

Manly Community Forum
18 October 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

Attendees

Mayor Michael Regan, Cllr Candy Bingham, Cllr Sarah Gratton, Candidates for Manly Ward Sam Pigram, Georgia Ryburn, John Kelly.
38 people logged into the meeting

Council Staff

Trish Cheney

Previous Minutes

Accepted and will be published on the website.

Updates

Staff advised that the railing for access at LM harbour pool will not be reinstated for insurance reasons as it is used to climb onto the whalers. Council is considering an alternative.

Beach and Park - Council staff provided an update on all the proposed works activities.

The bleachers plan approved and now tenders for the works being called for works to start in April 2022 The path in front of cafe has been held up by COVID and Cafe works timings and will now be completed when the bleachers are done next year.

Picnic table and benches will be installed

Commemorative bench for Jean Woods to be installed behind the bike racks and will be completed when the bike racks are moved to a more suitable location.

Playground works to commence as soon as workers are available and completed before the end of the year.

Penguin stencilling on the pathways will be completed shortly

Toilet at LM Point Park will be commenced early 2022

Works on Fairy Bower are running behind due to weather conditions.

Community reported that the sewer line inspections by Sydney Water late on Sunday night was concerning given that Forum have been requesting Council and SW consider a masterplan and ensure the area is not subject to a catastrophic failure that will pollute the Aquatic Reserve.

ACTION

Council to reconsider a solution for an access railing into the LM harbour pool.
Council provide an update on the work with stakeholders on Marine Parade.

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.

Candidate Forum

The Manly Community invited the lead candidates for the Manly Ward to introduce themselves and respond to questions from the meeting.

Sam Pigram – Labor
Sarah Gratton – Your Northern Beaches
Georgia Ryburn – Liberal
John Kelly – Manly 1st
Candy Bingham – Good For Manly
Pam Dawes – Greens (apology)

All would be great representatives, but only three can be elected. All were knowledgeable of local issues and were encouraged to attend the next meeting before the election on 4 December 2021.

East Esplanade

Ray Mathieson voiced his disappointment for the ‘softy softly’ approach by the Police and Council over the weekends prior to the end of COVID that saw huge crowds on East Esp. Ray also expressed concern that Councillors did not support the amendment proposed to ban alcohol in the area and make it a AFZ at the last Council meeting. The usual problems of abhorrent behaviour were recorded by the neighbours. Forum members also reported similar crowds at other locations including LM park and beach as well as West Esplanade. Underage drinking remains a concern.

The East Esp area has now been fenced off for maintenance which includes returfing, and this is considered as a circuit breaker.

The meeting Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting ended

6.08pm

Next meeting

Monday 15 November 2021

7.30pm in person at Manly Yacht Club

