



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: Wednesday 13 May 2009

TIME: From 6.30pm– maximum 2 hours

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay AM, Mayor (ex officio)	Manly Council
Cllr Lauren Elder	Manly Council
Cllr Cathy Griffin	Manly Council
Cllr Mark Norek	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Eva Battaglia	Community Representative
Louise Bochner	Community Representative
Susan Buchan	Community Representative
Diana Deeley	Community Representative
Richard Hewitt	Community Representative
Keelah Lam	Community Representative
Terry Metherell	Community Representative
Cheryl Rose	Community Representative
Peter White	Community Representative
Jacqueline French	Community Representative
Carole Douglas	Community Representative
Angelika Treichler	Little Penguin Warden

Council Staff

Judy Reizes	Manager, Manly Environment Centre
Anthony Hewton	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.

Stephen Clements
Deputy General Manager



ITEM 1	Apologies and leave of absence
ITEM 2	Declarations of Interest – Pecuniary Non- Pecuniary
ITEM 3	Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 8 th April, 2009 and Matters Arising
ITEM 4	Report – Manly Environment Centre and Current Local environmental Issues: ▪ MEC Report ▪ Penguin Warden’s Report ▪ North Head Issues Update ▪ Sydney Water Issues and the National Water Commission Policy
ITEM 5	Report – Priorities for the Committee for 2009-2012. Priorities for whole of committee discussion and finalisation.
ITEM 6	General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration
ITEM 7	Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday, 10 th June, 2009.



MINUTES OF MEETING

MANLY COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY, 8TH APRIL, 2009

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Cathy Griffin
Cllr Lauren Elder

Manly Council

Community Representatives

Richard Hewitt
Eira Battaglia
Cheryl Rose
Peter White
Angelika Treichler
Terry Metherell
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Anthony Hewton
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Judy Reizes

Divisional Manager, Corporate Planning & Strategy
Sustainability Team Leader
Manager, Manly Environment Centre

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Community Environment Committee met on 8th April, 2009, to consider the matters referred to it and now reports having reached the decisions taken and recommendations stated hereunder:

OPEN	The Meeting Commenced At 6.30pm	ACTION
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE LOUISE BOCHNER	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST No declaration of interest were recorded.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The minutes of the Committee meeting held 11 th March, 2009 were approved as a correct record.	

ITEM 4	MATTERS ARISING It was resolved at Council's Planning and Strategy meeting held on 6th April, 2009 that the minutes of the Community Environment Committee be adopted. TERMS OF REFERENCE Previous Terms of Reference for this committee included the following: "Liaison with and support for the Manly Environment Centre, Sustainability Youth Crew and other stakeholders and interested parties, including National Parks and Wildlife Service in the Manly Area." Recommendation: That the above clause be added to the Terms of Reference of this Committee as shown in italics below. <i>Liaison with and support for the Manly Environment Centre, Sustainability Youth Crew and other stakeholders and interested parties, including National Parks and Wildlife Service in the Manly Area.</i>	ACTION Item for Brief Mention
ITEM 5	ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY REPORT Staff presented the evaluation report for projects funded in 2007/8 year. Also they recommended allocation of funds for the levy for the 2009/10 financial year. The following points were noted: • The evaluation report for projects funded from the 2008 /9 financial year will be forwarded to the committee in the second half of this year (after the financial year closes). This financial years projects included the \$150,000 climate change icon project • Importance of a good executive summary in presenting figures and allocations to the committee was noted by staff.. • Committee desired to see Hill to Harbour Tours project to be self funded under the environmental education program to allow for these funds to be utilised in an education project relating to conserving the marine environment. • Some committee members desired more information on Community Garden project and requested the community be consulted with as this project progressed (it still received support for an allocation of funds as recommended). • Committee to continue to monitor bushland allocations in future years. It was noted other funding obtained by Council may lessen the burden from the levy for these funds in 2010/11. • Further reports were requested in relation to the Gross Pollutant Trap Program giving background and its overall effectiveness as well as Environmental Education program and its current focus areas. 5.1 Recommendation That the Committee receives and notes the Annual Report for 2007-2008 environment levy funded projects.	ACTION Item for Brief Mention 5.1 & 5,2

5.2 Recommendation

That the committee recommends to Council that the Draft Environment Levy Budget 2009/10 be endorsed for public exhibition with the Council's General Revenue Budget for 2009/2010.

