



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: Wednesday 14 October 2009

TIME: From 6 pm – maximum 2 hours

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councillors

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

Manly Council
Manly Council (Chair)

Other Representatives

Eira Battaglia
Louise Bochner
Susan Buchan
Diana Deeley
Richard Hewitt
Keelah Lam
Terry Methereil
Cheryl Rose
Peter White
Carole Douglas
Jacqueline French
Angelika Treichler
Peter Hay

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Little Penguin Warden
National Parks and Wildlife Service

Council Staff

Judy Reizes
Anthony Hewton

Manager, Manly Environment Centre
Divisional Manager, Corporate Planning and
Strategy

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.

Anthony Hewton
Divisional Manager, Corporate Planning & Strategy

Date: 1/10/09

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**MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER, 2009 AT 4.00PM,
COUNCILLORS' ROOM MANLY COUNCIL**

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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 9 th September 2009
and Matters Arising |
| ITEM 4 | Report – Quarantine Station |
| ITEM 5 | Report – Manly Environment Centre & Current Local
Environmental Issues |
| ITEM 6 | Report – Resignation of Committee Members Councillors Elder
and Norek |
| ITEM 7 | Report – North Head Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sydney Harbour National Park Plan of Management▪ North Head Sewage Treatment Plant issues▪ Project Penguin – Park Bench Proposal |
| ITEM 8 | General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the
Meeting and Approved for Consideration <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Enforcement of Companion Animal Legislation -
Brochure to be tabled at the meeting |
| ITEM 9 | Date for Next Meeting - 11 th November 2009 |



MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD 9 SEPTEMBER 2009

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Cathy Griffin

Manly Council - Chair

Other Representatives

Susan Buchan

Community Member

Diana Deeley

Community Member

Peter White

Community Member

Jacqueline French

Community Member

Richard Hewitt

Community Member

Keelah Lam

Community Member

Terry Metherell

Community Member

Carole Douglas

Community Member

Cheryl Rose

Community Member

Angelika Treichler

Penguin Warden

Staff Representatives

Anthony Hewton

Divisional Manager, Corporate Planning & Strategy

Judy Reizes

Manager, Manly Environment Centre

Ed McPeake

Manager, Community & Environmental Partnerships

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Environment Committee** met on 9 September 2009, to consider the matters referred to it and now reports having reached the decisions taken and recommendations stated hereunder:

OPEN	The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.	
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Eira Battaglia, Louise Bochner, Richard Hewitt, Peter White and Peter Hay.	ACTION
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The Committee confirmed the Minutes of the meeting 12th August 2009.	

MATTERS ARISING

It was resolved at Council's Planning and Strategy meeting held on 7 September 2009 that the minutes of the Community Environment Committee held on 12 August 2009 be adopted.

ACTION

ITEM 4

Presentation – Environmental Education Programs by Manager of Community & Environmental Partnerships (CEP): Environmental Levy Programs

The presentation and handout provided a comprehensive overview of the activities of the Community & Environmental Partnerships team, their funding sources and projects (past and present), and resources. Briefly staff positions include:

Education for Sustainability Officer, (Levy Funded)

Schools education and grants program, environmental programs for OOSH, Library.

Community programs include Science of the Surf and Sustainability Fair.

Staff events include Walk and Cycle to Work Days.

Climate Change & Special Projects Officer (funded from General Revenue) Environmental Levy project funding for Community Garden of \$20,000.

National Solar Schools Rebate Uptake, free water and energy audits of schools, Earth Hour Schools' Competition.

Sustainable Business Awards.

Community programs include Green Up Your Life Sustainable Living Workshops, Car Pool Promotion, Rainwater Tank Referrals, Water Bubblers Program.

Community Volunteer Co-ordinator, (3 days pw) funded from General Revenue and includes Environmental Levy project funding for Fair Trade \$5,000 and Ambassadors \$4,000.

This role includes volunteers for all parts of Council and their events. It was noted that due to the current economic situation, there are more volunteers than opportunities.

Waste Minimisation Education Officers, two staff are funded from the Garbage Rate.

Discussion

As the education staff were unable to be present, various ideas were discussed with Manager CEP which he offered to take back to them for consideration.

- **Relationship building with schools which integrate with curriculum and other school activities.**
Manager CEP advised that they were considering setting up a committee of interested parents and teachers to share ideas and participate. Feedback should be available in two months time.
- **Adaptive Reuse of Homes**
There is a need to reverse the present trend in Manly of demolishing solid homes with a strong potential for adaptive reuse, resulting in considerable waste of resources.

