



MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY 14th APRIL 2010

*NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council
or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.*

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Cathy Griffin
Cllr Hugh Burns

Manly Council (Chair)
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Diana Deeley
Susan Buchan
Keelah Lam
Jacqueline French
Cheryl Rose
Neil Ohlbach
David Thomas
Terry Metherell
Angelika Treichler
Rachel Miller

Community Representative
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Penguin Warden
National Parks and Wildlife Representative

Staff Representatives

Judy Reizes
Dalene Amm

Manager, Manly Environment Centre
Sustainability Team Leader

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Environment Committee** met on 14th April 2010, to consider the matters referred to it and now reports having reached the decisions taken and recommendations stated hereunder:

OPEN	The meeting commenced at 6:40pm.	
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Cllr Jean Hay, AM, Eira Battaglia, Julie Taylor–Mills, Richard Hewitt. Diana Deeley was granted six months leave of absence.	ACTION
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil.	
ITEM 3	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS The Chair advised that the General Manager has confirmed the appointment of new committee members, Neil Ohlbach, Dave Thomas and Julie Taylor-Mills.	

ITEM 4	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 10th March 2010 were confirmed. MATTERS ARISING The Minutes of the 10 February 2010 meeting were adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting on 8 March 2010. Keelah Lam noted that her apology was omitted from the last minutes.	ACTION
ITEM 5	ENVIRONMENT LEVY 2010/2011 a. Endorsement of Draft Budget Dalene Amm spoke to her report on the Draft Environment Levy Budget for the 2010/2011 financial year. Recommendation: The Committee endorsed the Draft Environment Levy Budget 2010/2011 The Draft Environment Levy Budget 2010/2011 be endorsed for public exhibition with the Council's General Revenue Budget for 2010/2011. b. Environment Levy Carry forward figures Staff identified that the 2008/09 to 2009/10 environment Levy carry forward figure of \$1,669,073 reported in the agenda report for item 4 was incorrectly stated as this figure also included \$303,290 of "revote grants" (i.e. Grant funds secured but not yet received in cash by Council. As only cash can be carried forward the correct carry forwards figure was that reported to the Committee in the Environment Levy Annual Report 2008/09 which was \$1,389,783. Dalene will raise the committee's request to provide a breakdown of the carry forwards with Stephen Clements.	
ITEM 6	MANLY ENVIRONMENT CENTRE REPORT The Manly Environment Centre Current and Local Issues Report Recommendation: This Report was tabled and accepted. Winner of MEC Eco Award Congratulations to Brendon Donohue from Surfrider for his work on sewage pollution from the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant and from sewage overflows in Manly Lagoon.	

ITEM 6.1	PENGUIN REPORT Angelika Treichler, Penguin Warden reported as follows:	ACTION
	• Many sightings of penguins in the harbour and ocean have been reported. • She will have a meeting with Nikki Bodel from Taronga zoo with Rachel Miller and Mel Tyas to plan Project Penguin. • Recommends as regards the Bather's Pavilion that before the penguins return in two months time: * Council take swift action concerning protective barriers on the walkway at the Bathers Pavilion * The developers need to provide all night CCTV surveillance as required by MIHAP. * Signpost a designated smoking area and provide fixed ashtrays. Dave Thomas from Eco Divers, noted that the 145kg of rubbish collected from under Manly Wharf for Clean up Australia Day was in addition to the 750kg from Manly Cove. Dave will report each meeting on rubbish removed from under Manly Wharf.	
ITEM 6.2	NORTH HEAD ISSUES a. Quarantine Station Gatehouse The Committee expressed its desire and support for the continuation of a physical presence of NPWS staff on North Head and that they retain their current location. Recommendation: That a physical and permanent presence of National Parks and Wildlife staff is essential on North Head and they should remain in their current location. The Committee requests that the General Manager write to National Parks & Wildlife seeking their assurance that the status quo will be preserved. b. Bandicoot Research Project in Manly LGA's Urban Areas on North Head It was noted that Council has agreed that the \$50,000 from the Environment Levy which includes unspent funds from the previous 3 or 4 years be used to support an ARC grant jointly with the UNSW School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Science Department. c. NPWS Ranger Report – Rachel Miller updated the Committee as follows: i. AIPM Development North Head Bushfire Plan yet to be exhibited. It was noted that the original plan was exhibited with Strategic Fire Advantage Zones for the protection of biodiversity only versus Asset Protection zones for the	GM

