

Manly Council

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting

Held at Council Chambers, 1 Belgrave Street Manly on:

Monday 11 May 2009

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The Ordinary Meeting was held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Manly, on Monday 11 May 2009. The meeting commenced at 7:44pm.

PRESENT

Her Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Jean Hay AM, who presided
Councillor B Aird
Councillor H Burns
Councillor L Elder
Councillor C Griffin
Councillor A Heasman, Deputy Mayor
Councillor A Le Surf
Councillor Dr P Macdonald
Councillor D Murphy
Councillor C Whitting

ALSO PRESENT

Henry Wong, General Manager
Jenny Nascimento, Manager Financial Operations
Liz Rich, Minute Taker

OPENING PRAYER

The Opening Prayer was presented by Rev. Graham Perry.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Councillors Morrison and Norek for non-attendance.

MOTION (Burns / Griffin)

That the apologies received from Councillors Morrison and Norek be accepted and leave be granted.

56/09 RESOLVED: (Burns / Griffin)

That the apologies received from Councillors Morrison and Norek be accepted and leave be granted.

For the Resolution: Councillors Hay, Elder, Heasman, Whitting, Murphy, LeSurf, Griffin, Aird, Burns and Macdonald

Against the Resolution: Nil.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY / CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**MOTION (Elder / Burns)**

That copies of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 20 April 2009, having been

furnished to each member of the Council, such Minutes be taken as read and confirmed as a true record of proceedings of such meeting.

57/09 RESOLVED: (Elder / Burns)

That copies of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 20 April 2009, having been furnished to each member of the Council, such Minutes be taken as read and confirmed as a true record of proceedings of such meeting.

For the Resolution: Councillors Hay, Elder, Heasman, Whitting, Murphy, LeSurf, Griffin, Aird, Burns and Macdonald

Against the Resolution: Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (Extraordinary Meeting)

MOTION (Whitting / Burns)

That copies of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 05 May 2009, having been furnished to each member of the Council, such Minutes be taken as read and confirmed as a true record of proceedings of such meeting.

58/09 RESOLVED: (Whitting / Burns)

That copies of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 05 May 2009, having been furnished to each member of the Council, such Minutes be taken as read and confirmed as a true record of proceedings of such meeting.

For the Resolution: Councillors Hay, Elder, Heasman, Whitting, Murphy, LeSurf, Griffin, Aird, Burns and Macdonald

Against the Resolution: Nil.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion Report No. 16

Climate Change

Councillor Cathy Griffin moved:

That Council write to the Prime Minister to say that the Federal Government should accept the unconditional pre-Copenhagen target of at least 25% by 2020, to be met regardless of global action, to be lifted to 40% by 2020 in the event of a strong agreement at Copenhagen.

Manly Council is disappointed with the Governments 5% CPRS target. Leadership and real domestic action on Climate Change is essential to ensure that Australia can play a leading role in Copenhagen at the end of the year.

In addition substantial changes to the design of the scheme is needed, in particular

1. Removing compensation to polluters;
2. Inclusion of savings that could be made by halting native forest and woodland destruction;
3. No compensation for existing electricity generators;
4. Inclusion of transport fuel in the scheme;
5. Mechanisms to include voluntary abatement in the scheme; and

6. Mechanisms to increase transparency and accountability of the scheme.

Manly Council is committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2010 however this will be difficult to achieve without strong leadership, support and real action on the issue from the Federal Government.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES

The following person addressed the meeting on this item:

In Support of the Recommendation: Angelika Treichler

MOTION (Griffin / Aird)

That Council write to the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition, the Federal Ministers for Climate Change and the Environment, the respective Shadow Ministers and copied to the Local Government and Shires Association (LGSA) and the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), demanding:

1. That the Federal Government should accept the unconditional pre-Copenhagen target of at least 25% by 2020, to be met regardless of global action, to be lifted to 40% by 2020 in the event of a strong agreement at Copenhagen. (Manly Council is disappointed with the Governments 5% CPRS target. Leadership and real domestic action on Climate Change is essential to ensure that Australia can play a leading role in Copenhagen at the end of the year.)
2. Call for substantial changes to the design of the scheme in particular:
 - a) Removing compensation to polluters;
 - b) Inclusion of savings that could be made by halting native forest and woodland destruction;
 - c) No compensation for existing electricity generators;
 - d) Inclusion of transport fuel in the scheme;
 - e) Mechanisms to include voluntary abatement in the scheme; and
 - f) Mechanisms to increase transparency and accountability of the scheme.