It was suggested that a one page document on Embodied

	Energy in Sustainable Buildings be provided with each referral. Local 350 Climate Change Event - 24th October The Penguin Warden advised that Climate Action Pittwater and Pittwater Council are hosting a local event at Newport Beach as part of the International 350 Event (see www.350.org). The Manly Warringah Climate Action Group of which the Penguin Warden is a member, is keen to have such an event at Dee Why and North Steyne Beaches. The Penguin Warden suggested that the Community Environmental Partnerships team might assist with a North Steyne event.	ACTION
	Resolved: The Committee resolved to thank CEP and MEC staff for their many efforts in promoting environmental education programs.	All to note
ITEM 5	MEC REPORT The Manly Environment Centre Report on Current Activities and Local Environmental Issues was tabled. It was noted that the Lagoon Life Festival was a huge success, attracting thousands of participants to an extensive program of activities. Upcoming MEC events include: - Sunday 13 September 2009, National Sustainable House Day the opening of five houses by Friends of Manly Environment Centre (FOMEC) in conjunction with Australian and New Zealand Solar Energy Society. - Thursday 17 September 2009 Manly Arts Festival Event Safety Wolf Tapas Bar Exhibition of work by local artists at the Lagoon Life Festival Saturday, 26th September 2-4pm Launch of Wildlife of Australia by Prof. Mike Archer for National Biodiversity Month, Manly Arts Festival Event. Joint launch by MEC, Alan & Unwin and local author Louise Egerton at the Manly Art Gallery. Resolved: That the report be received and noted.	All to note
ITEM 5.1	Penguin Warden Report The Penguin Warden reported that the number of nests occupied at Manly Wharf has varied from 4 to 5 to 2 to 4, and that the numbers at Federation Point have increased from 3 to 5. This includes a nest under the walkway, 1.5 metres from the proposed restaurant. Council's Independent Planning Assessment Panel will discuss the Bathers Pavilion development next week. Manly Penguin Information Signage at Manly Wharf A draft of the signage will be discussed at the Penguin Recovery Team Meeting this week.	

	Student Work from Project Penguin Taronga Zoo A winners list has been provided by Taronga Zoo. Manager MEC will make contact with schools co-ordinator to obtain further details of student works. Resolved: That the report be received and noted.	ACTION All to note
ITEM 5.2	North Head Report Plan of Management for Sydney Harbour National Park As part of the preliminary process, community ideas and feedback are being sought through a special website at: http://sydneyharbourpom.net.au/ It is important to encourage community participation in this process to ensure future uses and management of National Parks within the Manly LGA in particular and in the broader Sydney Harbour National Park strike the right balance between conservation and recreational values. For this purpose, the Committee requests that: • Council prepares a media release as well as including it in the Mayor's Message; • This matter be placed on the Agenda for next meeting and National Parks staff (Margaret Bailey and Peter Hay) be invited to provide a presentation to the Committee; • The Committee would appreciate a short summary of critical issues for the October Committee meeting. Recommendation: The Committee recommends to the General Manager and Council that: i. A media release on the Plan of Management for Sydney Harbour National Park be prepared by Council staff, and a related notice included in the Mayor's Message; ii. Staff prepare a short summary of critical issues relating to the Plan of Management for Sydney Harbour National Park, for the October Environment Committee meeting.	Manager MEC to action for next meeting (October) IBM/GM GM
ITEM 5.3	Companion Animals Legislation Implementation in Manly LGA The Committee looks forward to having input into the brochure on responsible cat ownership being finalised by the General Manager's Unit. The Committee seeks information on Council's Dog Control Policy regarding dogs barking. Recommendation: The Committee requests that the General Manager provided it with information on Council's dog control policy regarding barking dogs.	GM
ITEM 6	GENERAL BUSINESS	
ITEM 6.1	Community Garden Community Member Keelah Lam gave a verbal report on a new proposal where Council resolved to enter an arrangement with the Cancer Council to set up and operate a community garden at 100 Griffith Street. Keelah addressed Council to express the views of the many community groups in Manly with expertise in this area who appear to have been excluded from this process.	

Council accepted the proposal of the Cancer Council and a public meeting is to be held later in the year. It was noted \$20,000 was allocated for a Community Garden in the Environmental Levy for 2009/10.

