



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: Wednesday 14 April 2010

TIME: From 6:30pm to 8:30pm

PLACE: Councillors' Room 1st Floor, Manly Town Hall, 1 Belgrave Street
Manly

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay AM, Mayor (ex officio)
Cllr Cathy Griffin

Manly Council
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Angelika Treichler
Cheryl Rose
Diana Deeley
Eira Battaglia
Jacqueline French
Keelah Lam
Rachel Miller
Richard Hewitt
Susan Buchan
Terry Metherell

Penguin Warden Representative
Community Representative
Community Representative
Community Representative
Community Representative
Community Representative
National Parks & Wildlife Representative
Community Representative
Committee Representative
Community Representative

Observers:

David Thomas
Julie Taylor- Mills
Neil Ohlback

Community Representative
Community Representative
Community Representative

Council Staff

Judy Reizes
Dalene Amm

Manager, Manly Environment Centre
Sustainability Team Leader

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
Date: April 2010



AGENDA

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH APRIL 2010 AT 6.30PM
IN THE COUNCILLORS' ROOM, MANLY COUNCIL**

- ITEM 1** Apologies and leave of absence
- ITEM 2** Declarations of Interest – Pecuniary
Non- Pecuniary
- ITEM 3** Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting 10th March, 2010 (to follow)
and Matters Arising
- ITEM 4** Report - ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY BIDS 2010/2011 – Dalene Amm
- ITEM 5** Report – Manly Environment Centre and Current Local Issues:
(to be tabled)
- MEC
 - Penguin Warden's Report
 - North Head Issues
 - Tour of North Head Sewage Treatment Plan – Saturday morning 1st May 2010
 - Tour of Quarantine Station – Wednesday 12th May 2010 (next meeting date) at 3.00pm
 - Draft Program of Topics for Discussion at Environment Committee Meetings in 2010
- ITEM 6** General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration.
- ITEM 7** Date for Next Meeting:
- Wednesday, 12th May 2010
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Town Hall,
1 Belgrave Street, Manly

**PROCEEDED BY TOUR OF QUARANTINE STATION AT 3.00PM
Please confirm your attendance at the meeting of 14th April 2010**



TO: Community Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: 14 April 2010

AUTHOR: Dalene Amm, Sustainability Team Leader

SUBJECT: **Draft Environment Levy Budget 2010/2011**

1. INTRODUCTION

Staff will present to the Committee the proposed draft Environment Levy Budget for the 2010/2011 financial year.

It is recommended that the draft Environment Levy Budget be endorsed by the Committee.

The draft Environment Levy Budget for 2010/11 will then be reported to Council for public exhibition along with the General Revenue Budget.

2. INFORMATION

The 2010/2011 Draft Environment Levy Budget has been prepared through the usual budget bid process. Staff submitted budget bids in February 2010 following a review of their work programs and Council's strategic guiding documents including the Management Plan, Plans of Management, the Sustainability Strategy, Coastline and Estuary Management Plans etc.

The Draft Environment Levy Budget spreadsheet and a consolidated set of budget bids will be distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting. This information will also be presented to the Committee at the meeting.

The Committee will be asked to consider the proposed Draft Environment Levy Budget and endorse the Draft.

The Committee has requested information concerning the carry forwards figures from the 2008/09 to the 2009/10 fiscal year in order to "Report at the end of the financial year on whether the funds have been separately accounted for and, in particular, to express a view as to whether the additional revenue has been directed to new environmental initiatives additional to the Council's normal operational and capital budget expenditure". The following information is provided to address this matter raised:

The total carry forward figure from 2008/09 to 2009/10 was \$1,669,073. This figure includes cash grant funds received. All funds were carried forward to existing funded projects, including the following:

- Manly Lagoon rehabilitation works
- Sustainable water resources
- Manly Lagoon past, present, future festival
- Bushland reserve restoration
- Tania Park erosion control and access improvement works
- Manly Harbour Coastline Management Plan implementation
- Little Penguin recovery program
- Community awareness of Environment Levy projects
- Climate change risks/impacts
- Integrated catchment management strategy
- Coastal hazards remediation
- Long-nosed Bandicoot program
- Sustainable groundwater & aquifer recharge project
- Environmental history museum
- Gross pollutant traps and alternate water source maintenance vote
- MEC cataloguing
- Education for sustainability
- Water cycle management – intervention and monitoring
- Climate change icon project.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee endorse the Draft Environment Levy Budget 2010/11.

