



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL, 2016

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Hugh Burns

Chair

Other Representatives

Michella Burgers

Jacqueline French

Lloyd Keen

Keelah Lam

Rosie Lempriere

Rosanna Perillo-Boutin

Jan Ritchie

Janne Seletto

Community Member

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Council Staff

Judy Reizes

Manager, Manly Environment Centre

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Community Environment Advisory Committee met on 13 April, 2016 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

ACTION

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Natasha Hammond Deakin, Sue Matthews, Dave Thomas,
Michael Treanor, NPWS,

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Nil.

ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES NOTES FOR 9 MARCH, 2016 The Minutes for the meeting of 9 March, 2016 have not yet been confirmed at a Council meeting.	ACTION
ITEM 4	MEC Report & Current Local Environmental Issues Report That the monthly MEC Report as tabled be accepted. The MEC Annual Program 2016, with the addition of the event for the 25 th Anniversary of this Committee, was approved.	
ITEM 5	CHEMICAL FREE WEEDING AND BUSH REGENERATION. In the light of information which all Councils have received from their insurers about herbicides like Glyphosate being categorised as carcinogenic, this Committee draws Council's attention to the need to review their policy on the use of such herbicides.	
ITEM 6	MEC ANNUAL ECO AWARDS AT SEA LIFE SANCTUARY ON THURSDAY 17 MARCH, 2016. Over 100 people attended this event where this award was presented to Sharnie Connell for her work on Shark Conservation. Afterwards John Turnbull from Marine Explorer showed his underwater films of our local area and gave a very interesting commentary about our local marine environment to all of the attendees. Fiona McCuaig, Sydney Marine Park Campaigner for AMCS encouraged people to make submissions.	
ITEM 7	PENGUIN WARDEN REPORT. There was no penguin report as Sue Matthews was unable to attend the meeting.	
ITEM 8	25 YEAR CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND MANLY ENVIRONMENT CENTRE The MEC has prepared a long list of former members of the Committee with emails to which invitations can be sent. A discussion took place and themes for the invitation should include: • Come along and celebrate the wonderful achievements of our Committee over 25 years. • You are a significant part of our success, so join us to celebrate. • Meet at the Turnaround Tree on the Manly Beachfront near South Steyne Surf Club. This was the first successful planting of Manly's new Pines on the Beachfront, since 300 pines there were lost to pollution from the North Head Sewage Treatment Plant in the 1970s. • Parade along the beachfront with colourful creatures led by a Samba Band and then down The Corso to the Town Hall for a High Tea and Reminiscences about Triumphs and Failures. • These will be assisted by speeches, videos, slides, photo displays and decorations.	

ITEM 9 SYDNEY WATER NHWWTP ISSUES

a. Next Odour Forum on Thursday 28 April at 7pm – 9pm at Manly Council Chambers

Members of the Committee were provided with additional copies of the invitation and information to circulate at Precinct meetings, etc.

b. Biosolids Trucks

Given the existing high mortality of Longnosed Bandicoots at night on the stretch of Darley Road outside Manly Hospital, the Committee expressed its strong concern about the proposal by Sydney Water and Little Manly Precinct to change the Biosolids Trucks schedule from daytime to after dark. As this is the time that the bandicoots are foraging on the roadside verge around and under parked cars, scheduling 34 tonne trucks at night increases the risk of their being killed.

In addition, Council has requested Little Manly Precinct to thoroughly consult residents on both sides of Darley Road about their proposal. It was noted that residents of Fairy Bower Precinct are on the eastern side of Darley Road.

This Committee is concerned that the evening movement of these large noisy and odorous trucks will cause public discomfort and disturbance at a time when children and parents are at home relaxing as a family, enjoying the peace and quiet of the evening. 34 tonne truck movements in the evening affect the greatest number of residents and families, particularly when children and shift workers are trying to sleep.

The Committee also expressed concern about the noise from compression braking to comply with the 30kph downhill speed restrictions into Manly, as well as the noise from the engines.

ITEM 10 SYDNEY MARINE PARK CAMPAIGN

Closing date for submissions has been extended to 8 May, 2016. Judy Reizes will prepare a submission on behalf of the Committee. Members of this Committee were provided with materials to assist them in making their own submissions and to enlist the support of other members of the community.

ITEM 11 MANAGEMENT OF SHARKS IN NSW

Awaiting the Government's response to submissions.

ITEM 12 IVANHOE PARK BOTANICAL GARDEN MANAGEMENT PLAN

Staff will circulate a copy of the Plan with the Minutes of this meeting.

ITEM 13 BALGOWLAH FLYING FOX MANAGEMENT PLAN

Council staff are requested to provide an update on the implementation of the Plan.

ITEM 14 QUARANTINE STATION REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

No more available at this time.

ITEM 15 MANLY VALE RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

The Department of Education has a dedicated website for the redevelopment of Manly Vale Public School available to be viewed at:

<http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news-at-det/announcements/manly-vale-public-school>

ITEM 16 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Wednesday 11 May, 2016.

Time: 7.00pm.

Venue: Manly Council Chambers.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.