

**MOSMAN COUNCIL  
CLIMATE ACTION COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Harnett Room  
Tuesday 25 February 2025  
6:00 – 8:00pm**

**PRESENT**

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cr Michael Randall	MR
Cr Ann Marie Kimber		Madam Mayor (MM)
Cr Colleen Godsell		CG
Phillip Cornwell		PC
Ursula Crowley		UC
Zoe Dey		ZD
Diana Gibson		DG
Joyce Lloyd		JL
Sarah Rhodes		DJ
Dominic Johnson		General Manager (GM)
Craig Covich		SR
Paloma Matis		PM
Loani Tierney		LT
Steven Smith		SS

**The meeting was opened by the Chair with an acknowledgement of country**

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>  MR as the Chair welcomed the group.	Note
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> N/A	Note
<b>3.</b>	<b>Disclosures of Non-Pecuniary Interest</b> MR – ran through this item and then referred to the GM regarding Council’s Code of Conduct.  GM – explained the Mosman Council Model Code of Conduct and how it relates to members.  No disclosures received.	Note
<b>4.</b>	<b>Introductions</b> MR – introduced himself then asked everyone to introduced themselves.  SS – Went through the background of the Climate Action Plans.	Note
<b>5.</b>	<b>Charter – Community Consultative Committee – Climate Action</b>	Note

	<p>GM – went through key points of the Charter and once no further questions were raised left the meeting.</p> <p>SS and CC – minor amendments have been made to the Charter.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Current projects and workshops</b></p> <p>PM – spoke about the Environment Team’s current and upcoming projects, workshops and events.</p> <p>Council: Blinds and awning installation for the Youth Centre and blinds for Art Gallery, LED lighting upgrades - Civic Centre, Library and Art Gallery, Annual update of Council’s Climate Action Plan - Mitigation Strategy, Georges Heights Oval Pavilion - solar installed, Rawson Pavilion - upgrade with solar and hot water system, Middle Head Oval - Pavilion being redeveloped to include solar and underground rainwater tank, Balmoral Oval – Existing sport floodlights being converted to LED, EV fleet vehicles, Plastic Free July, Seagrass restoration at Cobblers Beach with future sites in Balmoral, Living Boulders, Outer Sydney Harbour Coastal Management Plan.</p> <p>Community: Electrify My Home event with Zero Emissions Solutions, Scorecard, Wattblock, Sunspot, Waste Audit, Habitat Stepping Stones, Project Restore, Clean Up Australia – Mosman Sustainable Schools Network – Balmoral Beach, Composting and worm farming workshops (Mackie Lane Community Garden, 20 March, Kimbriki, 6 May), E-Waste - 2 March and 24 August, Seaside Scavenge and Sustainability Fair - 21 September, Sustainable Fashion Parade – Festival of Mosman - 30 October, Recycle Smart and Curby, School and preschool natural environment and waste workshops, Green Schools Collective, Mosman @Home.</p> <p>Promotion: Print media, website, social media, events hub, media releases, newsletters.</p> <p>CC – team also working on data platform to help with accurate tracking of Council emissions. There are plans to increase the program at Kimbriki to include more workshops and events.</p> <p>LT – subsidised composting equipment is available to residents, Compost Revolution.</p>	<p>Note</p>

<p>MM – asked if Council has any batteries connected to solar.</p> <p>SS – yes, battery storage at the Council Depot and Marie Bashir Sports Hall. All other solar sites use the power generated during the day.</p> <p>PC – asked if Council can influence movement away from gas via planning controls.</p> <p>UC – Important consideration of new apartment developments so there is enough power to electrify.</p> <p>SS – Noted that when looking to install more fast chargers most sites that would suite EV chargers do not have adequate power supplies and cost to upgrade power supply is significant.</p> <p>CC – Council can influence through guidelines. Balancing cost and affordable housing with development of future proof solutions. Noted that most new developments also require significant upgrades to power supply at significant costs.</p> <p>UC – Noted that existing apartment buildings who wish to remove gas appliances are not able to as again the power supply to the building will not support electrification of all appliances - Zero Emissions Solutions has been in operation for five years. Now offer a peer support service free of charge. Zero Emissions Solutions would like Council to promote this service through community interactions.</p> <p>DG – commented on the Climate Action Plan – Resilience and Adaptation strategy and asked about asset based community development.</p> <p>LT – community services team held round table events, community projects e.g. HIVE and clothes swap projects. Art Gallery Hall booked for 28 June for swap party.</p> <p>CG – clothes swap on 8 March, Balmoral Scout Hall.</p> <p>SR – was interested to see the results from the waste audit.</p> <p>MM – asked about challenges with FOGO contamination.</p>	<p>PM and LT – to promote Zero Emissions Solutions peer support service.</p> <p>PM – to organise presentations from the community services and communications teams at a future meeting.</p> <p>SS – to present waste audit results after report findings have been presented to Council in May 2025.</p>
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	<p>SS – for FOGO to be successful it will take time, there are a lot of moving parts lack of infrastructure in Sydney.</p> <p>CC – explained historical issues of processing waste and the role of the EPA.</p> <p>UC – asked if there was data on community emissions.</p> <p>PM – explained Resilient Sydney and the data they provide on community emissions. This is reported in the Climate Action Plan – Mitigation Strategy. Council programs are tailored to address sources of community emissions.</p> <p>MM – Thanked the Environment team for the work that they do.</p>	<p>PM – to run through in detail the Climate Action Plan - Resilience and Adaptation Strategy at a later meeting of the committee.</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p>PC – asked what Council is doing to address biodiversity issues including cat, pest and weed controls.</p> <p>SS – Council has a rabbit control program. Bushland management program. Mentioned Council will be installing smart metres to key sites for water usage monitoring.</p> <p>JL – asked how Council is addressing floods and fires.</p> <p>SS – flood community consultative committee, flood study, bushfire services, bushfire management plans, bushfire prone area maps, risk assessments coordinated by the Mosman, North Sydney Willoughby Bus Fire Management Committee.</p> <p>UC – can we get a visual of what goes in each bin?</p> <p>LT – waste stickers and waste calendar include this information but encouraged the committee for ideas for updated waste stickers.</p> <p>UC and ZD - interested in support for verge gardens.</p> <p>SS – Council is supportive and has an approval form for verge gardens/nature strips change requests.</p> <p>CG – would like to see an additional community pantry, disabled access to Balmoral Beach and an interactive waste wall for education.</p> <p>MR – thanked the group for their contributions and ideas.</p>	<p>All – Think about ways the Committee can reach out to the community to educate and promote works ongoing or required to support the objectives of Council’s Climate Action Plans.</p>

	<p>There was general commentary and agreement from the group that they had no idea how much Council did in this space and that improvements are needed in disseminating this information out to the community.</p>	
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Next Meeting Date</b></p> <p>8 April 6:00 – 7:30pm. It is noted that a two-hour meeting was scheduled for the first meeting and subsequent meetings would go back to normal timeframe of 1.5 hours.</p> <p><b>Meeting closed at 8:10pm</b></p>	