

## MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM Minutes for ON LINE MEETING

20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 20. 4.30PM TO 6PM.

1. Cathy Griffin, elected as Co-Chair of our Forum chaired the meeting. Welcomed everyone, including Council staff.
2. Attendees approximately 40 people signed into the zoom meeting . MCF appreciates the continuing support of Trish Chaney and Annie Lang, Community Liaison Team from the NBC CEO's office.
3. Apologies: Cllr Pat Daley, Don and Vivienne Walker, Cllr Sarah Gratton, Duncan Black
4. Minutes of the previous meeting noted
5. NEWSLETTER and other communications  
The MCF has updated the style of the Newsletter and will be updating the website. Thanks to all those who have contributed to the production of the Newsletter, including the contributors, the editors and the designers.
6. East Esplanade Park  
Continuing concerns about lack of social distancing in the park areas and the lack of policing of the current alcohol bans, even though the large billboard remains working at EER.  
ACTION. Forum again asks Council Rangers and Police to provide daytime patrols from midday to evening rather than the current 5.30pm to 6pm and then into the evening. Most of the social drinking and lack of social distancing occurs during the afternoon period, before sundown.
7. Chair welcomed Council staff responsible for Manly CBD.  
Nikki Griffith, Manager Place and Economic Development([Nikki.griffith@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Nikki.griffith@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au))  
Laura Kelly, Manly Mainstreet Coordinator ([laura.kelly@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:laura.kelly@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au))  
Laura opened the discussion with a Powerpoint on what has been happening MANLY CBD - MANLY PLACE
  - a. Manly Markets has returned with COVID safe procedures in the Manly Corso. This will be temporary.
  - b. Childrens playground in Corso reopened
  - c. Hoardings removed from the new shop fronts, Council has provided and installed historic images on plywood on the windows.
  - d. Council is reviewing the busking policy
  - e. Council has been providing support to business during COVID, such as providing 'we are open signs, online social media and marketing workshops, promotional video campaign, webinars with industry experts and publishing the Beaches Biz newsletter with info on how to access grants etc.
  - f. There is a lot of construction in the Manly CBD and Council is monitoring and working with business in the area to ensure safe pedestrian movement.
  - g. It is noted that Henrietta Lane is a 'service lane' which limits 'activation' works. The Childcare Centre in that area will be open at the end of the year and parking access will be into the Council car park in Central Ave. There is a lift for families and pedestrians to access Sydney Road from the carpark.

### ACTION

Council is requested to confirm the status of the 'laneways' project from Manly CBD and what elements of it have been abandoned.

- h. Council is conducting a signage review on East and West Esplanade and along Marine Parade. This includes the compliance signs as well as DPI signage. the aim is to make signs clearer and less cluttered.

**ACTION**

Community consultation on this review is requested by the MCF. Clarification is requested as to the inclusion of DPI compliance signage and Cabbage Tree Bay interpretive signage. The wooden Cabbage Tree Bay sign at Bower lane needs cleaning or replacing.

- i. Manly Visitor Centre has reopened, Numbers of visitors to Centre and Manly in general has reduced dramatically.
- j. The Council Staff stated that they had a good working relationship with the Wharf Management Staff.
- k. MCF notes the new plantings in the area behind the bike racks and the planter boxes at the entry to the Corso have been planted.
- l. When will the fountains in the Corso be turned back on?

**ACTION**

The MCF requests that Council staff work with the Wharf Management to ensure the continuous opening and cleanliness of the public toilets in the carpark on the Wharf. Has Council actioned the request to establish a committee including RMS, Wharf Management, Council and community reps to discuss improvements to Manly Wharf and surrounding area ?

This concern is being driven by Councillor Bingham and Forum Chair. Local member James Griffin has agreed to participate and has committed to bring representatives from TMG ( wharf lease holder) and NSW Transport to a meeting. Councillor Bingham will request senior Council Management participation, preferably at Director or Executive level.

**8. TRAFFIC**

Changes to the speed limit to 30 KPH in the CBD has been implemented

**ACTION**

Council to confirm if this is permanent or a trial. Forum has requested more information on the "trial" and exactly what triggered the trial. Several complaints have been received covering the need for the speed limit to be 24/7 rather than during the busy periods.

