



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: WEDNESDAY 8 February

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 (Chair)

Other Representatives

Angelika Treichler	Penguin Warden Representative
Rosie Lempriere	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
Neil Ohlbach	Community Representative
Lee DeGail	National Parks & Wildlife Representative
Eira Battaglia	Community Representative
Lloyd Keen	Community Representative

Council Staff

Judy Reizes	Manager, Manly Environment Centre
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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 and Sustainability

Date: 31 January 2012



AGENDA

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING TO BE HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY, 2012

AT 6.30-8.30PM

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council

- ITEM 1** Apologies and leave of absence.
- ITEM 2** Declarations of Interest – Pecuniary
Non- Pecuniary
- ITEM 3** Welcome and Introductions.
- ITEM 4** Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting 14 December, 2011 and Matters Arising.
- ITEM 5** 'Save The Styx Turns Blue' fundraiser for awareness of plastic in our oceans. 18 February, 2012. Forestville Memorial Hall, Forestville.
- ITEM 6** A draft Marine Bioregional Plan and a Commonwealth marine reserves network proposal for the Temperate East Marine Region from the southern tip of Great Barrier Reef Marine Park to Batemans Bay have been released for public consultation. The consultation period will conclude on 21 February, 2012.
- ITEM 7** MEC Eco Awards Presentation at Oceanworld Thursday 8 March, 2012 and celebrating Sea Week with the theme Marine Debris. Applications close 24 February, 2012.
- ITEM 8** Fundraiser for Manly's Little Penguins – Sydney Harbour Swim Classic Charity Sprint – Sunday 11 March, 2012.
- ITEM 9** General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration.
- ITEM 10** Date for Next Meeting - Wednesday 14 March, 2012.



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 8 February, 2012
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:-

18th OCEAN CARE DAY SUNDAY, 4th DECEMBER – theme “From the Forest to Foreshore” to celebrate the 2011 International Year of the Forests. Guest speakers included international environmental artist & discoverer of the Gondwanan fish at Manly Dam, Andrew Lo, along with young authors of ‘Tears in the Jungle’ - William & Daniel Clark. MC was GM Henry Wong & Cllr Jean Hay, Mayor of Manly officially opened the event. Smoking ceremony by Uncle Max & welcome to Country by Laurie Bimstone & a special performance by the Daramu Aboriginal Dance & Didgeridoo Performers. Out international Interns working at the MEC along with our Intern from USC prepared & ran the Eco Lab that focused on the forest & its biodiversity. The Penguin Pavilion was also a major focus with school children’s’ penguin artwork from Taronga Zoo Project Penguin. Taronga Zoomobile always a great hit with the children & over 50+ eco exhibitors attended the event.

Publication for World Wetlands Day - 2 February - Theme - Wetlands Tourism - A Great Experience – Responsible Tourism Supports Wetlands & People. A bumper 95 page edition of the Commonwealth Government’s Wetlands Australia National Wetlands Update 2012 celebrates 40 years of Ramsar, features articles from all over Australia.

(http://www.environment.gov.au/water/publications/environmental/wetlands/wetlands-australia/wa20/wetlands_australia_update_2012.pdf) See page 34 for article ‘Saving What’s Left - a Manly community success story’ by Judy Reizes & Dave Thomas & Jenny Wilson.

There is a guided walk at the Hanging Swamp at North Head Sanctuary to celebrate World Wetlands Day. The 2 hour walk will be conducted by Geoff Lambert from the North Head Sanctuary Foundation.

INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERS:

December - Our interns Tess Akesson from Sweden & Celine from South Korea have left us now after 3 and 4 months respectively. Celine our South Korean intern gave the winning presentation to her intern group. The presentation was about her internship at the MEC and won her a scholarship of \$500 & she received some media coverage about this. A new South Korean Intern starts with us in January ‘12. We would like to thank our 2011 volunteers for all their efforts throughout the year.

January - Our new South Korean Intern Olivia has started with us & she will be with us for 6 weeks. We also have some new volunteers who have joined us this year.

MEETINGS:

Meetings/Visits/events attended in December included:-

Weekly Meetings with Events Team in the lead up to Ocean Care Day

8 December - Guringai Committee Meeting at North Sydney Council attended by Robynne Millward

13 December - National Science Committee Meeting at Sydney Museum attended by Robynne Millward.

21 December - Oceanwatch Australia Consultation Forum at Sydney Fish Markets attended by Judy Reizes & Robynne Millward. Judy spoke about the role at the MEC.

VISITS:

20 December - University of Georgia Health and Business School visited with 26 students and 8 staff, including Deans of Business and Health Faculties. Introduction to Manly - themes of health and environment tour led by Judy Reizes. Visit and talks included MEC, Manly Food Co-op, North Head Sanctuary, Manly Hospital, Quarantine Station. Presentations were given by Prof. Gary Eggar, Southern Cross University Health Faculty, author of 'Planet Obesity'; Eve Clark, Health Promotion Officer Schools, NSW Health on Health & Wellbeing in the School Curriculum; Peter Rutherford, Ecologist Kimbriki Recycling Centre & Eco House & Garden on Health & the Environment.

6 January – Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington State, USA - 12 students & 2 lecturers visited the MEC for half a day to hear about what we do & how we do it. Talks were given by MEC Staff, Angeilka Treichler, Keelah Lam, Dave Thomas, David Jenkins & Intern Holly Bartlett. Holly also showed them around to Cabbage Tree Bay.

EVENTS/LAUNCHES:

13 & 15 December: Manly Library Christmas Penguin Panto – assisted by MEC University Intern – Tula, giant penguin, star of the show.

13 December: Opening of North Head Sanctuary Education Room by Mike Baird MP Member for Manly.

15 December: Volunteer Xmas Party. A very successful Volunteer Thankyou Party was held at the new Manly Fishos.

10 January: Movie night - 'Reflections on Manly Harbour Pool' & Ben Cropp's 'Little Known Wonders of Sydney Harbour' at Manly Fisho's.

12 January: Coral Sea Creatures Sand Sculptures – Pew Group at Manly Cove, assisted by MEC Intern.

12 January: Pew Photographic Exhibition at Oceanworld.

18 January: Summerama in Manly – Sculpture from the Sea Bed, Manly Council Library Meeting Room, Manly Council Library – Princess of Plastic & EcoDivers created sculptures out of objects commonly found littering the sea floor, assisted by MEC Intern & Volunteers.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes
Manly Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator
27 January, 2012