



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL, 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
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 Manger

Executive Manager – Land Use and Sustainability

Date: 2 April, 2014.



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 9 April, 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.

Glenn our Intern from Macquarie University commenced with us and he will be with us until August. We continue to receive more Intern and Volunteer applications every month.

MEETINGS:

Meetings attended in March included:-

- 5 March** – Meeting with Earthwatch Co-ordinator for Childrens Education Program TeachWild
- 10 March** – Education for Sustainability Workshop – NSEEN, Coal Loader, North Sydney.
- 12 March** – Community Environment Committee Meeting
- 12 March** - FoCTB Working Group meeting.
- 13 March** – Urban Water Regulation Conference
- 17 March** – Guringai Festival – Meeting at Manly Community Centre.
- 18 March** – North Head Sanctuary Executive meeting.
- 19 March** - Interview with CNC World TV on MEC & FoCTB.
- 20 March** – Meeting – Sustainable Education for Teachers.
- 24 March** – Bandicoot Recovery Team meeting.
- 26 March** – Internship meeting
- 28 March** - Student Researcher on Penguins from University of Newcastle

VISITS/EVENTS/LAUNCHES:

- 13 March** – Lecture by Polly Higgins, "Do We Need an International Law of Ecocide?"

FRIENDS OF CABBAGE TREE BAY VOLUNTEER GROUP (FOCTB)

Our next information session and volunteer enrichment day is April 5th to be held at ICMS with Professor of Marine Ecology UTS, David Booth, is speaking on Weedy Seadragons. David's presentation will cover information about these marine creatures and their disappearance from the bay - if in fact they have disappeared and the possibility of them returning. Two of our volunteers will speak to recruits about becoming FOCTB volunteers. Morning tea will be supplied. A new volunteer system has been put in place so that volunteers can now add their rosters online.

MEC ECO AWARDS

Over 120 attended our 9th MEC Eco awards with the highest number of nominations to date – 24.

The event was held at Manly SeaLife Sanctuary, the catering and staff was supplied by the International College of Management Sydney and Laurie Bimson performed the Welcome to Country.

John Turnbull a Visiting Fellow of SIMS and Adjunct Professor Macquarie University Graduate School spoke in his capacity as an Executive Committee Member, National Parks Association of NSW, on Sustainable Seas and Marine National Parks, the theme for Sea Week.

Entertainment for the evening was performed by Jessie Witney.

Henry Wong acted as MC for the evening and the awards were presented by Mayor Jean Hay. The artwork prize was painted by local artist Mark Budd.

The winner of the 2014 Eco Awards was Eira Battaglia, an environmental warrior with over ten years' commitment to conserving Manly's marine and bushland ecosystems.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes
Manly Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator
2 April, 2014