



MINUTES OF MEETING

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2013

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 (Observer)

Other Representatives

Stacey Randell	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Angelika Treichler	Community Member
Michella Burgers	Community Member
Keelah Lam	Community Member
Dave Thomas	Community Member

Council Staff

Emma Lynch	Senior Waste Officer
Eduard McPeake	Manager Environmental Programs
Natasha Schultz	Manager Environmental Operations

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Waste Committee met on 30 October 2013, to consider the matters referred to it and now reports having reached the decisions taken and recommendations stated here under:

OPEN	The Meeting Commenced at 8:30 am	
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Clr Jean Hay AM, Mayor Silke Stuckenbrock, Community Member	ACTION
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES Minutes of the Waste Advisory Committee meeting on 18 September 2013 were confirmed. The Committee noted the comments provided by the General Manager on these minutes.	

ITEM 4 **MATTERS ARISING**

LitterGuards Program

Due to the high use and environmental sensitivity of Shelly Beach, the Committee discussed the idea of supplying a LitterGuards 'I Love Manly Litter Free' teardrop flag to Cabbage Tree Bay Volunteers. The volunteers would keep the flag in their storage area and would erect the flag at Shelly Beach independently of the LitterGuards program.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that:

1. A LitterGuards 'I Love Manly Litter Free' flag is supplied to Cabbage Tree Bay Volunteers to display at Shelly Beach.

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Business Waste and Sustainability Initiative with the Manly Chamber of Commerce

The Committee were advised that NSW EPA grant funding would be made available in the next financial year.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that:

1. Council staff review funding opportunities for a business waste avoidance program as they arise.

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Reusable Nappies at Childcare Centres

The Committee was advised that a memo was supplied to Council's Divisional Manager, Human Services and Facilities for consideration as an operational matter. This was noted by the Committee.

ITEM 5 **REPORT: Food, Wine & Sustainability Festival – 2013 Debrief Notes Relating to Waste and Sustainability**

The Committee noted the report. The Committee was advised that the Event Waste Management Plan was under review. Concerns were raised regarding the volume of waste generated at Council's events.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that:

1. The updated Manly Council Special Event Waste Management plan is provided to the Committee for comment.
2. Council Staff and Committee Members explore better ways of wine glass management, such as a deposit system modelled on overseas festival experience.
3. Council staff consider alternatives to disposable plates at events such as the Friday World Food Markets and the Saturday Night

GM

Markets such as:

- Promoting of 'bring your own plate' (B.Y.O.P) by advertising the markets as a 'picnic event' and offering a discount to patrons who bring their own plate

ITEM 6 General Business Brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration

Filtered Water Bubblers

The Committee raised concerns about the observed inappropriate use of the filtered water bubblers by members of the public. This included feet washing and providing water to dogs. The Committee are concerned that the filters are being used up quicker than they should and that this could impact upon the financial cost of maintaining the bubblers.

Concerns were also raised re the water pressure and cleanliness of the filtered water bubblers.

Additional Councillor Position on Waste Advisory Committee

Cllr Candy Bingham expressed interest in joining the Waste Advisory Committee.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that:

1. The membership of the Committee as outlined in the Terms of Reference, be expanded to allow for 3 Councillor representatives.
2. Due to the expression of interest received, that this role be offered to Cllr Bingham.

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Two Hands Project – Australian Open of Surfing

Two Hands, a community organisation that promotes litter clean ups. They would like to be actively involved in the Australian Open of Surfing, by having a presence at the event and organising beach clean ups.

GM

Recommendation:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that:

1. Council staff pass on this request to Council's Events Management Team.

Single Use Plastic Bags

The Committee discussed the issue of single plastic bag use in the Manly LGA.

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Recommendation:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that:

1. Council staff writes to the head office of Coles and Woolworths to state that Council is willing and wanting to get on board with them to reduce plastic bag use in the Manly LGA.
2. Council staff engage with local Coles and Woolworths store managers to instigate a conversation with them re single plastic bag use reduction in their stores.

Container Deposit Scheme – Keep Australia Beautiful

The Committee discussed concerns regarding the position of the National and NSW State Keep Australia Beautiful organisations on container deposit schemes.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that:

1. Council staff write to the National and NSW State Branch of Keep Australia Beautiful to express disappointment in their current stance on this issue and to encourage them to support the introduction of a national container deposit scheme.

ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 11 December 2013

Time: 8:30 am

Venue: Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 10:30 am