepared for council. Funding for crossing supervision for the primary school is also being considered. • Noted that Council Traffic Committees can support education and enforcement procedures for safer and more effective drop off and pick up school zones. • Greg advised contact details for Brad Crispin Manager of TfNSW, North Precinct, Community Partnering email: bradley.crispin@transport.nsw.gov.au as the contact for TfNSW queries 	<p>School Principal and P&C to work together regarding safe parking, drop off and pick up issues and share with TfNSW</p> <p>School to write to CVC and ask for an update of the recommendations for the nominations for clarity of funding</p> <p>Howard Avery to provide update at next CVTC</p>
5.2	<p>Update regarding Maclean Services Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are two "pop-up" locations available: 1. The Out of the Box facility in Wherrett Park, a trendy youth space near the hospital (available now) 2. Two rooms in the Anglicare building on Wharf Street, a lovely old house with all mod cons (one room available from July, for once a month). 	<p>Claudia to provide more thorough update which Glenn will include as an attachment in the email distribution of minutes</p>
5.3	<p>Recent transport promotion activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenn reminded the group Clarence Valley transport information including school bus routes were researched and updated on www.goingplaces.org.au in the previous financial year as a transport promotion activity possible during COVID restrictions. • Glenn has provided flyers printed from the website for community distribution. • COVID has impacted activities in the current financial year and as agreed promoted transport information and the going places website at local interagencies. 	<p>Glenn to leave hard copy flyers with council reception (Done)</p>

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6.	Development Applications Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No relevant applications to review. 	
7.	Business arising		
7.1	Clarence Correctional Centre (CCC) Transport Update from Serco Asia Pacific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All matters to be held over until next meeting 	Robyn/Bree to provide an update on CCC transport matters at next meeting
7.2	Update on TfNSW Transport Improvement Planning activity for Grafton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 16 Cities Project focuses on transport improvement actions for regional cities across NSW including Grafton. To be held over until next meeting. 	Arnab to provide progress update at next CVTC
7.3	TfNSW cessation of Transport Development Project Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenn shared due to changes within TfNSW the funding stream for TDP is no longer available and asked whether stakeholders are interested to continue meeting. All agreed this was an important forum for community consultation and collaborating on local transport solutions. Glenn posed the question who in Council could manage the future secretariat duties and responsibility for the ongoing meetings given in this LGA this is a CVC Committee. Jim agreed on behalf of Council to host another meeting in 3 months' time with Claudia's assistance. Claudia highlighted all CVC committees are reviewed after each new Council election and this would be the case with this committee in September following the election. Greg recommended that this committee continue and that TfNSW would like to contribute and participate, however this is viewed as a Council run Committee, not something TfNSW would do. Greg to clarify questions raised from the Committee with his manager Brad Crispin. 	<p>Jim agreed to hosting the next meeting at the Maclean office</p> <p>Claudia to distribute a calendar invite for the next quarterly meeting.</p> <p>Greg request Brad Crispin email the CVTC to offer answers to the Committee about how this decision was made and what other funding options could keep this important project running.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerry asked how much the website costs to operate and how could this online resource continue into the future. Kerry will raise this issue next week when she meets regionally with community transport services (Grafton to Tweed) • Jim suggested that contact be made with the local members to let them know the current situation and the impact created by the loss of this project. • More pressure needs to be placed upon TfNSW to understand the impact of this decision and the void it will create across the region. • Jim suggested a letter from Social Futures to be forwarded to the General Manager (Acting) Laura Black. 	<p>Glenn to provide follow up regarding possibilities for goingplaces to continue (see far below for update).</p> <p>Glenn to facilitate a letter to local members and the CVC Acting General Manager regarding the change in circumstances.</p> <p>Jim to table with CVC current situation regarding CVTC.</p>
	<p>Motion to thank Glenn and Social Futures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim expressed his sincere thanks to Glenn for his dedication, focus and follow through in all activities relating to transport and connecting people experiencing transport disadvantage both in the Clarence Valley and across the Region. He acknowledged Glenn’s ability to adapt to changing circumstances during the COVID restrictions and his ability to ensure the recent Regional Transport Gathering proceeded online after restrictions forced a late face-to-face meeting cancellation, stating this was a huge effort. Jim wished Glenn well in his future endeavours.
<p>8</p>	<p>Business without notice</p>	
	<p>Last comments and Success of the TDP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerry acknowledged the valuable resources the project has offered such as the goingplaces website and the Northern Rivers Unmet Aboriginal Transport Interim Report that is assisting her service planning for the Clarence Valley. • Regional Transport Gathering is an excellent and relevant activity of the TDP which will be missed. Who will do this in the future? This is a forum that allows a broad range of interested groups to come together such as health, correctional services, transport, aged care, education, active transport, TfNSW, community services and general community members. • Promotion Days were acknowledged as great source of targeted community engagement, which allows both the general public and people experiencing transport disadvantage access to new transport information and local transport contacts.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goingplaces website offers local and targeted information that is not found on the State based online resources NSW Trip Planner. • Mainstream services such as TAFEs, employment and other community service providers, and schools have been impressed by the website and have shared this information with their stakeholders. The website offers a downloadable transport guide and current transport information to be printed and shared with people who can't access online services. • Many resources would never have come to fruition without the direction and facilitation of the TDP. • Provides grassroots opportunities within the local community to gather information and respond. • This regular Committee has facilitated many conversation that have benefited this community and provided face to face networking and collaborations including opportunity to establish relationships with stakeholders such as the Clarence Correctional Centre. • Provided a forum to support safety around schools. 	
9	Conclusion & confirmation of next meeting	
	Meeting closed at 11:30am	Claudia advised the next meeting will likely be Tuesday 7 or 14 September 2021.
		Claudia to distribute calendar invite.

