



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: Wednesday 8 April 2009

TIME: From 6.30p.m. – 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
Cllr Mark Norek

Manly Council
Manly Council
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Eva Battaglia
Louise Bochner
Susan Buchan
Diana Deeley
Richard Hewitt
Keelah Lam
Terry Metherell
Cheryl Rose
Peter White
Angelika Treichler

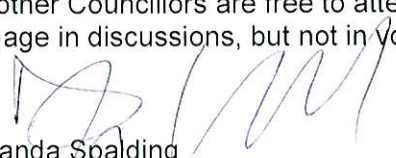
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Little Penguin Warden

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.


Amanda Spalding
Deputy General Manager



MEETING TO BE HELD ON 8th APRIL, 2009
AT 6.30PM 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 11 March 2009 and Matters Arising not elsewhere on the agenda |
| ITEM 4 | Matters Arising – Finalise priorities of the Committee for 2009-12 |
| ITEM 5 | Report: Manly Environment Centre and Current Local Environmental Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ MEC Report▪ Penguins Warden's Report▪ North Head Environment Issues Update▪ North (Sydney) Harbour Aquatic Reserve Extension and Marine Park Process |
| ITEM 6 | Report: Environment Levy Annual Report on projects Funded 2007/8 |
| ITEM 7 | Report: Projects Proposed for Environment Levy Funding 2009/10 |
| ITEM 8 | General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration |
| ITEM 9 | Date for next meeting Wednesday 13 th May 2009 at 6-30pm |
| ITEM 10 | Meeting to close no later than 8-30pm |



MINUTES OF MEETING

MANLY COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2009

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Cathy Griffin

Chair

Community Representatives

Richard Hewitt

Angelika Treichler

Louise Bochner

Eira Battaglia

Cheryl Rose

Peter White

Community Representative

Penguin Warden Representative

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

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Manly Community Environment Committee met on 11th March, 2009 and now reports having reached the decisions taken and recommendations stated hereunder:

OPEN The Meeting Commenced At 6.00pm

ACTION

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Diana Deeley. It was noted that Councillors Elder and Norek were attending a Seaforth precinct event.

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

ITEM 3 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Anthony Hewton, Divisional Manager, Corporate Planning and Strategy, opened the meeting and welcomed the new members.

ITEM 4 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Councillor Griffin was elected as Chairperson.

ITEM 5**REPORT ON STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE INCLUDING TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PRIORITIES**

A presentation (attached) was made by The Divisional Manager Corporate Planning and Strategy concerning the strategic framework for the work of the Committee.

The Committee considered its objectives, meeting schedule and membership.

It was noted that Council has appointed Councillor Lauren Elder to the Committee.

Recommendations:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager and Council:

ACTION

Item for Brief
Mention

a) Committee Membership

Councillor Lauren Elder be added.

That Carole Douglas and Jacqueline French be appointed to fill the two vacancies on the Committee.

A representative from the National Parks and Wildlife Service in the local area be invited to be a member of this Committee.

b) Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule for 2009 was agreed as follows:

Wednesday, with the time changed to 6.30 pm:

11 March, 8 April, 13 May, 10 June, 8 July, 12 August, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December.

c) Objectives of the Committee

That a change be made to the Objectives as follows:

Strike through indicating deletions and underlining indicating new objectives recommended by the Committee to Council.

- Promote environmental best practice
- Receive information and provide advice on key environmental and natural resource programs, services and facilities planned to be, or, currently being, provided by Council.
- Advise on environmentally related matters pertinent to the environment and or issues of climate change.
- The Committee may also provide assistance and support to other Committees of Council concerning environmental issues.
- ~~Advise the General Manager on priority projects to be considered for funding from the Environmental Levy each year~~
- ~~Review the effectiveness of projects funded on an annual basis following advice provided by Council staff.~~

Advise the General Manager and Councillors on both

allocation and expenditure of funds consistent with Levy criteria, i.e. by

- Reviewing a draft budget each year and providing advice on priorities for expenditure;
- Monitoring environmental outcomes of Levy projects;
- Ensuring that such funds are used for new works and environmental initiatives over and above Council's normal operational and capital expenditure budgets; and
- Reviewing draft Levy newsletter reports to residents on new projects and the progress of prior projects relative to budget forecasts.

