

**Mackay Regional Council
Natural Environment Advisory Committee**

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, 10th November, 2015

Venue: Council Chambers

Attendance: Cr Morgan (Committee Chair and Councillor Representative), Cr Jones (Councillor Representative) (present until 3pm), Lisa Kermode (Natural Environment Coordinator), Peter Owen (Manager Parks, Environment and Sustainability), Caroline Sandral (Community Representative), Matthew Newland (Community Representative), Caitlin Davies (Community Representative), Margaret Lane (Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group Representative). Rachel Daniels and Julie Brooks attended for the planning scheme presentation.

Apologies: Gerard Carlyon (Director Development Services), Lalith Gunasekera (Mackay Regional Pest Management Group Representative), Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association, Rob Cocco (Reef Catchments Representative).

ITEMS	COMMENTS	ACTION / RECOMMENDATION	DATE TO BE COMPLETED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.0 Welcome 	Cr Morgan welcomed members and apologised for postponing the meeting, originally scheduled for 27 th October.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.0 Confirmation of minutes 	The minutes of the meeting held 18/5/2015 were confirmed as true and correct – Moved Caroline Sandral, Seconded Margaret Lane.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 Councillor update on the acceptance of the minutes by Council 	The minutes of the August NEAC meeting were accepted by Council on 9 th September 2015. There was no discussion of the minutes.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.0 Business arising from the previous minutes 			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.1 Action list review 	<p>The action list was reviewed and updated.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.0 Presentations • 5.1 Planning Scheme Presentation – East Point Example 	<p>Rachel Daniels presented worked examples showing how the vegetation protection controls and other conservation related matters are dealt with in the development assessment process and how the planning scheme seeks to managed environmental outcomes.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.0 General Business • 5.1 Communications 	<p>Highlights of recent media coverage includes: Great Barrier Reef clean up Welcome back to the waders event Seasonal closure of Sandfly Creek Environmental Reserve to dogs Coastcare school holiday activity at Bucasia Beach (170 children attended plus parents) Lagoons Creek Rehabilitation project Great Northern Clean up event Poisoning of trees in Lettice Court</p> <p>Discussion on media relating to marine debris needing to highlight the source and ways to reduce litter ending up in the marine environment, and the consequences for wildlife.</p>	<p>Caitlin Davies to present to the December meeting regarding litter research undertaken in Gladstone including the use of drift cards</p> <p>NEAC to consider ideas for a targeted campaign to raise awareness of marine debris and litter reduction initiatives.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.2 Green Army update 	<p>Council still have two Green Army teams working, one</p>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.3 Land Acquisition • 5.4 Brainstorm 2016/17 budget ideas • 5.5 Thank you received from Fay Griffin • 6.0 Financial Report • 7.0 Other Business 	<p>focusing on coastal and the other focussing on riparian areas. The riparian team is the third of four rounds and this round will finish in January. The coastal tem is the second team and has only recently commenced. Applications have been made for further rounds of coastal and riparian teams and notification is expected before the end of the year.</p> <p>The Land Acquisition Policy and the Internal Operating Guideline were circulated. The Internal Operating Guideline outlines the process to be following regarding property nomination and outlines a scoring system.</p> <p>Ideas include a Wildlife Corridor Program and the identification of vegetation and other matters of local significance for inclusion in the planning scheme.</p> <p>The committee received the thank you card from Fay Griffin regarding condolences received on the passing of Ken Griffin.</p> <p>The financial report was received. It was noted that a significant proportion of funds has already been committed.</p> <p>Discussion regarding the Environmental Grants. Currently the application form is a pdf</p>	<p>Feedback to be given at the December meeting.</p> <p>To be discussed further at the December meeting</p>	
		<p>Word version of the Environmental Grant application form to be provided on the website</p>	

Next meeting - Tuesday 15th December, 2.00 -4.00pm Council Chambers.