



## MINUTES OF MEETING

### COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**HELD WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER, 2015**

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

#### **PRESENT:**

##### **Councillors**

Clr Hugh Burns

Chair

##### **Other Representatives**

Jacqueline French

Lloyd Keen

Keelah Lam

Rosanna Perillo-Boutin

Janne Seletto

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

##### **Council Staff**

Judy Reizes

Manager, Manly Environment Centre

##### **Observers**

Aida Copeland

Lynda Ralph

#### **TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL**

The Community Environment Advisory Committee met on 11 November, 2015 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

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| <b>OPEN</b>   | The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.                                                                                                                                               | <b>ACTION</b> |
| <b>ITEM 1</b> | <b>APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE</b><br>Michella Burgers, Natasha Hammond-Deakin, Sue Matthews, Dave Thomas.                                                                  |               |
| <b>ITEM 2</b> | <b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b><br>Nil.                                                                                                                                         |               |
| <b>ITEM 3</b> | <b>CONFIRMATIONS OF MINUTES NOTES FOR 14 OCTOBER, 2015</b><br>The Minutes for the meeting of 14 October, 2015 were confirmed at the Manly Council meeting of 9 November, 2015. | <b>ACTION</b> |

**ITEM 4 NEW MEMBERS FOR COMMITTEE**

Judy Reizes, Council's Manager, Manly Environment Centre, advised that:

Rosie Lempriere, a former member of the Committee, who attended our October meeting is interested in re-joining the Committee and has completed Committee Application Forms. She gives her apology for tonight's meeting owing to a prior commitment.

**Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Rosie Lempriere is appointed to the Committee to fill the vacancy on the Advisory Committee and in line with the Terms of Reference.

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**ITEM 5 MEC REPORT & CURRENT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES REPORT**

That the monthly MEC Report as tabled be accepted.

**ITEM 6 PENGUIN WARDEN REPORT**

Sue Matthews, Penguin Warden was unable to attend so there was no Penguin Warden Report.

Judy Reizes reported that she had had preliminary discussions with the Deputy GM, Stephen Clements about the Committee's proposed Plaque at Manly Wharf to commemorate the work of the Penguin Wardens and their KABC Award. Stephen Clements was very supportive as well as Penguin Warden, Tony Garman. Tony Garman will discuss the concept with other wardens and the suggested words for the plaque and get back to Judy.

The Committee discussed whether the name of the "founder" of the Penguin Warden program should appear on the plaque, and the Committee suggested the words "under the initiative" would be relevant. It was noted that the Penguin Wardens come under NPWS

**ITEM 7 LONGNOSED BANDICOOT MORTALITY ISSUES**

The Minutes of the Recovery Team are still awaited from OEH. It was noted that in addition to the 20 traffic signs, there are about 20 signs relating to parking. These signs will be added to the original map.

**ITEM 8 MANLY'S THREATENED POPULATIONS OF PENGUINS AND BANDICOOTS**

Advice has been received that the Government's proposal to integrate Federal and State Legislation for threatened species has been abandoned.

**ITEM 9 25 YEARS CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE & MEC**

A joint celebration day is proposed for Sunday 4 September, 2016 as that month is National Biodiversity Month and National Threatened Species Day is Monday 5 September, 2016.

## **ITEM 10 CABBAGE TREE BAY**

### **a. Boat Ramp Treatment**

A community member reported that Council staff were treating the Boat Ramp at Shelly Beach with a Biocide and that they were told to keep their children away from it.

Council is requested to advise what treatment is currently being used on the Boat Ramp and other areas where there is a risk of public exposure and what safety precautions are being taken as far as the public and the environment are concerned.

### **b. Dog Control in the Reserve**

The Committee seeks an update from the General Manager on the progress of the Committee's proposal in 2014 to confine dogs on a leash and to the path at all times, as is common practice at Mosman and North Sydney Councils.

