



Green Schools Collective – Mosman: MINUTES

MEETING Tuesday, 27th May 2025

TIME 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

HOSTS Queenwood Senior School

LOCATION 47 Mandolong Road (Visitors should check-in at school reception upon arrival).

ATTENDEES

Name	Association or School	Role
Mosman Council		
Pip Friedrich	Mosman Council	Councillor
Michael Randall	Mosman Council	Councillor
Colleen Godsell	Mosman Council	Councillor
Loani Tierney	Mosman Council	Environment Education Officer
Green Schools Collective		
Jenni Hagland	Green Schools Collective	Founder & Director
Joyce Lloyd	Green Schools Collective	Volunteer
Julia Edgar	Green Schools Collective	Volunteer
Guests		



Duncan Adams	Balmoral Beach Club and Wyargine Aquatic Reserve Committee	President
Bill Hyman	Finding New Ground	Founder
SCHOOLS		
Merrilyn Lean Queenwood Students Claire and Alissia	Queenwood Senior School	Science Teacher
Nathan DaFonte 8 students	Queenwood Junior School	Director of Curriculum
Sarah Hughes Kerri Parkinson Liam Wright Susan Griffiths	Mosman PS	Parent Rep Sustainability Teacher Teacher Teacher
Kath Gresson 5 Students	Mosman Prep	Teacher
Tom O Donoghue 5 students	Sacred Heart Catholic	Sustainability Coordinator
2 Students (Accompanied by Tom O Donoghue)	Blessed Sacrament Catholic	Teacher
Emma Tattle Amy Cambridge 4 Students	Middle Harbour PS	Assistant Principal Parent
Kat White Caroline Deane	Beauty Point	Teacher Parent



3 Students		
James Lee 8 Students	Mosman High	Environment Group Coordinator

APOLOGIES

Ann Marie Kimber	Mosman Council	Mayor
Kimberlee Chipper	Redlands Senior Schools	Sustainability Manager
Jessica Ferrone	Blessed Sacrament	Teacher
Deb McNee	Design Coach Grow	Founder and Coach

AGENDA

3:30-4:00	Afternoon Tea	All	MINUTES
4:08 pm	Welcome, Acknowledgement to Country	Queenwood Students	
4:10pm	Speaker Duncan Adams to talk about a proposal to develop Wyargine Aquatic Reserve	Duncan Adams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Balmoral is an Aquatic Reserve vs a marine park because there are fewer restrictions on what can be done on the land/area for a Reserve. - The Aquatic Reserve holds the promise of becoming a sanctuary for fish. - We're moving forward with this Reserve – even though it covers a relatively small area – because the effects of this protected area will have effects beyond the area.



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fish will recognize the safety and swim in wider areas; they'll become habituated to being in a safe place around humans.- We need to protect this area because people are taking fish out of the ocean that they shouldn't be (cuttlefish, native octopus, Jackson shark); when smaller fish are removed, bigger fish lose their prey.- We've only spotted two turtles in this area; there should be many more. Similarly, we don't have as many Dusky whaler sharks as we should.- I'm not against fishing; fishermen are in favor of aquatic reserves because they create a sanctuary for little fish to grow to big fish and migrate to fishing areas.- Aquatic Reserves are also 'no take' zones, so guests cannot take shells.- Seaweed /seagrass is also currently being removed, which removes phytoplankton, which leads to reduced little fish (and hence big fish).- Wyargine is working on a biodiversity report with Sydney universities. They'll use an eDNA kit to sample the water and report on everything in the water. It identifies by sampling fecal material, skin, mucous and saliva and more of organisms.
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We need citizen scientists to be out there, swimming and snorkeling, and reporting back with photos on what they see.
4:21 pm	Q&A	Duncan Adams	<p>Q1 – Will you limit boats in the Aquatic Reserve? A1 – This will be a community-enforced Reserve. People can moor in the Reserve; we can't prevent it, but we won't encourage it.</p> <p>Q2 – Is there much fishing in the Reserve? A2 – There is fishing near the baths, which we won't stop. We want to stop fishing along Rocky Point (mostly squid).</p> <p>Q3 – Who approves the Reserve? A3 – State government approves, through 4 councils. This will take another few years to get approved.</p> <p>Q4 – How do we enforce it? Will there be a fine? A4 – Government can have enforced rangers. But like Cabbage Tree Reserve, this will be done through community support and the weight of public opinion. No marshals with vests. There will be signs put up, with Council's support.</p> <p>Q5 – For samples, what are we looking for? A5 – We know there are a lot of specimens there; it's just a question of what. SIMS will analyze and note the gaps of what should be there and is missing.</p> <p>Q6 – What's the citizen science sampling period? A6 – We'll sample in August and Feb with SIMS. Citizen science is open-ended. Be systematic and sample at multiple times throughout the year.</p> <p>Q7 – Why does this take awhile?</p>



