



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER, 2013

TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

PLACE: Downstairs in the Training Room, 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 December, 2013.



MEETING TO BE HELD ON Wednesday, 11 December, 2013

**DOWNSTAIRS IN THE TRAINING ROOM, MANLY TOWN HALL,
1 BELGRAVE ST, MANLY**

- Agenda Manly CEC Meeting 11 December, 2013

**ITEM 13 General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting
and Approved for Consideration.**

ITEM 14 Next Meeting: Wednesday 12 February, 2014 at 7.00pm.



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 11 December, 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:

A number of new Volunteers have started with us.

We had 3 students from St Augustines College with us for 4 days in the lead up to Ocean Care Day for their Work Experience.

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

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

MEETINGS:

Meetings attended in November included:-

4 November – Sydney Water Community Meeting North Head WWTP REF.

4 November - Wilderness Society re Ocean Care Day.

7 November - Ocean Care Day meeting with Manly Community Centre.

9 November – Presentation at MEC to Ryde TAFE Coastal students.

21 November – Meeting at North Head WWTP re Voluntary Audit.

29 November – Photoshoot with Manly Daily for Ocean Care Day.

VISITS/EVENTS/LAUNCHES:

Macquarie University & Professional and Community Engagement, Faculty of Science

- **Student Presentation “Sand Transportation on Shelly Beach, Manly, NSW” by Steven George, Nathan Green, Jen Hallett.**
- **Presentation Evening for Project Supervisors attended by Judy Reizes.**

20th OCEAN CARE DAY 2013 – THEME HAVE A WHALE OF DAY

The most successful day ever included: Kimberley, the 11.5m whale and a Marine Parade, 45 Eco exhibitors and 22 Fair Trade exhibitors 17 artists, 2 music stages, and 10 musicians.

Valerie Taylor, guest speaker, gave a brilliant address about the need for marine conservation. Paul Sharpe, Two Hands Project spoke about the need to keep the sea plastic free and he also complimented Manly on being a model for others to follow as it is the most active area in Australia on marine conservation. Brendon Donohue from Surfrider, one of the original partners in the first Ocean Care Day also spoke in support.

FRIENDS OF CABBAGE TREE BAY VOLUNTEERS

49 people signed up to be a “friend” plus 4 actual signing to volunteer.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes
Manly Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator
2 December, 2013



TO: **Community Environment Advisory Committee**

MEETING DATE: 13 November 2013

AUTHOR: Secretariat

SUBJECT: **Proposed Committee meeting dates for 2014**

1. INTRODUCTION

Below are proposed meeting dates for the Community Environment Advisory Committee for 2014.

2. INFORMATION

The following table sets out the proposed meeting dates for the Community Environment Advisory Committee meetings for 2014. The meetings have been scheduled monthly for the first 2nd Wednesday of the month, meeting to commence at 7.00pm, Manly Town Hall, 1 Belgrave Street, Manly and will run for a maximum of 2 hours, as per the current meeting schedule.

Jan 2014	Feb 2014	Mar 2014	April 2014	May 2014	June 2014	July 2014	Aug 2014	Sept 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014
	12	12	9	14	11	9	13	10	8	12	10

3. RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed dates for 2014 be approved.

Secretariat
Corporate Services Division

Date: 12 November 2013

Manly: a special place

The abundance of natural beauty in Manly has attracted many residents to Manly where a cosmopolitan lifestyle in an environmental wonderland is irresistible. And it is this environment that Manly Council is committed to preserving and improving for all to enjoy.

Why we need your help to maintain our environment

In the past, environmental awareness, obligations and standards were either not known or understood and consequently ignored.

Manly Council and the community have recently identified many environmental concerns as well as strategies for addressing past environmental damage and minimising future degradation.

Manly Council's proposed program of works will result in cleaner water in the ocean, harbour, Manly Lagoon and creeks. The entire Manly community and our large visitor population will benefit from this program.

