



MINUTES OF MEETING
WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2013

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Clr Barbara Aird
Clr Cathy Griffin

Manly Council (Chair)
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Angelica Treichler
David Thomas
Stacey Randell
Silke Stuckenbrock

Community Member
Community Member
Manly Chamber of Commerce
Observer

Council Staff

Emma Lynch
Sarah O'Brien
Natasha Schultz

Senior Waste Officer
Waste Education Officer
Manager of Waste and Cleansing

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Waste Committee met on 15 May 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, Community Member Michella Burgers, Community Member	ACTION
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES Angelica Treichler requested that the minutes of the meeting of 10 April 2013 be amended to include her apology. With this amendment the minutes were confirmed by the Committee.	

ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING**Committee Membership Request**

The Committee requested that Silke Stuckenbrock become a member of the Waste Advisory Committee. Silke is a co-founder of the two hands project, which has inspired thousands of litter clean up actions worldwide. Currently, the Waste Advisory Committee Terms of Reference state that the Committee shall consist of 5 Community Members. It is requested that Ms Stuckenbrock be included as currently the Committee only has 4 community members.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends that:

The Terms of Reference of the Waste Advisory Committee be amended to allow for six community members. That Council endorse the Committees request to allow Silke Stuckenbrock to join the Waste Advisory Committee.

Response Received from Container Deposit Legislation Letter

Council received a response from the letter and community petition supporting the introduction of container deposit legislation sent to the NSW Premier and to the NSW Minister for the Environment. The letter stated that the NSW Government remains open to all the options being considered so long as they are demonstrated to be cost effective and generate a benefit to the community without significantly increasing the already rising cost of living.

Recommendation:

That Committee recommends that:

1. Council staff send a letter to the NSW Premier and NSW Minister for the Environment which includes:
 - Photographs of beach litter
 - Cost to Council of litter clean up including the beach rake
 - The Committee's dissatisfaction with introduction of a national bin network as a solution to beverage container litter
2. The Committee requested that every time a letter is received (responding to a letter sent from Council campaigning for container deposit legislation) that another letter is sent out restating Council's strongest support for the introduction of a container deposit scheme.

Update on Reusable Nappies at Childcare Centres

Council staff have contacted staff at Sutherland Shire Council to request information on their reusable nappy scheme using the Lavendira company and are awaiting a response.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends that:

1. The request for information is followed up and that sustainability education / information about re-usable

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nappies is provided in our childcare centres and the new baby health centre at Stockland Balgowlah.

Update on Waste and Recycling Planning for Manly Food, Wine & Sustainability Festival

Staff provided an update on the preparations for the festival. Compostable plates and cutlery are to be used and the wine glasses are recyclable. The Committee requested that:

- the Events team consider the introduction of a deposit system for the wine glasses used at this event, with a deposit of a dollar as an incentive to return the glasses;
- if a deposit system is implemented that the Two Hands Project be involved in its implementation;
- clearly labelled bin stations be placed at the festival exits to enable patrons to dispose of wine glasses appropriately before leaving the festival site (if they do not wish to keep them); and
- a member of the Events team be invited to the next Waste Advisory Committee meeting to discuss waste minimisation initiatives at all of Council's events.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends that:

1. Council staff contact the Events team regarding the possible implementation of a deposit system at the Food, Wine & Sustainability Festival
2. A member of the Events team is invited to the next Waste Advisory Committee.

ITEM 5 REPORT – LitterGuards Summer 2012-13 Evaluation

Due to time constraints, the Committee requested that this report is presented at the next Waste Advisory Committee Meeting.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends that:

The report be placed on the Agenda for the Waste Advisory Committee Meeting held on the 26 June.

ITEM 6 REPORT: Development Conditions for Waste Management, Commercial Premises (Verbal Report, Natasha Schultz, Manager Waste and Cleansing)

An explanation of the waste conditions applied to commercial premises in the Manly LGA was provided to the Committee. Currently conditions are placed on commercial premises to ensure appropriate waste management at all stages of development, i.e. demolition, construction and ongoing operation, including demonstration of adequate bin storage and presentation areas. These conditions are currently being reviewed and will be discussed at the next meeting. The Committee expressed a strong desire for inclusion of waste minimisation conditions to encourage businesses to use alternatives to single use plastic bags and packaging. It was noted that the Zero Waste Policy requires review prior to reporting to and adoption by Council, this policy will provide

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guidance for waste minimisation development conditions.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends that:

1. Council staff investigate the conditions re banning the use of polystyrene packaging applied by Waverly Council.

ITEM 7 General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration

Smoke Free Zone Signage

The Chair noted that the smoke free zone / no smoking stickers on the stairs at the Manly Ocean Beachfront had been removed. The Committee discussed the importance of effectively communicating to visitors the status of Manly beaches as no smoking zones. Waverly Council has put large 'no smoking on the beach' stencils on the Bondi Beach promenade. The Chair also expressed concern that the 'Enjoy Manly' educational pop-up banners had not been put out on the beach recently.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommended that:

1. Council staff replace the no smoking stickers on the Manly Ocean Beachfront.
2. Council staff investigate the stencil signage implemented at Bondi and bring the findings back to the Waste Committee for review.
3. Council staff request that the 'Enjoy Manly' pop-up banners continue to be put out on Manly Ocean Beach by Council's lifeguards in accordance with council's resolution.

Proposed Changes to Waste and Recycling Collection

The Committee discussed the proposed changes to Council's waste and recycling collection. The different demands on the vegetation recycling service throughout the LGA was discussed and it was noted that all residents pay the same for their waste disposal regardless of the amount of vegetation presented for collection. The idea of creating a separate invoice in the rates notice, exclusively for the existing domestic waste charge was raised. It was suggested that this could increase resident's understanding of the costs of waste disposal.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends that:

1. A comprehensive report is presented to the Waste Advisory Committee re the proposed changes to Manly Council's collection of waste and recycling in accordance with the terms of Council's resolution.

Be Straw Free Project

The Committee discussed the 'be straw free' resolution of Council. The Committee requested that a copy of the letter drafted by

Council staff is tabled at the next Waste Advisory Committee Meeting for review. The Committee was keen for Stacey Randell to work with local businesses to promote the 'be straw free' initiative and perhaps work with some local hotels as part of a pilot trial.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends that:

1. Council staff provides a copy of the 'be straw free' letter at the next Waste Advisory Committee Meeting.

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 26 June 2013

Time: 8:30am

Venue: Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 10:30am