



MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD 9 JUNE 2010

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Cathy Griffin

Manly Council

Other Representatives

Angelika Treichler

Penguin Warden Representative

Cheryl Rose

Community Member

David Thomas

Community Member

Terry Metherell

Community Member

Jacqueline French

Community Member

Julie Taylor-Mills

Community Member

Keelah Lam

Community Member

Neil Ohlbach

Community Member

Richard Hewitt

Community Member

Susan Buchan

Community Member

Staff Representatives

Judy Reizes

Manager, Manly Environment Centre

Manly Lagoon Committee

Tom Hazell

Warringah Community Representative

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Environment Committee** met on 9 June, 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 6.30pm	
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Further discussions with Eira Battaglia have resulted in her withdrawing her resignation and taking leave of absence until the August meeting. Due to her valuable contribution to this Committee, the Committee welcomed her reconsidering her resignation.	ACTION
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil	
ITEM 4	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The minutes of the Committee meeting held 12 May 2010 were	

confirmed.

The minutes of the 12 May 2010 were adopted by Council at the Planning and Strategy Meeting of 7 June, 2010

ITEM 5

MATTERS ARISING

Companion Animals Legislation

The Committee remains concerned about the cat brochure and requests information on the status of this brochure. How many have been printed, etc. The Committee reiterates its request that the brochure be redone with consultation.

ITEM 6

REPORTS

Manly Environment Centre Report

The Manly Environment Centre Current and Local Issues Report was tabled and discussed.

Recommendation:

That the report as tabled be accepted.

6.1

Quarantine Station

The Committee requests that a letter be written to Senior Management of the Quarantine Station thanking them for the excellent tour conducted by Sian Waite and Todd Durrant and advising that Committee is very interested in what they are doing. The Committee would like to include that it is excellent that we have a physical presence of National Parks and Wildlife staff in the cottage on site and that it is important that this is retained.

Recommendation:

Manly Council to write to National Parks & Wildlife and Mawlands.

6.2

North Head Sewage Treatment Plant

The Committee requests that staff write a letter of appreciation to the Manager of the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant for the interesting and comprehensive tour of the plant and the new works under the PARR Project.

Recommendation:

Manly Council to write a letter of appreciation to Sydney Water and noting the following:

- a. The Committee would welcome the opportunity to visit the plant on a regular basis
- b. That the Community Liaison Committee should be re-established
- c. There are a number of OH&S issues, i.e. the sedimentation tanks are uncovered and high odour levels persist throughout the plant.
- d. No protective apparatus is provided to either visitors or staff.

6.3

Manly Lagoon

Tom Hazell, the Community Representative from the Manly Lagoon Committee gave a brief outline of various aspects of the lagoon management from his perspective.

The Committee requests an update on the following issues:

- Sewer overflows in the vicinity of Manly Lagoon water body
- Addiscombe Road Site

Recommendation:

That staff provide to the Committee an update on sewer overflows and Addiscombe Road site and feedback on the stability of timber retaining walls around the golf club and residential areas.

6.4

Penguins

Manly Wharf Site:

Penguins have returned about six weeks early with at least one female sitting on eggs.

Federation Point Site

This site is already very active with a number of males preparing nests.

Council has resolved to take over the lease of the bridge but no works will commence until after the penguin breeding season ends in February. Bathers Pavilion Issues - Smoking area is being used. Security camera now points in the correct direction. Staff will enquire about accessing security camera footage.

Wardens:

Ten of the new volunteers already coming down on a regular basis and being trained on the job. Official training by DECCW will be held on 10th July.

Education/Communication

Project Penguin

Judy and Angelika gave talks to students from 10 local primary and secondary schools down at Manly Wharf. Awards Day and Exhibition of Projects at Taronga zoo on 22nd June 2010.

Fridge Magnets given out to students and at Food and Wine Festival with MEC web address.

Penguin pages added to MEC website, including Penguin blog pages and Interactive Penguin blog has been created.

Submissions to Proposed Threatened Species Conservation Regulation 2010, Closing Date 2nd July.

Angelika advised that we should seek the following amendments to the above.

Breeding Season starts on 1 June, (not 1 July) this has been confirmed by the Calendar that penguin monitoring consultant for NPWS has prepared for the Penguin signage at Manly wharf.

Recreational Fishing

As there is constant confusion about times that recreational Fishing is permissible in the Critical Habitat, it is recommended that there be all-year round ban on fishing in the Critical Habitat.

Angelika will make a personal submission and it is requested that council staff make a supporting submission

	Recommendation: The General Manager is requested to arrange for staff to make a submission by 2nd July 2010 to support the Penguin Warden.	GM
6.5	Australian Institute of Police Management Contamination was disclosed at the community consultation meeting. Mitigation measures are in place, however, the solicitor from the Environmental Defenders Office has requested more detailed technical reports.	
6.6	Sydney Water Licence Review Draft submission tabled and discussed. The Chair is delegated to formulate and submit to Council for submission to EPA (DECCW). Recommendation: That Council write to the EPA (DECCW) requesting an update on the status of the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant Licence.	Judy Reizes
6.7	Cabbage Tree Bay A DVD – “An Interpretative Strategy for Cabbage Tree Bay” made by Courtney Mason was shown to the Committee. The DVD quotes from the DECCW User Group Survey which found that most visitors valued the bay’s clean water but were ignorant of its unique marine biodiversity. The DVD showcases the marine life, the temporary interpretative signage mounted on the railings (during the “Day at the Bay”) and people’s positive responses to it. Copies of the DVD will be made with a view to presenting it to the Landscape Management and Urban Design Committee which is preparing a Landscape Management Plan for Marine Parade. In the light of the fact that Marine Parade borders the Marine Reserve, it is hoped that Landscape Management and Urban Design Committee’s draft Plan will be provided to our Committee for input before it goes out for public comment. At the next meeting, this Committee will put together a paper covering objectives, issues, nodal points, interpretation and education, etc. which can be presented to Landscape Management and Urban Design Committee. Cheryl Rose, Dave Thomas, Jacqueline French and Judy Reizes will put these discussion points together for the next meeting. As the management of Aquatic Reserves has become the responsibility of NPWS, Gary Dunnart, is arranging for the NPWS Advisory Committee to visit Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve. The Chair is a member of this Committee. Recommendation: i) Council forward this DVD to DECCW under cover of a letter supporting the Cabbage Tree Bay Reserve. ii) The DVD be forwarded to the Landscape Management and Urban Design Committee and staff involved in the development of the Marine Parade Landscape Plan.	Judy Reizes
ITEM 7	GENERAL BUSINESS Staff to investigate the possibility of holding future Community Environment Committee meetings in the training room.	

ITEM 8

Recommendation:

The General Manager be approached with a request that the Committee meet in the training room where access to the large screen can be utilized by the committee.

Judy Reizes

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 14 July 2010

Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm

Venue: Training Room, Ground floor, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 8.30pm