



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER, 2014

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

Chair

Other Representatives

Diana Deeley

Jacqueline French

Natasha Hammond

Lloyd Keen

Keelah Lam

Jon Panic

Janne Seletto

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Council Staff

Judy Reizes

Manager, Manly Environment Centre

Karen Smith

Aboriginal Heritage Office

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Environment Advisory Committee** met on 10 December, 2014, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Karen Pitt, Michella Burgers, Jan Ritchie, David Thomas.

ACTION

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
The minutes of the Committee meeting held 12 November, 2014 are confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING

It was resolved at Council's Planning and Strategy Meeting held on 8 December, 2014 that the minutes of the Community Environment Advisory Committee be adopted.

ITEM 4 MEC REPORT and MANLY ENVIRONMENT CENTRE ISSUES

That the monthly MEC Report as tabled be accepted.

ITEM 5 MANLY OCEAN CARE DAY ON SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER.

This day was deemed a great success by participants and visitors and attracted a congratulatory resolution from the whole of Council. The day has been recorded by some wonderful photos which will be put up on the MEC's website.

ITEM 6 KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL NATIONAL AWARDS PRESENTATION IN ADELAIDE

Manly Council was awarded the National Award for Community Partnerships and two Highly Commended Awards, the Dame Phyllis Frost for Little Prevention and Environmental Protection and Innovation.

The Committee congratulates the Council for winning these awards. However, we are disappointed that the MEC staff were not acknowledged and neither was the role of that NSW Fisheries played in supporting the Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay Volunteers.

ITEM 7 PRESENTATION BY KAREN SMITH, EDUCATION OFFICER, ABORIGINAL HERITAGE OFFICE, MANLY

This comprehensive and interesting presentation of great local interest given by Education Officer, Karen Smith was followed by many questions from the Committee.

The Committee is aware that the present premises do not permit the display of all of their aboriginal heritage items as exhibited in their former premises in Northbridge. Apparently these are being stored in a shed adjoining the building.

Recommendation:

Given the current weather conditions that the General Manager ensures that aboriginal heritage items are conserved in a storage area and not suffering water damage.

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ITEM 8 ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY 2015

Staff have been requested to have their bids completed by 31 January so that the bids can be presented to the March meeting of this Committee.

ITEM 9 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE 10/50 VEGETATION CLEARING CODE OF PRACTICE

There was a very demonstration outside the Premier's office on 24 November. This event was attended by groups from all over Sydney.

Recommendation:

That Council continue to support the call for the moratorium on the 10/50 regulation and hope that the Government entirely withdraws this regulation and it puts in place better fire precaution measures.

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ITEM 10 MANLY'S THREATENED FLYING FOX COLONY

The Chair advised that Manly Council has called for tenders for the preparation of the Management Plan and shortly the Community Environment Committee looks forward to this Plan being placed on public consultation early in 2015.

ITEM 11 MANLY 2015 PROJECT

The Public Domain Committee has recommended that Raglan Street should be upgraded to "gateway" status by creating a

black granite walkway to the beach at North Steyne via Belgrave Street.

Recommendation:

This Committee expresses its concern at the lack of consideration for the negative environmental effects of:

- The heat island effect of the proposed black granite pathway
- As a "gateway" it should have iconic trees which are also shade trees
- The lack of habitat provided by the proposed planting of Tuckaroo trees. Advice should be sought from the consultant who is preparing Council's Street Tree Planting Strategy for a recommendation of appropriate local trees to provide habitat for local species.
- The proposed bike lane will add to the unsafe bike network because it is on the road and should be a dedicated bike lane.
- Council should take the opportunity to improve the quality of stormwater entering the beach environment.

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ITEM 12 LONG-NOSED BANDICOOT ROAD MORTALITY PREVENTION OPTIONS

Recommendation:

The Committee requests an update on the outcome of the Traffic Committee's consideration of the traffic calming devices proposed to reduce the mortality of the Bandicoots.

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ITEM 13 LITTLE PENGUIN REPORT

There was no Penguin report.

ITEM 14 SYDNEY WATER ODOUR ISSUES ON THE NORTHERN SUBURBS OCEAN OUTFALL SYSTEM (NSOOS) AND ITS IMPACT ON MANLY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

a. Odours from Western Sydney Trade Waste Customers discharging Waste with a High Organic Content into the NSOOS

Council's letter to Sydney Water did not contain the appropriate details to assist Sydney Water in providing Council with details of the three companies discharging highly odorous industrial waste into Sewage Pumping Station No. 62 at Camellia.

b. Odours from the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant

Council has resolved to write to Sydney Water to invite the new consultant to address a Community Environment Committee meeting and discuss their brief.

ITEM 15 CABBAGE TREE BAY

a. Marine Estate Management Bill of 2014.

Council will write to the Minister to seek clarification as to when a Management Plan for the Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve will be developed and adopted.

b. Designated Swimming Zone

This matter was discussed further at the Council's Harbour Foreshores Committee where RMS advised that "there were not enough complaints about 'motorised watercraft' in the Bay" for a ban on boats to be considered.

Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay Volunteers are compiling details of motorised boats in the Aquatic Reserve, including photographs.

ITEM 16 SQUID FISHING IN NORTH (SYDNEY) HARBOUR AQUATIC RESERVE

Council has resolved to write to NSW Fisheries reiterating their support for the continuation of the current prohibition as it accords with the W2 objectives of the Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005.

ITEM 17 SHARK CAMPAIGN

a. Education

Committee members praised the 16 x 1.8m comprehensive panels prepared and exhibited by the Manly Environment Centre at Ocean Care Day covering the walls inside and outside of the MEC LAB marquee.

The panels were researched and prepared by MEC Interns and Volunteers in consultation with various stakeholders. Their high visibility attracted a lot of attention and it was gratifying watching people reading them intently both inside and outside the marquee.

It is suggested that future opportunities should be sought to make them accessible to schools and other organisations.

b. Sydney Coastal Councils Presentation by Department of Primary Industry on Shark Meshing.

The Sydney Coastal Councils group resolved to discuss facilitation of the trial of non-lethal shark protection measures along the Sydney coastline to work with NSW Fisheries and Coastal Councils.

ITEM 18 WILDLIFE CORRIDORS – STREET TREES

The consultant will have a meeting shortly to show the results of the survey and the plan to the community. It is hoped that members of this Committee will be invited to the presentation.

ITEM 19 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Wednesday 11 February, 2015

Time: 7.00pm.

Venue: Downstairs in Training Room, Manly Council Chambers. (No meeting in January).

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.