Important update on future of goingplaces website post 30 June 2021 when the Transport Development Project ceases.

Social Futures recognizes the Northern Rivers community benefit from www.goingplaces.org.au that the TfNSW Transport Development Project has funded in the past. We will maintain the hosting and functions of the goingplaces website until at least 30 June 2022, including updates to transport information details within the Regional tab within the site that can be requested via communications@socialfutures.org.au.

However there is uncertainty if we will also have capacity to specifically maintain downloadable LGA transport guides. At this stage, annual updating and editing of each downloadable LGA transport guide will need to be the **responsibility of each transport working group**. Social Futures Marketing and Communications Team contactable at communications@socialfutures.org.au on request can provide editable transport guide documents to transport working group stakeholders for this task. Social Futures is pleased to assist in the continuation of this important transport information resource.

To all Social Services Providers in the Clarence Valley,

New spots available at the Maclean Service Centre

Have you heard of the Maclean Service Centre? At this new service hub, Lower Clarence Valley residents can access social, legal, mental health and other support services without having to travel to Grafton, Coffs Harbour, Ballina or Lismore. The reason for this letter is that some spots have come available on Tuesdays for selected service providers in the social & health sectors.

There are two “pop-up” locations available:

1. The Out of the Box facility in Wherrett Park, a trendy youth space near the hospital (available now)
2. Two rooms in the Anglicare building on Wharf Street, a lovely old house with all mod cons (one room available from July, for once a month).

Both venues offer a quiet, private space to meet with clients from the Lower Clarence. For the duration of this project, these rooms are available free of charge on Tuesday, 9.30 am - 3.30 pm.

Background

In 2018 the North Coast Primary Health Network (NCPHN) funded the Healthy Towns program. One of the outcomes of the community survey was the need to have more support and social services available in Maclean. With funding from the NCPHN, Clarence Valley Council has provided a space for social services to do just that...right in the heart of Maclean. Council pays for room hire including WiFi, promotes the service and provides support if needed. While this is just a trial project until the end of 2021, our hope is that this initiative will lead to more social services setting up shop in Maclean.

If you have questions or want a tour, feel free to email me, or call me Monday/Tuesday 8.30am- 4pm.

Kind Regards,

Barbara Winters, Maclean Service Centre Project Officer (CVC)

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We acknowledge the Bundjalung, Gumbaynggirr and Yaegl people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we live and work. We honour the First Nations people's connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



CLARENCE VALLEY FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting held from 9:30am on Friday, 11th June 2021 at the Clarence Valley Council Maclean Chambers, 50 River Street, Maclean.

ITEM 1 INTRODUCTION: WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Meeting opened at 9:35am by Cr. Simmons

Attendance:

SES: Susan Chapple

Voting: Cr. Jim Simmons, Paul O'Halloran, Ross Farlow, Des Harvey, Robert Tyler

CVC Officers: Kieran McAndrew, Greg Mashiah, Peter Wilson, Jamie Fleeting, Allyson Tracey (minutes)

DPIE: Toong Chin

Presenter: Barry Rodgers – BMT (Online), Abrar Shabren – BOM (Online)

Apologies received from:

Name	Committee Role	Organisation / Role
Andrew Skinner	Community Representative	N/A
Darren Finley	Community Representative	N/A
Scott Lenton	Strategic Planning	CVC
Adam Cameron		CVC

Quorum: 6 (currently 11 members). See FPRMC structure in Attachment 1.

Total Members at todays CV FPRMC: 6 Quorum reached – **Yes /No**

Moved: Paul O'Halloran Seconded: Ross Farlow Carried.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION: That the minutes of the Clarence Valley Floodplain Risk Management Committee meeting of 19th February 2021 be confirmed.

Moved: Des Harvey Seconded: Paul O'Halloran Carried.

ITEM 4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Items from last meeting not discussed elsewhere include:

- *Letters sent following from motions from the February 2021 Committee meeting.*
 - *\$92k recurrent grant – I will write the letter by the end of next week (KM) My understanding is the state government has not increased the grant in past decades (TC)*
- *Progress on changes requested to the Local Government Act.*
 - *Local Government Act doesn't mention floodplain assets and a lot require easements. Have been talking about lobbying to the*

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ministers for legislative change. Greg and I prepared a memo for Floodplain Management Australia (KM) We'll circulate a copy of the memo with the meeting minutes (GM) Essential Energy don't have many easements and its in the legislation that they have access. Could possibly be used as precedent in your venture (RF)

ITEM 5 BMT COMMERCIAL PROJECT: Floodplain Assets Project Schemes

Barry Rodgers (BMT Commercial) will present the final report to the Committee. Previously this Committee endorsed the methodology for scheme assessment outlined in the BMT memo.