ACTION

Resolved:

The information be received and noted.

All to note

For many years, community conferences in Manly have advocated this program which is popular in most states of Australia. It involves groups of children walking to school, supervised by volunteers. A number of informal groups exist in the district but insurance of volunteers is a problem. It was suggested that local identity, Geoff Toovey, Director of Community Programs, NRMA Insurance be approached to consider supporting a pilot program in Manly by providing volunteer insurance. Councillor Griffin requested Council staff formulate a report to Council. It was noted such a program not only improved fitness of those involved but would also reduce vehicle emissions within the local area.

Recommendation:

That the General Manager be requested to ask staff to prepare a report to Council on the concept of a Walking School Bus and of Council facilitating local schools adopting such a program.

GM

ITEM 7

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Wednesday 14 October, 2009

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 6:15 pm



TO: Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 14 October 2009
AUTHOR: Laura Fraser, Heritage Planner,
Planning & Strategy Branch
SUBJECT: **Quarantine Station**

1. INTRODUCTION

At the Council meeting of 10 June 2009 Council resolved to adopt the following recommendation:

“The General Manager be requested to arrange for a report to be prepared for a future meeting in accordance with the Committee’s agreed priorities on the impacts of any future proposals which may result in waiving any of the conditions imposed by the original approval for the Q Station.”

This report, reports on this matter.

2. REPORT

Council has no input into future proposals until an application is lodged proposing a development or works. It would be speculation on Council’s part to try and attempt to foresee what future proposals may or may not occur on the site, and the potential impacts of any such development.

It is advised that the approval for the use of the site by Mawlands has more than 200 conditions and a series of monitoring requirements and management arrangements to protect the environment. As a result of these conditions there would be a number of monitoring and other reports produced by Mawlands and others relating to the site, including an Environmental Management Plan.

Given the above, Council wrote to the National Parks Division of the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) requesting an update on the impact of the adaptive re-use project on the Quarantine Station site, and also requesting details of how the key indicators and the environmental management plan will be updated or modified to address new proposals in the future. A copy of the letter sent to DECCW is **Attachment 1**.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be received and noted.

Anthony Hewton,
Divisional Manager, Corporate Planning and Strategy
August 2009

ATTACHMENT

1. Letter to DECC regarding the use of the former Quarantine Station, North Head Manly.

Manly Council



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Ms Sally Barnes
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Dear Ms Barnes

Re: Former Quarantine Station, North Head, Manly

Reference is made to the above mentioned property and the approved adaptive reuse of the site by Mawlands Pty Ltd. It is noted that as part of the approval a number of monitoring requirements and management arrangements were required to protect the environment.

Council's Community Environment Committee has requested if an update could be provided on the impact of the adaptive re-use project on the Quarantine Station site. In addition, information on how the key indicators and the Environmental Management Plan will be updated or modified to address new proposals in the future is also requested.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter and should you require any queries regarding this request please contact Laura Fraser, Heritage Planner, on telephone 9976-1595.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Hewton
Divisional Manager
Corporate Planning and Strategy

Date: 7/9/08

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TO: Manly Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 14 October 2009
AUTHOR: Judy Reizes, Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator
&
Anthony Hewton, Divisional Manager Corporate Planning & Strategy
SUBJECT: **MEC and Current Local Environmental Issues Report**

Manly Environment Centre Report

The MEC has worked on the following initiatives:-

EDUCATION

- Presentation to MBASC, before and after school care, on penguins and the role of Penguin Wardens as part of MECs guest speaker program with MBASC.

YOUTH

- MEC engaged Manly Youth Council as Penguin Wardens committing to one night a month to encourage youth involvement in local environmental volunteer organisations.
- All proceeds from the 'Lagoon Life Exhibition' at Safety Wolf as part of Manly Arts Festival will go to the first environmental youth group in Manly, Y Green Manly.

STUDENT INTERNS

- Julien Renaud, French Intern finished up after assisting with Lagoon Life Festival.
- Lucy Laine, French Intern played a key role in planning, organising and managing the Lab at the Lagoon at the Lagoon Life Festival. She completed her 6 month internship at the end of August.

