

Apologies:

Council staff

Little Manly

Ripples Café – opened, feedback is that it is great, even if a little on the expensive size. Service and keenness is 10/10. Fabulous table service. Keep and eye on hours and weekend afternoons.

Construction at Little Manly – Aboriginal heritage officers sifting sand for archeological dig. Months ago they found 2 full skeletons (female and male), necklace and fish shaped shell around the neck. Looking for the feet. Contractors cannot remove the pile of dirt until the archaeologist have completed their investigations. This is delaying the completion of the works.

Council has completed the footpath in front of the café. Will fill in turf.

Demo of 40 Stuart St to start in late Feb.

Little manly park

Toilets contract is allocated and will be completed next year

Street trees

Darley Road street tree looks to have similar symptoms as the one at the bottom of darley road that died from gas leak. Evelyn talked to Fenton. Desire is to not have any more large trees along darley road die due to the gas.

Pittwater road trees– planted in 2007/8 tuckerroos have large canopy and looks good.

Action: *Ask to remove the protection around the fig east esplanade*

Manly had policy of planting big trees on one side, now council mainly replaces the large trees with smaller shrubs.

Take photo of any dying trees and ask for a big tree replacement. Community would like a to have a decent canopy for our area.

Pedestrian Crossings

West esplanade crossing. Loss of 4 parking spots. Some were 30mins spots. Added no standing that has taken out some parking. Lines will go on in a few weeks.

Action: *Write to council to suggest that they look to recover the car parking*

- As council to review the no stopping section
- Reclaim by changing hours of the Tourist bus section after the normal bus stop on west esplanade. Tourist buses to use the space during certain hours, outside those hours reinstate 2hr parking? Review no stopping section?

Cliff street, pedestrian crossing looks to be going well, no loss of parking.

Traffic on Darley

Slow down traffic indicators on darley road

At the end of October council will be installing traffic counters on eastern hill.

Parking

Council is reviewing parking across northern beaches excluding residents parking in manly. Review of NBC parking stickers. Including trailers and boats parking.

Question about where to drop people off for the ferry

- hop skip and jump bus stops,
- loading zone before first bus stop on east esplanade.

Visitor info center

Paid by businesses levy, rent and staff are the main expenses.

Chamber believes it is too expensive for outcomes. It is currently run by Council, but council cannot promote any specific businesses. Previously was run as a separate entity by the business chamber, so would allow the paid promotion of businesses. Business chamber would prefer to have the money funneled into improved infrastructure, cleaning etc

Action/Suggestion : mobile base concept to be placed outside ferry terminal on busy days (e.g. small bus like the library bus). (Volunteer) Ambassadors walking around for people to ask questions. If building can be removed, then will free up space.

Old aquarium

Hoardings to go up imminently to start investigations. RMS are considering heritage buildings and waters slide area as removal of the aquarium opens up opportunities for businesses along this section. Storage for kayaks is needed near there – currently on aquarium site.

Building to be demolished beginning of new year.

Boardwalk

Councilors to get briefed on the process on how it will work.

Place plan

Concept plans put together , working group meeting in early Nov, before it goes to council. That group to give feedback, then goes to council then it goes to public feedback in approx December.

Town hall

Council formed a working group. The working group looks at all the ideas and decides what gets presented to council. Working group is waiting on the study that is looking at what other town halls have done with their spaces. Council will vote and will start feasibility studies.

Other updates

- Wharf 3 investigations soon.
- DA for Ivanhoe will take over current Kidstuff. Concern that the DA is not considering market lane side.
- Shelly beach new toilets – if tender accepted start in Feb
- Stairs on headland to Queensclif – substantial ramp to be installed to allow pram, disabled, bike access going up Queenscliff st.
- Sink hole – Sink hole in the Corso fixed. Discovered additional 20m meters that needs to be fixed in Sydney road, will leave it until after summer to fix. So current section already dug up in the Corso will not be reinstated until the Sydney road section is completed.
- Ferry – 3 emeralds taken out of service due to steering issues, 2 freshwaters back

Dogs on beaches

Council is responsible above mean high tide – which is the rock wall, the rock platform is not considered a beach. The forum is receiving complaints from the community and would like action

Suggestions/Actions

- **Motion:** Letter to James – Lobby the DPI (fisheries) to amend rules to prohibit motorized vessels and dogs on beach and rock platforms (all agreed)
- Suggest council put flashing sign for no bikes, and dogs at fairy bower

Other items

Hedges – many garden hedges coming across footpath. Council can trim them if they are overhanging the footpath.

Action:

- *Hedge article in Newsletter.*
- *Ask council to put information about keeping hedges trimmed in rates notice.*

No bins at fairy bower

- Shops (take away) should have a bin and take back the rubbish.

Action: *Write to council requesting business take rubbish by offering a bin. Be responsible for cleaning the area of takeaway containers.*

Meeting concluded 8:10pm