ITEM 6 MEC REPORT ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

ITEM 6.1 NORTH (SYDNEY) HARBOUR AQUATIC RESERVE EXTENSION AND MARINE PARK PROCESS

As Councillor Elder presented this matter to Council last year, this item will be deferred for discussion to the next meeting.

Recommendation:

That the matter be deferred to the next (April) meeting of the Committee.

ITEM 6.2 PENGUINS AT MANLY WHARF AND FEDERATION POINT

The penguin warden representative reported that the new fencing and gates which Council has erected have enhanced summer crowd control. Council Rangers are providing better dog control and Manly Police have been very helpful.

Recommendation:

That Council be thanked for the barriers and their support as it is greatly appreciated by the wardens and the community.

ITEM 6.3 EXTENSION OF CRITICAL HABITAT AT FEDERATION POINT AS PART OF THE FIVE YEAR REVIEW PROCESS

In spite of earlier concurrence between Maritime and NPWS, the NSW Scientific Committee has advised that they do not believe it is necessary. However, advice to the community from the Environmental Defenders Office recommends providing as much evidence as possible in support of the extension to the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC).

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council considers providing as much evidence as possible in support of the extension of Critical Habitat to include Federation Point in the Critical Habitat Area to the DECC. A copy of the advice from the EDO will be provided to Council.

ITEM 6.4 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF POLICE MANAGEMENT

In response to Council's request for a public meeting, the AIPM held an open day, advertised only 3 days before. The Chair reported that a number of people in the community who have

ACTION

Lead Officer to place item on April Agenda

ACTION

Council to note

ACTION

Item for Brief Mention

This matter to be referred to the Natural Resource's sustainability team for consideration and advice if action approved by Council.

ACTION

No further action

spoken to her are still of the view that there should be no new buildings on this sensitive site above the largest colony of penguins in the National Park.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 6.5 BANDICOOT ROAD DEATHS

A number of dead bandicoots have been observed in the harbour end of Wood Street.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ACTION

Information referred to Natural Resource's sustainability team to note

ITEM 6.6 ODOURS FROM TRUCKING OF BIOSOLIDS TO AND FROM NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

The latest communication on this issue from the Minister for Water, Phillip Costa was tabled at the meeting and is attached to the minutes. It states that "Sydney Water is satisfied that the covers used on trucks at North Head are effective in minimising odours. Minor biosolids odours may occur if some material becomes ingrained in truck bodies and tyres, even though all trucks are washed down after biosolids delivery and prior to leaving the plant".

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ACTION

Council to note

ITEM 7 GENERAL BUSINESS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CHAIR PRIOR TO THE MEETING

ITEM 7.1 REDEVELOPMENT OF BATHERS PAVILION (FEDERATION POINT)

The Penguin Warden advised the Committee on issues relating to Penguins on the above mentioned site during recent development works. She also advised a new Development Application for the site has subsequently been lodged for a restaurant/ bar/ live music complex that would seat 530 people. She is concerned to ensure that issues pertaining to Penguins nesting on the site are properly addressed in the Development Application process. These issues were noted by staff present for referral to the appropriate staff within Council.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ACTION

Item for Brief Mention

This matter to be referred to Environmental Services Division Manager for his attention and action as appropriate if approved by Council.

ITEM 7.2 POSSIBLE FUTURE ISSUES FOR THE COMMITTEE

- **Trapping of cats**
The management of feral cats in the Manly LGA.
- **Indian Mynahs**
The management of this issue in the Manly LGA.

Recommendation:

That the committee receive a brief report from staff on these two issues later this year.

ACTION

Referred to the Council's Bushland Coordinator for brief background report covering both issues for May Meeting

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 8th April 2009 at 6.30pm



Community Environment Committee

3 Year Plan
2009-12

Strategic Framework for Council

- A new Integrated Strategic Planning and Reporting Framework is being introduced
- Councils plans and activities generally will need to show:
 - Clear links with Federal and State and regional plans
 - Planning must be integrated (no silo planning any more)
 - Committees input will be sought

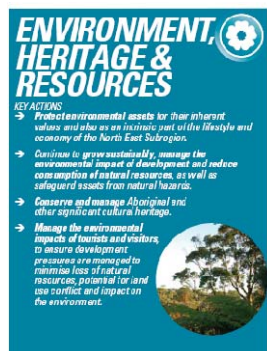
Strategic Framework for Committee:

