



MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD THURSDAY, 9th MAY, 2012

Councillors

Cathy Griffin

Manly Council (Chair)

Hugh Burns

Manly Council

Other Representatives

Susan Buchan

Community Member

Diana Deeley

Community Member

Jacqueline French

Community Member

Lloyd Keen

Community Member

Keelah Lam

Community Member

Council Staff

Judy Reizes

Manager, Manly Environment Centre

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Community Environment Committee met on 9th May, 2012, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN	The meeting commenced at 6.45pm	ACTION
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Eira Battaglia, Richard Hewitt, Dave Thomas and Angelika Treichler. RESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER The resignation of Rosie Lempriere was accepted with regret.	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 12 th April, 2012 were confirmed.	
ITEM 4	PRESENTATION ON INTEGRATED COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT BY RAFIQ ISLAM This presentation was cancelled as Rafiq Islam has resigned from Council. The position will be advertised.	

ITEM	ACTION	
ITEM 5	WATER SENSITIVE URBAN DESIGN Christina Femia will give a presentation on WSUD at the committee's June meeting. Judy Reizes will arrange a guided site tour, by Willoughby Council of their large scale storm water project in the context of Manly 2015. The tour should include plans and objectives. A number of the committee members are interested in participating and will make arrangements to carshare.	
ITEM 6	ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY BIDS 2012-3 Councillor Griffin reported from her discussions with Council staff that the Coastal Management allocation would attract matching government grants. She also advised that the Bids will be amended to include \$10,000 each for the Threatened Populations of Bandicoots and Penguins. Council agreed to give consideration to the removal of the shower adjacent to the wharf penguin habitat and installed elsewhere on the west esplanade beachfront.	
ITEM 7	MEC REPORT That the report as tabled be accepted.	
ITEM 8	PENGUINS There was no penguin report as Angelika Treichler (and the penguins) are on leave. Councillor Griffin advised that the Wildlife Protection and Dogs Prohibited Zones signage is nearing completion as agreed.	
ITEM 9	CABBAGE TREE BAY a. Establishment of Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay Group Notice of Motion re the establishment of this group with NSW Fisheries and Council has been accepted. Councillor Griffin will organise a formal meeting with Fisheries to commence the implementation of this group. This matter will be referred to the Fairy Bower Precinct. b. Proposal to Install an Underwater Camera This matter will be left to the Australian Conservation Foundation to progress and keep the committee informed of progress.	
ITEM 10	BANNING ANCHORING OVER SEAGRASS BEDS IN MANLY Since the last meeting of the committee, NSW Fisheries has notified Ecodivers that this proposal, agreed to two years ago, has been strenuously opposed by boat owners. As a result a consultation paper is on exhibition showing a number of options for Manly Cove West and Quarantine Station. Councillor Griffin will put up a Notice of Motion to the Council meeting of 14 May, 2012. It was noted that Posidonia Australis sea grass, a threatened population in Sydney Harbour is so severely impacted by anchoring that it does not re-grow. This leaves it vulnerable to Caluerpa Taxifolia infestation which destroys the natural habitat. These areas	

which are habitat for small fish are favoured by Manly's Penguins.

ITEM 11 NSW MARINE PARKS AUDIT

This can be viewed at www.marineparksaudit.nsw.gov.au.
Submissions close on 30th June, 2012.

ACTION

ITEM 12 NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT ISSUES

Letter from Local Member, Mike Baird to the General Manager was tabled. The letter reported on the reformation of the North Head Wastewater Treatment Plant Community Consultation Committee. Community members of that committee have raised their concerns about the meeting process, plant performance report and minutes of the meeting.

GM

In spite of Council letters to the Managing Director of Sydney Water and media coverage about the \$80 million Odour Management Project announced in April 2011 to reduce the impact on communities around the Malabar, North Head and Cronulla Sewage Treatment Plants, this matter was not raised by Sydney Water. When the question was asked by the community members, Sydney Water staff were unable to provide any information about the project or its commencement and stated that there was no budget as yet for North Head.

Recommendation:

That the General Manager write to Sydney Water and the local member expressing Council's and our community representative on the North Head Wastewater Treatment Plant Community Consultation Committee that this essential project, the \$80 million Odour Management Project announced in April 2011 to reduce the impact of the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant on our community, is unfunded.

ITEM 13 COMMUNITY GARDENS

This committee is interested in and concerned about suitable sites for Community Gardens and a list of these sites is being prepared. This committee believes that this is the best possible committee to support Community Gardens.

ITEM 14 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Wednesday, 13th June, 2012.

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.