



## NOTICE OF MEETING

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

**DATE:** Wednesday 12 May 2010

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

**PLACE:** The Councillors' Room 1<sup>st</sup> 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

#### 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  
Executive Manager – Land Use & Sustainability  
Date: 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010



## IN THE COUNCILLORS' ROOM MANLY COUNCIL



**TO:** Manly Community Environment Committee

**MEETING DATE:** 12th May, 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**

- Next step with the schools "Ready, Set, Grow" pilot program MEC now working with St Mary's School.
- 3 MEC volunteers attended an Earthwatch 'Scientist for a Day' program on the Rakali (native water rats)
- Provided much-appreciated volunteers for National Permaculture Day and ABC Garden Day, at home of Barbara Sheilds-Brown. Barbara's garden attracted a continuous stream of visitors all day.
- MEC volunteer visited local schools and Vacation Care to encourage children to participate at Day at the Bay colouring the Kids Colour the Bay Banner and to bring parents along to make comment on the final draft Cabbage Tree Bay Management Plan.

#### **INTERNSHIPS**

- Southern Cross graduate intern Courtney Mason, assisted by another Marine Science graduate completed 100 x A3 interpretive panels which were displayed along Marine Parade from South Steyne to Shelly beach for the 'Day at the Bay' on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Fantastic feedback from visitors on the day in regard to the artwork and text on the panels.
- Carl Dill, intern from Germany, putting the finishing touches to 'Manly as an Outdoor Classroom' – consulting with the Manly Historical Society, to ensure it includes all environmental signs.

#### **MEETINGS, TALKS, FESTIVALS & EVENTS**

Meetings/discussions with the following:

- Final discussion to confirm participation of Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water at the Day at the Bay with the objective of encouraging the community to make comment.
- Meeting held with David Jenkins (photographer) & Louise Egerton (wildlife author) for participation in 'Day at the Bay'
- Earthwatch discussion finalised with attendance at the 'Day at the Bay'
- Meeting with Sydney Ferries to work together to promote Earth Day on board the Manly Ferry and collection of disposable cups
- Meeting with ICMS to work with their Green Team as volunteers for both Earth Day Celebrations
- Earth Day Celebrations – 2 events

## **1. Earth Day – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Event to highlight the numbers of disposable cups ending up in landfill each year and to promote to commuters the 'Day at the Bay'. Local cafes opening for early morning trading 6.00am – 9am were approached to participate and 5 cafes participated. In conjunction with ICMS Green Team and MEC volunteers, disposable cups were collected on early morning peak hour ferries. The cups collected were placed in clear perspex box, which displayed a range of statistics including numbers of disposable cups going to landfill each year, how long the cups take to break down etc. Keepcups donated 100 cups to be used in this promotion. MEC volunteers gave out flyers to promote 'Day at the Bay'.

The event attracted good local media coverage and international coverage including Google Home Page for Earth Day MEC appeared first on the page, and on 'You Tube' MEC was voted 3<sup>rd</sup> in the top 5 events in the world.

## **2. 'Day at the Bay' – Cabbage Tree Bay, Shelly Beach – Saturday 24th**

- Launch attended by GM Henry Wong, Cllr Jean Hay, Mayor of Manly, Valerie Taylor – marine conservationist, Earthcare's scientist, Andy Donnelly introduced Dr Will Figueira, Senior Lecturer in marine science at Sydney University & SIMS. Dr. Figueira has been researching the impacts of climate change on Cabbage Tree Bay.
- Smoking Ceremony with Uncle Max accompanied by didgeridoo performance.
- 'Artists with Easels' – local artists under the guidance of Art Tree artist Rachel Carroll spent the day creating artwork along Marine Parade. Completed artwork will be displayed later in the year in an exhibition of MEC 'Art in the Year of Biodiversity' (working title) as part of the Manly Art Festival
- Marine Talks, Walks & Tours – John Macdougall from Fishcare gave a guided rock platform walk, Dave Thomas from Eco Divers took small groups on a guided snorkel tour throughout the day, David Jenkins & Louise Egerton had a very successful 'Walk Talk and Snap' highlighting the biodiversity and 'how to' photography pointers along the walkway from South Steyne to Shelly Beach.
- Kids Colour the Bay Art Banner – local school children under the supervision of 'guest artists' (school children who were winners from the Ocean Care Day colouring competition – 2008) coloured in the giant banner (2.5 x 5m) of the marine life of Cabbage Tree Bay which was created by our Southern Cross intern Courtney Mason.
- Artist Sophie Hoppe assisted kids to create her bamboo sphere
- Exhibitors included:-
  - In the MEC tent : MEC, Manly Council- Coastal Planner, DECCW – Hurstville office, National Parks & Wildlife North Head Ranger.
  - North Head Sanctuary
  - National Parks Association
  - Eco Divers
  - Fete stand set up to assist people to write submissions on the draft Management Plan for Cabbage Tree Bay – over 200 submissions collected.

Good local media coverage received including SMH.

Deemed a successful event by all who attended.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes  
Manly Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator  
3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010