



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: Tuesday 15 November, 2011

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
Julie Taylor-Mills or Mark Mills	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:



**MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER, 2011
THE COUNCILLORS' ROOM. MANLY TOWN HALL, 1 BELGRAVE ST. MANLY**

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MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER 2011

Councillors

Cathy Griffin
Hugh Burns

Manly Council (Chair)
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Eira Battaglia
Susan Buchan
Diana Deeley
Keelah Lam
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Judy Reizes

Manager, Manly Environment Centre

Observer

Jodi Adams

Friends of Manly Environment Centre (FOMEC)

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Community Environment Committee met on 19th October, 2011, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

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| OPEN | The meeting commenced at 6.40pm. The Chair welcomed Jodi Adams, Chair, Friends of Manly Environment Centre (FOMEC) | ACTION |
| ITEM 1 | APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Richard Hewitt, Jacqueline French and Julie Taylor-Mills. | |
| ITEM 2 | DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Nil. | |
| ITEM 3 | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
The minutes of the Committee meeting held 21 st September, 2011 are confirmed. | |

**ITEM 4 MANLY ENVIRONMENT CENTRE INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE FOR ENVIRONMENT CENTRES TO CELEBRATE
MEC'S TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

Implementation of the resolutions from the conference was discussed and it was agreed that:

- FOMEC would be reinvigorated with invitations to interested residents at a public meeting in Manly
- Mark Ogge from Beyond Zero Emissions would give a free presentation to the community.
- FOMEC will liaise with Mark Ogge to arrange a suitable date in conjunction with Nina Burrige
- The Federal Member, Tony Abbott will be invited to be present at the community meeting and presentation by Mark Ogge.

CONFERENCE DEBRIEF MEETING will take place before the next committee meeting and provide a report to the committee.

PENGUINS

Penguin warden reported as follows:

ITEM 5 Wharf Habitat:

At the September meeting it was reported that there was only one penguin pair left at the wharf. Also the coordinators had decided to come out with this sad news, because of the many disappointed spectators who don't get to see any penguins. Even the ones who are there have become very shy.

The Sun Herald printed an article plus a photograph of Stickybeak with his boat propeller scar. It also mentioned the 3 more penguin deaths, 2 killed by boats and one by a dog.

The only remaining breeding pair seems to have 2 chicks, about 3 to 4 weeks old.

Even though we managed to stop the stormwater pipes work last month while the penguins were sitting on eggs, the council managers have decided to go ahead with the work next week for which they have to dig up the sand about 2 to 3 metres away from the burrow where the chicks spend the day while their parents are out foraging. Council staff advised that the work had to be carried out because the strata managers of a block of units at corner Eustace and Gilbert streets threatened the council with court action. Apparently their basement was flooded in August by the higher than normal stormwater flows.

After a site meeting with Council staff I was assured that the penguin protectors, would be permitted to be under the wharf during the 5 days of construction to observe at a safe distance. As soon as one penguin is sighted, the work will stop.

Nevertheless, I am worried that the very last penguin family in Manly Cove West might be driven away by the noise and the disturbance.

Federation Point: No sightings.

Along the Scenic walkway dog owners continue to let their dogs off leash (about 4 to 5 per hour) to let them run free, even down to the rocks of Delwood Beach.

Hoping to get help with this problem, we are meeting with Denise Keen, the founder of the 'Responsible Dog Owners' group. Perhaps

education from fellow dog owners will be more convincing than the Penguin protectors' efforts.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Dog Compliance Issues

As dog owners continue to ignore council signage, it is requested that the General Manager meet with the Penguin Protectors to discuss these issues

2. Stormwater Issues at Manly Wharf

The committee expressed concern that Council intends to discharge untreated stormwater into the harbour adjacent to the swimming enclosure. It has been suggested that the foul odours from this stormwater relate to vegetation waste in the stormwater.

The committee requests a set of working drawings.

ITEM 6 LONGNOSED BANDICOOTS

Judy Reizes tabled a map showing Bandicoot sightings in the residential areas from Ashburner Street to the National Park. This GIS map was prepared by skilled volunteers based on records of sightings over the last 15 years. The map was prepared at the request of Council for the new LEP.

ITEM 7 MANLY COVE WEST ISSUES

Seagrass Issues

A draft of the letter to the Minister for the Environment, including EcoDivers underwater photographs of Endangered Posidonia seagrass and Caluerpa infestation was tabled and discussed.

Seahorses

Still awaiting re-erection of seahorse habitat net by Council contractor.

ITEM 8 NATIONAL PARK ISSUES

The committee expressed concern that budget cuts may result in reduced staffing levels which could impact on safety, security and waste management issues in the National Park on North Head

Recommendation:

That Council seek an assurance from National Parks & Wildlife for the following

- The gates continued to be closed each evening in accordance with the signage and as required to protect the wildlife after dusk at North Head, particularly given Bandicoot mortality.
- Collection of waste bins is continued and in particular the removal of litter from Collins Beach.