- I read the report yesterday and thought it was very concise and that it will assist with future developments (PO)
- Important for industries such as sugar cane and cattle (JS)
- As comprehensive as BMT's report is, I think it will be just one facet of floodplain management. Sourcing external funding should be a high priority for Council (RF)

Council Officer Recommendation

The Clarence Valley Floodplain Risk Management Committee endorses the report titled "Clarence Valley Structural Mitigation Works Review" prepared by BMT Commercial.

Moved: Des Harvey Seconded: Robert Tyler Carried.

ITEM 6 BMT COMMERCIAL PROJECT: Flood Mapping Updates

Greg Mashiah to lead discussion on how the above project has improved flood mapping accuracy in the Clarence Valley and how these new maps will be available to the public

- Taken the previous adopted model and updated it. Haven't had the time to calibrate this as rigorously as we normally would but Grafton is very similar to what we had before in terms of calibration. Near the ocean, flood levels are slightly higher than what we had before. The biggest change is the resolution of the mapping as it follows the land contours a lot better. It wouldn't take much to have this calibrated for use. (BR)
 - Re: the flood level increase, how much? (JS) 0.2-0.3m towards the downstream end, under this model. If we were doing this for a flood study, we'd like the calibration to be more robust (BR) Since the original flood study in 2013 there's been significant addition survey of the levees. If the levee height was out by a little bit, the flood level would also have been out by a bit. The river data has changed (GM) We have put in updated information with changes in flood levels as a result. Data captured by RMS as part of the Grafton bridge project means there's a good data set through Grafton. It is an example of some of the key new pieces of information we could incorporate in to these models (BR) Better topography data also led to possibility of different flood level data (GM) The software has advanced significantly in the last few years and this update has drawn on that as much as we can (BR) In terms of residents wanting information about flood levels for their property, residents have difficulty comprehending the 60m grid, this by-product will make it easier for people to understand. Really good outcome for the community. (KM)
 - Re: Grafton bridge, Harwood bridge and the bridge along the back of Shark Creek – Is there any info available regarding the effect of those structures on flooding? (JS) For this study we've taken the info provided to us from TfNSW. We've put in the Pacific Highway and the bridges. We could use this model to look at potential impacts from the highway upgrade but TfNSW would have already reported on this. Going forward, this model can be a tool to test those sorts for things, and for developments (BR) The flood event (March 2021) in the Shark Creek basin was not enough to activate the potential risks that we

thought would be there. My observations on the riverbank of the Clarence was that there was no discernable difference in height between the two bridges (RF) How useful the March 2021 flood would be in terms of calibration? (GM) I think the current calibration has used the last 7 or 8 events. The recent event would be very good because we have new developments such as the Pacific Highway. Its always good to calibrate to recent events (BR)

Committee to note

Proposal for the rural flood study to be available on the website

ITEM 7 THE MARCH 2021 MAJOR FLOOD EVENT and BOM INFORMATION

Item 6a: NSW SES reps Sue Chapple and Chad Ellis will provide a verbal update to the Committee on this recent flood event.

- We did not have an incident control center in the Clarence and Nambucca regions. Our incident control center was being directed in Newcastle with a sector in one of the Clarence Valley's units. The warning that proceeded the evacuation order was not timely. The decision about the evacuation order was made by the Director of Regional Operations from State Headquarters. The fact that we didn't have the local intel. feeding the bulletins was quite significant during that event. If we had our control center situated locally, we would have been making those decisions (SC)

Committee to note

Report from Sue be noted

Item 6b: Kieran McAndrew will raise the topic of possible modifications to the Minor, Moderate and Major flood levels for the Clarence River.

- The original classification of 5.4m was where the highway closed in South Grafton. The highway has now moved, and it is no longer a relevant factor. There's a process that needs to be undertaken to determine what that should be. If there's no interest in change, there's no need to invest any council resources in pursuing that endeavor (KM) I think it's a valid reason for review for these levels. The M1 highway build has made significant changes to the effects and impact of flooding. I think it could be elevated significantly. The Bureau relies on Council and SES for flood modelling (SC) I disagree. I don't think we can definitively see an impact from the highway yet. The upgrade to Lee's drain hasn't been done yet. From Ulmarra down, I would be loath to review what the local landholders use as their guide. It hasn't changed our reporting to our industries. The 0.3-0.4m completely isolates Ashby from the port dock upwards (RF) Whatever level it is, we'll always give the peak predictions when we have the evidence for them (AS) Observation on the March 2021 event...It was an 'off-moon' event with favorable tides, sea conditions and wind. The peak here lasted for 5 minutes whereby the back swamps did not even reach a levelling out period. It was an event I haven't seen in a couple of decades (RF) If it reaches a level where the community need to be informed, we can add a header in the warnings. SES can determine how they want to inform through their flood bulletins (AS) The urban centers are protected by levees. Suggest we have a major flood warning such as 'levee overtopping level' for the community (TC) I agree with RF that we shouldn't change the minor levels, but we can make a decision on whether we could provide some kind of thought about the other levels. At the same time, its my opinion that we should potentially look at nominating levels for Yamba, based on the Palmers Island gauge (KM) Predictions for areas subject to tides. Significant influence from tides and ocean levels, lower river. Is it realistic and feasible to make predictions given the tidal area? (GM) We can do forecasting but the request from the communities, SES and Council was previously just for the three locations. If requests are made through the

appropriate channels, we can add additional locations (AS) Palmer's Island gauge – would it have to be endorsed through the FWCC to have that listed as well? (GM) One of the driving factors to get grants for flood projects is to have those sites to come through the Bureau. It doesn't necessarily need to be endorsed by the FWCC to be added to our systems (AS)