(Manly Council is committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2010 however this will be difficult to achieve without strong leadership, support and real action on the issue from the Federal Government.)

For the Motion: Councillors Griffin, Aird, Burns and Macdonald

Against the Motion: Councillors Hay, Elder, Heasman, Whitting, Murphy and LeSurf

The Motion was declared **LOST**.

Notice of Motion Report No. 17

Conflicts of use within Council Reserves

Councillor Barbara Aird moved:

To address the ongoing concerns of residents, esp. in relation to Clontarf Reserve and Shelly

Beach, that Council brings forward a report which outlines how Council can improve the management of these areas of high usage open space to ensure the right balance is achieved for residents and visitors. The report should address such issues as:

1. Conflicts between adjoining residential areas and activities within the reserves, e.g.
 - * late night activities, alcohol, rubbish.
 - * security
2. Car parking.....on site and spillover to adjoining residential areas.
3. Commercial use e.g.,
 - * Lease arrangements with restaurants and kiosks
 - * noise from functions
 - * any other commercial activities
4. Landscapee.g.,
 - * tree and vegetation protection
 - * signage

PUBLIC ADDRESSES

The following person addressed the meeting on this item:

In Support of the Recommendation: Lisa Kable

MOTION (Aird / Griffin)

To address the ongoing concerns of residents, in areas including but not limited to Clontarf Reserve, Shelly Beach and Little Manly Point, that Council brings forward a report which outlines how Council can improve the management of these areas of high usage open space to ensure the right balance is achieved for residents and visitors. The report should address such issues as:

1. Conflicts between adjoining residential areas and activities within the reserves, e.g.
 - * late night activities, alcohol, rubbish.
 - * security
2. Car parking.....on site and spillover to adjoining residential areas.
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AMENDMENT (Heasman / Whitting)

To address the ongoing concerns of residents, that Council brings forward a report which outlines how Council can improve the management of areas of high usage open space to ensure the right balance is achieved for residents and visitors. The report should address such issues as:

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 - * signage

For the Amendment: Councillors Hay, Elder, Heasman, Whitting, Murphy and LeSurf

Against the Amendment: Councillors Griffin, Aird, Burns and Macdonald

The Amendment was declared **CARRIED** and became the Motion and was put.

59/09**RESOLVED:** (Heasman / Whitting)

To address the ongoing concerns of residents, that Council brings forward a report which outlines how Council can improve the management of areas of high usage open space to ensure the right balance is achieved for residents and visitors. The report should address such issues as:

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 - * signage

For the Resolution: Councillors Hay, Elder, Heasman, Whitting, Murphy and LeSurf

Against the Resolution: Councillors Griffin, Aird, Burns and Macdonald

Note: A Rescission Motion was received on this item.

Notice of Motion Report No. 18

Press Releases to Councillors

Councillor Hugh Burns moved:

To ensure all Councillors are better able to respond to Community questions from press coverage of Council actions, that Council henceforth provide to Councillors all press releases from Council (including the Mayor's office), and summary reports of any interview or comment provided to the press by any Council staff member.

The press releases are to be provided by email at the time they are issued and reports of any interview or comment provided by email the same day as they were made.

MOTION (Burns / Aird)

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For the Motion: Councillors Whitting, Aird, Burns and Macdonald
Against the Motion: Councillors Hay, Elder, Heasman, Murphy, LeSurf and Griffin

The Motion was declared **LOST**.

Notice of Motion Report No. 19

Retaining Local Heritage - Information and Options for the Community

Councillor Hugh Burns moved:

To assist positive community consideration of potential new Local Heritage Listings by Manly Council (for inclusion in the LEP), that Council prepare a report on the following matters:-

- a) Examination of any national and international studies on changes to property values resulting from heritage listings. The report is also to include, if possible, any figures available for comparative local sale price increases of heritage premises listed on the Manly LEP vs comparable non listed property elsewhere in the municipality.

(Note: A startpoint for research on this matter may be <http://www.heritage.wa.gov.au> - the West Australian Heritage Office)

- b) The options for Council to provide more incentives to owners of heritage properties in Manly, to encourage residents and owners to see listing as a positive opportunity to help retain the character of Manly.

