



MINUTES OF MEETING

MANLY COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY, 8TH APRIL, 2009

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Cathy Griffin
Cllr Lauren Elder

Manly Council

Community Representatives

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

Community Representative
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Community Representative
Penguin Warden Representative
Organisation
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Council Staff

Anthony Hewton
Dalene Amm
Judy Reizes

Divisional Manager, Corporate Planning & Strategy
Sustainability Team Leader
Manager, Manly Environment Centre

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Community Environment Committee met on 8th April, 2009, to consider the matters referred to it and now reports having reached the decisions taken and recommendations stated hereunder:

OPEN The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

ACTION

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Louise Bochner.

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
No declaration of interest were recorded.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
The minutes of the Committee meeting held 11th March, 2009 were approved as a correct record.

ITEM 4	MATTERS ARISING It was resolved at Council's Planning and Strategy meeting held on 6th April, 2009 that the minutes of the Community Environment Committee be adopted. TERMS OF REFERENCE Previous Terms of Reference for this committee included the following: "Liaison with and support for the Manly Environment Centre, Sustainability Youth Crew and other stakeholders and interested parties, including National Parks and Wildlife Service in the Manly Area." Recommendation: That the above clause be added to the Terms of Reference of this Committee as shown in italics below. <i>Liaison with and support for the Manly Environment Centre, Sustainability Youth Crew and other stakeholders and interested parties, including National Parks and Wildlife Service in the Manly Area.</i>	ACTION Item for Brief Mention
ITEM 5	ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY REPORT Staff presented the evaluation report for projects funded in 2007/8 year. Also they recommended allocation of funds for the levy for the 2009/10 financial year. The following points were noted: • The evaluation report for projects funded from the 2008 /9 financial year will be forwarded to the committee in the second half of this year (after the financial year closes). This financial years projects included the \$150,000 climate change icon project • Importance of a good executive summary in presenting figures and allocations to the committee was noted by staff.. • Committee desired to see Hill to Harbour Tours project to be self funded under the environmental education program to allow for these funds to be utilised in an education project relating to conserving the marine environment. • Some committee members desired more information on Community Garden project and requested the community be consulted with as this project progressed (it still received support for an allocation of funds as recommended). • Committee to continue to monitor bushland allocations in future years. It was noted other funding obtained by Council may lessen the burden from the levy for these funds in 2010/11. • Further reports were requested in relation to the Gross Pollutant Trap Program giving background and its overall effectiveness as well as Environmental Education program and its current focus areas. 5.1 Recommendation That the Committee receives and notes the Annual Report for 2007-2008 environment levy funded projects.	ACTION Item for Brief Mention 5.1 & 5,2

5.2 Recommendation

That the committee recommends to Council that the Draft Environment Levy Budget 2009/10 be endorsed for public exhibition with the Council's General Revenue Budget for 2009/2010.

ACTION

Environment Levy Program 2009/10	
Project Name	2009/10
Biodiversity Program	
Burnt Bridge Creek Restoration	\$65,000
Bushland Restoration Program	\$195,000
Threatened species program	\$10,000
Water Cycle Management Program	
Water Cycle Management	\$73,000
Water Cycle Monitoring and Integrated Decision Support Tool Development	\$40,000
Manly LGA Flood Study and Risk Management Plan (Stage 1 & 2)	\$60,000
Feasibility Assessment – New GPTs (North Harbour & Manly Cove CMP areas)	\$20,000
Sustainable Water Resources – (Water Plan Implementation)	\$30,000
GPT + Water Tanks Maintenance Vote (up to 10% allowed- \$94,600)	\$61,000
Lagoon Conservation & Remediation Program	
Coastline Management Program	
Coastal Environmental Projects	\$155,000
Manly Ocean Beach CMP Implementation	\$65,000
Harbour based Coastline Management Plans - Implementation	\$45,000
Education for Sustainability Program	
Education for Sustainability Strategy Implementation	\$96,000
Ocean Care Day	\$20,000
Manly Community Garden & Nursery	\$16,000
Fair Trade Manly	\$2,000

Manly Ambassadors	\$4,000
Environment Levy Community Communication Strategy	\$6,000
TOTAL ENVIRONMENT LEVY FUNDED PROJECTS 2009/10:	\$966,000

ITEM 6	MEC REPORT ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES The report circulated with the Agenda was spoken to by the Manager of the MEC. Recommendation That the report be received and noted.	ACTION
ITEM 6.1	PENGUINS AT MANLY WHARF AND FEDERATION POINT The Penguin Warden Representative reported that there are a number of developments which could impact on the penguins. She also advised that the Community Reference Group for the Penguins had been dissolved. Recommendations: It is recommended that a report be brought back to the committee on the status of the Community Reference Group, and how issues relating to the protection of penguin critical habitat are dealt with as part of the development approval process at Council.	ACTION Report be prepared by Staff
ITEM 6.2	AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF POLICE MANAGEMENT N.S.W. Planning Minister Keneally and Federal Minister for Home Affairs Mr Bob Debus, announced the approval of the AIPM's Preferred Project. However, an officer from the Referrals Section, Federal Department of Environment, Water and Heritage has verbally advised that their Department has not been notified by the NSW Government as yet. When the report from NSW Planning is received, the approval process is 40 days. Letter of 2nd December, 2008 received from their Minister Garrett assured Council that his department would assess "matters raised when deciding whether or not the proposal should be approved under the EPBC Act." Recommendation: Council seek written confirmation from Minister Garrett as to the current status of the approval of this Preferred Project under the <i>Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999</i> which his Department administers.	ACTION Item for Brief Mention & action as adopted by Council
ITEM 6.3	NORTH (SYDNEY) HARBOUR AQUATIC RESERVE EXTENSION AND SYDNEY MARINE PARK Councillor Elder has requested that this matter be deferred until the June meeting and that a staff member of National Parks Association be invited to brief the committee.	ACTION Lead Officer to invite NPA staff & place item on June Agenda

ITEM 7 PRIORITIES FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR 2009-2012
Priorities were presented to the meeting for discussion and it was decided to defer discussion until the next meeting.
Prior to the next meeting, Committee members are encouraged to send their ideas to the Chair so that they can be collated, presented and finalised at the next meeting.

ACTION
Committee members to send priorities list to Chair

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING DATE:
Date: Wednesday 13th May, 2009
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Manly Council

Meeting closed at 9.55pm