

MINUTES

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING

MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2020

Minutes of the Manly Community Forum Meeting

held Monday 21st September 2020

Commencing at 4:30 pm via zoom

ATTENDANCE: 30 people online. 7 apologies
3 Council staff. 1 Councillor. 26 residents.

Committee Members

Chair Ray Mathieson, Cathy Griffin, Kandy King, Doug and Lee Carruthers, Janne Seletto

Guests

Council staff: Trish Chaney, Annie Lang, Nikki Griffith & Laura- Place Management.
Councillors: Pat Daley

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As a sign of respect, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and pays respect to Elders past and present.

2.0 APOLOGIES

Cllr Candy Bingham, Duncan Black, Nick Ewald, Sue Rice, Judi LeVine

3.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

That the Minutes of the Manly Community Forum meeting held 17th August 2020, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Stormwater and sewage line at Bower Lane - Council has advised that Sydney Water is drawing plans for renewal of their sewerage pipes, but the situation appears urgent. We ask that Council makes urgent submissions to the NSW Govt directly and via the Local member.	Noted, staff are continuing to work Sydney Water on this matter.
Manly Wharf Complex - It also appears that the marked area of Council responsibility is now part of the allocated Bavarian Beer Hall/Restaurant. Who is paying for this?	Staff have advised Cr Bingham on the boundary between Council Land managed by Council and that of the State to Harbourpark Pty Ltd. The Bavarian Beer Hall is on Crown Land.
Base Station "Carrillon" 25 Marshall St The only question remains is "will the current tower be removed from the Manly Hospital site or is this another tower for another communication provider." Council to seek an answer to this question through the Property group of NSW Government who are managing the redevelopment of this site.	The consultation report is located here https://www.rfnsa.com.au/2095016

Follow Up Actions. Outstanding Items

Stormwater and Sewage Line... This issue has been on the outstanding ACTION list for many months. Sydney Water is slow to react to the concerns, although there was some indication that they were planning a project to rectify the real concern that their main sewage pipe would continue to deteriorate and break open into Cabbage Tree Bay.

ACTION.. We again ask what direct contact and demand for immediate action has been made by Council Executive to Sydney Water for an action timeline for their remedial work ?

The **stormwater rectification project** that is Council responsibility has moved to a completed plan, but we ask when the work will commence ? This work includes a complete rebuild of the stormwater system beside the Fairy Bower pool into Cabbage Tree Bay.

ACTION. Can we have a plan timeline for the remedial work?

Manly Wharf Forecourt... Council area of responsibility is designated by a cut line through the forecourt area across to the pedestrian access way on the West Esplanade side. Despite the above response we now understand that Council has determined that the Bavarian Restaurant does have its tables in the Council controlled area..

ACTION. We would appreciate Council advising whether compensation has been refunded, probably back from TMG Holdings.

Amenities Block East Esplanade Park.... We have raised concern with the slow progress being made with the amenities block. Responses from Council have included September completion; October completion; and now November completion. Discussions with the contractors have suggested December/January completion ??? Council is now re-installing temporary toilets. Absolutely necessary but a major disappointment for the nearby residents. It has also created anguish for the Skiff Club sailors and their vessels who have a commitment from Council for an area to rig their vessels during competition. The competition starts first weekend in October and goes through the summer.

ACTION.. Can we expect a completed toilet block before end of November ? If it goes into December we may not see a finish until February 2021. This would be a major problem over the holiday period.. Also, has Council staff discussed the rigging issue with the Skiff Club Executive. Space could be provided behind the locked gate into the park area.

Little Manly Beach pathway around the kiosk to the scenic walkway steps up to Little Manly Point Park. Parks staff advised that the path could be completed before the kiosk operators rebuild the kiosk (Current DA in for approval)

ACTION..Forum asks when will this happen, on behalf of all scenic walkway users and residents and visitors?

Manly Parking Schemes

The launch of the Little Manly Scheme has raised a number of issues. Feedback prior to the meeting and during the brief discussions suggest that the on-line system is difficult to use and slow to process. It also requires patience when loading scanned documents. Trish has advised that the project team is aware of the shortfalls and is preparing amendments to ease the process and speed up entry.

