



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH, 2014

TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

PLACE: The Councillors' Room, Manly Town Hall, 1 Belgrave Street, Manly.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councillors

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| Cllr Jean Hay AM, Mayor (ex officio) | Manly Council |
| Cllr Cathy Griffin | Manly Council (Chair) |
| Cllr Hugh Burns | Manly Council |

Other Representatives

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| Karen Pitt | Penguin Warden Representative |
| Michella Burgers | 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 |
| Jan Ritchie | Community Representative |
| David Thomas | Community Representative |
| Lee DeGail | National Parks & Wildlife Representative |

Council Staff

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| 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 March, 2014.



AGENDA

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING TO BE HELD ON Wednesday, 12 March, 2014

at 7.00pm.

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

- ITEM 1** Apologies and leave of absence.
- ITEM 2** Declarations of Interest – Pecuniary
Non - Pecuniary
- ITEM 3** Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting 12 February, 2014 and Matters Arising.
- ITEM 4** MEC Report & Current Local Environmental Issues Report
- ITEM 5** Presentation by Jacob Sife on Report on Monitoring Project on Longnosed Bandicoots in the Residential Area
- ITEM 6** Penguin Warden Report
- ITEM 7** Sydney Water Issues
- ITEM 8** Cabbage Tree Bay Issues Updates
- ITEM 9** Effectiveness of Beach Raking of Manly Beach assessed by Plastic Pollution Report
- ITEM 10** North Harbour Seagrass Issues
- ITEM 11** Hugo's Proposed Development at Manly Wharf
- ITEM 12** Shark Cull Campaign
- ITEM 13** General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration.
- ITEM 13** Next Meeting: Wednesday 9 April, 2014 at 7.00pm.



TO: Manly Community Environment Committee
MEETING DATE: 12 March, 2014
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:

A number of new Volunteers have started with us.
Sophie our German student Intern has left us after being with us for 8 weeks.
We continue to receive more Intern and Volunteer applications every month.

MEETINGS:

Meetings attended in February included:-

- 6 February** – Judy Reizes attended Climate Change Workshop for staff.
- 7 February** - Judy Reizes Meeting with potential intern from Ryde TAFE.
- 7-13 February** - Progress Guringai Festival – MCC/Warringah Council – Guringai Festival Working Group.
- 10 February** – Visit by CEO, Staff and Volunteers from National Parks Association to discuss Marine Conference pre-Sydney's World Parks Conference in Nov 2014 with Judy Reizes.
- 11 February** Meeting at Chambers of Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay Working Group and Volunteers – FoCTB Working Group Meeting at Council.
- 12 February** – Judy Reizes Meeting with volunteer from North Head Sanctuary re potential tours.
- 12 February** - RM Meeting MCC, Warringah Council, Lotte Conradi, local artist, to meet Aboriginal Artist Guringai Festival.
- 13 February** – Judy Reizes meeting with potential intern from Macquarie University.
- 14 February** – Judy Reizes meeting with Professor Ron West and intern re seagrass.
- 18 February** – Progress MEC Eco Awards– boom gate banners up, media, nominations deadline, RM Meeting with SeaLife Sanctuary.
- 20 February** – Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay Meeting re Camera.

VISITS/EVENTS/LAUNCHES:

- **VISIT BY 36 COASTAL STUDIES STUDENTS FROM SCEGGS REDLANDS TO THE MEC AND TOUR ON 21ST FEBRUARY**

The objective of this visit was to learn about the role of MEC in protection of Manly's environment and threatened and protected species.

- **MEC ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S WETLANDS AUSTRALIA JOURNAL FEBRUARY 2014 EDITION**

Judy Reizes was invited to submit articles for the Wetland Conservation and Restoration section of this special edition to celebrate 40 years of Ramsar Protection.
Three articles were published about successful local Manly environmental projects and the role of our wonderful volunteers in Manly:

- **“From Little Things, Big Things Grow”** – The story of the twenty years of the community role in restoration of Burnt Bridge Creek
- **“Doing it Together – A Good News Story about the Fairies and the Ferry”** - the story of penguin protection in Manly and the new Penguin book.
- **“Kids tell Companies to Mind Their Business”** – School student and Industry Roles in Restoration of Manly Lagoon.

The articles can be downloaded from: **Wetlands Australia: National Wetlands Update February 2014 – Issue No. 24.**

WORLD WETLANDS DAY WALK – SUN 2 FEBRUARY WITH LOUISE EGERTON

On World Wetlands Day 25 people joined a guided tour by Louise Egerton, wildlife educator and author ('Know Your Birds'), to learn more about the Manly Lagoon wetland area and its biodiversity. On arrival guests enjoyed a light breakfast of orange juice and pastries while Louise gave background history on the lagoon and outlined the morning. The guided tour was a great success with the highlight being the rare spotting of a Buff-banded Rail amongst the plants on the banks of the lagoon.

FRIENDS OF CABBAGE TREE BAY VOLUNTEER GROUP

'Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay' volunteer base continues to grow with 48 volunteers on the database and around 30 of those highly active. Volunteers are reporting incidents, noting changes in the environment, actively participating with the local community and receiving much positive reinforcement from the locals. Volunteers are coming from as far away as St Leonards and Hornsby. Our next information session and volunteer enrichment day is April 5. Also joining will be some members of the Asian Women's Network.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report be received and noted.

Judy Reizes
 Manly Community Environment Committee Co-ordinator
 4 March, 2014