It was noted that the Committee and MEC had prepared detailed documentation, maps and proposed signage in conjunction with staff. Legal advice indicated that Council would need to make application to progress authorisation of Council Rangers to under the Companion Animals Act to have the power to move dogs on. This matter has become a priority given the increasing levels of visitation.

## **ITEM 11 A MARINE PARK FOR SYDNEY**

### **a. Campaign Launch At The Boathouse, Shelly Beach on 29 October**

This event was a huge success which was sold out well before. It was attended by 150 people from all over Sydney and great praise was heaped on Manly Council and the MEC for their highly successful efforts in gaining the No-Take Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve. Judy Reizes spoke about the 12 year battle to gain the Bay's protection since this community initiated it, in the light of extensive opposition from "experts" who said there was nothing there until the "science" proved the "experts" wrong. Everybody kept saying "we want a Marine Park just like Cabbage Tree Bay." Read about it in the November issue of NPA's "Nature".

### **b, The Theme for Manly Ocean Care Day on 6 December 2015 – 10.30am at Manly Ocean Beach**

MEC students and interns are preparing a 8 metre x 2 metre map of Sydney Harbour for the MEC Lab Tent. The map will feature the many and varied species of fish that inhabit Sydney Harbour.

## **ITEM 12 SYDNEY WATER ISSUES - ODOUR FORUM ON TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 7PM - 9PM AT MANLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Judy Reizes reported that:

Following meetings with Sydney Water, the content of the flyer/poster has been finalised and approved by the General Manager.

The date has been selected with advice from the Precinct Co-ordinator to provide maximum opportunity for attendance by all Precinct members, particularly the Executive.

Copies of the flyer are being made available to committee members to circulate to the community.

The MEC has obtained a GIPA report containing 56 pages of odour complaints made to EPA about odours from the Plant from 1996 to 2014. The number of complaints will be totalled by year and graphed for presentation at the Forum. These figures do not include complaints made to Sydney Water.

**ITEM 13 SUBMISSION TO NSW PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO MANAGEMENT OF SHARKS IN NSW WATERS**

The MEC's submission to the above Inquiry was tabled and the Committee requested that it be attached to the Minutes of this meeting.

The Committee thanked the MEC for preparation of such an excellent submission.

**ITEM 14 STREET TREE MANAGEMENT**

**a. Street Tree Management Plan**

Before this matter is brought to Council, the draft report should be brought to this Committee to comment on, particularly on the Pallets of Trees Recommended for each Precinct. The Precincts have previously raised concerns about having to select trees without pictures and how these can be assessed.

Manly's Street Beautification Scheme originated over 130 years ago and in many streets, the tree canopy extends over the road. Changing the types of trees could greatly produce more heat due to less canopy coverage of the black asphalt. The committee raised concerns that trees would just being restricted to fit beneath power lines.

**b. Ausgrid On-line Communications Survey**

Ausgrid are carrying out an online community survey which can be accessed via their website. The different strategies that they suggest to manage trees and power lines, are particularly concerning as they suggest to avoid trimming of trees, they would remove inappropriate species and replant small trees to remove the canopy between the power lines.

The results of the Survey must be questioned as they did not include aerial bundling, undergrounding or otherwise removal of wires that are competing with trees.

There is no mention of the effect of extreme weather events (eg storm damage to overhead wiring) and designing the network to reflect the reliability sought by the community and thus the role of electricity in all aspects of modern life being essential infrastructure to the whole community.

**c. Environmental Levy**

Members of the Committee questioned the removal of the Street Tree item from the updated Environmental Levy and look forward to receiving an update from Senior Staff, including allocation spent.

**ITEM 15 IVANHOE PARK BOTANICAL GARDEN STRATEGIC PLAN**

Following discussions with the Ivanhoe Park Precinct Committee which has expressed a number of concerns that need input from the General Manager, this Committee would like to know the status of this Plan. The Committee requests that the General Manager arrange for this Committee to have a presentation on the progress of the Plan.

**ITEM 16 NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**Date: Wednesday 9 December, 2015.**

**Time: 7.00pm.**

**Venue: Manly Council Chambers.**

Meeting closed at 10.00pm.