



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: Wednesday 9 September 2009

TIME: From 4 pm – maximum 2 hours

PLACE: Councillors' Room, Manly 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

Eira Battaglia

Community Member

Louise Bochner

Community Member

Susan Buchan

Community Member

Diana Deeley

Community Member

Richard Hewitt

Community Member

Keelah Lam

Community Member

Terry Metherell

Community Member

Cheryl Rose

Community Member

Peter White

Community Member

Carole Douglas

Community Member

Jacqueline French

Community Member

Angelika Treichler

Little Penguin Warden

Peter Hay

National Parks and Wildlife Service

Council Staff

Judy Reizes

Manager, Manly Environment Centre

Anthony Hewton

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: 3/9/09

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MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST 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

Cheryl Rose

Community Member

Angelika Treichler

Penguin Warden

Staff Representatives

Anthony Hewton

Divisional Manager, Corporate Planning & Strategy

Judy Reizes

Manager, Manly Environment Centre

David Stray

Manager, Environmental Services Division

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Environment Committee** met on 12 August 2009, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN	The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.	
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Community members Louise Bochner, Eira Battaglia, Terry Metherell, Carole Douglas, and Peter Hay from the National Park and Wildlife Service.	ACTION
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The Committee confirmed the Minutes of the meeting 8 th July 2009. The minutes were confirmed as correct with the addition of a dot point	

ACTION

Staff Officer

ITEM 3.1 Adoption of 8 July 2009 Meeting Minutes by Council

ITEM 3.2 Hugo's Restaurant Proposed Development

C'tee members to workshop and circulate draft submission by email within a week.

Submission to be referred to the Development Assessment Unit as a formal submission as part of the DA assessment process.

Following discussion it was agreed by the committee to support UA's proposal in principle subject to more detailed analysis on the level of

specific content such a site would contain.

Resolved

The information was received and noted.

Recommendation

That the General Manager be requested to provide a recommendation (following more detailed analysis) on Underwater Australia's proposal to host an Underwater Manly website.

GM

ITEM 5 REPORT

Improved Consideration of Environmental Levy Programs

A PowerPoint presentation by staff provided a strategic overview of the Environment Levy, a summary and brief evaluation of the Environment Levy expenditure and programs over the past 12 years to the program level, and identified future funding opportunities for the Environment Levy, based on a strategic review of implementation of the Manly Sustainability Strategy.

Points noted from the discussion were as follows:

- that the committee would like to see an increased expenditure on fauna protection measures under the Biodiversity category of expenditure in future years.
- whilst the committee wholeheartedly supports environmental education programs it would like to receive a detailed briefing on the current programming taking place and planned for the future, given a number of changes that have taken place to the program in recent years. This will enable the committee to make more informed decisions when recommending funding initiatives in the future from the Environment Levy.
- a general feeling was expressed that it would be good to phase up activities relating to environmental education and environmental information generally utilising e-Services technology.
- expenditure on bushland restoration should remain outside of the general operational Open Space Maintenance activities of Council.
- the general mix of funding across the program areas was supported as opposed to just funding one or two areas.

Resolved

The report was received and noted.

Recommendations:

- i. That the General Manager note the committee's comments in relation to expenditure on the Levy.
- ii. That the General Manager be requested to ask the appropriate staff to provide a briefing to the next meeting.
Note: the committee was prepared to meet during business hours to assist the relevant staff to attend.

GM

ITEM 6 REPORT

Extension of Penguin Critical Habitat Federation Point

The report was tabled. It was noted a number of committee members still are of the view that the critical habitat areas for Little Penguins should be expanded. However this will be the subject of further reports in due course. Staff were thanked for their advice.

	Resolved: The report was received and noted.	
ITEM 7	REPORT The Manly Environment Centre Report on Current Activities and Local Environmental Issues was tabled. Resolved The report was received and noted.	ACTION
ITEM 7.1	Penguin Predator Update – Report by Local Manager NPWS The NPWS's local Manager (Peter Hay) advised that: ▪ NPWS is closely monitoring our 27 bait stations across North Head and cautiously feel that we may have had success with taking out the foxes; ▪ NPWS will continue to keep pressure on dog owners of the south east Manly area in order to keep the message alive regarding being responsible. Recently NPWS was alerted to tracks on 'Oyama Beach' that were potentially dog, these were found to be possum and water rat, however large dog prints were also found there, so NPWS has requested that one of the Rangers contact Manly Council to again door knock nearby resident dog owners. Recommendation: In view of the report by Local Manager NPWS that dog prints have been sighted on the beach near Oyama Avenue, the Committee requests the General Manager if Council's compliance staff could assist further in some way, for example, to door knock nearby resident dog owners again, advising the need to keep dogs on leads.	GM
ITEM 7.2	Penguin Warden Report The Penguin Warden reported that the first nest at Federation Point is occupied but the two nests closer to the building site are empty. At Manly Wharf 4-5 nests are in use, one more than last year. Resolved: The report was received and noted.	
ITEM 7.3	Manly Penguin Information Signage at Manly Wharf Council has agreed to install double sided signage about Manly's Penguins in the empty frame near Manly Wharf and at other locations as required with DECC approval. It is the committee's opinion that these should be in the form of interpretative panels as a means of informing visitors, and answering questions they may have. Recommendation: The Community Environment Committee recommends to the General Manager that staff circulate the draft signage to the committee members for comment before his final sign off.	GM
ITEM 7.4	Student Work from Project Penguin Taronga Zoo The latest Project Penguin organised by Taronga Zoo has seen a number of schools produce many creative and valuable artworks which contribute to positive understanding of the value of Manly's	