ACTION

Environment Levy Program 2009/10	
Project Name	2009/10
Biodiversity Program	
Burnt Bridge Creek Restoration	\$65,000
Bushland Restoration Program	\$195,000
Threatened species program	\$10,000
Water Cycle Management Program	
Water Cycle Management	\$73,000
Water Cycle Monitoring and Integrated Decision Support Tool Development	\$40,000
Manly LGA Flood Study and Risk Management Plan (Stage 1 & 2)	\$60,000
Feasibility Assessment – New GPTs (North Harbour & Manly Cove CMP areas)	\$20,000
Sustainable Water Resources – (Water Plan Implementation)	\$30,000
GPT + Water Tanks Maintenance Vote (up to 10% allowed- \$94,600)	\$61,000
Lagoon Conservation & Remediation Program	
Coastline Management Program	
Coastal Environmental Projects	\$155,000
Manly Ocean Beach CMP Implementation	\$65,000
Harbour based Coastline Management Plans - Implementation	\$45,000
Education for Sustainability Program	
Education for Sustainability Strategy Implementation	\$96,000
Ocean Care Day	\$20,000
Manly Community Garden & Nursery	\$16,000
Fair Trade Manly	\$2,000

Manly Ambassadors	\$4,000
Environment Levy Community Communication Strategy	\$6,000
TOTAL ENVIRONMENT LEVY FUNDED PROJECTS 2009/10:	\$966,000

ITEM 6	MEC REPORT ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES The report circulated with the Agenda was spoken to by the Manager of the MEC. Recommendation That the report be received and noted.	ACTION
ITEM 6.1	PENGUINS AT MANLY WHARF AND FEDERATION POINT The Penguin Warden Representative reported that there are a number of developments which could impact on the penguins. She also advised that the Community Reference Group for the Penguins had been dissolved. Recommendations: It is recommended that a report be brought back to the committee on the status of the Community Reference Group, and how issues relating to the protection of penguin critical habitat are dealt with as part of the development approval process at Council.	ACTION Report be prepared by Staff
ITEM 6.2	AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF POLICE MANAGEMENT N.S.W. Planning Minister Keneally and Federal Minister for Home Affairs Mr Bob Debus, announced the approval of the AIPM's Preferred Project. However, an officer from the Referrals Section, Federal Department of Environment, Water and Heritage has verbally advised that their Department has not been notified by the NSW Government as yet. When the report from NSW Planning is received, the approval process is 40 days. Letter of 2nd December, 2008 received from their Minister Garrett assured Council that his department would assess "matters raised when deciding whether or not the proposal should be approved under the EPBC Act." Recommendation: Council seek written confirmation from Minister Garrett as to the current status of the approval of this Preferred Project under the <i>Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999</i> which his Department administers.	ACTION Item for Brief Mention & action as adopted by Council
ITEM 6.3	NORTH (SYDNEY) HARBOUR AQUATIC RESERVE EXTENSION AND SYDNEY MARINE PARK Councillor Elder has requested that this matter be deferred until the June meeting and that a staff member of National Parks Association be invited to brief the committee.	ACTION Lead Officer to invite NPA staff & place item on June Agenda

ITEM 7	PRIORITIES FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR 2009-2012 Priorities were presented to the meeting for discussion and it was decided to defer discussion until the next meeting. Prior to the next meeting, Committee members are encouraged to send their ideas to the Chair so that they can be collated, presented and finalised at the next meeting.	ACTION Committee members to send priorities list to Chair
ITEM 8	NEXT MEETING DATE: Date: 13 th May, 2009 Time: 6.30pm Venue: Manly Council. Meeting closed at 9.55pm	



TO: Community Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: 13th May 2009

AUTHOR: Judy Reizes, Environment Committee Coordinator

SUBJECT: MEC and current Local Environmental Issues Report

1. INTRODUCTION

This report addresses the monthly Manly Environment Centre report and other issues for information.

2. INFORMATION

MANLY ENVIRONMENT CENTRE REPORT

The focus of the MEC has been the development of operational and strategic plans. The MEC has worked on the following initiatives in March/April:-

a. EDUCATION

- MEC developed talks program and delivered to after school care kids.
- MEC in conjunction with Manly Council talks at local primary school.

b. YOUTH

- In conjunction with Youth Week and Manly Youth Centre, MEC engaged youth at Manly Beach with questions relating to Manly's Environment – vox pops to camera.

c. MEETINGS, TALKS, FESTIVALS & EVENTS

- Meeting at Museum for Science Week 15th – 23rd August, in conjunction with Lagoon Event.
- MEC appointed to National Science Week Committee.
- Guringai Festival – Talk with Frances Bodkin, June 13th 2pm – 4pm.

d. COMMUNICATIONS

- Posters in production for Jennifer Simpson & Frances Bodkin talks.
- Update of databases.
- Development of online competition.