Other issues have arisen in regard to the requirement for all vehicles to be NSW registered. A few local residents, living in their own home, with no on-street parking and in at least two confirmed cases a vehicle registered to the home owner in another state. Because they move between homes they are required to register the vehicle in the state that they are mostly resident. The suggestion is that they take a multi-use permit. This is not how it was designed and could add to the misuse. If they have two vehicles, as is the case with at least three of the concerned residents, then they cannot park near their home.

The other issue is the number of permits allowed for not for profit clubs and associations who are regularly attending their association in Little Manly. The permit scheme starts on 1st October and they still have no idea whether they will be allocated any permits. (this applies for the four clubs/associations on East Esplanade in Manly Cove.)

ACTION.. Forum asks Council to give consideration to exceptions that are clearly genuine and to quickly provide some assurance to the associations that are a big part of the Manly scene

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 PLACE MANAGEMENT – MANLY CBD AND OTHER MANLY WARD VILLAGES

DISCUSSED

Laura and Nikki provided an overview of the operations of the Place Management responsibilities and process for the forum. See PowerPoint presentation attached.

The Place Manager is based in the Manly Town Hall and stated that she regularly inspects the public places and log CRMs as required. In addition she attended the Manly Business Chamber monthly executive meetings, publishes a monthly newsletter to business owners, provides tourist information and data and facilitates events and activations in the Manly Town Centre. The NBC is responsible for the large annual Festivals such as the Jazz and Food and Wine Festival.

Community members should log CRMs directly with Council on the website or via the Customer Service number.

There are 5 X Public Place officers who are responsible for reporting maintenance and other issues. They can fix minor issues on the spot if they have the appropriate tools and materials.

Other responsible for the public areas are commercial contractors who are managed by the Parks and Recreation team.

There is a Strategic Place Management Team, however the day to day management of the Manly Village centre is the responsibility of the Public Place Manager.

A Destination Management Plan was commissioned and completed in 2019 however this requires review since COVID 19 changed conditions.

ACTIONS

Removal of the sticky signs on the ground at the entry points of the Corso
Advise on the replacement and maintenance of the inlaid plaques on the Wharf Forecourt
Maintenance and usage of public place bins.

6.2 EAST ESPALANDE

DISCUSSED

Cllr Daley advised that he had submitted a Notice Of Motion in for the next council meeting regarding maintaining the 24/7 ban on alcohol on East Esplanade for the duration of COVID restrictions. Cllr Daley suggested that over the years the alcohol consumption in public places and antisocial behaviour had increased and now Manly catered only to the lowest common denominator. The MCF contrasted the controls within the nearby Pub with the lack of controls on East Esp, including no RSA or capacity/ social distancing.

The MCF considers that it is necessary for policing on the East Esp area to be increased and discussions with the CEO and Police have resulted in an increase in Ranger patrols of the area. Police have also been present in the area recently.

A COVID safe activation plan for the Summer has been released by the Council which includes nominating the maximum number of people able to occupy various public parks and beaches.

The MCF notes that the capacity for East Esp is 800 people in groups of 20 people, however it is not clear if this includes the beach and footpath.

ACTION

The MCF suggests that the proposed COVID safe implementation team work with the established Safety Committee. We assume from this plan that the Rangers have already coordinated a

response plan with Police, given that they advise that they have no authority to maintain social distancing.

Council to clarify the capacity for Little Manly Reserve and Little Manly Beach and the Little Manly Point Park. Currently LM Beach is

It is also noted that this plan is an undated document and has no start or end date.

6.3 ACTIVATE MANLY PLAN

DISCUSSED

There is a proposal to 'activate' the road from Wentworth St to Whistler St through Darley Rd and the Corso. This involves installing outdoor eating along the street where cars currently park. This would mean the narrowing of the road in Darley from Wentworth to a single lane and reducing the speed to 10km per hour and installing a bike lane. And completely removing traffic from the north side of the road from Darley to Belgrave and East Esplanade/Whistler. Traffic would be one way heading north from the Eastern Hill through to Raglan St via Darley Rd, the Corso and Whistler St from Wentworth Street. Traffic from the Whistler St carpark would only be allowed to go north to Sydney Road.

ACTION

Traffic Committee to decide on suitability early October 2020. Plan then to community for consideration. Given that the grant has been obtained this Forum is concerned that the timing will not allow proper community consideration, especially for traffic leaving and entering Easter Hill area (Isthmus, Little Manly Fairy Bower, North Head) Council to provide more detail on the proposal before it moves to "trial" period.

