

Manly Community Forum  
16 August 2021  
Zoom meeting 4.30pm to 6.0pm  
Minutes

Welcome

Apologies Cllr Pat Daley, Co Chair Ray Mathieson

Attendees 41 zoom attendees

Councillors Cllr Bingham, Cllr Gratton

Council Staff Trish Chaney

Minutes from previous meeting approved

Business Arising

**1. Footpath update East Esplanade**

The footpath on the eastern side of East Esplanade from corner of Stuart St to Osborne Rd has been included on the Footpath works program for likely upgrade in 22/23. Meeting participants reiterated that the path is in very poor condition and a danger for people to navigate with wheelchairs, prams and walkers. MCF notes that asphalt is used to fill the holes etc.

**2. Royal Far West Redevelopment Update**

Chair advised the meeting that RFW is commencing its work to seek approval for Stage 3 & 4 of their site. The RFW is holding an info session on Zoom 19 August 2021. Current plans have addressed all the conditions of approval from the previous State Significant Site application.

**3. Former Manly Town Hall Update**

Cllr Bingham advised that the Council will complete a Heritage report which will be done in November 2021 to determine what in the building must be maintained before calls for reuse of the Town hall. Most popular proposal is for the building to be used as an entertainment and performance arts centre.

**4. Manly Hospital site call for Registration of Interest ROI**

DPIE has submitted a planning proposal to Northern Beaches Council for the Site to help realise the community's vision for the health and wellbeing sanctuary (Proposal).

The Proposal seeks approval to expand the range of health, wellbeing and related uses permitted on the Site under its existing health services facility zoning.

While the Proposal progresses, PDNSW will conduct a call for expressions of interest (EOI) and/or a request for proposals (RFP) (or other similar procurement process) to appoint a delivery partner to undertake a formal master planning process and develop the Site (Project Partner).

The ROI closes at 3pm on Thursday, 30 September 2021

The proposed additional new uses include:

- a group home,
- community facility,
- educational establishment,
- food and drink premises,
- centre-based childcare facility,
- indoor recreational facility,
- neighbourhood shop,
- function centre,
- respite day care centre and
- seniors housing.

## **5. Ivanhoe Masterplan open for comment 19 September 2021**

Cllr Bingham advised that the area has been Heritage listed and both the Bowling Club (owned and operated by the Mounties) and the Tennis club are on perpetual leases and have been included as stakeholders in the plans now open for comment. The community was urged to respond on the your say page.

## **6. Update from Sydney Water on Marine Parade stormwater and sewage infrastructure**

Sydney Water staff have advised that they have not been meeting with NBC staff to discuss the long term future of the Marine Parade. Cllr Gratton advised that senior staff are considering developing a Strategic Plan for the area. The MCF has been hearing of this proposal for many years and would like to see the framework that the Council proposes to determine the future of the area. Currently there are plethora of signs, compliance and interpretive, owned and controlled by various authorities, there does not seem to be any clear understanding of the boundaries between public and private land along the walkway. The rock walls are covered in weeds and the private stormwater pipes are ugly and poorly maintained. Rockfalls onto the public walkway are a very real danger. The asphalt surface of the path is a disintegrating patchwork, the stonewall is varied and patchwork of repairs, the post and rail fence is maintained to a minimum. The entire area is old and quaint needing some serious consideration for the future.

### **Action**

**The community asks for confirmation about the Council intent for a Strategic Plan for the Marine Parade.**

**7. Please keep dogs off the Little Manly Beach**

The community requests that dog owners respect the signs and the fact that Little Manly Beach near the boat ramp is penguin habitat. In addition community members expressed their concern about the increasing numbers of dogs on the rock shelf at Bower. And the fact that the Council refuses to clarify if dogs are permitted in the Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve.

**Manly Community Forum picnic table at LM**

The forum agreed that the picnic table should be located at the rear of the beach near the ramp.

A Question was also asked as to when the memorial bench for Jean Woods would be installed in front of the Ausgrid shed.

**8. Cliff St pedestrian Crossing**

There was general disappointment expressed by the community regarding this crossing and the fact that the refuge was installed irrespective of the community's view and now the possibility that a crossing will be installed sacrificing 4 parking spots is infuriating the community. Cars park illegally in the loading zone on the northern side Darley Rd and on the eastern (lower side) of Cliff St to pick up a coffee or drop off people and parcels etc. The southern side of Darley Rd footpath is the more frequently used as there are no steps.

**Action**

The community unanimously supports the request that the current refuge be removed immediately and that Council consider not doing anything to replace it.

The community is in unanimous agreement that the speed limited on Darley Rd be reduced to 40kph to improve safety in the area.

**9. Street tree planting**

The MCF supports the request for Council to plant street trees in the MCF area now before the summer in order to improve the canopy for the future.