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			<p>A7 – Government needs to take time to do it the right way.</p> <p>Q8 – How long has this project been underway?</p> <p>A8 – The initial concept came to Duncan in 2022, and he restarted in Sept 2024 with a petition. Now it has the support of Queenwood, HMS Penguin and sport clubs across the waterfront. The project is in dialogue with Council. Now we have a committee of 10 people and an incorporated association plus website. Overall, ~2k people support it, but we need more support.</p> <p>Q9 – What happens if pest species come in?</p> <p>A9 – We won't control this. We'll allow nature to take its course.</p> <p>Q10 – How was map of proposed area assessed to be proven as an environment worthy of the Reserve?</p> <p>A10 – Duncan drew the proposed lines, then shared with SIMS. Citizen science and samples will tell us what we need to protect. We didn't choose the bay side as there are businesses and moorings and we'd have massive resistance. Toward Cobbler's Beach we have the military base. Clifton Gardens is problematic due to working naval base there and fishing lobby resistance. Having it here means we can all see it and feel it and access it. The education benefit for the community is the driver of this area.</p> <p>Q11 – Are there other nearby Aquatic Reserves?</p> <p>A11 – There is one near Manly, some on ocean front. There is an effort to get a Marine Park, a much bigger endeavor.</p>
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4:34	Queenwood Student Sustainability Club update	Year 12 Sustainability Captains (Alissia and Claire) and Marilyn Lean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The “Cleanwood” Sustainability Program wasn’t as strong the last few years but we’re bringing it back this year for Centenary - One major initiative is the QUTE program to convert a 1970s ute to a solar-powered electric vehicle. - We want to also raise awareness about sustainability - We created a new Webpage on the school website advertising initiatives and events and resources. - We also opened a new club at school, Womenders; focus is on repairing and reusing to create new items from old e.g. creating scrunchies from old t-shirts. - Our Device Drive included collecting 88 devices in exchange for baked goods, donating them, and then donating the proceeds to charities like Save the Children. - Our Sustainability Club is planning another device drive, a clothing swap, more DIYs (making candles from old jars and dog toys from used clothes). We will be updating our bin system, especially to better communicate and clarify a new ‘red bin’ for general waste. - We’ve gone from almost no initiatives to many. - Our mission is to help all students do their parts to create a sustainable future.
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4:40	Council Updates and School News and Closing	Jenni Hagland, Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next Green Schools Collective Beach cleanup on 14 June, please promote in social media and school newsletter using provided social tiles. - For Term 4 GSC meeting, we would like feedback on using the meeting time devoted to idea-sharing, brainstorming, Q&A as opposed to exclusively presentation format. - Kimbriki Recycling Centre educator day field trip is this Friday. You can sign up until Thursday. - World Environment Day is 5 June. World Ocean Day is 8 June. - Next meeting is Term 3 takes place at Mosman Prep, featuring Sally Gibbon of Be the Future. <p>Q: Do schools recycle soft plastic?</p> <p>A: Mosman PS does in canteen and staff areas, RecycleSmart picks it up (P&C funded); Queenwood is the same and Marilyn picks it up. Queenwood may</p>



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			<p>start taking it to local Metro Woolworths. Woolworths is also isolating all food that would go to landfill and fill the Sharing Shelf. Zahel Lane (behind BP off Ourimbah) is the location. Kellogg and Nestle will be donating.</p> <p>Q: Can uniforms be taken to retail stores like H&M?</p> <p>A: No, as uniforms need to be shredded.</p> <p>Q: Is Council doing Kerby?</p> <p>A: Only for existing registrants through Council subsidization. In the future, pay for Kerby</p>
5:00 pm	Close		