



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: THURSDAY 13 JUNE, 2013

TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

PLACE: Councillors' Room, First 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)
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Karen Pitt	Penguin Warden Representative
Michella Burgers	Community Representative
Susan Buchan	Community Representative
Diana Deeley	Community Representative
Jacqueline French	Community Representative
Natasha Hammond-Deakin	Community Representative
Lloyd Keen	Community Representative
Keelah Lam	Community Representative
Neil Ohlbach	Community Representative
David Thomas	Community Representative
Lee DeGail	National Parks & Wildlife 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 Manger
Executive Manager – Land Use and Sustainability
Date: 3 June, 2013.



MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 13 JUNE, 2013

at 7.00pm.

**THE COUNCILLORS' ROOM, MANLY TOWN HALL,
1 BELGRAVE STREET, MANLY**

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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 8 May, 2013 and Matters Arising. |
| ITEM 4 | MEC Report & Current Local Environmental Issues Report |
| ITEM 5 | Penguin Warden Report |
| ITEM 6 | Update on Manly Bushland Programs by Chris Kraus |
| ITEM 7 | North Head Sanctuary –feedback from Harbourtrust Community Advisory Committee Meeting of 12 th June, 2013. |
| ITEM 8 | Update on Seagrass Issues in North Harbour |
| ITEM 9 | NSW Government Response to Marine Parks Audit – Local Councils |
| ITEM 8 | Garigal National Park - Plan of Management – Mountain Bike Path on exhibition until 15 July, 2013 |
| ITEM 9 | General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration. |
| ITEM 10 | Next Meeting: Wednesday 10 July, 2013 at 7.00pm. |



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 12 June, 2013
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:-

INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERS:

Seonho our intern from South Korea started and will be with us four months.
Clemence from France has started with us and is working on the bandicoot project.
Three internships from German and French universities. From 24th June to 8th September and German intern from July/August.
Discussions with Southern Cross University re final year interns for October to December.
Interviews with new volunteers.
We continue to receive more Intern and Volunteer applications every month.

MEETINGS:

Meetings/Visits/events attended in May included:-

- 2 May** - RM to attend Australian Museum VEA.
- 2 May** - Meeting with Body Aquatic, arts and science festival celebrating the blue veins of Sydney.
- 7 May** - FoCTB Working Group meeting.
- 7 May** - Guringai Festival – Yarn to Yarn at Manly Community Centre.
- 13 May** - Progress Guringai Festival Yarn to Yarn Workshops at MEC.
- 14 May** - Weaving Bridges Project Meeting at Manly Community Centre.
- 15 May** - Bike Life Festival Meeting with Road Safety & Community Safety.
- 16 May** - Meeting at MCC with Marrickville Council Community member re Guringai Festival event.
- 17 May** - Department of Planning Community Consultation on Planning Reforms.
- 20 May** - Guringai – Yarn to Yarn Workshops at Gawura Aboriginal Learning Centre.
- 21 May** - Department of Planning Community Consultation on Planning Reforms.
- 22 May** - Project Penguin 2013 - Initial information presentations to High School students from Manly Selective & Cromer as mentors to Primary School students.
- 22 May** - Bike Life Festive meeting with Road Safety, Community safety, NSW Health, Youth.
- 27 May** - Guringai Festival Yarn to Yarn workshops at Manly Library & Gawura Aboriginal Learning Centre, Northern Beaches TAFE.
- 28 May** - Bike Life Festival with Community Safety & Ed McPeake.
- 29 May** - FoCTB Volunteers. Booked Dennis Foley for talk at Sandbar Cafe Saturday 22nd 2 – 4pm.
- 30 May** - Progress Food, Wine & Sustainability Festival.
- 31 May** - Penguin Recovery meeting.
- 31 May** - Attend student enrichment day at ICMS.
- 31 May** - Little Penguin Book Launch by Wendy Harmer at Sea Life Sanctuary.

VISITS/EVENTS/LAUNCHES:

TARONGA ZOO PROJECT PENGUIN HABITAT DAY IN MANLY ON 22 MAY

Judy Reizes from MEC and Sue Mathews, Penguin Warden conducted three information sessions of one hour each for students from Manly West, Manly Village and Beacon Hill schools at Manly Cove.

The students visited Sealife Sanctuaries Penguin exhibit to observe their new penguin exhibit.

Thursdays session has had to be deferred due to bad weather.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MANLY FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL – Sat 1 & Sun 2 June, 2013.

Preparation of special display material to complement Community Environmental Partnerships growing food theme. Along with the Manly food Co-op we all joined in together under one marquee embracing the theme Love Food Hate Waste. Visitors to the MEC stand signed up for our newsletter and also signed up as Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay and interested volunteers. We also had a speaker from Australian Stingless Bees who talked about bees and as it was also National Whale Day, David Jenkins was there to talk about the whales upcoming whale sighting season.

GURINGAI FESTIVAL

Manly Community Centre, Manly Environment Centre, Warringah Council & Northern Beaches Aboriginal Community members, community groups & individuals joined together in Yarn to Yarn Workshops for 3 months to knit, crochet, and weave marine creatures. These artworks create a large textile seascape which is to be installed on the Stuart Sommerville Bridge, Queenscliff on Thursday 25th June 10 – 12. There will a launch ceremony at 10.00am with indigenous performers to celebrate this project, followed by a morning tea.

