

Manly Community Forum

Agenda and Meeting Minutes

18th July 2022

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Agenda

No.	Item	Who	Time
1.	Welcome & Thank You	CG	7.00pm
2.	Apologies	CG	
3.	Council Responses from June 2022	CG	
4.	General Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Little Manly Playground• Future of Hop Skip and Jump• Budget 2022-2023• Darley Road Speed Limit• Manly Parking Permits	CG	
5.	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manly Jazz Festival• West Esplanade Heritage Activation Plan• Manly Peace Park• Movies at Manly• Manly Rotary Fun Run & Walk	CG	
6.	AOB	All	

MINUTES

Decisions

No.	Decision
1.	MCF members support the provision of a Manly specific visitor information kiosk in the heart of Manly supported by volunteers.
2.	MCF support the Hop Skip Jump Bus
3.	MCF requests accurate information on the revenue and costs of the Manly Resident Parking Scheme, including the number and type of permits issued, actual cost of issuing permits and replacement and maintenance of signage, actual hours of ensuring compliance of scheme.
4.	MCF supports the installation of a picnic table and shelter in honour of Ray Mathieson former chair of the MCF and valued community member at LM beach as part of the current works. Picnic table should also be wheel chair accessible. MCF will provide words for a plaque to be added to the structure.
5.	MCF requests Manly Peace Park at the end of Addison Rd offering spectacular views of the Harbour be improved with upgraded access from the road, removal of the filthy red lid bin, replacement/removal of unused sign hoop, removal of the corflute sign attached to the parking sign post and improved landscaping.

New Issues

No.	Description	Action	Due Date
1.	CB thanks Cathy for her diligence and knowledge	NA	
2.	CB - Manly town Hall : NBC are forming a working group for stakeholders to determine next use – MCF support performing arts space. CB seeking a volunteer from the MCF group – Evelyn Shirvington confirmed as MCF nominated member.	Council to note the nomination and include Evelyn as a member of the stakeholders group	
3.	CB – next council meeting they will vote on an architect 24 th July for Manly Surf Club . Council currently has a shortfall of \$5m in budget but will proceed with planning process.	NA	
4.	CB – Manly Ferries – Cllr Bingham has facilitated a group of Ferry enthusiasts who have designed an electric look alike Freshwater ferry. Will be 85% cheaper than the Emerald Class ferries. This group has been meeting with authorities and hope to work towards a fully electric fleet long term to reinstate the true ‘Manly Ferry’.	NA	
5.	Curtain around the fence on old Manly Hospital is coming off	Advise the State Member and request Property NSW tidy the area up	
6.	Aldi trolleys being abandoned close to Skiff Club. Aldi appear to not want to resolve. CG advised community members to contact James G office to address this (State matter), as they are in the private premises of the state housing buildings.	NA	
7.	Federation point – Demolition and removal of the Aquarium will commence by end of the year.	NA	

Actions

No.	Description	Action	Due Date
1.	Ausgrid light outside Manly Yacht Club to be reported for repair	Council to advise AUSGRID that it has stopped working again	
2.	Council to advise how many parking spaces will be removed in order to complete Cliff St pedestrian crossing.	Council to advise specifics of the works and the number	

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		of parking spaces lost	
3.	<p>Note for MCF to follow up on review of speed limit Eastern Hill / Fairy Bower over Summer (note to diarise).</p> <p>Council to update MCF as they progress and include MCF in study.</p>	Request Council for staff to present to MCF on this topic.	
4.	<p>MCF appreciates the information on street sweepers, believes there is potential to increase leaf litter collection significantly. Council to review their current process and revert to manual sweeping prior to street sweepers arriving.</p> <p>MCF to refine what to put to council; further discussion about the likelihood of contractors not fulfilling their obligations.</p>	<p>MCF requests further information on the nature of the contract, how often the sweeper operates in the Eastern Hill.</p> <p>Does the contractor still engage people to sweep the leaf litter from the gutters prior to the streetsweeper travelling down the centre of the roads.</p>	
5.	Unanimous Motion Passed: NBC to be fully transparent in publishing the number of manly parking permits being issued and the true cost of running the scheme.	Council	
6.	MCF requests the Council prioritise the refurbishment of the Manly Peace Park in the capital works budget to restore it to its deserved glory. Consider seating, prams, ability access and landscaping	Council to bring this to the attention of the Parks staff.	
7.	Council to review landscaping at the start of Marine Parade between the steps at Reddall St (above surf club). Community expressing concern for the trees in this area and annoyance of apparent neglect for public place trees.	Council to bring this to the attention of the Parks staff.	

Notes

No.	Description
1.	Update on Ray. A new bench/shade is being dedicated to him in appreciation of his contribution to the community over 20 years and at Little Manly Beach
2.	Darley Rd speed management: Response from council – Transport Network Team are working on a “safe residential speed program” to cover the whole of Eastern Hill and Fairy Bower area in 2023/24 infrastructure program; investigation to begin Summer 22/23. Transport Network Team also working with NPWS for Darley Rd crossing at scenic drive.
3.	Darley Cliff pedestrian crossing to be installed in August 2022.
4.	Council street sweepers – collect 1500 tonnes of waste; community members to advise council of specific areas of concern
5.	Fairy Bower stairs to be installed in August. Marine architect working on the design at present.
6.	Manly Jazz Festival: reduced duration and changed dates. CB advised that business owners feel that long weekend provides no upside and therefore changed the format to a weekend that would normally have lower foot traffic. New date 24/25 September. Some concern that this coincides with Grand Final Weekend (NRL and AFL).
7.	SS railings on East Esplanade – installed at the request of the Police to deter anti-social behaviour. Further work to be done and further information to be provided.
8.	Bravo – new picnic tables on East Esplanade!
9.	Little Manly Playground – trampoline has a pool of water underneath. CB has reported to council and in process of being resolved.
10.	<p>Hop Skip Jump update: CB thanked the community for their support. Provided a lot of data regarding the community benefits. Council has agreed to review the cost of running the service; intend to become an authorised provider thru NSW Transport and it can be used via Opal card. Will still require some subsidies but the operating model may be able to be expanded to other areas. Deadline December for staff recommendation. Further review may have to be given to routes.</p> <p>Resident Parking Scheme discussion: More transparency required on how many parking permits (Resident Parking Scheme) are being issued, to demonstrate whether parking permits are a profit-making activity and could therefore subsidise other manly communities’ activities. Net Cost of the program is declared at \$30K (source NBC 22/23 Budget forecast). MCF discussion shows concern about lack of data transparency, program profitability</p>
11.	<p>Manly Business Centre Improvement Budget / Special rate - \$341K allocated for Manly information centre, Hello Manly web site, Tourism & Economic development. CG discussed historical issues – was independently run and self-funded until council took it over CB – Manly business owners pay a separate levy ‘Special rate’ on top of commercial rates – equals \$1.3m pa. Business owners now involved in its allocation and are discussing the closure of the physical visitor info site. Community generally agreed that Manly needs a physical Information Kiosk.</p>
12.	Manly Peace Park – end of Addison Road. Internationally recognised, stunning view, stop over for walkers but with poor access. MCF would like to see this refurbished by Council.

Meeting closed: 8.20pm

Next meeting: 18 August 2022, 7pm