	protection of private property as per the approved development of the AIPM. Following the rockfall on the foreshore, a Geotechnical study was conducted and will be available on the AIPM website. The Traffic Plan calls for a one-way zone on Collins Beach Road. Demolition is nearing completion and commencement of construction near the foreshore will be deferred for 2-1/2 months from 31st May because of the penguin breeding season. ii. North Head Stakeholders Meeting The issue of representation from this will be raised at the next meeting. iii. Bandicoot Trapping National Parks will conduct major trapping in May as part of its ongoing research on North Head. Volunteers would need to be available for three consecutive predawn surveys. d. North Head Sewage Treatment Plant Since the last meeting of this there have been further complaints to DECCW about odours from the plant and DECCW compliance are investigating further. Susan Buchan reported that both tours of the Sewage Treatment are fully booked on 1st May 2010. e. Quarantine Station Visit Committee members who have registered an interest in this visit at 3pm on our meeting date 12th May, are Angelika Treichler, Dave Thomas, Jacqueline French, Cheryl Rose, Susan Buchan and Keelah Lam. If other members are interested please contact Judy Reizes.	ACTION
ITEM 7	CABBAGE TREE BAY ISSUES: “Day at the Bay” Shelly Beach on Saturday, 24th April This event is being organised by the MEC in conjunction with Council and DECCW to encourage community submissions on DECCW’s new Cabbage Tree Bay Draft Management Plan to resolve conflict between user groups including power boats, swimmers, divers and snorkelers. A number of environmental groups will be providing information about the area, as well as local “artists with easels”. An exciting program of free activities, including marine talks, snorkel trips, reefwalks and walk, talk and snap tour of the Cabbage Tree Bay Nature Trail. This “trail” from Manly Surf Club to Shelly Beach will be marked for the day by an extensive range of interpretative panels designed and prepared by MEC’s graduate marine studies interns. The panels cover the history, geology, terrestrial flora and fauna as well as marine life.	

	To engage children a 2-1/2 x 5 metre fabric banner featuring the marine life of the Bay has also been prepared for the children to colour on the day. International Surfing Reserve Neil Ohlbach informed that this year the area was to be recognised as an International and National Surfing Reserve. Theft of Eastern Water Dragons A recent report from a member of Fairy Bower precinct details a recent attempt at stealing a mature water dragon near Manly Surf Club. When challenged, the person in question continued chasing it and brazenly stated that “she sells them”. The General Manager has instructed Council staff to liaise with stakeholders, including National Parks, Manly Police and Council Rangers and prepare an official sign for installation at Cabbage Tree Bay. The sign will include warnings about appropriate penalties and actions which will be taken if people interfere with the water dragons, contact numbers of police, rangers, etc. Recommendation: The would like the General Manager to consider some form of additional mechanism to ensure compliance, i.e. installation and advertising of CCTV at various locations along Marine Parade and environs. This could be of assistance in preventing occurrences such as the recent thefts of sculptures, illegal fishing, etc.	ACTION
ITEM 8	RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNERSHIP BROCHURE The Committee expressed its disappointment that Council did not include the suggestions made in the content of the brochure.	
ITEM 9	MANLY WARRINGAH CLIMATE ACTION GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS The following events will be held in May 2nd May 2010 at Manly Wharf – “100% Renewables” 26th May 2010 at Manly Cinema – “The Age of Stupid”	
ITEM 10	NEXT MEETING Date: Wednesday 12 May 2010 Venue: The Councillors’ Room, Manly Council Chambers Time: 6.30pm	