Committee to note

Endorse Council to take steps and recommend new levels to the incoming committee with a report of options to be considered.

Item 6c: Abrar Shabren, BOM Hydrologist, will make a presentation to the Committee describing how the bureau operates including flood warning systems.

- Typical Flood Warning Service: Monitoring and Prediction> Interpretation> Message Construction> Communication> Protective Behavior> Review (AS)
- Service Level Specifications developed for each State and Territory (AS)
- Bureau Public Service Transformation – To work more closely with our partner agencies (AS)
- Measuring and warning devices upriver don't appear to be there now, and we rely on them down river (JS) Various gauges are not owned by the Bureau. We are happy to put in new gauges or help the council to put them in (AS) Now that we have a designated forecaster and hydrologer with us in state events it is great (SC) In the March 2021 flood event, the first 'floodwatch' notice for the Clarence was issued about 12 hours before the first flood warning. It left a short space of time for us to respond (GM) We didn't see the evidence around the rainfall modelling at the time. (didn't reach the 70% threshold) There were other products issued for the NSW SES for their planning. We will be working more closely with the Councils to brief them. We will try to issue watch warnings well in advance if there is potential of flooding (AS) Have had enquiries about putting the Nymboida river on the list as downstream, there are a lot of rural people that are significantly impacted. In the December flood event, the river rose 14m in 12 hours (GM) Request will have to come from Council, community, and the SES. The flood warning consultative committee will then need to endorse it (AS)

ITEM 8

CVC UPDATES

Kieran McAndrew to update Committee on CVC Floodplain topics including:

- Special Rate Variation Floodplain Works
 - March 2021 flood event has delayed some works. We have brand new gates awaiting installation when we can access sites (KM)
 - Have funds for both urban and rural. Started to design levee improvements around the Alamy Creek levee. Works to be undertaken this calendar year (KM)
 - Stormwater relining around flood mitigation (KM)
 - Drop boards for South Grafton Ex-servicemen's Club (KM)
 - Some funds redirected towards installation of cameras on frequently flooded roads (KM)
- OEH Grant Project Status
 - Rural Flood Study – Project complete. Report submitted to council staff and the committee (KM)
 - Wooli Flood Study – Consultants were delayed by other works (KM)
 - Alice St Levee Investigation – Project complete. Hoping the design will be approved later in the year (KM)
- Floor level survey data
 - Want to make a system that is easy for the community to understand. It is not done yet (KM) Should align well with CVC

website update (GM)

- *Draft Voluntary House Raising Policy – Expressions of Interest*
 - *Will need the new website in effect so people can search for their property and determine whether it is eligible before submitting an expression of interest (KM)*

ITEM 9 GENERAL BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION

- *Budget for 2021-2022 period – Councillors will have it later this month. In regard to SRV, are you able to say whether there is much difference in funding for the next period? (JS) There is a significant decrease for floodplain works. We were getting significant natural disaster funding and Council has changed the way that is entered. The overall floodplain budget is just over \$4M. On top of that, there will be the \$1.2M natural disaster relief (GM) There is a reasonable amount of money for water... (JS) There is significant asset renewal priorities for the next 20 years for water assets (GM)*
- *Re: Riverbank erosion and levee in Maclean – Any progress on that, or mapping for potential damage? (RF) Not at that location, but further back. We have not had action for that project. All the tender documents are ready and we're waiting for funding. We haven't been able to lobby successfully for that yet (KM)*
- *March 2017 Flood – Questions about funds that were required to be spent by 30th June 2019 (RF) The issue was that as it was on Crown Lands, we had to get approval. Due to Native Title, they wouldn't sign off on it. We didn't actually get the approval through until May 2019. Public Works had gone through to the Federal Government and we were given an extension of one financial year. Kieran should be able to share the letter with you (GM)*
- *Update on works – A lot of my role is to do with drainage. The size of the job increases as time passes. I'd like to take this opportunity again to say that we have a first-class council staff who do as much as they can to assist the community and industry. The approval requirements to get any works done are a disgrace and the funding is not there for assets. We have met with Premiers and Ministers. These are the issues that we are fighting for, for the benefit of the community as well as the cane industry (RF)*

ITEM 10 NEXT MEETING

No further meetings of this Committee due to Council elections in September 2021. A new Committee will be formed following elections and appointment of new Committee Chairperson.