What are the environmental projects and how will they be identified?

Environmental projects will be linked to the State of the Environment Reports and Council's Three Year Management Plan.

These include:

- Sandy Bay/Clontarf stormwater drainage, pollutant traps and rehabilitation.
- Creek restoration programs (eg. Burnt Bridge Creek).
- Manly Lagoon flood management and restoration program.
- Stormwater quality devices to reduce the flow of pollutants into our waterways.
- Foreshore regeneration.
- Register of contaminated sites.
- Centralised washing up service for takeaway food shops within and adjacent to The Corso, and many many more.

The criteria used will be:

- i) the proposal must involve visible environmental improvements
- ii) significant outcomes must be achieved within 12 months
- iii) the programs must provide environmental benefits throughout the whole of the Manly Council area.

Why do we need a levy?

A program of this scope involves undertakings of a considerable capital nature. Quite simply, funding for new expenditure on such improvements is beyond Council's current ordinary resources as nearly all income is committed to funding current services. Council needs to develop a separate funding strategy if this essential work is to proceed.

How much funding is required?

To make a substantial impact on the Manly environment, an annual amount of \$1,000,000 has been targeted for the next three years.

Some of the projects should be eligible for matching government grants. Responsibility for Manly Lagoon is shared between Manly and Warringah Councils. Council will pursue all avenues to acquire grants and assistance for our projects.

What would this mean to ratepayers?

As a guideline, if your land is valued at \$160,000 you would pay approximately \$50 per annum. At the other end of the scale, land valued at \$700,000 would pay around \$245 per annum. The average would be around \$66, representing \$1.25 per week per property.

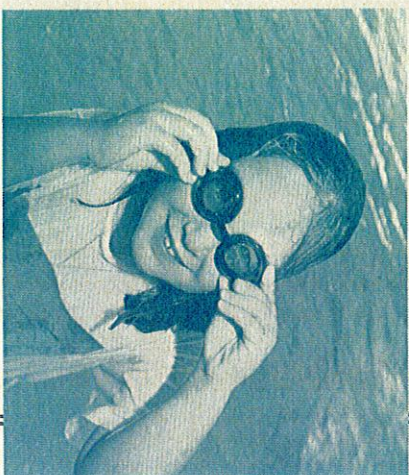
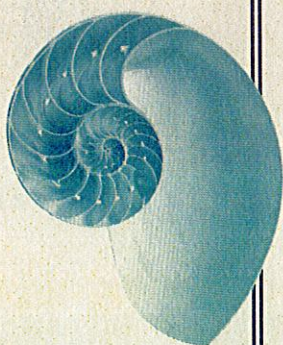
Nobody likes to pay rates and taxes, but we hope that ratepayers will consider this a small price to pay to restore and preserve Manly's magnificent environment.

Will Council ensure the levy is well spent?

Council is committed to ensuring the best use of funds in works and programs of an environmental nature that will show significant improvements. In the first year, a small percentage of the total money will need to be spent on planning and design.

How will funds be accounted for?

The process will be open and transparent and Council will report regularly to all residents.



**"Every nation has its
cultural landscapes**

**to which people come for
contemplation and spiritual renewal,
for relaxation, for a spectacle or to
mark a significant moment in
their lives.**

**In the past, these places were often
accessible only to a privileged few.
Now, frequently, they are open
to all..."**

*Ann Whiston Spira
in 'Landscape Australia' 1989*



How can I be more involved?

You can participate in a Public Meeting
which will be held on

Wednesday, 7 May at 7.30pm

at

**St Mary's Church Hall
Whistler Street, Manly**

**You can write to the Mayor or General Manager
expressing your views.**

Your Council is seeking the support of
the entire Manly community in working together
to act on these major environmental concerns.

Further details on the proposed levy and the
environmental projects will be available in the
Council offices from Monday, 5 May.



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The Environment Levy

A small price to pay for Manly's Waterways