MEETINGS, TALKS, FESTIVALS & EVENTS

- MEC represented at the Penguin Recovery Team meeting.
- MEC coordinated Sustainable House Day in the Manly LGA, registering bookings for four of the open houses and providing volunteers. Sustainable House Day in Manly saw over 300 people attend.
- Launch of 'Lagoon Life 'Exhibition' at Safety Wolf as part of the Manly Arts Festival, was highly successful. Over 40 people attended the launch of the weeklong exhibition ending on the 24th September.
- Launch of 'Wildlife of Australia' by local author Louise Egerton & photographer Jiri Lochman at the Manly Art Gallery & Museum 26th September, as part of the Manly Arts Festival program. Over 70 people attended.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the MEC Monthly Report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes
Manly Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator
30 September 2009



TO: Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 14 October 2009
AUTHOR: Anthony Hewton, Corporate Planning & Strategy
SUBJECT: **Resignation of Councillor Representatives**

1. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Community Environment Committee, the Secretariat has received formal letters of resignation from the Committee from two Councillor Representatives.

2. REPORT

Please see attached the resignation correspondence of Councillor Elder and Councillor Norek from the community Environment Committee. It is a requirement that these resignations be formally reported and minuted.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the formal resignations of Councillor Elder, dated 27th May 2009 and Councillor Norek, dated 6th July 2009 from the Community Environment Committee be received and noted.

Anthony Hewton,
Divisional Manager, Corporate Planning and Strategy
30 September 2009

ATTACHMENT

1. Letters of resignation

From: Lauren Elder
Sent: Wednesday, 27 May 2009 3:54 PM
To: Amanda Spalding
Cc: Cathy Griffin; Jean Hay
Subject: Community Environment Committee

Hi Amanda,

I hope you are well, I'm unsure who to address this to but hopefully you can assist.

Due to my work commitments and increasing work hours and work load, discussions with my boss have lead me to decide to put in my resignation for the Community Environment Committee. It is with regret that I do this but unfortunately I can't continue to leave my work early so regularly to attend meetings such as the Planning & Strategy Meeting and Ordinary meeting whilst at the same time being available to attend the ad-hoc meetings and events that arise and committee commitments. Therefore it is with regret that I tender my resignation from the committee but I would much prefer to do this option then have to send my apologies to the committee meetings on a regular basis due to work commitments.

Please pass on my apologies to the committee members and chair and I can hopefully look at joining the committee again in my term as councillor as work commitments allow.

Thanks,

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Please register to SECRETARIAT

-----Original Message-----

From: Cr Mark Norek [<mailto:mark.norek@lovemanly.com.au>]

Sent: Monday, 6 July 2009 10:53 PM

To: Cathy Griffin; HTWong

Subject: RE: Community Environment Committee Amended Agenda & Papers - 8 July 2009

Dear Henry and Cathy,

Please accept my resignation from the Community Environment Committee due to work commitments I can not attend these meetings.

Regards

Cr Mark Norek



TO: Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 14 October 2009
AUTHOR: Anthony Hewton, Corporate Planning & Strategy
SUBJECT: **Report: Sydney Harbour National Park review of Plan of Management**

1. INTRODUCTION

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is currently undertaking a new Plan of Management for the Sydney Harbour National Park (SHNP). The community consultation phase is currently underway and a senior Council staff member is represented on the stakeholder Working Group, providing input to the development of the new Plan.

Members of the Committee and the general public are able to access information about the above mentioned process and to make public submissions via the following website:
<http://sydneyharbourpom.net.au/>

It is expected that the draft new Plan of Management will be put on public exhibition early in 2010.

2. REPORT

Please see attached fact sheet from the NSW NPWS web site which summarises the background and the need for a new Plan of Management to be undertaken for SHNP.

SHNP takes in all of those National Park areas within the Harbour itself and those on its shores. This includes the following sites:

- North Head
- Middle Head
- South Head
- Bradleys Head
- Shark, Clark, Goat, Rodd Islands or Fort Denison
- Nielsen Park or Heritage Foreshore
- Dobroyd Head

Council staff will provide a presentation to the Committee on the key issues that are being proposed will be incorporated into a formal submission from Council to NPWS. This presentation will focus in particular on aspects of the Plan of Management that will relate to North Head and Dobroyd Head, both of which are within the Manly LGA. In general terms the issues for Council are likely to be:

- Ensuring that issues pertaining to critical habitat for threatened or endangered flora or fauna are properly and fully addressed in any future development and or management actions for North Head and Dobroyd Head, and indeed for the remainder of Sydney Harbour National Park;

