



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

DATE: Wednesday 8 May, 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
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Susan Buchan	Community 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
Dr Jan Ritchie	Community Representative
David Thomas	Community Representative
Karen Pitt	Community Representative
Jan Ritchie	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, Landuse & Sustainability

Date: 26 April, 2013



MEETING TO BE HELD ON Wednesday 8 May, 2013

at 7.00pm.

**THE COUNCILLORS' ROOM, MANLY TOWN HALL,
1 BELGRAVE ST, MANLY**

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| ITEM 1 | Apologies and leave of absence. |
| ITEM 2 | Declarations of Interest – Pecuniary
Non - Pecuniary |
| ITEM 3 | Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting 10 April, 2013 and Matters Arising. |
| ITEM 4 | MEC Report & Current Local Environmental Issues Report |
| ITEM 5 | Penguin Warden Report |
| ITEM 6 | Update on Environment Levy Bids 2013-14 |
| ITEM 7 | Update on North Head Sewage Treatment Plant Issues |
| ITEM 8 | General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration. |
| ITEM 9 | Next Meeting: Wednesday 12 June, 2013 at 7.00pm. |



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY 10 April, 2013

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Cathy Griffin

Other Representatives

Karen Pitt

Susan Buchan

David Thomas

Diana Deeley

Jacqueline French

Natasha Hammond-Deakin

Lloyd Keen

Jan Ritchie

Penguin Warden

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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Environment Advisory Committee** met on 10 April, 2013, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 7.10pm.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Cllr. Hugh Burns, Keelah Lam, Neil Ohlback, Michella Burgers

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Nil

ACTION

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 13th March are confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING

It was resolved at Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 8th of April that the minutes of the COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE of 13th March be adopted.

ACTION

ITEM4 ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY BIDS 2013-14

Eduard McPeake presented the summary of bids to the Committee and the following issues were discussed:

a. **Manly Environment Centre Bids:**

20 th Ocean Care Day	\$18,000 (bid \$22,000)
Bike Life Festival	\$20,000 (bid \$22,000)
Biodiversity Communication Strategy (incl. \$10,000 for Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay)	\$30,000

b. **New Project – Replacement of Protected Seahorse Habitat on Manly Cove Swimming Enclosure**

Council has agreed at their meeting of 8th April to allocate funds for a plan to be developed in stages to attach trampoline style nets to the swimming enclosure structure. The project could take a number of years to complete and grant funding could be sought to assisting in funding project. It would be preferable if the first stage could commence before December this year as the breeding season takes place between March and September.

Council is also considering the possibility of installing similar systems for seahorse habitat in other harbour pools, like Little Manly.

c. **Community Gardens in Manly**

Funds will be available to encourage the development of community gardens in the Manly LGA \$18,000

d. **Fair Trade Markets**

The committee questioned the need to fund the Fair Trade markets from the Environment Levy. The committee requests that Council consider other options for promoting Fair Trade, ie inclusion in the World Food Markets.

ITEM 5 MANLY ENVIRONMENT CENTRE ISSUES

a. **MEC Report**

That the monthly MEC Report as tabled be accepted.

b. **Day at the Bay, Sunday 21st April at Shelly Beach**

Completed poster was tabled and much admired by the committee. However, they expressed concern that the poster included the Surf City logo and that Manly is being promoted as a City.

The Committee is disappointed in the lateness of the poster,

particularly after the successful meeting with Communications staff and members of the Committee.

c. **MEC Premises:**

Committee members discussed MEC accommodation and the possibility for the need to relocate should the lease expire on the current premises. The Committee understands that there are not any Council owned properties available in the foreseeable future.

ITEM 6 PENGUINS AT MANLY WHARF

Karen Pitt, Penguin Warden reported on behaviour changes in the one remaining penguin at Manly Wharf.

Judy Reizes advised that after many months of discussion with National Parks and Wildlife, they have prepared a beautiful book on the penguins at Manly Wharf and the role the Penguin Wardens have played over many years in their protection has been completed. The book will be launched at Manly Sea Life Sanctuaries on 1st May. Preliminary comments of teachers involved in Taronga Zoo's Project Penguin this year are very enthusiastic.

ITEM 7 A. NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Letter from Local Member, Mike Baird was tabled stating that he had made representations on Council's behalf to Sydney Water, and attaching the reply from their Managing Director, Kevin Young. Both letters are attached.

Mr Young advised that he would be attending an extra session of the North Head Consultative Committee so that "he could address the issues raised by Council further. Part of this session will also involve examining Sydney Water's monitoring and providing a national/international comparison of licence standards."

Mr Young also suggested that if Council or Clean Oceans Foundation would like to know more about this event, they can contact a specific Sydney Water officer. Committee members would like to take the opportunity of attending this meeting.

Recommendation: that Council request, the Local Member, Mike Baird to facilitate the attendance of members of this committee when the Managing Director of Sydney Water addresses the special meeting of the North Head Consultative Committee.

