



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: Wednesday 8 September 2010

TIME: From 6.30pm to 8.30pm

PLACE: Councillors' Room, Council Chambers, 1 Belgrave St Manly.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councillors

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

Manly Council
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Eira Battaglia
Neil Ohlbach
Susan Buchan
Diana Deeley
Richard Hewitt
Keelah Lam
Terry Metherell
Cheryl Rose
David Thomas
Julie Taylor-Mills or Mark Mills
Jacqueline French
Angelika Treichler
Rachel Miller

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Penguin Warden Representative
National Parks & Wildlife Representative

Council Staff

Judy Reizes

Manager, Manly Environment Centre

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: 30/8/10

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MEETING TO BE HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 6.30PM

ITEM 1	Apologies and leave of absence
ITEM 2	Declarations of Interest – Pecuniary Non- Pecuniary
ITEM 3	Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting 11 August 2010 and Matters Arising
ITEM 4	Nelika Hughes, Australian Wildlife Conservancy – Update on Long Nosed Bandicoot monitoring on North Head
ITEM 5	Report – Manly Environment Centre and Current Local Environmental Issues
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: 13 October 2010 at 6.30pm



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: 8 September 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:-

INTERNSHIPS:

- A student from the Masters Program at Macquarie University has commenced a 40 hour practicum project relating to a project at Collins Beach.
- A Masters in Communication student is working up to two days per week assisting with the development of our website and finalisation of the event, Sunday at the Sanctuary.
- Duke of Edinburgh students continue to complete their time with us as do three Community Service Order Placements.

VOLUNTEERS:

- Sunday at the Sanctuary 22 August 2010 – volunteer hours for the day were approximately 160 – which included artists, Lions Club/SES and MEC Volunteers.

MEETINGS, TALKS, FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Meetings/discussions with the following:

- Preparatory work and liaison for the very successful event, Sunday at the Sanctuary held on August 22 which showcased the extraordinary history and natural environment at North Head in partnership with the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust and Council. This celebration for National Science Week featured North Head as a “Living Lab” and attracted larger than expected crowds (estimated 1,000+). Features of the day included:
 - The walks and talks program was well over-subscribed because of the high caliber presenters: Francis Bodkin, Aboriginal Knowledge Holder and author, Louise Egerton, wildlife author, Peter Jensen, Harbourtrust Bushland Manager and Geoff Lambert, Sanctuary Foundation Nursery.
 - A constant stream of children participated in the activities held in the Discovery Room. Nelika Hughes spoke about the Bandicoot’s Breakfast and took a large crowd for a short tour of their habitat.

- The Whale Tales with David Jenkins, Photographer and Shona Lorrigan (ORCCA) provided a long and engaging presentation to a large crowd. Children decorated dozens of whale tales.
 - Andy Donnelly, Earthwatch/Climate Watch, set up each walk with a set of indicators to record impact on local species.
 - Exhibition of an Aboriginal sand Mandala created by Walangari, construction of bamboo icosahedrons by Sophie Hoppe and the work of local artists and photographers.
- Liaison with NCC for Walk Against Warming and attendance at the event. Attended the Walk Against Warming run by the NCC and supported by a variety of interest groups, Associations and Councils, on Sunday 15 August 2010 with a group from Council and local residents. The MEC volunteers prepared banners and posters.
 - Liaison with the Australian Museum regarding the Year of Biodiversity and their wish for the MEC to have a space at the Museum for three days in September – 12, 13 and 14th.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes

26 August 2010

ATTACHMENT

Nil.