6.4 FORMER MANLY HOSPITAL SITE

DISCUSSED

A community member attended the online meeting and reiterated the concerns regarding, traffic, futures uses of the site and the modifications to the zoning and the consequences that may have to future uses of land on the site.

The community is encouraged to continue to provide feedback on the project to Property NSW.

ACTION.. We await details of the financial considerations from Property NSW consultants Ernst & Young (?). With regard to viability of the site and the mandate that all development must be self funding. No further NSW Govt money, other than for site demolition and remediation will be provided. We also await discussions with Council on the final zoning agreement.

6.5 FLITEBOARDS

DISCUSSED

Use of fliteboards is not illegal in the area. To change the regulations requires RMS and DPI Fisheries to work out how to regulate the use of these motorised boards. The local Fliteboard users have met with Cllr Bingham and others and have agreed to self regulate the use in the Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve. This means they will not "foil" to the Reserve Boundary. (we assume that means walking speed or hand paddling, not motoring) Concern remains about motorised vessels in the CTBAR over summer and the safety of the other users in the Bay.

6.6 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ASHBURNER ST ACROSS EAST ESPALANDE.

DISCUSSED

This is a problematic location for a pedestrian crossing with many issues still to be resolved about the exact location of such a pedestrian crossing, given that it is at the bottom of a hill (Osborne Rd) and in the vicinity of the vehicular entry to East Esplanade.

Councillor Bingham advised that this suggestion is being considered by Council.

ACTION.. Forum/community to be advised well before the matter is finalised by Council.

6.7 WHEELCHAIR PATH AND RAMP FOR BEAR COTTAGE

DISCUSSED

Whilst everyone agrees that there was a need to install the wheelchair path and ramp for Bear Cottage to enable safer access to the beach the MCF was disappointed that there was little consultation with the local residents affected by the proposal and the Church decision, prior to installation.

6.8 LITTLE MANLY HARBOUR POOL

DISCUSSED

Thanks to the Council for completion of this long awaited project. Final touches are now being completed with the attachment of signage. The MCF considers the proposed sign is 'too busy' with too many pictograms. Ensuring compliance will be difficult. However the one sign that is necessary is the 'no mooring sign'. As predicted boats are already using the new structure to load and unload passengers.

The MCF also requests that a ladder be installed at the beach end of the structure. Again as predicted the community is using the netting to climb onto the whaler and this is likely to damage the netting over time. (notwithstanding making it easier for the public to climb and then walk to the end of the whaler to board a moored boat there)

ACTION

MCF to discuss with Council staff and reach an agreement to install or not the ladder. Council Legal area to consider whether not putting a ladder from the beach, when it is obvious that walking on the whalers and to the swimming a jumping platform is what is allowed, without any policing against the practice. We further ask is a sign suggesting no diving etc sufficient to remove Council liability when it is ignored by hundreds daily, without incident and without any Ranger intervention?

6.10 REMOVAL OF PUBLIC PLACE BINS ALONG MARINE PARADE

DISCUSSED

Residents along Marine Parade have expressed concern that the public are disposing of their litter, including coffee cups and takeaway food containers in private bins since the removal of the public place bins at the end of Bower Lane. Why were the bins removed? Unfortunately this is an extremely popular resident and visitor scenic walkway and must be maintained in good order.

Dumped garbage and no suitable bin placements are not acceptable. If the issue is resident dumping in the Council bins then this should be investigated, not managed by removal.

ACTION

Council explain why the bins were removed and if they propose to return them or provide another solution.

6.11 STREETSWEEEPING IN THE CBD

DISCUSSED

Cars often remain parked in the streets which does not allow the streetsweeper to remove all the leaf litter before a large downpour. This has caused localised flooding, particularly in low lying areas like bottom end of Darley Road. Unfortunately, the residents must be warned about the need to remove cars for a full sweep, hopefully in a timely way to not create little hardship for the residents. Say 1-2 hours during a low use period, mid-week with notices placed on resident vehicles that do not comply.

