



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: Wednesday 10 February 2010

TIME: From 6.30pm – maximum 2 hours

PLACE: Manly Environment Centre, 41 Belgrave Street, Manly

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay AM, Mayor (ex officio)

Cllr Cathy Griffin

Manly Council

Manly Council (Chair)

Other Representatives

Eira Battaglia

Louise Bochner

Susan Buchan

Diana Deeley

Richard Hewitt

Keelah Lam

Terry Metherell

Cheryl Rose

Jacqueline French

Angelika Treichler

Peter Hay

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Little Penguin Warden

National Parks and Wildlife Service

Council Staff

Judy Reizes

Anthony Hewton

Manager, Manly Environment Centre

Divisional Manager, Corporate Planning and Strategy

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.

Anthony Hewton

Divisional Manager, Corporate Planning & Strategy

Date: 02 February 2010



MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 6.30PM

ITEM 1	Apologies and leave of absence
ITEM 2	Declarations of Interest – Pecuniary Non- Pecuniary
ITEM 3	Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting (9 December 2009) and Matters Arising
ITEM 4	Report - Manly Environment Centre Education Program 2010
ITEM 5	Reports - Manly Environment Centre and Current Local Environmental Issues: ▪ MEC. ▪ Penguin Warden's Report. ▪ North Head Issues. ▪ Tour of MEC Collection – Judy Reizes (Incorporating Presentation: Manly Environment Centre Database, Trevor Cohen, MEC Volunteer.)
ITEM 6	Report – Update on actions re seagrass damage in Manly Cove west
ITEM 7	General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration ▪ Cat Brochure: The chair will report on progress. ▪ North Head Sewage Treatment Plant Open Day Saturday 20th February 2010 ▪ Inclusion of Community Environment Committee Representative on the AIPM Community Consultation for Construction period.
ITEM 8	Date for Next Meeting: Wednesday, 10th March in Councillors Room, Manly Council



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: 10th February 2010

AUTHOR: Judy Reizes, Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator

SUBJECT: **Manly Environment Centre 2010 Education Program and Events**

1. INTRODUCTION

This year, 2010, is the *International Year of Biodiversity*. Given Manly's unique biodiversity this theme is appropriate and will be the focal point of MEC's Environmental Education Program

2. INFORMATION

Each year the Manly Environment Centre submits their Annual Environmental Education Program to Manly Council and the Community Environment Committee. This program has been formed in cooperation and in consultation with the Community & Environmental Partnerships Branch (CEP), Council Events & Tourism, Bushcare and the Guringai Festival. The MEC will continue to work in partnership with the Art Gallery and Museum, CEP and the Youth Centre on a range of programs including the 'Sustainability Fair', talks at the Art Gallery and Museum and 'Green Fest' as part of Youth Week.

The program intends to utilise the numerous and diverse partnerships formed throughout 2009 including the Sydney Observatory, Australian Youth Climate Coalition, Australian Museum, Macquarie University, Taronga Zoo, National Science Week Committee, Outdoor Education Group and many more.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

The Manly Environment Centre seeks the involvement, meaningful input and expertise of the Community Environment Committee in building upon the framework of the program.

Judy Reizes
Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator
17th December 2009

ATTACHMENTS
Nil.



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: 10th February 2010

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:-

MEETINGS, TALKS, FESTIVALS & EVENTS

- Annual, Ocean Care Day Festival, Sunday 6th December 2009, enormous success.
 - o Attendance from Sydney Observatory, Sydney Observatory volunteers and Astronomers. Undertook workshops, surveys, sun tidal on the beach, solar viewing and talks.
 - o Special guest Mark Horstman ABC Catalyst.
 - o Ocean Lab:
 - Wave making machine borrowed from Manly Hydraulics Lab (MHL) in MEC Ocean Lab received great attention and popular feedback. This included training and technical assistance from MHL and DECC's coastal unit on the day and prior to the event.
 - Science based environmental experiments and other activities.
 - Oceanworld touchpool.
 - SAM catchment trailer.
 - o 5 live musicians
 - o Project Penguin artwork from 6 local schools on display with students and teachers visiting the Penguin Pavilion.
 - o Penguin Plaza featured Penguin Wardens, penguin badge making, information & photo boards, and Tula.
 - o MEC Stall: Gave out over 300 paper giveaway bags and 100 smaller giveaway bags from children. Giveaway bags contained household thermostats and calculators from EnergyAustralia, MEC brochures, magazines and much more.
 - o Melting Earth Display on the beach coinciding with the commencement of the Copenhagen Climate talks.
 - o Over 40 volunteers on the day.
- MEC Volunteer thank you Christmas Party, Thursday 17th December, 2009.

MEC Collection and Data Base Presentation

At the end of tem MEC monthly report an orientation to MEC collection will be undertaken by staff. This will incorporate a presentation on the Manly Environment Centre Database by Trevor Cohen MEC Volunteer.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes

Manly Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator

17th December 2009

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: 10th February 2010

AUTHOR: Rafiq Islam, Estuary Management officer

SUBJECT: **Report on Update on actions regarding reported seagrass damage in Manly Cove (West)**

The following information is provided for the information of the Committee:

- On 14 January 2010, the General Manager officially reported damage and requested immediate actions to both NSW Maritime, and Industry and Investment NSW (formerly Primary Industries) regarding reported damage to seagrass in Manly Cove (West);
- On 29 January 2010, Council staff received a telephone enquiry from NSW Maritime seeking a map showing exact location of damage and a desired area for banning boat anchorage;
- On 2 February 2010 Council staff contacted Dave Thomas of Eco Divers to identify location on the map;
- NSW Maritime has undertaken to respond officially once the requested map is received from Council.

The Committee will be further informed once a response is received from NSW Maritime or Industry and Investment NSW.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

Rafiq Islam
Estuary Management Officer
2 February 2010

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.