This is to include :-

- i) Reporting on how Manly Council is currently participating in the NSW Heritage Branch's Heritage Incentives Program, including any scope for improvement in effectiveness and property owner participation.
- ii) Consideration and feasibility of alternative heritage incentive options to be considered for Manly that should include but not be limited to:
 - regular public heritage awards program to raise community awareness;
 - incentives in the form of rate reductions (e.g. for 5 years after a heritage refurbishment);
 - reduced fees and charges for heritage related works;
 - reduced carparking or other LEP/DCP incentives for retaining, sympathetically developing or reusing heritage properties;
 - Council contributions in the form of grants for, or after, carrying out of approved heritage refurbishment works (e.g. to whole property or facade) on heritage properties;
 - Council taking responsibility for routine maintenance of street facades of listed heritage buildings (regular painting of woodwork, cleaning etc.) in exchange for owners agreeing (in writing) to keep original features, materials and finishes on street facades (e.g. original wooden windows, open verandahs, unpainted face brickwork, and terracotta/slate roofs etc.) to maintain heritage streetscapes;
 - an investigation and report on any other heritage initiative programs being run by other NSW and Victorian Local Councils, as well as American or European local government authorities.

The report should come back to Council in two months (or sooner if practicable)

MOTION (Burns / Macdonald)

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 - an investigation and report on any other heritage initiative programs being run by other NSW and Victorian Local Councils, as well as American or European local government authorities.

The report should come back to Council at the discretion of the General Manager.

60/09 RESOLVED: (Burns / Macdonald)

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The report should come back to Council at the discretion of the General Manager.

For the Resolution: Councillors Hay, Elder, Heasman, Whitting, Murphy, LeSurf, Griffin, Aird, Burns and Macdonald

Against the Resolution: Nil.

ITEMS FOR BRIEF MENTION

Item For Brief Mention Report No. 7

Items for Brief Mention - Minutes for Adoption by Council - Special Purpose and Joint Committees

1. The following Minutes contain recommendations of a substantial nature requiring formal Council adoption as follows:

i) **Sustainability and Climate Change Committee – 14 April 2009**

- a) **Item 4 REPORT: Nature Conservation Council of NSW: Community Climate Challenge Presentation**

The Nature Conservation Council of NSW (NCC) Climate Challenge Coordinator

presented the NCC's Climate Challenge Program options to the Committee, including associated costs.

Cllr Aird indicated that a Councillor budget bid had been submitted to fund this program for the 2009/10 financial year.

The Committee sought confirmation from Staff that the program would not double-up on programs that Council is already running. This was confirmed by Staff.

The staff agenda report recommended to the Committee that the program be considered in the broader context of the Committee priorities in the following agenda item.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that Council engage in the Platinum Module of the NSW Nature Conservation Council's Community Climate Challenge Program and that this Program be undertaken not being at the expense of existing environmental education programs. The program should be undertaken in 2009/10 subject to available funding.

ii) Access Committee – 21 April 2009

a) Item 4 Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting 17 February 2009 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 17 February 2009 were confirmed and have been adopted by Council.

Matters Arising - Vacancy on the Committee:

There is now one vacancy on the Committee.

Recommendation

That the General Manager and Council consider the Committee's request to invite a representative from Mike Baird MP's office to be a member of the Access Committee.

b) Item 5 REPORT: Priorities for the Access Committee 2009-12

Council's Community Services Manager presented proposed priorities for the Access Committee to consider with three key objectives for the Committee for 2009-12:

Key Objectives	Desired outcomes	Priorities	Timeframe
Working in partnership with internal and external stakeholders	To improve access in relation to recreation, sport, transport, and infrastructure	1	2009-2012
Community engagement	Promote International Day of People with Disabilities	2	December 2009
Disability information	To promote tourism in Manly for people with disabilities	3	2012

It was noted that to achieve the third objective, it is envisaged that a student could be recruited to undertake this project.

General Manager's comment. In order to prevent the marginalisation of disability and access issues it is felt that this should not be treated as a separate project with its own resources under the Access Committee. This has already been integrated into the objectives of the work of the Sustainable Economic Development and Tourism Committee.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager and Council three key objectives and priorities for the work of the Committee.

MOTION (Macdonald / LeSurf)

1i) That the minutes of the **Sustainability and Climate Change Committee -14 April 2009** be **adopted**, including the following recommendations of a substantial nature:

a) **Item 4 REPORT – Nature Conservation Council of NSW: Community Climate Challenge Presentation**

The Committee recommends that Council engage in the Platinum Module of the NSW Nature Conservation Council's Community Climate Challenge Program and that this Program be undertaken not being at the expense of existing environmental education programs. The program should be undertaken in 2009/10 subject to available funding.