- Ensuring that North Head and Dobroyd Head maintain a high status in terms of their conservation values, and that these should not be compromised for development purposes;
- Integrated planning & management between the various stakeholders who control land at North Head;
- In relation to North Head, planning for sustainable transport options to assist sustainable access to the site by what is anticipated to be an increasing volume of visitors into the future.
- The development of sound management strategies which channel visitors to North Head into the areas which are “appropriate” for them to visit (in terms of both environmental ecological and recreational factors).
- The provision of more, and up to date, amenities at North Head which will service the large number of annual visitors, whilst also being used cleverly to keep people within certain areas protecting the remaining areas. Much more could be developed in terms of interpretational facilities to enhance visitor education and understanding of the important environmental, ecological, geological and heritage values of the site.
- Ensuring the effective management and control of popular recreational activities , such as kayaking, mountain biking, walking, adventure activities and tours/hiring operations.

Following the presentation by staff and input from the Committee staff will proceed to finalise a submission to go to a full Council meeting for endorsement. NPWS has been invited to address the Committee on this topic at the next meeting in November 2009.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be received and noted;
2. That a draft submission to NPWS be forwarded to the Committee for its comment prior to being finalized.

Anthony Hewton,
Divisional Manager, Corporate Planning and Strategy
30 September 2009

ATTACHMENT

1. Fact Sheet from <http://sydneyharbourpom.net.au/fag>
2. Preliminary draft submission (more work will be undertaken)

ATTACHMENT 1

Q. What is a plan of management?

A plan of management (PoM) is prepared for each national park in the state.

The PoM lists the management objectives for a national park and details the strategies and actions which will be used to achieve those objectives. The PoM provides the opportunity to respond to the combination of community aspirations and conservation challenges which confront each national park.

The preparation of a PoM begins with a review of the physical characteristics, the conservation, social and economic values and existing uses of the reserve. It assesses the significance of the conservation, social and economic values and identifies any current or potential threats to those values. The next step is the development of a series of strategies and actions to protect the core values of the park while providing for an appropriate level of community use and enjoyment.

By law, a draft PoM must be exhibited for public comment. After it is finalised, it is signed off by the NSW Minister for the Environment and becomes a legally binding document.

Q. Why a new plan?

The role of the PoM in determining the appropriate uses means that it is essential that the document remains relevant. Periodic review is required to ensure that a POM is responsive to any emerging issues.

The current SHNP PoM was approved in 1998, while the sections of the POM relating to the issue of leases and licences were amended in 2003.

There have been many changes around Sydney Harbour, at a state and national level and globally, which have a bearing on the future of SHNP. Some of the factors which influenced the decision to review of the PoM were:

- Legislative changes regarding the issue of leases and licences;
- Resolution of land uses for some of the neighbouring lands, notably those managed by the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust;
- Increasing consolidation of urban development adjacent to the park;
- The identification as of some native fauna and flora populations as threatened species, populations and communities;
- The completion of some new precinct plans which identified opportunities for the conservation, interpretation and public access (eg. Goat Island);
- A renewed focus at a state wide level of the provision of high quality, sustainable visitor experiences in national parks. This includes enhancements to basic infrastructure such as the walking track network as well as increased opportunities for commercial partners to

offer visitor and tourism related services; and

- The recognition of the impending impacts of sea level rise on some of the natural, cultural and visitor assets of SHNP.

Q. What is the relationship of a PoM to other plans

The PoM does have a dominant role in relation to the management of any national park in NSW, however this is not an exclusive role. Many other statutory and non-statutory plans have a significant impact on how national parks are managed.

Key examples of statutory plans that affect the management of national parks include State Environmental Planning Policies prepared under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, Conservation Management Plans prepared under the Heritage Act, and Recovery Plans under the Threatened Species Conservation Act or Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. Non-statutory plans which influence the management of SHNP range from the recent NSW Tourism Taskforce Report on Sustainable Tourism in National Parks, to the precinct plans prepared by the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, through to business feasibility plans for individual sites within SHNP.

The PoM process cannot replicate the detailed information collection or analysis which is involved in many of these specialist plans. A major part of the PoM process is therefore to identify those relevant issues which are addressed in these plans and to effectively integrate them into the POM.

It is important to note that the integration of other plans is not simply a matter of transferring their conclusions into the POM. One of the key tasks in the preparation of the POM is to identify any conflicts that might arise between the management requirements of different values of the park. For example, a Recovery Plan for a threatened plant may propose measures to increase its extent on park. This objective might conflict with the maintenance of asset protection zones for adjacent heritage buildings. The challenge for the POM is to find the right balance between such competing objectives.