**9. UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR BINGHAM**

- a. Cllr Bingham stated Little Manly Kiosk the works proposed for the cafe will not increase its current footprint with the number of seating remaining at 26. Cllr Bingham reconfirmed that it will remain a cafe and not become a restaurant and the Cafe operator is honouring the tender agreement. There will be no public path thoroughfare through the cafe. Council intends to reroute the path around the front of the Cafe. This will be brought forward in the works proposed for Little Manly.

**ACTION**

MCF requests the publication of the DA for the Little Manly Cafe

- b. Residents Parking Scheme has been announced and will be rolled out from September 2020. Fees remain unchanged but there will be no permits for trailers, and fewer permits for businesses and clubs and community groups.
- c. Manly Library kids corner has been refurbished. Waiting for furnishings and area to be reinstated at the end of COVID.
- d. The former Manly Town Hall will remain in Council hands and there will be community consultation on the future of the Town Hall. Cllr Bingham supports its use as an entertainment hub.
- e.

#### 10. EAST ESPLANADE UPGRADE

- a. Jeremy Smith Manager Park Assets briefed the Forum on the EER upgrade which is going well with the stage 2 works nearing completion and opening planned within two weeks. Delays continue with the new toilets as there are a lot of underground services and the old fig tree roots. Expected completion is 25 November 2020.
- b. Don Gibson, Manager Building Assets advised that If toilets are further delayed then council will consider temporary portable toilets.
- c. LM Beach proposed developments are on track. Three separate projects. Craig Ave boat ramp will be the first project as it has been partially funded by a State grant. Council is preparing briefs for LM playground and Little Manly beach which includes the seawall repair and path. Toilet to be located at LM point carpark is being progressed now that funding has been allocated.

#### ACTION

MCF requests confirmation that the path around the cafe be completed at the same time as the cafe is renovated, or before to allow access through the construction area.

- d. Harbour Pool upgrade is progressing. Some concern with the delays occurring due to storms and other delays may have occurred due to works in other areas ( Forty Baskets?)

11. **STORM MANAGEMENT FAIRY BOWER.** Correspondence has been forwarded to Council about the impact of current storm season on the seawall, stormwater pipes and sewerage pipes. Jodi Crawford has written to Forum and local resident Bill D'Anthes. Bill maintains a constant vigil on the concern. Council has a plan and, we believe, budget allocated to renew the stormwater system around the FB Pool, but Sydney Water have been slow to put any plan in place to improve the sewerage pipes running along the Marine Parade path and seawall. We understand that they are now preparing a reconstruction plan and anxiously await details.

**ACTION.** Council executive to liaise with Sydney Water for an immediate plan and the urgent implementation of that plan to secure the sewage system against storms. Cabbage Tree Bay is at risk.

12. MCF noted that the Northern Beaches Community Centre has moved from Wentworth Street to newly renovated premises in Raglan St. Thanks to Council for finally bringing this to fruition. The Dept of Education will now embark on community consultation on the refurbishment of buildings for the use by Manly Village Public School.

#### 13. Fliteboards

- a. Discussion for resident fliteboarders defended their use of fliteboards in Cabbage Tree Bay. They claim that they need access to the water from the still water at the Bower step and stated that they paddle their boards out to the area beyond the

Aquatic Reserve and are aware of the safety requirements regarding proximity to swimmers and divers etc. They have developed a Code of Conduct for use of fliteboards and have committed to send these to the forum for consideration and discussion. All board riders need a licence because the boards are 'powered vessels' and must remain 60m from swimmers. Locals remain concerned that the fliteboard riders from outside the area who are unfamiliar with the area will cause an injury.

**ACTION**

MCF requests that the Council obtain a copy of the Code of Conduct from the local Fliteboard riders for consideration and a meeting be arranged between the Council, MCF and the Fliteboard riders to discuss its application or not.

14. Council Staff MCF liaison advised that 'Spot Parking' was conducting a data collection project for TPT for NSW to develop a parking app for the area. This is not a Council project.
15. Council also advised that they are working with UNSW using installed cameras along Marine Parade to collect data to determine when Marine parade should be closed due to high tides and dangerous surf conditions.
16. MCF is Awaiting Council response on lack of policing of conditions and ensuring compliance of approved DAs particularly in Spring Cove development where residents continue to breach the conditions in relation to pet ownership and the maintaining of bush fire protection zones.. Council advised that they have written to the residents of Spring Cove re pet ownership..

**ACTION**

MCF request Council provide information on the outcomes of these letters.

17. meeting closed 6.10pm
18. NEXT MEETING MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 4.30pm ZOOM.