In addition, a letter from the Robyn Parker, Minister for the Environment, in reply to the concerns raised by Clean Oceans Foundation was tabled. (see attached). To quote from the information provided by the Minister, there were a number of statements which the Committee believes supports Council's view that Sydney Water's Sewage Treatment Plant and Systems are well past their use by date, e.g.

- that "...the EPA considers the performance of Sydney Water Corporation's Northern Suburbs Sewage Treatment System, including the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant to be

appropriate considering the age and design of the infrastructure.”

and

- “There have been several licence non-compliances for the Northern Suburbs STS, mainly relating to overflows from the sewerage network. Dry weather overflows in the network system prior to reaching the treatment plant are usually the **result of blockages and breaks in sewer pipes, often caused by tree roots or pipe failure due to age.**”

B. NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT ODOUR MANAGEMENT

It was noted that the Local Member, Mike Baird has not responded to Council's request that he make an announcement about the funding allocated to this treatment plant under Sydney Water's \$80 million Odour Management Project. This Project run by Abigroup began in 2010, to reduce the odour impact on the communities around North Head, Malabar and Cronulla Sewage Treatment Plants.

ITEM 8 BUSHLAND PRESENTATION

The committee would welcome a presentation on Council's bushland from Chris Kraus, Bushland Manager.

ITEM 9 NEXT MEETING DATE: Date: Wednesday 8 May, 2013 Time: 7.00pm. Venue: Manly Council Chambers.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 8 May, 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:

Yuree our intern from South Korea left after being with us for 4 months.
We have a new Intern Seonho Lee who starts with us on 29 April for 4 months.
We had a work experience student with us for 1 week from TAFE.
We continue to receive more Intern and Volunteer applications every month.

A DAY AT THE BAY, SUNDAY, 10AM TO 4PM, 21ST APRIL AT SHELLY BEACH, 11TH ANIVERSARY OF CABBAGE TREE BAY AQUATIC RESERVE

The weather was perfect and attracted many people to this very successful day at which there was something for everyone. Our many volunteers helped set up and manned the MEC tent, where where there were long queues for facepainting with marine characters and numerous marine-based activities were very popular.

The Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay Volunteers were stationed at a number of sites and attracted a lot of interest.

The Boomerang Alliance 'Kick The Can' campaign for deposits on bottles giant Coke bottle got a lot of attention too.

Speakers included Jess Relton on Shelly Beach Headland Flora and Fauna, Damien McClellan on our International Surfing Reserve, Aleisa Lamanna (Manly Council) on Council's Bandicoot Monitoring Project and Dr. Belinda Curley, Marine Scientist.

Snorkel Tours and Stand-up Paddle boards were on offer.

MEETINGS:

Meetings/Visits/events attended in April included:-

- 3 April** – Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay Working Group meeting.
- 12 April** – Meeting prospective intern and agency.
- 15 April** – Guringai Festival Meeting at North Sydney Council.

VISITS/EVENTS/LAUNCHES:

4 April – Robynne Millward conducted the MEC's 1st Video Conferencing Session with school students which included 11 year old US student, Milo Cress speaking and answering student questions live about his Strawfree project.

9 April - Guringai 'Weaving Bridges Project' information and demonstration session at Manly Community Centre.

10 April - Visit by 30 Students from St Olaf's College, Minnesota, USA to MEC.

16 April - Guringai Festival "Weaving Bridges" Project Yarn Bombing Workshops at Manly Community Centre.

23 April - Guringai Festival "Weaving Bridges" Project Yarn Bombing Workshops at Manly Community Centre.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Guringai Festival

Weaving Bridges Project - Workshops held in venues across Manly and Warringah throughout April, May and June. Free event. To celebrate the Guringai Festival come along to help create a 'Weaving Bridges' mural to be installed on the Stuart Sommerville bridge, Queenscliff. Individuals and community groups are invited to participate in *Yarn to Yarn Workshops* by knitting, crocheting, weaving in wool and soft materials to make up the mural. Enjoy a laugh and a yarn with a member of the Aboriginal Community at the same time. We need lots of helping hands for this project.

A Walk & Talk through North Head - Saturday 22 June, 9.45am for 10am walk. Meet at Little Manly Beach (beside cafe). Free event. Learn about your local Aboriginal heritage on a guided walk with Karen Smith, Education Officer, Aboriginal Heritage Office, from Little Manly Beach up to North Head Sanctuary Foundation Nursery. From here join Francis Bodkin, Dharawal knowledge holder and botanical author, as she demystifies the plants in a walk around this special area. Return for a morning tea of wattleseed scones, bush jams and bush teas.

Guringai Festival booklets available at the MEC.

http://www.guringaifestival.com.au/GuringaiBooklet2013_9April%20LR.pdf

Food, Wine & Sustainability Festival – 1 & 2 June - Volunteers needed for MEC stall.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes
Manly Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator
26 April, 2013