



**EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
MARINA CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

Minutes

of the

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE

**East Gippsland Shire Marina Consultative
Committee**

HELD ON

Monday, 5 September 2016

**Mitchell Room, Corporate Centre,
273 Main Street, Bairnsdale**

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PROCEDURAL

1. PROCEDURAL

1.1 ATTENDANCE

Committee Members

Cr Richard Ellis (Chair) Cr Michael Freshwater	East Gippsland Shire Council
Geoff Cross	Chinaman's Creek Marina
Bill Newcomen Vacant	Metung Marina
John Underwood Bob Cove (By phone) David Mason	Slip Bight Marina

Officers / Visitors (including Councillors who are not Committee Members)

Cr Maryanne Pelz, Mayor	
Gary Gaffney, Chief Executive Officer	EGSC
Paul Holton, Director Development	
Tim Ellis, Manager Economic Development	
Ian Morland, Acting Regional Manager, Land Planning and Approvals	Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
Jeremy Neilson – Acting Manager Environmental Planning and Property Services	

1.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

1.3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Nil

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

29 July 2016

John Underwood / Bill Newcomen

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2016 will be held over to the next general meeting of the consultative committee to be held no later than the scheduled 2 December 2016 meeting .

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 05/09/16

1.5 FUTURE MEETINGS

Friday 2 December 2016
Friday 26 May 2017

1.6 ACTION ITEMS REGISTER

The actions register presented at the meeting was not the final version of the register. Separate notes have been taken for the actions register and the final document will be presented at the next Marinas Consultative Committee (MCC) meeting. The feedback provided in the meeting will be included in the actions register.

REPORTS

2. REPORTS

2.1 CLARIFICATION ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS - SLIP BIGHT MARINA

Department of Environment Land Water and Planning and East Gippsland Shire Council

Council received a letter from Ian Morland, Acting Regional Manager Land Planning and Approvals, DELWP, dated 1 September 2016, clarifying the administration and governance arrangements for Slip Bight Marina. The letter requested that EGSC distribute the letter to all Slip Bight Marina berth holders.

Paul Holton provided a summary of the current status of the ongoing activity related to Council's administration of the Slip Bight Marina as Committee of Management (COM), advising that there had been no changes to the situation since the Marina Consultative Committee held on the 29 July 2016. This being that Council remains the CoM and that DEWLP are undertaking a review of the management of the Council managed marinas.

Paul Holton confirmed to the MCC that Council over delivers on its obligations to reinvest revenues it generates from the Council managed Marinas into the management of the foreshore's in East Gippsland.

Paul Holton confirmed that Council Officers currently present to MCC regular meetings the financial statement of accounts for all Marinas. The financial statements are provided in line with the National Competition Policy guidelines.

Paul Holton advised that all the relevant documentation, including financial and historical information, has been provided to DEWLP to enable a full review of Council's management of the marinas and foreshore management responsibilities.

Ian Morland, DEWLP, provided the MCC with an overview of the proposed process for DEWLP to undertake their investigation in their role as regulator. This investigation will be undertaken by an independent third party and the recommendations from this investigation will be reviewed by DELWP and any agreed actions implemented.

Ian Morland confirmed the legislative requirement for Council to invest revenues it generates as CoM of Crown land reserves back into those reserves. This requirement includes marinas.

2.2 DRAFT LETTER TO BERTH HOLDERS - SLIP BIGHT MARINA

Paul Holton provided a hard copy of a cover letter, addressed to Slip Bight Marina berth holders. This letter will be distributed to berth holders with a copy of the letter from DELWP (refer item 2.1).

John Underwood presented a recommendation that any proposed letter to berths holders from the MCC include the following statement:

“We trust if you have any concerns rest assured that your MCC representatives are available to present any issues to council via the Marina Consultative Committee.(within our terms of reference)”

It was agreed to send a letter to the berths holders from Cr Ellis, Chair of the Marinas Consultative Committee, including the proposed statement from John Underwood, and attaching the DEWLP letter of response to the MCC concerns raised at the 29 July MCC meeting. A draft of the letter will be sent to the MCC for their input prior to the letter being sent

Action Required 1: A letter to all berth holders be drafted by Council Officers, to include the letter from DEWLP dated 29/08/2016 (received by Council on 1/9/16) as an attachment, be distributed to the MCC representatives for their input.

Action Taken 1: Complete. Date not known as council officer is on extended leave.

Action Required 2: The final letter, with attachment, be distributed to the berth holders.

Action Taken 2: Complete. Letter and attachment posted on 19/9/16 by Acting Personal Assistant Development, Vanessa Hack.

ITEMS

3. ITEMS

3.1 SLIP BIGHT MARINA – MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Director Development

This item was addressed in Items 2.1 and 2.2 above.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Bill Newcomen raised a request that Council Officers advise the MCC representatives of any known media stories related to the Council Managed Marinas. This would provide the MCC representatives with any relevant information to be able to respond to any follow up berth holder questions. This approach was supported by all MCC representatives and

Council Officers agreed to advise the MCC representatives of any known media reporting that related to the Council managed marinas.

5. MEETING CLOSED 5.35 PM
