

Minutes
MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM ONLINE MEETING
April 2021

Welcome

Apologies

Anne Cameron, Cllr Pat Daley, Cllr Sarah Gratton

Council Staff attendees

Trish Chaney, Annie Laing, Claudia, Jeremy Smith and Campbell Pheiffer

Community Attendees

ITEMS

LITTLE MANLY MASTERPLAN AND LITTLE MANLY POINT PARK

Council staff spoke about the works planned for LM, including the bleachers which will be 22m long the front of the beach from the boundary of No 40 to the current steps in the centre of the beach. Budget constraints do not permit for these bleachers to be built across the entire front of the beach.

The path around the café will be built now that the DA for the café has been approved.

The forum raised the issue of the new bike racks that have been installed at LM. They have been installed in an inappropriate spot where parked bikes will stick out onto the footpath under the railing. Council staff agreed to meet committee members to discuss alternative locations.

The Boat Ramp at Craig Ave will be repaired, and the exposed gabions removed or encased to mitigate any risks. Council has obtained a grant from RMS to complete works.

Council advised that a Dragon Boat will be stored in the Craig Ave park alongside the fence.

Future of Council owned properties at LM 34 & 40. Further public consultation will be held in accordance with the Act to determine the category of Community Land most appropriate for number 40. This will then go to be finalised at the Council meeting. No discussion regarding number 34.

Boats in LM Cove – the Forum has request that Council advocate on their behalf to improve the safety of swimmers, divers and other non boat users in Manly Cove near the shoreline. Council has an obligation to ensure public safety and requests that Council discuss with RMS the continued unsafe operation of the BBQ hire boats in the area.

ACTION – Council requested to write to and liaise with TPT for NSW and RMS about improving the public safety in the water at LM Cove.

Staff advised that the location of proposed toilet in upper carpark area was in the bush area and would be quite small and unobtrusive. Staff stated that they would include a change table in the amenities. Some community members expressed that this was not necessary, but staff were insistent. Council staff noted that the LM Point Park is Department of Planning land and Council manages the area. The land is remediated from a former toxic gas plant the toilet will be located on Council land to avoid breaching the remediation cap.

Playground update – plans about to be released for consultation. New swings and equipment would be installed, and landscaping updated around the periphery. The forum is invited to make comment on the plans when uploaded to the Your Say page. Work is expected to commence in September 2021.

ACTION – Staff to meet with MCF members before the next meeting.

CABBAGE TREE BAY AND SHELLY BEACH RESERVE

Staff explained that most work on the landscaping around Shelly beach was being done as part of regular maintenance, but they will consider other landscaping elements in the area in the future. The forum pointed out that the trees planted as part of the landscaping about 8 years ago are now blocking the views from the footpath and park benches and have a lot of litter around the base of these trees. Staff suggested that the trees have been successful in stopping the sand blow off the beach.

During a storm water sheets down from the top of the carpark, through the park as well as down the road, flooding in front of the restaurant. The stormwater drains appear inadequate across the entire area and the one outside the restaurant is blocked. The storm water then floods onto the beach and scours out the sand into the Bay.

It is noted that the toilets are due to be refurbished and this will happen before the end of 2021. Other small scale landscaping works will be carried out as part of general maintenance.

Fairy Bower pool.

The work to replace the old stormwater pipe with a rectangular concrete culvert is due to start on Monday. There will not be improved access to the ocean from that side as the new sea wall will be covered with Living Seawall contoured tiles.

The next stage does include the ledge/walkway between the pool and the steps to the little beach. The council will resurface it with smooth concrete & presumably make it wider so people can sit on it comfortably. However they have to wait until Sydney Water comes to the party fixing the stormwater pipe.

The forum asked Council to look at the toilets at Fairy Bower as they were very stinky.

ACTION – Staff to meet with MCF committee members before the next meeting.

FOOTPATHS AND PEDESTRAIN RAMP ALONG EAST ESPLANADE (STUART ST & OBSORNE)

Council staff reminded that this is a very bumpy asphalt foot path that needs replacing.

MANLY LIFE SAVING CLUB UPGRADE UPDATE

Consultation on plans – Council staff advised that the concept plan was used to garner grants from the Fed and State Government. Detailed planning and consultation will take place but at this stage there is no firm plans to construct a separate amenity block on the promenade opposite the residential apartments.

EAST ESPLANADE

Council, Police and residents meetings are ongoing – no change. Continued discussions at the Safety Committee.

Shower replacement East Esplanade

This project was delayed because the wrong pavers were supplied for the job of protecting the little pine tree. They have been re-ordered now. Work is starting again but won't be finished for quite a few weeks. The pine tree is healthy and fine and will be mulched and protected with the circle of pavers of the correct size. Then there will be concreting work and a smart new shower and the whole thing will be edged with pavers to match East Esplanade. I think it will look great when it's done.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Bingham update

The MEC has been moved to the 2nd floor of the Library and is accessible to the public. Some staff offices and meeting area is located there. The resources are being moved and digitised and Internships are available.

A motion regarding the removal of the shark nets in Manly will be discussed at the April Council meeting.

The Safety Committee will meet next week.

Movies return to Manly at the new St Matts auditorium.

A motion to discuss the suitability of the Emerald Class ferries for the Manly route will be discussed at the April Council meeting. Concern has been expressed about their safety.

Meeting closed

NEXT MEETING

On line and in person at Manly Yacht Club