

EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

PUBLIC FORUM

All members of the community who have registered have been advised that they have a **maximum of seven minutes** to put their case.

Ordinary Meeting of Council on **25 October 2022**

Name	Subject/Comments	Presentation	Hybrid
Public Forum – 10.30am			
Patricia Hellier	Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting: 4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 11 October 2022	No	Via Zoom
Graham Peachy	PSR22/041 Adoption of the draft Moruya River, Mummaga Lake, Wagonga Inlet Estuarine Coastal Management Program	Yes	In person

Good Morning Mayor, Councillors, Acting General Manager, Staff, Gallery and those comfortable zooming from home my name is Patricia Hellier from Batemans Bay

I would like to address the minutes of 11th October 2022 - PSR22/040 Draft Open Coast Management Plan – motion by Clrs. Grace/Schutz.

1. Council publicly exhibits the draft Open Coast Management plan for a period of 28 days.

Last week I was contacted by a residents who tried to find the CMP on exhibition in our library but it wasn't available. I decided to go to the Batemans Bay Library to check for myself I did not find anything in relation to any Council matters on exhibition I spoke to staff and I was told they no longer exhibit items. I was given a contact no. of a staff person at Moruya. After lengthy discussions staff told me they would send a hard copy of the CMP to the Batemans Bay Library so that I could pick it up and take to a meeting last Saturday.

Councillors, in previous years items were placed on exhibition and depending on the item a copy would be kept in the Library and a 2nd copy could be borrowed. As Director Arthur would be aware I had previously raised in Council Meeting the fact that Minutes were not on display in the Library despite the fact that it is stated in the Code of Meeting Practice "Copies of the agenda and business papers will also be available at Batemans Bay and Narooma libraries and in the gallery prior to the meeting". I believe there was a motion passed by the previous Council that hard copies of documents were to be placed in the 3 libraries.

The facts are the lengthy CMP document and maps is not easily viewed on a computer. I am aware that Council will conduct sessions at Batemans Bay, Narooma and Moruya but there are some who may not be able to attend these sessions. Yesterday I returned the 4 folders to the Batemans Bay Library and I was pleased to be told that these folders would remain there to be viewed.

I note that in the CMP documents there is a figure of \$5 million dollars mentioned to be distributed to a number of areas in Batemans Bay. On the 25th February 2019 I was present when Minister Andrew Constance and Minister Gabrielle Upton earmarked \$5 million dollars for defensive works for Surfside Is this that money, if so, it was allocated for Surfside and only Surfside?

I was surprised to find that in the attachments to the CMP "Coastal Vulnerability Area Zone Maps" for the area were produced in August this year. It would appear that no affected property owners have been advised of the zoning change that will come in when the Certification of the CMP is approved – if the CMP is approved it will affect property values and many, many home owners may not be able to get insurance for their homes.

Patricia Hellier



RINGLANDS POINT JETTY

NAROOMA

Speaking notes for the Council meeting 11 October 2022

NAROOMA BOATS AFLOAT INC

The Community's proposal

- Refurbish the Ringlands Jetty, in the Wagonga Inlet, Narooma
- Explore options for funding including funds from the NSW Government's 'Boating Now Program' and/or the 'NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund' when it reopens
- Explore an ongoing collaboration with Narooma Boats Afloat Inc, a long standing and successful not for profit company that hosts the annual Narooma Boats Afloat Festival, promotes boating safety, and encourages community involvement in boating activities in the region.

Background

- The proposal seeks to restore a disused jetty at the centre of the Wagonga Inlet (a once popular picnic and recreational area)
- The Inlet provides access to 1705 acres of waterway
- There were once 7 public jetties - there are now 2 at the extremes of the Inlet
- Narooma Boats Afloat Inc has been talking to Council staff for over 6 years on this matter
- This submission follows another, more detailed submission, provided to Council in December 2021

Why?

- The Ringlands jetty is an existing public asset that would benefit the community if it was maintained
- A refurbished jetty would enhance the experience of tourists
- It provides a place to tie up, to rest and assist boaters in trouble
- It provides an additional safe mooring for the local Marine and Fisheries authorities
- It recognises the boating community is an important contributor to the local economy
- The jetty is in an ideal location - it is sheltered from prevailing winds; the jetty is not close to oyster leases and the water depth is appropriate for small boats to tie up
- It would support local on-water events such as the Narooma Boats Afloat Festival, the Narooma Flathead Challenge, dragon boat racing, all of which are significant visitor and boating attractions
- Does not require car parking or other facilities (our aim to retain the ambience and tranquillity of the Ringlands Point rather than turn it into another sub-division with roads and facilities and carparks)
- Will send a strong positive signal that Council will deliver on its published aims to meet 'community recreational needs, encourage participation in recreation activities and ensure open spaces are accessible to the public'

Consultations

- Narooma BoatsAfloat Inc has consulted widely, including with the Narooma Historical Society, Narooma Concreting, Narooma Rocks, Narooma Search and Rescue, the Narooma Sporting and Gaming Club, NSW Maritime, Southern Slipway Services, the Narooma Beautification Committee, the Ringlands Estate Community Group and Wagonga Inlet Cruises

Costs

- Funding is available, including under the NSW 'Boating Now' program
- The fund supports maritime infrastructure and facilities across NSW for 'safe, accessible and enjoyable recreational and commercial boating'

- In December 2021 the NSW Government announced it is investing a further \$28million to the program
- Narooma Boats Afloat Inc will provide the necessary (volunteer) labour
- Narooma Boats Afloat Inc would consider entering a stewardship arrangement with Council for agreed ongoing maintenance
- Turpentine timber pylons cost \$1200 each (installed)
- Decking and beams cost about \$4000 - \$5000
- The jetty could be constructed with environmentally safe material (open mesh)
- Local licensed contractors are available

Graham Peachey
President Narooma Boats Afloat Inc
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