61/09 RESOLVED: (Macdonald / LeSurf)

1i) That the minutes of the **Sustainability and Climate Change Committee -14 April 2009** be **adopted**, including the following recommendations of a substantial nature:

a) **Item 4 REPORT – Nature Conservation Council of NSW: Community Climate Challenge Presentation**

The Committee recommends that Council engage in the Platinum Module of the NSW Nature Conservation Council's Community Climate Challenge Program and that this Program be undertaken not being at the expense of existing environmental education programs. The program should be undertaken in 2009/10 subject to available funding.

For the Resolution: Councillors Hay, Elder, Heasman, Whitting, Murphy, LeSurf, Griffin, Aird, Burns and Macdonald

Against the Resolution: Nil.

MOTION (Macdonald / LeSurf)

1 ii) That the minutes of the **Access Committee -21 April 2009** be **adopted**, including the following recommendations of a substantial nature:

a) **Item 4 Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting 17 February 2009 and Matters Arising**

That the General Manager and Council consider the Committee's request to invite a representative from Mike Baird MP's office to be a member of the Access Committee.

b) **Item 5 REPORT: Priorities for the Access Committee 2009-12**

The Committee recommends to the General Manager and Council three key objectives and priorities for the work of the Committee, as listed in the Report.

62/09 **RESOLVED:** (Macdonald / LeSurf)

1 ii) That the minutes of the **Access Committee -21 April 2009** be **adopted**, including the following recommendations of a substantial nature:

a) **Item 4 Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting 17 February 2009 and Matters Arising**

That the General Manager and Council consider the Committee's request to invite a representative from Mike Baird MP's office to be a member of the Access Committee.

b) **Item 5 REPORT: Priorities for the Access Committee 2009-12**

The Committee recommends to the General Manager and Council three key objectives and priorities for the work of the Committee, as listed in the Report.

For the Resolution: Councillors Hay, Elder, Heasman, Whitting, Murphy, LeSurf, Griffin, Aird, Burns and Macdonald

Against the Resolution: Nil.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Corporate Services Division Report No. 10

Financial Review for the Period Ending 31 March 2009

SUMMARY

Council's Income and Expenditure for the quarter 1 January 2009 to 31 March 2009 has been reviewed, together with a projection of Council's Budget as at 30 June 2009, and a Statement of Variations which have occurred is submitted.

After adoption of the recommended adjustments the result for the quarter is a deficit of \$273,950 and a forecast deficit at 30 June 2009 of \$511,798.

MOTION (Burns / LeSurf)

That the 2008/2009 Adopted Budget be varied in terms of the report on the Financial Review for the Period Ending 31 March 2009.

63/09 **RESOLVED:** (Burns / LeSurf)

That the 2008/2009 Adopted Budget be varied in terms of the report on the Financial Review for the Period Ending 31 March 2009.

For the Resolution: Councillors Hay, Elder, Heasman, Whitting, Murphy, LeSurf, Griffin, Aird, Burns and Macdonald

Against the Resolution: Nil.

PLANNING AND STRATEGY DIVISION

Planning And Strategy Division Report No. 22

Quarterly Update Report on the Management Plan 2008 - 2011 for the period 1st January to 31st March 2009**SUMMARY**

This report provides a review of the achievements towards meeting the outcomes set by Council as described in the Management Plan 2008 – 2011 for the period 31 December 2008 to 31 March 2009, in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

MOTION (Heasman / Elder)

That the report on the third quarterly review of the Management Plan 2008-2011 for the period ending 31 March 2009 be received and noted.

64/09 RESOLVED: (Heasman / Elder)

That the report on the third quarterly review of the Management Plan 2008-2011 for the period ending 31 March 2009 be received and noted.

For the Resolution: Councillors Hay, Elder, Heasman, Whitting, Murphy, LeSurf, Griffin, Aird, Burns and Macdonald

Against the Resolution: Nil.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**QWN38/09 Councillor Whitting - More public amenities in Manly CBD at weekends**

Is there a Council plan to open more public amenities in Manly CBD on Friday and Saturday evenings to reduce the unhealthy habits of people relieving themselves in laneways, as recently reported in the Manly Daily, and as requested by several Manly and Local Beaches residents?

At the request of the Mayor, the General Manager advised that our CBD toilets, underneath Whistler St carpark and along the beachfront are 24 hour toilets from Friday to Sunday morning. This is part of Council's support of the Venue Management Plan.

Councillor Whitting then asked if this was meeting the needs of the people who visit Manly?

At the request of the Mayor, the General Manager advised that people who visit Manly at that time in the evening, are usually visiting establishments, which presumably have their own facilities for them to use. Council is providing adequate supplementary facilities at strategic locations. A lot of the behaviour is personal choice.

