

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020

SPECIAL GUEST JAMES GRIFFIN MP

James will detail the responses to our questions on major infrastructure changes proposed for the Northern Beaches and answer your questions on matters raised directly with his office over recent weeks.

Questions posed & other matters:

- Western Harbour Tunnel & Beaches Link
- Balgowlah tunnel connection & Seaforth connection
- B-Line bus service further development
- Dee Why to Chatswood Turn-Up-and-Go bus service
- Region 8 (Lower North Shore & Northern Beaches bus service) semi-privatisation Issue.
- Manly Wharf overdevelopment
- Future of Brookvale Oval/State Government involvement & Manly LSC redevelopment.



AGENDA

- **Special Guest James Griffin** - Member for Manly. James will respond to our questions on major infrastructure changes proposed for the Northern Beaches.
- **Council responses** to issues raised at the February meeting (stormwater, trees, waste management, & traffic management).
- **Manly Hospital site** future use - how you can be involved!
- **New toilet blocks** at East Esplanade Park & Shelly Beach - further review.
- **Our new Area Commander of Police.** Who is it? How can we work with the police?
- **Managing plastic contamination** on the Northern Beaches - The Plastic Shruder and how it works.

AT THE LAST MEETING

·Northern Beaches Council (NBC) presented its plan for a total rebuild of the amenities block at Shelly Beach. Copy of that plan is available on our website. A number of issues were raised and suggestions made which are now with NBC for consideration.

·Guest presenter Greg Twemlow outlined a plan to reduce dangerous traffic around the CBD and surrounding areas. General consensus was that most residents had enough trouble getting in and out of the Manly area, particularly from the eastern hill, and traffic calming and further reduction in speed limit would probably not improve the flow. However, all residents agreed that Eustace Street had a particular problem and some action must be taken to reduce the dangerous rat-run traffic, especially taxis and commercial vehicles.

·Bronwen Regan and Wendy Camelotti from Zali Steggall's office provided an update on current issues keeping Zali and her team busy and an outline of how residents can take advantage of the Federal grants system.

·Councillor & Deputy Mayor Candy Bingham provided updates on:

·Plans for a major upgrade of the Manly LSC. It is short of another \$5m, and hopes to receive funding from the State Government.

·Council's attitude to the Aquarium site retention at West Esplanade. NBC would prefer to demolish and return to public space.

·Review of fees in relation to the Resident Parking Scheme, particularly the fee for the first permit. Manly Ward Councillors and this Forum have submitted a concern that the fee is too high, suggesting that it should be no more than \$22, given that there was no charge in previous schemes and no charge at all for other communities on the Northern Beaches.

We await an outcome from the Councillor meeting.

·NBC Stormwater management team outlined the current projects and those planned for the coming financial period. The pipe at the Fairy Bower pool is to be totally rebuilt along the lines of the new pipe and seating area at Manly. Plans were discussed for the Staunton Street pipe and a range of other requirements that will require the allocation of a future budget. Details will be available for community consideration over the coming weeks.



The next Manly Community Forum meeting will take place on **MONDAY** 16th March at 7 pm, Manly Yacht Club, East Esplanade.

AT THE LAST MEETING CONTINUED...

Other issues included:

- Review of rubbish bins along the main tourist/visitor/resident tracks such as Marine Parade, South Steyne, East and West Esplanade in particular the non-Council bins and the apparent lack of regular cleaning.

- Expected clean-up period from the heavy storms experienced in February, including the potential danger from large trees loosened by the drought and then heavy rain period.

- The ongoing concern with the Development Application for a major expansion of utilisation of the roof top area of the Manly Wharf and the excessive development at Bower and Reddall, along with another concern in Victoria Parade for a major rebuild/expansion of the Manly Lodge Hotel.

- Submissions also made to Council over an apparent lack of follow-up on conditional approvals post-development. One in question is the Spring Cove development. This is another example of possible inadequate control on development within land allocated to the Catholic Church.

