



MINUTES OF MEETING

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY 10 April 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

Other Representatives

Michella Burgers

Community Member

David Thomas

Community Member

Stacey Randell

Manly Chamber of Commerce

Council Staff

Emma Lynch

Senior Waste Officer

Sarah O'Brien

Waste Education Officer

Natasha Schultz

Manager of Waste and Cleansing

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Waste Committee met on 10 April 2013, to consider the matters referred to it and now reports having reached the decisions taken and recommendations stated hereunder:

OPEN	The Meeting Commenced at 8:30am	
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Clr Jean Hay AM, Mayor Keelah Lam and Angelica Treichler (Community Member)	ACTION
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF 2013 MEETING DATES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE The Committee noted that the scheduled meeting on the 10 June 2013 falls on a public holiday and requests that the meeting be rescheduled to either the Wednesday before or after the public holiday.	

ITEM 4	REPORT – Communication Strategy re Changes to Waste Collection Systems in the Manly LGA – Verbal Update by Deputy General Manager	ACTION
	Council's Manager of Waste and Cleansing gave an update on the side loader truck communication strategy, including the educational material which will be distributed to residents and the timing of implementation.	
ITEM 5	REPORT: Container Deposit System Campaign Action Plan Council staff noted that a letter was sent to Federal, State and Local MP detailing that 144 people had signed a petition on behalf of Manly Council calling for action to implement a container deposit scheme. The Committee request that Council have a link to "Container Savers" smart phone application on Council's website. The Committee would like Council Staff to research into posting "Manly Council Supports Container Deposit Legislation" stickers on Council's public place waste and recycling bins. The Committee request Council staff write a letter to the Boomerang Alliance detailing Council's support for the work they have done, to pledge support for a National Container Deposit System and to ask to be kept informed of upcoming lobbying events.	ACTION
ITEM 6	REPORT: Recycling of Nappy Waste from Childcare Centres The Committee discussed "Lavendira" a company that loans modern cloth nappies to suppliers and also provides a cleaning service. The Committee noted that Sutherland Shire Council has three childcare centres participating in Lavendira's services. Recommendation: The Committee request further information from Lavendira. The Committee would like Council staff to report on Sutherland Councils reusable nappies in childcare centres program Following consideration of this staff report by the Committee, the Committee will extend an invitation Kathryn Fayle to the next Waste Advisory Committee meeting. The Committee would also like to invite Lavendira to demonstrate their services to the Committee.	
ITEM 7	REPORT: Planned Waste Education Projects for 2013 Verbal Update presented by Emma Lynch (Senior Waste Officer) Council staff updated the Committee on current and upcoming internal projects including: • Promotion of Council's LitterGuards program – Staff will present on Council's LitterGuard program at Waste 2013 Conference which will include an evaluation of the program. • Council staff have produced a video to promote Council's LitterGuard program	

- Council will be applying for a grant funded by the EPA on litter prevention.
- Staff have investigated into an online composting training course for residents.
- Staff will develop a Multi unit dwelling recycling strategy and educational material
- Staff have started organising the waste and recycling section on the Food, Wine and Sustainability festival.

Recommendation:

The Committee requested to look into having a wine glass and coffee cup library at this year's Food, Wine and Sustainability festival.

The Committee strongly recommend Council organise bin volunteers at this year's Food, Wine and Sustainability Festival.

The Committee would like to be updated next meeting on the type of wine glasses and other waste initiatives to be used at the festival and whether or not there will be bin volunteers this year.

The Committee request that Council staff approach Edge Environment Consultancy to see if they would provide a report for Council on the environmental impact / benefit of recycling from the festival as they have previously.

The Committee would like to change the slogan at this years Food, Wine and Sustainability festival from " A taste on Manly" to " Love Food Hate Waste"

ITEM 8 REPORT: Review of Zero Waste and Litter Avoidance Strategies

Council staff noted that the current strategies need to be updated. The Committee mentioned the Zero Waste strategy had already been reviewed by staff and the Committee, however the strategy had not been adopted by Council. The Committee requests that the reviewed strategy is provided to the Committee for comment.

The Committee have not reviewed the current Litter Strategy.

ITEM 9 GENERAL BUISNESS brought to the Attention of the Chair

Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration.

The Committee expressed concern of a new fast food shop distributing yellow single use plastic bags; these bags have been seen as litter, particularly around the wharf areas. They would like to review the current waste conditions put on development applications to see if this is a permitted activity.

Recommendation:

The Committee would like Council staff to present Council's current waste DA conditions relevant to commercial food stores.

The Committee would like Council staff to develop a campaign "Be Straw Free" The Committee request Council staff liaise with the Chamber of Commerce to design this strategy. The Committee would like an update on this issue next meeting.

The Committee would like to investigate separate cigarette bins and to report on the issues surrounding this possibility including collection issues, effectiveness and cost implications compared to “butt out bins”

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 15 May 2013

Time: 8:30am

Venue: Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 10:30am