- External factors affecting Committee work (e.g State & federal govt influences)
- State Plan
- State Agency Plans
- North East Subregional Strategy
- SHOROC
- Manly Strategic & Management Plan objectives
- Community Partnerships

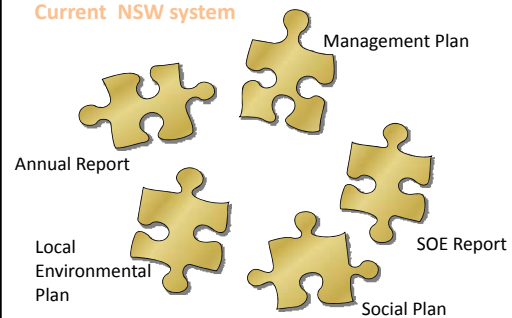
NSW 2006 State Plan

- Rights, Respect and Responsibility:
 - Keeping People Safe
 - Building Harmonious Communities
- Delivering Better Services:
 - Healthy Communities
 - High quality Transport system
 - Customer friendly services
- Fairness and Opportunity
 - Strengthening aboriginal communities
 - Opportunity and support for most vulnerable
 - Tackling disadvantage
- Growing prosperity in NSW:
 - NSW Open for Business
 - Increase business investment
 - Maintain and invest in infrastructure
 - Cut red tape
 - More people in education and training for life
 - AAA rating maintained
- Environment for Living
 - Securing our supply of water and energy
 - Practical environmental solutions
 - Improved urban environments

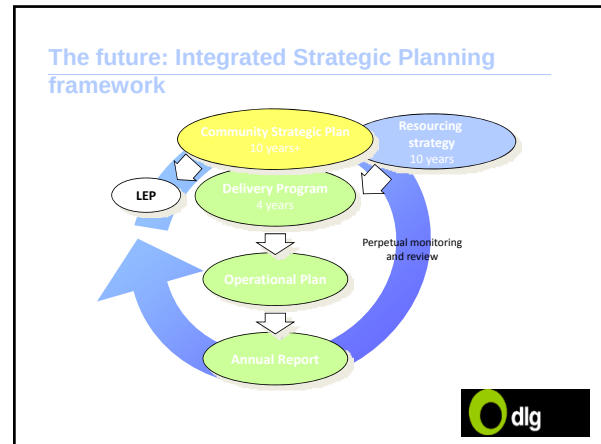
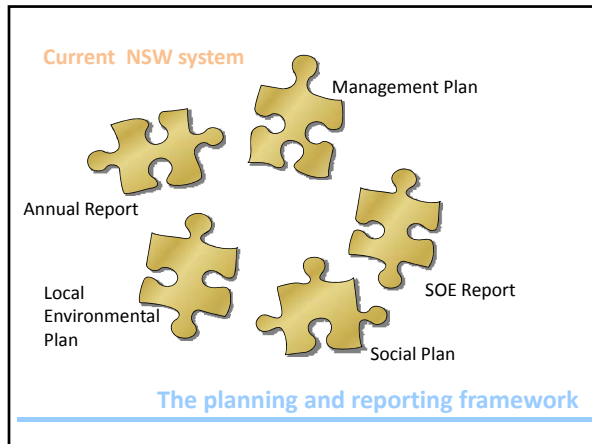
North East Subregional Strategy (2007)



Current NSW system



The planning and reporting framework



The Community Strategic Plan

- reflect the social justice principles of access, equity, participation and rights
- be adequately informed by relevant information and research
- give due regard to relevant State, regional and catchment plans and strategies
- be developed in consultation with the community



Community Environment Committee's Role

- The role of this Committee is purely advisory and may not commit Council resources.
- The Committee is to work within the framework of the Community Strategic Plan and does not deal with day to day operational matters.
- It should be noted that employees of the Council are not subject to the direction of the Advisory Committee or any of its members.

Community Environment Committee's Objectives

- Advise Council regarding Manly's special natural landscapes, biodiversity and aquatic environments to conserve a sustainable, healthy and safe environment for future generations of the Manly community. Key functions of the Committee will be to:
- Promote environmental best practice
- Advise the General Manager on priority projects to be considered for funding from the Environmental Levy each year
- Review the effectiveness of projects funded on an annual basis following advice provided by Council staff.

