



## MINUTES OF MEETING

### WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**HELD WEDNESDAY 17 February 2016**

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

#### **PRESENT:**

##### **Councillors**

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Clr Barbara Aird  | Manly Council (Chair) |
| Clr Cathy Griffin | Manly Council         |
| Clr Candy Bingham | Manly Council         |

##### **Other Representatives**

|                    |                  |
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| Stacey Randell     | Community Member |
| Michella Burgess   | Community Member |
| Silke Stuckenbrock | Community Member |
| David Thomas       | Community Member |

##### **Council Staff**

|                 |                                  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Emma Lynch      | Senior Waste Officer             |
| Natasha Schultz | Manager Environmental Operations |

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

The Waste Committee met on 17 February 2016, to consider the matters referred to it and now reports having reached the decisions taken and recommendations stated here under:

| <b>OPEN</b>   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>ACTION</b> |
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|               | The Meeting Commenced at 8:40 am                                                                                                                                                                                             |               |
| <b>ITEM 1</b> | <b>APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE</b><br>Clr Jean Hay AM, Mayor<br>Keelah Lam, Community Member                                                                                                                              |               |
| <b>ITEM 2</b> | <b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b><br>Nil                                                                                                                                                                                        |               |
| <b>ITEM 3</b> | <b>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</b><br>Minutes of the Waste Advisory Committee meeting on 11 November 2016 were confirmed pending a small correction.<br><br><b>Moved: Clr Barbara Aird</b><br><b>Seconded: Clr Candy Bingham</b> |               |

**ITEM 4****GENERAL BUSINESS****Sustainable Organisations of Manly 'SO Manly'**

Stacey Randall provided the Committee with an update on the Chamber of Commerce's 'SO Manly' (Sustainable Organisations of Manly) Strategy and outlined its key targets. The program will be launched on 2 March at Ruby Lane, Manly. Stacey also referred to a local group 'Bring your own bag' who are advocating for getting rid of plastic bags in Manly.

**Recommendation:**

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that these initiatives are noted/supported by Council.

GM

**Moved: Cllr Candy Bingham**

**Seconded: Cllr Cathy Griffin**

**Waste Management at Special Events**

The Committee would like to acknowledge the efforts of the organisers of this year's Cole Classic for their admirable management of waste, recycling and litter at the event.

**Recommendation:**

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that Council staff write to the Cole Classic organisers to congratulate them on their efforts and to make suggestions on ways that they could continue to reduce waste at this event, e.g. using bulk packaging for drink mixes.

GM

**Moved: Cllr Cathy Griffin**

**Seconded: Cllr Barbara Aird**

**Acknowledgement of Council's Waste and Cleansing Staff**

The Committee would like to acknowledge and thank the waste and cleansing teams for their outstanding efforts when cleaning up after major events such as New Year's Eve, Australia Day and after big parties at Shelly Beach.

**Recommendation:**

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that the waste and cleansing teams are thanked for their efforts cleaning up after large events.

GM

**Moved: Cllr Cathy Bingham**

**Seconded: Cllr Barbara Aird**

**ITEM 5****REPORT: Plastic Free Summer Campaign**

Council staff provided an update on the 2016 LitterGuards Campaign. The Committee expressed extreme disappointment at the loss of opportunity for education due to the non-incorporation of a Plastic Free Summer theme into the 2016 LitterGuards program. The Committee recognises that "LitterGuards" is an established brand but would like to request ongoing support for incorporation of 'themes' into the LitterGuards program to target key issues such as single use plastics.

To ensure that the program remains vibrant the Committee discussed utilising passionate and knowledgeable members of

the community and staff to work as LitterGuards in either a paid or voluntary capacity. The success of the use of volunteers in the 'Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay' program was highlighted.

**Recommendation:**

GM

1. The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Council consider extending the scope of recruitment for LitterGuards beyond Council staff in order to make use of the skills and enthusiasm of members of the public who may be interested in participating in the program.
2. The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Council staff are supported to incorporate 'waste avoidance themes' into the LitterGuards program to target key issues.

**Moved: Cllr Barbara Aird**

**Seconded: Cllr Cathy Griffin**

**ITEM 6**

**REPORT: Draft Zero Waste Strategy**

This report was withdrawn and will be placed on the next Waste Advisory Committee meeting agenda for consideration by the Committee.

**ITEM 7**

**REPORT: Container Deposit Scheme (CDS)**

The Committee discussed the two alternative models proposed by the NSW Government in the NSW Container Deposit Scheme Discussion Paper.

**Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Council's submission strongly supports *Option 1: Refund CDS* and supports the Boomerang Alliance's proposal for a CDS.

GM

**Moved: Cllr Barbara Aird**

**Seconded: Cllr Candy Bingham**

**ITEM 8**

**REPORT: Reusable Nappies**

The Committee received an update on Council's activities re promoting the use of reusable nappies.

**Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Council staff continue to promote alternatives to disposable nappies to the community.

GM

**Moved: Cllr Barbara Aird**

**Seconded: Cllr Cathy Griffin**

Meeting closed 10:30 am

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 30 March 2016