ATTACHMENT 2 TO REPORT 7a

Draft Outline Manly Council submission to the Sydney Harbour National Park draft plan of management.

The National Parks Division of Department of Environment & Climate Change has notified that it is preparing a new draft plan of management for Sydney Harbour National Park. The present plan, which was adopted in 1999 is required to be reviewed in accordance with the National Parks and Wildlife Act.

There are three areas of land designated as National Park within the Manly Local Government area. They are North Head, Dobroyd, and Garigal (part only and not included as part of the Sydney Harbour National Park). Manly Council is a founding member of the North Head Sanctuary Foundation established in 2002 to secure a Sanctuary over all the public land on North Head. The Foundation's objectives for the Sanctuary include the conservation of the natural and cultural heritage, including Aboriginal and post European heritage, geology, flora and fauna, including marine species, to provide a place of learning, research and contemplation. (Refer Attachment 1). There has been some progress towards integrated management of all public lands on North Head, firstly through the support of the major landholders, National Parks and Wildlife Service (DECC) and the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (SHFT), and the preparation of a draft memorandum of understanding. Secondly, ongoing cooperation between National Parks and SHFT and their shared commitment to an integrated management approach is the key to achieving positive environmental and heritage outcomes across the headland. One example of the cooperation is the ongoing monitoring of bandicoots and bird species over a number of years.

There are a number of key issues which should be identified for action in the draft plan of management, as follows:

North Head

Integrated Management of all public lands (across property boundaries) has been agreed by the major landholders but not yet achieved. It should become a priority action of the new draft plan.

Protection of marine and terrestrial habitat for threatened species.

Prior to further approvals of new development on North Head, the cumulative impacts of current land uses on the natural environment should be reviewed prior to further approvals or intensification.

Access to North Head requires provision of a public transport/shuttle bus to link with Manly Town Centre/ Wharf and also Manly car parks to reduce dependence on private vehicles and to protect environmental amenity within the National Park and surrounding lands, and residential areas.

As there are several locations, including heritage listed buildings, precincts, and places which attract a high volume of visitors it is considered that the draft plan should identify those areas which will have less visitation where protection of natural values is the pre-eminent objective. The degree of accessibility needs to be related to the sensitivity of the environment. The plan of management can identify appropriate low key tourist activities for these locations, such as walking tracks and interpretation, linking with Manly town centre, the Scenic Walkway, and the Wharf.

As there are walking tracks over much of North Head, it is desirable that the plan of management provides for the appropriate signposting of the major tracks across the different tenures and management agencies. With the increasing popularity of cycling there is a need to identify those areas of the National Park where cyclists may ride and where facilities such as bike storage can be provided to enable riders to dismount and walk.

The plan of management should also give consideration to the provision of toilet facilities for use by visitors to the National Park.

Provision for emergency access within the National Park in the event of fire or injury should also be included in the draft plan. This is necessary given the increased number of people now present on the headland within the National Park, as informal Park visitors and guests of the Quarantine Station.

The plan of management should include an action to ensure that all of the land that was part of the Quarantine Reserve from 1833 is included on the State Heritage register and the National Heritage list.

Dobroyd

Management of high volumes of walkers on Scenic Walkway to minimize impacts on natural and Aboriginal heritage

Ongoing attention to management of stormwater runoff from upper levels

Control of visual impacts on the skyline as viewed from the water.

Garigal (Bantry Bay)

The Sydney Harbour National Park plan of management should identify this area and highlight the need for Garigal to be managed so as to ensure that the conservation values of this significant area of bushland are protected. These include Aboriginal and natural heritage values, and historic buildings which are all related to Sydney Harbour and its geology and history. There are opportunities to interpret features of Garigal, which provide insight into what parts of Sydney Harbour National Park were like before more intense development occurred.



