

Stakeholder Advisory Group

MEETING #1 - NOTES

| Details | |
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| Date and time | Monday 17 June 2019, 10.00am – 12.00am |
| Venue | Council Chambers, Burdekin Shire Council |
| Attendees | <p>Chair – Councillor Sue Perry</p> <p>David Sartori (Lower Burdekin Water)</p> <p>Donna Turner (NQ Dry Tropics)</p> <p>John Fahey (Home Hill Boat Club)</p> <p>Keith Kiloh (Lower Burdekin Landcare Association)</p> <p>Mark Stoneman (Wetlands and Grasslands Foundation)</p> <p>Marty McLaughlin (Department of Environment and Science)</p> <p>Steve Cockfield (Wunjunga Progress Association)</p> <p>Steve Szendrey (Jerona Citizens Association)</p> <p>Treena List (Ayr Surf Life Saving Club)</p> <p>Shane Great (Burdekin Shire Council)</p> <p>Marty Pearce (Burdekin Shire Council)</p> <p>Rachel Todd (Burdekin Shire Council)</p> <p>Anna Grohn (Burdekin Shire Council)</p> <p>Preeti Prayaga (Burdekin Shire Council)</p> <p>Phebe Bicknall (Alluvium Consulting)</p> <p>Fiona Chandler (Alluvium Consulting)</p> |
| Apologies | <p>Cr Lyn McLaughlin, Mayor (Burdekin River Improvement Trust; Burdekin Disaster Manager)</p> <p>Eddie Smallwood (Gudjuda Reference Group Aboriginal Corporation)</p> <p>Dr Nathan Waltham (TropWATER)</p> |
| Purpose | <p>The purpose of this first meeting is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce and provide an overview and context to the <i>Our coast – Our lifestyle</i> program and the development of a long-term plan for coastal hazard adaptation for the Burdekin Shire, including the timing and process over the next 12 months. • Introduce the role of the Stakeholder Advisory Group and identify priority areas of interest. • Familiarise the Stakeholder Advisory Group with key coastal processes and hazards relevant to the plan and its development. • Identify important coastal values, challenges and opportunities. • Discuss key public communication strategies. |

| # | Agenda item | Notes and actions |
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| 1. | Welcome and introductions Context for the Burdekin Shire <i>Our coast – Our lifestyle</i> program | The meeting was opened by Cr Sue Perry on behalf of Advisory Group Chair Cr Lyn McLaughlin |
| 2. | Overview of <i>Our coast – Our lifestyle</i> program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope of the project • Progress-to-date • Q & A | Discussion around the use of 0.8m sea-level rise (SLR) as part of minimum standards and guidelines. <i>ACTION: Further explanation of basis and use of the 0.8, sea- level rise to be provided at next meeting</i> |
| 4. | Introduction to coastal processes, hazard and risk assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erosion and inundation • Hazard and risk assessment • Mitigation options | It was raised that there is potentially some measured data sets available around Bowling Green Bay (water levels, waves) Changes in groundwater likely to be significant. While beyond project scope to model this, it should be considered in some form. Tidal ephemeral wetlands and some low-lying areas are vulnerable to further increase in permanent inundation and likely to be adversely impacted much sooner than planning horizons. Can incremental SLR be considered to better understand timing of inundation, and potential for mitigation? <i>ACTION: BSC and project team to discuss this option</i> Previous work on Town Plan for BSC – including mapping and zoning. <i>ACTION: BSC and project team to follow up.</i> |
| 3. | Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose and TOR • Input and feedback | Burdekin productivity services (BPS) were identified as a potential representative on the SAG for multiple primary producers and rural land use stakeholders. <i>ACTION: Invitation to be extended to participate in the SAG.</i> Representative from the local graziers along the coast were identified as an important stakeholder. <i>ACTION: Agforce to be invited to Primary Producers briefing</i> Plantation Ck community suggested as possible interest group. The Terms of Reference were accepted without amendment. |
| 5. | Building the Burdekin Shire coastal management story | Issues and areas of interest raised by SAG members included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wunjunga – lost 4m in couple of months, possibility more from riverine processes. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical context, drivers of change, key features, community values • Future focus (key desired outcomes and coastal values) • Stakeholder areas of interest and challenges | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Groper Creek- while houses have been adapted, services/infrastructure likely to need adaptation - Flatback turtle breeding sites at the mouth of the Burdekin River which are sensitive to sand deposition - There are a large number of privately owned properties that are located in high risk zones. |
| 6. | <p>Community engagement and communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed future public communication activities and events • Discussion | There was support from the SAG for the planned initiatives, including the focus on the younger generation. |
| 7. | <p>Q & A and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting date | Proposed date for next meeting is the end of August. |
| 8. | Meeting close. | The meeting was closed by Cr Sue Perry who thanked people for their interest and participation in the SAG. |