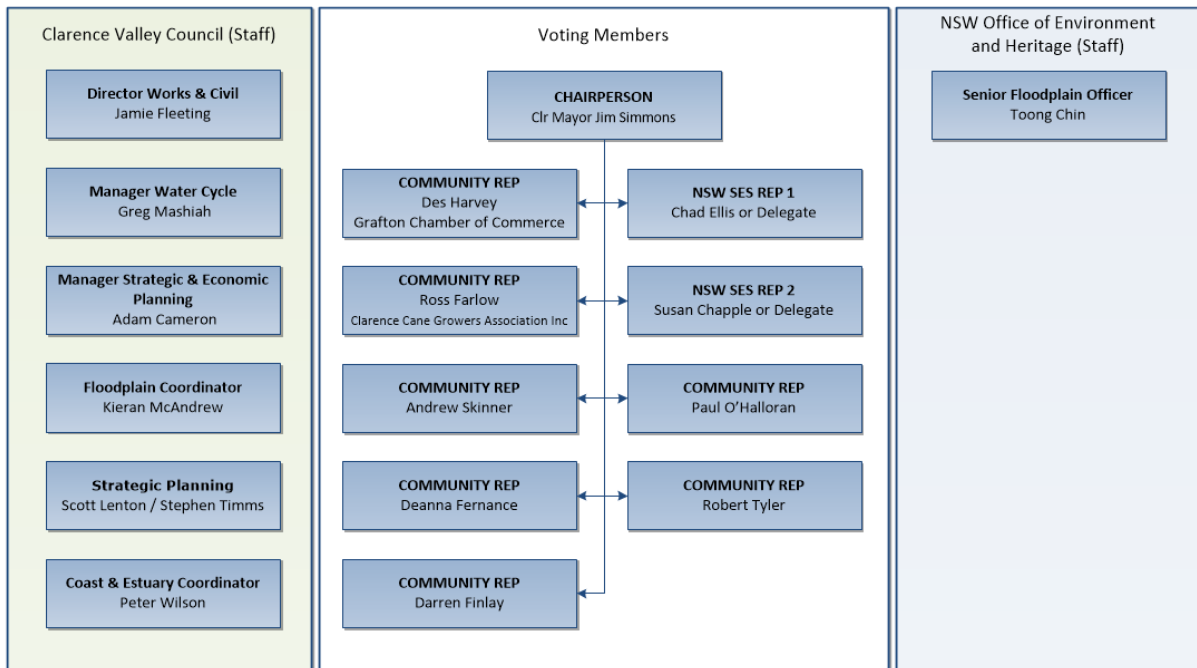
ITEM 11 CLOSE OF MEETING

On behalf of council, thank you to the members of the committee for their contributions over the past four years (JS)

Meeting closed 12:12pm



FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (2017-2021)



CVC Climate Change Advisory Committee
Minutes
12 March 2021 at 9.30am
Grafton Landfill ELF
Armidale Rd South Grafton

Present J Cavanaugh; S Fletcher; N Reeve; N Eggins; L Blain; R Woodward; Cr G Clancy; S Timms; K Wilson; N Sear		
Item	Discussion	Action & deadline
<u>1</u>	9.30am: Apologies	L Hally, L Eggins, G Little, D Schroder, J Kingsley
<u>2</u>	Minutes from meeting 11 December 2020	Some spelling corrections Moved: N Reeve Seconded: N Eggins Carried
<u>3</u>	Matters Arising	
<u>3.1</u>	Grant to light up Jacarandas	Attachment A KW – tabled copies of the information document that was sent to residents in streets close to See Park. The document details the proposed lighting design and that the infrastructure will be installed for a two week period over Jacaranda and then removed. There has been 6 positive responses and no adverse feedback received during the consultation period. LB – How much was the grant for this project? KW – Not sure – I will find out and advise. GC – The concept was not approved by Council prior to the grant submission. LB – Who submitted this application? KW – Jacaranda Festival Committee and Councils Economic Development Section. LB – Will there be vandalism? JC – The flyer does say that there will be security. LB – Who will pay for the security? KW – Initially the grant will fund security, however in the long term it will be the responsibility of Council.
		\$183,000 grant

<p><u>3.2</u></p>	<p>Urban Heat Strategy</p>	<p>JC – Requested that this issue stay on the agenda; it seems that Council Planners have forgotten about the issue.</p> <p>NE – It would be good to know what percentage of tree coverage Grafton has.</p> <p>KW – I have passed the resolution from the committee’s last meeting onto the Open Space Manager and Coordinator. This has generated internal discussions on how it can best be actioned.</p> <p>LB – Will this stay on the action list?</p> <p>KW – Yes it will stay on the action list until adequately resolved. Stephen Timms will talk about the planning work being undertaken for the Grafton CBD upgrade. This will be looking at heat and shading.</p> <p>ST – The committee might be interested in a document created by Risk Frontiers – this company completed some work on the impacts of heatwaves on the north coast two years ago.</p> <p>This company will be engaged to complete work for Council in the resilience space looking forward. They will do a Climate Change Impact Assessment.</p>	<p>Council does not have this data</p>
<p><u>3.3</u></p>	<p>Outdoor lighting DCP</p>	<p>KW – Unfortunately Des is not here today to provide an update on this issue.</p> <p>SF – Would this not go to council?</p> <p>KW – Not at this point it is more of an operational matter.</p> <p>KW – The minutes from the last meeting will go to Council after being confirmed at this meeting.</p> <p>SF – I spoke to Chris Gulaptis about this and asked Chris to call Des. He Contacted Des and was advised that Council is waiting for new legislation. Chris advised that this is not a reason that Council should not proceed with the DCP.</p> <p>KW – My understanding is Council has been waiting for updated templates from the Department before proceeding with any new DCP’s.</p>	