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: 14th October 2009

AUTHOR: Judy Reizes

SUBJECT: **NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT ISSUES**
REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

1. INTRODUCTION

Ms Beverley Trevenan, has been the longstanding representative of the Little Manly Precinct on the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant Community Consultative Group. Ms Trevenan has been invited by the Chair to give an historic overview of the most significant issues covered by this recently disbanded Group. Because of the present review of Sydney Water's Licence, and because there is no intention to introduce more stringent environmental requirements on the discharge from North Head until at least 2023, these matters are particularly relevant at this time to the Manly community

2. INFORMATION

The scene is set with the following quote given under oath by Mr. J.W. Hunter, former director of Manly Council at a Parliamentary Enquiry in 2001:

"Promises have been made and broken consistently over 20-30 years. Council, over those previous issues that I have raised, has come to form an opinion that Sydney Water often is lacking in the provision of information. Promises have been made and broken in the past, and there is evidence of that. There is a general mistrust of Sydney Water and its predecessor, the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board, and there is scepticism that a long-term strategy is in place that will alleviate the entrenchment of reliance on the ocean outfall plants as enunciated in the Carr Government's 1997 waterways package. Sydney Water cannot be relied on to see things other than from their own perspective, and the Government and government departments need to pursue the right long-term vision, not this short-term, expedient quick fix."

This will be followed by a historic review from the introduction in 1993 of the present licence allowing a generous annual ocean discharge of 5,910,020kg of oil and grease and 35,010,800 kg of solids, to the present persistent problems with the odorous material transported in sludge trucks through the centre of Manly to the outskirts of Sydney.

The talk will conclude with recent developments about ocean discharges in the vicinity of major tourist centres in developed countries, such as Honolulu in Hawaii and Miami in Florida. For example in 2008, the Florida Legislature passed a law restricting the intake to its sewage plants with ocean outfalls, to the then allowable discharge and requiring them to plan the total elimination of discharges to the ocean by 2025, by focusing on water recycling. Further as from 2008, no new plants would be able to discharge to the ocean.

It should be noted that the Sydney Water Act 1994, also requires that there should be no dry weather flows into the ocean, yet unlike Florida, the current IPART Issues Paper regarding Sydney Water's Operating Licence, indicates there is no intention to move in this direction.

Note of clarification: Recommendation 2 inserted by Anthony Hewton, Divisional Manager Corporate Planning and Strategy

3. RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Committee take note of the protracted inactivity by Sydney Water towards eliminating dry weather flows to the ocean and discuss future actions.
2. That the General Manager be requested to ask staff to prepare a formal submission from Council to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) who is the regulatory body of Sydney Water and who are conducting the *2009 Review of the Sydney Water Operating License*. Such a submission to cover issues as those raised in the presentation and informed by professional staff.

Judy Reizes

Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator

1st October 2009



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: 14th October 2009

AUTHOR: Anthony Hewton

SUBJECT: **PROJECT PENGUIN PARK BENCH PROPOSAL**
REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

1. INTRODUCTION

Ms Lisa McKenzie the Assistant Principal of Harbord Public School has written to the Manly Mayor Cr Jean Hay AM about the above mentioned proposal (see attachment)

2. INFORMATION

Students at Harbord Public School have been involved with the Project Penguin Initiative at Taronga Zoo which staff at the MEC have also been involved and had input to.

A Park bench was decorated by the school to highlight the predators and threats to little penguins as part of this project. The school would like Council's assistance for the the bench to be placed in a public location.

The Mayor has suggested placing it in the vicinity of Manly Wharf but would like to get input from the community Environment Committee before Council responds to the school.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Committee receive and note the report
2. That the committee recommends the best location of the Bench would be in the vicinity of , the final exact location to be finally determined by Council's design and technical team with consultation with Councils Landscape and Urban Design Committee (LMUD) committee as well.

Anthony Hewton

Divisional Manager Corporate Planning and Strategy 2nd October 2009

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From: McKenzie, Lisa [mailto:LISA.MCKENZIE@det.nsw.edu.au]

Sent: Tuesday, 15 September 2009 3:53 PM

To: records

Subject: PROJECT PENGUIN

15th September 2009

Manly Mayor,
Mrs Jean Hay
Manly Council Chambers
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MANLY 2095

Dear Mrs Hay,

At the end of the last school term you attended an Expo Day at Taronga Zoo for 'Project Penguin' at which, students from Harbord Public School and others showcased their ideas for developing and promoting public knowledge of Manly's Little Penguin population. Our school's winning entry was a park bench which had been painted by the students to illustrate their knowledge of predators of, and threats to the Little Penguin. I believe that at the time, you expressed interest in having the seat on display in the Council Chambers (this information passed on to me by one of the student's parents). As you can imagine, I am now regularly asked about this eventuality by the students involved. Our school would be delighted if this were to happen and can arrange for the item to be delivered to the council. If you are still interested can you please return email to let me know.

Kind Regards

Lisa McKenzie

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