6.12 TREES AND LANDSCAPING AT LITTLE MANLY POINT

DISCUSSED

Local residents discussed the regrowth of the casuarina trees on the Western side of the LM Point Park and the untidy nature of the area behind the hazard barriers. Council did clear some of these trees to create view corridors, however the job has not been completed and these weeds are re growing.

ACTION..The community appreciates the work that has been done to date, but would like the works completed and the hazard barriers removed if the hazard no longer exists.

6.13 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

DISCUSSED

Several DAs are currently open for comment including the extension to Hugos restaurant on Manly Wharf leased area and Little Manly café. Forum has allocated one Committee member to review DAs presented to Council and decisions made. Residents are encouraged to monitor all local works and address the issue directly with Council, but refer any issues that don't have a fair or satisfactory resolution.

Spring Cove Estate (Lack of compliance with conditions issue).

Councillor Bingham advised as follows:

I've heard from the staff today who are now acting on the issue and were most complimentary about the assistance that Bill was able to provide.

An officer has been assigned to undertake an audit of the consent, all the modifications to the original consent (approx. 15) and all ongoing requirements for Pine Cove.

Bill understands this will take some time (297 conditions plus management plans with actions).

Staff then need to understand all the outstanding items/requirements and review against the legislation that has changed since, such as Planning for Bushfire Protection, which has gone through several changes since 2005, new Biodiversity Conservation Act which replaced Threatened Species Conservation Act in 2016. This will give us a picture to be able to update requirements and see what is outstanding then set up automated systems to ensure annual or

periodic events are completed.

Obviously this will take some time, but at least now something is being done!

Forum appreciates Councillor Bingham's assistance in this matter.

Manly Wharf Retail Wharves and Jetties MANLY

[DA2020/0962](#) (Opens in a new window) (Lot 1 DP 1170245) - Alterations and additions to an existing restaurant known as Hugos, to increase outdoor deck area and add additional external seating and modify windows

The DA proposes an extension of the upper and lower decks along with minor modifications to the building's façade and seating layout. The restaurant's interior is unaffected by this proposal and the existing approved outdoor hours of operation are proposed to be retained. The proposed expansion seeks approval to increase the seating capacity of the restaurant from 200 patrons to 266 patrons, corresponding to a net increase of 66 patrons who will be accommodated as follows:

- extension of the upper deck of the restaurant to accommodate an additional 30 patrons, and
- provide seating along its southern perimeter to accommodate an additional 36 patrons.

Submissions Close: 27 September 2020

ACTION. This, in our opinion, is an overdevelopment and we ask; how can RMS continue to allow the expansion of licensed premises on the public access? The extension of the western side of the wharf into Manly Cove and the reduction of the width of the public walkway on the southern side is substantially reducing public space, not to mention the potential overshadowing of the seagrass caused by the proposed extension of the wharf. We ask that Council take into account our concerns and keep us advised of the development with this application.

6.14 Design and Sustainability Panel Applications.

Council has established a Design and Sustainability Panel to provide high level independent expert advice to guide the design quality of developments across the Northern Beaches area. The panel will review SEPP65 applications and other residential developments such as multi-unit housing, boarding houses and seniors living developments as well as large commercial and industrial applications, and provide advice to Council.

Here is more information as well as the members of the panel -

<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/committees-and-panels/development-panels/design-and-sustainability-panel>

Please let me know if you have any questions. **Trish Chaney** Community Liaison Coordinator

6.15 Manly Public Space Protection Program.

We're undertaking works to protect our community by installing bollards in three locations as a part of the Manly CBD Public Space Protection Program. The works will be conducted at the following locations:

- Manly Wharf
- Belgrave Street and Manly Corso Intersection
- Sydney Road and Whistler Street Intersection

Type of work: Installation of Fixed & Removable Bollards

Start date: Monday, 14 September 2020

Duration: 10 weeks

Working hours: Monday to Friday: 07:00am – 17:30pm
Saturday: 07:30am – 15:30pm

Works will commence at Manly Wharf and Belgrave Street and proceed to Sydney Road after approximately 6 weeks

Northern Beaches Council have appointed QMC Group as Principal Contractor for these works. **Jordan Commisso** from **QMC Group** can be contacted on **0416 091 713** or at jordan@qmcgroup.com throughout the construction phase of the project.

For more information about this project, please contact **David Munday** on **02 8495 5246** or at projects@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

The meeting concluded at 6:05pm

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