Community Environment Committee's Objectives (Continued)

- Receive information and provide advice on key environmental and natural resource programs, services and facilities planned to be, or, currently being, provided by Council.
- Advise on environmentally related matters pertinent to the environment and or issues of climate change.
- The Committee may also provide assistance and support to other Committees of Council concerning environmental issues.

Objectives of Committee

- Are these aims & objectives adequate?
- Should changes be made?
- Recommendations to the General Manager and Council?
- Changes to membership
- Agree meetings schedule

Committee's Membership

- Councillor representatives (and the Mayor ex officio):
- Councillor Cathy Griffin
- Councillor Mark Norek
- 1 Little Penguin Warden
- 11 Community representatives (2 Vacancies)

Q: Is this adequate should additional local stakeholders be invited to join to ensure Committee can meet its objectives ?

Council Management Plan Objective related to Environmental Issues

Objective(s)

- To provide a range of integrated programs and actions that act to protect and enhance our local environment, provide opportunities for reestablishment of natural processes and manage potentially damaging activity.

Council Management Plan Principles related to Environmental Issues

Principles

- A shared long-term vision for Manly based on: sustainability, intergenerational, social, economic and political equity; and our individuality.
- Recognise the intrinsic value of Manly's geodiversity, biodiversity and natural ecosystems, and protect and restore them.
- Enable Manly's community to minimise our ecological footprint.
- Promote sustainable production and consumption, through appropriate use of environmentally sound technologies and effective demand management.
- Build on the characteristics of ecosystems in the development and nurturing of a healthy and sustainable Manly.
- Recognise and build on the distinctive characteristics of Manly, including its human and cultural values, history and natural systems.
- Empower people and foster participation.
- Expand and enable cooperative networks to work towards a common, sustainable future.
- Enable continual improvement, based on accountability, transparency and good governance.

Committee Priorities

- What do we want to achieve by 2012?
- What are our priorities?
- What can be achieved in next 6-12 months
- What should we tackle first?
- Revenue impacts/neutrality?



TO: Committee

MEETING DATE: 8th April, 2009

AUTHOR: Judy Reizes, Environment Committee Co-ordinator

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE WORK PLAN FOR 2009-12**

INTRODUCTION At the last meeting an item was deferred relating to the Committee determining its priorities for the next 4 years.

The following issues are presented for the Committee's consideration as requiring discussion for their inclusion on the Strategic Priorities list. These issues have been drawn from long-term policies and strategies from Council.

- Integrated Plan of Management for North Head Sanctuary accepted by all stakeholders/occupiers
- Declaration of a Marine Park which includes an expanded North Harbour Aquatic Reserve and a marine extension to the national park all around North Head, ie from Cabbage Tree Bay to Spring Cove.
- Completion of Recovery Plan for Longnosed Bandicoots, reduction in Bandicoot Mortality and improvement in habitat in the residential area.
- North Head Sewage Treatment Plant plans to implement their 1994 License requirement for discharge to the ocean in wet weather only.
- Sydney Water replaces their century old infrastructure in Manly and treats and provides effluent to all sporting facilities on the Northern Beaches

1. INFORMATION

2. What do we want to achieve by 2012?
3. What are our priorities?
4. What can be achieved in next 6-12 months
5. What should we tackle first?
6. Revenue impacts/neutrality?.

7. RECOMMENDATION:

That the committee adopt the following priorities to pursue over 2009 -2013

- Integrated Plan of Management for North Head Sanctuary accepted by all stakeholders/occupiers
- Declaration of a Marine Park which includes an expanded North Harbour Aquatic Reserve and a marine extension to the national park all around North Head, ie from Cabbage Tree Bay to Spring Cove.
- Reduction in Bandicoot Mortality and improvement in habitat in the residential area.
- North Head Sewage Treatment Plant plans to implement their 1994 License requirement for discharge to the ocean in wet weather only
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Judy Reizes,

Manly Community Environment Committee

Co-ordinator

8th April 2009



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: 8th April, 2009

AUTHOR: Judy Reizes, 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 focus of the MEC has been the development of operational and strategic plans over the month. The MEC has also worked on the following initiatives:

Education

- i. Streamwatch has been revived.
- ii. In conjunction with TAFE developing Teacher Kits for ESL students
- iii. Developing a plan with Catholic Education

Youth

Developing a sustainable strategy to engage youth in environmental issues.

