



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER, 2015

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 Hugh Burns	Manly Council (Chair)

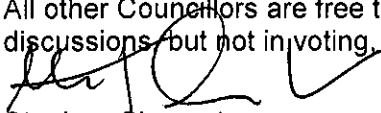
Other Representatives

Sue Matthews	Penguin Warden Representative
Michella Burgers	Community Representative
Jacqueline French	Community Representative
Natasha Hammond-Deakin	Community Representative
Lloyd Keen	Community Representative
Keelah Lam	Community Representative
Rosanna Peruillo-Boutin	Community Representative
Jan Ritchie	Community Representative
Janne Seletto	Community Representative
David Thomas	Community Representative
Michael Treanor	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: 30 September, 2015.



MEETING TO BE HELD ON Wednesday 14 October,
at 7.00pm.

ITEM 1	Apologies and leave of absence.
ITEM 2	Declarations of Interest – Pecuniary Non – Pecuniary
ITEM 3	Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting 9 September, 2015 and Matters Arising.
ITEM 4	MEC Report & Current Local Environmental Issues Report
ITEM 5	Penguin Warden Report
ITEM 6	Long-nosed Bandicoots
ITEM 7	Manly's Threatened Populations of Bandicoots and Penguins and the NSW Independent Biodiversity Legislation Review Panel For further information and to register your interest go to: http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/biodiversitylegislation/index.htm
ITEM 8	25 Year Celebration of Community Environment Advisory Committee
ITEM 9	Sydney Marine Park Information Night at Manly on 29 October, 2015

- ITEM 10** **Sydney Water Issues:**
a. Meeting at Manly Council Chambers re Odours in October
b. Sewage Treatment Standards
- ITEM 11** **Management of Sharks in NSW – Invitation to Comment by 23 October.**
- ITEM 12** **Street Tree Management Plan**
- ITEM 13** **Environmental Levy Update**
- ITEM 14** **General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting
and Approved for Consideration**
- ITEM 15** **Next Meeting: Wednesday, 11 November, 2015 at 7.00pm.**



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 14 October, 2015
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.

MEETINGS:

Meetings attended in September included:-

- 2 September** – Visit from representatives Tasmanian Derwent River Penguin Colony.
- 4 September** - Meeting with Peak Environmental Groups on Sydney Marine Park.
- 7 September** - Meeting with CEO of Inspiring Transitions.
- 7 September** - Meeting with OEH and staff re Penguin Education Evening.
- 8 September** – Harbourtrust Community Advisory Committee Meeting.
- 12 September** – North Head Sanctuary Foundation AGM.
- 14 September** – Meeting with academic staff of UTS re cataloguing MEC resources.
- 16 September** - Meeting with potential new Intern.
- 16 September** – Manly Council Community Penguin Information night at Sea Life Sanctuary.
- 18 September** – Meeting re event in Manly to promote Sydney Marine Park Campaign.
- 18 September** - KABC Awards night attended by Robynne Millward.
- 21 September** – Meeting with University students re Shark project.
- 23 September** – Meeting potential new Intern.
- 23 September** – Meeting at Council with Sydney Water local staff and Eduard McPeake.
- 23 September** – Guringai Festival Meeting with Manly Community Centre, Warringah Council & Sanctuary Respite Centre with regard to Weaving Bridges Project and birds off the bridge.
- 24 September** – Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay Working Group Meeting.
- 24 September** – Meeting at Sydney Coastal Councils with EPA staff re Sydney Water Licence.
- 24 September** – Divisional meeting.
- 25 September** – Campaign meeting at NPA office re Sydney Marine Park.
- 30 September** - Meeting with Macquarie University, Student Cadets Relationship Officer.

VISITS/EVENTS/LAUNCHES:

Renewable Energy Efficiency Forum 8 September

The Forum was very well attended by over 100 people. The Forum outlined the most up-to-date methods & technologies available for reducing energy use in the home & for keeping homes warmer in winter and cooler in summer, focusing on practical things that can be done.

The Speakers included: James Bramwell from the organisation Energy Freedom about efficient renewable energy; Michael Mobbs, a sustainability consultant who has made his own house independent of water, sewage & power supplies; Christina Kirsch from ClearSky Investments – investing in renewable energy. Information provided by MEC on ways to improve your efficiency, take advantage of rooftop solar & get Coal Seam Gas out of your house & to compare the costs and change to renewable-friendly electricity providers. The speakers' presentations were followed by an interesting and entertaining Q & A Session.

Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay

Continue to recruit new volunteers to this very popular program. Organise rosters and monthly meetings. Reported that lots of interest in new Regulatory signs.

VISIT BY STAFF FROM TASMANIAN RIVER DERWENT PENGUIN COLONY

Two staff members visited the MEC on 2 September and

- Met Penguin Warden Sue Matthews and we discussed the history and management of Manly's Penguins.
- Complementary visit to Sea Life Sanctuary to view their live Penguin exhibit and a meeting with their staff.
- Tour of Federation Point Wildlife Protection Area and Manly Wharf Habitat by Sue Matthews.
- Walking tour around Manly Point Critical Habitat.
- Meeting with Penguin Wardens on night duty at Manly Wharf.

The visitors were very interested in our management of the penguins and most grateful for our hospitality.

Digital Environmental Education through Video Conferencing Hub

We are now getting some runs on the board with our Video Conferencing Environmental Education program.

'Sharks & Parks' VC with 6 schools, with guest speaker from Sea Life Sanctuary, Ed Duckett who has a PhD in Marine Science. For the final term of the year we aim to continue to pilot our new program of events.

Judy Reizes

Manly Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator

29 September, 2015