ITEM 9 REMOVAL OF STORMWATER PIPE AT NORTH STEYNE

The committee and the community continue to be concerned about the impact on the surfbreak and the sandbanks by the removal of this stormwater pipe.

The committee considers that the groyne effect of the pipe has not been adequately taken into account by either consultant.

It was noted that there are visible changes to the throat of the lagoon with the sand moving inland along the lagoon.

The committee requests that the effectiveness of the low flow pipes exiting by Queenscliff Pool be reviewed

Recommendation:

That Council review the effectiveness of the Low Flow Pipes against the Manly Lagoon Entrance Low-Flow Pipes Extension Statement of Environmental Effects and Monitoring Program and Assessment of Options 1998 to determine whether it is meeting those objectives.

ITEM 10 REPLACEMENT TREE PLANTINGS IN PINE STREET

On the corner of Smith and Pine Street, a mature Casuarina, a local species is being removed to be replaced by Tuckeroo trees, a northern Australian species.

Recommendation:

This mature Casuarina should be retained to ensure biodiversity of species and habitat on the street verges. Planting only tuckaroo trees will create a monoculture of habitat.

ITEM 11 CORAL SEA PROMOTION EVENT

The committee supports this event and associated activities by the Pew Foundation on January 8, on the foreshore adjoining Oceanworld. Oceanworld will also be involved.

ITEM 12 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Tuesday, 15th November, 2011

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 8.40pm



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 15 November, 2011
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:-

CONFERENCE OUTCOMES

Magazine coverage: 2 pages in North Shore Living and 3 pages in Peninsula Living.

Sister Cities: Keynote speaker George Malakwen from Kenya has been in correspondence with Sister Cities Committee.

MEC has seen a significant increase in volunteers as a result of the conference.

OCEAN CARE DAY SUNDAY, 4th DECEMBER – theme “Forests to Foreshores” to celebrate the International Year of the Forests.

Meetings are taking place weekly with Events team

Call for volunteers will need to be made early to facilitate induction by Council Volunteer Officer.

NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AND OTHER SEWAGE ISSUES

There has been extensive media coverage this month on this plant, which include:

- Sun Herald 23rd October, front page/3 page article including editorial covering Mercury in effluent, poor treatment levels and odour complaints featuring our local community.
- Manly Daily Article – Front Page, Editorial - States that odour complaints about North Head STP are the most frequent complaints
- Mayoral Column in Manly Daily

CLEAN OCEAN FOUNDATION FROM VICTORIA - have had discussions with local community and they have started a Sydney Chapter, see www.cleanoceans.org

INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERS:

1 new Intern Holly Bartlett from University of Southern Cross has joined us for 3 months.

5 of our Silver & Bronze Level Duke of Edinburgh students have completed their volunteering.

We have gained more volunteers as a result of the Conference and have had a number of people interested in volunteering for Ocean Care Day.

MEETINGS:

Meetings/discussions with the following:

26 October - Meeting of North Head Sanctuary Foundation.

27 October - Meeting at Local Government Association of Boomerang Alliance.

VISITS:

11th October - Australian Museum – Visit to MEC to gather resources for their Outreach program – very impressed with resources and centre

31 October – 25 Chinese visitors, along with their guide & interpreter, from the Chongqing Environmental Protection Bureau in Chongqing, Sichuan Province, China, have come to Australia by the Australian Technical Experts Network. They visited the MEC & the MFC as part of their Manly component of their Sydney visit. Judy & Stephen Clements gave a talk about Manly, the MEC & Manly Council, before they walked along South Steyne Beach to Shelly Beach before continuing on to the North Head Sanctuary. Our interns did a fabulous job of assisting Judy during the visit.

EVENTS/LAUNCHES:

9 October – Sustainable Living Expo – Mona Vale

16 October – Sea Shepherd film night & fundraiser - Whale Wars & Sharkwater. Sea Shepherd crew members. Held at Manly Youth Centre, Kangaroo St, Manly.

18 October – Bag It Movie at Oceanworld – MEC display – 100 people in attendance.

29 October - Total Environment Centre's event "Story of Stuff" and met Author Annie Leonard.

31 October - Launch Clickerfest Video Conferencing to schools program at The Australian Museum.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes

Manly Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator

3 November, 2011



TO: Community Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: 10 November 2011

AUTHOR: Secretariat

SUBJECT: **Committee meeting dates for 2012**

1. INTRODUCTION

Below are proposed meeting dates for the Community Environment Committee for 2012.

2. INFORMATION

The following table sets out the proposed meeting dates for the Community Environment Committee meetings for 2012. The meetings have been scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month, to commence at 6.30pm in Manly Town Hall, 1 Belgrave Street, Manly and will run for a maximum of 2 hours, as per the current meeting schedule.

Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	April 2012	May 2012	June 2012	July 2012	Aug 2012	Sept 2012	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012
		14	11	9	13	10	14	11	9	13	11

3. RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed dates for 2011 be approved.

Secretariat
Corporate Services Division

Date: 31 October, 2011