<p><u>3.3</u> <u>Cont.</u></p>		<p>SF – Chris Gulaptis advised that Planning is under review permanently. I am angry and I feel like I have been misled.</p> <p>LB – I want to support Steve, I can understand his anger as this has been going on for some time. I hope that the minutes going to Council will create some interest/action.</p> <p>KW - The minutes will go to the next available Council meeting.</p> <p>RW - How do we bring this to the Councillors</p> <p>GC – Ken and Steve are correct – Once the minutes are referred to Council, Councillors can get involved. The other option is for a Councillor to submit a NOM or go directly to the General Manager.</p> <p>JC – The other issue is the Prince St Chemist, does the committee want this referred to the local traffic committee.</p> <p>KW – The committee can make a resolution for this matter to be referred to the local Traffic Committee.</p> <p>SF – This should be a priority, I nearly ran down a cyclist, how would I live with that for the rest of my life?</p> <p>KW – Steven Timms may also deal with Prince St lighting in his presentation.</p> <p>GC – Can we refer this to General Business so we can be on time for the 100% Renewables presentation (item 4)</p> <p>GC – When the meeting minute’s item is raised at the Council Meeting then as a councillor I can move a motion.</p>	
<p><u>4</u></p>	<p>Draft Community Emissions Reduction Strategy</p>	<p>Presentation by 100% Renewables</p> <p>Patrick Denvir gave a detailed presentation on the draft community emission reduction strategy.</p> <p>Questions</p> <p>JC – On the 2018-2019 emissions graph – why is the land use negative?</p> <p>Response – The detail that sits below that has not been assessed however it indicates that the sequestration of carbon by forest for example is more than is produced by land activities.</p>	

<p><u>4</u> <u>cont</u></p>		<p>JC – 10 years ago we had a massive tree planting program to take advantage of tax credits, once the tax credits expired these trees were clear felled.</p> <p>Response –This data is at a high level, not detailed to a local level.</p> <p>SF – Lighting – we don't produce solar power at night, so makes sense to use the least amount of power possible. Would you recommend that Council has outdoor lighting regulations and if not why not? Lots of light spill and huge waste of energy.</p> <p>Response –Council is already replacing local roads and main roads street lights with LED lighting. May be preferable to use education and building a business case rather than mandating.</p> <p>NR – Transport – would you agree that solar and batteries and EV's are the ideal combination.</p> <p>Response – Absolutely...</p> <p>NR – The main barrier is the price of the electric vehicle.</p> <p>Response – One of the key objectives of the state government plan is to make it more affordable.</p> <p>NR – it is the price of the electric vehicle where the government adds a luxury tax on the vehicles. In Europe and NZ they get a discount for these vehicles.</p> <p>Response – At a policy level Aust is lagging well behind European countries. Change is needed at a federal level to make it happen quickly. It is slow moving but it will happen.</p> <p>Grant – Costings at an EV level the batteries have fallen by 80% and they could fall again over the next few years. There will definitely be a flow on, the price of vehicles will decline at some point in time.</p>	
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<u>4</u> <u>cont</u>		<p>JC – Recently there has been funding provided for a battery storage facility at Ewingsdale. Not sure why this site has been chosen when the old Koolkhan power station could offer a perfect location with the infrastructure already in place.</p> <p>Response – You would need to sit down with Essential Energy and have that conversation. It is difficult to make decisions without having everyone in the room.</p> <p>GC – have you looked at cell grazing?</p> <p>Response – the level of engagement in that sector has been very small. These sectors require much further engagement to establish opportunities in agriculture and forestry.</p> <p>KW – the draft strategy is on the CVC website at the moment and we have a 42 day consultation period starting soon. We will be advertising on social media, going to markets etc to give people the opportunity to have their say. Will also develop a simple survey that will be online.</p> <p>JC – the version that went to council was dated Jan 2021, the version given to the committee was V8 in Dec 2020. Were there significant changes?</p> <p>KW – only small changes taking on board suggestions from Council and DPIE.</p>	
	Morning Tea		
<u>5</u>	Grafton CBD Plan & Transport Strategy	<p>Presentation by Stephen Timms</p> <p>SF – the link through to shopping world has a history of white settlement but has no mention of aboriginal history, it would be great for this history to be incorporated in this space.</p> <p>ST – I believe that something is being done about this.</p> <p>LB – If people choose to visit Grafton there is no tourist office. I know that there is someone in the Gallery. It is better to have someone to talk to. There is no caravan parking in Grafton either. What happened to the old visitor information centre (VIC) in South Grafton?</p>	

