



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: 8th June, 2011

TIME: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councillors

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

Other Representatives

Angelika Treichler	Penguin Warden Representative
Cheryl Rose	Community Representative
Jacqueline French	Community Representative
Keelah Lam	Community Representative
Richard Hewitt	Community Representative
Susan Buchan	Community Representative
Diana Deeley	Community Representative
David Thomas	Community Representative
Julie Taylor-Mills or Mark Mills	Community Representative
Neil Ohlbach	Community Representative
Lee DeGail	National Parks & Wildlife Representative

Council Staff

Judy Reizes	Manager, Manly Environment Centre
Michael Galloway	Water Cycle Management 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: 30/5/2011



AGENDA

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE, 2011 6.30PM

COUNCILLORS ROOM, TOWNHALL, 1 BELGRAVE STREET, 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 11 May 2011 and Matters Arising |
| ITEM 4 | Council's resolution 82/11 overrides Item 8 in the Community
Environment Committee minutes of 13 April, 2011 –
"Little Penguins" |
| ITEM 5 | MEC and Current Local Environmental Issues Report |
| ITEM 6 | Guest Speaker – Michael Galloway, Water Cycle Management Team
Leader |
| ITEM 7 | General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the
Meeting and Approved for Consideration |
| ITEM 8 | Date for Next Meeting - Wednesday 13th July, 2011 |



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 8th June, 2011
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:-

CONFERENCE UPDATE

Call for Papers

A committee was established including Dr Dedee Woodside (Zoologist) and Nina BurrIDGE (Academic and MEC founder) to assess the abstracts submitted as part of the call for papers. The three speakers selected from developing countries are:

- Kenya – in relation to the development of the East African Environment Network,
- Nepal - the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Wetlands in Nepal
- Iran – Professor of occupational and environmental toxicology at Shiraz University of Medical Sciences

Invitations have been extended to all three & all three have accepted.

Publicity

A range of publicity opportunities have been identified to promote the conference via different mediums. We are working on small 'grabs' for inclusion in magazines.

The registration mailing list now includes more than 500 individuals or centres – about 80% of which are based in Australia. Registrations have started to come in.

The website continues to promote new speakers as they come on board.

Confirmed speakers

In addition to the 3 international speakers already confirmed (Colin Beavan, Polly Higgins and Prof Janet Richardson) we have now secured a number of others speakers including

- Dr Brian Walker, CSIRO and Stockholm Resilience Centre – on ecosystem resilience.
- Paul Oosting, Campaign Director - Getup! – online campaigning and the use of social media.
- Monica Richter – Sustainable Living Manager – ACF – on the Sustainable Cities Index.
- Andy Donnelly - Earthwatch – on 'The Citizen Scientist' – managing volunteers.
- Nick Hollo and Phil Jenkyn – Harbour Trust and Defenders of Sydney Harbour - on the saving of Sydney Harbour.
- Christian Baille, McGregor Coxall – on achieving acceptable community outcomes in project development.
- Mark Ogge, Communications Manager, Beyond Zero Emissions outlining a plan for achieving zero carbon emissions in Australia.
- Imogen Zethoven, Pew Environment Centre - On the significance of marine parks for Australia.
- Caroline Hoisington, Centre for Policy Development – on the economic value of marine parks.

Conference programme

Thursday 8 and Friday 9 September will be plenary sessions and participants must pay to attend. Sessions on these days must be relatively formalised and contain primary research and original content. There will also be a number of panels which will include people able to give a variety of perspectives on the topic of the session.

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September are community focused days. There will be an educational programme and an activity based programme which will (mostly) be free admission. The focus of these days will be more local and more hands on.

Volunteers

We have a team of five volunteers currently working on the conference. As the conference draws closer, we will be seeking more volunteers to assist on a wider range of tasks. Two volunteers (Susan and Michella) are currently developing a film which will include archival footage (stills and video) about the history of the Manly Environment Centre and the local environment.

INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERS

1 new Duke of Edinburgh student has commenced.

MEETINGS

Meetings/discussions with the following:

3 May Meeting to select conference papers
9 May North Head Sanctuary Foundation meeting David Williams - SHFT
13 May Massive Change Movement

Talks:

23 May Dennis Foley – Aboriginal Talk.

Events/Launches:

19 May **Drainstencilling** – Mackellar Girls High School – 30 drains stencilled by 25 students

19 May **Climate Clubs Project Launch** - UTS Institute of Sustainable Futures at Manly West Public School – 4 Manly Primary Schools participating – Manly West, Manly Village, Seaforth & St Mary's - launched by Mayor of Manly Council Jean Hay & Manly Sea Eagles football players & MC Simon Westaway. Manly schools are up against schools in Marrickville & Blacktown in 2011.

22 May **Project Penguin** - Launched at Manly Wharf by Taronga Zoo assisted by National Parks & Wildlife Service & MEC. 750 primary & secondary school students will be addressed by penguin wardens & MEC Manager at Manly Wharf. 3 sessions of Project Penguin, which is an extensive program run by Taronga Zoo with assistance from National Parks & Wildlife Service, MEC & penguin wardens, focussing entirely on Manly's little penguins.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes

Manly Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator

30th May, 2011