

Manly Community Forum  
21 Feb 2022  
Minutes

### **Welcome**

The chair welcomed participants to first meeting of 2022 and thanked the Forum Team for getting the newsletters written and delivered and the zoom meeting organised.

### **Apologies**

Cr Sarah Grattan

### **Attendees**

Northern Beaches Council staff: Trish Chaney Tia Curcic & Jeremy Smith, Manager, Park assets planning design & delivery.

Councillors: Deputy Mayor Candy Bingham, Cr Georgia Ryburn

34 people logged in to the meeting.

### **Previous Minutes**

Accepted and published on the website

### **Updates from Council Staff**

#### **Trish Chaney**

Repairs to the footpath along East Esplanade from Skiff club to Osborne Rd will start very soon and be finished within a month.

Council replaced the dog signage at Shelly Beach to make it clear that dogs are not allowed on beach.

Little Manly harbour pool metal hand rail will not be replaced in original form, as it was used to climb onto bleachers.

### **ACTION**

Council asked to install penguin and water dragon compliance signs in Craig Ave to further discourage dog owners letting dogs onto the beach.

Council to come up with an alternative support to the metal handrail into the LM harbour pool.

### **Council Parks Staff update**

Little Manly Point. Work has started on the new playground at and should be finished by the school holidays.

Council is about to request tenders for new toilets adjacent to the carpark. Hopefully finished by end of 2022.

Little Manly beach. Tender closed and to be assessed for seawall, including bleachers. Should be approved at March council meeting and start work in May.

Boat ramp. There is now a repair plan and work should start in 2 -3 months with little interruption to boats.

Kiosk. Further work on aboriginal heritage is needed before they can start their alterations.

Pathway at front of Kiosk will go in during winter.

East Esplanade - fencing around decking at fig tree. It apparently attracted antisocial behavior, so council was planning to leave fence in place.

Police and Ranger Night patrols still active at East & West Esplanade. Behaviour getting slightly better.

Marine Parade. Master plan. Sydney Water says they will not participate in remedial work, even though their critical infrastructure runs underneath. Council is lobbying them to be more involved. Council wants Marine Parade to be iconic walk. Forum discussed the need for some basic maintenance along the walkway.

Shelly Beach design is being considered to stop sand movement and encroachment onto the grass area. Consideration for stone wall at back of beach to keep sand off grass.

Shelly Beach toilet block. Work should be started in next few months.

Manly Wharf, West Esplanade

Ramp at far end of beach will no longer be put in by council. Access onto the beach will be included as part of new plan for aquarium site, boardwalk etc.

New plantings at West Esplanade will go ahead, starting in about a month. No retaining wall to be installed.

### **ACTION**

Council remove the temporary fencing around decking, to allow daytime visitors and locals to use the area.

The Forum request RMS reps to come to forum meeting to discuss the plans for West Esplanade, including old aquarium site.

Council prune trees along ramp behind Manly Yacht Club.

Rangers continue their actions to remove abandoned dinghies around the foreshore especially on LM beach.

### **Town Hall**

Cr Bingham said things were moving along slowly. There are 542 council owned building in Northern Beaches and council will decide an overall property strategy.

A Heritage and building report for town hall have been completed.  
Council will set up a stakeholder group to discuss options for the future of the town hall.

Background: The town hall is now surplus to council requirements. Cr Bingham supports plan is to convert it into a multi-use entertainment centre.

### **Waste Management in Market Lane**

The large numbers of commercial bins and overflow rubbish discussed in newsletter got a lot of feedback.

### **ACTION**

Council is working to find a solution and Cr Bingham will follow up

### **Manly Place Plan**

Night time economy study will be discussed at the upcoming Place Plan meeting. Concern was expressed for the pop up venue proposed on West Esplanade. However Councillors have confirmed that this will not be considered in the near future.

Developments in the Manly CBD are already planned for Steyne Hotel, Royal Far West, Market Lane, The Corso opposite town hall and this will have an impact on the CDB and its future.

Parking may be an issue. Parking stations are under-used at night probably due to high fees and should be reviewed.

### **ACTION**

Parking needs to be part of place plan.

Council is requested to consider the use and fees for the carparks after 7pm and review if necessary.

Cr Bingham will follow up on parking issues, including parklets, high prices at parking stations at night and 10 minute limit for spots, which is too short.

Council remove the temporary COVID signs attached to parking signs.

### **North Head update**

Works on the new car parks and tracks at North Head Plans is progressing, some changes have been made due to the landscape.

### **Quarantine Station**

Lease holder has changed, but not much else will change because the new owner must comply with the Conditions of approval. Public access will definitely continue.