



NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that of a meeting of **Community Environment Committee** will be held:

DATE: WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY, 2014

TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

PLACE: The Councillors' Room, Manly Town Hall, 1 Belgrave Street, Manly.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay AM, Mayor (ex officio)	Manly Council
Cllr Cathy Griffin	Manly Council (Chair)
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Karen Pitt	Penguin Warden Representative
Michella Burgers	Community Representative
Susan Buchan	Community Representative
Diana Deeley	Community Representative
Jacqueline French	Community Representative
Natasha Hammond-Deakin	Community Representative
Lloyd Keen	Community Representative
Keelah Lam	Community Representative
Neil Ohlbach	Community Representative
Jan Ritchie	Community Representative
David Thomas	Community Representative
Lee DeGail	National Parks & Wildlife Representative

Council Staff

Judy Reizes	Manager, Manly Environment Centre
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All other Councillors are free to attend as observers and are invited to do so and to engage in discussions, but not in voting, on any matter before the Committee.


Stephen Clements
Deputy General Manager
Executive Manager – Land Use and Sustainability
Date: 3 February, 2014.



AGENDA

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING TO BE HELD ON Wednesday, 12 February, 2014

at 7.00pm.

**THE COUNCILLORS' ROOM, MANLY TOWN HALL,
1 BELGRAVE ST, MANLY**

- ITEM 1** Apologies and leave of absence.
- ITEM 2** Declarations of Interest – Pecuniary
Non - Pecuniary
- ITEM 3** Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting 11 December, 2013 and Matters Arising.
- ITEM 4** MEC Report & Current Local Environmental Issues Report
- ITEM 5** Long term location of Manly Environment Centre
- ITEM 6** Penguin Warden Report
- ITEM 7** Final Report on Monitoring of North Head Longnosed Bandicoots in the Residential Area
- ITEM 8** Sydney Water Issues
- ITEM 9** Cabbage Tree Bay Issues
- ITEM 10** Sediment Issues From Stormwater pipes on Manly Ocean Beach.
- ITEM 11** Community Consultation on Nomination for Protection of Posidonia Seagrass Meadows as an Endangered Ecological Community under the EPBC Act – Consultation closes on 16th February 2014.
- ITEM 12** General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration.
- ITEM 13** Next Meeting: Wednesday 12 March, 2014 at 7.00pm.



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 12 February, 2014
AUTHOR: Judy Reizes, Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator
SUBJECT: MEC and Current Local Environmental Issues Report

Manly Environment Centre Report

The MEC has worked on the following initiatives:-

INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERS:

A number of new Volunteers have started with us.

We had over 40 Volunteers helping us on Ocean Care Day.

Our 2 Student Interns Tiago & Sam have finished with us & we wish them all the very best for their very bright futures.

We continue to receive more Intern and Volunteer applications every month.

MEETINGS:

Meetings attended in December/January included:-

6 December – Meeting Manly Community Centre & Warringah Council – Guringai Festival 2014.

6 December - JR attended Climate Change lecture.

9 December – JR attended Harbour Trust Christmas Party.

12 December - RM meeting Art Gallery, Sea Life Sanctuary.

16 December – Meeting Caroline Pidcock, CEO Architecture & Sustainability at MEC working together on the living building challenge.

17 December – Meeting with Linda Williams and other Council staff re volunteer management.

17 December - FOCTB end of year volunteer get together.

20 December – 2 January - MEC Closed.

14 January - RM - Meeting Sea Life Sanctuary, Eco Awards.

15 January - RM – Meeting Manly Community Centre – 2014 Events.

21 January – RM FOCTB - Inductions of new Volunteers.

20 January - World Wetlands Day event. RM meeting with wildlife author.

20 January - RM Meeting re Biodiversity Communications Book Project for local schools with author.

23 January - RM Video Conferencing Meeting at Australian Museum.

23 January - RM Meeting Guringai Festival at Manly Community Centre, Warringah Council and community artists.

28 January - RM Video Conferencing – Electroboard.

28 January – RM Guringai meeting - Warringah Council Nth Beaches Aboriginal community members and MCC.

29 January - Meeting Willoughby Council – RM Guringai Festival Committee meeting - all Councils.

VISITS/EVENTS/LAUNCHES:

Ocean Care Day - Sunday 1 December - 20th Ocean Care Day on South Steyne Beach.

A fantastic event was celebrated for our 20th Ocean Care Day Festival. The focus was on the celebration 'Have a whale of a Time!' and all exhibitors made a bigger than usual effort to dress up their stands and to bring along their whales. There were 50 eco exhibitors stands with another 22 exhibitor stands joining us from the Fair Trade Markets which brings a total of 77 stands for the Ocean Care Day Event. The event drew big crowds this year and all stands reported great interest and feedback with visitors to the event. The Australian Museum, always keen to come to Manly for our event, brought along their Scientists to talk and demonstrate in the Eco Lab, which was busy

throughout the day; Sydney Observatory also had their Astronomers on site to invite visitors view the sun through their solar telescope. The Art Tent this year had a face lift with a record number of 17 artists including a number of new young artists exhibiting. Fix 8 Gallery invited MEC Art Tent artists to exhibit at their Gallery following this event, which was fantastic for all the artists. Marine creatures from the Guringai Festival Weaving Bridges Project were also on display along the outside of the tent and the larger pieces hanging inside.

One special guest this year was 'Kimberley' the giant Wilderness Society, whale. A special feature of the day was the Marine Parade with children and adults dressed as marine creature outfits walking along with drums and whistles from Manly Surf Club to the launch of the event. Other special guests included Valerie Taylor whose reflection of her time involved in marine conservation enthralled and encouraged the audience to keep caring for our ocean and the important value of marine parks and sanctuaries.

Manly Council launch its 6th summer *LitterGuard's* season at the 20th Ocean Care Day Festival with their Littlebug making appearances around the area.

The weather was fantastic, we had lots of marine creatures in fancy dress around the event, more entertainment which certainly gave the feeling of celebration along with quite a few whales located around the site. General feedback from visitors and exhibitors – great interaction from both sides and lovely relaxed day out for all. Sealife Sanctuary, Australian Museum, Sydney Observatory also always very happy to attend this event and future events. Everyone had 'A whale of a Time'!

Volunteer Christmas Party - Wednesday 18 December

A very successful event attended by over 50 Volunteers including Penguin Wardens & Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay Volunteers.

Chinese Delegation visit to MEC – Thursday 5 December

Visit by a Chinese Delegation of 20 people from the Department of Forestry & Threatened Species.

6 - 20 December - Ocean Care Day Artists – Art Exhibition/Fix8 Gallery.

FRIENDS OF CABBAGE TREE BAY VOLUNTEER GROUP

FOCTB volunteer base is growing with 48 volunteers on the database and around 30 of those volunteers highly active. Volunteers are reporting incidences, noting changes in the environment, actively participating with the local community and receiving a lot of positive reinforcement from the locals. There is an ongoing list of people wanting to join this group and people coming as far away as Hornsby and St Leonards.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes
Manly Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator
31 January, 2014