Talks, festivals and Events

Eco Awards:

Strategic partnership with Oceanworld and ICMS. Award winner - Dave Thomas Eco Divers. Valerie Taylor was guest speaker

Presentation:

To ALMA (Australian Lifestyle Medicine Association) Conference at Manly Novatel, March 20 – 22nd

Talks:

Continuation of the highly successful talks program in conjunction with the Nature of Manly Exhibition at the Manly Art Gallery. Jennifer Simpson – Water Management, Manly Art Gallery, May 2nd

Festivals & Events:

Guringai – Talk planned at Manly Art Gallery, Saturday May 13th
Manly Lagoon Event – Sunday 23rd August.

Communications:

- i. Development of Communication Plan for Lagoon Festival
- ii. Website update and refreshment
- iii. Increasing membership for 'MEC Whats On' Newsletter

Report on Current Local Environmental Issues which have come to the attention of the MEC

- (i) Penguin Wardens report:

The committees Penguin Warden representative will brief the Committee on latest issues impacting Manly's Little Penguin population. Issues of Penguins as they relate to building developments has remained high on the issues of concern to Wardens.

- (ii) North Head Environmental Issues Update

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) have had their revised redevelopment plan of the police college (values at \$21 million) approved at their existing North Head site by the State and Federal Governments. NSW Planning Minister Kristina Keneally and Federal Home Affairs Minister Bob Debus made the announcement on 30th march 2008.

- (iii) *Extension of North (Sydney) Harbour Aquatic Reserve and Marine Park (Deferred for discussion from last meeting)*

In December this year the National Parks Association of NSW plans to publicly launch a campaign calling on the NSW Government to improve marine protection. The key focus of this campaign will be the creation of a Sydney Marine Park, offering the Manly area the opportunity for increased marine sanctuaries.

A copy of the notice of motion supported by Council at its meeting of the 8th December (was attached last to the March Agenda papers) together with correspondence to relevant ministers and National Parks Association.

Recommendations:

That the Community Environment Committee receives and notes the MEC and Current Local Environmental Issues report.



TO: Community Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: 8 April 2009

AUTHOR: Dalene Amm, Acting Branch Manager Natural Resources / Sustainability Team Leader

SUBJECT: Environment Levy Annual Report – 2007/2008 Financial Year

1. INTRODUCTION

Staff will present to the Committee the Environment Levy Annual Report for the 2007/2008 financial year.

It is recommended that the Annual Report be received and noted by the Committee.

2. INFORMATION

The Environment Levy Annual Report for 2007/2008 has been prepared following outcomes of the ten year Environment Levy review. The document along with the Statement of Funds for that fiscal year will be distributed electronically to the committee prior to the meeting.

The Annual Report will also be presented by staff at the meeting for the committee's information.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee receives and notes the Annual Report.

Dalene Amm
Acting Branch Manager / Sustainability Team Leader
25 March 2009

ATTACHMENTS

To be tabled



TO: Community Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: 8 April 2009

AUTHOR: Dalene Amm, Acting Branch Manager Natural Resources / Sustainability Team Leader

SUBJECT: **Draft Environment Levy Budget 2009/2010**

1. INTRODUCTION

Staff will present to the Committee the proposed draft Environment Levy Budget for the 2009/2010 financial year.

It is recommended that the draft Environment Levy Budget be endorsed by the Committee.

The endorsed Environment Levy Budget for 2009/10 will be reported to Council for public exhibition along with the General Revenue Budget.

2. INFORMATION

The 2009/2010 Draft Environment Levy Budget has been prepared through the usual budget bid process. Staff submitted budget bids in February 2009 following a review of their work programs and Council's strategic guiding documents including the Management Plan, Plans of Management, the Sustainability Strategy, Coastline and Estuary Management Plans etc.

The Draft Environment Levy Budget spreadsheet and a consolidated set of budget bids will be distributed to the Committee electronically prior to the meeting. This information will also be presented to the Committee at the meeting.

The Committee will be asked to consider the proposed Draft Environment Levy Budget and endorse the Draft.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee endorse the Draft Environment Levy Budget 2009/10.

That the committee recommends to Council that:

- 1) The Draft Environment Levy Budget 2009/10 be endorsed for public exhibition with the Council's General Revenue Budget for 2009/2010.

Dalene Amm
Acting Branch Manager / Sustainability Team Leader
25 March 2009

ATTACHMENTS

To be tabled.