



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER, 2013

TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

PLACE: Councillors' Room, First Floor, 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

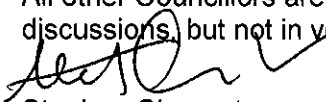
Other Representatives

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: 1 October, 2013.



AGENDA

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING TO BE HELD ON Wednesday, 9 October, 2013

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 September, 2013 and Matters Arising.
- ITEM 4** MEC Report & Current Local Environmental Issues Report
- ITEM 5** Burnt Bridge Creek Tour with Chris Kraus on Monday, 14 October, 2013
- ITEM 6** Presentation by Catherine Price, Sydney University on Research Project on Monitoring Bandicoots in the Residential Area
- ITEM 7** North Head Waste Water Treatment Plant Issues –
 - Copies of Presentations at last meeting will be tabled
 - Sydney Water's response to the Committee's recommendation from the last meeting
- ITEM 8** Penguins at Manly Wharf
- ITEM 9** Cabbage Tree Bay Issues:
 - Sand Migration Project
 - Designated Swimming Zone
 - Dogs
- ITEM 10** North Harbour Seagrass Issues – Response from Fisheries re Signage on Manly Cove Pool Structure and around Seagrass-friendly Moorings

- ITEM 11 Garigal National Park Mountain Bike Trail**
- ITEM 12 General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting
and Approved for Consideration.**
- ITEM 13 Next Meeting: Wednesday 13 November, 2013 at 7.00pm.**



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 9 October, 2013
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:

French Intern Severine has now left us after being with us for 3 months and Austrian Intern Elisa has now left after being with us for 2 months.

Interns Tiago & Sam both started during September & will be with us for 3 months.

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

MEETINGS:

Meetings attended in September included:-

28 August – Guided tour for MEC Interns by the Manager of the North Head Waste Water Treatment Plant.

3 September – Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay Meeting with Working Asian Women's Group.

9 September – Bike Life Festival meeting – Council groups

12 September – Bandicoot meeting with Council staff and Sydney University researcher.

19 September – Bike Life Festival meeting with Ed McPeake.

19 September - Meeting with OOSH & Community Creative Lotte Conradi for OCD 2013.

VISITS/EVENTS/LAUNCHES:

8 September – Q Station Talks series - Narrabeen Man: a 4000 year-old Slaying in Sydney. Denise Donlon tells how an excavation near Narrabeen Beach Sydney in 2005 uncovered the articulated skeletal remains of an adult Aboriginal male.

20 September – Manly Art Gallery exhibition - *'Gamaragal - Aboriginal People of Manly and Northern Sydney'*.

24 September – City Talks with Dr David Suzuki, Dr Tim Flannery & Clover Moore.

26 September - Launch of Biodiversity Communications Project and Manly Lagoon Mural with Manly OOSH.

19 September – Launch of Clear Sky Solar Investments Community Renewable Energy Project.

This not-for-profit community project is an initiative of the Northern Beaches Chapter of Clean Energy for Eternity, assisted by a grant from the NSW Office of environment and Heritage Community Renewable Energy Program. Their objectives are to facilitate the rapid acceleration of renewable energy up take in Australia by:

- supporting communities and individuals that would like to invest in renewable energy projects to get a significant competitive return on an ethical and transparent investment.
- providing an independent analysis of project feasibility to ensure that projects create significant reliable returns
- increasing the amount of solar energy produced in Australia.
- provide administrative and web-based support by community renewable energy projects.

The MEC launched Clean Energy for Eternity's national "Lifesaving Energy" Project with 5,000 people forming those words on North Steyne beach at Ocean Care Day 2006.

Elisa Brunner our Austrian Intern whose university project was local renewable energy projects assisted the Clear Sky group with the design and preparation of brochures, and the launch.

Launch of National Biodiversity Month and Manly Council's Community Biodiversity Project and Hop In and Help Manly Lagoon Mural Installed under Stuart Somerville Bridge.

Thirty five children from Manly OOSH attended the launch with the Mayor, Councillors Bingham and Griffin, Council and MEC staff. These young children loved the mural and were able to tell the adults how to protect our storm water.

Council's Community Biodiversity Project has been funded by the Environmental Levy and has a number of elements to be implemented by the MEC. The first part will start next term with a children's picture book author working with 5 schools to write a picture book about a local species. Printed copies of the completed books will be provided to the school and Manly Library. Next year's part of the project will include designing panels about local species for existing signs at a variety of Council facilities.

Bike Life Festival 2013.

Sunday 22nd September was the 2nd annual Bike Life Festival including the Retro Ride. Over 3000 people attending over the day. The event was launched by Jean Hay, Mayor of Manly, Alan Le Surf acted as MC and special guest was past Olympian cyclist Sid Taberlay. Neil Evers performed the Welcome to Country and Cody & Corey performed on didge and in song. Exhibitor numbers were up more than threefold on last year with 23 exhibitors plus MEC and Road Safety stands. A highlight of the festival was the NSW Inaugural Cyclo Cross event which was run in conjunction with the Manly Warringah Cycle Club and brought in big crowds in the afternoon including children's events with under 7 competing ...along with parents and 7 – 13's an area to grow next year. Other new events included the highly entertaining 'Fix-a-Flat competition' with winner taking out the 'Golden Pump', a Catch-a-Critter race and slow bike race for young children. Lions Club BBQ was busy all day as were the Fair-trade Classic Coffee Van and the Cantina Mexican food van. Promotion for the Bike Life Festival included 'Bike Rack Wrap' – with local artists wrapping the bike racks around town. The new artwork for the festival with images of the Yarn bombed Bike on all artwork and banners worked well and linked in with the bike being moved around Manly in the lead up to the event. Social media planned a large part in the marketing of the event with exhibitors using it to target their networks. Exhibitors from other side of town called up to participate as the event was listed on NSW Bike Week website and many other bike related websites. Artists painted 'en plein air' at the event and then participated in the 'Cycle' Art Exhibition which was held with the Manly Community Centre over the following weekend 27, 28 and 29 September as part of the Manly Arts Festival.

Entertainment stage was powered by people pedalling on bikes rigged to the AV equipment for the launch and for the musicians throughout the day. Highlight of entertainment acts was 'Uncle Jed', contestants in 'Australia's Got Talent!' A highly successful and sustainable event.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes
Manly Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator
1 October, 2013