SAFE LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS AT EAST ESP

We have been pushing for this repair for many, many months. Finally we are getting action. Latest update - the mould has been prepared, the encasement is underway and we await the replacement round light fitting ... Hurrah!

Ramp lighting to the clubs - Ausgrid has let us down. NBC will rebuild the ramp lighting as part of the park renovations.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY - LITTLE MANLY

As reported on Councillor Bingham's *Good for Manly* website: *Cleaner upers are in action at Little Manly. Organisation, bags, coffee and snacks all provided by Manly Community Forum (MCF; the former Little Manly Precinct). Not a bad place to help clean up Oz.*



Chairman Ray Mathieson and Secretary Kandy Tagg, along with member Janne Seletto organised an excellent clean up at Little Manly Beach, Little Manly Point Park, Jump Rock and Collins Beach. Over 35 residents registered to help, including local resident celebrity chef Hayden Quinn and his running mates. NBC assisted by removing 30 large bags of rubbish, along with shopping trollies, discarded bicycles and old fishing gear. Each year we are getting less general rubbish, but one area is providing more filthy rubbish, and in some cases human waste - the southern end of Little Manly Point where the fishermen congregate. We have previously supported the Government's desire to continue to allow recreational fishing around this area, but the fishermen do not help their cause by filthy practices. Many residents are now saying enough is enough. Look after our area, or lose our wilting support.

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HOW MCF WORKS & HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

We will have an Election of Officer Bearers at this month's meeting. We ask you to consider getting involved as we need your help to manage all the tasks involved in keeping this forum active, involved and effective.

What your community forum has done this month:

- Active participation and contribution in:
 - Northern Beaches Community Safety Committee and Manly Hospital Site Steering Committee
 - Manly Ward Joint Forum Committee to oversee Manly Ward wide issues
- Participated and presented to all NBC Executive staff at a forum to review and improve community engagement by Council.
- Negotiated with the NBC CEO's office on outstanding matters impacting residents.
- Communicated with State Local Member's office, Federal Local Member's office and Council Executive on issues impacting Manly residents.
- Participated in Clean Up Australia Day at Little Manly.

What your community forum does every month:

- Produces a monthly newsletter which includes writers submitting articles, residents bringing up issues and submitting photos for publication in the newsletter, and a graphic designer setting the copy and photos ready for printing.
- Liaises with advertisers, prints and distributes the newsletter to 4,000 households.
- Holds monthly meetings: food and drink are catered, audio/visual systems are employed, meeting minutes are recorded, posted on MCF website, and sent to local Council, State and Federal Governments as appropriate.
- Manages the various communication channels with residents and Council by continuously liaising with Council members.

MCF CONTINUED...

- Responds to emails in a timely manner, updates MCF website, social media (Facebook, Mailchimp) and Council bulletin boards.
- Manages the finances by paying bills for printing and catering at meeting, collects and banks residents' meeting contributions and manages invoices and accounts with our advertisers. Produces Treasurer's Report annually.

How you can be involved:

We need:

- Joint Forum Executive Members to reduce the workload (Chair, Secretary, Newsletter Coordinator, Social Media Support)
- Additional walkers for our newsletter deliveries
- One additional sponsor for our newsletter (any ideas?)
- A marketing/promotional person to oversee communication production and our use of Council-owned display boards/communication with media channels
- Social convener and assistance with meeting set-up and presentations

Let us know before the meeting if you are interested in helping out in any position.

CABBAGE TREE BAY/FAIRY BOWER

Are we doing enough to protect the bay? A large portion of the top of the wall close to the pool went missing after the storm. Cracks are widening in the sewer encasement. NBC was notified and we await advice of action steps.



We are thrilled to have just won the "Boutique Independent Agency Of The Year" Award given by Australia's largest awards program for the real estate industry.

This nationally recognised award comes as a huge honour and shows that great businesses can come in boutique packages.

Thank you to all of our clients and supporters for helping us in achieving our goals and making this award possible.