Penguins. One local school has persuaded South Steyne Surf Club to display its work permanently. Other schools have written to Council requesting that Council display their works. These items include a park bench painted with penguin cartoons, penguin tiles for public and restaurant toilet walls, and a statue. Taronga Zoo has documented all of the many ideas and it would be useful to have a comprehensive list of these projects and their outcomes which could be displayed.

ACTION

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the General Manager considers the requests to display the work permanently, and that Council write to Taronga Zoo Project Penguin Manager requesting a complete list of their projects, outcomes and products so that if the decision is made to display them, Council can design their placement for optimum educational effect.

GM

ITEM 7.5 North Head Report by Local Manager National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)

In the absence of the NPWS representative committee member Angelika Treichler updated the committee on advice she had received from the NPWS in regard to the clearing of vegetation around the perimeter of the Australian Institute of Police Management (AIPM) site at North Head. This issue had been raised previously by the committee.

This issue was subsequently discussed by the committee. A number of concerns were noted and it was requested by the committee if Council could seek a formal clarification from the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service regarding the nature of the clearing that had occurred.

Recommendation:

The Community Environment Committee requests that the General Manager writes to National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) seeking clarification of the nature and purpose of the clearing of vegetation around the Australian Institute of Police Management site (AIPM) at North Head.

GM

ITEM 7.6 Companion Animals Legislation Implementation in Manly LGA

Following last month's discussions, and as per the minutes Council's, Manager Regulatory Services Unit, prepared a brochure which is to be finalised by the General Manager's Unit.

Resolved:

The information was received and noted.

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Wednesday 9th September 2009

Time: 4.00pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 8.45pm



TO: Community Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: 9 September 2009

AUTHOR: Anthony Hewton, Divisional Manager, Corporate Planning and Strategy

SUBJECT: **Presentation and facilitated discussion of Council's Environmental Education Programs**

1. INTRODUCTION

At the last meeting of the Committee, it was requested that a special presentation be held to enable the committee to be informed of the diverse range of environmental education programs funded by the Environment Levy and across Council.

2. INFORMATION

The Committee requested the opportunity for a presentation on Council's current environmental education programs to see how the programs are aligned with Council's objectives under the Environment Levy. The committee is also keen to learn the opportunities to provide environmental educational material online and in eService formats.

A powerpoint presentation by staff will be provided at the meeting to highlight current program directions in environmental education. Input will be welcomed from all committee members following the presentation. It is hoped the presentation and discussion will assist the committee make more informed decisions on priorities to be programmed for the 2010/11 financial year.

3. RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to the Committee

It is recommended that the Committee:

- a) Receive and note the information and staff presentation on the Environmental Education Programs conducted by Council and funded by the Levy; and
- b) Input from the committee be noted by the General Manager

Anthony Hewton /Divisional Manager, CPS

27 August 2009

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 9 September 2009
AUTHOR: Judy Reizes, Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator
& Anthony Hewton, Divisional Manager Corporate Planning and Strategy
SUBJECT: **MEC and Current Local Environmental Issues Report**

Manly Environment Centre Report

The MEC has worked on the following initiatives:-

EDUCATION

- MEC designed and orchestrated an environmental education tour of Manly for a 30 member church group 'Vision 21' from Macau. The tour included a talk from Eco Divers, Aboriginal Heritage Officer, student Fairy Bower project, Penguin Wardens and MEC. The tour lasted for 7 hours and was undertaken by staff and volunteers. The members of the tour plan to create environmental projects and awareness in Macau based on Manly as an example.

YOUTH

- In conjunction with the Youth Centre, MEC staged a Skate Competition at the Lagoon Life Festival.

MEETINGS, TALKS, FESTIVALS & EVENTS

- MEC present for Penguin Warden Training with NPWS at the Former School of Artillery.
- Attendance at National Science Week Committee meeting to promote Manly Lagoon Life Festival and Lab at the Lagoon.
- Promotion and development of Lagoon Life Festival, including mapping of area, letters to key local schools and meetings the Aboriginal Heritage Office, artists, MC, and various local environmental groups. Initiation of Waterbird Watch Survey commencing at the Festival and MEC will continue post festival.
- Confirmation and organisation of 'Lagoon Life' art exhibition for Manly Arts Festival program at Safety Wolf, Belgrave Street Manly from 17th- 24th September.
- Lagoon Life Festival highly successful attracting thousands.

RECOMMENDATION:

The MEC Report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes
Manly Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator
24 August 2009

ATTACHMENT

Nil.