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Crookhaven Heads lighthouse steering committee

Following the announcement of \$100,000 in funding from Minister for Lands Tony Kelly in June 2010, a steering committee meeting has taken place to begin the process of restoring the historic Crookhaven Heads Lighthouse.

The steering committee comprising of Councillors and a variety of stakeholders from the community, discussed key issues relating to the restoration of the lighthouse and viewed documents and reports provided by the NSW Land and Property Management Authority on the proposed conservation project.

The committee's terms of reference are

- a) To actively engage with the community and seek broad support and assistance to upgrade the Crookhaven Heads Lighthouse;
- b) To liaise with all levels of Government and their necessary departments to facilitate the upgrade and management of the Crookhaven Heads Lighthouse;
- c) To educate the community about the importance of the preservation of local heritage;
- d) To seek feedback from all stakeholders on the future uses of the Lighthouse once restoration is complete

Originally built out of timber in 1882 and later replaced in 1904 the lighthouse is considered one of the most endangered in Australia. This is partly due to its isolated location and lack of ongoing maintenance plans. The committee will ensure that the appropriate work and future plans are implemented to ensure the longevity of this iconic structure.

Shoalhaven City Mayor Cllr Paul Green is excited about the project and its collaborative formation. He said "The lighthouse means a lot to our local people but visitors too will enjoy it restorative state. I feel proud that we have formed strong partnerships with other sectors of the community who care about the preservation of the Shoalhaven's heritage."

The restorations are in line with strategies listed in Council's Community Strategic Plan which state a commitment to provision of cultural and recreational facilities to reflect the community needs and aspirations.

Cllr. Green said "It is hoped that there will be wider community support on this project and an ongoing commitment to the preservation of the lighthouse".

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