<p><u>5</u> <u>cont.</u></p>		<p>GC – Council still owns the VIC and some councillors are looking to change things back.</p> <p>JC – The contrast to the Richmond Valley is amazing – they have three active VIC’s</p> <p>LB – Ferry Park – Ever since the Tourist information staff have been removed the people that work there are constantly fielding questions on behalf of Council.</p> <p>GC – This is an issue but hopefully after Sept the new Council will review the issue.</p> <p>NE – Could the committee vote that the Urban Heat Strategy be implemented in the Grafton CBD and Transport Strategy?</p> <p>GC – The three toed snake tooth skink is a extremely rare animal found on the banks of the Clarence River. If you had native plants in the centre gardens to attract these skinks it may be a visitor attraction.</p> <p>NE – Looking at the old pictures of Prince Street there are many comments about the bike shelters that were in the street. If we want to encourage bikes then we need to include these things.</p> <p>SF – Cathedral Lighting – would be much more efficient if lighting was replaced and put on timers. The colour temperature is ok but I don’t see the need to light up the whole Cathedral. Who pays for this?</p> <p>KW – Council pays the power bill.</p> <p>RW – The Bus network – the large buses should be used for inter town routes but smaller busses would be better for inter town routes. If there was some kind of incentive for people to use buses it would be good.</p> <p>ST – Jump online to the Transport for NSW website and look up Grafton 16 Regional Cities you can have your say.</p> <p>LB – Received a flyer about the Grafton 16 Regional Cities in the mail yesterday.</p>	
<p><u>6</u></p>	<p>General Business</p>		

<u>6.1</u>		<p>LB – Australian Story – Screened on 22/2/2021 called Tipping Point – an engineer who works for University of NSW - discussing her work on reimagining recycling. Now working on micro factories which can be set up in regional areas.</p> <p>She is currently working on a factory making tiles out of glass? Is there a possibility of something being set up here in the future?</p> <p>KW – Professor Veena Sahajwalla UNSW is renowned in the waste and recycling industry. Her work is very inspirational. Veena was up in Lismore speaking about micro factories 18 months ago. It is all part of the circular economy movement however at this point the viability of the micro factories is questionable.</p>	
<u>6.2</u>		<p>LB - Plunge Festival – A performance being conducted in Grafton Sunday 28/3/2021 and Maclean 30/3/2021 with a workshop to follow the day after each to discuss – It is to do with climate change presented by young actors from Byron Bay</p>	
<u>6.3</u>		<p>LB - Climate Strike – Friday 19/3/2021 not sure if one has been organised in Grafton.</p>	
<u>6.4</u>		<p>NR – the Community Emissions Reduction document is excellent. Will it go out like this or is it to be simplified?</p> <p>KW – the full document will be available along with an 8-10 page summary document. We will be asking for feedback through Clarence Conversations or written submissions to the GM. A small survey of 3 to 4 questions will also be available.</p> <p>Following the consultation period the strategy will be reviewed and reported back to Council for adoption. We then need to work out how best to move forward; this may include engaging a coordinator/facilitator for a three year term. It has been put to Council that this is not just Council, it is a community strategy and the community has responsibilities to help achieve the targets.</p> <p>I would like to put the revised strategy to the July Council meeting if possible. So please get your feedback in as soon as possible.</p>	

<u>6.4</u> <u>cont.</u>		<p>RW – As a committee we seem to miss other natural resource information. It would be good for the committee to look outside the box and include other natural resources.</p> <p>Sea Grass Project that Peter Wilson will know about.</p> <p>Natural sequestration opportunities that could go on the agenda for next meeting.</p> <p>LB – another thing we should be aware of is that the DPIE is doing strategies on water resources for the future. Could not open the link in the advertisement that was in the CV Independent.</p>	
<u>7</u>	Action List	Action list has been updated.	
<u>8</u>	Date and venue of next meeting	Friday 7 May 2021 9:30am - ELF	
	Meeting Closed	1pm	

WOLOWEYAH PARKS & RESERVES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MONTHLY MEETING MAY 2021

Meeting opened: 7.35pm Tuesday 4/5/2021

Present: Phill Francis, Dom Ferry, Marina Popko, Susan Ellem, Michael O'Brien

Apologies: Andrew Bennett, Mary McDowell, Stephan Schulze, Kirra Muegge

Minutes of previous meeting: No further correspondence from Clarence Valley Council(CVC) re water tank or other works relating to bushfire minimisation plan.

Moved: S Ellem Sec: D Ferry

Correspondence IN/OUT: Attached Moved: P Francis Sec: M Popko

Treasurers Report: c/o

General Business: 'Beyond the Embers Festival' held on 1/5/2021 was a highly successful event estimated to have been enjoyed by around 600-700 people from all parts of the local community. A wonderful mixture of music and culture that was held in and around Honeyman Park from 10am till late in the evening and co-ordinated by a dedicated group of local community volunteers. Temporary signs that were erected for the defibrillator location have been removed and Phill will contact CVC regarding replacement signs.

Wood piles outside to be covered for future use at Wooloweyah Wimbledon.

Hall Administration: \$210. to be banked from regular hall bookings.