Jake Rowe 0414 612 546

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MANLY WHARF & MANLY HOSPITAL UPDATES

MANLY WHARF - Maintaining the heritage look & improving functionality

The added licensed premises on the roof of the Manly Wharf is bad enough, but why the garish yellow boarding? This concern is being addressed by Council. MCF and one of our Manly Ward Councillors, Sarah Grattan, addressed this with NBC and they responded as follows:

"I refer to your recent email regarding the Manly Wharf site and my advice that staff would inspect the site and review the applications related to (or that may include) signage and/or external materials and finishes associated with the El Camino/Sake restaurants. This review has been completed and I wish to advise the following. Future action to be taken by Council - Given the detail (provided on the MCF website), and by exclusion from the plans, the Building Certificate does not authorise the yellow wall feature (which is effectively signage). As a result, arrangements are being made for Council to issue a Notice of Intention to serve an Order for the removal of the yellow paint/signage on that wall. As the matter progresses I will keep you updated. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me."

We await further responses on our requests for improvement to the public facilities on the Manly Wharf complex. Hopefully our Local Member can provide some follow-up.

MANLY HOSPITAL - Good news on the site's future use

We are getting somewhere now that NSW Property (State Government) has taken over. We have asked for a review of who is on the Project Steering Advisory Committee and the State Government Property Management Area has now issued communication requesting those interested to nominate for inclusion. This month NSW Property will also be in a position to present a preliminary plan for the site. By mid-year health business and non-government services will be able to consider providing an expression of interest. The Steering Committee will oversee the developments.

If you have interest and experience that will assist the development, please contact the MCF Chairman on mathose@bigpond.net.au.

LITTLE MANLY BEACH KIOSK - ONGOING ISSUES

Council responded to our concerns about service levels, hours of operation, electrical equipment sited in public areas and future use and development, supporting the decision made by Council and assuring the community that the approved provider was the best submission for this community service. We responded to that follow-up from Council as follows:

The response (from Council to the poorly completed electrical compressor) suggests that Council has covered their likelihood of litigation, but the risk to the public remains, possibly until they provide a locked caged enclosure over the compressor and concrete platform built on public land. Was this approved prior to the build?

Does this suggest that Council is now going to expand the leased area at no additional cost to the lease holder? The response from Council also suggests that Council considered siting the compressor on the roof. Is that the case?

This is simply another issue, along with the supposed \$500,000 of renovation that didn't appear necessary and the restricted operating hours currently provided by the lease holder (closing before 3pm?) and the reluctance to use reusable cups, plates, etc.

We appear to have missed an opportunity to continue with a much loved facility for families that provided no more than was necessary, but clearly sufficient product and service for the public without an unwanted expansion of a simple kiosk-style facility.

The decision to proceed with this very experienced restaurant operator was supported by professional assessment and we understand the Council's need to outsource considerations such as this lease. However, we don't think that they (the private assessor) understood the extent of resident community and visitor expectations or their essential needs.

We will work with the Council Executive and the operator to make this facility work in favour of essential demands and without jeopardising the nature of this area. However, if the operator is reluctant to change his apparent restaurant-style direction, then we hope that any future reconsiderations give greater attention to the actual requirements.

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM CONTACT DETAILS

Email all correspondence to secretary@manlycommunityforum.com & mathose@bigpond.net.au

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting are posted on our website manlycommunityforum.com

Online Communications: If you'd like to receive this newsletter and other Manly Community Forum correspondence by email, please email secretary@manlycommunityforum.com or follow the Manly Community Forum facebook page.

WHARF BAR
DAILY SPECIALS

MONDAY FISH & CHIPS \$19 WITH FREE LOCAL BEER OR HOUSE WINE

TUESDAY PIZZA \$19 WITH FREE LOCAL BEER OR HOUSE WINE

WEDNESDAY BURGER \$19 WITH FREE LOCAL BEER OR HOUSE WINE

THURSDAY STEAK \$12

MON - THUR LUNCH SPECIAL 1/2 PIZZA \$12

MON - THUR KIDS EAT FREE 5.30PM - 6.30PM 1 KIDS MEAL WITH EVERY FULL PRICED