



North Harbour Reserve

Mayor’s Report

To keep Manly residents up-to-date with our Environment Levy works, the **Manly Community Environment Committee** publishes regular bulletins. I am pleased to advise that Council has received over \$500,000 in grants to support Levy initiatives this year, coupled with additional Levy funds allocated to 21 Environment Levy projects, resulting in 33 Levy projects under way in 2005/6. This report touches briefly on some of the projects Council has under way. I also encourage everyone to become active in Manly's environment by participating in one of the many voluntary environment programmes coordinated by Council's Manly Environment Centre. Telephone 9976 2842.

Expenditure Review	Allocated
• 2005/06 Levy Injection *	\$976,000
• 2004/05 Continuing Projects **	\$716,000
• Number of programs funded for 2005/2006	33
• Total grant funds supporting 2005/06 Levy	\$511,450
* \$1 million Levy less pensioner rebates + \$30,000 anticipated interest	
** Subject to final audit	



Dr Peter Macdonald
Mayor

Environment Levy 2005/06

As adopted by Council June 2005

Project Name	2005/06
Biodiversity & Threatened Species Programs	
Long-nosed Bandicoot Recovery Program	\$7,000
Little Penguin Recovery Program	\$7,000
Threatened Species Conservation Planning & Management	\$20,000
Noxious Weeds Control and Liaison	\$57,000
Restoration of Manly's Bushland Reserves	\$216,000
Burnt Bridge Creek Corridor Restoration Plan Implementation	\$170,000
Water Cycle Management Programs	
Water Cycle Management	\$60,000
Groundwater and Grey Water Use Trial & Policy	\$8,000
Water Cycle Monitoring and Decision Support Tool Development	\$10,000
Seachange II - Integrated Pollution Prevention Program	\$10,000
Sustainable Water Resources - (Water Plan development & implementation)	\$5,000
GPT Annual Maintenance Vote (up to 10% allowed- \$94,600)	\$50,000
Lagoon Conservation & Remediation Programs	
Manly Lagoon Rehabilitation Works	\$60,000
Revive the Reeds	\$57,000
Streamwatch	\$5,000
Coastline Management Programs	
Coastal Environmental Projects	\$57,000
Forty Baskets Coastline Management Plan Implementation	\$40,000
Education for Sustainability Programs	
Education for Sustainability Strategy Implementation	\$70,000
Ocean Care Day	\$9,000
Community Awareness of Levy Projects - Newsletters	\$8,000
Annual vote: MEC building fund (5 per cent of Levy)	\$50,000
Total	\$976,000

Diary Dates

National Tree Day - Sunday 31 July
Local organisers welcome people to plant trees and shrubs native to area.
9am - 12pm Burnt Bridge Creek.
For information, call 9976 2842.

Marine Environment Workshop
9am - 1pm Saturday 17 September.
For information, call 9976 2842.

Community Bushland Walks
Saturday 3 September,
Forty Baskets to Spring Cove
Saturday 19 November,
Seaforth Oval to Sangrado Reserve.
To book your place, call 9976 2842.



Henry Gilbert Smith, 1854

Current Projects

Coastline Management Plans

Council is developing **Coastline Management Plans** (CMPs) for North Harbour, Manly Cove and Manly Ocean Beach, balancing environmental conservation with user group needs. Coastline Hazard Definition Studies and Ecological Assessments are complete and Steering Committees established. Consultation is now under way. Council recently commissioned consultants to develop the Manly Ocean Beach CMP, which is guided by the Manly Coastline Management Committee. Completed Little Manly and Forty Baskets CMPs are currently being implemented with high priority actions being addressed in a staged approach.

Bushland Restoration

Council has recently completed the earthworks phase of creek bank restoration at **Burnt Bridge Creek** near Balgowlah Road. Works included rock armouring a section of creek bank, scraping off the top soil to remove the weed seed, and capping with crushed sandstone. The site is now ready to be planted out with approximately 2,500 native plants, and will be the site for this year's **National Tree Day** planting event.



Water Conservation

Tougher water restrictions have seen **Council using groundwater, grey water and treated stormwater** for essential day to day operations. Manly's parks and ovals are being irrigated with stormwater and groundwater, and our waterless urinals and water saving showers on the beachfront means the Manly Community is living more sustainably within our own water cycle. As a result of the program Council has reduced our dam water consumption by 90,000,000L/year and made considerable economic savings.



Sea Change

The next stage of the **SEA Change** stormwater education program has commenced, targeting the three sub-catchments of Ivanhoe, Totem and Cemetery Creek to improve Manly's water quality. A launch event was held recently at **Manly West Public School Carnival** where hundreds visited the SEA Change interactive display and talked to Council staff. Since the launch, SEA Change education kits have been delivered to residents, and staff are visiting businesses to assist them to ensure environmentally friendly operations. Contact **9976 2842**.

Tania Park Water System

To protect the sensitive **Crater Cove** environment adjoining **Tania Park**, Council has designed an innovative stormwater project combining world class technology, including permeable stormwater pipes to filter out pollutants and improved drainage to slowly release storm water into Crater Cove. The improved water quality ensures yabbies and other dependent Crater Cove environments can survive.



Education for Sustainability

The **Education for Sustainability** program, guided by Manly Environment Centre, has school, industry, community and Council staff programs in place. Recent initiatives include the **Starboard Right & Green** marine environmental education kit; updated **Guidelines for Erosion & Sediment Control on Building Sites**; and a grant funded program to develop **Environmental Management Plans** with Manly tourism operators.



Manly Lagoon

In 2004 Manly and Warringah Councils and other Manly Lagoon catchment stakeholders adopted the Manly Lagoon & Catchment Integrated Catchment Management Strategy. The umbrella strategy incorporates all relevant plans, strategies and water quality monitoring programs undertaken within the catchment. Major components of the strategy now being implemented include development and endorsement of an **Action Matrix**; the Manly Lagoon **Rehabilitation Works**; the **Burnt Bridge Creek Restoration Plan**; **Sustainable Water Management Practices**; and innovative catchment focused **Education Programs**.

Community Bushland Walks

Following on from the success of the 2004/05 **Hill To Harbour Walks**, the Environment Levy is funding free quarterly community walks around Manly's waterways including:

- **Forty Baskets to Spring Cove** - 3 September 2005
- **Seaforth Oval to Sangrado Reserve** - 19 November 2005
- **Spit Bridge to Grotto Point** - 2006
- **Manly Lagoon to Shelly Beach** - 2006

To RSVP, and for more information, please contact the **Manly Environment Centre** on **9976 2842**.

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