Little Penguins Report

The penguin Warden representative will report on current issues relating to the protection of little Penguins within the Manly LGA. Staff report that DECC has produced a draft Little

Penguin Monitoring Report for the 08/09 Breeding Season. Overall the report indicates a good breeding season but obviously overall numbers still mean we are dealing with an endangered colony and we still need to maintain all current measures in terms of conditioning DAS, education, signage and enforcement initiatives and in supporting Warden activities. The next breeding season will go from approximately mid June to the end of February.

North Head Issues Update

Once the previous minutes of the Committee of Council are adopted by Council on 4 May 2009, staff will seek written confirmation from Minister Garrett as to the current status of the approval of this Preferred Project under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999* which his Department administers.

Sydney Water Issues and that National Water Commission Policy

Jenifer Simpson will speak about her book on Saturday, 2nd May at Manly Art Gallery. The book "From waste-d-water to pure water" has been funded by the National Water Commission as it contributes to an improved public understanding of recycled water. It provides easy-to-understand information on the issues underlying water recycling and treatment processes. It received an international award for "the best popular presentation of water science". This has future implications for the future of sustainable water and the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report is received and noted.

Judy Reizes

Manly Environment Centre Manager

Community Environment Committee

4 May 2009



TO: Community Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: 13th May 2009

AUTHOR: Anthony Hewton, Divisional Manager
Corporate Planning and Strategy

SUBJECT: **Priorities of the Community Environment Committee 2009
– 2012**

1. INTRODUCTION

At the April meeting Committee members were asked to provide input to the priorities of the committee.

This information has then subsequently been categorised under common headings as follows to assist facilitating a discussion and final adoption of priorities to be addressed by this Committee of this term of Council.

2. INFORMATION

Points noted by the Chair of the Committee and staff are as follows:

- Last meeting the point was made that we should focus on the useful, the achievable (within the 4 yr term of this Council), the local and the collaborative.
- It is also worth noting that there are several other committees concerning themselves with what could be described as 'environmental issues'. Climate Change & Sustainability, Waste, Sustainable Transport, Harbour Foreshore, Land Use Management and Urban Design Committees, to name but a few. So with this in mind it is important that we do not duplicate the effort but communicate and collaborate with these committees and vice versa and focus on issues that are not being addressed elsewhere. (Note staff have separated out those priorities that fall into this category which require separate and specific discussion as to if they are core business of this Committee or another.)
- The chair included an item for discussion 'Cataloguing the resources held in the MEC' to ensure the broadest access. Staff prefer this issue be translated into... *Access, availability and usage of MEC resources* to follow contemporary Information Management trends. Care will need to be taken to keep such a discussion at a strategic as opposed to an operational level.

Priorities to be Addressed By Committee

1. Integrated Plan of Management for North Head
 - a. Ensure Council engagement with Sydney Water, DECC and EPA on the renewal of the NHSTP licences
 - b. Ensure Council engagement with all stakeholders on the uses and management of North Head
 - c. Ensure Council continued support for the North Head Sanctuary Foundation
 - d. Support proposal for World Heritage Listing of Sydney Harbour
2. Declaration of Sydney Harbour as a Marine Park
 - a. Ensure Council engagement with stakeholders to facilitate the declaration of the Sydney Harbour Marine Park
3. Develop and implement a timetable for informed discussion, analysis and advice on Environment Levy programmes and budget.
4. Protection of the environment from damage caused by sewer overflows and rubbish entering the stormwater system.
5. *Access, availability and usage of MEC resources* to follow contemporary Information Management trends.

Priorities Which Require Monitoring From Other Committees' Deliberations: (not Core Functions of Community Environment Committee)

Conservation of the Natural Heritage in Manly

Raise awareness of the importance of the preserving and improving the ecological balance of the natural environment. For example:

- i. Native flora and fauna
- ii. Open space
- iii. Natural sandstone formations
- iv. Community gardens
- v. Sustainable streets
- vi. Feral animals
- vii. Noxious weeds
- viii. Green corridors

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- i. That the Manly Community Environment Committee adopt priorities 1-5 listed above, and

- ii. That the the Manly Community Environment Committee monitors the issues I to vii listed above but not consider these core priorities of the Committee.

Anthony Hewton

Divisional Manager Corporate Planning and Strategy

Community Environment Committee

4 May 2009