That the committee recommends to Council that:

- 1) The Draft Environment Levy Budget 2010/11 be endorsed for public exhibition with the Council's General Revenue Budget for 2010/2011.

Dalene Amm
Sustainability Team Leader
14 April 2010

ATTACHMENTS

Nil – all bids and Draft Budget documentation has been circulated to Committee members prior to the distribution of the agenda as requested by the Committee.



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 14TH April, 2010
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:-

EDUCATION

- Attended Department of Education & Training Workshop for Teachers on the new Sustainability Curriculum for K-12.
- The project we initiated last year with NSW Health, Kimbriki Tip, Manly Council CEP, Bunnings and the Sea Eagles came to fruition this month. "Ready, Set, Grow" is a pilot program to foster school community gardens which will be rolled out for the Northern Beaches. The highly successful workshop with Peter Rutherford at Kimbriki was well attended by teachers and parents from our schools and preschools.
- Visited the new bush garden and guided tour by students at Balgowlah Heights School. This project was assisted by one of our interns last year.

INTERNSHIPS

- Carl Dill, intern from Germany, has been working on an educational program suitable for all ages called "Manly as an Outdoor Classroom". The project includes a 1 metre x ½ metre map of the LGA showing 4 different walks and location of corresponding plaques. He has also produced a Manual detailing the text of the plaques and artwork.
- Lucie Laine, intern from France, has graduated and provided a copy of her Report "Valuing the Aquatic Diversity of Manly Lagoon" which documents the Manly Lagoon Life Festival and the new MEC initiative of the Lab at the Lagoon.
- Southern Cross graduate intern, assisted by another Marine Science graduate has completed the 2.5m x 4m map on fabric of the marine life of Cabbage Tree Bay for children to colour in at the Day at the Bay on Saturday 24th April at Shelly Beach. An updated report on the Day at the Bay will be provided at the meeting.

MEETINGS, TALKS, FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Meetings/discussions with the following:

- Earthwatch (now based at the North Head Sanctuary) on future projects including their online "Climatewatch", Rakali (native water rats) and UTS Prof. David Booth and his work on impacts of climate change on marine species in Cabbage Tree Bay.
- Project ORCCA and David Jenkins (volunteer whale-watching program on North Head)
- Australian Museum on opportunities to feature the work of Manly conservation groups at the Museum's Exhibition for the International Year of Biodiversity
- Faith and Ecology Network – introducing them to North Head and the Sanctuary Foundation for their Biodiversity Enrichment Day.
- A number of discussions have taken place with the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water regarding the program for the Day at the Bay with the objective of encouraging the community to make submissions.

MEC EcoAward 2010

The award grows in recognition every year with an increase in the number and quality of the nominees. The Awards night at Manly Oceanworld was well attended by the local community who came to cheer on our "Unsung Heroes". This event was supported by local stakeholders including the international College of Management Sydney and Oceanworld.

The winner was Brendon Donohue from Surf rider for his long-time campaigning on sewage pollution from the North Head outfall and Manly Lagoon. The award, a painting by Marty Cullen, and 14 certificates of recognition were presented by the Mayor. The GM acted as MC and guest speaker was 2008 award winner, Dave Thomas from Eco divers.

A photographic exhibition from the Ocean Care Day Festival 2009 was on display.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes
Manly Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator
25th March 2010