QWN39/09 Councillor Whitting - More prominent signage at Manly Lagoon

Recent media articles have highlighted the level of pollution in Manly Lagoon. From recent events, many residents have contacted me to request more prominent signage from Somerville Bridge to Pittwater Road.

At the request of the Mayor, the General Manager advised that the matter was in hand.

QWN40/09 Councillor Murphy - What constitutes commencement of a DA in Manly?

Two months ago I asked a question as to what constituted commencement of a DA in Manly. It was quite an involved multipoint question. I was wondering when I might get an answer?

At the request of the Mayor, the General Manager advised that he has seen a response and it will be provided shortly. The legislative definition of commencement is pretty broad. Briefly, commencement means any work, engineering or otherwise, associated with the approved DA received from Council.

QWN41/09 Councillor Griffin - Manly Bathers Pavilion DA

In relation to the minutes of the April Community Safety Committee meeting in last week's Items for Brief Mention, I ask whether Council has requested the following as promised by the proponent:

- a) A new DA drawing for DA25/09 showing only licensed restaurant(s) on Level 1
- b) A business plan as offered
- c) A copy of the agreement re parking at Grand Esplanade, ie spaces on offer, what nights, what inducements to clients to use this facility
- d) Also, is any action proposed in relation to the Notice of Intention issued several weeks ago re the destruction of the south wall of the building?

At the request of the Mayor, the General Manager advised that he would take parts a, b and c of the question on notice. As far as the Notice of Intention is concerned in relation to the south wall, involving an arch, the Heritage Office was involved in that particular process, and it was their opinion that the archway was unsafe and the proponent was given permission by the Heritage Office to rebuild it. A senior member of the planning staff is to attend the next meeting of the Community Safety Committee to go over the DA with the Committee.

QWN42/09 Councillor Aird - Urgency Motion to support doctors re Manly Hospital and building of a new hospital

In approximately November 2008 I successfully moved an Urgency Motion calling on Manly Council to support the concerns of doctors in relation to Manly Hospital's problems and actions/representations re building of the promised new hospital at French's Forest. What actions has Manly Council taken as a result of my Urgency Motion? What responses have Council received?

At the request of the Mayor, the General Manager advised that as with any Motions of this Council, if a letter was required it would have been sent. The General Manager is happy to confer with the Divisional Manager of Planning & Strategy to see when the letters were sent, and will find out what the responses were.

QWN43/09 Councillor Aird - Christmas Carols at Manly Oval

Would Council provide a break-up of the items of expenditure included in the budget estimate for this coming year and last year's Christmas Carols at Manly Oval?

At the request of the Mayor, the General Manager advised that he would be happy to provide such information.

QWN44/09 Councillor Burns - Federal grants available for bike funding

Is the General Manager aware that there are Federal grants available for bike funding, with a deadline of 22nd May 2009? If he is aware, is Council proposing to put any submissions in to meet that deadline for any projects in Manly concerned with Manly's bike network?

At the request of the Mayor, the General Manager advised that he is aware of such funding. A section of Manly's bike network still needs to be completed at Balgowlah Heights, and it will be the subject of an application. The General Manager will get his transport planners to provide some advice on the issue.

QWN45/09 Councillor Burns - Council's S355b Committees

How many of Council's Committees are established under Section 355b of the Local Government Act as opposed to through the General Manager?

At the request of the Mayor, the General Manager advised that there are only two – the Meals on Wheels Committee and the Balgowlah/Seaforth Library Committee.

QWN46/09 Councillor Macdonald - Repairs on North Steyne Promenade

Can the General Manager report back on the progress of repairs to the promenade at North Steyne, which was damaged some years ago? Can we expect closure on this issue?

At the request of the Mayor, the General Manager advised that the subsidence there was not caused by any surface loading, but by natural settlement of the trench relative to the surrounding areas. Until recently, we weren't sure why the area was subsiding, and now we have excavated a section and inspected it we feel confident that we just need to continually top the area up as settlement occurs around it, as the cells are intact. When winter comes, the works will start then.

QWN47/09 Councillor Murphy - Shop Front Awnings policy?

Does Manly Council have a policy on shop front awnings regarding design and when you need one and when you don't?

At the request of the Mayor, the General Manager advised that we don't have such a policy.

CLOSE

The meeting closed at 10.19pm.

The above minutes were confirmed at an **Ordinary Meeting** of Manly Council held on 15 June 2009.

MAYOR

***** END OF MINUTES *****