'Beyond the Embers Festival' account: \$9,172. has been allocated from grant monies so far with further invoicing to come. \$80. was allocated for trash bins hired through CVC however no invoice has been received. Following on from the success of the event, it has been decided by the sub-committee to print souvenir tshirts to give to volunteers with any remaining to be sold to general public.

Dom will complete a report regarding grant finalisation.

Hall Maintenance: Hall back door now fixed. No problem with manhole in roof. Sensor light on side of deck not working – Michael to fix.

Tennis Court: All good. Net erected again after recent festival.

Edible Garden: Garden committee members ran a successful BBQ stall at the festival as a garden fundraiser. Invoices to Treasurer, monies to be banked and expenses paid. Approximately 50 steaks are left over which have been frozen. It was requested that 355 committee purchase this meat for future event.

Motion: 355 Committee agrees to purchase 50 steaks from Edible Garden committee costing \$71.

Moved: S Ellem Sec: M O'brien

BBQ breakdown:	200 x Sausages @.75c ea	\$150.	(Yamba Fair Butchery)
\$755.50-	100 x Steaks @ 1.42 ea	<u>\$142.</u>	
<u>30.20</u> (float)		\$292.	(- 50 steaks left \$71. = \$221)
\$725.30			

Paint,onions, bread,sauce,serviettes,cardboard \$98.10

Total Takings

\$755.50-

30.20 Float (PAID)

170.00 Petty cash topup back to \$200 (PAID)

221.00 Meat (PAID)

98.10 Bread,sauce,serviettes,paint,cardboard (PAID)

\$236.20 BANKING (transfer to Edible Garden account)

Next Meeting: Sunday 6/6/21

Correspondence – April 2021

In:

Kirra Muegge: Aust post projector -trial? 13/4, Endorsing EFT 20/4, Meeting apology 4/5
Dom Ferry: Meet re festival payments 20/4 X3, BTE Budget 20/4, EFT working? 22/4, Payment request workshop materials 22/4, Invoices X8 BTE festival 27/4, Upcoming payments 27/4, Invoices X5 BTE festival 30/4,
Andrew Bennett: Endorsing EFT 21/4, April minutes received 3/5, Meeting apology 4/5
Marina Popko: Endorsing EFT 21/4,
Mary McDowell: Meeting apology – Treasurer’s report to be sent 4/5
Janet Purcell: Request to discuss Foreshore plan 11/4, Plan info 11/4, Reading between the lines 12/4,
Lorraine Miller (BCU): EFT Payment instructions 21/4,
Sue Ellem: Endorsing EFT 24/4, April minutes 3/5, Meeting confirmation 4/5
Stephan Shulze: Festival weather forecast 30/4,
Catherine Suttor: BTE BBQ report 3/5,
Gavin Beveridge: Hall booking confirmation details 4/5

Out:

355: Foreshore management plan – communication lax by CVC – responses by Monday 8/4, BTE Budget 20/4, EFT endorsed -procedure outline 22/4, Invoice query 22/4, X8 BTE invoice payments 27/4, X5 BTE invoices paid 30/4, May meeting reminder- festival congrats 3/5,
Janet Purcell: Foreshore plan – not in position to discuss - personal submission not representing 355 – community feeling not known 12/4, Clarifying misinterpretation 12/4,
Sue Ellem: March correspondence 5/4,
Kirra Muegge: P.O. shop projector X3 13/4,
Dom Ferry: Re finances meeting X3 20/4, BCU meeting arranged 20/4, BCU paperwork completed & returned. Info / payment instructions re batch payments 22/4, Invoice query 22/4, X8 BTE invoice payments 27/4, X5 BTE invoices paid 30/4,
Mary McDowell: BCU paperwork completed & returned. Info / payment instructions re batch payments 22/4,
Stephan Shulze: BCU paperwork completed & returned. Info / payment instructions re batch payments 22/4,

From: DS Communications Mailbox <ds.communications@damsafety.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 24 June 2021 8:17 AM
Subject: NSW GOVERNMENT NOT GOING AHEAD WITH DAM SAFETY LEVY

Dear declared dam owner

This letter is to inform you that the proposed dam safety levy will not be introduced in July 2021.

In 2013 an independent review recommended it would be more efficient if the operational costs of the regulator were funded by the owners of declared dams – rather than all taxpayers.

The NSW Government proposed introducing a levy to fund the ongoing regulatory activities of Dams Safety NSW. Consultation with declared dam owners on the proposed levy commenced 30 September and ended on 30 October 2020.

Dams Safety NSW received 41 submissions: 29 from local councils and 1 council representative organisation, 4 from government agencies and state-owned corporations, 2 from mining companies and 2 from mining representative organisations, 2 from private dam owners, and Floodplain Management Australia.

Submissions highlighted recent challenges faced by dam owners, particularly in regional areas, including bushfires, floods and the pandemic. Submissions also discussed the additional setup costs incurred to establish compliance with the new regulation.

Minister Pavey has considered feedback from owners of dams and has decided its introduction, at this time, is not appropriate.

The NSW Government is considering options for funding of Dams Safety NSW operations.

The full submissions report is available on the Dams Safety NSW website at www.damsafety.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Chris Salkovic
CEO
Dams Safety NSW