



MINUTES OF MEETING

WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2014

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Clr Barbara Aird	Manly Council (Chair)
Clr Cathy Griffin	Manly Council
Clr Candy Bingham	Manly Council

Other Representatives

David Thomas	Community member
Silke Stuckenbrock	Community member
Michella Burgess	Community member
Keelah Lam	Community member

Council Staff

Natasha Schultz	Manager Environmental Operations
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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Waste Committee met on 29 October 2014, to consider the matters referred to it and now reports having reached the decisions taken and recommendations stated here under:

OPEN		ACTION
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Clr Jean Hay AM, Mayor Angelike Treichler	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES Minutes of the Waste Advisory Committee meeting on 29 October 2014 were confirmed. Moved: Clr Cathy Griffin Seconded: Clr Barbara Aird	

ITEM 4	MATTERS ARISING	ACTION
	Litter Clr Griffin suggested that Council could use social media to see when events are promoted. This would enable Council to pro-actively address waste management through bin placement in areas of high demand. The Committee did not support the installation of more permanent bin enclosures and requested that additional waste generated during peak periods is managed through the placement of temporary bins, especially at Shelly Beach and East Esplanade. General Business CDL –“ MP Threatened with attack ad campaign” Newspaper article by journalist Kirsty Needham was tabled at the meeting by Clr Griffin. In the article it is alleged that an MP was threatened with an extensive ad campaign over her and the party’s position on CDL. The Committee was disappointed that CDL has not been progressed. Recommendation: The Committee recommended to the General Manager that: 1. Council writes to the Premier and The Minister for the Environment stating that it is disappointed to read in the paper that the State Government has succumbed to this threat from the beverage industry. Manly Council has been a long time supporter of CDL and does not hold with the view that CDL will negatively impact on recycling. We are therefore concerned with the consequences of such a decision.	N Schultz
ITEM 5	GENERAL BUSINESS	
	Communal apartment gardens Presentation by Nick Vale Nick Vale – Vale Green Life presented communal gardens in high and medium density developments. Signature Apartments in Redfern were nominated as successful, particularly in terms of social interaction, capacity building and waste avoidance with occupiers and tenants involved in communal gardening. Several properties were put forward by committee members as suitable for a project of this type. Merits of composting and communal gardens were discussed. Nick seeks Council support (financial and administrative) to run a pilot scheme with 10 apartment blocks. It was advised that for a number of reasons this proposal is	

outside the scope of the Waste Committee.

Discussion moved to the benefits of composting in medium to high density housing. It was suggested that subject to the approval process, Council hold a workshop – *“Composting and Communal gardens in Medium/High Density Developments”* at Baringa Community Gardens, with Nick presenting.

N Schultz

Recommendation:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that:

1. Council hold a workshop *“Composting and Communal gardens in Medium/High Density Developments”*

Moved: Cllr Cathy Griffin

Seconded: Cllr Candy Bingham

Plastic Bags and Recreational Fishing

Recently over 300 plastic bags were retrieved for the nets in West Esplanade; most were marked as bait bags.

N Schultz

Recommendation:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that:

1. Council writes to the Minister for the Environment, Department of Fisheries and Sydney Coastal Councils Group advising them that, of the 300 bags retrieved from the nets at West Esplanade Beach, most were bait bags. Manly Council therefore urgently seeks your support to develop a point of sale education campaign for fisherman to encourage responsible disposal behaviour and remove plastic contamination from this source.

Moved: Cllr Cathy Griffin

Seconded: Cllr Barbara Aird

Waste initiatives - update

Several activities/workshops are proposed in the coming weeks and will be advertised in promotions for National Recycling Week.

These include:

- Compost workshop
- Sustainable kitchen
- Up cycling workshop for adults
- Up cycling workshop for children

Bin Bay signs and stickers

The Committee made suggestions for changes to the content of stickers and signs to remove references to “acceptable” and “food.”

Staff Induction Program

A planned initiative for 2015 is to incorporate sustainability in our induction/ welcome to new staff. A component of this initiative is the issue of keep cups to new staff. Silke expressed an interest in being involved in this initiative.

Meeting closed at 10:40 am

ITEM 6 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Date: 10 December 2014

Time: 8:30 am

Venue: Council Chambers