

Manly Community Forum  
20 September 2021  
Minutes

**Welcome**

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

**Apologies**

Ray Mathieson. The chair wished Ray well as he takes a break for health reasons.

**Attendees**

Mayor Regan, Cllr Candy Bingham, Cllr Sarah Gratton,  
33 people logged into the meeting

**Council Staff**

Trish Cheney, Tia , Jodie Crawford, Yannis

**Previous Minutes**

Accepted and will be published on the website.

**Updates**

LM Beach and Park - Council staff provided an update on all the proposed works activities. Bleachers plan approved and now tenders for the works being called for works to start in April 2022

Path in front of cafe being held up by COVID and Cafe works timings. Council plans to commence as soon as workers are available

Picnic table and benches will be installed

Commemorative bench for Jean Woods to be installed behind the bike racks

Bike rack will eventually be removed and repositioned.

Playground works to commence as soon as workers are available

Boat behaviour in Manly Cove - some very selfish boat owners ignoring the safety of swimmers and non-motorised vessels including kayaks and SUPs. Community members have reported an increase in activities in the Cove.

**ACTION**

Forum resolved to write to Council and RMS asking for assistance in ensuring compliance and the safety of swimmers and others using the area.

The Forum requested an update on replacement of the support railing in the swimming pool at LM for the disabled and older people. Some community members suggested that a railing be placed on both sides of the pool fence. This has previously been requested

**ACTION**

Council is requested to advise if and when the railing will be replaced.

The Forum members asked for additional clarification of rent deferrals to Council by various organisations and businesses. For example has rent for leases been deferred or forgiven during COVID.

**ACTION**

Council to clarify

## **Footpaths**

Forum members said they were happy to see the grinding of the footpaths in the area but considered that there were many more areas that could be fixed and improved. The community was reminded to report any trip hazards on the footpaths via the CRM.

The East Esplanade footpath from Stuart St to Osborne Rd remains a priority request to upgrade for the Forum. This is a high use pedestrian path with many parents with prams and elderly with walkers and wheelchairs using it.

**Coastal Management Plan** presentation - Council staff updated the Forum members on the Coastal Management Plans and their purpose. The Harbour Plan will focus on improving water quality via stormwater infrastructure mapping and improvements.

Council has installed cameras to monitor the extent of the east coast lows along Marine Pde particularly at Bower Lane. Gates have been installed adjacent to Manly Surf club

## **Manly to Shelly Beach Masterplan -**

The forum discussed the need for a Masterplan for Marine Pde, and the Shelly Beach Headland. The Council should seek opportunities for a Grant to complete such a masterplan. The area is in dire need of a masterplan so that upgrade and works can be prioritised and funded for the future. Paths and fencing around the Shelly Beach headland should be maintained, improved and upgraded, upgrading of parklets and management of stormwater scouring the area and the beach. Ensure the road is not washed away. Consideration of the stormwater infrastructure into the CTBAR. Securing the cliffs along Marine Pde where rockfalls have been identified, consideration of determining the safety and security of the seawall and path that protects the sewage and stormwater infrastructure. Repair and replacement program for heritage post and rail fence that is currently a hotch-potch. Repair and replacement of the variable surfaces of the shared pathway. Signage, consistent and covering all compliance and interpretive signs for all agencies involved in the area.

## **ACTION**

Council to consider and keep the forum updated on progress and issues.

## **Shelly Beach car park and beach landscaping**

### **Parking Restrictions in Bower St**

The community remains divided over the proposal for parking restrictions on the north side of Bower St, with three distinct views. Those who want the parking restrictions in place all year round to facilitate two-way traffic all year round, particularly for emergency vehicles. Those who want the restrictions only implemented in the busy summer period. Those who want the parking to remain with no restrictions and no parking spaces lost. Community members also think that the Council should have consulted more widely as the loss of parking spaces has knock-on effects in other areas where on street parking is scarce.

The Forum supports the Traffic Committee recommendations

A. This item will be deferred until further data collection, investigation and consultation on various options have been undertaken, with a report to come back to the Traffic Committee when this has been completed.

B. That the seasonal restriction in place during the Summer 2020-2021 period be continued for Summer 2021-2022, with additional signage and resources to manage the compliance with the restrictions.

C. Any final scheme should incorporate Smart Parking technologies at the Shelly Beach carpark with real time parking availability signage on Bower Street in the vicinity of the College Street intersection.

#### **Update on Northern Beaches link tunnel Upper House Inquiry**

Community advised that the inquiry submissions are available on the NSW parliamentary website.

#### **Former Manly Hospital site.**

Some residents expressed concerns after a CBRE advertisement was placed in the local paper. EOI process being followed, Health and Well Being zoning protects the area from sell-off for residential.

#### **Ivanhoe Park Masterplan**

Submissions are closed

#### **DAs of note**

Royal Far West

Addison Rd Little Manly Cove facing possible impact on Little Penguins