



MINUTES OF MEETING

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 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
Michella Burgers
Keelah Lam

Community Member
Community Member
Manly Chamber of Commerce
Community Member
Community Member

Council Staff

Emma Lynch
Sarah O'Brien
Natasha Schultz
Vicki Smith
Franzisca Geis

Senior Waste Officer
Waste Education Officer
Manager of Waste and Cleansing
Acting Manager Library Services
Events Coordinator

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Waste Committee met on 26 June 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 8:30am

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Clr Jean Hay AM, Mayor
Silke Stuckenbrock, Community Member

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the minutes of the Waste Advisory Committee meeting on 15 June was moved by Cllr Griffin and seconded by David Thomas.

ACTION

ITEM 4 REPORT: Waste Management at Special Events in Manly

The Committee provided Council's Events staff with a background of waste avoidance initiatives previously implemented at Council's events. The Committee is concerned that waste has dropped off the agenda in the public's eye and holds a desire not to 'go backwards' in relation to waste and sustainability initiatives.

The Committee and Council have strongly lobbied for the state and federal governments to introduce container deposit legislation.

The Committee has a strong interest to be involved in preparations for next year's Food, Wine & Sustainability Festival.

Council's Events Coordinator advised the Committee that the Events Team work with Council's waste staff and aim to make the Food, Wine and Sustainability Festival as sustainable as possible. For example, the wine glasses no longer have the year printed on them so any that are left over can be used again the next year.

Options for minimising waste from festival glasses were discussed. The Events Team advised the Committee that festival patrons are not permitted to re-use glasses from previous year's festivals due to liquor licensing regulations.

The option of putting a refundable deposit on the festival wine glasses was discussed.

The Committee congratulated the Council on the Edible Garden and Love Food Hate Waste aspects of the event, including the cooking presentation by Jay Huxley.

The environmental impact of other special events was also discussed by the committee. It has been observed that bottled water has been distributed at events despite this being prohibited.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that:

1. A full review of all aspect of the event is conducted and a detailed discussion paper is provided to the committee as soon as possible. This is due to concerns re the genuine sustainability of the Food Wine and Sustainability Festival.
2. Procedures are put in place to ensure that special event conditions re waste are enforced.

ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING

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Cigarette Butt Litter at Manly Hospital

Cllr Griffin noted that cigarette butt litter opposite Manly Hospital continues to be an issue of concern. Suitable cigarette butt receptacles need to be provided and maintained to prevent the butts entering the stormwater drains.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that:

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1. Council write to Manly Hospital to restate previous requests for the provision and maintenance of suitable cigarette butt receptacles at this location.
2. The Manly Environment Centre is asked to arrange painting of drain stencils on the curb at this location and at other locations along Darley Road, with a message such as 'the drain is just for rain', in order to raise public awareness of stormwater pollution.

Development Conditions for Waste Management, Commercial Premises

The Committee discussed development application conditions used by Waverly Council to minimise waste and litter originating from commercial premises. The conditions included banning the use of polystyrene packaging and implementation of litter patrols.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that:

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1. Council staff apply conditions of development consent to commercial premises that:
 - a) Allow only recyclable packaging. Polystyrene is banned.
 - b) Encourage use of alternatives to plastic bags
 - c) Require the proprietors of take away food premises to perform litter patrols within a designated radius of their premises at nominated times

ITEM 6 REPORT – LitterGuards Summer 2012-13 Evaluation

Council staff presented to the Committee findings from the evaluation of the LitterGuards program. Over 1000 pledges 'not to litter in Manly' were taken by visitors and locals. An increase in litter of 24% was observed in the study area on Manly Ocean Beach when the LitterGuards were not on duty. This indicates that the program is effective in deterring littering behaviour.

The Committee discussed ideas to further promote the LitterGuards program and congratulated Council staff on the achievements of the program thus far.

Recommendation:

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The Committee recommended to the General Manager that:

1. As part of the promotional strategy for LitterGuards, Council staff consider placing adverts in:
 - a) The Urban Walkabout Manly Guide
 - b) The Manly Eco-Bag
2. When on duty, LitterGuards place a set of 'We Love Manly

Litter Free' teardrop flags at Manly Cove in addition to those displayed at Manly Ocean Beach.

ITEM 7 REPORT: Promoting Garage Sales in the Manly Local Government Area – Council's Second Hand Saturday Program and the Garage Sale Trail

The Committee discussed the Garage Sale Trail and Council's existing Second Hand Saturday Program.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that:

1. Council staff consider the costs and benefits of both programs in conjunction with the review of Council's Waste Collection Services.

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ITEM 8 REPORT: Zero Waste Strategy

A review of Council's Zero Waste Strategy was conducted by the Committee in 2010. The draft copy for review will be provided to the Committee at the next Waste Advisory Committee Meeting.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommend to the General Manager that:

1. The 2010 draft Zero Waste Strategy is placed on the agenda of the next Waste Advisory Committee meeting for discussion.

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ITEM 9 REPORT: Options for Promotion of Composting and Worm-farming Online

Two online resources (*The Compost Revolution* and *Reduce Landfill*) which promote composting and worm-farming to residents were reviewed by the Committee.

The Committee's preference is for Council to develop its own online education resource, in collaboration with Peter Rutherford and Kimbriki Resource Recovery Centre. However, if this is not feasible to accomplish within a reasonable timeframe, the Committee's preference is to participate in the *Reduce Landfill* initiative, until such a time as Council could develop its own program. This was due to the *Reduce Landfill* program's use of video tutorials and its lower cost.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommend to the General Manager that:

1. Council staff contact Kimbriki Resource Recovery Centre to investigate the development of a composting / worm-farming video for use on Council's website.
2. If Kimbriki are not able to assist in development of a video within a reasonable timeframe, Council should consider participating in the *Reduce Landfill* program which will provide an online education resource and incentive for

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residents to try composting and worm farming.

ITEM 10 General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration

Business Waste and Sustainability Initiative with the Manly Chamber of Commerce

The Committee briefly discussed the development of a co-branded initiative between Council and the Manly Chamber of Commerce to promote waste and sustainability concepts to local businesses.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommend to the General Manager that:

1. This is placed as an agenda item at the Committees next meeting.
2. Council staff provide information on Council's current and previous business waste and sustainability education programs, including the Starfish Program and SeaChange.
3. That Council's Manager of Natural Resources and/or Manager Regulatory Services are invited to the next Waste Advisory Committee meeting to discuss Council's business sustainability programs.

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ITEM 11 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 7 August 2013

Time: 8:30am

Venue: Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 10:30am