



MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD 13 MAY 2009

PRESENT:

Councillors

Councillor Cathy Griffin

Manly Council

Other Representatives

Eira Battaglia

Community Representative

Jacqueline French

Community Representative

Terry Metherell

Community Representative

Angelika Treichler

Community Representative

Cheryl Rose

Community Representative

Susan Buchan

Community Representative

Louise Bochner

Community Representative

Carole Douglas

Community Representative

Council Staff

Judy Reizes

Manager, Manly Environment Centre

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Community Environment Committee met on 13 May, 2009, to consider the matters referred to it and now reports having reached the decisions taken and recommendations stated hereunder:

OPEN The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Elder, Diana Deeley, Richard Hewitt and Keelah Lam.

ACTION

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were recorded.

ITEM 3 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

ITEM 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 8th April, 2009 were approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

It was resolved at Council's Planning and Strategy Meeting held on 2nd May, 2009 that the minutes of the Community environment committee be adopted.

ACTION

Committee to note

ITEM 5	REPORT - MANLY ENVIRONMENT CENTRE REPORT ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES The report circulated with the Agenda was presented by the Manager of the MEC. Recommendation That the report be received and noted.	ACTION
ITEM 6	PENGUINS AT MANLY WHARF Awaiting report on status of Community Reference Group and how issues relating to the protection of penguin critical habitat are dealt with as part of the development approval process at Council. The DA for Bathers' Pavilion redevelopment was discussed in relation to the potential impact on penguins. Recommendation: That issues relating to impacts on penguins for the Bathers' Pavilion site development application be documented in writing and circulated formally to Committee members (following approval by the chairperson for final consideration for future action). Divisional Manager's Note: Individuals of course are free to make written submissions as part of any development application processing in the usual way by writing to Council.	Penguin Warden representative to forward draft submission to Chairperson
ITEM 7	PENGUIN CRITICAL HABITAT FEDERATION POINT Penguin Warden representative attended a Recovery Team meeting and reported that National Parks and Wildlife Service will not consider extending Critical Habitat to include Federation Point. It was noted some members of the community have indicated they will pursue the issue with the Environmental Defenders office. Recommendation: I. That the General Manager be requested to write to National Parks and Wild Life Service (NPWS) to seek a formal response as to the reasons why it does not consider it appropriate to extend Little Penguin Critical Habitat to include Federation Point. II. That the General Manager be requested to arrange for Council staff to give their professional view of the NP&WS decision via a report back to the Committee in due course.	IBM

The MEC has thousands of free copies of Jenifer's book to any group who can call in to the MEC and pick them up. 1,000 copies have already been picked up by various groups. Committee members are requested to advise the MEC Manager of groups who might be interested.

By 2025, there will be an increase of 40% in the global demand for water and educating community groups about solutions should play an important role in next year's process of Sydney Water's Licence Renewal.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted and the MEC be congratulated on running a successful event showcasing alternative water saving and water reuse devices, technologies and strategies

ITEM 9 PRIORITIES TO BE ADDRESSED BY COMMITTEE

A discussion took place of the document circulated with the Agenda and the following changes were recommended:

Additions:

- Implementation of Recovery Plans and Critical Habitation for Little Penguins and Long Nosed Bandicoots.
- Implementing Companion Animals Legislation (1998) in Manly:

Eira Battaglia, wildlife carer will prepare a report based on her experiences in various local government areas for the July meeting.

- Amend point c. to read "Ensure Council engagement and communication with all stakeholders on the uses and management of North Head and protect Aboriginal and natural heritage values".

Amendments:

Ensure Council engagement with stakeholders to facilitate the extension of the North (Sydney) Harbour Aquatic Reserve and an extension of a Marine Extension to the National Park to link the two Aquatic Reserves, Cabbage Tree Bay and North (Sydney) Harbour. Protection of Manly's Marine environment.

Deletions:

- d. Support proposal for World Heritage Listing of Sydney Harbour.

It was agreed that the major agenda items for the next three months would be as follows:

- **June Marine Parks.** Representatives from National Parks Association to address the meeting.
- **July Implementing Companion Animals Legislation 1998** . Eira Battaglia will present a report based on her experiences in various Local Government Areas.

- **August Improved Consideration of the Environment Levy Programmes**

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted and finalised as part of a report next meeting listing priorities and future agenda topics (following consultation with staff).

Note: See MEC report for 10th June meeting – collated priorities and program listed to March 2010.

ACTION

ITEM 10 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Wednesday, 10 June 2009

Time: 6.30pm

**Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Town Hall,
1 Belgrave Street Manly**

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.