BIKE LIFE FESTIVAL

Initial meetings have begun for the Bike Life Festival 2013 – Sunday 22nd September at Manly Lagoon Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes
Manly Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator
30 May, 2013



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY, 2013

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Cathy Griffin

Cllr Hugh Burns

Other Representatives

Susan Buchan

Michella Burgers

Diana Deeley

Jacqueline French

Natasha Hammond-Deakin

Lloyd Keen

Jan Ritchie

Community Member

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Judy Reizes

Manager, Manly Environment Centre.

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Environment Advisory Committee** met on 8th May, 2013, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 7.10pm.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Keelah Lam, Neil Ohlbach, Dave Thomas, Karen Pitt

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ACTION

ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 10 th April, 2013 are confirmed.	ACTION
ITEM 4	MATTERS ARISING It was resolved at Council's Planning and Strategy Meeting held on 6 th May that the minutes of the Community Environment Advisory Committee be adopted.	
ITEM 5	MANLY ENVIRONMENT CENTRE ISSUES MEC Report That the monthly MEC Report as tabled be accepted.	
ITEM 6	SEAGRASS ISSUES IN MANLY COVE AND SPRING COVE NSW Fisheries have circulated a report on the results of their consultation on protection of seagrass from boats anchoring. Recommendation: Council write a letter to NSW Fisheries to request a progress report on changes to anchoring arrangements and tenders accessing the beach at Manly Cove where penguins come ashore. This letter should state that Manly Council is progressing the rebuilding of habitat for the protected Seahorses on the swimming enclosure in this protected precinct. It was noted that boats mooring too close to the swimming enclosure still present a potential to damage the swimming enclosure.	
ITEM 7	UPDATE ON NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT ISSUES The General Manager has written to Mike Baird regarding his facilitating attendance of members of this committee at a meeting with the Managing Director of Sydney Water. It was noted that as the August meeting of the North Head Community Consultative Committee will be devoted to discussing odours from the plant, that Mike Baird be requested to facilitate delegates from this Committee attending. Council has still not received a reply to their letter of 22nd February asking Mike Baird when he is going to announce the \$34million allocated for the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant Odour Management Project.	
ITEM 8	CLEANING OF COUNCIL ROCK SWIMMING POOLS The committee is concerned about the use of chlorine in cleaning Council's rock swimming pools.	

ITEM 9 CABBAGE TREE BAY ISSUES**ACTION****a. Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay Volunteers**

George Mannah, Communications Manager for NSW Fisheries attended the Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay meeting to discuss areas of future co-operation.

The Day at the Bay was a great success and 8 new people put their names down for the Volunteer Group and 40 for the Friends Group. The group has 300 Friends on Facebook.

There are now 28 new volunteers for training and induction. It is planned to hold this on 13th July. This brings the total volunteers to 64.

It is planned to:

- Hold a thank-you event for the Volunteers for the great work they have done on weekends since December. They will resume in September
- Run a program of monthly events during their break, ie
 - 22 June - Talk by Professor of Aboriginal Studies, Dennis Foley about the aboriginal significance of Cabbage Tree Bay
 - 13 July – New Volunteer Training and Induction
 - August talk for Science Week – Marine Scientist Aimee about Bull Sharks
 - 28 September – event to restart Volunteer Group
 - 20 or 27 October – Asian Women at Work – George Mannah to organise
 - Write and circulate a newsletter

b. Mosaic to Mark the Entrance to Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve

This project is resourced and funded through this year's Environmental Levy enabling us to engage an artist to make the tiles with students from Manly Village School. Installation will need to be discussed with the works people. We would like it to be completed by the end of September in time for the resumption of the Volunteers or Ocean Care Day in December.

Recommendation:

The committee supports the installation of the mosaic at the beginning of Marine Parade to mark the entrance to the Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve by December.

c. Mechanical Beach Cleaning of Shelly Beach by Beach Rake

The committee is concerned at the daily use of this heavy

equipment which is removing vast quantities of the shells after which the beach was named. Removal of the shells is aggravating beach erosion and consequent sand migration onto grass areas. This is not consistent with the no-take regulations governing the Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve.

Recommendation:

That Council reconsider the use of mechanical beach raking, following the example of Mosman council which has ceased mechanical cleaning of their beaches like Chinaman's Beach. The use of hand raking would preserve significant shell cover which could reduce beach erosion and sand migration onto grass areas, thus avoiding contravening the Fisheries regulations governing the No-take Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve.

d. Regular Usage of Shelly Beach by SeaAustralia

The community is concerned that over 2,000 students per week are being brought to Shelly Beach. There are up to three groups per day, ie 150 students on the beach at any one time. Each session lasts for approximately 1 to 1.5 hours and there can be three sessions in a day, ie 450 students, without a break.

Recommendation:

That Council investigate

- a. The consistent impact of these large numbers in the shallows of the Aquatic Reserve with the resulting compaction of the shallows environment for long period of time without a break.
- b. Whether some of the fees paid by SeaAustralia could be attributed to enhancement of the Bay.

ITEM 10 MANLY FOOD, WINE AND SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL 2013

The committee is disappointed that there will not be any environmental message in regard to Container Deposit Legislation and plastic waste by removal of display space for Ecodivers and Two Hands. At a time when other Councils are adopting the themes of Manly's Sustainability Festival, the traditional focus of this family event should be restored to something similar to the Great Taste Less Waste Theme of previous years.

ITEM 11 BUSHLAND PRESENTATION

The committee would welcome a presentation on Council's bushland from Chris Kraus, Bushland Manager at the next meeting.

ITEM 12 NEXT MEETING DATE

Venue: Manly Council Chambers

Time: 7.00pm

Date: Wednesday, 13th June, 2013

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.